

store on the site of the present Palmer block warehouse which was burned. He also engaged in lumbering for a time and owned mills at Perkinsfield. His residence was the original log house owned by his father till he acquired the Mitchell mansion, and stood south of the store, near the site of the lively stables, all traces of which have long since been obliterated. A fair representation of the old log dwelling appears in the Crease drawing of 1851 now in the possession of J. Ross Robertson, Esq., of Toronto. Henry Jeffery was prominent in church and Sunday school work and was superintendent of the Methodist S. S. for many years and was the main support of the church and Sabbath School after his father's death. He was drowned in 1889 on a trip from Midland to Victoria Harbor with his brother-in-law, Robert Little, and a man named Anderson of Barrie, when the boat capsized in a sudden squall and all perished. His widow died a few years ago. They had one son and daughter, Mr. Ira Jeffery and Miss Edna of Toronto, who survive.

The second son of Edward Jeffery is the well-known hardware merchant of Midland, Fred. W. Jeffery, Esq., ex-Mayor, Councilman and sometime Police Magistrate. He was associated with his brother Henry in mercantile business in Penetanguishene, where he owned considerable real estate, and afterwards removed to Midland, where he founded an extensive trade as general hardware merchant and has a fine business emporium known as the "Jeffery Block." He has been an active figure in town and municipal affairs. He married a daughter of the late Edward Osborne of Barrie.

One daughter of Edward Jeffery became the wife of Mr. Standen and died in Kansas. Another daughter, Amelia, unmarried, is living in Midland.

William Charles Bell, architect and builder to His Majesty, was born in 1784 in Cornwall, England. He left Portsmouth in 1816 for Kingston, where he was employed on government work, also for a time at Amherstburg, after which they moved to Penetanguishene. In the Canadian Archives Report, under date of January, 1814, a Mr. Bell is mentioned by Col. Bruyeres, R.E., as master builder at Amherstburgh, now at Kingston, and recommended by Capt. Barclay for the work of building gun-boats at Penetanguishene, but the discrepancy in dates renders their identity uncertain though they were evidently one and the same person. He was associated with the building of the barracks and Officers' quarters