

ROBERT WARREN KERR AND FRANCIS KERR

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Mr. Staveley Kerr says that his grandfather, Robert Warren Kerr, was born on the 17th March, 1810, at Tully Hill House, County Sligo, Ireland, being a son of Robert Kerr of the same place and Mary Warren, daughter of James Warren, of Ferniehurst, the head of which family is now represented by the Marquis of Lothian.

My grandfather's family settled in Ireland towards the beginning of the eighteenth century. He was educated at



Trinity College, Dublin, and came in 1832, and settled in the Township of Puslinch, near Guelph.

On the 1st of April, 1836, he was appointed a Land Surveyor for Ontario.

In a distant way, through his mother (Mary Warren) he was a distant relation of Robert Warren Baldwin.

It is understood that he received a Crown grant of some lands, and became active in survey work. He carried out a large number of surveys as far up as Owen Sound.

He was married on January 1st, 1839, to Miss Jane Hamilton Kirkpatrick, at that time treasurer of the County of Wentworth, and had four children:—

1. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, born Aug. 1st, 1841, who married first Miss Anne Margaret Blake in 1862, daughter of the Honourable William Hume Blake, Chancellor of Upper Canada, and sister of the Honourable Edward Blake. There were no children by this marriage. He was married secondly on Dec. 5th, 1883, to Adelaide Cecil, daughter of the Rev. George Stanley-Pinhorn, of Cumberland, England. The late J. K. Kerr, K.C., was a leading lawyer, a Canadian Senator and an outstanding Masonic propagandist, and a leading Canadian.

2. Robert Warren Kerr, born 1842 and died an infant.

3. Rev. Frederick Warren Kerr, M.A.; educated Toronto University and Clare College, Cambridge, married Juliet Daniel, daughter of T. W. Daniel, Esq., of St. John, N.B. They have two sons living, viz.: Reginald W. Kerr, married and no children; and Allan James Kerr, married and one son, Ian Innes Kerr.

4. Margaret Kerr, married Dr. Thomas White, of Hamilton, and had issue, Robert W. K. White, M.D., Toronto University, now deceased; Ethel A. White, married Honourable Justice Fitzgibbon, K.C., of the Supreme Court of the Irish Free State.

R. W. Kerr became interested in contracting, and was also an engineer in charge of the construction of the bridge over the Desjardins Canal at Hamilton, and contractor in completing the original Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and Hamilton.

He subsequently became City Engineer of Hamilton, and then City Chamberlain, and died and was buried in Hamilton in 1873.

Francis Kerr was a younger brother of Robert Warren Kerr, having been born in 1816. He was unmarried, and became a Land Surveyor on the 11th April, 1844, and did much surveying in Wellington County.
