

NOTES OF BARRIE'S FIRST RESIDENTS.

(At a meeting of the Society, May 11th, 1898, the first residents of Barrie, as they appear in Walton's Directory for 1837, were the subject for the day's discussion. The Society possesses a typewritten report of the meeting, the statements or comments about each resident having been taken down in shorthand. This report in a condensed form appears in these papers following the Notes by Mr. Sneath and Mr. Soules neither of whom was present at the meeting, but they afterward wrote what they knew of some of the persons named in the list, and their remarks follow.)

Heads of families in Barrie, 1837, (Total 28): Lucius Boyington, John Bingham, Dugald Campbell, James Campbell-Richard Carney, Richard Cobb, C. Cunningham, Jane Duggan, David Edgar, Andrew Graham, Francis Hewson, Francis Martin, Francis Meighan, Thrift Meldrum, Richard McCoy, James Morrison, John McCausland, David McCausland, John McDonald, William Nesbitt, John Perry, D. S. Ross, Robert Ross, S. M. Sanford, Thomas Smith, George Stokes, William Strong, Alexander Walker.

Notes by George Sneath, Esq.

JOHN BINGHAM.—John Bingham's wife got the name of the "smiling landlady." They had no family. Alfred Arnall was a nephew of Mrs. Bingham. The "King's Arms", later changed to the "Queen's Arms", was a small log building on the site of the present hotel with a large garden attached. Bingham had two sisters, Mrs. Dicker and Mrs. Lang.

RICHARD CARNEY.—Richard Carney was a step-son of Joseph Crow, an old sailor from Portsmouth, England, of whom no mention was made at your meeting. He and his wife, Mrs. Carney, a son, Thomas Crow, and a daughter, Eliza Carney, lived in a shanty near the lake opposite Sanford's store. Crow found Carney money to build his tavern. When first opened it was called "Carney and Crow's Tavern". Major McKenzie's mother was a sister of Richard Carney. A brother, William Carney, was mixed up with the Rebellion of '37, was taken prisoner and confined in Kingston jail for two years.