

On December 25th, 1844, Nathaniel Pettes married Narcissa Farrand, who was born December 8th, 1821. He taught school for some time. In 1852 Nathaniel and his brother, Jeremiah C., began keeping store in Knowlton. Mr. J. C. Pettes is still living (1908) although the business now belongs to his son, Austin Wheeler Pettes. Mr. J. C. Pettes began teaching school in 1839. His first school was in the Vail neighborhood. He was teaching in the midst of the Advent excitement.

SKETCH OF THE BROME COUNTY BRANCH OF THE DUBOYCES.

Jonathan Duboyce was the first one of the name to settle in Brome County, although his brother, William Duboyce, settled in Abbotsford, near Yamaska Mountain, where their mother lived with him.

In 1776, Jonathan Duboyce was born at Gloucester, in the north-east corner of the State of Rhode Island, U.S.A., where his ancestors came from England with Roger Williams. There, Jonathan Duboyce married the Widow Turner about the end of that century. Two of her sons by the former marriage, Palmer and Olney Turner, were the founders of the large Turner family in West Bolton, and came to Canada as members of Jonathan Duboyce's family in 1802, when they settled on a portion of the farm now owned by Mr. William Major in West Bolton. The family had left Gloucester, R.I., in the winter of 1800-01, but struck bare ground at Randolph, Vermont, and spent a year there farming. They proceeded to West Bolton, via Frelighsburg, Que., which was then settled.

The above-mentioned first location in West Bolton was not to the liking of Jonathan Duboyce, and he moved back to a spot near what is now the Duboyce Cemetery and there he erected a house which was afterwards given up in favor of a better house built near there, and in which he lived out his days, being eighty-six years of age at the time of his death.

In fact, it was he who donated the ground originally