

One of the name, Captain William Johnson, of the King's Royal Regiment, settled a few miles west of Kingston. He became Colonel of the militia of Addington, and it is said he was the first to muster the militia in that part of the country if not in the Province. He died here; leaving one daughter who married a Mr. McCoy, and who removed to Toronto. But it is quite another family of whom we have to speak.

James Johnson, an Irishman, was a soldier in Rogers' battalion, an infantry corps which had fought against the American rebels and which had after the first surveys of Upper Canada, allotted to its members the second township laid out, at Ernestown. James Johnson served in the capacity of Captain of the cattle drivers. His family consisted of seven sons and six daughters; the sons' names were Daniel, James, William, Matthew, Jacob, Andrew and Nathan. Of these William and Andrew became somewhat noted and deserve our attention.

William, or as he was universally called *Bill* Johnson, spent his early years on the front of Ernestown. His father had drawn his land where afterwards existed the Village of Ernestown, subsequently named Bath, and was the neighbour of the Fairfields and Davys, also U. E. Loyalists, whose descendants are well known in Ontario. His father's log house was used for three years for church services by the Rev. D. John Stuart, a refugee loyalist and "the father of the Upper Canada Church," before the erection of the frame building on the hill. The house would hold from thirty to forty persons. Respecting "*Bill*" Johnson, which we shall continue to call him, we have derived our information from two sources, namely:—Thomas S. Wood, Esq. and Sergeant Lockwood, both of whom had lively recollection of the events connected with him. Mr. Wood who lives at Morrisburg, came to Canada in 1810 from the States and took the Oath of Allegiance, nor did his loyalty swerve during the war of 1812. He lived at Bath, and naturally the events came under his notice. He served as sergeant in the Lennox militia, and receives a pension. His family is not unknown in Canada, Dr. Wood, of Ottawa, being his eldest son, A. F. Wood, of Madoc, long time reeve and warden of the county of Hastings, and president of the Belleville and North Hastings Railway, and S. C. Wood, M.P.P., Provincial Treasurer for Ontario, being his two other living sons. Mr. Wood favoured us with a communication dated 9th February, 1876, at which time he was eighty-five years old, and his wife 81.

Mr. Wood says, "it was often remarked that Bill Johnson was the first male child of the U. E. Loyalists born in Kingston." This was probably at the time of the arrival of Roger's corps in 1784. "The whole of the Johnson family had always been noted for their loyalty and Bill was held up by his neighbours as a good specimen of his race. Soon after the declaration of war, the militia of Ernestown were mustered, and a call for volunteers was made; when Bill was the first to respond, and in ten minutes there were more volunteers than were wanted for immediate service. Bill was made sergeant, and they were ordered to hold themselves in readiness for active duty at a minute's notice.

The volunteers were soon called to Kingston and heartily responded, Johnson with the rest. But, "*Bill* Johnson had, for several months previous, been getting together all the money he could in order to go to Montreal to purchase merchandize to set up a small store. After being in Kingston three or four days he procured a substitute who was accepted by the captain, Patrick Smith. But before he could get away to Montreal, he