

part of the city. Here, on the farm, he continued to live until his death. At this time there was no other doctor west of Kingston, as far up as Cobourg. Consequently the field of practice over which Dr. Meacham had to travel on horseback by a bridle path extended over Prince Edward District eastward to Napanee, westward to Colborne, and northward to Rawdon. It was a common thing to be absent several days, and sometimes more than a week.

At the time of the war of 1812, he was Surgeon to the Hastings Battalion of Militia, and was stationed at Kingston. At the close of the war, Dr. Meacham received very flattering testimonials from the military authorities at Kingston.

Dr. Meacham passed a brief, but very useful life. Not only was he well up in his profession, but he continued a student, and he had brought in with him a good supply of medical books and surgical instruments.

Dr. Meacham married Elizabeth Simons, daughter of Commissioner Simons, whose brother distinguished himself at Lundy's Lane. He was brother-in-law to Simon McNab, and the Rev. Dr. McNab, now Rector of Bowmanville, was his nephew.

His death took place in October, 1815, from the effects of a cold caused by exposure while visiting a patient in Rawdon. The following account of his death and funeral is taken from the *Kingston Gazette*: "Died—Universally regretted, on the morning of the 22nd inst., at his farm, in Sidney, near the River Moira, after a short and severe illness, Dr. Seth Meacham, aged forty-seven. He resided in Sidney and Thurlow for upwards of fourteen years past, during which time he exercised his profession as a physician with great success and general satisfaction to the public. He was much esteemed by all who knew him, for the strict practice of those moral and social duties which inspire respect and give true dignity to the man. His death, by the inhabitants of the adjacent townships also, will be most severely felt, having been at all times ready and willing when called upon to give medical aid to the poor, as well as to the rich. He has left a widow and four small children to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and a most tender and benevolent parent. The remains were interred in the burying