

This was a large county, surely, but the voters were included in a strip four miles wide along the south shore of Lake St. Clair, and in the town of Detroit.

The two members chosen were William Macomb and David William Smith. They were or had been residents of Detroit, at which place no doubt the election took place (27th August, 1792).

John Macomb was a North of Ireland man. His home was at Dunturkey, county Antrim. He married Jane Gordon of the Scottish House of Gordon. He established the first line of sailing vessels between Belfast and New York. Coming out to America about 1750, he settled for a time at Albany, where he was appointed a magistrate. He engaged in the business of furnishing supplies for the British posts from Montreal to Detroit, and for nearly half a century the name of Macomb occurs in connection with the trade of the lakes and St. Lawrence. He had three children, Alexander, William and Ann. The two brothers followed their father's business and as partners had their headquarters at Detroit. Alexander married Catherine Navarre, daughter of Robert Navarre. She was born at Detroit in 1757, and died in New York in 1789. This Alexander was born at Belfast in 1748. He was the man interested in the Macomb purchase along the St. Lawrence in northern New York, though it is claimed that his brother William provided some of the funds. Alexander was the father of Alexander Macomb, a United States general in the war of 1812. He defeated Prevost in the battle of Plattsburg (11th September, 1814). From 1828 to 1841 he was Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army. Born at Detroit on 13th April, 1782, he died at Washington, D.C., 25th June, 1841. A monument to his memory is being erected at Detroit.

Ann Macomb was born in Ireland, 1753. She married (1) Colonel Francis Von Phister, who was killed at Bennington, 1777; (2) Thomas Bennett, of Detroit, in 1782.

William, the member, was perhaps the largest land owner at Detroit, being the possessor of most of the American islands in the river, and also of a large farm (the Cass farm) now in the very heart of the finest residential portion of the city. He married (1) Sarah Jane Dring, daughter of General Dring, and (2) Miss Gallant (a Huguenot). After his death his widow married Captain Betton, Commander of the King's forces on the lakes. She died in New York in 1846. William had eleven children, eight of whom were living at the time of his death. He died in 1796, just about the time that Detroit was evacuated. His will, dated 11th April, 1796, is on register at Sandwich. In it he mentions his father, so that it is probable the