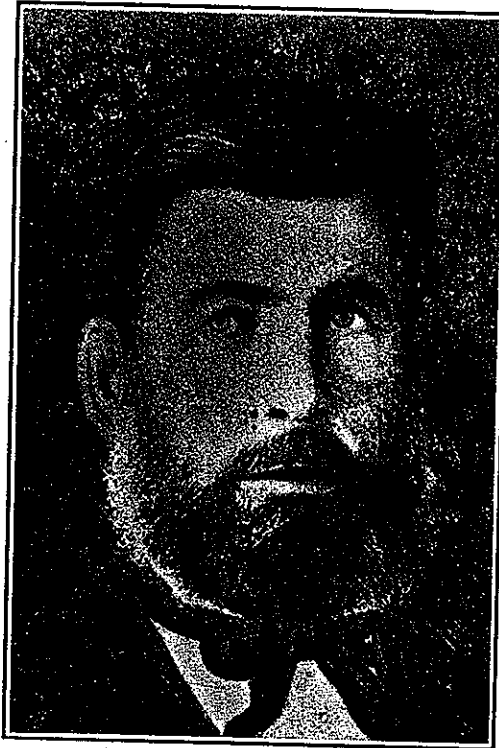


ROBERT ROSS

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Robert Ross, the subject of this sketch, was born in the Parish of Aghalincer in the Diocese of Clogher, County of Fermanagh, Ireland, in the year 1800, and came to Canada in 1831. Of his occupations in Ireland, we have been unable to learn anything till the 22nd of August, 1829, when he was granted the license to perform the office of Parochial School Master for the same Parish by the Lord Bishop of Clogher, and presume he held this office till he left the country.

On arriving in Canada he settled in the Town of Barrie in the County of Simcoe, and on the 4th of September, 1833, was granted a license as a Land Surveyor by Sir John Colborne, the then Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada. The rest of his life he practised his profession in and around Barrie, dying on June 12th, 1868. He was buried in the Union Cemetery of the town.



Mr. Ross was twice married. His second wife being Miss Elizabeth C. Wallace of Bradford, Ontario. He was survived by three daughters, Mrs. W. Adamson, Mrs. Chas. A. Perkins and Miss Martha Elizabeth Ross, also by two sons.

Mr. Ross was a Mason and an Orangeman, and before coming to Canada received a recommendation from the Orange Lodge to which he belonged, a copy of which document we have added to this sketch as also his license as Parochial School Master, both of which seemed of interest.

These documents, as well as his certificate as a Land Surveyor, have been presented to the Association by Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. Ross' son-in-law.

RECOMMENDATION FROM ORANGE INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

We, the Master, Deputy Master and Secretary of Orange Lodge, No. 136, of the Anglo-Hibernian Orange Institution, held in Brookboro, County of Fermanagh, Ireland, do hereby certify that Brother Robert Ross has been legally initiated in all the signs, symbols and mysteries of the annexed colours; and that he has conducted himself during his stay amongst us to the entire satisfaction of all the Brethren. We, therefore, recommend him to all the Societies of our Fraternity in the Universe. Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Lodge, this 4th day of April, 1831.

Thos. Kenny, Master;
Richard Duncan, Deputy Master;
John Armstrong, B.B. Secretary.

LICENSE AS A PAROCHIAL SCHOOL MASTER

ROBERT PONSONBY, by divine permission Lord Bishop of Clogher: To our beloved in Christ, Robert Ross.

Literate, GREETING: Whereas the Rev. Robert Russell, D.D., in the Parish of _____, in our Diocese of CLOGHER, hath for your good morals, learning, and other good qualities, nominated and recommended you to us, to perform the Office of Parochial School Master.....in and for the said Parish. We do therefore, by these PRESENTS, grant our License and Authority to you; (In whose Fidelity, Industry and Abilities we very much confide,) to perform the Office of Parochial School Master in and for the said Parish; You have first taken the Oaths, and subscribed the Canons and Declarations by Law required in this behalf; and WE do hereby ordain, constitute, and appoint you the said Robert Ross—Parish School Master of the Parish of _____ aforesaid, (during our will and pleasure, but no longer) with all and every the Salaries and Perquisites belonging, or appertaining to the said Office, or which ought to belong or appertain in any wise thereunto.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have caused the Seal of our Consistorial Court of CLOGHER to be thereunto affixed this 22nd Day of August in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-nine.

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