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## Valedictory.

With this number, which completes the third year of publication, we have decided for the present, at least, to discontinue. The work of collecting and printing the genealogies of the pioneer families of Ontario was undertaken on account of its usefulness, a feature which will be more apparent in future years than it is at present; and so far as the editor is concerned, his share in it was undertaken as a recreation for leisure hours (and perhaps it may be well to add, without remuneration). He finds, however, that the work cannot always be conveniently fitted to the leisure hours, and therefore decides to discontinue it so far as it requires a certain quantity of work for the printer to be prepared by a fixed time, but intending to continue as time and opportunity for it may be convenient, the collection and preparation of genealogies in M.S. with a view to possible future publica-A large quantity of material, in a more or less incomplete condition, remains in his hands to be dealt with in this way.

The issue of this number has been delayed in order to enable an article to appear in it, material for which a correspondent has been collecting. The article, however, has failed to reach us in time, and we regret to be obliged to omit it.

The following article is printed in the GENEALOGIST upon the special request of a correspondent in Montreal, although it is a little beyond our limit, which we have generally confined to the province of Ontario.

## Theriot.



The name of Heriot\* is of great antiquity in Scotland, dating from the 12th century.

In 1423 John Heriot, son of James Heriot of Niddry-Marischal, acquired the estate of Trabroun, Haddington, which continued in the possession of his descendants until the end of the reign of Charles I. After that time the lands of Elphinston in East Lothian came into their

possession, and these they called Trabroun.

James Heriot, sixth in descent of Trabroun, 1567, was in Queen Mary's army when, on the march from Dunbar to Edinburgh, it met the forces of the Protestant lords at Carbery Hill (about seven miles east of Edinburgh). There were "communers and talkers" sent from both parties; the leaders being Kirkaldy of Grange for the lords, and Cockburn of Ormiston and Heriot of Trabroun for the Queen and Duke of Orkney

<sup>\*</sup>The name has a meaning which is curious and interesting. Under the feudal system a heriot or hariot was a due accruing to the lord on the death of his tenant, consisting of his best beast, horse, ox or cow. In some manors the best chattels, such as a piece of plate, are called hariots.

(Earl of Bothwell); 1568, he was also in the army of Queen Mary at the battle of Langside, where he was taken prisoner. He joined the Protestant party shortly after the Queen's flight to England, and in 1574 was one of the six Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to wait upon the Lord Regent (Earl of Morton) and present the heads and articles which the Assembly had put in writing. The direct male line of the house of Trabroun became extinct in 1620 and shortly afterwards the estate passed out of the family.

Two daughters of this family may be mentioned as having made interesting marriages. One was Elizabeth dau. of James Heriot, who was m. to Sir Thomas Hamilton, and was mother of Sir Thomas Hamilton, who held several high public offices, (interalia he was in 1604 a Commissioner appointed by the Scottish Parliament to treat for Union with England), and was raised to the peerage in 1613, and created Earl of Melrose in 1619, which title was changed to Earl of Haddington in 1627. The other was Agnes Heriot, who was the mother of George Buchanan, distinguished historian and poet.

George Heriot, a cadet of Trabroun, settled in Edinburgh. His grandson George Heriot, banker and jeweller to King James I., was the founder of Heriot's Hospital in Edinburgh.

Another cadet was George Heriot of Longniddrie, a cousin of George Heriot of Edinburgh, from whom was descended George Heriot of Castlemaine, in the Parish of Dirleton, whose grandson

John Heriot, born 1701, m. Marjory Johnson, and had issue 5 sons and 8 daus.; of the daus. one was

m. to John Heriot, Sheriff Clerk of East Lothian, named below; of the sons, only two, John and Roger, left issue. Of these:

John, the elder son, b. 1745, came into possession of a property called Fellow Hills near Ladykirk; he m. Elizabeth, dau. of William Elliot, Capt. R.N., of South Shields, and had issue, an only son,

John-William-Elliot, b. 1st February 1780; Mary Ancrum, and had issue, 7 sons and 4 daus. the sons four left issue, viz., William, George and Ancrum. Their now surviving descendants are Ancrum Heriot of Norham-on-Tweed, Co. Northumberland, and his sister, Mrs. Greg Edinburgh, only surviving member of the family of the late William Heriot of Norham: and Col. Warner-John-Lloyd Heriot, of Hemmingford Abbots. St. Ives, Co. Hants, England, only surviving member of the family of the late Rev. George Heriot, who m. a dau. of Musurus Pacha, Turkish Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and has issue, a son George and two daus., the elder of whom is m. to Walter-George-Leon Scott, a nephew of the Duke of Buccleuch. Mary-Catherine, eldest dau. of the Rev. George Heriot, was m. to James Blyth,\* d., of Hamilton Place, Piccadilly, London. Frances, the youngest dau. was m. to Ralph-Gordon Noel, second Baron Wentworth, and afterwards Earl of Lovelace, son of the first Earl of Lovelace, who m. the Hon. Augusta-Ada only child of George-Gordon, 6th Lord Byron, the poet, and had issue, one dau., Ada-Mary, who is the only living descendant of Lord Byron.

<sup>\*</sup>Blyth, Co. of Huron, was named after a member of this family, who are still possessors of lands there.

The families of Elliot and Ancrum Heriot reside in Australia.

Roger Heriot, son of John Heriot, above named, m. a dau. of Nugent. a resident of the Island of Jersey, and had issue, viz.:

(Major-General the Hon.) Frederick-George, C.B., b. 11 January 1786, d. 30 December 1843, (unm.) who entered the army o October 1801, as Ens. 49th Regt., in which Regiment he served as Captain in Canada at the beginning of the War of 1812, but was appointed Major in the Canadian Voltigeurs, a Militia Regiment raised in Lower Canada, with which he served during the greater part of the war, retiring with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He was present at Chrysler's Farm (medal), and was one of five officers selected for distinguished honours for gallant conduct on that occa-For this and other services during the war he was appointed a Companion of the Bath. After the war he settled at Drummondville, Quebec, which town he founded. He was promoted Colonel in 1830; was actively engaged in 1837-8; and was appointed Major-General in 1841; was A.D.C. to several Governors-General. He also was M.P.P., and a member of the Executive Council.

From George Heriot of Castlemaine was also descended John Heriot, b. 1734, Sheriff Clerk of East Lothian, who m. a dau. of John Heriot above named, and had issue, viz.:

- 1.—George, Postmaster-General of British North America from 1799 to 1816; d. unm.
  - 2.—John, born 22 April 1760, of whom below.
- 1.—Sophia, m. to Melmouth Guy, of Kenton Hall Co., Devon, and had (besides four daus.) one son (Lieut.-General Sir) Philip-Melmouth-Nelson (Guy) an officer of long and distinguished service.

2.—Roger, settled at Charleston, South Carolina, m. Catharine-Willets Booth, and had issue, of whom one dau. was m. to Rev. Adiel Sherwood, D.D., and had issue besides others, Thomas-Adiel Sherwood, Judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri. An uncle of the Rev. Adiel Sherwood settled in Canada as a U.E. Lovalist, and was ancestor of the Ontarian family of that name.

John Heriot, above named, born 22 April 1760, d. 29 July 1833, entered the Royal Marines as Second Lieut. 13 Novr., 1778, and served on the West Coast of Africa and the West Indies; was present in Rodney's action with the French fleet, under DeGuichen, 17 April 1780, and was wounded; retired on half pay 1783, and engaged in newspaper publication; in 1809 was appointed Depy-Paymaster General to the Forces in the Windward and Leeward Islands; and in 1816, Comptroller of Chelsea Hospital; was the author of several works; m. Mary Alison, of Edinburgh, and had issue (besides two daus. who d.s.p.) one son.

John-Charles, b. cir. 1795, d. 1825; entered the Military service of the H.E.I. Co. in 1816; m. in India and had issue, besides a dau. drowned at sea in 1825, one son,

John-Charles, b. 10 Septr. 1819, d. 26 Jany. 1891, who came to Canada in 1848, and resided for some years at Drummondville, Quebec, m. 1861 Maria-Ann dau. of Moise Cass, of Hawkesbury, and granddau. of the Rev. Joseph Cass, \*U.E.L., and had issue, viz.:

<sup>\*</sup> The Rev. Joseph Cass, U.E.L., who was a member of the same family as the American General Lewis Cass, was a professor in Yale College, which position he was obliged to relinquish on account of his loyalty. He was a commissioner for the U.E. Loyalists who settled in the Gaspe Peninsula, but subsequently resided on the Ottawa.

- 1.—John-Charles-Alison, b. 3 Decr. 1861, of Montreal, Architect, Capt. 1st Prince of Wales' Regt. Fusiliers, Hon. Sec. of the Montreal Association of U. E. Loyalists.
- 2.—Frederick-George, b. 29 Novr. 1862, of the Bank of Montreal at Ottawa.

ARMS of the Canadian branch of the family; Arg., a mullet az., on a chief of the last three roses of the first. CREST, a dexter hand holding a wreath of laurel. MOTTO. Merentibus.

## Bowland, Addendum

Alice-Muriel Howland (Ante p. 153) was m. 6 June 1900, at Interlaken, Switzerland, to Frank-Edward Easton, M.R.C.S. of London, Eng., son of the late John Easton, M.D.

### Recent Occurrences

DIED, 3 Jany., Beverley-Robinson Nelles, of Grimsby. (Ontarian Families, ii., 163.)

DIED, 12 Jany., Mrs. Charlotte Smith, granddau. of Capt.-Joseph Brant, Thayendinegea (Ontarian Families, i., 70.)

DIED, 29 Jany., Mrs. Mary-Catharine MacKellar, nee Powell, widow of Archibald MacKellar. (Ontarian Families, i., 34.)

DIED, 30 Jany., at Bloemfontein, South Africa, Lieut. William-Henry Nelles, son of Lt. Col. Robert-Lottridge Nelles. (Ontarian Families, ii., 167.)

DIED, .2 Feby., Hugh-Mackenzie Wilson, K.C., of Brantford, aged 60. (Ontarian Families, ii., 169)

DIED, 4 Feby., killed in action at Marisburg, Cape Colony, Sergeant-Major John-Alexander Paterson, of Maple Creek, Assiniboia, son of the late John Paterson of Toronto. (Ante, p. 8.)

DIED, Feby., Jacob-Farrand Pringle, County Judge of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. (Ante, p. 12.)

DIEI), 2 March, Mrs. Janet-Lang Merritt, widow of William-Hamilton Merritt. (Ontarian Families, i., 190, 196.)

DIED, 8 March, Samuel-Abraham Nelles, of Grimsby. (Ontarian Families, ii., 163.)

DIED, 16 March, at Petrolia, Anthony-Aylmer-Boyer Lefroy. (Ontarian Families, ii., 55.)

DIED, 22 March, Mrs.-Margaret-Cline Malloch, widow of the late Andrew-Hill Malloch. (Ontarian Families, i., 189)