

Triggerson of Brantford, and had one son, who now lives in Winnipeg.

His second wife was a Mrs. Camp, whom he met while engaged on survey work at Stoney Creek.

Lewis Burwell was taken suddenly ill on the day the report of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln reached Brantford, and died suddenly, April 20th, 1865. He was buried in Burford beside his first wife, son and daughter.

The tombstone was found lying face downward amongst many more, and is in a good state of repair, but the grave, like most of the others in the cemetery, has fallen in and is overgrown with rank grass and weeds.

This tombstone, of white marble, is beautifully carved, but contains no reference to Mrs. Burwell or the son or daughter. The inscription reads:—"Lewis Burwell, died April 20th, 1865, aged 71 years and two months."

A verse from the New Testament at the bottom of the marble slab and a rather ornate leaf scroll around the top of the stone is all the record we have of one of Brant County's first and most notable surveyors. The grave, unkept and neglected, is a disgrace, and something should be done to repair it. The cemetery where the grave is, along with many more of our pioneers, is no longer used as a burial ground, and this accounts for its present condition.

JOHN BLAKELY

John Blakely was born in Scotland in 1796 and came to Canada when a young man. He settled on lot No. 1 in the sixth concession of the township of Bastard, County of Leeds, this lot being at the head of the mill pond on Mud Creek, west of Toledo. He married Mary Bovell. They had seven children as follows:—Hugh John, who moved to Minnesota; Franklin, who practised medicine at North Augusta; Robert, also a medical practitioner at Frankville, Ontario, who died at his father's home; Mrs. Crawford; Mrs. Robert Seymour; James; and Mary.

Mrs. Seymour had six children:—John, Mary, Lizzie, James, William and Gertrude.

Mary Blakely married Samuel Rabb, a school teacher, and afterwards a superintendent of public schools. He died in 1900, and his widow in August, 1922, aged 90 years.

Samuel Rabb had ten children. Two sons and two daughters died prior to 1922. Six children were living in 1922, one being Charlotte, who married George F. Gainford, now living at Athens. James Seymour also resides in Athens.

John Blakely took a great interest in military affairs. At the Battle of the Windmill at Prescott in 1838 he was on duty with two of his sons. A bullet passed through his son John's hat. It is reported that his sword was discovered at Prescott recently.

On July 23rd, 1830, Col. Blakely qualified as a Deputy Surveyor, and practised locally in Leeds and Grenville. He made one of the earliest, if not the earliest, survey in the village of Farmersville (now Athens).

In 1838 he was instructed by the Provincial Government to Survey the Gores in the rear of the Townships of Augusta and of Oxford.

He always travelled on horseback, as did nearly everyone in those days. At his funeral, which was largely attended, one of the first buggies to be seen in that section of the country was driven by Abram Bell. It created about as much of a sensation as the first automobile less than twenty years back.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Blakely died at his home on July 10th, 1853, and was buried in the English Church Cemetery at Newboyne, where a monument was erected to his memory. No portrait could be obtained. He was a fine looking man, about the average height, with a military bearing, and was highly respected throughout the community.