

Lt.-Col. Francis E. Birdsall served in the original Second Battalion in the late War as Lieutenant. He was promoted to the rank of Captain, wounded on Dec. 15th, 1915, and was afterwards Demobilizing Officer for the third district, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Claude H. Rogers of the Peterboro Canoe Co. is a son of the late Lt.-Col. J. Z. Rogers, a brother of R. B. Rogers, O.L.S.

Alderman George Birdsall of Toronto is a son of William Birdsall and grandson of Col. William Birdsall, who was a brother of Richard Birdsall, the surveyor.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

By F. J. French, K.C.

It is "a labor of love" to write a short sketch of this well remembered Land Surveyor. He was born in Scotland in 1789, came to Canada about 1815, via the United States and settled at Brockville and served in a lawyer's office there. For some reason he discontinued law and took up surveying and was admitted to practice on Jan. 25th, 1823. He then settled permanently on Lot No. 3 in the first concession of the Township of Oxford and erected there a beautiful home on the South bank of the Rideau River about one mile above the Village of Burritt's Rapids.



He was appointed a Justice of the Peace and was known throughout the countryside as "Squire Campbell."

Colin Campbell of Prescott, Ont., is a son of Reuben Olmstead Campbell and grandson of the Surveyor, to whom we are indebted for his grandfather's photograph.

Mr. Campbell received instructions for making the following surveys for the Provincial Government:—

Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19 S. side River Aux Raisins, 5th concession Twp. Cornwall, September, 1846.

Twp. Brougham—April, 1851.

Line between Edwardsburg and Matilda—March, 1847.

Broken lot 18, con. B., Montague—February, 1860.

I remember him as long back as I can remember anything and my visits to his home about a mile from Burritt's Rapids on the Rideau. He was there long before 1847, the year of my birth and remained in possession of his fine farm till his death on Dec. 15, 1867, after which the farm was sold to Andrew Carson (late License Inspector for Grenville) who still lives there. An incident about the year 1856, shortly after the Battle of Sebastapool, is recalled. He was a Scotch Liberal of the old type and always voted "Reform," much to the disgust of nearly all his neighbours in this intensely "Tory" section of Eastern Ontario. Though a Loyal British Subject, at the celebration, poor old "Squire Campbell" was burned in "effigy" along with the Russian Emperor Nicholas on a pile of tar barrels and shingle wood. I am sorry to say, as one of the "boys" I took a hand in the dirty "job." Later when surveying in a swampy place, one of the chain bearers wading through the marshy spot with the Surveyor on his shoulders took (being a violent Tory) a mean advantage of him and threatened there and then to drown him if he did not change his politics. Notwithstanding this Mr. Campbell was a most estimable and worthy citizen, raised a large family, all of whom, however, had to turn over and died "Tories."

Mr. Campbell was married, after settling at Burritt's Rapids, to Miss Eunice Olmstead, daughter of Reuben Olmstead, to whom Mr. Campbell sold the farm he at first selected East of the village, also on the Rideau. His widow died on Oct. 1st, 1869, aged 68 years.

His family were Robert; Reuben Olmstead, well known as Colonel Campbell, one of my old school masters, and one of the first Normal School certificated teachers in Grenville; William; Daniel; Durham; Emily (Mrs. McCarger); Jane (wife of John Burchill, P.L.S.); Elizabeth (Mrs. Carson); Delaney (Mrs. Olmstead); Eliza (Mrs. Pelton) and lastly

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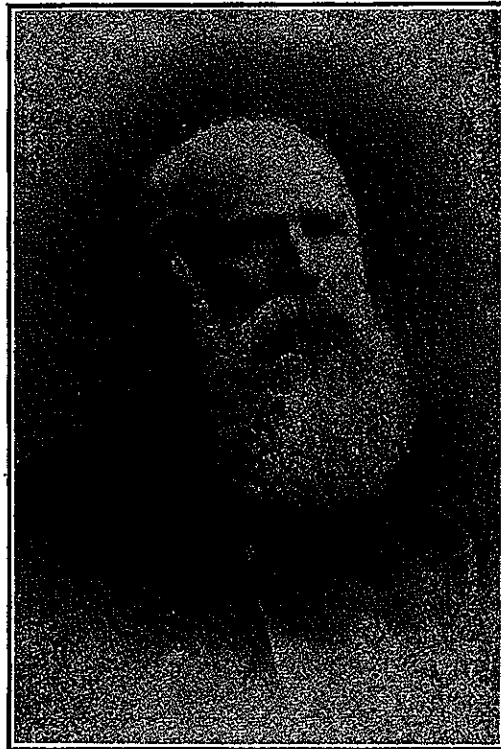
Alexander, the youngest who died at twelve years of age in 1858. He was only slightly older than the writer and we were great friends and at his funeral I attended as a pallbearer for the first time.

During my long business connection in Grenville I have come across a great deal of Mr. Campbell's work in searching titles. He was sent for—far and near—through Grenville, Leeds, Lanark, Carleton and Dundas and made the plans and subdivisions of many of the villages in these counties.

JOHN S. BROWN

John S. Brown was born in the Township of Matilda on Jan. 6th, 1827. His parents were David Brown and Jennie Rose, who were of Canadian birth, but of Scotch ancestry. The children of this union were as follows:—

David Rose, born 1824, died 1900 at Cornwall. He was also a Provincial Land Surveyor (see page 56, report 1916); John Smith; Catherine, wife of James West, P.L.S., who qualified as a Land Surveyor on Sept. 27th, 1825, and practised near Morrisburg; Lydia, wife of Mr. Johnston; Margaret, wife of Nathan Dodge of Edwardsburg; Alexander, who lived on the homestead in Matilda, died about 1908; Nathan, who also lived on the homestead, died about 1902, Jennie, who died about 1896, and Charles, who died at Syracuse, N.Y., about 1913.



John S. Brown served his apprenticeship with his brother-in-law, Mr. James West, and qualified as a Provincial Land