

The first tavern was in the Court House. The Jail and Tavern were in the lower storey, the Court Room in the upper. Alex Kinnear kept it in 1815. Benjamin Charters kept a tavern at Memramcook. Manswell Cornwall opened a tavern in Dorchester. He gave it up and went to sea. He opened the William Wilbur House. The Weldon House then was opened. The first storckeeper I remember was at the Island. He was Benjamin Wilson. He was followed by James Sayre and Martin Chapman. There was only one house at the Corner and that was the Court House.

An account of matters in connection with the county court house, would be incomplete without reference to the four unfortunates, who have suffered the extreme penalty of the law at Dorchester. The first was a religious fanatic, named Babcock, hanged about 1783, for the barbarous murder of his wife's sister. His body lies buried somewhere between the court house and county jail.

The next was Hicks, hanged 1856, for the deliberate shooting of a man named Hill, while they were one day in the woods together. The trouble had arisen over some property rights.

Then came "Buck" in 1890, for the murder of Policeman Steadman of Moncton; and John Sullivan for murder in 1897.

In 1803 Dorchester was made the shiretown, which until 1864, included Albert County.

Andrew Weldon, originally from Yorkshire, came and finally settled about 1773 or 1774 on the land where the Penitentiary now stands. He is said to have gone first to the German settlement at Hillsboro, and then down river to the opposite side. The sons of Mr. Weldon—one authority gives his Christian name as John—were Andrew, John and Thomas. At the same time came John Keillor, likewise from Yorkshire, who had come to Halifax shortly after 1755 and soon after decided to move to Fort Cumberland. His goods and household effects were lost as they were being sent on an unlucky vessel, around to their new home. Mr. Keillor came by land to Fort Cumberland, and afterwards removed to Dorchester, on the southern side of the brook near the present Presbyterian church, where a daughter, Anne, was born in 1783. Mr. Keillor was a resident at Westmorland Point at the time of the Eddy War, when it collapsed. Richard John Uniacke, then a newcomer, who made his home with Moses Delerdernier at Sackville, surrendered to Mr. Keillor, who took him to the Fort. He was taken to Halifax for trial as a rebel, but escaped. This was the beginning of a brilliant career.

Next, about 1770, came John Chapman, who married a Miss Black, sister of Bishop Black, the founder of Methodism in Canada. Mr. Chapman had a family of 10 or more including six or seven daughters.

Indeed all these early settlers were a most desirable class of immigrants. Others that came with their families, before the