

He also speaks of encountering the old veteran on the Long Point Circuit, at a later period, in 1822, when he was stationed there as the colleague of David Culp. He says: "I was privileged with a familiar and very pleasing acquaintance with that apostolic ambassador of the King of kings, who was the first honored instrument of raising the Gospel standard and proclaiming salvation to a lost and guilty world, through faith in the all-atoning sacrifice for sinners, to the people along the shores of the Niagara River, through whose instrumentality many were brought to God—the Rev. George Neal, who lived at this time at Long Point Bay. His silver locks and apostolic looks, combined with the heavenly eloquence which flowed from his saintly lips on the sublime doctrines of the Gospel and the experience of religion, made it a treat to hear him, at once edifying and encouraging. He was a man of excellent mind and full of Biblical information. He was a more than ordinary preacher, masterly on doctrines. I had the privilege and honor of having him around the four weeks' circuit with me, and of hearing him every evening." The Rev. Robert Corson, who was stationed as the colleague of Rev. Wm. Griffis on the Long Point Circuit during the Conference year 1827-8, had Father Neal, at the advanced age of 78, with him around the circuit. Mr. Corson says of him: "Neal was possessed of a good English education. His preaching abilities were above mediocrity, very zealous, and rising sometimes to eloquence. He was tall and erect in person, retaining somewhat of his military bearing to the last. Religious truth from his lips sometimes was expressed in military phrase. He was wont to speak of the Gospel as a genuine Jerusalem blade, two-edged, cutting both ways. He was abundant in labors—travelling sometimes under the Presiding Elder on a circuit. Far on in life he became blind, but still quoted Scripture in his sermons with correctness, after taking the precaution of having them read to him by his little granddaughter."

The Rev. George Neal had three daughters who were married as follows: Mary, to Elijah Hazen; Desire, to Adam Procunier, and Esther to Lieut.-Col. John B.