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THE
HISTORY and FAMILY

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Cornelius Moore



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and his Decendants

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THE earliest tradition says that the ancestor of our family was a youth of sixteen when the order was given to use the Church of England service, in the Churches of Scotland. The Moore family refused to attend and were imprisoned, but the youth escaped and fleeing to Holland, remained there until the religious troubles were abated, when he emigrated to the South of England. Here he married and set out for the New World, landing at New York. He labored for a time in clearing the forest from land now within the busy metropolis and then homesteaded on the Delaware river, fourteen miles above the city of Trenton, in Hunterdon County, and in the State of New Jersey. His name was Cornelius, and his English wife was Elizabeth Grandon. Four sons are mentioned: John, Daniel, Lawrence, and Robert, also one daughter, who became the wife of Doctor Morehouse, of New York.

When the Revolution made a division of the people, our family remained loyal to the King, and the two eldest boys, John and Daniel went into the King's army; Lawrence and Robert being too young to enter. Father Cornelius was so obnoxious to the revolutionist, that he was lynched as well as other Loyalists in New Jersey. For an account of these fierce times, see the Nelson Histories in most School Libraries. The tradition says that they lowered our ancestor from the tree, thinking him dead, but he revived and they let him go free. He suffered from epileptic fits, but lived many years afterwards.

After the civil war had continued for several years, John and Daniel emigrated to Canada. John received a grant of land on the lake shore, between Hamilton and Toronto, but thinking the land better, sold the first homestead and bought in Flamborough, on higher ground, a farm where his son Cornelius lived until his father died at an advanced age. Daniel received a grant of land at Beechwoods, now Beaverdams, in the township of Thorold, where he continued to live until his death. The younger sons, Lawrence and Robert were drafted into the army of the republic and when peace was made were allowed to remain in the State, but the father lost his farm by confiscation. They then moved across the Delaware into Buck's County, Pennsylvania, where they rented a farm on the Butternut Flats, along the Sasquehannah. They had more congenial neighbours as the Quakers and Mennonites had not taken any part in the war, and were not bitter against the Loyalists. Here they lived until Lawrence had a family of eight children, four sons and four

daughters, and here died the ancestor Cornelius, but not until the eldest son of Lawrence was old enough to solemnly promise his grandfather that when a man, he would move to Canada. About the year 1910 Robert proposed to emigrate to Ohio, in order that his boys might take up homesteads, and Lawrence concluded to go with him, but the eldest son called John remembered his promise to his martyred grandfather, and declared that the others might go to Ohio, but he would go to Canada.

Accordingly Lawrence emigrated with his whole family to Canada, according to the promise of his son John, now twenty-three years of age, while the youngest Anna, was but seven.

They located in Pelham, about two miles due north of Font-hill. Here the mother died early. Her maiden name was Mary Schliker, but Lawrence continued to live with one or the other of his family, until he reached an advanced age.

His grave is in the Hansler burying ground, not far from the homestead. A limestone slab with distinct lettering marks his resting place. Robert went to Ohio. All further history is unknown, but the early history of Ohio contains a narrative of a battle with the Indians in which the Moore boys were mentioned. They overcame the Indians, whether they were of our tribe or not.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN, PIONEER OF FLAMBOROUGH

Cornelius, the only son of the above, had a family of eleven children. When Pioneer John was past ninety, he walked from Hamilton to Gainsborough to visit his brother Lawrence, now at home with his son John. The distance was over thirty miles, and we presume he walked home again, for he went out afoot. Some time afterwards Cornelius emigrated with his family to the Queen's Bush, now the townships of Wawanosh, Hullett, and Tuckersmith, in the County of Grey or Huron. No further accounts of the family are written. No doubt many descendents of the eleven are living in the Queen's Bush.

THE FAMILY OF DANIEL, PIONEER OF BEECHWOODS

Beechwoods is now called Beaverdams, and is a well known historical place in the Township of Thorold. The pioneer had a considerable family, seven in all, but only one son, who inherited the homestead. He was called William, and was killed in a runaway accident near Port Robinson. He left a family of eleven children. The daughters of Pioneer Daniel were Elizabeth, called Betsy Shaver, the wife of Jacob Shaver, of Port Robinson; Effie, the wife of Isaac Swayze, of Attercliffe; Mary, who was known as Aunt Polly Carr; Temperance, who became Mrs.

Adams, and afterwards Mrs. Edward Cooper, of Caistor; Nancy became the wife of Street Chase, of Centreville, two miles west of Allanburg; and Sarah J., who never married.

Note: The following notes on the descendants of the above are here given, though they should be left for another volume. As the two families, the descendants of Pioneer Daniel, and of Pioneer Lawrence have not kept up intercourse, it is hoped that these links will establish a union and increase the interest in the early history.

The family of William, above, have become very numerous, and some of the descendants occupy prominent positions in the society of to-day. Warren, a son of William, died recently, aged eighty-eight, at the homestead in Beaverdams, Lots 78 and 79, Township of Thorold. Russell, a son, succeeds, and has a family to perpetuate the memory of Pioneer Daniel.

Caroline, a daughter of William, became Mrs. Elisha Taylor, of Pelham, the mother of a numerous family. Zubie became the wife of Richard McCrimmon, of Port Robinson. Charlotte became Mrs. Andrew Wilson, of Port Robinson. There was no family. William, Junior, located in St. Catharines, where a number of his descendants are still living. Mahlon and Varnum died early. Elizabeth became Mrs. Bradshaw. They moved to Wisconsin. The father and two sons died in the Civil War, while a son and daughter returned, married, and resided in Pelham. Mary Ann became Mrs. Vanderburg, of Welland. Eliza Jane married a brother. The brothers were formerly of Allanburg, and were called Walter and William.

Betsey Shaver's family: Betsey Shaver became the mother of a numerous family: Matilda became Mrs. Harmon Haines; Mary Jane became the wife of Nelson Clark; and Ellen married Martin McLellan; while Ann became Mrs. Jacob Daboll. All lived in the vicinity of Fonthill. Of the other children of Betsey Shaver, we have only the following names: Elizabeth, John, Samuel Sarah Jacob James and William.

Effie Swayze's family were: Daniel Richard Ellen William and Simcoe. Ellen became Mrs. James House.

Temperance had several children of whom we have only two names: Eliza Jane Adams, and Ann Cooper. Eliza J. became Mrs. Hamilton Johnson, of Wellandport.

Of Nancy Chase's family we have: Penelope called "Nepie" who was never married; Elizabeth who became Mrs. Isaac Robins, Emmaline who became Mrs. Erastus Earley and Nancy Ann who married David Solar of Pelham. The only son was John Street Chase who lives at Fenwick.

THE FAMILY OF LAWRENCE MOOPE, PIONEER OF PELHAM

As already stated, there were four sons and four daughters: John, Catharine, Elizabeth, Daniel, David, Lawrence, Mary and Anna.

JOHN

John married Barbara Hansler, of Pelham, and located in Gainsborough, Lot one, Concession six. There were ten children, five of whom married and left descendants, who now number over seventy persons. A further enumeration will be published in Volume Two.

CATHARINE

Catharine married Samuel Terryberry, near the homestead, and after the death of the mother, lived on the homestead, until her husband died, leaving three children, John, William, and Dorothy. The widow, after a time married Martin Overholt, of Niagara, and later Fonthill. There were two children, Henry and Mary. The latter became Mrs. George Wm. Hansler, and lived on the old Moore homestead, until her death, when it passed to her daughter, Mrs. John Jones.

ELIZABETH

Elizabeth married Ebur Rice, of Fonthill. There were five children: Mary, Johnathan, Daniel, Felix, and Uriah. Mary married Thomas Smith, of Fonthill. There were two children: William and Elizabeth, who moved to California.

Jonathan had several children, of whom Albert moved to Buffalo; Ebur emigrated to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Dennis located in Welland.

Daniel probably emigrated to Michigan.

Felix emigrated to Kansas, but a daughter, Mrs. James Yokum remained in Welland, while Napoleon, a son, has become a wealthy merchant of Corning, California.

Uriah lived at Fenwick, and left a family of three children: Minerva, of Merritton; Allen, of Fenwick; and Orpha, of Niagara Falls.

DANIEL

Daniel married Julia Ann Hansler, sister of Barbara, the wife of John. They located in Gainsborough on a farm adjoining that of John. Seven children survived and married. They are:

David, George William, Priscilla, Rosannah, Mary Ann, Martha, and John.

David finally located in Northern Michigan. A station on the Michigan Central is called Moore in his memory. He had a saw-mill here. There are a number of children.

George William had a prosperous business at Winger. One son, Ezra, of Welland, survives.

Priscilla became the wife of William Beamer. They made a homestead at Winger. They had two daughters: Elizabeth Marr, and Esther Misener.

Rosannah married George Frost, of England, and later of Ball's Mills, near Jordan, where he was a textile workman. He inherited a fortune and retired to Tilsonburg. There is a considerable family.

Mary Ann married a carpenter near her home, named Gibbart. After two children were born, the father died, and the widow became Mrs. George Tisdale, of Tilsonburg. There were six children.

Martha became Mrs. John Hearn, who finally located in the County of Oxford, near her sisters. A family of five children.

John S. married Catharine Bullinger, of Carlsruhe, Germany, and inherited the homestead. A family of eleven children and numerous grandchildren will be enumerated in a second volume.

MARY MOORE

Mary Moore, daughter of Pioneer Lawrence, familiarly known as "Aunt Pol'y," became the wife of John Misener, of Bismarck, in the Township of Gainsborough. She is the ancestress of a numerous family of grandchildren and great grandchildren. There were over sixty grandchildren, and numerous descendants who will form the subject of another volume.

The following ten children survived and married. They mostly located in the township above mentioned: Andrew, Adam, Julia Ann, William, David, Mary Catharine, Priscilla, Lavina, Marilla, and John.

1. Andrew married Catharine Cosby. There was a family of nine.

2. Adam married Elizabeth Snyder. A family of four.

3. Julia Ann became Mrs. John L. Heaslip, Sr., of Wellandport. A family of nine children.

4. William married Elizabeth Sprague; family of ten.

5. Mary Catharine became Mrs. William Snyder; family of nine.

6. David married Elizabeth Nelson; six children.

7. Priscilla became Mrs. Daniel Schram; three children.

8. Lavina became Mrs. Sarshall Burke; family of five.

9. Marilla became Mrs. Peter Book; two sons.
 10. John married Julia Schram; a family of four.

THE FAMILY OF DAVID

The son of pioneer Lawrence, of Pelham. He married Elizabeth Hendershot, of Pelham, and located in Wainfleet. There was a family of nine children: Peter, John, Lawrence, Hezekiah, Anna, David, Henry, Harmon and Margaret.

Peter located in Michigan.

John remained near the homestead in Wainfleet.

Lawrence located at the Rondeau.

Hezekiah located also at the Rondeau.

Anna became Mrs. Hainer. They went to Michigan.

David emigrated to Kansas.

Henry located near the homestead, but later in Michigan.

Harmon lived near the homestead in Wainfleet.

Margaret became Mrs. James Thompson. They removed to Michigan.

THE FAMILY OF LAWRENCE, JUNIOR

The son of Pioneer Lawrence, of Pelham. He married Catharine Cosby, of Pelham, and located in Gainsboro'. There were ten of a family: George, Benjamin, William, Peter, John, Daniel, Simon, Jesse, and two daughters.

George located in Wainfleet near Robin's Bridge.

Benjamin located in Crowland.

Peter located in Wainfleet, near Robin's Bridge.

John lived in the latter part of life, at Perry Station.

Daniel located in Wainfleet, at Perry Station.

Simon located also near Perry Station.

Jesse inherited the homestead, in Gainsboro'.

Mrs. Curliss Lambert married near the homestead.

Mrs. Mathias Hodgkins removed to Michigan.

ANNA

Anna Moore, daughter of Pioneer Lawrence, married David Groff and homesteaded at Bismarck, north of John Misener's farm. There were six of a family: Henry, Christopher, Daniel, Samuel, William and Nancy.

Our information is meagre. We hope to secure more information for another volume.

Henry lived at Winger and two children are reported, David, of Winger, and Mrs. Webster Lampman, of Rosedene.

Christopher lived at the Thirty, in Grimsby.

Daniel lives at Smithville. Two sons are mentioned, William and Herbert.

Samuel lives at Beamsville. Three children are reported: Alexander, Annie, and Arminta.

William located in Tawa City, Michigan. One daughter is mentioned:—Mrs. Annie Goodwillie, of Merritton.

Nancy became Mrs. Samuel Proper. They moved to Michigan. A son Samuel also went to Michigan.

