

laid out the main post road from Charlottetown to Tignish through the almost unbroken forest. It is related of him that once, after he had walked along the sea-shore from Cavendish to New London harbor on his way to his shipyard at French River, and had been disappointed in not finding a boat in which to cross the harbor, that he, with that indomitable courage and daring characteristic of his countrymen, plunged into the cold waters and swam across, carrying his clothes on his head to keep them dry. He died in Cavendish in 1870, eighty-eight years of age. His direct descendants up to the present time number two hundred and eighty.

Malcolm, the second son of John McNeill, married a Miss Campbell of New London, and lived in Cavendish, down by the Pond where his son, W. C. McNeill, now lives. The late and much lamented Thomas LePage was his grandson. The third son, John, married Sarah, daughter of William Dockendorff, and lived in Cavendish where his son John still lives.

Neil, the fourth, married a Miss Trowsdale, of Crapaud, where they lived. He was also in the Legislature when a young man. Two of his daughters, Mrs. McQuarrie and Mrs. Smith, are now living at Searltown, and his son A. A. McNeill, at O'Leary.

Nelly, the eldest daughter, married Alexander Marquis, a member of a wealthy firm of that name doing business in Ireland. He came out to Millvale in the year 1800 and started a branch of the firm's business. He did an extensive trade in shipping timber to the old country, and in importing and selling general merchandise. He was the father of William Marquis, who formerly lived in Cavendish, but died in Boston three years ago at the age of eighty-seven, and of James Marquis, one of Detroit's prominent citizens, who is hale and hearty at the age of eighty-eight. (The writer is indebted to this gentleman for a very interesting historical account of families of the connection that moved out West half a century ago.) There were two other sons, John and George. John died in the United States some years ago, and George was killed by the falling of a tree in New Brunswick, in 1840. Alexander Marquis died in 1820.

A man named Fairbairn, who was afterwards in the P. E.