

lived in Bedeque, it is quite correct to say that Solomon is the oldest Schurman living here.

Jacob lived at the northern end of the Lot 25 land. The settlement is now known as Norborough, and here the family above mentioned were born. He was a good man in his way but did not see eye to eye in religious matters with his wife who was a strict Presbyterian and a member of Rev. Dr. Kier's congregation. It is told that on one occasion Mrs. Schurman asked her husband for a shilling, as the next Sabbath was sacrament day. He told her that he would not give the shilling unless he found it. He was, at the time, making public roads, stumping the trees out, etc. One evening upon his return home from work he gave his wife the shilling telling her that he had found it in a hollow hemlock tree that he had taken out of the new road. Although there were those then living who did not believe this story, it has passed into the family history as a well attested fact and is firmly believed.

In addition to the land mentioned in my second article, Mr. Schurman, Sr., owned land in Lots 17 and 19. Part of the Lot 19 land was a grant to him as a U. S. Loyalist. Two hundred and thirty acres of the Lot 19 land was sold on December 18th, 1811, to Thomas Moyse, grandfather of the present Thomas Moyse of Central Bedeque. Mr. Gordon Huestis' farm at Wilmot is part of this land. Some of the Lot 17 land is still owned and occupied by his descendants, the Schurmans of North St. Eleanors. Mr. Schurman for a time was a member of the Island Assembly, and he told that he with other members helped Governor Patterson to build a barn, while attending a session of the House. This may not have been very dignified employment for M. P. P.'s, but was no doubt a wholesome outlet for the surplus energy, which possibly was a characteristic of our early politicians, as of those of more modern days.

At the time of his death Mr. Schurman was quite wealthy, and to his energy and enterprise many of the descendants owe the valuable homesteads they now occupy.

The tombstone that marks his resting place in the Presby-