

city of leading influence and importance. Concerning Mr. Wright himself, the arche-type of honour, honesty and true manliness, the pioneer of the Ottawa and the founder of a city, this remarkable man had, in twenty-four years, cleared 3,000 acres of land and in 1824 was the owner of four large farms, made annually 1,100 tons of hay, had 756 acres in grains and roots, with stock and pasturage in proportion, while his buildings were valued at ninety thousand dollars. But he had done more than this. He had opened roads for a distance of 120 miles, through the lower townships along the river shore to Montreal. Hull contained a handsome church with a steeple 120 feet high, a comfortable hotel and several other public edifices, had three schools, two tanneries, twelve lime kilns, four saw mills, two distilleries, and other manufactories to correspond."

Philemon Wright died in 1839, and he and his wife are buried in the small cemetery on the Aylmer Road, which is now inside the City limits. They had seven children, who grew up and married and their descendants are numerous and scattered, though many still live in and around Hull. Many are doing their bit for King and Country, and probably a score of the descendants of the old pioneer have given their lives for the cause of right and justice over tyranny and oppression.

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