

latter survived his son. Whether he died at Sandwich or at Detroit is uncertain, but the family tradition is that he died at Detroit, was buried there in old St. Paul's Churchyard, Woodward Avenue, which is now covered with stores. His surviving children were John W., William, David, Ann, Catherine, Sarah, Jane, Eliza. William J. married Monique Navarre, grand-daughter of Robert Navarre.

It is interesting to note that Mr. W. D. Balfour, M.P.P., for South Essex, 1882-96, married Josephine Broadhead, a great grand-daughter of William Macomb, the member for Kent in 1792-96, and that Mr. W. J. McKee, M.P.P., for South Essex, 1896-1902, married Mary Baby, daughter of Charles Baby and grand-daughter of Hon. Jacques Baby, the representative of the western district in the Legislative Council.

Though most of the descendants of William Macomb are residents of the United States, he was loyal to the British cause. As his name does not appear in the Quebec Almanac for 1796, the presumption is that, through illness or some other cause he may have dropped out of the Legislature. The name of Alexander Campbell is also left out of that list—the suggestion in his case is that he had removed from Upper Canada.

As showing the manner of man William Macomb was, the following extract from Governor's Hamilton's Report on the Detroit Post may be reproduced:—

“Mr. Macomb deserves that I should add thus much on this subject. When I had occasion to make purchases of provisions and goods on account of the Crown, the traders in general refused or scrupled to accept my orders or drafts, this person made no hesitation and from the beginning of the year 1773, to the present time, has furnished goods at a more reasonable rate than any other merchant. If his prices are compared with goods taken up for the Crown at other posts, I am well assured that they will be found more moderate. The distance and risk from Niagara to this place might make a considerable difference in Mr. Macomb's charges. I am told he has sold cheaper here than they have at Niagara. He has never charged commission or expenses, though he has given himself a vast deal of trouble in the purchase of Indian corn, flour, cattle, etc. He has advanced on the credit of the Crown to the amount of \$12,000 New York currency at one time, though his place at that period was threatened with an attack by the rebels. While I enlarge on this subject, I but do justice to a perfectly honest man, who I believe has so far defied envy as to have the suffrages of his rivals in trade.”

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