

lived and died in England. Jabel was born in Buckinghamshire, England, December 11th, 1831, and emigrated to Canada in the spring of 1856. He first settled in St. Thomas, where he worked as a carpenter and joiner until 1864. He then began dealing in lumber, which he continued doing until 1871, when he purchased the property upon which he now lives. He married in June, 1854, Caroline Barnwell, of Woburn, Bedfordshire, England, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Hattie, who teaches in the Central School, St. Thomas; William C., employed on the Rocky Mountain Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Charles B., a veterinary surgeon, now practising in Wheeling, West Va.; Jesse D., a graduate of the Ontario School of Agriculture, Guelph, who farms with his father; Sarah, Kate and Franklin J.; the last three named never having left home. Mrs. Jabel Robinson died December 18th, 1884. She was a daughter of Joseph Barnwell, who was head gardener for Lord Charles Russell, in England. Mr. Jabel Robinson was a Councillor of St. Thomas for three years, and was Master of the Provincial Grange for two years, and of the Dominion Grange for the same length of time.

WILLIAM ROBERTS is an Englishman, having been born in Somersetshire, England, in 1822. In 1832 John and Ann Roberts, the parents of the subject of these remarks, came to the County of Elgin, Ontario, bringing with them a family of seven children, of whom five, viz., Mary, Edward, Robert, Ann and Catherine, are now alive. Mr. William Roberts, in 1853, was married to Jemima Bundy, a native of Wiltshire, England. He now owns 50 acres of land on lot 20, concession 5 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about \$1,500.

ALEXANDER ROSS has 150 acres of fine land on lot 24, concession A of the Township of Dunwich, which is valued at about \$9,000. He was born in Glengarry, Upper Canada, in 1827, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1834. In 1850 he married Jane Lumley, by whom he has had three children, two of whom, viz., William and Herman, are now living. William Ross and Isabella Smith, the father and mother of our subject, came to this township from Glengarry County, first settling near Port Talbot, where they remained about ten years, and then moved to the farm upon which their son Alexander now resides. Their family consisted of thirteen children, of whom eleven still survive.

GEORGE SILCOX owns 100 acres of land on lot 4, north of Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, which he calls "Hillside Farm," and values at \$6,000. He is a son of Rev. Joseph Silcox and Mary Gutch, his wife. The former was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1793, and died in 1874. Mrs. Joseph Silcox was born in 1785, and died in 1855. Rev. Joseph Silcox established the first Congregational church in Canada, in the affairs of which he always took the deepest interest. He had a family of six children, viz.: Noah, deceased, was Superintendent of Public Schools in Elgin County; William, farmer, near Shedden; Annie, deceased; James, resident of Iona; George, farmer, subject of this sketch; Fanny, deceased, was married to Richard Kettlewell. George Silcox was married, first, to Hannah Lodge, in 1848, by whom he had three children, of whom Matthew, a farmer in Southwold, is the sole survivor.