

For many years reeve and magistrate of the town, he lived lately a quiet life of retirement.

He leaves a son, John Kirby, and three grandchildren in Toronto, and a grandson, Eric Kirby, now in England.

A good constitution enabled him to resist the disease which attacked him more than a year ago and which was borne with patience and fortitude.

At the funeral there were present representatives of three Historical Societies, Miss FitzGibbon and McCallum of the Woman's Historical Society, Toronto; Canon Bull of Hamilton, his old friend of the Lundy's Lane His. So., and many ladies and gentlemen of the Niagara Historical Society, of which he was the patron. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. C. Garrett and Rev. Canon Bull. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Thonger, Ball, Eckersley, Servos, Ruthven and Blake. The mourners were: Mr. John Kirby and his two sons, Mr. George Whitmore, Mr. P. Servos, Mr. L. Servos, Mr. James and Rev. A. Dawson. Flowers were sent by the Toronto and Niagara Historical Societies. Mr. Kirby, in accordance with his retiring character, had expressed a wish that the funeral ceremonies should be of the simplest character.

The following inscription has been placed on a mural tablet in St. Mark's Church:

"In memory of Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C., for twenty-four years Collector of Customs for Niagara, the author of *Le Chien D'Or* (The Golden Dog) Canadian Idylls, and other works of just repute. A true man, with the loyalty, courage and spirit of his race. Born at Hull, Yorkshire, the 13th of October, 1817; died at Niagara, the 23rd of June, 1906. Also in memory of his dear wife, Elizabeth Magdalene Whitmore, U.E.L., born in Niagara Township the 11th of August, 1817; died at Niagara the fifth of June, 1891."