

## STATEMENT BY JOHN KELLY.

*North Easthope, Huron District,**20th Sept. 1842.*

Being desirous to give in as concise and plain a manner as I possibly can, the information which has been requested of me, I beg to offer the following.

I emigrated from Scotland in 1834 to Canada, arriving in July of that year. I came from the parish of Stow, in the shire of Edinburgh, being a steward or overseer there for Mr. Hastie. It was near Dalkeith and Stow where I was, being ten miles from the former, and about eight from the latter place. I was then, and till about three years ago unmarried, and I wrought for some months in this country before I settled on land. I then applied for and got the Lot I live on, being No. 15 in the third concession of this township, and a young man a neighbour joined with me, and we got No. 16 in the same concession between us, he also having another Lot, No. 17, alongside of it. I have therefore 150 acres. I may state that this young man, Alexander Hamilton, jun. afterwards returned to Scotland, and took out his father and some relations, who are all settled in this neighbourhood. They are from Gattenside, near Melrose.

I commenced to improve on my land (it being then a perfect wilderness, travelled only by the Indian) late in the fall of 1834. The snow was on the trees then I recollect well, for, on beginning to chop down some trees to build my small "shanty" with, the snow at the stroke of the axé would be falling down upon me. I however got the shanty finished and moved into it. This was the