

To his family he was tenderly and devotedly attached, his memory being still cherished by his surviving children with warm affection.

Though unassuming, diffident and retiring in manners, possessed of a quick sensibility and nice sense of honor, and perhaps a little lacking in that assurance which by the multitude is at once accepted as prestige and proof of superiority, he was yet gentlemanly in deportment, and to those who looked beneath the surface, to qualities of heart and mind, he was the intelligent and agreeable social companion, the earnest-minded, faithful and sympathizing friend.

NICHOLAS AUSTIN.

Nicholas Austin, senior, came from Somersworth, New Hampshire, in the year 1793, and settled in Bolton, of which township he was Patentee. In consequence of his firm allegiance to his Royal master during the troublous time in which he lived, he was persecuted by the government that came into power; and, leaving his family, he came to Canada, with intent to make his permanent residence here. Among incidents illustrative of his faithfulness and zeal in the interests of his Sovereign, one is told of his having by some means become acquainted with the existence and details of a plot to seize the person of Governor Wentworth; when, feeling the act to be a heinous offense against the Royal authority, as well as a personal indignity to his Majesty's representative, he rode