

ALEXANDER SPROAT

Adam Sproat was born in Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, in 1800, the old home being known as Borness. He and his wife, Eleanor Brown came to Canada in 1828 and settled in the township of Esquesing, near the town of Milton, this homestead being known as "Elmslea".

They had the following children: — John, Margaret, Alexander, born in 1834, Marion, Elizabeth.

Alexander took up the profession of Land Surveying and served his apprenticeship with Mr. Edwin Henry Kertland.

He qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on October 16th, 1857, and began practise at Southampton.

For some time Mr. Sproat was employed on the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and Guelph when MacPherson & Gzowski were the contractors.

From 1863 to 1878 Alexander Sproat was manager of the Merchants Bank at Walkerton, but also continued to practise surveying.

He took an active part in public affairs and in 1867 was elected member of the Dominion Parliament for North Bruce.

In 1861 he married Eliza McNab, daughter of the late Alexander McNab, Crown Lands Agent at Southampton and Mary McGill Strange of Kingston, his wife.

They had the following children: Marion Eliza, born 1865, who married Mr. George Bell, K.C., barrister, Toronto. Adam Bruce, born in 1867, married Miss Sarah Morey, Brockville. After the death of his first wife he married a widow, Mrs. Freda Robertson. He lived at Calgary. Eleanor Blanche, born



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1871, married Mr. James McGill, stock broker, Glasgow. Two older children died in infancy.

Mr. Sproat took an active interest in the Militia—became Lt.-Colonel of the 32nd Bruce Regiment and was on duty during the Fenian Raids.

In 1881 Lt.-Col. Sproat removed to Prince Albert, Sask., where he was appointed Registrar of Lands.

During the second Reil Rebellion in 1885 he organized and commanded the Home Guard.

Lt.-Col. Sproat was an ardent Tory and a staunch member of the Scotch Church.

He had a most lovable character, amiable disposition, and was passionately fond of children.

His hobbies were curling, gardening and horseback riding.

He died in Prince Albert on June 19th, 1892, and was buried there.

His widow died in 1892.

Mr. Henry Smith, O.L.S., St. Mary's, married Mary McNab, a sister of the wife of Mr. Alexander Sproat.

Alexander Sproat.—In 1886 made correction survey and re-survey in Twp. 45, 46, 47, R4; Twp. 46, R3 West of 3rd Meridia.
