

James Wright, father of the Wright family, built the old butcher shop and residence next to the Simpson corner, one of the pioneer buildings on Water Street, where he began a butchering business in the early forties. Mr. Wright was born at Doncaster, below Sheffield, the great hardware emporium, Yorkshire, Eng., in 1817, and came to Canada when about eight years of age, locating near Orillia, thence coming to Penetanguishene in 1839 or '40, where he engaged for a time in lumbering, clearing and other pioneer work, and became connected with the "Incorporated Militia." He returned to Orillia in 1844 and married the same year Miss Anne Williams who was born in Holywell, Wales, and who came to Canada when 14 years of age and taught school at Orillia (which was then known as Newtown), till she married. They moved to Penetanguishene in 1846. Of this union there were five sons and four daughters, viz.: John, of Oklahoma, rancher, who died Sept., 1914, aged 66 years; James E., stocker, Oklahoma; Charles E., of this town; Arthur, Ozark Mts., Southern Missouri; and Herman, of Barrie, the late Mrs. Dill, wife of W. J. Dill of the P.O. department, the late Mrs. Field of Barrie, Mrs. Stevenson, wife of Editor Stevenson of the New Liskeard "Speaker," and Mrs. Thompson of Parry Sound, wife of the late James Thompson who was a son of Col. Wm. Thompson and grandson of Adjutant Keating. Mrs. Thomas Hornsby is thus a great granddaughter of Adjutant Keating. Charles E. succeeded his father in the butchering business and cattle buying and carried on an extensive trade for several years. He was active in municipal affairs, having been Reeve of the town and was elected Warden of Simcoe County in 1901. James Wright, Sr., did a large business during his day, owned and cleared the farms on both sides of the road north of Firth's Corners and known as Wright's Hill, also the homestead near Wyebridge, so long occupied by his son Herman. James Wright, Sr., died May 25th, 1880, aged 62 years and 3 months. Mrs. Wright survived her husband till 1901, dying June 21st of that year at the venerable age of 80 years.

Capt. William Hoar, R.N., was born in Devonshire, Eng., 1809, entered the Navy as midshipman at 16 and served 20 years on board H.M. Brigs "Helicon," "Royalist," "Talavera" and "Thunderer" respectively, on the latter of which he was for a time quartermaster. He received his discharge and came to Penetanguishene in 1844 and served on the government steamer "Mohawk" while stationed here. He visited all the British naval stations on the globe on H.M.S. "Brittan-