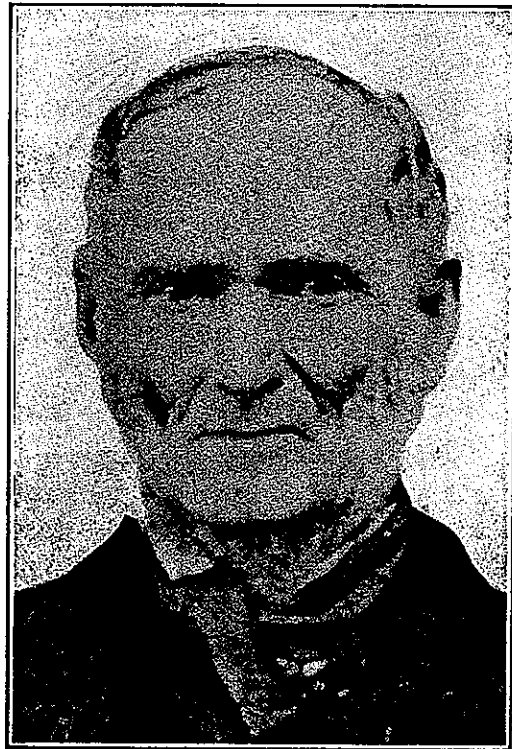


JOHN RYDER

Quoting Mrs. Mack, one of his granddaughters, John Ryder was the son of Samuel Ryder, who was a Land Surveyor, and Elizabeth. Samuel died in Kingston in 1817.

Samuel was an United Empire Loyalist, and they were tory land owners in the American New England Colonies, during the American Revolution, and quite naturally wanted to maintain connection with Great Britain. The rebels were largely landless. Washington at this time was also a Land Surveyor, and a large land owner in Virginia. When the rebels won, the Ryder large ownings on Black River, where Watertown, N.Y., now stands, were all confiscated. But the British rewarded the Ryders with large grants and an office in Kingston. They were granted and cleared the land, which is today Catarauqui Cemetery. And when their descendants disposed of it a large, beautifully located, family burial plot was established.



The Ryders are English, and are descendants from Thomas Ryder, of Yorkshire, who landed on the "Hercules," on April the 16th, 1634, at Maymouth, Mass.

John Ryder, the subject of this sketch, was born in 1777, and was married by the Rev. Robert McDowell, on December 3rd, 1802, to Elizabeth Cronk, of Ernestown township. She was a sister of the mother of Senator Depew, the famous American after dinner speaker. She died in Barriefield in about 1870, and was buried in Birmingham church cemetery, in Pittsburg township.

John had nine brothers and sisters. Among them Phoebe, who married Ferris. Caroline, who married Brass. Bathsheba, who married Henry Brass, on 21st March, 1809. Mary

Magdalene, who married David Brass, and had two sons, William, baptized on May 8th, 1797, and David, baptized 20th January, 1811. Other sisters married into the Purdy, Wm. Rees, Day, Knight and Ward families. There are the old time historic families of the Cataraqui, now Kingston vicinity.

The following children were born to John and Elizabeth:

1st, Henry, who married Hetabelle Clark (Aunt Het.), and died in Pittsburg township, on the 20th November, 1899, where he was buried. But his remains were subsequently moved to the family plot in Cataraqui Cemetery. He had a family of three daughters and three sons, of whom yet living, are Mrs. William Stevens Mack, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. James Maxwell, of 197 Victoria St., Kingston.

2nd, Cornelius. Unmarried.

3rd, Ira, married Bridget Cooney, and had two daughters and two sons, one of his daughters being Mrs. J. H. Hackett, residing at the corner of Bagot and Ordinance Streets, Kingston.

4th, Hannah.

5th, Mary (Polly), married three times; first to Daniel Ferris, whose daughter, Elizabeth Ferris, of marked literary talent, married Duncan Duglass Stuart Thompson, of Dunfermline, Scotland, and gave to the world Dr. John Stuart Thompson, of Jersey City, U.S.A.

John Stuart Thompson, author, orator, explorer, diplomat and traveller in every country. See Who's Who, in Canada and U.S.A., and McGill Daily, November 13th, 1923. He is author of "Drinking Sons," of his McGill College, in McGill Daily, 11th January, 1927. "McGill University Battle Hymn," published in McGill Daily, January 17th, 1927. The second husband of Polly was Carey. Her third husband was McDonald, who resided in Kingston and Sydenham. She was a beautiful and informative woman, and died in Brighton, Ont., and buried there in Mt. Hope Cemetery, aged 83 years.

6th Delila, married Hiram Cushman, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

7th, Bashabell, married Wayfair.

John Ryder died in Pittsburg township, on the 15th February, 1832, aged 57 years, from pneumonia, contracted while walking in moccasins, on the ice, from a survey on Wolf Island to Kingston. He is buried in the family plot in Cataraqui Cemetery, where a tombstone marks his grave.

He practiced in and around Kingston and Prince Edward County, and made the first survey of Bath. He surveyed the townships of Madoc and Marmora, and other townships. The survey of the township of Madoc was not given to him direct. But to Danial McIntyre, of York, who was not a Land Surveyor, but who engaged John Ryder to do the work. McIntyre was granted 1,200 acres of land in payment. It is upon one of the farms, thus granted, that is now the village of Madoc. John Ryder was handicapped by the loss of one of his arms.

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