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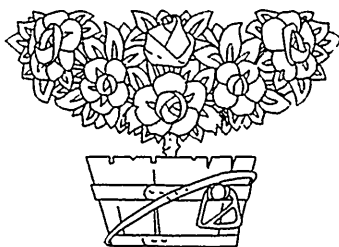
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PART I.

The name "Inch" is of Celtic origin and means "Island." Other forms of the same name are Inche, Inches, Ince, Innis and Ennis, all of which have the same significance. From the Scottish custom of calling the owner or landlord of a property by the name of his holding or domain, it is probable that some Scottish Laird or Landlord whose property consisted of a valuable Island or Islands was called "Inch" because of his estate, and the name thus became a patronymic of the family.

There are still families of the name about Aberdeen and Glasgow, and round the shores of Loch Lomond, in which lake there are many beautiful islands called "Inches."

The tradition of the Ulster family is that the ancestor of that branch came to Ireland as an officer in the army of William of Orange—that he distinguished himself by the capture of some post in a night attack, and that when the army was disbanded he remained in Ireland, having received a valuable property as a recognition of his services. There are no authentic records in the family

to verify this tradition and, therefore, little reliance is to be placed upon it as a historical fact. There is no doubt of the Scottish origin of the family and that the migration to the North of Ireland took place during the last half of the seventeenth century.

The writer of this sketch is indebted to his father, who was born in 1797, and to his uncle, born in 1795, for the facts which are given hereafter, until their arrival in New Brunswick in 1824.

MY GREAT-GRAND PARENTS AND THEIR FAMILY.

John Inch and Mary Halliday, his wife, were living in the town of Strabane in the County of Tyrone at the close of the eighteenth century. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits, probably in the dry goods line. He must have been in fairly good circumstances, for several of his sons were men of education, occupying positions of responsibility in the industrial and learned professions. He had six sons.

(1) Nathaniel was educated for orders in the Church of England. After ordination he served for a short time as curate and lived at Muff, a village four miles from Londonderry. About 1820 he was Rector of a Parish near Dublin. In 1818 he had a family of two daughters. Whether he had any other children I do not know.

(2) *John*, called after his father, was an architect. In 1818 he was residing at Rathmines, near Dublin. He was married and had a family of whom I have no record.

(3) *George*. In early life he went to the West Indies, was married there, and both he and his wife died early,

leaving a young child, Sarah, who was sent to her relatives in Ireland. At the age of 18 she was married to an Englishman named Davis, an artist. They had two children, a son and a daughter who migrated to America. In 1838 the son was living in New York, and the daughter married in New Orleans.

(4) *William*. He was educated for the medical profession and was a surgeon in the British Navy, attached to Admiral Gardiner's fleet. In a naval engagement in the West Indies he lost an arm. It is also said that he served in Egypt under Sir Ralph Abercromby. After retirement from the service he settled in London. I know nothing of his family; but I think it not improbable that this man was the ancestor of Philip (an Admiral in the U. S. navy) and John Inch who came from Plymouth, England, to the United States, and whose children and grand-children are now living in Washington and New York.

(5) *Spencer*. This son followed his father in business in the town of Strabane, Ireland. He married a Dublin lady who had an annual income from a Dublin property. They had a family of six children—three sons and three daughters. The sons were Nathaniel, Spencer and John; the daughters, Mary, Ann and Margaret.

Mary married a Mr. Knox of Strabane. Upon the death of her husband Mrs. Knox and her three children emigrated to New York where they were living in 1838.

Ann married a Sergeant belonging to a regiment then stationed at Strabane.

Margaret died in her 15th year.

Nathaniel went to New York, married there, and in

1838 was living about 40 miles west of Albany. There is no record of his family.

Spencer and John also went to America. In 1838 Spencer was living four miles out of New York on the Jersey side. John married in New York, died there soon after, leaving one daughter who with her mother was living in 1838 in New York.

(6) *Leonard*. This man was the grandfather of the writer of this sketch. He carried on a grocery business in the town of Strabane where he married Ann Sproul. Soon after their marriage they moved to a place called Corough-a-Mulkin in the parish of Lower Langfield in the County Tyrone—then they removed to Ederney Bridge in the County of Fermanagh, 12 miles north of Enniskillen. They had three children, Eliza born in 1793, died unmarried in 1811. John born June 29th, 1795, and Nathaniel, my father, born November 5th, 1797. Soon after my father's birth, my grandfather died and was buried near the village of Drumquin where my grandmother was buried many years afterwards. The writer visited their graves in 1901.

My uncle John Inch emigrated to New Brunswick about the year 1820. He resided on a farm in the Jerusalem Settlement, Queens County, most of his subsequent life. He died about the year 1877, leaving no issue.

The following pages contain an account of my father and his descendants down to the year 1912.

The Inch Family of New Brunswick.

PART II.

NATHANIEL INCH AND HIS FAMILY.

My father, Nathaniel Inch, was born at Ederney Bridge, County Fermanagh, Ireland, on the 5th of November, 1797. His father (Leonard Inch) died a few months after the son's birth, and the mother (née Ann Sproul) was left with three children, the eldest of whom was only 5 years old. Thus left a widow at the age of 26, she married a second time, in 1800, a man by the name of William Johnstone, who died in 1801 leaving an infant son named William. Three years afterwards she married a third time a man by the name of Holmes, by whom she had five children, all daughters. She died in 1813, and her husband (Holmes) died ten days afterwards. The eldest child (Elizah Inch) had died in 1811. The remaining eight children were left orphans when the eldest was only 18 years old and the youngest only 2.

Nathaniel was apprenticed to a shoemaker and learned the trade. On December 29th, 1817, he married Ann Armstrong, eldest daughter of George Armstrong of Irvins town. Her mother's maiden name was Graham.

The young couple lived in the neighborhood of Ederney Bridge until 1824. They had then three children, Ann, Leonard, and John who was an infant in arms.

On July 1st, 1824, they sailed from Londonderry for St. John, New Brunswick, which they reached on Aug. 13th after a somewhat stormy passage of 43 days. They



NATHANIEL INCHE, SENIOR—1797-1891.

remained in St. John only four days, and then went by schooner up the river to Gagetown. There they remained about a month when they moved a few miles down the river to a place known as Fox's. In the following year (1825) he bought from S. Haviland, for £62 10s 5d, 300 acres of wilderness land situated some 8 or 10 miles back from the river in a place to which had been given, by one of the early settlers, the name of New Jerusalem. The only settlers in the place at the time were Elijah Crabb, Timothy Morrill and Henry Sharp. The land he bought was in unbroken forest. The first trees cut down served to build the house into which the family moved and in which they lived for 20 years afterwards. The farm bought from Haviland was divided with his brother, John Inch, who had emigrated to New Brunswick some years before; but Nathaniel bought 100 acres, on the opposite side of the road from Elijah Crabb, one of the first settlers.

It is not easy in these modern days to estimate or even to imagine the difficulties and privations which these pioneers had to meet and overcome in the early settlement of the country. Without roads, except mere bridle-paths cut through the forest, with very few mills, widely separated from each other, to grind their grain and supply lumber for their buildings, the nearest town being St. John, to reach which they were obliged to tramp 10 miles to the river, whence by such small boats as they might be able to obtain, they rowed or sailed to the city, returning in the same way with such supplies as they were able to carry. Surely these heroic men and women deserve the admiration and gratitude of their descendants

whose lines have fallen in pleasant places, and who possess the goodly heritage won by the toil and the thrift of the sturdy pioneers who first lifted up the axe upon the thick trees.

Nathaniel Inch and his wife, Ann Armstrong, had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters; as follows in the order of their birth: Ann, Leonard, John, George, William, Elizabeth Frances, Nathaniel, James Robert, and Phoebe Jane. The latter died November 22nd, 1844, in the sixth year of her age. All the others lived to maturity and had families of their own.

In 1846 a new and commodious house was built, in which such of the family as still remained at home resided until the death of the mother in 1878, at the age of 81 years.

After his wife's death Nathaniel Inch lived for some years with his daughter (Mrs. Machum) and afterwards with his son Nathaniel, in a house located on the original site of the log house he had built and occupied in 1826. There he died on January 16th, 1891, in the 94th year of his age. He retained his memory and his faculties to the last. "He came to his grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in, in his season."

At the time of his death, his living descendants numbered 115, viz.: 7 children. 33 grand-children, 70 great-grand-children, and 5 great-great-grand-children. Forty of his descendants had pre-deceased him. At the date of this writing (April, 1912) the number of his living descendants is 195 and 56 deceased.

The following pages contain notes of the children of Nathaniel Inch and their descendants so far as I have

been able to trace them. They are mentioned in the order of their birth.

ANN (INCH) RUSSELL AND DESCENDANTS.

Born in Ireland in 1819, came to America with her parents in 1824, married to James Russell in 1839, died May 30th, 1842. She left one child named Miriam Ann, born Nov. 26th, 1840.

Miriam Ann (Russell) Robinson, after her mother's death, was adopted by her aunt (Mrs. John Russell). She was brought up and educated in the city of St. John, where she was married to Samuel Robinson, son of the Rev. Samuel Robinson, Baptist minister, on March 3rd, 1858. Her Husband died June 3rd, 1909.

Samuel and Miriam Robinson had six children, viz.: John Russell, born Dec. 20th, 1858; Annie (Nina), born Sept. 20th, 1860; Sophie, born Aug. 9th, 1862; James, born June 20th, 1864; Ida Ellen, born July 8th, 1873, died Feb. 18th, 1880; Samuel Roy, born Feb. 19th, 1882.

John Russell, the eldest son, married Mary Elizabeth Sime in 1883. They have eight children—seven sons and one daughter. Some years ago the family removed to British Columbia where they reside at present.

Annie (Nina) Robinson was married May 10th, 1886, to Lewis Hill. They removed to British Columbia and are now living on Vancouver Island.

Sophie Robinson, born Aug. 9th, 1862, married April 21st, 1881, to Edwin M. Clay, son of Rev. Dr. Clay, died Dec. 9th, 1883. She left two children, Harriet who died in 1897, and Charles who is still living.

James Robert Inch Robinson, born June 20th, 1864, married Annie Windsby. They have four children—Roy, Willie, Robert and Walter. They live in the city of Victoria, B. C.

LEONARD INCH AND DESCENDANTS.

Leonard Inch, eldest son of Nathaniel Inch, Sr., born in Ireland in December 1821, came with his parents to New Brunswick in 1824, married Eleanor Stewart, lived in Jerusalem until 1848, then removed to Keswick twelve miles above Fredericton, afterwards removed to St. Mary's, opposite Fredericton, where he died in 1899. His wife died only a few days afterwards.

This couple had a family of six children, viz., William Spencer, Phoebe Ann, James Stewart, Eliza, Mary Adelaide and Leonard. The last named died of diphtheria at the age of 19.

William Spencer married Agnes Jane Parent in 1864. They had a family of nine children, viz., Wilhelmina, Ella, Effie, Olive, Byron, Ethel, Edward, Gretchen and Gladys. Agnes, his wife, died in 1894 at Fredericton. Afterwards he married Georgiana Libby by whom he had one child, Frederic. In 1899 Spencer Inch went to the Yukon where he remained for a few years, and then removed to Vancouver B. C. where he resides at present. His second wife died in 1909. I have heard that he has married again, but I do not know the name of the third wife. Before he left New Brunswick he represented his Parish in the County Council and was Warden of the County of York.

Of his children the two youngest died in infancy. A brief record of the others follow:

Wilhelmina. Born at Keswick, N. B., educated there and at Mount Allison Ladies' College, Sackville. Trained as a nurse at McLean and the Mass. General Hospital. Superintendent of nurses for several years at the Adams Nervine Hospital. Married George E. Emery, M. D., who practices his profession at Worcester, Mass. Has two children, George and William.

Ella. Born at Keswick, married Vernon L. Matthews. They have four children: Ellis, Paul, Agnes and Elbert. They reside at St. Mary's, opposite the city of Fredericton.

Effie Mott. Born at Keswick, educated there and at the High School, Fredericton. Trained as a nurse at McLean Hospital, the Mass. General Hospital, and the Boston Lying-in Hospital, from each of which she holds a diploma. Practised her profession in Boston and vicinity for ten years, then returned to New Brunswick. She is at present in charge of the home of her great-uncle, J. R. Inch, LL. D., at Sackville, N. B.

Olive. She is also a professional nurse, trained at the Cambridge General Hospital, Mass. She is now Superintendent of Murray Hospital at Butte, Montana, U.S.A.

Byron. Lives at Scotch Settlement, county of York, N. B., with a maternal aunt.

Ethel. Educated at the Fredericton High School. Married Roy W. Smith of Fredericton. Has three children—Muriel, Margaret and Sanford.

Edward. Served his time as a machinist at the New

Brunswick Foundry, Fredericton. He is now in Vancouver, B. C.

Frederic. The only child by the second wife lives with his father in Vancouver, B. C.

Phoebe Ann (Leonard Inch's second child) married Melvin Hoyt, a farmer of York Co. They live at Caverhill in that county. They have had five children, two of whom are dead. The living children are Frederic, Walter and Cordelia.

Frederic married Elizabeth Hallett and has one daughter. Walter married Ida Knox and has two children. Cordelia married Ernest Jones and has three children.

Eliza (Leonard Inch's third child) married Richard Polley who died several years ago. They had four children one of whom is dead. The living children are William who married Phoebe Moore, Adelaide who married Joseph Murphy, and Harry who is unmarried and lives with his mother at Head Line, Parish of Petersville, Queens County, N. B.

James Stewart (Leonard Inch's fourth child) married Cordelia Burt of Keswick. They have four children living: Miriam who married a Mr. Christison of Kenora, Ont.; Edith, a professional nurse practising in New York City; Leonard who married Lena Gilbert and has two children; Jennie married W. Torrens, a dentist of Fredericton. James S. and his son Leonard conduct a meat market at Marysville, York Co.

Adelaide (Leonard Inch's fifth child) married Abraham Hawkins, a farmer residing at Keswick, York Co. They have had six children, two of whom are dead. The

living children are: Alice, wife of George Pugh, has two children; Nellie married a resident of Millville, and has four children; William married Annie Wiggins; Annie married a Mr. Macdonald of Keswick, and has two children.

JOHN INCH AND DESCENDANTS.

Born in Ireland, Feb. 14th, 1824, was brought by his parents to America the same year; married in 1847 Jane Porter of Long Reach, Kings Co., by whom he had a large family, four of whom died in infancy. The children who lived to maturity were George Alfred, Annie Amelia, Nathaniel, William Teed, and Mary Alice. John Inch was a farmer and justice of the peace.

George Alfred, the eldest son, born in 1848, married Mary Todd of St. Stephen, Charlotte Co., in 1887, had one child who died in infancy. George A. was educated in the Public Schools and at Mount Allison University, from which he graduated with the Degree of Bachelor of Science in 1877 and Bachelor of Arts in 1878. He is now Professor of Mathematics in the Provincial Normal School of New Brunswick, a position which he has held for more than 20 years.

Nathaniel (John Inch's second son). Born in 1852, married Annie Smith of Jerusalem in 1877. Had four children one of whom died in infancy. Of the living children, Laura, the eldest was a professional nurse. She married George H. Winter, Deputy Sheriff of York County. They reside in Fredericton and have two children.

Sarah, the second daughter, is a graduate of the Provincial Normal School and a successful teacher.

Florence, the third daughter, is a stenographer and resides with her parents in Fredericton.

Annie Amelia (John Inch's eldest daughter). Born in 1854, married in 1879 to James Polley, a farmer of Queens County. He was killed by being caught in the machinery of a mill. She died in 1909. They had four children, Harry, Mary, Teed and Keble. Mary married Alfred Scribner and has one child. The others are unmarried at this date.

William Teed (John Inch's third son). Born about 1858, married Bertha Webb in 1884. They reside at Jerusalem, Queens Co., and have three sons and three daughters, viz., Edwin, Hilda, Rheta, Ronald, Lois and W. Teed. Two of the daughters are school teachers.

Mary Alice (John Inch's second daughter). Born about 1840, married Beverley Pender, a farmer of Jerusalem, Q. C. They had a family of nine children one of whom died young. There are three sons and five daughters living.

GEORGE INCH AND DESCENDANTS.

GEORGE INCH, the third son of Nathaniel Inch, Sr., was born at Gagetown in 1826, and was an infant when his parents settled in New Jerusalem. In 1850 he married Mary Jane Woods, who died April 3rd, 1894. He was married a second time, in 1896, to a widow Harrison, whose maiden name was Matilda Smith. He died April 19th 1905.

George Inch was a farmer and merchant. For several

years he was a County Councillor for the parish of Greenwich, Kings Co., in which he resided. He was also a Magistrate and Parish Court Commissioner.

By his first wife he had a family of eleven children, three of whom died in childhood and one at the age of 20. The living children are as follows:

John Wesley (George Inch's eldest son). Born at Keswick, York Co., in 1852; married Kate Williamson. He is a farmer, and resides near Oak Point, Kings Co. He has four children: Muriel, Charles, Helen and Dorothy.

Elizabeth Ann (George Inch's eldest daughter) married Albert Flewelling, a farmer of Greenwich, Kings Co. They have five children as follows: Lilian, who for several years held the position of Court Stenographer in New Brunswick. In 1910 she resigned that office and removed to Victoria, B. C., where she resides at present.

Jessie (Albert Flewelling's second daughter) married the Rev. H. A. Cody, B. A., an Anglican clergyman, and author of several popular books. For two or three years they resided at Whitehorse, on the Yukon river, whither Mr. Cody had gone as a missionary. He is now Rector of St. James's Church, St. John, N. B. They have two children, both boys, Douglas and Kenneth.

Frederic. He is associated with his father on the homestead farm. He married a Miss McKinney of Charlotte County.

Frank, the second son, is at present engaged in business at Calgary, Alberta.

Hazel, the youngest daughter, graduated from the Provincial Normal School, taught in the public schools

for several years, spent one year at Mount Allison Ladies' College in the Household Science Department, married in 1911 to John Burgoyne, and lives at present near Portland, Oregon, U. S. A.

Catherine Permelin (George Inch's third daughter) married Wellington McKiel of Brown's Flats, Kings Co. They have a family of six children, viz: Chesley Allen, Nina Evelyn Inch, George Malcolm, Harold Hastings, Ronald Woods and Sydney Louis Edison.

James Nathaniel (George Inch's second son) is a merchant and postmaster at Oak Point, Kings Co. He was educated at Mount Allison College, Sackville. He was married October 6th, 1894, to Annie Jane Flewelling, who died November 20th, 1895. He was married a second time to Phoebe Elizabeth Boyer of Hartland, Carleton Co. They have three children: Robert Boyer, John Franklin and Mary Elizabeth.

Evelyn Sutcliffe (George Inch's sixth daughter) married George Pickett, son of Rev. Dr. Pickett, for many years Rector of Greenwich. They reside at Oak Point.

Edna Marion (George Inch's seventh daughter) married Harry Palmer. They reside at Oak Point.

George Franklin (George Inch's fourth son) was educated at the public schools and at Mount Allison College, Sackville, after which he took a medical course at Ann Arbor University, Michigan U. S. A., from which he graduated in 1895 with the degree of M. D. The same year he was appointed on the medical staff of the State Hospital for the insane at Kalamazoo, Michigan, a position which he still holds in 1912. He has been president

of the Michigan State Medical Society, and has contributed valuable papers to medical conventions.

He married Florence E. Allen, M. D., of Rochester, N. Y., in 1904. They have one daughter, named Jane Elizabeth.

WILLIAM INCH AND DESCENDANTS.

WILLIAM INCH, the fourth son of Nathaniel Inch, Sr., was born at Jerusalem, Q. C., on September 7th, 1827, married Sept. 20th, 1851, to Margaret Bogle; removed in 1852 to Tripp Settlement, York Co., where he purchased a farm on which he resided until his death on October 13th, 1901. They had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, viz.,—Emmeline A., Thomas W., George S., James A., Charles E., John N. and Annie M. In an epidemic of diphtheria in 1875 four of the children died within a few weeks. The survivors are as follows:

George Stirling (William Inch's second son). Born October 20th, 1856. Educated in the public schools, at the Provincial Normal School and at St. John Business College. Taught school for two or more years. In 1881 he engaged in mercantile pursuits at Forest City, Maine, where he resided until 1902. In 1904 he purchased a business at Wytopitlock, Maine, where he now resides. While resident in Forest City he was a County Councillor in the Municipality of York County, N. B.

He was married Sept. 15th, 1881, to Hopia E. Foster by whom he has two children, Clarence S. and Alice N.

Alice N. resides with her parents at home. Clarence

S. was married Feb. 20th, 1907, to Ola Nesbit, who died three months later. He was married a second time to Blanche A. Mix on Sept. 1st, 1909. They have one child, Marjorie E., born March 17th, 1911.

Charles E., fourth son of William Inch, born Sept. 2nd, 1864, married Sept. 28th, 1887 to Mildred Burt. She died in 1904. In 1908 he married Henrietta Armstrong. By his first wife he had six children, viz.; James Allison, George E., Charles Burton, Lucy E., Frank W. and Annie M. The latter died in infancy. By his second wife he has one child, Arthur L., born May 13th, 1909. The family live at Burt's Corner, Keswick, York Co.

John N., William Inch's fifth son, born Oct. 23rd, 1867, resides at the homestead in Tripp Settlement. He was married Oct. 19th, 1889 to Jessie Christie. They have two sons; W. Ernest, born Sept. 19th, 1890, and J. Walter, born Sep. 24th, 1895.

ELIZABETH FRANCES (INCH) MACHUM AND DESCENDANTS.

ELIZABETH FRANCES, second daughter of Nathaniel Inch, Sr. was born at Jerusalem, Queens Co., N.B., March 13th, 1830; married on January 18th, 1849 to Alexander Machum, and died Aug. 8th, 1891. Her husband died in 1898. They had eight children, of whom six are living at this date.

James Alexander, the eldest, born Oct. 12th, 1849; died March 1st, 1890.

Thomas William, the second son, born Aug. 12th,

1851; married June 17th 1873 to Alice J. Smith. They have one son, Frank W., who married Lillie Howe. The latter couple have five children. They live in Jerusalem, Q. C.

Eliza Ann Machum, eldest daughter of Elizabeth F., was born Oct. 9th, 1853; married June 16th, 1877 to Hugh McLean, M. D. They had five children, three of whom died in infancy. Of the living children, the elder Florence was married in 1910 to Arthur Stillwell of St. John. She has one child born in 1911. The younger daughter of Mrs. McLean, named Jessie, is married to Frank Bonnell, a merchant of Vancouver, B. C. They have one child.

Amelia Jane, second daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth F. Machum; born October 22nd, 1855; married October 16th, 1878, to J. G. Nugent, M. D. They had five children, of whom the eldest (Arthur) died in 1910, and Ina was married in 1911 to Major George Thomas of Fredericton Junction, who died in 1912.

The other children of Dr. and Mrs. Nugent are Goldwin, Hannington and Alida. The Nugent family reside near Chipman, Queens Co.

John Samuel, third son of Alexander and Elizabeth F. Machum, born Aug. 23rd, 1859; married Alice J. Davis Oct. 12th, 1882; died Feb. 24th, 1903. He carried on a grocery business in St. John. John S. had a family of four children, viz: Harry J., Vetura, Ralph and Percy. Harry J. married Winnie Watson in 1909, and has one child named Jack. Vetura is a teacher in the public schools of St. John. Ralph and Percy live with their mother in St. John.

George Alfred, fourth son of Alexander and Elizabeth F. Machum, born April 18th, 1862; married Esther Howe Dec. 19th, 1883. They have six children, three sons and three daughters. The family live on the home-stead farm in Jerusalem.

Jessie, the eldest daughter, was married in 1909 to Robert Howe. The other children are Edwin, Harry, Lillie, Edith and Alfred.

Edwin Robinson, fifth son of Alexander and Elizabeth F. Machum, born Aug. 19th, 1864; married Aug. 22nd, 1888, to Lelia R. Harrison, who died in 1905. He married the second time on Jan. 19th, 1907, E. Annie Smith. He has four children, Elva I., Ronald S. and Marion H. by his first wife, and Elizabeth Frances and Edwin Robinson by the second.

E. R. Machum was educated at Mount Allison University. He is now head of the firm of E. R. Machum & Co., Insurance Agents, doing business throughout the Maritime Provinces. He owns and occupies a beautiful place on the St. John river, near Westfield Beach, which he has named Ederney Hall, in honor of his grandfather Inch's birthplace. His eldest daughter, Elva, after taking a five years' course at Mount Allison Ladies' College and University, is now finishing her education in Europe. His son Ronald is now in the Sophomore Class at Mount Allison University.

Harry Willford, sixth son of Alexander and Elizabeth F. Machum, is in partnership with his brother Edwin R., and resides in St. John.

He was born Aug. 16th, 1868; was educated in the public schools and at Mount Allison; married June

29th, 1890, Katherine Wheaton. They have four sons, Alexander Inch, now in business with his father and uncle; Kenneth, who is taking the Forestry Course at the University of New Brunswick; Donald, who is finishing his course at the St. John High School, and Gordon, also at the St. John public schools.

Nathaniel Inch, fifth son of Nathaniel Inch, Sr., was born at Jerusalem, Queens Co., on July 4th, 1832. He has resided all his life on the farm which his father purchased in 1826, and lives in a house occupying the site of the original log house built by his father.

He was married Feb. 8th, 1859, to Eliza Porter, by whom he had four children, viz., William Spencer, Margaret J., Edith E. and Fanny A. His wife died in 1866. In January 1868 he married Lydia Sleep, by whom he had seven children, viz., James R., Phoebe L., Sarah E., Charles A., Thomas M., Ethelbert and Catherine A.

In 1880 a virulent type of diphtheria carried off within a month six of the children, varying in age from 3 to 18. One child had died in 1875.

William Spencer, Nathaniel Inch's eldest son, married Althea Johnson, Jan. 30th, 1884. They have three children, Gertrude L. who married David T. Smith June 2nd, 1909, James N. and Percy A. The father (William S.) died Feb. 26th, 1900, aged 40 years.

Edith E., Nathaniel Inch's second daughter, married Alfred E. Burgess Jan. 16th, 1884. They had three

children, two of whom died in early life. The surviving daughter, Margaret F., is now a student at the Mount Allison Ladies' College.

Fannie A., Nathaniel Inch's third daughter, married T. Lawson Giggy of King's County, June 18th, 1891. They had two children, Edith M. and James N. The latter died in childhood. The father died in 1898.

Catherine Amelia, Nathaniel Inch's fifth daughter, married W. A. Machum in 1897, and died March 15th, 1898, aged 20. She left a child who died seven weeks after the mother's death.

JAMES R. INCH AND DESCENDANTS.

James Robert Inch, sixth son of Nathaniel Inch, Sr., was born at Jerusalem, Queens Co., on the 29th of April, 1835. He was educated in the public school of his native place, at the Gagetown Madras School, at the Provincial Normal School, St. John, and at the University of Mount Allison, Sackville. He received from the Government of New Brunswick, in his fifteenth year, a First-Class Teacher's License, and commenced teaching in 1850 in the public schools. In 1854 he accepted a position on the staff of the Mount Allison Academy, Sackville, which he held until 1864, when he was called to take the vice-principalship of the Ladies' College, Sackville, of which he became Principal in 1867. In 1876 the Government of Nova Scotia appointed him to a Fellowship in the University of Halifax, a Degree conferring University, modelled after the University of London. He was also a member of the Senate, and Examiner in Logic and Mental Science of said University. In 1878 he was



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elected to the Presidency of the University of Mount Allison, taking the Chair of Logic and Philosophy. In 1886 he was elected Vice-President of the Province of New Brunswick of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy, having its headquarters in the city of New York. In 1891 he was appointed by the government of New Brunswick Chief Superintendent of Education for the province, and president of the Senate of the University of New Brunswick. This appointment required his removal from Sackville to the city of Fredericton, where he resided until in 1909, when on account of failing health he resigned his public offices and returned to Sackville, where he now resides. He has been continuously engaged in public educational work for nearly sixty years.

The dates of his several academic degrees are as follows:

B. A., Mount Allison, in	.....	.....	.....	1864
M. A.,	“	“	.....	1867
LL. D.,	“	“	.....	1878
LL. D., University of N. B.,	.....	.....	.....	1909

In 1880, Dr. Inch, accompanied by his daughter, spent three months in Europe, travelling extensively in England, Scotland; Ireland, Holland, Germany, France and Switzerland. In crossing the Atlantic on the outward passage the steamship in which he sailed came into collision with another steamship during a dense fog and was cut down nearly to the keel. The passengers and crew, about one thousand persons, were transferred to the other ship and brought in safety back to New York, whence

they sailed again after a few days on another ship for Glasgow.

In 1901 he again visited the old country. On this occasion he represented the University of New Brunswick at the celebration of the Millenary of the death of Alfred the Great, at Winchester, where he met representatives from most of the universities in the British Empire and the United States.

In 1907 he was sent by the government of New Brunswick to represent his province at an Educational Convention called by The League of the Empire. This Convention was held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, and was attended by leading educationists from all parts of the Empire.

Dr. Inch has also crossed the continent twice to the Pacific Coast, and has visited many parts of the American Republic.

As a delegate from the Methodist Church, to which he belongs, he has been a member of the General Conferences of the church; at Montreal in 1878, at Hamilton in 1882, at Belleville in 1883, at Toronto in 1886, at Montreal in 1890, at London in 1894, at Toronto in 1898, at Winnipeg in 1902, at Toronto in 1906, and Victoria, B. C., in 1910.

He has also been a member of the Decennial Methodist Ecumenical Conferences which met at Washington, U. S. A., in 1891, at London, G. B. in 1901, and at Toronto in 1911.

He married in 1854 Mary Alice Dunn, adopted daughter of the Rev. George Stirling, Keswick Ridge, York County. Mrs. Inch died April 17th, 1904, at Fredericton. They had one daughter.

The following reference to Dr. Inch is taken from the *Canadian Courier* on the occasion of his resignation of the Chief Superintendency of Education in 1909:

The Dr. Ryerson of New Brunswick has retired—Dr. Inch, Superintendent of Education in that province, being succeeded by Mr. W. S. Carter, formerly Inspector of Schools in St. John. A great responsibility devolves upon Mr. Carter. In succeeding Dr. Inch he in a manner interrupts history. Dr. Inch has been an upbuilder of educational life in New Brunswick for nearly sixty years. What the educational affairs of New Brunswick are, Dr. Inch very largely has made them. He has been through all the grades and has studied problems of education from almost every angle. He began with the public schools away back in 1850; four years later going on the staff of the Mount Allison Academy. Thirty-seven years he spent in the Mount Allison institutions, fourteen years of the time principal of the ladies' college, and from 1878 to 1891 President of Mount Allison University—seeing and helping the institutions grow from scattered beginnings to a consolidation. Then he became Chief Superintendent of Education for the province and for eighteen years he has filled the office with distinction. He retires full of years and honour. Mr. Carter succeeds. Mr. Carter is well qualified to succeed. He is partly an Englishman; partly a Loyalist. Born in Kingston, Kings County, he was educated there and at Hampton; taught two years under a local license and attended the Normal School at Fredericton. After a few more years pedagogy he entered the University of New Brunswick, winning two gold medals and a microscope and graduating second in his class with high honours in 1881. For five years Mr. Carter was a mathematical master in the St. John High School. Then he became Inspector of Schools for the city and adjoining counties. He has therefore gone through all the grades in his day and generation, just as Dr. Inch did in his. He will wear the mantle honourably and well. Progressive and modern though he is sure to be, he will not go back on the traditions so worthily initiated and maintained by Dr. Inch—which is no slight matter; for there was something about the education of the former times which modern people are prone to overlook.

Annie Stirling, only child of James R. Inch, was born at Keswick Ridge, York Co., April 30th, 1855. She was educated at Mount Allison Ladies' College and University and received the degree of M. L. A. She was married December 25th, 1884 to Sidney Walker Hunton, professor of mathematics in the University of Mount Allison. Prof. Hunton was educated at McGill University, won while at McGill the Canadian Gilchrist scholarship of £100 sterling tenable for 3 years, studied at University College, London, where he won the Rothschild scholarship, graduated at University of London in 1881, studied further at Cambridge and Heidelberg.

Prof. and Annie (Inch) Hunton have had six children—4 sons and 2 daughters, as follows:

Harold Inch, born Jan. 9th, 1886; died April 7th, 1907; Mary Dorothy, James Orme, Edith Lizette, Sidney Houghton, Thomas Frederic. The eldest living son, James O, is at present employed by the Canadian Pacific R. R. Co. at the Irrigation Works near Calgary, Alberta. The other children are at home.

APPENDIX.

Ulster Ancestors of the Inch Family on the Maternal Side.

Ann Sproul (sometimes spelled Sproule), the writer's grandmother, belonged to a numerous connexion in Ulster descended from Walter Spreul (or Sproul), Laird of Cowden, in Renfrewshire, Scotland; who devised the lands of Cowden to his son Thomas in 1441. In 1622 a descendant, James Spreul (last of the Spreuls of Cowden) sold his estate to the father of the first Lord Cowden and Earl of Dundonald, went to Ireland and settled at Tullymore, County Tyrone. From him descended Robert Sproule, who married a Stuart whose mother was an Edwards of Castlegore. One of his sons, John, married Martha Edwards, daughter of Robert Edwards of Castlegore by his wife Martha Lavée, a daughter of Count Lavée, a Huguenot noble whose three daughters escaped from France, concealed in apple barrels, rather than renounce Protestantism. His son, John, a captain in the yeomanry, married his cousin, Martha Sproule, by whom he had a family of six sons and three daughters. One of the daughters was my father's mother; another daughter married Nehemiah Edwards. The latter had two sons and a daughter. The second son was the Rev. Edward Edwards, Rector of Castlederg, whom I visited in 1880.

He died the following year. The daughter, Eliza, married a Mr. King, and had one son who inherited his uncle's property and took the name Edwards, hyphenated with his father's name, King. I visited this second cousin, William King-Edwards, in 1901 and was hospitably entertained by him and his interesting family at Dartans House, Castlederg, about 12 miles from Londonderry.

My grandmother on the maternal side was a Graham, and my mother was an Armstrong. Both these numerous families were descendants of families who had migrated from Scotland in the 17th century, or at an earlier date. The families have now representatives, not only in the British Isles, but all over the world.

