

winning the Sham fight at Niagara, when it was intended and arranged that he be beaten, and licking four men at his front door, when one is the usual number was decidedly original. My illustrious namesake Vicount Ossington was also decidedly original, when he refused the usual pension to a retired Speaker of 4,000 guineas, saying he had plenty to live on without being a tax on the nation.

I have not mentioned the ladies belonging to the Denison family except to name some of them, for fear I should not do their memory justice. Dr. Scadding speaks of Mrs. Sophia Denison, Capt. John Denison's widow as follow: "A fine old English matron and mother, of the antique strongly marked vigorous sterling type. She was one of the Taylors, of Essex, among whom at home and abroad, ability and talent, and traits of a higher and more sacred character are curiously hereditary. Colonel G. T. Denison's (Primus) wife Esther Borden Lippincott, was left alone with her young family, when only 21 years of age, in the dense woods near York, infested at that time with wild animals and Indians, while her husband fought for his country in 1812-13. From what I remember and have been told, the wives of the three brothers, Colonels Richard, George and Robert, would have followed Esther Borden's self-denying example if necessary.

The writer hopes sincerely that the few incidents and anecdotes may prove interesting that are presented here, to the rising generations of Denisons, and that these early Canadian traditions, may be preserved and retold by some one more competent to do it than Robert Evelyn Denison.