

Wife's Birthplace—Agnes Muir, born at Dryden, Mich., U.S.A., daughter of John Muir and Marian McGregor.

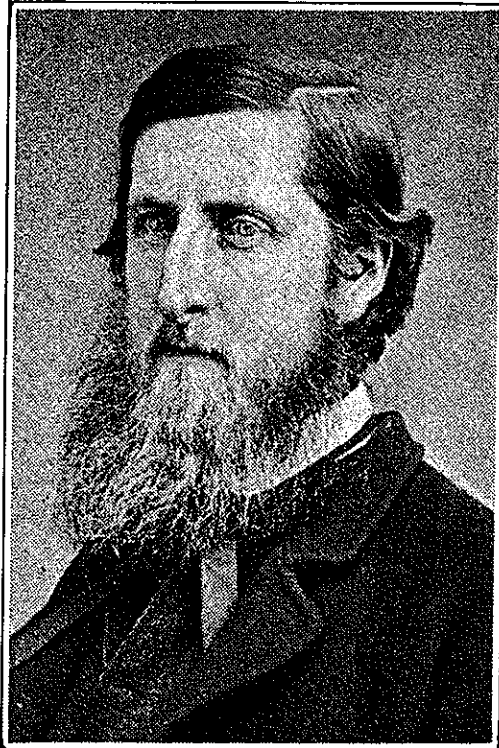
Children—Marion LaVena Ritchie, B.Sc., Man. University; Gordon Muir Ritchie, B. of Arch., Man. University.

N. T. Ritchie died on the 3rd of November, 1937. His widow lives at 66 Evanson St., Winnipeg.

NATHANIEL E. LOW AND HAMILTON LOW

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Nathaniel Edward Low was born at Southampton, England, 26th of February, 1831. He was the second oldest of eight sons of Nathaniel Low, Her Majesty's 40th Regiment of Lowville, Ireland, latterly of Nanticoke, County of Haldimand, Canada.



The family claim descent from the ancient family of "Lowe of the Lowe" of Worcestershire, who claim to descend from Hugh de Loup, Earl of Chester, nephew of William the Conqueror. Nash, in his "History of Worcestershire," speaks of them as "one of the original families of the County, whose antiquity transcends the memory of man.

Early in 1600, the progenitors of this branch of the family went to Ireland, where they obtained large grants of land in Westmeath and Galway and held them until after the family settled in Canada, when they were disposed of.

Soon after the birth of N. E. Low, the family moved to Jersey, Channel Islands, where the rest of the family were born (with the exception of the youngest son of a second marriage, born in Canada) and where their mother died in 1854. She was the eldest of four daughters and four sons of Major Edward Abbott, of Her Majesty's

50th Regiment and Governor of Launceston and Hobart, Tasmania.

N. E. Low's father, known as Col. Low in Haldimand County, came out to this country in September, 1851, bringing with him his oldest son, William, who was born in Tasmania; his second son, the subject of this narrative, and their young friend, Prichard. They remained in Toronto until the following spring, when they started out across country looking for land, going as far as the Mississippi. Part of their luggage became lost, having become mixed up with the luggage of the famous Jenny Lind, who was at that time touring the country. Not satisfied, they returned to Toronto by "steamers" and cars. The search continuing, they finally acquired land, some 210 acres, later known as "Waveney," near Nanticoke on the north shore of Lake Erie, nine miles east of Port Dover, in March, 1852.

On May 27th, 1853, N. E. Low became apprenticed to Samuel Peters of London for three years, the fee being sixty pounds. August 27th, 1856, he and five other young men were awarded their P.L.S. certificates. His brother, Hamilton (the third son, born July 11th, 1832), had already taken his P.L.S. certificate on February 18th, 1856.

The two brothers opened an office at Ingersoll and practised surveying there and in the vicinity of London and Strathroy, and a short time in Berlin (now Kitchener).

On October 16th, 1856, at St. John's Church, Yonge St. (York Mills), N. E. Low married Eliza Jane Prichard, daughter of Lieut.-Col. H. H. Prichard, of Her Majesty's 56th Regiment, one of Wellington's Generals, and grand-daughter of Lieut.-Col. Thorne, of Pompadour Lodge, Yonge Street (York Mills).

In October, 1857, Hamil-



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ton Low married Charlotte Wilson, daughter of Col. Wm. M. Wilson of Simcoe, Canada West, first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada. His wife and baby daughter died the following year and are buried beside their illustrious father in St. John's Cemetery, Woodhouse, near Simcoe. A year or so later, Hamilton enlisted in the Third West Indian Regiment and left for Jamaica, then on to England and eventually went to the west coast of Africa to join up with the Ashantee Expedition. He was made Commissioner at Lagos. Returning from furlough, one of the four survivors of that expedition, he died on the west coast at Lagos, March 11th, 1864.

Shortly after opening their office at Ingersoll, they moved to Strathroy, practised there until the latter part of 1858, when they dissolved partnership. N. E. Low then returned to Nanticoke, took up land for a time as well as being engaged in surveying in Walpole. In 1872 he moved to Port Dover and continued to practise in both Norfolk and Haldimand Counties. In 1880 he moved to Warton to carry on his business in the County of Bruce. His wife died there in 1885, and in 1907 he went to Sarnia and resided with his married daughter (since deceased) until his death, September 25th, 1912. He was buried in the old family plot at Nanticoke.