

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF

ship, and its members have taken a leading part in the affairs of the community.

WILSON, ROBERT, SR. (d.), late of Nichol, was b. in Kirkcudbright, Scot., in 1790, and d. in 1858. He came to Canada in 1844, and set. in Nichol, on 100 acres, lot 3, con. 5, purchasing it from James Gilkison. At the time of purchase only 30 acres were cleared. Mr. Wilson raised a large number of thoroughbred Leicester sheep, and fattened cattle, but as was the custom in those days, paid the most attention to raising and selling grain. He was a man of retiring disposition, and never sought or held office, but was highly esteemed. During the later years of his life, he suffered greatly from rheumatism. He was a Presbyterian, and a Liberal. He m. Margaret Hastings, who d. in 1848, at the age of 52. Issue: Mrs. Robert Burr, set. in Garafraxa; Mrs. Wm. Dow, living in Fergus; Agnes, Christopher, living in Hamilton; Jean, William, set. in Maryborough; Mrs. Wm. Little (d.); John (d.), m. Margaret McNabb, living in Fergus; Hugh, set. in Maryborough; and Robert, Jr., all b. in Scotland.

Robert Wilson, Jr., unm., succeeded to the old homestead upon which he has lived, all of his life. He is engaged in mixed farming, the same as his father, but pays more attention to the fattening of cattle for market. He has some fine horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and his farm is under splendid cultivation.

William, Hugh, and Jean, set. in Maryborough in the spring of 1870. The brothers purchased the east half of lot 9, con. 12, upon which they put the present buildings. In 1900 they sold to Isaac Walton, and purchased 50 acres, north quarter of lot 12, con. 13, where they have since lived, and carry on mixed farming. William has been Township Engineer since 1883, and Secy.-Treas. of the Rothsay cheese factory, started in 1879.

WINER, PAUL (d.), was b. in Germany, and d. at the age of 86. He served in the German Army; also was with Napoleon, in the Moscow campaign, and in the Battle of Waterloo. He left Germany in 1817, and went to New York State, coming to Puslinch in 1828. The Stahl and Wise families came about the same time. He took up 100 acres, lot 33, rear con. 7, and with the help of his sons cleared the farm. The Brock road was just blazed at that time. Dundas was their nearest source of supplies, and they were obliged to have their wheat ground there. Mr. Winer was a hard worker, active and very successful. He arrived on his farm, with his wife and family, on a jumper drawn by a yoke of oxen, and had just one cent in his pocket. The family camped two weeks, until he could erect a shanty, and lived on herbs, roots and game. By his own industry and perseverance he acquired a fine property. In his church affiliations he was an Evangelical, and politically a Liberal. He m. Christina Mallet. Issue: Andrew (d.), set. in Huron Co.; Mrs. George Wise (d.), Mrs. Waltz, Mich.; Mrs. Philip Callfas, Iowa; John, Louis, who at the age of seventeen was drowned in Linderman's mill pond, at a logging bee; William, Mrs. Lewis Stahl, Huron Co.; Peter, Hamburg; and Matthew, Huron Co.

John was b. in New York State, and was 5 years of age when he came to Puslinch with his parents. There were no schools in Puslinch until after he was grown. He finished clearing the farm, and has lived upon it ever since. He still enjoys excellent health. He is an Evangelical, and a Liberal. He has never sought or held municipal office, always attending to his own work. He m. Lena Moatz. Issue: Peter, in Dakota; John (d.), Mrs. Charles Callfas, Minto; Mrs. Henry Beaver, Puslinch; William, Mrs. Henry Schultz, Mich.; Mrs. John Dowsen, Toronto; Henry D., David, a physician in Vanderbult, Mich.; and Mayor of the town; and Eli, with the C.P.R. at Campbellville.

William was b. and raised on the farm, which he now works, carrying on mixed farming. He is Evangelical, and a Liberal. He has been Trustee for six years of the S.S. No. 8, but has never cared to hold other municipal office. He has always taken a great interest in military affairs, and has served at 20 camps with Col. Nicoll. He m. Lena Hirtzell. Issue: John, Jr.; William, Mabel and Leslie.

WINFIELD, JOHN C. (d.). The late John C. Winfield, of Pilkington, was b. in Leeds, Eng., and d. in 1901, at the age of 73. He came to Canada, and set. in Pilkington, where he cleared up 150 acres of bush. He was a Methodist, and a Liberal. He m. Mary Franklin, who is living at the age of 69. Issue: Robert P., m. Miss Penfold, and set. in Elora; Theodore, m. Miss Beal; Mrs. Robert Pritchard, set. in Pilkington; Mrs. Geo. Beal, set. in Peel; James, m. Miss Ariss, set. in Guelph; John, m. Miss Strangways, set. in Dawson City; Ezra, in the N.W.; and Mrs. Wm. Watson, set. Emerson, Man.

Theodore, son of the late John C. Winfield, owns the farm of 68 acres, lot 11, con. A, Pilkington, where he carries on mixed farming, and feeds stock for export. His land is in a good state of cultivation, and like his father he is a successful farmer. He is a Methodist, and a Liberal, and holds the office of School Trustee. He m. Miss Beal. Issue: William, Wesley, Gordon, Melvin, May, Ada, and Irene.

WISHART, ALEXANDER, son of the late John Wishart, was b. in 1834. He settled in Garafraxa Tp., lot 1, con. 5, in 1850. Mr. Wishart started in life with nothing, cleared his farm and became a prosperous and influential citizen. He was a consistent member of the Pres. church, and was an Elder for many years. He m. Ann Campbell. They had nine children, six of whom are living in the county of Wellington, viz: Eliza, on the homestead; Mrs. Wm. Martin, near Belwood; William, on lot 8, con. 4, Eramosa, which he owns; Malcolm, on the homestead, Garafraxa; Cassie, Bella, and Mary.

WISHART, ALEXANDER (d.), b. Flamboro, near Hamilton, 1824; d. 1893, age 69. He was a son of John Wishart, who came out from Edinburgh, Scot., previous to 1824, and for some years lived at Flamboro. After the Rebellion of 1837, John Wishart, with his family, moved from Flamboro to Eramosa, where he purchased 100 acres of bush land, now owned by W. H. Shaw, Esq., and still known as the old Wishart farm. Here the pioneer and his wife, whose maiden name was Jessie McKean, resided until his death, his widow surviving him some 14 years, and d. at the residence of one of her daughters.

Alexander Wishart, his son purchased his farm of 100 acres, lot 1, con. 6, West Garafraxa, from Dr. Barrie, and cleared every tree off it. He built the usual pioneer log house, and barn, and before his death replaced the former with a fine modern brick edifice, and the latter with a large frame structure with stone foundations, and other improved features. Mr. Wishart never entered public life, but was universally esteemed. He was a Presbyterian, and a Liberal. In 1864 he m. Ann Campbell. Issue: Eliza, set. Beaverton; Archie G., Alexander (d. 1901), Mrs. William Martin, West Garafraxa; William, Eramosa; Malcolm, Cassie, Stella, and Bella, on the homestead with her mother.

Archie C. m. Miss Hester Milligan, dau. of the late Rev. Milligan, pastor of Knox Church, Beaverton.

Malcolm, the youngest son, is unm., and farms the old homestead.

WOLFE, JOHN (d.), b. near Hamburg, Germany, 1807; d. Waterloo Co., Ont., 1876. He m. Barbara Seigel in Germany, in 1831, and the same year came to Canada and set. in Waterloo Co., where they passed their remaining days. He was an Elder in the Lutheran Church, in which he took an active interest. As a citizen he was an honest and upright man, and had the respect of all who knew him. His issue: George, owns the old homestead in Waterloo; Paul, set. in Strasburg; Michael, Mrs. Wm. Toms, John, set. in Walkerton; Fred, set. in Waterloo Co.; and Henry, set. in Elmwood.

Michael was b. in Waterloo Tp., in 1849, and was raised and educated there. He m. Mary Ann Welsh, dau. of James Welsh, a pioneer of Galt. Issue: Margaret and John. Michael Wolfe owns 150 acres, lot 3, con. 3, Guelph Tp., where he lives and carries on mixed farming, although he makes a specialty of road horses, of which he has owned some of the best in the section. He started in life without means, and his large well-stocked farm has been the result of his own energy and good management. He and his family, are members of the Pres. church, and in politics Mr. Wolfe is a Liberal.

WOOD, JOHN, late of Puslinch, was b. in Ross-shire, Scot., and came to Canada settling on lot 14, con. 7, Puslinch, where he owned 50 acres. He was a Presbyterian, and a Liberal. He m. Mary Campbell,

who d. in 1903, aged 72. Issue: William, David, and Alexander.

William, m. Olive Patterson, and is a miller in South Dakota. David, owns the farm of 200 acres, lots 15 and 16, con. 1, Pilkington. He carries on mixed farming and dairying, and is a progressive farmer, using advanced methods. In his religious views he is a Presbyterian, and politically a Liberal. He m. Jeanette Johnston, whose father, John Johnston, came to Pilkington from Cobourg, and purchased the farm upon which they reside. There are no children.

Alexander, m. Margaret Wright, and set. on the homestead in Puslinch.

WOODDISSE, JOSEPH, whose portrait appears upon another page, was b. Derbyshire, Eng., and d. 1896, age 78. He came to America in 1850, and set. in Bellevue, Ohio, where he lived for about 8 years, when he purchased a farm in Wood Co., Ohio, where he remained about 17 years. He had no means, but acquired this property by his own exertions. He came to Canada, and Maryborough Tp., in 1875, and purchased 50 acres, west quarter, lot 12, con. 7, where he stayed for about four years. He was then in Peel for about 10 years, when he returned to Maryborough in 1888, and purchased 200 acres, lot 13, con. 13, upon which he lived until his death. He was a member of the English church, and a Liberal in politics. He m. Cecily Baggagley, who d. in 1895. Issue: Edmund, Mrs. Wm. Lowrey, Maryborough; Thomas and James.

Edmund, b. in 1856, managed the property in Ohio until 1890, when he came to Maryborough. He had previously been in Maryborough from 1875 to 1879.

Thomas, James and Edmund own the farm of 200 acres. They raise Ayrshires for milking and for sale. They are members of the English church, and in politics are Reformers.

Edmund is a Director of the Peel and Drayton Agr. Society, and Vice-Pres. of the West Wellington Farmers' Institute.

WOODMAN, W. G. (d.), was b. London, Eng., and d. 1896, age 84. He came to Canada about 1838, and taught school in Waterloo and Wellesley Tps. for about six years. Later he was a general merchant at Linwood, after which he retired to Moorefield. He was Assessor and Returning Officer of Wellesley for years. In politics he was a Reformer.

He m. Letitia Robinson. Issue: George, Muskegon, Mich.; William, Henry (d.), 1904, Seattle; Mrs. George Wright, Clarksburg; Mrs. Joseph Williams, Winnipeg; Edwin, Olds, Alberta; Thomas, Seattle; Arthur C., Drayton; and Matthew, at Walkerton.

Arthur C. was b. and raised in Linwood. At the age of 15 he went to Berlin for three and one half years, and learned the tailoring trade. About 1873 he came to Drayton and followed his trade with John White until 1902, with the exception of three years, from 1881 to 1883 in the Western States. He was School Trustee a term, in the Village Council for one year; and in 1896 was appointed Clerk, which position he still holds. In 1902 he was appointed Police Magistrate, and in 1905 Notary Public. He is in the Real Estate and Fire Ins. business, and does conveyancing. He is a Methodist, and an Independent Reformer. He m. Elizabeth King, of Palmerston. Issue: William, in Arthur; Zella, Ada, and LaRue.

WOODS, WILLIAM, was b. two miles out of Armagh, Ire., in 1828, and is the eldest son of Robert Woods and Letitia Webster, of Co. Armagh. He came to Canada in 1849, starting on Palm Sunday in a vessel called the "Hannah Brig." They ran foul of ice, and the vessel was lost. The 365 passengers were obliged to land on the ice, and 55 of them were frozen. The others were taken up by the merchant vessel "Nicaeura" from Glasgow, and afterwards transferred to a passenger vessel, there being no water on the ship. They lost everything, and landed in Quebec in May, 1849. They came to Oakville via canal and worked in Trafalgar for three months for \$24. He started to look for land, and located on 100 acres in Melancthon. He went to Arthur and there heard of the Nobles and Mitchells in Maryborough, and came on to that township and located on east half of lot 10, con. 15, for which he paid \$2.50 per acre, and upon which he chopped his first tree in 1849. He chopped in the winter, and hired out in Trafalgar for some years. In 1852 he m. Ellen McDonald, and moved into a shanty on his farm. In 1889 he sold his farm to his son John, and bought 10 acres, on lot 10, con. 12, where he lived till June, 1905, when his partner d. at the age of 74. He is now living with his son in Rothsay. He was tax collector of Maryborough for 14 years until 1903, Trustee S.S. No. 7, for 27 years. He is an honorary member of L.O.L. No. 615, and was Secy.-Treas. for 28 consecutive years. He was a Director of the Rothsay Cheese Co. for four years, and for three years agent for the Peel and Maryborough Fire Ins. Co. He has been class leader for 50 years in the Methodist church, and Trustee since the first church was built at Derryadd in 1855, which he gave the timber for and helped to build. He started in life without a dollar, having just one black penny when he reached Quebec, and has retired in independent circumstances. He is now 78 years old.

Issue: Mrs. E. Drewery, b. June 5th, 1853, Grimsby; William H., Rothsay; Mrs. James Kellough, near Smith's Falls; Mrs. Alex. Allan, Man.; John, Mrs. Henry Hobbs, Assa.; Robert, Man.; and two died in infancy, all b. on the homestead.

William H., was b. in 1855 on the homestead. At the age of 26 years, he m. Sarah Allan, dau. of William Allan, Carleton Place, and started a store in Rothsay, which he has since conducted. He has been a class leader in the Methodist church for 15 years. He is a Conservative in politics, and is a Trustee of S.S. No. 15, Rothsay. Issue: Myrtle, Jennie, Earl, Inez, Gladys, and three died young.

John, was b. on the old homestead, east half of lot 10, con. 15, where he has always lived. He is a successful farmer and keeps fine stock. He is a Presbyterian, and a Conservative. He m. Mary Ann Vick.

WOODWARD, JOHN (d.), b. Lincolnshire, Eng., 1824, d. 1905, age 81. He was a wheelwright by trade, and came to Canada when 26 years old. He worked for more than 13 years in Beverly Tp. and then went to Orangeville, where he worked for a few years. He came to Arthur in 1874, and purchased the present homestead of 92 acres, lot 8, con. 7. He improved it and put up modern buildings. The late Mr. Woodward had only two sovereigns when he landed in Canada. He raised and educated his family, helping all of his sons to start in life, besides making his fine home. He left behind him a commendable record of which his family and the whole community are proud. He is buried in the Mount Forest Cemetery. He was School Trustee for some years, and was a member of the English church, and a Liberal in politics. In 1850 he m. Mary Culham, of Beverly Tp., who d. in 1900, age 73. Issue: Charles, in B.C.; William, in Arthur; Susanna and John C., on the homestead.

John C. owns and lives upon the old homestead where he carries on mixed farming. His sister Susanna keeps house for him as he is unmarried.

William, b. 1857, lives on the 100 acres, lot 8, con. 7, where he carries on mixed farming. He m. Rachel Shaw. Issue: Mary and John. William and John C. are much respected citizens.

WOOLDRIDGE, MAJOR, whose portrait appears on another page of this work, is one of the best known business men in Palmerston, and is a son of the late Elijah Wooldrige, of Birmingham, Eng., and was b. near that place in 1846. After being in the building business in London for about five years he came to Canada in 1869, and set. in Norwood. In about four years he returned to London and was in the contracting and building business for two years. Upon his return to Canada he set. in Palmerston and embarked in the same business, adding to it after about four years a sash and door factory, and a little later a sawmill. All were in operation until May 13th, 1905, when they were destroyed by fire. The business was carried on in temporary quarters while preparing to rebuild on a much larger scale than before, and fitting with modern machinery and appliances. Since June, 1906, the new building has been occupied. Mr. Wooldrige has put up most of the buildings in Palmerston, both public and private, and for the last twenty years has given constant employment to thirty or forty men, many of them skilled mechanics. He is on the Board of Managers of the Knox Church, and has been choir leader for twenty years, while his wife has been organist during that time. He is a Liberal in poli-

tics, and has been a member of the Palmerston Council. In 1872 he m. Marion Callan, of London, Eng. Issue: Lillian, nurse in a hospital in N.Y.; Herbert, in the Yukon, where he was a member of the first mounted police of the district; Frederick H., in Tanana, Alaska; Marion, Cecil Russell, in Yukon; Major, in business with his father; Eleanor, Raymond, in Vancouver; Roy Hilton and Clarence.

WOOLEY, JAMES (d.), b. Ire., 1801, d. 1897; came to Canada in 1836 and set. in Montreal. He m. Elizabeth Blackwell, of Ire. Issue: Reynold, Mrs. Thomas English, James, Jr., Margaret, Mrs. John Geary, and Francis.

James Wooley, Jr., was only ten years of age when he came with his parents to Maryborough in the early fifties, and with them experienced all the vicissitudes of pioneer life. He helped clear the 100 acre farm, which he later succeeded to and still owns. He m. Jane Madill, and of their children the following are living: Mary A., Margaret E., Ida A., Thomas J., Amelia, Matilda, Francis E., Walter J., Bertha and Samuel O.

James Wooley, Sr., was a member of the Eng. Church, and in politics was a Conservative. He was a sturdy citizen and lived to a very old age. James, Jr., is a member of the Meth. church, and a Conservative in politics.

WRIGHT FAMILY, THE. This family has been prominently identified with Guelph Tp. and the "Paisley Block" since 1832, when James G. Wright, Sr., and his family of eight children made their first settlement here. He was b. in Dennington, county of Norfolk, Eng., in 1798, and removed with his parents to Lexfield, where he was raised and educated. He m. in 1821. Issue: James G., Jr., William P., set Penn.; Mrs. Erastus Jackson, Henry, John, George, Mrs. Tovel and one (d. unm.).

Mr. Thomas Wright, from the time of his arrival, took an active interest in everything for the promotion of agriculture, and to the direction of local and municipal affairs. He was a member of the old District Council which included the present counties of Wellington, Waterloo and Grey, and was several times promoted to the Wardenship of the District, and frequently served as Commissioner on the county roads. After the passing of the Baldwin Municipal Bill, he was time and again elected Councillor and Reeve of Guelph Tp. and Warden of Wellington County, and was appointed arbitrator to settle pecuniary differences between Wellington, Grey and Waterloo counties. He took a deep and lively interest in the development of the local resources of Wellington County, and to him may be attributed in a great measure, the construction of the county gravel roads. He was the father of the Brock road; the scheme which he proposed being accepted by the County Council, the co-operation of Wentworth obtained and this great undertaking became an accomplished fact, and led to the construction of other leading roads throughout the county. In 1851 Mr. Wright ran in the Conservative interests against Mr. A. J. Ferguson for Parliament and was beaten by a small majority. Had the Party leaders consented to his real sentiments on the Clergy Reserve question, the test question of the day, being known, the result would probably have been different. He was active in the interests of agricultural associations and was Secy.-Treas. of the South Riding Agricultural Association for years. He originated and successfully established the Guelph Township Mutual Insurance Society, in which he held the office of Secy.-Treas. In fact there was hardly a public matter in his time, affecting the county of Wellington, in which he was not a leading spirit. As a neighbor and friend, he was warm-hearted, generous and kind. He passed away in 1863, and his wife, who was b. in 1799, d. in 1875.

Late James G. Wright, Jr., b. Lexfield, Suffolk, Eng., in 1824, was seven years old when he came with his family to the "Paisley Block," where he was practically raised and spent the remainder of his useful life. He m. Maria Fisk, dau. of the late Augustus Fisk, mentioned elsewhere in this work. He early started in life on his own account, and from a small beginning accumulated a large property. He was a pioneer in, and a noted breeder of thoroughbred cattle, Leicester, Cotswold and Oxforddown sheep. He never sought or held office, but devoted himself entirely to his large agricultural interests, cultivating his farms of about 600 acres of land in Guelph Tp. He was a member of the Methodist church and a liberal supporter of the same. He had the following issue: William H., Albert E., Walter (d.), Herbert, Dr. Hiram, practising physician, Detroit; Harry B., dentist, Detroit; Mrs. Israel Kelley, Mrs. Wm. R. Elliott, Mrs. Joseph Tovell, Agnes (d. age 16), and Mrs. Herbert Cormie; all b. on the "Paisley Block" farm. Albert E. set. in Manitoba.

Herbert, m. Nancy E. Phin. Issue: Howard P. and Gertrude G. He owns and resides on the old homestead, lots 9, 10 and 11, con. 2 (300 acres), Guelph Tp., and is also interested in a stock farm in Alberta. He makes a specialty on the Guelph farm of thoroughbred cattle and Oxforddown sheep and in Alberta of Hereford and Shorthorn cattle and Clydesdale horses. He is also a large dealer in stock.

Mr. Wright was the pioneer in the district in the sugar beet industry, and obtained a large contract for growing beets from the Ontario Sugar Co., Ltd., of Berlin, when their factory was first started. He is a man of affairs, and has been in the Council of Guelph Tp. four years and Reeve since 1905.

William H. Wright, left home age 23, to take charge of timber for his father. He ran a sawmill in Grey Co. for a year; farmed for seven years in Peel Tp. and in 1887 commenced with the Bell Organ Co., and is at present foreman of the machine room. He m. Miss Welsh.

WRIGHT, GEORGE, of Pilkington, was b. in Gloucestershire, Eng., in 1836. He came to Canada and set. in Pilkington in 1858. Later he resided four years in Bruce Co., returning at the end of that time to his farm in Pilkington, on lot 14, con. 4. Mr. Wright has owned and operated farms in three townships at the same time. He has a large herd of grade cattle on his farm and feeds a large number for export. His farms, of which he owns three, and buildings, are in first-class condition, and he is in every respect an up-to-date and progressive farmer. He was one of the promoters of the Centre Wellington Farmers' Institute, and its Secretary for sixteen years. He is and has been Assessor of the township for some years, and was Secretary-Treasurer for two years of the Kinnettles creamery, of which he was one of the promoters. He built and operated the first silos erected in the township, and is still a firm believer in this cheap method of feeding stock. He is a Methodist and has held all of the offices of his church. In politics he is an Independent Liberal. He m. Christina Main, Cornwall, Eng. Issue: Mrs. Thomas Marshall (d.), set. in Pilkington; Mrs. Joseph Broughton, set. Algoma; Mrs. Thomas A. Harper (d.), set. in Nichol; Thomas Morton, m. Emilia Stickney, set. Pilkington; Mrs. W. Stickney, set. Nichol; John, set. in Pilkington; Ulena, at home; Albert, m. Eliza J. Brunkard and set. in Peel. Two daughters, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Harper, are dead, and have left four children, one, Annie Wright Marshall, at Mr. Wright's home, and three at Mr. Thomas A. Harper's.

WRIGHT, GEORGE (d.), was b. Co. Tyrone, Ire., 1809, d. age 82. He came to Canada in 1832 and set. first at Campbellville, in Halton Co., where he remained some years working in McCann's mills. He was then attracted by the cheap lands in Arthur Tp., and came up and purchased 50 acres, lot 11, O.S.R., from the Crown and an additional 50 acres from a settler. Not a stick had been cut on it, and he put up his shanty and began pioneer life. Their nearest mill was Fergus, where they procured all of their provisions, and it used to take a week to get there and back with the grist, which was often from frozen wheat. For some years he went down to Halton Co. in the harvest time to make money to purchase supplies. Mr. Wright kept the Arthur homestead 19 years, when he sold out and purchased a place in Normanby, where he resided until his death. Mr. Wright took a part in all the affairs of the early settlers of Arthur Tp., and he was in the first Council and continued in the office for years. For many years he was a class leader and Trustee in the Methodist church. In politics he was a Conservative. In 1828 he m. Margaret Adams, who d. in 1876. Issue: Samuel (d. 74), Martha (d. young), John, retired in Mount Forest; George, N.W.T.; Mrs. Charles Weir, Mich.; Henry (d.), Mrs. John McBride and Jane, Mich.