

The Inch Family of New Brunswick.

PART II.

NATHANIEL INCH AND HIS FAMILY.

My father, Nathaniel Inch, was born at Ederney Bridge, County Fermanagh, Ireland, on the 5th of November, 1797. His father (Leonard Inch) died a few months after the son's birth, and the mother (née Ann Sproul) was left with three children, the eldest of whom was only 5 years old. Thus left a widow at the age of 26, she married a second time, in 1800, a man by the name of William Johnstone, who died in 1801 leaving an infant son named William. Three years afterwards she married a third time a man by the name of Holmes, by whom she had five children, all daughters. She died in 1813, and her husband (Holmes) died ten days afterwards. The eldest child (Elizah Inch) had died in 1811. The remaining eight children were left orphans when the eldest was only 18 years old and the youngest only 2.

Nathaniel was apprenticed to a shoemaker and learned the trade. On December 29th, 1817, he married Ann Armstrong, eldest daughter of George Armstrong of Irvins town. Her mother's maiden name was Graham.

The young couple lived in the neighborhood of Ederney Bridge until 1824. They had then three children, Ann, Leonard, and John who was an infant in arms.

On July 1st, 1824, they sailed from Londonderry for St. John, New Brunswick, which they reached on Aug. 13th after a somewhat stormy passage of 43 days. They