

though not so distinct as it was a hundred and fifteen years ago.

It seems as if the ashes of the past are the only visible token, as no hand was stretched forth at that time to save the events of interest to history from oblivion. The civic pride and patriotic sacrifices of the people of that time may well be recalled for encouragement and imitation of both present and future.

While the deportation of the eighteen thousand simple agricultural Acadians, the burning of their homes and crops before their eyes, and the separation of families may well be looked upon as one of the most greivous wrongs ever perpetrated in the new world; it may not have given the few settlers reason to abandon their homes, but like all such acts, tended to cement the race still firmer together.

In viewing the spot where once stood the happy home, we become interested in the past, and the carefully stored tales of childhood. The half-fanciful legends of long ago are recalled, and we stand in meditation and picture the past. Awaking from our day dream we realize how true are the beautiful lines of Kingsley:

"So fleet the works of men, back to their earth again,
Ancient and holy things fade as a dream."

Near the site have been found broken dishes, pieces of iron, and some thirty years ago a peculiar shaped axe, and later a French subsidiary coin of 1747. The French had cleared the land beyond the site of the present house, and had quite a large orchard a few rods in a northeasterly direction, south of a beautiful grove of white birch.

Major built his house, the homestead lately occupied by Artemas, in 1804. He, like his father, was also appointed a Justice of the Peace by Governor Patterson. Thomas junior built a few years later, in 1806, opposite his father. A striking similarity existed between the three.

Thomas Hooper died in 1820 aged eighty-two. Major married first Miss Patterson; second Catherine Urquirt. They had thirteen children as follows: Eliza, Martha, Charles, Major, Thomas, John, Artemas, Mary, Nancy, Sarah, Jane, Harriet and Elisha.