

THOMAS SCANE

The first member of the Scane family, concerning whom any definite data is obtainable, is Thomas Scane, the grandfather of Thomas Scane 3rd, the subject of this sketch, who was born in England about the year 1765 and there married his wife, also being a native of England.

Some time afterward he came to Ontario and settled near St. Thomas where his wife died in the year 1820.

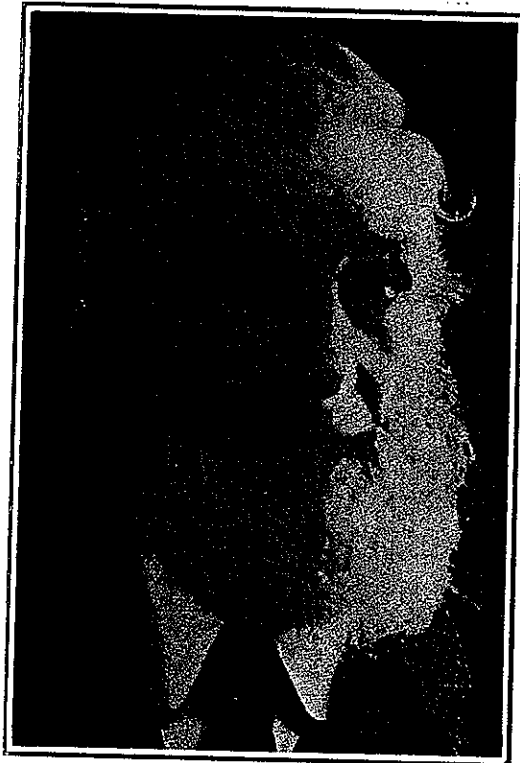
In the year 1822 he moved to Howard Township, County of Kent, settling on a farm where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1845.

To Thomas Scane 1st and his wife were born the following children: Ellen, who died in England; Jane, who died in Ontario; Betsy, who died in Ridgetown; and two sons, John and Thomas 2nd, both of whom came to Ontario with their father and settled in Howard Township, where Thomas died in the year 1877, leaving his two sons, Henry and Thomas 3rd and three daughters, Jane, Ellen and Betsy Ann.

Thomas Scane, the third to bear the name, was born in Ridgetown, April 20, 1834.

In the district schools of the neighborhood he received his early education and later took a course in surveying, articling under J. C. Livingstone of Chatham. He passed his final examination at Toronto in 1865. Now prepared to take up the business of life, he started out as a regular surveyor, confining his engagements for a time to Kent County.

In order to realize the problems which confronted the surveyor in the pursuance of his profession, it might be interesting to note that fifty years ago, the land of Kent County was mostly submerged and it was the task of the surveyor to provide ways, by ditching and dyking, for the reclaiming of these lands.



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Mr. Scane confined his work to drainage and subdividing townsites and disputed boundaries.

In the year 1903 Mr. Scane surveyed the Township of Auld in the District of Nipissing.

In 1904 he subdivided the Township of Pense.

In 1905 he subdivided the Township of Smyth.

He was a member of the Ridgetown Methodist Church and a member of the first board of trustees.

He died in 1917 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Ridgetown.

Thomas Scane was married twice:

In 1868 he married Miss Brien who died at Ridgetown 1872.

To this marriage one son, Albert, was born.

In 1875 he married Mrs. Coleman who died at Ridgetown in 1918.

To this marriage two children, Thomas J. and Lepha (now deceased), were born.
