

WILLIAM McMILLAN, P.L.S.

William McMillan, P.L.S., was born in Pictou, Nova Scotia, August 13th, 1803.

His parents, John McMillan and Catherine Campbell, emigrated from Glen Urquhart, Inverness, Scotland, to Pictou, 1802, and had the tragic experience of losing their five children from smallpox during the two months' voyage over, in the sailing vessel Aurora.

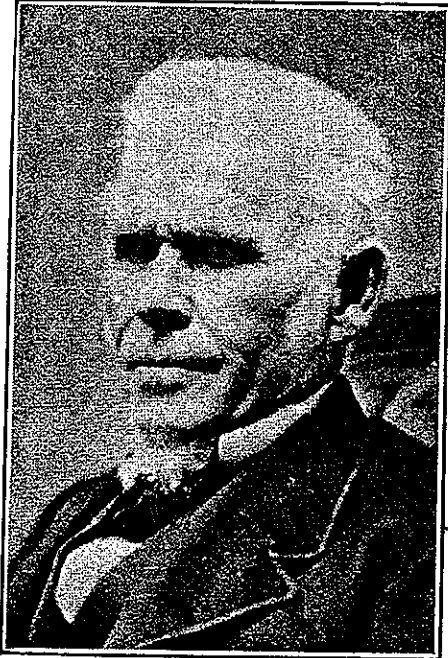
William McMillan grew up in Pictou and received licence to "teach a School for the instruction of Youth in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic."

In 1831, at Halifax, he was entered, passed and raised to the "Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in the Thistle Lodge of the Fraternity of Ancient Tree, under the authority of a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland," and given a certificate of character at the same time on the occasion of his leaving for Ontario.

In 1833, he married Anne MacKenzie, eldest child of Major Duncan MacKenzie and his wife, Margaret Barclay, who were the first settlers in London township, north of the River Thames, coming to Hyde Park, Ontario, October 21st, 1818, from Nova Scotia, while Anne was an infant. Their children were:

John, born 1834, graduate of Queen's University in medicine, practicing in Pictou, Nova Scotia, for fifty years. He married a daughter of Honorable John Holmes and a sister of Honorable Simon Holmes of Nova Scotia.

Duncan, graduate of Queen's University, studying law under John A. Macdonald. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in Easter Term, 1861. He represented East Middlesex in the House of Commons from December, 1874, to February, 1887. He became County Judge of Haldimand in March, 1893, and held this position until his death in 1903. He was unmarried.



Margaret, who married Richard J. Evans, of London, Ontario.

Donald, married Elizabeth MacDonald, manager of the Royal Standard Loan Company, of London, Ontario, and later Accountant in the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company, London, Ontario.

Katherine and Anne, both unmarried.

William, of Nevada, U.S.A., married Belle Fraser, of Nova Scotia.

George, of Davenport, Iowa, U.S.A., unmarried.

James, D.L.S., of Alberta, Can., unmarried.

Andrew, who died in early manhood, unmarried.

On the 29th of March, in 1836, William McMillan received "licence to practice the Art of Surveying land in the Province of Ontario," and carried on his profession for many years. The records of the Department of Lands and Forests, of the Province, show that he made important surveys in the township of Westminster in 1858 and 1859. Surveys made by Mr. McMillan and Samuel Peters, P.L.S., in the township of North Dorchester, were confirmed by an Act of Parliament of the United Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, 26 Victoria, Chap. 50, 1863.

He took an active part in local military affairs, serving as Lieutenant, Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel in the First and Second Battalions of Middlesex Militia from 1840 to 1870.

He was a very active member of the Church of Scotland and never became reconciled to the Union of Presbyterians which culminated in the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

He died in London, February 4th, 1879.
