

made his home at Fournier. He was a very intelligent man, highly respected in the county, and though past eighty years of age, his wonderful activity gave strangers the impression that he was less than seventy, and led his familiar friends to believe that he would be spared many years.

The following sketch of the family was copied from the old family Bible; James Molloy, the first mentioned, was the grandfather of James H., who recently died at Fournier:

"James Molloy, born 25th July, 1755, in the County of Westmeath, near the town of Kilbeggin, at his father's house next to the Castle of Ballreath. His father, Charles, and his mother, Mary, were honest and worthy parents. When James was eight years old, he came to Queen's County, near Carlow, where my father died in the spring of 1770, and was buried in the church of Arles, within four miles of Carlow. I came to America in 1771, and joined the King's troops and was employed in the Quarter-Master General's department till the year 1783. Came to Montreal in 1785, and served in the Indian department as conductor of India presents, under Sir John Johnson, till the year 1815, a period of nearly thirty years in Canada, and forty-two years in His Majesty's service. Married in New York, 29th October, 1783, to Eleanor Staats, widow of the late John Amory, issue of marriage as follows:

"Alice Molloy, born 10th January, 1784, at the Hogsborough, near Albany; James Molloy, born 21st February, 1788, at Montreal; Joachim Staats Molloy, born 2nd September, 1789, at Montreal; died 10th March, 1791; Marie Charlotte Molloy, born 11th May, 1794, at Montreal, died 30th March, 1796.

"James Molloy, sen., died at Montreal, 4th October, 1815, aged 60 years. Said Eleanor Staats, wife of said James Molloy, born 28th February, 1752, died at Montreal, 18th January, 1821, aged 69 years."

James Molloy, jun., son of James Molloy, who died at Montreal in 1815, was also in the Commissary Department during the war of 1812, being employed as Clerk. Before coming to Plantagenet in 1825 he owned a lot of land which now forms a part of the site of Toronto, but he sold it at a small price. He was married to Catherine Chesser 3rd August, 1824. On coming to Plantagenet he took up 500 acres of Lot 1, Concession 10, and Lots 1 and 3, Concession 14. Mr. Molloy soon became a man of prominence in the County. He was a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for the trial of Small Causes, and Major of the Militia. He was well known in Montreal, and had many friends among the prominent men of that city. He died in Albany, N.Y., 14th March, 1851. He had three sons—James H., John Murphy and Michael Edmund.

James H., the eldest, after attending school some years in Montreal, remained some time on the homestead, and then sought his fortune in foreign lands; sailing 27th October, 1851, for Melbourne, Australia; thence he went to Sidney, and from there to California, where he remained two years. He returned via New York, making the entire circuit of the globe, and once more engaged in farming in Plantagenet. He was married in February, 1857, to Anna Maria, daughter of William Bradley, Esq., of Caledonia. Mr. Molloy was a Justice of the Peace many years, Coroner for Prescott and Russell, Issuer and Inspector of Tavern Licenses for Prescott, Reeve of the Township several years, and Warden of the County. He was a candidate for Parliament in 1886, in opposition to Mr. Evanturel, but was defeated by a small majority. At his death he owned 300 acres of the paternal homestead. He had three sons and three daughters; the two eldest sons, Arthur and Edmund, married, live in this Township; James, the youngest, has recently attended the Collegiate Institute at Ottawa. The eldest daughter, married, lives in Ottawa; the youngest, married, resides in Montreal.