

eldest brother, Dr. John Rankin, of Picton, Ontario, were also Land Surveyors.

The materials for this sketch and the portrait, were furnished by Mrs. Mary Hutchins, only daughter of Charles Rankin.

HUMPHREY YOUNG,

By Mrs. Margaret McDermott.

Humphrey Young was born October 8th, 1819, in the County of Wexford, Ireland, from which place the family emigrated to Canada, reaching Quebec in April, 1827. His father, Christopher Young, was born in the year 1785, and died May 11th, 1827, shortly after arriving in Quebec, and was buried near Wolfe's monument. His mother, Elizabeth Beale, was born in 1783, married in 1805, and died in 1854. Of a large family six children lived to maturity: John, born 1806, died 1890; Samuel, born 1808, died 1883; Benjamin, born 1810, died 1883; Elizabeth, born 1817, died 1901; Humphrey, born 1819, died 1845, and Christopher, born 1823, died 1898. These dates are taken from an old Bible brought by the family from Ireland.

Humphrey Young's maternal grandmother's name was Humphreys, hence the name Humphrey. On the death of Christopher Young, Sen., at Quebec, the widow, with her children and others from the same part of Ireland, made their way up the St. Lawrence in what were known as "Durham boats," which were propelled by long oars and in shallow places by poles. I imagine these boats must have been similar to what the Voyageurs used, and called "batteaux." Eventually Brockville was reached, and the widow bought a small farm and established a home near that place. The usual hardships incidental to pioneer life of that time were bravely met and successfully overcome, and the children kept at school when there was one within reach. At school Humphrey early showed signs of marked ability, and supplemented his meagre opportunities at school by studying at home at night by the light of the fireplace, and took his first instruction in land surveying from two men, Wm. Evitt or Evett, who lived four miles away, and a Mr. Rath, the latter, I think, himself a surveyor. I have heard my father, Christo-

pher Young, tell how Humphrey would do his share of the "chores," get his supper, and start, after dark, for William Evtitt's, study and read for an hour or two, come home and creep into bed with him, and after lying still for an hour or so pondering over the solution of some problem, would get quietly out of bed and tip-toe over to the fireplace, rake over the coals to make a light, then with the help of a bit of charcoal and a chip, work out the solution, cover the coals with ashes to keep the fire in, creep back into bed and sleep contentedly till morning. He studied for the love of learning, and not with the object of becoming a surveyor. We know from his books and from hearsay that he studied Latin, Greek, French and astronomy at least, and occasionally he would walk five miles to get a French lesson. Perhaps all surveyors can calculate eclipses, but to us it seemed very wonderful to hear that he could calculate eclipses of the sun and moon as far in the future as he cared to. A cousin remembers hearing a gentleman who was visiting at our old home in Lansdowne say that if Humphrey Young had lived the world would have heard of him.

From a diary which is in the possession of a cousin living in Brockville we gather that he attended Upper Canada College, Toronto, in the early '40's, travelled from Gananoque, where he was then living, to Kingston, on horseback, and the rest of the way by boat, returned to Brockville by boat and stayed all night at Ogle R. Gowan's. When surveying in the village of Gananoque the Hon. John McDonald, who was a friend of his, presented him with a lot in the village. He went to Westport from Gananoque and worked under John Booth, P.L.S., of Lyn. I have heard my father say that in Montreal there is (or was) the skull and antlers of a deer embedded in the trunk of a tree found by Humphrey Young in Leeds County in the pursuit of his professional duties, and presented by him to a museum, which, I think, was connected with a college or university in that city. This curiosity bore the name of the finder, with the date and place of discovery.

I have before me a work on astronomy that belonged to him, and his name on the fly leaf, "Humphrey Young, D. P. Surveyor, Ballycanou." The date of publication is 1794. the long S is used throughout. It is the 9th edition, and is written by James Ferguson, F.R.S., is entitled "Astronomy, Explained Upon Sir Isaac Newton's Principles," and includes an

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account of Mr. Horrox's observation of the Transit of Venus in the year 1639, also a number of plates explanatory of the solar system.

I have also, among other books of his, a Latin Testament, with the following written by him on the fly-leaf: "Look not upon the past, it will never return. The present is yours, use it well. Go forth to meet the future with a brave and manly heart."

Uncle Humphrey was engaged to a young lady, Miss Charlotte Legge, of Gananoque, who with her family were what were known as "Teetotalers," and he pledged his word to her that he would never taste spirituous liquor. One cold night when he and his men were on the shore of Charleston Lake, waiting for the proper time to take an observation of the North Star, he was taken with a chill. As he paced back and forth to keep warm he told my father and a man named Jim White of feeling the chill, and White, who had a flask of whiskey, offered it to him, but he refused it, on account of his pledge. Having taken the observation, he went home and to bed. He had taken a bad cold, which developed into consumption. The length of his illness is not certainly known, but I think my father said it was about two years, so that all his work was done before he was twenty-three and one-half years of age—a short life, but a full one.

In order to appear older than his years he never shaved from the time he was seventeen years old, and his age was never questioned.

His people were Anglicans, and very religious. When asked on his dying bed if he wished to recover, he said: "No, I am prepared to go now; another time I might not be." At the time of his death, which occurred March 11th, 1845, he was Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Upper Canada. His funeral service was conducted under the auspices of the order of Free Masons, from St. Peter's Church, Brockville, and he was buried in the cemetery there, where a tombstone was erected to his memory by his devoted sister, Elizabeth.

The foregoing sketch of Humphrey Young was prepared by Mrs. T. A. McDermott (Margaret Young, daughter of Christopher Young, Junior). Mrs. McDermott is now living at Kentvale, St. Joseph's Island, Lake Huron.

From the date that Humphrey Young qualified as a Land Surveyor on November 11th, 1840, until his death in 1845, he was actively engaged on professional work in the County of Leeds. He served his time with John Booth, a very exact Surveyor, and continued in his employ after he qualified.

On March 27th, 1841, he notes as follows:—"Went to Brockville, got \$157 at the office of the Commercial Bank, being the remainder of the money for the Leeds, Pittsburg survey. Paid to John Booth for Charles Booth \$78, 7½ pennies."

On April 12th he notes:—"Went to Charleston and James Moulton's. 13th surveying for James Moulton the town line between Young and Escott."

He continued this work until the 23rd, when he came home, having earned \$34 on this trip.

Two additional notes from his Journal are of interest:—

"June 4, 1841. "Training Day." Called at Mr. John L's. (McDonald) and found he had gone to Kingston. Had an interview with the Honourable John, who told me, as soon as I had extended the village and laid it out, to pick out a lot and he would make me a present of it."

"June 7. Finished Dr. Hubble's line. Had a conversation with the Hon. John concerning moral character—going to church—the good effect on the public, and above all, the witness within us of having done our duty. May God at all times and on all occasions enable me to do that which is right in the eyes of the world according to the dictates of a well-regulated conscience."

These extracts show the kind of a man the "Hon. John" was, as well as the serious mind of the writer, who at this time was only twenty-one years of age.

A copy of the field notes of Humphrey Young from April 8th, 1841, to February 22nd, 1844, are now in the possession of Willis Chipman. They include surveys in Young, Escott, Leeds, Lansdowne, Pittsburg, Bastard, Montague, and a re-survey of Fortune's line at the rear of the townships of Young and Lansdowne.

Humphrey Young lived with his mother at Ballycanoe, a hamlet about ten miles west of Brockville.

John Young's children were as follows:—Sarah, Elizabeth, Humphrey, Christopher, Samuel, Edward, John, George, Joseph, Heber, Susan and Margaret. His eight sons were his pallbearers.

The children of Samuel Young, brother of Humphrey, were as follows:—Hannah, Christopher, John, Benjamin, William, Sarah, Mariann, Elizabeth, Humphrey, Robert, Rebecca, Alice, Deborah and Heber.

Benjamin had five children:—Henry, Elizabeth, Humphrey, Christopher and Margaret.

Christopher, Junior's, family were:—Heber, Margaret, Humphrey, Alice, Richard, Mariann, Jenny, Frances and Harold.

William Young, son of John Young, lived at Brockville and died there many years ago.

CYRUS CARROLL

On December 9th, 1923, our senior veteran passed to his reward at his home in Hamilton. He was born on December 6th, 1834, and qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on January 10th, 1860. (Mr. James Dickson was born on October 30th, 1834, but did not qualify as a Surveyor until April 6th, 1867).

In the annual report of 1920 will be found a biographical sketch of Peter Carroll, P. L. S., one of the four sons of Isaac Carroll, the son of John Carroll II., the eldest son of Isaac, whereas Peter was the youngest son.

John Carroll (I.) left New Jersey in 1790 with other

