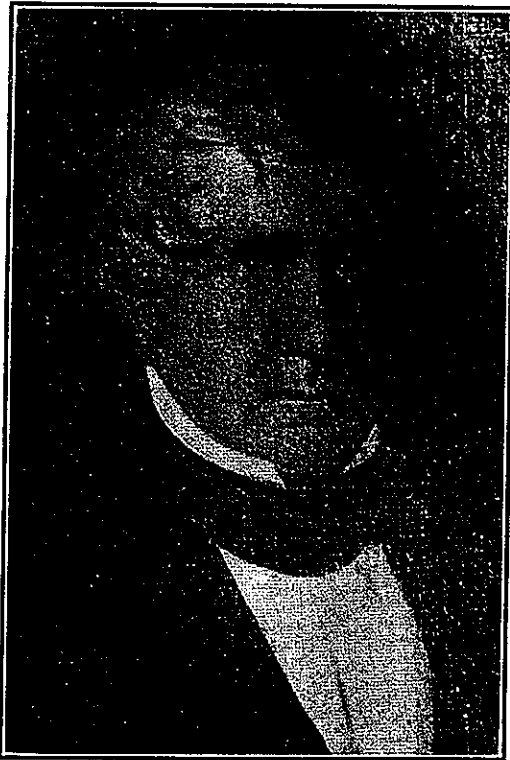


DUNCAN MACDONELL.

Alexander Macdonell of Greenfield, Scotland, was married there on Feb. 6th, 1769, to his cousin, Janet, daughter of Alexander Macdonell, afterwards of "Glengarry House" on Lake St. Francis, Canada. She died in Scotland on January 23rd, 1788, at the age of 36 years, after having borne him nine children, some of whom died in infancy. In 1792 the father came to Canada with his family of small children, and appears to have lived for a time at "Glengarry House" with his father-in-law.

The children of Alexander (Greenfield) were as follows: Mary, b. 1771; Ann, b. 1773; Hugh, b. 1775; Angus and May, b. 1777; Margaret, b. 1779; Duncan, b.

Feb. 26, 1781; Alexander, b. 1782; John, 1785, and Donald, 1788. The eldest son, Hugh, died unmarried at Scots College, Valladolid, Spain.

Angus joined the North West Company, became a partner, and was killed or murdered somewhere in the North West during the troubles between the rival fur companies. He was unmarried.

Duncan, the subject of this sketch, studied surveying with his mother's brother, Hugh Macdonell (Aberchalder) and was duly appointed a Deputy Surveyor in 1808.

He settled on Lot number five in the Ninth Concession of Charlottenburg, about two miles distant from St. Raphael and five miles from Alexandria, where he erected his residence which he called "Greenfield" after his ancestral home in Scotland. This home is now standing and remained in the Macdonell family until within recent years.

Duncan was Captain in the Glengarry militia, afterwards becoming Lt.-Col. of the 2nd Battalion.

In 1852 he was appointed Registrar of Deeds, etc., for the County, but continued to practise surveying.

The surveys performed by Duncan Macdonell extended over a period of forty-four years. His first work was the survey of the residue of the Township of Brock, County of Ontario in 1817, and in the following year he surveyed Georgina. His next government employment was in 1830, when he surveyed part of Charlottenburg. Certain concessions in Cambridge and Hawkesbury were surveyed in 1832, and in Gloucester in 1837. In 1847 he made a survey of part of the Madawaska River, and in 1850 surveyed the Township of Kenyon in Glengarry County. The line between the 3rd and 4th concession of Charlottenburg was surveyed by him in 1852 and East boundary of Hawkesbury in 1856. His last government survey was that of certain Islands in the St. Lawrence in 1861, which were claimed by the Indians.

He died in 1865. He married Harriet, daughter of Col. Archibald Macdonell, of the family of Leek.

Duncan, the surveyor, had one son and one daughter, Janet. His son, Archibald John, born 1822, died 1864, was a barrister and recorder of Kingston. John Alexander, K.C., only son of Archibald John, born 1851, is a well-known lawyer at Alexandria.

Alexander, brother of Duncan, was also employed in the North West Company, and was the author of a book of interest. He returned to Glengarry and was elected to Parliament. He was afterwards appointed Sheriff of the Ottawa District and died at Toronto in 1841. His brother, John, was Attorney-General of Upper Canada, M.P. for Glengarry, and aide-de-camp to Sir Isaac Brock, and at the capture of Detroit it was he who negotiated the capitulation. He was killed at Queenston Heights in 1812, and his remains lie with those of his general under the imposing monument erected to the memory of General Brock. John was unmarried.

Donald, another brother, took an active part in the War of 1812, and commanded a company at Ogdensburg, when this place was captured in 1813. He afterwards represented Glengarry in Parliament, was sheriff at Cornwall and Deputy Adjutant-General 1853-1862.

Alexander McLean Macdonell, K.C., barrister, of Toronto, is a son of the last mentioned, and therefore a grandnephew of Duncan, the surveyor. Duncan's daughter, Janet, married a Mr. Mackenzie.

Donald (Greenfield) of Vancouver, formerly M.P. for Lanark, born 1849, was a son of Alexander, and grandson of Donald Macdonald. He died about 1920.

Another branch of the Macdonells in Glengarry descended from Allan of Collachie, who died in 1792. His eldest son, Angus,

was drowned on the "Speedy" in 1808. His second son, Hon. Alexander, born 1762, was sheriff of York Co., and Speaker of the House in 1804. He died in 1842. James, a third son of Angus, Sen., went to the West Indies.

Samuel S., barrister, one of the sons of Sheriff Alexander, settled at Windsor, C.W., and his son, Sir Archibald Cameron Macdonell, had a brilliant military career. He served in the South African War, also in the Great War with the Strathcona Horse, afterwards commanding the First Canadian Division. He is now Commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston. He was born in 1864.

A second son of Hon. Alexander was Angus Duncan of Toronto, who had, among others, two sons—Angus Claude, ex-M.P.P., afterwards Senator, born 1861, and Archibald Hayes, born 1868. The latter served in the South African War, became Adjutant-General, and served in the Great War, where he became Brigadier-General. When his brother, Angus Claude, retired from the Senate in 1921, he was appointed in his place.

John Macdonell of Scotus House, known as "Spanish John," joined the Spanish Army after Cullodon. He was born in 1728 and died in 1810.

He had three sons, who came to Canada—Captain Miles, John and William J.

Captain Miles served two years with the K.R.R. of N.Y., and eight years with R.C.V. He served under Lord Selkirk at Red River and was appointed Governor of Assiniboia. His son, Donald Aeneas, became Warden of the Penitentiary at Kingston 1849-1869, and his daughter, Amelia, married William Jones, son of Ephraim Jones of Augusta.

John was also in the North West subsequently settling at Hawkesbury. William J., born 1775, died 1846, was father of Wm. J. (the Chevalier), Consul of France in Toronto who died in 1893.

George Macdonell (Red George), who was in command of one division at the capture of Ogdensburg, for which he was made a C.B., was distantly related to Alexander. He was also at Chateauguay, but subsequently went to England, married a daughter of Lord Arundel and remained there. His father, John (of Leek), was with Wolfe at Quebec.