

all settled in Chatham, at Louisville, and engaged in farming, and they took the first wheat from the County of Kent to Detroit, Michigan, in a boat called the "Blacksnake," which had a capacity of twenty-five bushels of wheat and four men. Adam Everett was the first man to carry the mail between London and Sandwich, Ont., making the trip on foot at first, afterward on horseback.

During his active years William Alexander Everett followed agricultural life on Lot 21, 1st Concession, township of Chatham. In 1850 he was united in marriage with Miss Jane McLean, who was born in Scotland Aug. 13, 1830, and came to the County of Kent in 1843.

In political sentiment Mr. Everett was a Reformer. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church during a long and happy united life. He was a man of stable character, of unimpeachable integrity, for thirty years he administered the law as justice of the peace, and for twelve years was reeve of the township, also serving as a member of the county council. He was held in high esteem in every relation of life, and when its end came it closed an honorable career. Mrs. Everett, with two of her daughters, resides in Chatham. The valuable old farm was disposed of by the family in 1900.

JAMES WINTERS, who during life was a very prominent and successful farmer of Howard township, County of Kent, residing on the 3d Concession, was born in Ireland, Jan. 12, 1818, a son of Daniel and Eliza (Kerr) Winters, who came from that country to Canada in 1828. After landing in the Dominion they settled on a farm in the 3d Concession, Howard township, where they spent their life, and the father died in 1889, the mother in 1885. They were the parents of a large family, four of whom are living: Daniel, of Howard township; Hannah, who married Thomas Smith, of Texas; Betsy, married to Philip Matson, of California; and Jane, who married Andy Barrett, of Chatham.

James Winters was educated in Ireland, and after coming to Howard township worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He married Miss Elizabeth Robinson, the worthy daughter of George and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Robinson, natives of Scotland, who came to Canada in 1833. Mrs.

Robinson died on the journey of cholera, but Mr. Robinson settled in Harwich township, County of Kent, among the early pioneers of that locality. He cut the first tree felled on his farm and built a log house in which he made his home until his death. His wife left two daughters, whom he brought to their new home, Janet and Elizabeth. The latter, born in 1830, married James Winters. Janet, the elder, born in 1828, was reared and educated in Canada, and married Richard Allison, who settled on the river Thames, where she died leaving one daughter, Elizabeth Allison, who married Isaac Fritz, of Chatham township.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters started their married life on the farm now known as the Winters homestead, which was then wild land, and on it Mr. Winters erected a log house, where they lived a number of years, meantime clearing off their property and bringing it to a fine state of cultivation. In 1878 he erected the present comfortable frame structure, and he also put up two large barns and other outbuildings, in which work he was ably assisted by his son George. The death of Mr. Winters occurred in December, 1896. He was one of the founders of the old Botany Presbyterian Church, of which he was a consistent member for many years. In politics he was a staunch member of the Conservative party. He and his wife were the parents of the following family, all born on the old homestead: Elizabeth, the eldest, married John Clark, of the 3d Concession, Howard township, and has nine children, May, Margaret, James, William, Robert, George, Henry, Janet and Ethel; Mary is unmarried, and residing at home; George now conducts the farm; Janet, unmarried, is living at home; Sarah married Timothy Fritz, of Howard township, and has one daughter, Mary E.; Margaret married Robert Galbraith, and resides near McKay's Corners, on the town line (she has no family). The entire family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which they take an active part. James Winters was a member of the Order of Orangemen at McKay's Corners. The best monument which can be raised to the memory of any man is that which he himself builds during life. Marble may crumble away, but the results of a life of good deeds live forever. As it is impossible to estimate the full effects of any wrong-doing, so is it