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At the Residence of THOMAS WILLIAM BIRCHALL, Esq., George Street, Toronto,
ON WEDNESDAY, THE 9th MARCH, 1859.

Isabella Elizabeth Gamble,

RELICT OF JOHN GAMBLE, ESQ., LATE SURGEON QUEEN'S RANGERS.

Isabella Elizabeth Gamble,

The third daughter of Dr. JOSEPH CLARKE, and ISABELLA ELIZABETH ALLEYNE, was born at Stratford in Connecticut—then a colony of Great Britain—on the 24th October, 1767. In the year 1776 her father, faithful to his allegiance, repaired to the British army in New York, to which place his family followed him. At the peace of 1783, Dr. CLARKE removed with his family to New Brunswick (then known as the Province of Acadia) and took up his residence at Maugerville. There his daughter, the subject of this memoir—then in her 17th year, was married on the 18th May, 1784, to Dr. JOHN GAMBLE, the eldest son of WILLIAM GAMBLE and LEAH TYRER of Duross, near Enniskillen, Ireland.—Mr. GAMBLE was born in 1755; studied physic and surgery at Edinburgh; emigrated to the British Colonies in 1779, and landed in New York in September of that year. Immediately on his arrival, he entered the King's Service as Assistant Surgeon, General Hospital; subsequently he was attached to the "Old Queen's Rangers," and for some time did duty with that Regiment as Surgeon. At the peace of 1783, he, with other American Loyalists, went to New Brunswick. After his marriage Dr. GAMBLE practised his profession at St. John, and resided in New Brunswick until 1793, when, having been appointed Assistant Surgeon to the late Regiment of Queen's Rangers by General Simcoe, then Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, he joined his Regiment at Niagara, where it was then quartered, having left his wife and five daughters, with her father at Maugerville. Mrs. GAMBLE continued to reside with her father until 1798, when her husband having in the meantime (July 1796) been promoted to the surgeny of his Regiment, she, with her five daughters, the eldest then but thirteen years of age—accompanied by her father and a sister (afterwards married to the Hon. SAMUEL SMITH)—ascended the river St. John in a bark canoe, crossed the portage

by Temiscouata to the Riviere du Loup, came up the St. Lawrence, and joined Dr. GAMBLE, then with his Regiment in Garrison at York.

In 1802, the Queen's Rangers were disbanded, and Mrs. GAMBLE accompanied her husband and family to Kingston, where he practised his profession until his death, in the fifty-sixth year of his age, on the 1st September, 1811. She remained in Kingston until the year 1820, when with the portion of her family then at home, she removed to Toronto, and there continued to reside, surrounded by her offspring until her death, which took place on the 9th March, 1859.

Mrs. GAMBLE had thirteen children, nine daughters and four sons; ISABELLA, the eldest—married to ROBERT CHARLES HORNE, Esq., Assistant Surgeon, Glengarry Light Infantry; MARY ANN, married to COL. SINCLAIR, Royal Artillery; SARAH HANNAH BOIES, to JAMES GEDDES, Esq., Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff; LEAH TYRER, to the Hon. WILLIAM ALLAN; CATHERINE, who died unmarried; JANE, married to BENJAMIN WHITNEY, Esq.; RACHEL CROOKSHANK, to SIR JAMES BUCHANAN MACAULAY; MAGDALENE, to THOMAS WILLIAM BIRCHALL, Esq.; and MARY ANN, unmarried; JOHN WILLIAM of Vaughan; WILLIAM, of Milton, Etobicoke; CLARKE, of Toronto, and JOSEPH, who died in infancy. Of these thirteen, seven only survive, but Mrs. GAMBLE's descendants have already reached the large number of two hundred and four, and some of her children's children's children are now upwards of thirty years of age.

The remarkable longevity of a large number of the American loyalist emigrants, who came to the British Provinces after the American Revolution, has been noticed by the Lord Bishop of New Brunswick, as a striking instance of the fulfilment of the promise contained in the fifth commandment, embracing as that commandment unquestionably does, the duty of obedience to civil rulers. Mrs. GAMBLE may well be counted among that number, having in October last entered upon her 92nd year.