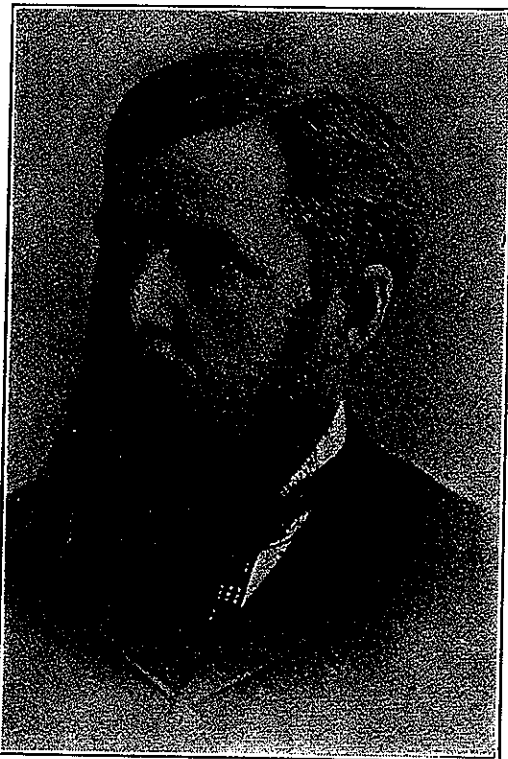


DAVID SOUTER CAMPBELL

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David Souter Campbell, P.L.S., of Mitchell, was a son of Rev. James Campbell, Baptist minister, a native of the Isle of Skye, and who at the time of the birth of his son, David Souter, in 1841, was following the sacred calling of the ministry in the City of Aberdeen, Scotland.



In 1843 Mr. Campbell removed with his family to Toronto, where he followed preaching for about two years.

Then deciding to engage in the pursuit of agriculture, settled upon a bush farm in the township of Caledon, Peel County, whence he removed in 1853 to a farm on the Huron Road, two miles west of Mitchell.

Here he commenced afresh, but being attacked by cancer, he sold his farm, and removed to Mitchell a year before his death, which occurred on the 4th November, 1856, at the age of fifty-eight.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Campbell and her family consisting of three sons and two daughters, of whom David Souter was the second son, removed to the bush farm in the centre of Logan township.

In 1862 the subject of our sketch articulated himself to William Rath, P.L.S., of Mitchell, and four years later was appointed a Land Surveyor on the 6th April, 1866.

In 1870 he settled in Mitchell in partnership with his former preceptor, and from that time till the abolition of the office in 1873, they were the County Engineers for Perth.

After the death of his partner, Mr. Campbell practised successfully alone until his death on February 28th, 1891.

In 1875 Mr. Campbell married Miss Murdie of the township of McKillop. He was a consistent church member, and for many years was a member and elder in Knox Presbyterian church, Mitchell.

A few jottings of Mr. Campbell's family connections may not be out of place. His uncle, William Greig, was Provost of Perth, and had the honour to present "the keys" to Her Majesty on the occasion of her first visit to that place. And another uncle, James, was editor of the Edinburgh "Statesman". And still another, Alexander, was principal of Perth Academy.