

A document, now yellow with age, and which has recently come under the notice of the curator of the Ontario Archaeological Museum, describes the proceedings of the court-martial, and is judged well deserving of a place in the records connected with the early military history of Ontario. It narrates that, on June 20th, 1839, the trial of certain "aliens or delinquents" belonging to the 2nd Regiment of Prince Edward Militia, was held in the house of Thomas G. McGrath, in the village of Consecon. Some thirty-five persons were tried, many of whom were convicted or mulcted in various amounts. The fines amounted to £11 14s.; but the expenses of the trial came to about half that sum. The fee allowed for summoning witnesses was not extravagant; it was five York shillings, or sixty-two and a half cents, at present currency.

Besides being distinguished as a soldier, James Young was a member of Parliament. A communication sent him from the Lieutenant Governor's office at York, announcing the intention of the Government to meet on the 6th of February of the next year and dated December, 1815, is still kept by his grandson, now living on the old homestead, who also keeps an invitation card from the Lieutenant Governor requesting the company of Mr. Young to dinner. He has also preserved the marriage certificate, which certifies that the marriage of James Young and Catharine Weller took place before John Bleecker, J. P. (there being no parson or minister residing within eighteen miles of either of the parties) on the 22nd of March, 1804—and was witnessed by R. C. Wilkins, Colonel.

James and Catharine Young had one son, Reuben, who has been mentioned as a member of the court-martial held in 1839. Chiefly a farmer by occupation, he cultivated about three hundred and fifty acres of splendid land. But he had other pursuits; besides being keenly interested in township matters, and holding the offices of Councillor, Deputy Reeve and Reeve for many years, he was appointed issuer of marriage licenses by Sir John Coleman, and was an officer of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, having charge of the light which is situated on what then was his property.

Reuben Young married Nancy Briant, who was born in the town of Westfield, in New Jersey, and at the age of six months was brought into Canada by her parents. They emigrated in 1808,