

3. In the May of 1845 John Valentine's farm, as well as the Cadenhead farm, has the name of "Glenburnie." On concession XVI, James Davidson and William Reid had the front half of Edward Ford's lots. In the Map of 1845, as well as in Miss Grant's, the name of Alex. Smith, of Glenmillan, Aberdeen, Scotland, appears on the Glen Irvine Farm. He was probably the father of James Lamond Smith, who occupied the farm. In the same way the name of Alex. Cadenhead, "Advocate in Aberdeen, Scotland," appears on the Glenesk Farm. He was the father of John and Brebner Cadenhead, for whom he bought the farm, and the latter brother would only be of age in 1845.

VIII.

Nichol : Fergus and Elora in 1845

The small sketch in the map of 1845, showing the situation of the township of Nichol, is interesting as bringing graphically before the eye the fact that Nichol is almost central in the Western peninsula, being nearly equidistant from Lake Ontario, the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, and not much farther from Lake Erie. As such, its founders evidently considered that it had an advantageous position, for the map was primarily intended, probably, for the enlightenment of parties in Britain who were thinking of emigrating. Maps made for such a purpose are often misleading, but this one is as accurate as it can well be made, and is a striking memento of the conscientiousness of its author. Following is a copy of the letterpress description on the map:

"The township of Nichol is situated in the county of Waterloo and district of Wellington, Canada west, and has the township of Peel to the North west, the townships of Garafraxa and Eramosa to the north east, the township of Guelph to the south-east, and the township of Woolwich to the south west. It contains 28,000 acres, of which, (by the assessment of 1844) 6028 acres are in cultivation, and, by the same, the total amount of ratable property in the township appears to be £16,351, 6 s.

After its first settlement this township made little progress till the year 1834, when Mr. (now the Honorable) Adam Fergusson, of Woodhill, and Jas. Webster, Esq., purchased the northerly quarter, founded the village of Fergus, erected mills, etc., on the Grand River there, and were the means of bringing a considerable number of emigrants from Scotland to settle on their purchase; and in the year 1841 an additional impetus was given by the purchase of the mill site at Elora, (a village that had been commenced a good many years before