

The Baptist Church at Breadalbane owes its origin to a number of Scottish emigrants who came to Canada a little over one hundred years ago. Their former home was in Breadalbane, in the Loeh Tay district of Perthshire, a region widely celebrated for its natural beauty. Though loving the land of their birth with the fidelity so characteristic of the Scot, conditions of life were so harsh, the outlook so discouraging, that they were impelled to seek elsewhere those wider opportunities denied them in their present situation.

Thus it happened that, in June 1815, they bade a last farewell to the home of their fathers and, embarking at Greenock, set out for the western world. The ship on which they travelled was named the Dorothy, commanded by Captain Dent.

The religious character of the party is indicated by the fact that, during the voyage, they, with the captain's permission, conducted public worship. The captain also issued instructions to his seamen that they should behave decorously during the service, though it was held in Gaelic, a language unintelligible to them.

After a tedious voyage of many weeks they landed at Montreal, thence proceeding up the St. Lawrence as far as Glengarry. As summer was now well advanced they remained for the winter of 1815-1816 in the southern portion of the county, where some of the new-comers possessed friends who had settled there a number of years earlier. In the spring



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