

fight. It was while living here that Gleason married my eldest sister and here also my sister Mary was born.

His Father and Family Move West.

After peace was declared, emigration set in for the western country. Ohio was then open for settlement. Father also started westward in 1815. With a team of old horses and wagon, mother and children, bed and bedding, all in one craft, making our way slowly on, when money failed stopping and laboring to earn more, we pursued our journey, stopping sometimes longer and sometimes shorter until in 1817 we reached the western part of New York State, near Buffalo. It has always proved that a rolling stone gathers no moss and so father moving so many times acquired very little property. A few incidents in our journey might be worth noting. A Cayuga Indian, seeing our heavy load thought to lend assistance by pushing behind. He then solicited his pay. We were glad to give him a trifle to get rid of him, for we were afraid his intentions were evil. Great inducements were made by wealthy people to adopt us and make us heirs of wealth, but my father stoutly withstood all these offers. While residing near Buffalo father found an elder brother of his about to move into Upper Canada with his son-in-law, J. German, of East Nissouri. Having the same predilections as ourselves for British rule, he encouraged us to return with him to Canada, which we all did in the winter of 1818. My uncle, Thomas Brown, was a soldier in the Revolution-