

who is entitled to the honor of erecting the first building in the prospective town is slightly conflicting. Miss C. Gordon, previously mentioned, maintains that her father built the first house, aided by Revolte, which is therefore the oldest dwelling in town and still occupied. He then helped Revolte complete his which was afterwards used by Father Proulx and Father Kennedy as a residence. The late Francis Columbus informed us that Champagne the carpenter, who built the Columbus mansion, always said Surgeon Mitchell's store was the first house here. The evidence rather preponderates in favor of the Gordon homestead.

George Gordon died in 1852, aged 65 years. He was married twice and had a family of five sons and seven daughters. Four of the latter still survive: Mrs. Valler, Lafontaine, aged 86; Mrs. Solomon, Sault Ste. Marie, wife of James Solomon, grandson of Interpreter William Solomon, and Misses Catharine and Louise at the homestead.

Dr. Mitchell's lot extended all the way along Queen Street from Water Street to Roberts Street, on the upper end of which was the Mitchell mansion, built later and now owned and renovated as a private residence by Mr. Blanchard. The Mitchell store on Water Street was originally built of logs and subsequently burned down and replaced by a frame building which was burned in 1881, having been last occupied by James Wynne as a liquor store. The Simpson establishment on the opposite corner, also built of logs, was removed several years since, but the private residence, also of logs, now clap-boarded, still remains. These men were in every sense real pioneers since they literally hewed their homes from the forest and launched the embryo town on the high road to business and fortune.

Dr. Mitchell's remarkable career is most interesting as a pertinent illustration of the "Scotchman in Canada." Mrs. H. T. Conklin, Milwaukee, and Mrs. Jessie M. Harris of Green Bay, Wisconsin, daughters of the late Wm. Mitchell of Green Bay, youngest son of Dr. Mitchell, and therefore his granddaughters, have kindly furnished us with the following interesting facts regarding his life and times: Surgeon David Mitchell was born in Edinburgh in 1750. He studied medicine there and after taking his degree at the age of 23 was sent to Canada as Surgeon-General of the Indian Department. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Bertraud in Montreal July 20th, 1776, the year fraught with great events for the American republic and of momentous concern to the British