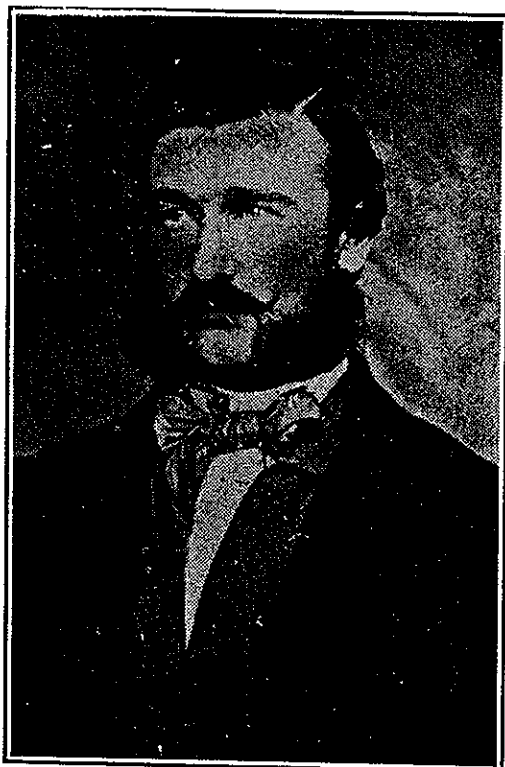


MARSHALL BIDWELL ROMBOUGH

Marshall Bidwell Rombough was born in Camden Township, near Centreville, Ont., on the 13th October, 1853, and was a lineal descendant of the United Empire Loyalists, and was the third son of Nicholas Rombough and Sarah Barnhart,



who was the daughter of Charles Barnhart and Elizabeth Smith; Nicholas was the son of William Rombough—Pennsylvania Dutch—and Miss Forshee of Irish extraction. William was only five years old when his father, William—whose wife was a Miss Fox of Irish extraction—came to Canada in 1783 and settled in the Township of Fredericksburg, upon a Loyalist grant.

The subject of this sketch had five brothers and sisters, viz.: in order of birth, William, Surveyor, whose biography appeared in the 1913 Report; Charles; Jacob; Peter B.; and Sarah Jane Williams, of Napanee, all deceased.

Marshall B. studied at Oakwood Academy, was apprenticed to his brother William, also to Aylsworth Bowen Perry, and became a Land Surveyor on the 6th October, 1860.

In 1855, at the age of nineteen, he married Catharine Smith, who was a daughter of Nicholas Smith and Margaret Johnson. Nicholas was a son of Jacob Smith and Elizabeth Fretz, Margaret was a daughter of Nicholas Johnson and Elizabeth Huffman, all well-known Lennox and Addington County names.

The subject of this sketch practised surveying in Lennox and Addington. Went to Manitoba and settled near Morden in 1880 on the north-east quarter of Section 18-3-5 W, on account of old friends and relatives being there. They went by rail via Chicago to Emerson, Man.

He had eight children, Margaret, died in 1874; Sarah Jane, widow of J. N. Baker, Morden, Man.; Armintha, died in 1878; Charles Franklin, in Winnipeg; Josephene, married Valentine Winkler, who was an extensive and successful business man, going West to Emerson, Man., in 1879, to his brother in the lumber business, finally launching out himself into the lumber, mortgage and farming business. He was M.P.P. for Rhineland, and Minister of Agriculture in the Manitoba Government, and died in 1920, occupying those positions; Marshall B., Veterinary, of Winnipeg, died in 1926; Fred Stanley, died in 1889; while farming at home; Grace, died in 1881. He had many grandchildren, among them Howard W., the oldest son of Josephene and Valentine Winkler, who is a very successful young business man, carrying on in the footsteps of his father, and through whose assistance and courtesy, this biography was compiled.

He died in Morden, Man., in 1912, in February, and was buried in Hillside Cemetery there, which he surveyed in the early days of that district.