

JAMES McCALLUM

Was the third child of James McCallum, Senr., and his wife Arabella Goodman, who came from Scotland to Quebec in 1785.

His marvellous Scotch thrift and energy enabled him, as years went by, to amass a considerable fortune. Starting as an humble peddler of tinware. He steadily invested his profits in goods, and as his profits grew, he became a wholesaler, importing goods for the retail trade until at length he owned his own boats and wharves.

When James, Senr., married Arabella Goodman, they received a wedding gift of a complete set of cut glass, including every possible assortment and size, all engraved with date and occasion of presentation.

There is no disputing the fact that the McCallum interests in Quebec were of such magnitude as to attract the attention of the monied men throughout those parts.

The McCallum brewery was the only one in Quebec. The brew was celebrated, and sent in their own ships, and loaded from their own wharves, to every part of America, and even to Europe.

James and Arabella had nine children, the first six being born in Quebec. Viz:—

1. Henry, born in Quebec. He married Helen Miller. Died in New Hamburg, Ont.
2. Ellen Martha, born in Quebec. Died in Toronto, November 29, 1886.
3. James, Junr., born in Quebec about 1823, and according to the Annual Report of 1918, he died in Fort Francis in July, 1916. And was appointed a Land Surveyor for Ontario, on the 30th March, 1849. After the family came to Ontario from Quebec he resided in Uxbridge, Ont., and in 1878 his address was Thunder Bay.
4. Caroline Jane, born May 24th, in Quebec, died January 17th, 1911, at Hensoll, Ont.
5. Edward Montague, born in Montreal; died 1912 in Uxbridge, Ont. He had a daughter named Jessie, who married Claughton. They had a daughter who is Mrs. Nora M. Nicholson of Collingwood, Ont.
6. Arthur Musgrove, born in Montreal and died in 1906 in Toronto.

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7. Frederick Cobbold, M.D., born December 31st, 1834, in Toronto, died in 1909. In a list of qualified surveyors published in 1857, F. C. McCallum is given as having qualified on the 4th October, 1856, with his residence at Beaverton, Ont. But the official list of qualified surveyors does not mention his name. So, I infer from that, that he began to study for a surveyor, and then discontinued, and entered medicine, and became an M.D. and was located at Mount Dennis, Ont., and died in Hersey, Michigan, 1909.
8. Jessie Georgina, born April 13th, 1838, in Toronto.
9. Cuthbert, born Toronto, September 26th, 1841. Married Anne M. Bowman, May 20th, 1865. She died leaving no children, but they adopted a child who is now Mrs. Helen Ferguson of 84 Albany Street, Toronto.

Mrs. Ferguson received a letter, dated March 2nd, last, from a cousin at Bradenton, Florida. The writer of the letter is seventy-nine years of age, and it reads in part:

"I only saw James McCallum once in my life, this was one afternoon at the College, Mother and Dad were away from home, and it fell to my lot to talk to him. He told me who he was, and I didn't doubt him. He looked very like dear old grandfather McCallum. Wore a long, grey beard, he was kind and nice. Told me that he was a surveyor, and gave me the impression that he was doing fairly well. Said he was married and had a son and a very pretty daughter. It seems to me that he went to Uxbridge to see his brother Edward. He didn't stay at our house."

No trace of the wife and son and daughter of James can be discovered.

He lived at Rat Portage—now Kenora—and Fort Francis, where he made surveys. Surveyed with C. C. Forneri.

James McCallum went to Rat Portage—now Kenora—in 1879 or 1880. And people who went there to live in 1881 never heard of him having a wife and children.

When a picture of him is found it will be published, but it is not likely.