

KEMPTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA.

ing and possessed the courage necessary to meet and overcome the obstacles and hardships incident to the life of pioneers in new settlements. That they did not confine their attention and efforts entirely to material interests is clearly shown in provisions made for their own and their descendants' educational, moral and religious needs. Without intention to do injustice to any one, mention may be made of the following persons by name:—

Abner Andrews had the distinction of being the first settler and became a man of considerable means for his time and the place in which he lived.

Jesse Gray, a man of military training and service, had reached the rank of Captain in a regiment before coming to Nova Scotia. He had served in a regiment called the North Carolina Highlanders, engaged on the loyal side in the revolutionary war.

Nathaniel Churchill, senior, a Justice of the Peace and Deacon of the church, was a man of influence in the community and did a good part in directing and promoting matters of public interest. He was born in the year 1795, a son of Ephraim Churchill, and one of a family of thirteen children. Mr. Churchill's own family consisted of nine children. His son, Nathaniel Churchill, junior, after his younger years in his native village, became largely engaged in ship-building and ship-owning at Tusket and Yarmouth and died the present year (1911) at an advanced age in Caledonia, Queens County. He was thrice married, his first wife being Lydia Ann Crosby, daughter of one Deacon William Crosby.

Mrs. James Cushing, a sister of the younger Mr. Churchill, so well known for her benevolence in assisting with her ample means charitable and religious objects, is still living in Caledonia, where she has long resided.

Before the final paragraph of this sketch reference may be made to a sad and melancholy occurrence of the past. On the night of the 26th of September, 1864, the dwelling of Mr. Samuel Hamilton accidentally took fire and was rapidly