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HISTORICAL NOTES

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HISTORICAL NOTES

When Nova Scotia was divided into counties, a King was sovereign of Great Britain and Ireland. One of these counties situated on the south shore of the Province surrounded by counties Shelburne, Annapolis and Lunenburg and facing the Atlantic, supposed to be about the warmest county in the winter, was called Queens. The county name of the King is bounded by Annapolis, Hants and the shore from Hantsport passing Blomidon, Cape Split, Scots Bay light house at Black Rock, French Cross to Annapolis including Grand Pre, the same being near the centre of the province and called part of the Garden of Nova Scotia. Not being satisfied with the quality and quantity for a county called for the King, they passed over the upper part of the Bay of Fundy to Cape Chignecto and, commencing at the extreme western point of the said Cape, ran a line easterly about midway between Chignecto or Cumberland Bay and Cobequid Bay about thirty miles, thence more easterly thirty miles or so passing the upper end of Boar's Back, so called on the road to River Hebert, passing through the two large farms at Westbrook, the line passing about one-eighth of a mile southerly of one man's house, another man's house standing on the line; one of the men votes in Parrsboro, other in Southampton. These two men are cousins and are grandsons of the celebrated Gaius Lewis, Esq., at one time a member of the Nova Scotia Parliament and was the Hon. Joseph Howe's firm friend and supporter continuously. Then passing on the same course the line passes through part of New Canaan, Lynn, to the north eastern angle of the Gerrish Grant at Five Islands, thence the line changed and runs south 22° west now S., 28° W. along Gerrish Grant nine or ten miles to the ^{shore} south of Minas Basin or Cobequid Bay, thence following the shore to the place of beginning including Five Island, Two Islands, Partridge Island, West Bay, Black Rock, Diligent, Ramshead, Fox and Ratchford Rivers, Spencer's Island, Cape D'or, and Advocate Harbour and other places too numerous to mention at this time, therefore Kings County was severed in two by Cobequid Bay, from the cape to Economy.

No. 2

About the close of the Revolutionary War between Great Britain and the New England Colonies, numbers of the Loyalists left their homes and came to Port Royal (Annapolis), where a coaster and trader, one Walter Ratchford by name, who having an eye single to the almighty dollar, persuaded them to cross over Chebucto Bay, where he told them a fine country, some valleys, some parts where there was not room for valleys, the land was actually in stacks, which showed more land and timber in abundance and they could build vessels of every description. There were plenty of brooks and rivers for to launch their ships and harbour them. Under this plausible description a number came, officers and others whose names are familiar with us today. The Hatfields, Kerrs, Frasers, Pettis, Wilsons, Taylors, and Prichards who took up grants of land between Spencer's Island and Partridge Island, 92 lots about 82 of them from six^{miles} to seven and a half miles long, the base line of those lots being the division line between counties Kings and Cumberland.

The descendants of these men have built and are building ships and sailing them and almost every man along the shore has been and is now dubbed Captain and they have proved themselves splendid seamen and good navigators. It may be said truly that a descendant of the first man, named Hatfield, is now at the front in South Africa fighting for the Queen still as loyal to Great Britain as his ancestors were when he left Staten Island and came to these shores. The father of the first Hatfield to come to these shores was at one time owner of the Hatfield House in London where the great Premier of the British Empire now resides.

No. 3

Previous to the beginning of the Revolutionary War, 1775 or 1776, a company was formed in Philadelphia and came up Cobequid or Chebucto Bay, otherwise known as the Basin of Minas, and settled along the shores between Partridge Island and the river now called Harrington river and being the boundary line between Colchester and Cumberland. On this river they

built a saw mill and had a store near Swan Creek. They named their territory New Philadelphia and it was so called when Gov. Parr came here at the close of the war.

The said company, not finding the market for their lumber satisfactory, left. Then a man by the name of Shepherd came and stopped a short time. Then came a number of Highland Scotchmen who took up grants of land in that portion of land situated between Moose Creek and Harrington River and known to this day as the Scotch Settlement. They cleared the land, tried to cultivate it for farms but did not succeed financially and having no spiritual adviser within thirty or forty miles or more they left Kings County and went to Antigonish County. Shortly after Mr. Shepherd left, a Mr. Harrington built a mill on the site where the Philadelphia company had their mill. I was in conversation last week with a gentleman at Five Islands, now 93 years of age, who said he well remembered assisting Mr. Harrington to build the mill and in shovelling the debris away to get a good foundation actually came to the foundation of the company's mill well preserved. This old gentleman, whose name is Owen Doyle, has a remarkable memory, very intelligent and smart for his age, his partner is some younger and both are in good health. Their parents were both born on the Green Isle and came to Nova Scotia. Mrs. Doyle's youngest brother died in Halifax not many months ago (George McLellan butcher). About the time of the arrival of the Loyalists of 1783-84 who settled along the shore from Partridge Island to Spencer's Island, Gov. Parr of Nova Scotia came across from Annapolis Royal to Partridge Island and found an old comrade by the name of Moore building a house at the junction of a certain creek emptying in Chignecto or Partridge Island. It was Major Moore, who rigged up a small hut for the Governor's accommodations. The Governor and Major went hunting through the forest and coming to Diligent River they found Capt. Wilson and Lieutenant Taylor. At the latter's house was an infant not yet named. The Governor said to Lieut. Taylor, "Name the boy for me and I will grant him five hundred acres of land." He was named John Parr and went by this name of Governor for four score years and ten and died at Five Islands. Two of his children are living, Silas at Five Islands aged 78, and one daughter some years olded did live at Bath, in Maine, Sabra widow of Chas. McLellan. John Parr has been called the

first male child born in Parrsboro, at the time of his birth it was not called Parrsboro. He was the first child of Lieut. Taylor born in Nova Scotia. When the Governor returned to the capital, his friends inquired where he had been. He said he had been across the Bay of Fundy to New Philadelphia burrowing a while with Major Moore, hence the name of Parrsborough. The whole region of Kings County north of the Bay from Chignecto Point to Harrington River was called Parrsboro, east of Harrington River to the original line was and is called Five Islands. At the time the Governor was here Major Moore was building a house within a hundred yards from the Creek and about two hundred yards from the River. In the house he had a large hall, lathed it with split boards, sent across the Bay to Windsor and brought over what they then called plaster of paris, prepared it for use and put it on these split boards and when dry it was very white and was called White Hall. Whence the name of the place for which coal is now shipped from the Port of Parrsboro.

Number 6

Having given you a copy of the Partridge Island Grant, I think a description of it in detail would give the readers a more accurate idea of its locality. Hence this grant is bounded on the west by the east line of the Thomas D. Dickson Estate, on the north by the A line near James McKeown's farm and Presbyterian Cemetery, the south line of W. J. Gibson's farm and Newcombe street so called to the River at the Newcombe's mill, from thence following the River and Basin to the place of beginning. Letter A contains what is known as the Island lot the north line thereof being the north line of the farm now owned by the Railroad Company.

No. 1 to 6 in letter B inclusive takes in the White Hall settlement. No. 7 was purchased by the later William Vickery whose family have passed away. Christopher and Everett Lamb of the third generation only now reside in the town. Everett is living on the lot, C. McCabe, Esq., V. Fullerton also reside on this lot. South line of this lot passes the DeWolfe and O'Mullen bridges. No. 8 was purchased by James Vickery, whose family are in the spirit land, except Mrs. Fred. York, who has left the beautiful

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town of Parrsboro for the land of Evangeline, leaving the north half of Kings County for the south half. On lots seven and eight stands are the wharves above Young's Wharf, so called. On lot No. 8 stands the old Methodist meeting house, now known as the Opera House, the old Town Hall, Registrar of Deeds Office, Post Office, old cemetery and where the first Episcopal church or chapel in the town of Parrsboro stood, and directly under where the communion table stood lie the remains of the late Rev. W.R. King, who while residing among us proved himself to be one of the best clergymen who ever lived in Parrsboro. No. 9 lot was conveyed by Major Moore to St. George's Parish, and on which stands our Educational Buildings and pronounced by expert judges to be very excellent, very few in the province to excel them. On No. 9 stands all the places of worship except the S.A. which is on No. 8. The town clerk's office, fire departments, etc. On Nos. 7, 8 and 9 stand all the dry goods stores, groceries, hardware, and software, hotels, groggeries, butcher shops, provisions stores and about all the commerce of the town. In lots 10 and 11 stand some palatial residences of the old Cumberland Road, some farms from Nos. 11 to 16 inclusive and a variety of buildings along Beaver dam and Swan Creek Roads, Templar Streets, Mill Street, etc.

No. 7

Shortly after Messrs. Avery, Bacon and Lockhart received their grants of Partridge Island, they conveyed it to others. In 1777, John Avery and Jacob Brown sold their shares to Jacob Hinds, Abijah and Asa Scott, and in 1780 John Lockhart conveyed his part to the same parties. At this time there were no public records kept on the north half of Kings Co. By the conveyances on the records subsequently this locality was designated the north shore of Kings County. The first document put on record in Parrsboro was a mortgage deed given by John Hatfield, Fox River, Gent., to John Longstreet, Gent., in consideration of the sum of seventy-three pounds, two shillings, and seven pence, upon lot No. 51, Parrsboro share lots, Fox River and may be found in Book 1, pages 1 and 2, registered on the 23rd day of March, at 8 o'clock in

the morning, A.D. 1786-114 years ago tomorrow. This was before responsible government and the recorder was called Deputy Registrar of Deeds at Parrsboro, and his name was Antil Gallop, Jr.; he held the office till Nov. 2nd, 1789. The second deputy was James Ratchford. Perhaps an incident in connection with Deputy Gallop at this time might not be uninteresting. He and his father were looking over their territory, the father slipped into a quagmire and the more he tried to get out the further he went in; the father sent his son for the oxen and chain. On his arrival they put the chain around the waist of the father, who said to his son, "Now Antil, when I say go thou must go, and when I say stop thou must stop. Now, go Antil." And Antil started the oxen, the father came out quickly, now stop, Antil, stop, stop, but Antil could not stop for quite a while and the elder Antil was somewhat bruised.

Jacob Hind conveyed part of his share to Capt. Thos. Win. Moore. In 1788 Abijah Scott, Rebecca his wife, and Asa Scott, conveyed part of their shares to James Ratchford and Co. This is about the commencement of the Ratchford family in Parrsboro. They commenced business at Partridge Island where they built quite a large town and was the central place of business for Hants, Kings, Cumberland and Colchester counties, of which more will be said hereafter.

No. 8

In 1788 on the 1st day of September, Asa Scott, of ^{Port?} Fort Sackville, in the county of Halifax, N.S., Yeoman and Rebecca his wife, and Abijah Scott of the same place, Yeoman, conveyed certain lands and tenenants of the Partridge Island grant to James Ratchford of Parrsboro, merchant, and Jonathan Crane, of Horton, Esquire, for the sum of five hundred and five pounds. Shortly after the purchase a number of gentlemen came to Parrsboro, such men as Silas H. Crane, Edward Crane, James Noble Shannon and others who took up grants of land. Jonathan Crane took up grants in Halfway River and a number of other places, Mrs. James Ratchford, being a sister to Jonathan and Silas H. Crane, etc. James Ratchford and Co., done a very large business soon afterwards and the town of Parrsboro was at Partridge Island.

Thos. Wm. Moore who built the house known as White Hall left Parrsboro and went to Rhode Island, U.S.A., wishing to dispose of his lands in Nova Scotia received a communication from James Ratchford with regard to some change in lands. Thom. W. Moore replies as follows.

Newport, Rhode Island
6th. Aug., 1794.

Mr. James Ratchford

Dear Sir, - I yesterday received your favor of 25th, ulto, by Miss Delisdernier and perfectly remember our exchange of lands in the Partridge Island grant which I am ready to ratify when ever in my power. The papers are in Mr. Campbell's/ or Mr. DeWolfe's hand from which a deed must be made out on my part and sent here with an acknowledgement from either of these gentlemen that you have executed yours I will instantly execute it. I wish that my property at Partridge Island was disposed of and wonder much it has not for I fear it is suffering for want of care. I think it will suit you and wish you had it. I rejoice to hear of your welfare and sincerely wish you every success. Mrs. M. and my daughter unite in best regards to Mrs. Crane and your family not forgetting our old friends to whom please remember us. I shall be very happy to hear from you and if I can render you any services will with pleasure being with respect Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble servant,

T. W. Moore.

P.S. I hope Tate is doing well/ be as good to as to remember us to him and his wife, etc. T.W.M.

No. 9

No. 9 will be a copy of a Grant of 6000 acres of land between Part-ridge Island and Two Islands. The purpose of doing so is to show the people of today how the Crown granted lands more than a century ago. Nova Scotia, George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith and so forth. To all to whom these presents shall come. Greeting. Know ye that we, of our special Grace,

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certain knowledge and mere motion, have given and granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant unto Francis Fraser, Captain in the late North Carolina Volunteers, Neil McArthur, Captain in the late Pioneers, Charles McPherson, Captain in the first Battalion. Delancys, William Fraser, Lieut. late in the 42nd Regiment, John Fraser, surgeon in the late Orange Rangers, John Buchanan, Lieut. in the Royal Navy, Alexander McMullen, Lieut. in the late first Battalion, Archibald McKechnan, Lieut. in the North Carolina Volunteers, Duncan Fletcher, Capt. in the late Royal American Regiment, and Daniel Cameron, Lieut. in the late first Battalion, Delancys, heirs and assigns a tract of land containing six thousand acres in the county of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, bounded, abutted, situated, lying and being as follows: Beginning at a point of land that forms the eastern side of Swan Creek or Cove, thence to run north by the magnet one hundred and fifty chains (of four rds. each) or until it comes to the South-eastern angle of lot No. 1, thence west one hundred and twenty chains, on said lot., thence south one hundred and twenty four chains to the water on Minas Basin, thence by the several courses of the said Basin running eastward to the bounds first mentioned, thence to commence at the same bounds on Swan Creek and to run north three hundred and sixty three chains, thence east one hundred and twenty one chains, thence south three hundred and fifty seven chains to Basin aforesaid, thence by the several courses of said basin westerly to the point first mentioned containing in the whole six thousand acres, allowance being made for all such roads as may be deemed necessary, to pass through the same being wilderness and hath such shape, forms and marks as appear by a plan thereof thereunto annexed; together with all woods, underwoods, timber and timber trees, lakes, ponds, fishings, waters, water courses, profits, commodities, appurtenances and hereditaments, whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, together also with priviledges of hunting, hawking and fowling in and upon the same and mines and minerals, saving and reserving. Nevertheless to us, our heirs and surveyors all white pine trees if any should be found growing thereon and also saving and reserving to us our heirs and successors all mines of gold, silver, copper, lead and coal and to hold the said parcel or tract of six thousand acres of land, and all and singular other the premises hereby granted unto the said several grantees in severality

in the several and respective quantities, shares and proportions following to wit, unto the said Francis Fraser seven hundred acres, Neil McArthur seven hundred acres, Charles McPherson seven hundred acres, William Fraser ~~five hundred acres~~, John Buchanan seven hundred acres,

Alexander McArthur
five hundred acres,
Duncan Fletcher seven
hundred acres

and Daniel Cameron five hundred acres and unto each and every their several and respective heirs and assigns, forever, in free and common soage. The said several and respective grantees and their several and respective heirs or assigns yielding; and paying therefor unto us our heirs and successors, or to our Receiver General, for the time being or to his Deputy or Deputies for the time being yearly, that is to say, at the feast of Saint Michael in every year at the rate of two shillings for every hundred acres and so in proportions according to quantities of acres hereby granted; the same to commence and be payable from the said feast of Saint Michael which shall first happen after the expiration of ten years from the date thereof, provided always and this present grant is upon condition that the said several and respective grantees and their several and respective heirs or assigns shall and do within three years after the date thereof for every fifty acres of Plantable Land hereby granted clear and work three acres at least in that part thereof as respectively he or they shall judge most convenient and advantageous, or else to clear and drain three acres of swampy or of marsh if any such contained there in. And shall do within the time aforesaid, put and keep upon every fifty acres thereof accounted barren, three neat cattle, and continue the same thereon, until three acres for every fifty acres be fully cleared and improved and if there shall be no part of the said tract fit for present cultivation without fertilizing and improving the same, severally and respectively he or they within the time aforesaid shall be obliged to erect on some part of his or their said respective tracts of land, one good dwelling house to be at least twenty feet in length and sixteen feet in width, and to put on his or their said respective land the like number of three neat cattle, for every fifty acres, or otherwise, if any part of the said tract shall be stony or rocky ground and not fit for planting or pasture shall and do within three years as aforesaid, begin to employ thereon and continue to work for three years, then, next ensuing, in digging any stony quarry or mine, one good and able hand for every fifty acres shall be accounted a sufficient

cultivation and improvement, provided also that every three acres that shall be cleared and worked or cleared and drained as aforesaid shall be accounted a sufficient seating, cultivation and improvement to save forever ~~free~~ from forfeiture fifty acres of land in any part of the tract hereby granted, and the said respective grantees and their respective heirs and assigns are at liberty to withdraw his or their claim or forbear working in any quarry or mine in proportion to such cultivation and improvements as shall be made upon the plantable lands, swamps, sunken grounds or marshes therein contained. And if the said rent hereby reserved shall happen to be in arrears or unpaid for the space of one year from the time it shall become due, and no distress can be found on the said lands, tenements and hereditaments hereby granted or if this grant shall not be duly registered in the Registrar's Office of our said Province within six months from the date hereof and a docket also entered in the Auditor's office of the same, then this grant shall be void, and the said lands, tenements and hereditaments hereby granted and every part and parcel thereof shall revert to us, our heirs and successors. And provided also, and upon this further condition, that if the land hereby given and granted to the said several and respective grantees and their respective heirs as aforesaid shall at any time or time hereafter, come unto the possession and tenure of any persons whatever inhabitants of our said province of Nova Scotia either by virtue of any Deed of Sale, Conveyance, Enfeoffment or Exchange, or by Gift, Inheritance, Descent, Demise, or marriage such person or persons, being inhabitants as aforesaid, shall within twelve months after his, her or their entry and possession of the same, take the oaths prescribed by law, and make and subscribe the following declaration, that is to say, "I do promise and declare that I will maintain and defend to the utmost of my power, the authority of the King in his Parliament as the Supreme Legislature of this Province," before someone of the Magistrates of the said Province and such declaration and certificate of the magistrate that such oaths have been taken, being recorded in the Secretary's office of the said Province. The person or persons so taking the oath aforesaid and making and subscribing the said declaration shall be deemed the lawful possessor or possession of the land hereby granted.

And in case of default on the part of such person or persons in taking the oaths and making and subscribing the declaration within twelve months as aforesaid. This present grant and every part thereof shall and we do hereby declare the same to be null and void to all intents and purposes, and the lands hereby be granted and every part and parcel thereof shall in like manner revert to and become vested to us, our heirs and successors anything contained to the contrary. Given under the Great Seal of our Province of Nova Scotia. Witness our trusty and well beloved John Parr, Esq.

No. 12

In the year 1780 or a little previous Messrs. James Shannon, Jonathan Crane, and others came home and commenced trading. They supplied the inhabitants then living along the shore to a certain extent with the necessaries of life and became owners of quite a large territory along Parrsboro shore and as far up the Country as Halfway River, and some in Five Islands. Mr. Shannon died in Parrsboro and was buried at Part-ridge Island. Some few years ago, Judge Morse of Amherst, had the grave neatly fitted up and it now looks tidy and respectable. Somewhere about 1786 to '89 James Ratchford, Esq., came to Parrsboro, married a Miss Crane and began trading at the Island and did a very large business here. His family was quite numerous but most of them short lived. There were six sons and two daughters, Margaret died while seven months old, Nancy married the Hon. Thomas ^{Andrew} Strange DeWolfe, who afterwards became a member of the Executive Council of the province of Nova Scotia. The sons were John W., Thomas, James (once a member of the Legislative Council in Halifax), Elisha DeWolfe, Charles Edward and Andrew Frederick all passed away and all but one, I believe, buried in the cemetery here. None of the name of Ratchford now resides in Parrsboro, Chas. Edward has one son Chas. ^{F?} B. Ratchford, living in Amherst, and one daughter, Julia Stile, living. James Ratchford had one daughter living in St. John, Mrs. M.C. Coster. The Ratchford family did a very large business at the Island importing their goods from at least 163 ports. I will name a few, Africa, at Cape Town, Natal, etc. Cadiz, Cuba, Boston, Barbadoes, Denmark, Bombay, etc.

They supplied the old Loyalists from Spencer's Island to Economy with all the rum, gin, tobacco and other unnecessaries of life and collected the officers' pensions and secured a claim on almost all the real estate they received by grant from the Crown. They also supplied the inhabitants somewhat with the necessaries of life such as wheat, rye and corn, some in flour and imported some not ground. In a future sketch I will try and show where the grain was ground and by whom. They with others built what was called the Church in the cemetery in this town and it was a very respectable building. They also built a house at the Island where other denominations could worship God if they wished. This last house was built by Jesse and Daniel Dickinson, Contractors. (Jesse, Great Grandfather of Marjorie Hanna Dickinson).

They built a nice town at the Island. It was called Parrsboro town at Partridge Island and had quite a number of fine buildings.

They owned nearly all the land from the T. D. Dickinson estate to lot No. 7 in letter B, that line passes the DeWolfe bridge and at the street passing up at the residence of Charles McCabe, Esq., and would not dispose of any of their property for fear of rivals in business. They kept the road from the Island to Mill Village in an excellent condition and drove splendid teams well equipped for their comfort and pleasure. They had one or two slaves, regular Africans. The name of one was Sharper, he had his hut on the side of West Bay road near a spring called Sharpers Spring. Most splendid water the writer has drank from the spring many times.

No. 13 Sketch

While the Messrs. Ratchford and Co. were doing business in Parrsboro they kept a small schooner running between Parrsboro across the bay to Windsor, Horton, and Wolfville, called the Packet. They built a wharf about halfway between the bar and mainland called the Packet wharf. The road leading from the main road to the lighthouse is called Packet Wharf road. At the end of this road near the flats they had a shipyard and

built a number of vessels. The Packet crossed the bay generally twice a week each way and was entirely controlled by Mr. Ratchford. At the Packet wharf they took on board passengers, horses, carriages, cattle, sheep etc. There were in those days men called drovers who would travel the country from Amherst to Parrsboro passing through River Hebert over Boars Back, so called, with great droves of cattle and sheep, cross over to Windsor and drive them to Halifax. They generally commenced driving the first of June and continued by intervals till December. On returning if any one had horses or cattle on board and the tide not in the river and the owners of the horses and cattle did not wish to wait, the Packet would drop anchor at the Island quite a distance from the Pier, and back the animals off the deck into the water and they would swim ashore. If any carriages were on board they would have to stay till the tide came into the wharf. Passengers would come ashore by the Packet's Boat. The Ratchfords built a large three storey hotel at the Island, which was kept by Mrs. Durant, mother of John Durant now living at Riverside in the town of Parrsboro and nearing his four score years. No hotel at that time in the county of Cumberland was called superior to it and I am doubtful if there are any yet. She kept a strictly temperance house and raised a very large family. All passed away but the one mentioned, I believe. They built a number of vessels at the island. The Militia for Parrsboro district drilled there, James Ratchford, Esq., being Colonel, Jesse Lewis, Esq., Jr., Major, Charles E. Ratchford, Adjutant, and so forth. The Election of local members for the House of Assembly for the northern half of Kings County was held at the Island, open voting and generally lasted two days or more. The Messrs. ^{Roy} D. Roop Ratchford were Conservatives of the solid kind. In later years ^{Dow} D. Roop from Digby or Annapolis kept a blacksmith shop and afterwards a hotel, also a Mr. Bailey. The Post Office was kept at Partridge Island until the change of Government and it then was removed to Mill Village, then called, but now the seat of Government for the Town of Parrsboro. Patrick Blake, a Joe Howe man (a Liberal) became postmaster. James Ratchford and Co. also done a large business in St. John, N.B., while doing a business in Parrsboro, and what is often the case when there are too many irons in the fire some will be burned. E.D.W. Ratchford after moving back to Parrsboro from St. John claimed about one quarter of the timber land from Spencer's Island to

Economy and at the closing up his estate after his death it was sold at public auction by his executors and sold for what seemed a good price. The parties buying commenced moving the timber off and then selling for more than they had given and each one buying and carrying off millions of feet of lumber sold again, and other millions of feet more went off and the lands today would bring ten times as much as when sold by public auction. Thus has the market increased in the lumber business since 1874. Of the improved facilities for exporting the lumber, the mode of making lumber, etc. much might be said.

No. 15

They left McAvoy (not McAvery) about 10:30 p.m. and as he had to tow the other man's load for 3 miles Amos thought he better abandon the team and go on. So he walked, counting his steps to 1000, which would be about half a mile and then sat down till the team would come up. At this rate he walked nearly all the way from McAvoy's - 13 miles from Windsor to the 22 mile house from Halifax kept by one Evans. Amos and Lewis requested the landlord to call them by sunrise, and in passing the rooms on their way to rest, they went through where James, John and Robert were trying to sleep. Heigho, says Amos, Guess you are no nearer Halifax than I am. At sunrise Amos started ahead, walked about a mile, when James came with his passengers and walked his team in company with Amos for half a mile and drove on. Amos walked about a mile, and McAvoy came up and Amos rode one mile and they then were at the 17 mile house kept by one Kody or Cody, here they had breakfast and afterwards Amos rode with them about 9 miles. As they came in sight of the ten mile house they saw James and his companions leaving there. At the eight mile house McAvoy had to feed his horses, and Amos, says to Lewis, look after my satchel and I will look at them at work on the railroad. So Amos walked to the 3 mile house when the team came and he rode into the city and paid McAvoy \$100 for walking most of the way. Amos immediately went to the hotel at which he had previously stopped and asked for accommodations. The answer was no room. Amos asked, sure? Only one chance about half an hour ago. Three men came here, they have two beds.

If you can room with them you can stop. Amos says show me their luggage. He was shown into the room and Amos says, I will stop for it belongs to the three. Thus was the time spent from Tuesday at 10 a.m. till Friday at 11 a.m. going from Parrsboro to Halifax by packet. About sunset the four men were standing on the platform of the hotel and John says, look there, pointing down the street, and there was Rev. Mr. Starr, coming up the street riding in his buggy. The four young men done the best they could at sight seeing at the Exhibition and in the evening at the fireworks. They also spent Saturday forenoon, Amos too much interested to think of the coach to Windsor till he saw the others packing up. What now, he says, I guess I will have to walk back too. On the platform James was contending with the other two who had bought a suit of clothes apiece, etc, and wanted to take it with them. James says I did not agree to take back all Halifax with me. Just then Amos saw a beautiful large sorrel horse standing across the street harnessed to a beautiful market wagon. Amos went across the street and very politely inquired of the owner of the team which way he intended to travel. I am going home, sir, he answered, and what is it your business? Amos answered if you're going towards Falmouth I would like to go with you. Well, he says, I am going to Aylesford, and will take you to Horton for \$2.50. Amos says, I only want to go to Falmouth. Well, he says, I will take you for \$2.00. Alright, says Amos, when are you going? As soo as the - - will let me. As Amos came on the platform of the hotel with his satchel the team was there and he said to John, take hold of my trunk and we will put it in the wagon and they did. Amos stopped the contention by taking it as his luggage and away they went. The man from Aylesford had brought in farm produce sold it to the boarding house and was to have his pay Saturday night. He called at a great many places and received his pay and something else. As they came up to James' team near the ten mile house he inquired who they were. Amos says they are from Cumberland. ^{to} (No) says he, Cumberland for ever! My name is Winsby. I had a brother in Cumberland and he was working for Clem when Clem was killed. Both teams drove on to Cody's and stopped till morning. Then after breakfast, Sunday now, they left for Windsor. On the way they met several droves of cattle and sheep for Halifax. As they arrived at Windsor the people were returning from church and Mr. Winsby drove to a certain shop

and loaded his wagon with window sashes. The four men stopped at Falmouth till Monday morning, they left then for Horton to meet the Packet. John and Amos walked along till James and Robert passed them with the wagon in awhile and hitched the horse at the side of the road, then John and Amos would ride. At this way of travelling they arrived at Horton Landing at 11:30 a.m., went aboard the Packet and about five o'clock at Parrsboro, from Tuesday morning at ten o'clock till the next Monday evening at 5 o'clock going from Parrsboro to Halifax and back, stopping about twenty eight hours in Halifax, and thus some people travelled before railways were built and the events of this trip were so great that it takes two weeks to print it.

Sketch No. 16

About 1798 to 1800 quite a number of persons arrived at Parrsboro, some going further, some stopping here. John, William Christopher, James, Jonathan and Fones Vickery, Josiah Davison, Chas. Stewart, Elijah Reed, Francis Wadman, Edward Gammon, Thomas Dickson, William Skidmore, Fones Yorke, John Halliday, John Brown, Peter ^{Levon} Loving, John Bobbit, James Lockhart, Sr., and Jr., J. Noble Shannon, James Ratchford, Oliver Lyman, Wm. White, Zachariah Davis, Jabesh Eagles, Elijah Henwood, Wm. Teate, John Patton, George Stilman. The Messrs. Vickery and Josiah Davison were from New England (Connecticut) and came to Falmouth, Hants Co., N.S.; from Falmouth they came to Parrsboro. Wm. and James Vickery stopped at Parrsboro and bought lots Nos. 7 and 8, Partridge Island Grant. James, ^{Jones} Jonathan and Christopher removed to Diligent River and owned lots nos. 72 and 73 at Diligent River, Deacon Davis Harris Jenks resides on Christopher's part, and Fones Vickery, the second son of Jonathan's family or part of them on Fones' part, and now called York Settlement. Fones 2nd married a Miss Holmes from Halfway R. Silas, Samuel, C. Edward, Rufus and Jonathan and three daughters. One married a Mr. Chisholm and resides in Malden, Mass., and one married Rev. Charles Snell, a Baptist minister of California. William Vickery conveyed part of his lot to Josiah Davison who with his sons,

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Cyprian, John, Vickery, Alline and Edward, built a grist mill not far from where the wharf stands that the Evangeline comes to. It was a tide mill, when the tide came in it filled the pond above the mill in the creek, which gave it the name of Mill Creek, and all to the north of the creek was called Mill Village, and went by that name until incorporation took place, and now called the seat of Government for the Town of Parrsboro. Farmers came from Advocate Harbour and all along Parrsboro shore to this mill in boats with their grain, and up the shore to Economy with boats; farmers from Cornwallis brought their wheat and corn and all kinds of grain here by boats also. They had a kiln to dry oats, and manufactured it into the best of oat meal. The flat rolled oats that is imported here at the present time cannot be compared with it. The home ground was of the best quality, the imported is but mush compared with it. The Messrs. Davison built a number of vessels some of which were sold to the Messrs. Ratchford, part payment of which Messrs. Josiah and Vickery Davison received in real estate and owned all that part of this town lying north of what is called church lands of Newcombe St. or the north line of the Partridge Island Grant, and from Main St., formerly called the Cumberland Road, to Chignecto or Partridge Island River, comprising at least one-fourth of the buildings in town. The Baptist meeting house and the Roman Catholic Chapel stand thereon; Swan Creek Road, Beaver Dam Road, Templar, Holmes and Mill Streets pass through it. Mrs. Josiah Davison was a Miss Francis Vickery and had five sons and one daughter, Rebecca. Cyprian married a Miss Martin, daughter of Bartlett Martin, and Esther Taylor, daughter of Lieut. Eleazer Taylor, Mr. B. Martin's mother was a DeWolfe, Cyprian Davison had a large family, many of whom are still living. Some reside in the town. Vickery Davison married Sarah Yorke his first wife, his second wife is living at T.B. Davisons. Bartlett Martin was drowned by the upsetting of a boat with a number of others going from Mill Village to Five Islands. V. Davison had no family, John Davison married the daughter of David Smith who lived where J.W. Smith now lives and was called the Vought Place. John's second wife was a Miss Roberts of this place. First family consisted of one son and two daughters. Allison, the son, was drowned in Halfway River lake, now called Newville. One daughter married

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Moses Harrison of Southampton, the other married Gilbert Lawrence of the same place. The second family one son and two daughters. Charles, the son, is now living on the homestead at Halfway River where his father died. Alline Davison was a blacksmith and married a Miss Vickery of Diligent River, has two sons living, one here and the other in the State of Maine. Alline died the last part of March this year (1900). W.E. Davison married a Miss Taylor of Deacon P. Taylor, who had four children, all died in childhood and the mother died a young woman. Edward's second wife was a Miss McKay, has one daughter now Mrs. R.A. Simpson. Edward lived and died where J.G. Holmes, Esq., now resides. Rebecca, the daughter, married Isaac Newcombe, son of George Newcombe the elder, and they thus were called Isaac and Rebecca. They had no children. They died where Daniel McNeal now resides.

No. 17

Just previous to the Revolutionary War in America quite a number of people left the New England Colonies and came to Falmouth, N.S. Among the number was one by the name of Yorke. His ancestors were from England. This Mr. Yorke it is said was at one time a member of the House of Assembly for the Township of Falmouth. About 1812 he was pilot on board a British man-of-war, so called at that time and often since, coasting up and down Cobequid Bay to protect the coast and shipping against the American Privateers. A blockhouse was erected at Parrsboro, was a Watch Tower, with a number of port holes, and guns and ammunition stowed here for use if needed, and a cannon also to protect the place. This Mr. Yorke's second son was named Fones and was born at Falmouth and married a Miss Vickery and moved to Parrsboro, and tried to fulfill the command given to Adam, viz., multiply and replenish the earth. Four sons and six daughters, Edward, Stephen, Daniel, James, Mary, Jane, Sarah, Amelia, Eliza and Ann. Edward married a Miss Hatfield, daughter of the first Capt. John Hatfield of Fox River. Daniel married a Miss Holmes of Halfway R. and they were blessed with one son, Frederick, who is so well known in this town and owns a large property in the town of Parrsboro with quite a number of tenement houses and shops, but has moved with his wife and two daughters to Hortonville, Kings Co. They also had three daughters, Caroline, Amelia, and Abigail. James married a grand-

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daughter of Capt. J. Hatfield first named, who sons George, John, Charles and Arthur resided in York settlement so called on account of so many Yorke's settling on the hill. One daughter is still living Mrs. Alexander of this town. Mary Yorke was married to Nathaniel Holmes of Halfway River who was generally known as Col. Holmes. The reason therefore will be shown in relation to the Holmes family. Jane married John Vickery of Diligent R. whose sons, Abraham and James and daughter Sarah are living on the old plantation. One daughter married Albert Allen of Allan Hill, Fraserville, and one Clarinda is the wife of Dea. Alfred Holmes of this town, an ex-councillor and a very successful man in the coal business. This cold backward spring was a new harvest for him. Sarah married Vickery Davison of Mill Village before mentioned in these sketches. She was a very fine Christian woman and made the best oatcake from the oats manufactured in the mill before mentioned that the writer ever ate. Amelia married Wm. Smith of Diligent River. One daughter is still living and is the wife of Capt. Geo. W. Newcombe of this town and mother of Mrs. McLean, baggage master of the C.C.R. and Co., and Mrs. Timmerman, of the town of Parrsboro. Eliza married Charles Snell and was mother of Rev. Charles Snell of California. Ann married Abraham Spicer of Spencer's Island whose brothers were Jacob and Isaac. Abraham had two sons and some daughters. The Yorkes, Davisons and Vickerys are closely connected and in my next sketch I will try and write some with regard to the Vickerys in which comes one family of Lambs.

No. 18 Sketch

In the former paper mention was made of the first family of Vickerys, who settled in Parrsboro, Wm., Christopher, Fones, and James Christopher, settled at Diligent River on the farm now owned by Dea. D.H. Jenks, who married C. Vickery's daughter Catherine. C. Vickery's wife was a Martin; they raised three sons and three daughters. James married a daughter of Alpheus Morse of R. Philip in Cumb. Co.; Bartlett married the third daughter of D. Jenks of Halfway River. They had one daughter who married Chas. E. McCabe, of Diligent River. B. Martin afterwards married a Miss Gabriel of Fox R. Mary Vickery married Robert Gabriel Jr., Sophia married Ephraim Lamb. Two of their sons are still living in Parrsboro, Christopher Lamb

at Beaver Dam, and Everett lives on the Wm. Vickery estate, Victoria St., near V. Fullerton's; Ansil Vickery was drowned at sea. J. Vickery married Miss Mary Teate of Wharton. E. Teate was father of the late N.B. Morris, who was brought from Middleton, Annapolis Co., last Friday, by her son-in-law, Rev. W. Brown, and buried last Saturday, 30th day of June (1900). Alongside her husband at Advocate Harbour. J. Vickery's family consisted of three sons and one daughter. Edward, Jonathan and J. Wm. and Olivia. Edward married a Miss Church from Fort Lawrence, he was a carpenter by trade as well as a school teacher, well versed in mathematics and taught the writer of these sketches, land surveying, etc. fifty one years ago last winter (1849). He was a poet, and a few years previous to his death was a member of the House of Assembly for the Co. of Cumb. and a Liberal-Conservative of a mild type. He left one son, Rex, now a young man getting an education for usefulness; his mother resides in town and owns quite a property of real estate. Jonathan, the 2nd son of James, was a carpenter and married a lady from U.S.A., resides some of the time here and sometimes there. They had one son and three daughters residing in U.S. owning real estate in Parrsboro. J.W. Vickery was also a carpenter and worked quite a while in Mass., and married and removed to California. Olivia married Fred Yorke of Hortonville.

No. 19

At the commencement of the American Revolution 1776, Lieut. Eleazer Taylor left New England colonies and came to Halifax and served his Majesty's forces during the Rebellion. He was offered a Captaincy as soon as he got his Company across a certain river. He was in the act of crossing when peace was declared. He had three brothers, Ebenezer, Paul and Philip. Two of them went to Virginia and two came eastward. In the following copy of a letter I found among my papers a short time ago was written by the late J. Shannon Morse - not addressed to anyone - shows that he was somewhat acquainted with the Lieut., viz., "I, J. B. Morse of Amherst, Cumb. Co., N.S., now upwards of 90 years of age was formerly a member of the House

of Assembly for Amherst, county aforesaid for many years. Was also appointed member of Council where I served some years and was offered by Sir Jas. Kempt then the Governor of N.S., to go to Canada but declined as I could not leave my place and business. I spent many of my youthful years in Parrsboro with my uncle James Shannon. While there I had an intimate acquaintance with Lieut. Eleazer Taylor who was then living at Parrsboro. Mr. Taylor had been an officer in the British service during the American Revolution, a true Loyalist. He afterwards removed to Halfway R. Maccan in Cumb. Co., N.S. (Should be Westbrook), where some years afterward he died. Mr. Taylor claimed always relationship, cousin I think, to General Taylor. He was a very fine man and often his resemblance to the General when compared was so remarkable that it left no doubt of the connection. Lieut. Taylor left a large family of whom many are now dead and many living descendants still remain. Signed J. S. Morse, Witness J.A. Chipman, Post master. Amherst, 12th January 1878."

Lieut. Taylor's family were possessed on his arrival at Diligent River of 3 children, namely, Ebenezer, Wm. and Catherine. He received a grant of lot No. 70 and Capt. Wilson No. 69. A Captain's lot was 750 acres, a Lieut. 500 acres. These lots are about 7 miles long and a road must be made to get to the rear, and as much wants more, Capt. Wilson would not consent to have even one half of the road made on his lot. As it is today nearly all the road from the landing to where it crosses Ramshead R. is on lot No. 70. Lieut. Taylor set out an orchard on Glasgow Mts. some of the trees are standing yet. This mountain is so high that at one point we can see four counties in N.S. and two in N.B., and see over the top of Blomidon and get a view of Gaspereaux Mts. in Kings Co. Mr. Taylor built his first hut near the bank of Diligent R. out of logs to be had even for a floor. He peeled spruce trees and made a floor of bark. He was so diligent in his work and so determined to have a home that the place was called Diligent R. A man by the name of Robert Salter married a daughter of Capt. Wilson and brought up a large family. Lieut. Taylor's family increased by 5 sons and one daughter, viz., John Parr, Esther, Nathan, Gaius, and Eleazor.

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→ Sam. W. Salter, now well advanced in years who also has a large family.

and Mason. He removed to the Vought Place, so called, where J.D. Smith now resides, where he remained for some years, and then to West Brook, where shortly after he died. A fuller account of the family will be given when we arrive at West Brook.

No. 20 Sketch

In July 1812, James Kirkpatrick and his wife arrived at Halifax, N.S., from the Green Isle, of the sea. They left Ireland for Ohio, a British colony of America. On the way war was declared between Great Britain and the United States and they were not allowed to land so they came to Halifax. The unmarried men on board the ship were pressed for service and put on board the privateer, the married men were allowed to go free. The report in Halifax at this was that 400 men were wanted at Horton to work. They left Halifax and came to Horton, coming to Avonport, now called, they saw scarcely anything less but bushes. Mr. Kirk exclaimed, where is the work for 400 men? Travelling on they came to Grand Pre and there they beheld that marsh and dyke covered with wheat ready for the sickle. They went to work, stopped in Horton three years, During those three years one daughter, Nancy, and one son Thomas was born. At the close of the war they went to Ohio they took what they termed, "the fever and ague," they left Ohio and came to Parrsboro in the Co. of Kings, N.S. now Cumb. Co. On searching the vicinity he found a large hill, so large that he supposed the fever and ague would never reach him. This hill was covered with tremendous great timber and thither he went and commenced to clear for a farm which he succeeded, and raised a large family, and the great hill is known ever since by the name of Kirks Hill and the youngest son, James, 72 years of age, is raising another fine large family on the hill. On the hill were born Elisa, Mary, Wm., and James. Five are still living; Thomas, aged 85, Eliza, 79; William 77, Mary (Mrs. Webster) 75 and Jas. 72. Jas., the elder, was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Cumb. Co., and filled the position with credit to himself and adopted country. He was a man of education and the Rev. Charles Tupper, wishing to learn and hearing that Squire Kirk could teach different languages went on the hill, and seeing a man rolling black logs together to burn them

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and by so doing make his farm, and thinking him to be a hired man, enquired for Mr. Kirkpatrick. He asked Mr. Tupper what he wanted. Mr. Tupper says I hear he can teach Latin, and I want some lessons. Mr. Kirk then invited him to the house and entertained him hospitably and gave him the desire of his heart. Mr. Tupper said to himself, "are these different languages concealed in that being covered with blackness from the burnt wood?" Rev. Charles Tupper spent several hours on the side of that hill with James Kirk, Esq., and received much valuable information from him. This hill is about two miles from Parrsboro and any one wishing a good view of the Town, of the Bay and the surrounding country can secure their wish by going there. The descendants of these are scattered throughout Canada and U.S. Wm. and Jas. married sisters, daughters of Daniel Holmes the 2nd of Halfway R., and a grandson of Calab Lewis, the founder of the Lewis family in Parrsboro.

No. 21 Sketch

Partial record of the Jenks family. They were originally from Wales part of Great Britain. In A.D, 492, they were to be found in the caves among the rocks and in caverns where they had been driven with other Baptists by the persecutors of others who called themselves Christians, and to follow their genealogy from that time till the 17th century would take up too much time. The first one of whom we have any knowledge in America was the Hon. Joseph Jenks born in Buckinghamshire, Eng. in 1632. When young he came to America, tarried a while in Lynn, Mass., from thence went to Pawtucket and erected the first house built there. Here he built a forge which was burnt down in King Phillip's war. His four sons, Joseph, Nathaniel, Eben., and Wm. were eminent in their day. Each of these built a house in Pawtucket which remained for two centuries and three of them were worth members of the Baptist Church at Providence, R.I. Jenks the 2nd was born in 1656. He filled many important offices in the colony and was for a number of years ambassador to the court of St. James on business for the colonies and was for 5 yrs. its governor and was solicited to remain longer as such, but declined for this sage reason, "I now," said he, "perceive my natural faculties abating. If I would continue longer in office it is possible I may be insensible of their decay and may be unwilling to resign my post when I am

no longer capable of filling it. " He married Martha, daughter of Elder James Brown of Providence, R.I., by whom he had eight children whose names were Obadiah, Catherine, Nathaniel, Martha, Lydia, John, Mary and Esther, who married into the families of the Blakes, Turpins, Scotts, Andrews, Masons, Harendons and Butlers. The Governor was interred in the family burying ground at Pawtucket where the following Epitaph may be seen on his tomb. "In memory of the Hon. Joseph Jenks, Esq., late Governor of the colony of R.I. deceased the 15th day of June A.D., 1740 in the 84th year of his age. He was much honored and beloved in life and lamented in death. He was a bright example of virtue in every stage of life. He was a zealous Christian, a wise and prudent Governor, a kind husband and a tender father, a good neighbor and a faithful friend. Grave, sober, pleasant in behaviour, beautiful in person, with a soul truly great, heroic, and sweetly tempered."

Sketch No. 22

Major Nathaniel Jenks second son of Joseph Jenks, the Elder, was born in 1662 and died in 1723, aged 61 years. His descendants we will mention later. Elder (now called Rev.) Eben, Jenks, 3rd son of Jas. Jenks, the Elder, was one of the pastors of the Providence church which we have already mentioned. His descendants were Daniel, Eben., W.W. Ester and the widow of David L. Barry, Judge of the District of R.I. Daniel Jenks, a son of Eben. Jenks, was born in Pawtucket, Oct. 1701, and was 48 years a member of the church, settled in Providence, accumulated a great estate, and was a generous promoter of the Baptist interest in the town. It is said he expended a thousand dollars toward the college and the like sum unto the meeting house. He was 40 years in the General Assembly and nearly 30 years Chief Justice of Providence County Court. He died in July 1774 in the 73rd year of his age. A grandson of this eminent man is the Hon. Joseph Jenks and a member of the Providence church, lately removed to the Naragansett County. One of his daughters was the mother of Nicholas Brown, Esq., Jud. W. Jenks, the fourth son of the Hon. Joseph Jenks the youngest son of the four brothers, was a member of the church at Providence and died 1765 in the 91st year of his age. His house is now owned by Moses Brown of Providence. From Judge Wm. Jenks descended Gideon, Jonathan, and Niclolas, whose son, Henry Jenks, is now pastor of the church in the city of Hudson, N.Y. Samuel Eddy, Esq., Sec- of State at one time, was a worthy member of the Providence and

Elder Charles Brown of Providence. This from the ancient and Hon. Joseph Jenks, who was Senator of the colony or as the called (assistants of the Governor) has descended a most numerous posterity. Among his grandchildren were ten widows of remarkable character, viz. Catherin Turpin, ancestor of a gentleman of that name lately in Charleston, S.C., at her home the General Assembly of the colony was held for many years. She died at the age of 88 years. Catherine Jenks, widow of Capt. Nathaniel died in the 96th year. 3rd. Bridget a widow, 4th widow of Eben. Jenks, who died at 90. 5th Joanna, widow of Judge Daniel Jenks who died in her 93rd year. 6th Racheal, widow of Cornelius Eston, who lived to be 77. 7th Mercy, widow of Philip Wheeler who lived to her 80th year and died a member of the Swansea Church. 8th Frelove, widow of Jonathan Jenks, who lived to the age of 80. These ten widows were all first cousins, seven by blood and three by marriage. They were all eminent for piety and most of them were members of the Providence Church. Some of the eighth generation from the Ancient Joseph Jenks are now settled in the State of Ohio and others in the Province of N.S. The house built by Gov. Jenks at Pawtucket is said to be now standing and owned by his great grandson George Jenks and Dr. Manchester. The part owned by Dr. Manchester is the oldest and in this the Gov. died. The house built by Eben. Jenks was afterwards owned by James Morse Esq.

No. 23

From Major Nathaniel Jenks, 2nd son of the planter of the Jenks' family in America, descended a numerous family many of whom are in Pawtucket and its vicinity and many have moved to other parts. Three of these descendants of the Major's were brothers - Capt. Stephen, Ichabod and James. James came to Sackville near Fort Cumberland then called N.S. He removed to West Bay on lot No. 88 where Capt. Jas. George's father's family resided a long time. At this time he built a forge which his son Simeon and his Grandsons, Simion and Simon, subsequently occupied. He died at the age of 70 and was buried in Parrsboro. From this James Jenks' descended Simeon, David, James, Briget, Frelove, Emily, Lydia and Diadamy. Frelove married Ebenezer Taylor, eldest son of Eleazer Taylor. Simeon, son of James the

Elder, had a family of eight sons and two daughters, namely, David, Simon, Simeon, James, Stephen, Joseph, John and William. All those have passed away or removed from Cumb. Co., Mrs. Simeon Jenks of this town is a daughter of Stephen Jenks, Simeon Jenks of this town is a son of Joseph Jenks; Eugene Jenks and Mrs. Mark Phinney of West Bay are children of the late Capt. John Jenks, David Jenks, youngest son of James Jenks the elder, removed to Thornstown, Maine, U.S.A., at the time of the American War, where he afterwards resided. He became a wealthy man yet through heavy losses by fire was only in easy circumstances at the time of his death. Jas. Jenks the son of Jas. Jenks the elder, was born A.D. 1763, removed to Halfway R. and was one of the first settlers there where he remained during his life. He was an extensive farmer, accumulated considerable property, held a Captain's Commission in the Militia and was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Kings. It is said he was of even temper, firm yet of a mild disposition, was remarkable for his humor and affability of manner. He died in 1821 in the 58th year of his age and was interred in the family burying ground at Halfway R. Meeting House. He married Martha Lewis daughter of the late Caleb Lewis the elder, of whom more will be given in the genealogy of the Lewis family. James Jenks Esq., left nine children, Abigail, Lydia, James, Beriah, David, Lewis, Martha, Chloe, and Eunice (all have passed away). Abigail married Jonathan Wetherbee of River Philip Cumb. Co., they lived to be quite old and previous to their death both moved about on crutches. Lydia Jenks, second daughter never married, was born January 21st, 1798, and died 12 February 1852 (63 years of age). Jas. Jenks, oldest son of James Jenks Esq., was born January 22nd, 1791, married Jane Dunn Feb. 15th, 1814. Died March 11, 1831. (This corpse was the first ever saw by the writer of these sketches and is as fresh in his mind as the day of the funeral). He was of a generous and mild disposition, of a strong mind, quick of thought with great depth of reasoning power. He was an influential and eminently useful member of society, yet from an impediment in his speech was deterred from participating in the Province for which he was otherwise qualified and admirably adapted. He held a commission as Deputy Crown Land Surveyor until his death in the 41st year of his age. He was one of the first settlers in Westbrook and further mention of his family will be given when I arrive there. Beriah Jenks, third daughter married

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Eleaser Taylor fourth son of Lieut. Ebenezer Taylor, and were some of the first settlers at Westbrook and will be mentioned when we take up the history of that place. David Jenks, second son of James Jenks Esq., married Eliza Taylor of Great Village, Col. Co., and lived in Halfway R. Lewis Jenks 3rd son of Jas. Jenks Esq., married Lydia Ann Evans of Sackville and resided in Halfway River. Martha Jenks, 4th daughter, married John Gabriel, left one son and one daughter, resided on the east side of Halfway River Lake, now known as Newville. John Jenks, 4th son was born April 30, 1802, died Oct. 30, 1803. Chloe Jenks 5th daughter, married Jas. S. Fullerton, Jr., of Halfway R. resided awhile at Whitehall, Westbrook, Wallace and Westchester Mt., where he was killed by a tree falling on him. Their family were Benjamin, James, Edward, Jerusha, Asabel, Roxanna and John Alonzo; all moved with their mother to United States except Roxanna who died in Great Village. Eunice the last daughter, married James Davison of River Philip, and mover to United States with their family, Charles E., Martha E. Pametta and Josephine.

Sketch No. 24

One of the first settlers in Halfway River was Caleb Lewis. He was born in Connecticut, New England, was a son of Dr. Lewis. He married Elizabeth Morse and at the time of the American Revolution he had but one son Jesse and two daughters Martha and Lois unmarried. The other part of his family being married preferred to stay at home and fight for liberty, did not move to N.S. Caleb himself was taken prisoner shortly after the war commenced and his whereabouts were not known by his son and two daughters until after the close of the war and his son Jesse found him on the Fordyce place at Halfway R. now partly owned by the Warden of Cumb. Co., James Peck Fullerton. Jesse his son was also taken prisoner, and his sisters did not know for two years where he was. They had moved from Connecticut to Vermont previous to the breaking out of hostilities, and many a time has Martha's grandson listened to the telling of Gen. Burgoyne's Army, and where the soldiers found their way into their houses and destroyed all their furniture therein, ripping up the bed ticks and scattered the feathers from the chamber window, also securing her mother's Bible and some few other

belongings and leaving homeless and desolate. Part of this old Bible is now in possession of his grandson which he values very highly. When Jesse, Martha and Lois Lewis met they concluded to leave Vermont and find a home with others in Sackville, then called Cumberland, N.S. Shortly after the close of the war it was reported at Sackville that quite a number of Loyalists had arrived at Parrsboro in the north part of Kings Co., so Jesse leaves his sisters at Sackville and walked for Parrsboro to see if his father was among the number. He came to Amherst, then to Amherst Pt. and crossing the Nappan R. he travelled along the pathway to River Hebert, nine miles from Amherst. Taking this path he came to Maccan R., waded it when the tide was out, then travelled along the pathway through the woods to River Hebert, then following up that river to nearly the head so called he crossed the river and travelled along the Boar's Back, so called, for nearly six miles, till he came off the pig's back and travelling along about four miles further he came to midway between River Hebert and Parrsboro, which was then and is now called Halfway R. near the place he crossed the river he found his father living on the Fordyce farm. His father having not seen his son for seven years and the son being quite young did not recognize him. He tried to engage with his father to work; but his father not willing to engage tramps, as he called him, would not have him. He pleaded with his father to keep him for a few days which he did for nearly a week before he made himself known. In a few weeks after this he brought his two sisters from Sackville to Halfway R. where they had a happy meeting with their father, their mother having died previous to the war. About this time the Jenks family moved to West Bay and other descendants of Nathaniel Jenks of Pawtucket. Two daughters of Catherine Jenks, who married James Olney, Esq., came with them, one of whom married a Mr. Knowlton who moved to Advocate Harbour and raised a numerous and very large family in stature as well as mind, Capt. Charles Tupper Knowlton being one of the 3rd generation. All the Knowltons in this county, I believe, are descendants of this same Nathaniel Jenks. Mrs. Knowlton's sister Chloe married this Jesse Lewis before mentioned. Here at Halfway River Jesse raised a large family and became wealthy. Jesse Olney Lewis, Gop'y Surveyor, was a grandson of Jesse Lewis Esq., Caleb Lewis was one of the first vestry men for St. George's Parish in Parrsboro. He resided in Halfway R. until his death which occurred on the 28th day of April, A.D. 1827 in the 94th year of his age

and was buried in the cemetery at Parrsboro. There are five generations buried in the cemetery at Parrsboro. There are five generations buried here side by side, namely, Caleb, his son Jesse, his son Jesse, his son Olney and his daughter.

Sketch 25

Jesse Lewis, Esq., son of Caleb, married Chloe Olney, descendant of Nathaniel Jenks of Pawtucket, R.I. They lived and died at Halfway R. and were buried in the cemetery at Mill Village (so called) now the town of Parrsboro and as near the centre of said town as possible alongside his father. Their family consisted of four sons and three daughters, i.e., Gaius, Eunice, Oman, Jesse, Anna, Rosamond, and Caleb. Jesse Lewis, Esq., was a man of sterling ability, sound judgement, fair education, an Episcopalian, a leader of St. George's Parrish at Parrsboro and in the absence of the Rector would perform the rites of the church to the sick and dying, christen children and as a Justice of the Peace would marry people. The writer of these sketches at five years of age remembers seeing him marry a couple named Thomas Smith, a blacksmith, and Susan Martin at his father's house. The writer also remembers riding on horseback with his father and others six miles to hear him read a sermon in the old school house at Halfway River. He was very influential in the community and considered to have no superior in Kings Co. His son Gaius married Ann Freeman of Amherst and raised a large family at Westbrook. Eunice married Alexander Fullerton of Halfway R., son of James Fullerton from the Highlands of Scotland. Oman Lewis married first time, Mary Fullerton, sister to Alexander and lived on the east side of the meadow, had two sons and one daughter, John W., Jesse Alex., Gaius and Mary. John W. married a Miss Smith, daughter of David Smith, and was killed by a tree. Gaius married a Miss Barnes of Nappan, had one son, the Rev. Arthur Lewis is said to be very talented. Gaius died here in the town of Parrsboro a few years ago. Jesse Alex Lewis, son of Oman Lewis, married a Miss Gilbert, had two sons and one daughter, Oman, John and Mrs. John E. Dougherty of this town. Oman Lewis, son of Jesse Lewis, married for his second wife Jane Fullerton daughter of Hugh Fullerton, a Highland Scotchman, cousin to his first wife, who had two sons and one daughter, Oman, Alex F., and

Elizabeth, all were married and passed away. Mary Lewis, daughter of Oman Lewis, married James Harrison (known as little Jim Harrison) in contrast with James Harrison of Maccan Interval, father of our worthy ex-mayor Thos. R. Harrison known as big Jim Harrison, a class leader and preacher among the Westbrook methodists. Jesse Lewis, son of Jesse Lewis, Esq., who always was a Justice of the Peace, a Major in the Militia, married a Miss Fullerton, daughter of Jas. Strachan Fullerton, Esq., a native of the Lowlands of Scotland, a good old Presbyterian, who lived where the late B. H. Fullerton's family now reside. Jesse Lewis, second family consisted of five sons and one daughter, Jesse Olney, who was a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands, Jas., R., Caleb E., Sabra, Johnson and Albert. Caleb E. resides in Onslow, and he and Johnson are the only ones living, I believe Anna Lewis married a John Johnson of Greenwich near Wolfville. Ann Lewis married Ebenezer Bishop of Greenwich, have one son still living on the old homestead named Edward. There being so many Edward Bishops in the vicinity he is or has been called thorny ledged Ned. He married Elizabeth Humphrey of Southampton, one of his sons is a Baptist clergyman in the Province. Caleb Lewis, youngest son of Jesse Lewis, Esq., the elder married for his first wife Jane, daughter of James S. Fullerton Esq., and lived in Canaan so called, had no issue. After the death of his wife, he married a Miss Atkinson of Southampton and had one daughter. Having arrived at Halfway R. we will mention some of the first residents of the same, who were Fordyces, Moores, Lockharts, Cranes, the two James Fullertons, the Highlander and the Lowlander, James Jenks, Daniel Holmes, Jeffs (lately called Jeffers) from Falmouth, James Amy and Black Bob, once a slave, and in Halfway R. the Highland James took the top of the hill and the Lowland James S. took the flat for their residences, lived and died there. Their farms joined. James Strachan Fullerton, Esq., was a man of liberal education, done a great deal of business for his neighbours and throughout the vicinity highly spoken of - a leading man of his day. He married a Miss Peck. Their family were five sons and four daughters. Robert, Elisha, James Strachan Jr., George Douglas, May Ann, Jane, Sabra and Hannah. Robert and Elisha moved to New Brunswick, Jas. S. Jr. married Chloe Jenks daughter of Jas. Jenks, Esq., already mentioned, Mary Ann married Jesse Lewis the 2nd, Jane married Caleb Lewis the 2nd, Sabra married Burgess Newcombe, of Cornwallis. Hannah Fullerton was never married. George D. Fullerton married a Miss Bent of Fort Lawrence. Their sons and daughters were James Peck, now warden of Cumb. Co., Burgess Newcombe, now deceased, Vose Bent, Kerr and S. Douglas. James P. had two wives, Miss Barnes, of who sprang Peck's Bad Boy and Miss Eunice Dickinson, both now deceased. B.N. married

Miss Lawrence of Southampton. V. Bent married Miss Fullerton, daughter of Jesse W., from whom we have Mrs. Beck, and our esteemed tradesman, Varley B. Fullerton.

No. 26

James Fullerton, the elder, one of the first settlers at Halfway R. came with his wife Mary McIntosh from the Bonnie Highlands of Scotland. He commenced farming on the top of the hill, still a Highlander. Their family consisted of three sons and two daughters, John, Alexander, Wm., Rachel and Mary. John became a tanner and was doing a good business but by overworking himself and lying down on the ground to rest took cold which caused his death in early manhood. Alexander married Eunice Lewis, daughter of Jesse Lewis, Esq., they had four sons and five daughters. James married Jane Lawrence and moved to Nappan and did a large business in shipbuilding. He was a fine portly looking gentleman, and genial and pleasant as the sun. In 1859 he was one of the candidates for the Provincial Legislature. Six of them, Dr. Tupper, Wm, Young, Alexander McFarlane, Stephen Fulton, Robert Duncan, and Jas. Fullerton. Tupper, Young and McFarlane being declared elected. John Fullerton married a Miss Young and moved to Port Williams, Kings Co. One of his sons is Dr. Fullerton. Jesse W. son of Alex. Fullerton, married Eunice M. Lawrence sister of James' wife, daughter of Gilbert Lawrence of Southampton, whose children are Ella who married V.D. Fullerton, deceased, son of Geo. D. Fullerton who left one daughter, Mrs. Mack, wife of a Methodist Clergyman, and one son, Varley B. Fullerton, the esteemed superintendent of the Methodist Sabbath School in Parrsboro, and ex-councillor and by all appearances a successful merchant. Clarence, eldest son of Jesse W. married Miss Smith of Port Greville, daughter of Charles Smith of Amherst. Hubert, second son of Jesse W. Esq., married Miss Dickinson, daughter of David Dickinson of Westbrook. Alex Fullerton, son of Alex was scalded to death while a small boy by falling backwards in a tub of boiling water. Anna, oldest daughter of Alex Fullerton, married Amos Lawrence, second son of Gilbert Lawrence of Southampton, where they lived up to the fourscore years and upwards and respected and loved not only by their neighbors but by the country at large. One of their daughters married the lamented B.N. Fullerton (both deceased). Another daughter is the wife of

Rev. M. Johnson, a Methodist clergyman. They left three or four children who have been successful in business. Rosamond, 2nd daughter of Alex Fullerton, married John Smith, Esq., son of David Smith whose wife was a Miss Pugsley of Maccan. John W. and wife lived at Diligent R. where Wm. Smith now resides, where they lived but a short time and removed to Fort Lawrence. Mrs. Smith died in early life. He is one of the oldest men now in the county. Eunice third daughter of Alex never married but passed away some years ago. Mary 4th daughter of Alex married Chas. Lawrence of Southampton, brother to Amos, who died in early life, no children. Lavinia 5th daughter married Douglas Pugsley of Nappan. J.W. Fullerton, Esq., was one of the candidates for honours in the Local House in 1867. Conservative Candidates were Henry G. Pineo, and Edward Vickery; Liberals, Amos Purdy and J.W. Fullerton, Esq. Pineo and Purdy being the successful men; Dr. Tupper being elected for the dominion, first year of Confederation. Alex Fullerton and wife lived to a good old age, respected by all - young and old. He lived to the age of 97 years. Racheal Fullerton, daughter of Jas. Fullerton the elder, married Edward Tate of Diligent R., two daughters married at Advocate Harbor. One married Samuel Harris, the other H.B. Morris. Mrs. H.B. mother of the wife of the Rev. Wm. Brown of Springhill, died about the time the Methodist Conference was being held in Parrsboro this spring, and was interred alongside of her husband at Advocate Harbor. James Tate, son of Racheal, married a daughter of John Fowler. He was at one time a Deputy Sheriff for the county; another time a constable. In such business he afterwards became lighthouse keeper at Apple R. for quite a number of years. His widow now lives on the old Hugh's farm, so called, at Ramshead R. near Diligent R. Corner, with her son, who married Jane Fullerton, daughter of the celebrated Edward DeWolfe Fullerton, son of Hugh 2nd. Wm. Tate, second son of Racheal married a Miss O'Mullen of Riverside, who died in early life and left one daughter I believe who went to Massachusetts.

No. 27

Wm. Fullerton, youngest son of James the Highlander married a Miss Puglsey of Maccan, and lived on the homestead near where his son John Fullerton now resides, Their sons and daughters were Alexander, Wm., Eliza, James,

David, John, Albert, Hannah, Amelia, and Angeline. Alex died in middle life, so called. Wm. M. studied the legal profession and became Registrar of Probate for the county; was rather successful in business, not only as a lawyer but as a lumberman, having control of the mills at Little Forks. He married a Miss Morse, sister of Lady Tupper; he has been dead some years. Eliza, W.H.'s twin sister, married Robert Harrison, a true bred Englishman, and resided on what is known as Sand R. Road. They left no family. James passed away in early manhood. David R. fourth son of Wm. married Celina Lawrence, daughter of Gilbert Lawrence Esq., of Nappan. He resides on Sand R. Road at Halfway R., is rather an extensive farm, has one son and five daughters. Eliza married James Taggart, son of John Taggart from the Emerald Isle. They had four daughters and one son, now residing out west farming. Clara married John W. Harrison, son of Wm., born in Kendall, Yorkshire, England, a loyal Englishman. They have four daughters and three sons. John fifth son of Wm., Fullerton, resides at the old stand where his parents lived and died at Halfway R. still living in blessed singleness. Albert, sixth son, has married three times. Hannah Amelia, second daughter, while quite young walked into a well it having no curb on it was drowned. Angeline, third daughter, married Luther Baker of Athol, a farmer and Justice of the Peace for the County of Cumberland. The Jeffers family came to Falmouth with another family by the name of Jess from New England. Joseph Jess came to Parrsboro with his daughter Elizabeth and her son, Jess Jeffers, and bought lands in Lakelands from Jonathan Crane. Joseph Jess conveyed his estate to his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Jeffers, and her son Jess. Jess Jeffers' family were three sons, Wm., John and Henry; and his daughters were Sarah and Mary. Wm. Jeffers was a very large, smart man. I have heard it said he was the first man to carry the mail from Parrsboro to Amherst, once in two week and walked; sometimes in winter he went on snow shoes. He moved to New Brunswick. John Jeffers second son of Jesse Jeffers, married Esther Holmes, daughter of Daniel Holmes and Lois Lewis. Their family consisted of: Syntha, Eunice, Mary Esther, Abigail, Martha Elizabeth, Lois Matilda and Joseph Jess Jeffers. Syntha married James Moore son of Sampson Moore. They had two sons, John and James, lumbermen. Eunice married John Hanna of Maccan, three sons and two daughters. The sons are Hugh Hanna, who resides in Falmouth or near there, owns a large farm with a large orchard thereon. John A. Hanna resides on the homestead,

he married a Miss Law from Kirks Hill. She passed away to her rest but a few weeks ago; he is a prosperous farmer and lumberman. Amos Hanna married Miss Johnson from the eastward, have a fine family of children, lives on the Daniel Holmes homestead, has a large farm; just got his hay harvested when a thunder storm came up with vivid lightning and destroyed hay and other things, loss cannot be much less than \$1,000. Mary Esther Jeffers married one James McQuarter. Abigail married Wm. Brinnock, a school teacher. Martha E. and Lois M. died young. Joseph Jesse only son of John married Mary Rector daughter of George Rector, 2nd. They have two sons, Dr. Edward and George Hibbert, lumbermen; they have both been successful in business, both are married; and four daughters, Rebecca, Grace, Millie Esther, and Bessie May. Henry Jeffers son of Jess Jeffers, married Margaret Lowans, had seven sons and three daughters. James, John, Henry, Jesse, Jacob, Charles, and Albert, Margaret, Mary and Anna. Sarah Jeffers married Johnson Moore of Old Barnes near Truro. He was the son of James already mentioned. William Moore married Miss Blenkhorn of Advocate, had a large family and resides at Advocate, has been a shipbuilder and ship-owner and is now customs officer for the port of Advocate Harb. Sampson Moore, Jr., was a shipright, married Miss Rector, has left one son Edgar and some daughters. Alex Moore, third son of Sampson, married another Miss Rector and resides in New Prospect, has a small family. Sampson, Sr. had two daughters, both died in middle life and one other son, Jesse, died in early manhood. Mary Jeffers married Wm. Skidmore of Sugar Hill, Canaan; their sons, Wm., Jesse, Joseph and Alexander are mighty men physically and musically. Greatest singers of the day. In the next generation they have a Noah, Jonah and some others.

No. 30

Some of the first settlers of Westbrook were George Minnard, Lieut. E. Taylor and family, Micheal and John Atkinson. The Minnard and Allen Grant were the first. Other grants bounded upon this grant. The Bulmer and Logan grant was issued the 3rd day of Feb., 1786. The Southampton grant issued previous to this with 7 divisions lying and situated from

Southampton to Little Forks now called Athol. That part of land situated between the Southampton grant and the Bulmer and Logan grant was taken up by Micheal and John Atkinson. Some of their descendants are still residing of those two farms. George Minnard had quite a large family. Their names were Manella, Wm., George and David. One daughter married James Scott from Miramichi. They had one daughter and one son, John C. and Eleanor. John C. was a tailor by trade. He married Margaret Jenks, second daughter of James Jenks of Westbrook. They had two sons and three daughters; J. Oscar Scott now of River Hebert, a well-to-do farmer, Snowden Dunn Scott of the St. John Sun, famed for his editorial ability. Maggie who married Dan Hunter and is known as the correspondent of more papers than one. She wrote for the Halifax Herald with regard to the early settlers of Southampton, Westbrook and Halfway R. John C. Scott died when his children were young, his wife living to be in her seventies. James Scott's daughter married James McAlonan from Ireland a farmer whose farm was near Lake Pleasant so called, sometimes known as McAloney Lake situated between the town of Parrsboro and vicinity. Their sons are James Alex, John V., Alfred now deceased, Edward and Allan. All are married. They all have a genius for mechanism. One daughter married Alex Kelso living in Parrsboro. Wm. and George Allen were nephews of George Minnard the older Wm. sold his part of the grant and moved to the West. George Allen was a tailor by trade and moved with his family to Mount Whatley near Jolicure, N.B.

In my issue I mentioned that in the family of Catherine Moore there were four sons and seven daughters. I should have said ten daughters. I omitted Eleanor, Catherine and Elizabeth. Eleanor Moore married Joseph Atkinson, eldest son of George Atkinson of Southampton. The name of her family will be given when I come to the Atkinson family. I have now given the names of the three eldest of Lieut. F. Taylor's family which three were born before they came to Parrsboro. I will now take up the first one born here, John Parr Taylor, he was born at Diligent R. and removed with his father to Westbrook and here resided for some time and resided awhile in other places and finally settled at Five Islands where he died at ninety years of age. He married Elizabeth Dewey, a distant relative of

Admiral Dewey; they had a large family consisting of five sons and seven daughters, viz: Eleazor, John Dewey, Stephen, Silas, Alexander F., Catherine, Eunice, Sarah, Olivia, Sabra, Mary and Rosamond. Eleazor married Anna Layton of Falmouth, Hants Co., daughter of Richard Layton. They had five or six children, resided at Westbrook about half their time then removed to Campobello; they have crossed the flood a number of years ago. Their eldest daughter Charlotte married Michael Athinson, Jr., of Westbrook, where they resided but a short time and from thence removed to Apple River. Catherine daughter of John Parr Taylor, married Thomas Oulton, Shemogue, N.B. had five or six in the family, nearly all of whom went to United States. John Dewey, John Parr's second son, married Charlotte Layton of Falmouth, sister of Eleazor's wife; they had five sons and four daughters; Stephen now living in Springhill and Edward at Springhill, Thos. in N.B., and one daughter in Springhill. Only Stephen, Edward, Thomas and Mrs. Brown now living. Stephen Layton, 3rd son of John Parr died when a young man, the writer hereof remembers him for it was he who learned me to count while quite small. Eunice daughter of John Parr, married Marchant Robinson of Parrsboro. They lived for a short time at Westbrook and removed from thence to New Brunswick, they had some five or six of a family. They named their eldest son for the Rev. T.S. Rand who at that time just commenced preaching at Westbrook. "The name" Silas Tusches Rand Robinson. He lived with that name till about two years ago and succumbed. Sarah Taylor, another daughter of John Parr, never married but went to Boston where she lived above the sixty. Olivia Taylor the next daughter, married James Lewis of Moncton or near there. After he husband died she went with her son to Massachusetts and lived to be eighty years of age. She died at South Boston. Sabra Taylor the next daughter, married Charles McLellan, of Five Islands, and moved from thence to Bath, Maine. Her husband had been dead a number of years; she is still living, about four score, with some of her family in one of the states of the Union. Silas Taylor fourth son of John Parr, is still living nearly eighty years old. It was at his home in Five Islands his father died. He has been and is yet one of the jolliest of men, good, honest to the extreme has been a great worker and what ever he undertook to do he did it with all his might. He could built a ship, a house and everything needful in this county. He married a Miss Fales a

daughter of Ebenezer Fales, of great repute. They have quite a large family. One son, John S. Taylor, lives near him a great carpenter of ship and houses. He is also a respected Deacon of the Baptist Church at Five Islands. Silas' daughter Maria married a Mr. Campbell and lives near her father. Alexander Fullerton Taylor, the youngest son of John Parr, married a Miss Cameron, whose parents came from Bonny Scotland about the time the Hannings, Fullertons and others came. Alex F. has been dead a long time; he left a widow, one son and two daughters. The son and two daughters are in the U.S. of America. One daughter married William Harrington of Five Islands and lives on the place where her father and grandfather lived. Mary the next daughter of John Parr married Joseph Doyle of Five Islands, did not have a large family. Rosamond, the youngest daughter married Silas Wadman; she has been dead a number of years. Her family with the majority of John Parr Taylor, turned westward, the magnet pointed to the United States. John Parr Taylor's children have all passed over but Sabra and Silas and they to the margin have come, being about four score.

No. 37

Gaius Lewis, Esq., of Westbrook, eldest son of Jesse Lewis, Esq., of Halfway R. and Chloe Olney, his wife, was born in Amherst 1784. He was a grandson of the first Caleb Lewis that came to Parrsboro from Connecticut whose wife was Elizabeth Morse. Gaius bought part of the land granted to George Minnard in Westbrook and made a good farm of it. He married Ann Freeman of Amherst, daughter of Samuel Freeman. They had four sons and four daughters. He was a Justice of Peace for Cumb. Co. The division line between Cumberland and Kings Co. was through his farm; he resided on the Cumberland side. He was a representative for the county in Joseph Howe's time and a staunch liberal and assisted Jos. Howe to get Responsible Government for his country. He was also a clerk of the Baptist Church at Westbrook, said church was then known as the Parrsboro Baptist Church, as it was organized at Halfway River in Parrsboro. He and his wife were nearly 90 years old at their death. Their eldest son, Jesse Lewis lives on part of said farm where David P. Lewis now resides. He married Olevia

Knowlton of Advocate Harbour, their family consisted of seven or eight children. The second daughter, Lois, married D. Lewis of Amherst one was drowned or perished crossing the marsh road or main road near Fort Lawrence years ago. The family afterwards moved to the western states, Caleb, the second son of Gaius, married Marion Knowlton, daughter of John Knowlton of Advocate. They resided at Westbrook, made a new farm of part of his father's lot, built his house on the division line between Cumb. and Kings Co., they had two sons and two daughters. Their eldest son, David died in early youth. The second son Gaius Edgar, married a Miss Archibald, formerly a school teacher; they have three sons and live on the homestead at Westbrook and have a large farm and property and also own the property in Parrsboro town where his father and mother died. Caleb Lewis' eldest daughter, Emma, married Allan Doncaster of Amherst and was a great sufferer for years but, too, has gone. Their second, Edith, married John D. Smith of Parrsboro. She died some years ago and left one son and one daughter. Gaius Lewis' third son, Alexander Fullerton Lewis married Miss Pugsley daughter of David Pugsley of Maccan, they had two sons and one daughter. One son died in infancy. Their other son, David Pugsley Lewis, married a young lady at or near Pugwash. He resides on the old place where his father and mother died, and where his uncle Jesse moved from; he has a large and good farm but he must be in the lumber business too. Alex F. Lewis assisted his father, Gaius, as light keeper at Apple R. for some years. Gaius Lewis' eldest daughter, Mary, married James Metcalf Atkinson of Lower Maccan, son of Charles, of whom more will be said hereafter. She lived to quite an old lady. Jerusha, second daughter of Gaius, married John Harrison of Lower Maccan. They had four or five children most of whom died with consumption as did their father years ago. Mrs. Harrison died this year, 1900, nearly ninety years of age, and was the last one of all Gaius Lewis' family to cross the river of death. Eunice, third daughter of Gaius, married Wilson McLellan of Five Islands, had a small family. One son resided a while at Westbrook, then went west when a young man. Eunice afterward married Mr. Dixon, a shoemaker of Nappan. Charlotte Lewis fourth daughter of Gaius, married David Hoeg of Maccan., had a small family. One daughter married Robert Smith of Parrsboro, brother of John D. Smith, on the Vought place, so called,

but did not live long. Charlotte Lewis, her husband, David Hoeg and this Mr. Smith have all passed away. One of the early settlers of Parrsboro was Daniel Dickinson. He came from the State of New York and had a large family. His ancestors were from England. Their family consisted of three sons and seven daughters. It was with Daniel Dickinson that the Rev. Charles Tupper boarded when taking lessons from James Kirkpatrick, Esq., on Kirk's Hill. Daniel Dickinson, son of Daniel had two wives and resided some time in Parrsboro, afterwards moved to River Hevert, opposite the Baptist meeting house in that place. His daughter married Abijah Higgs. Samuel, one of Daniel Dickinson the elder, died in early manhood. He left one son who resided in Goose R. Jesse Dickinson, son of Daniel Dickinson the elder, married Miss Rosamond Knowlton whose mother was an Olney of the Jenks Family. They lived at Parrsboro, where seven of their family were born, two daughters and five sons, Olive, Jess Knowlton, Charles W., Eunice, Robert, and John E., after which he bought the farm at Westbrook that Wm. Taylor raised his large family and move on it where his fifth son George and eighth child David, were born, and David now resides. He is David the son of Jesse eighth child but not the eighth son. Olevia the eldest of the family never married. She now resides at Fenwick with her brother George. Jesse K. the eldest son, was a shoemaker by trade; he married a Miss Hatfield, from Fox River, live awhile in Mill Village so called at that time now the town of Parrsboro, and one of the first to reside on Spring St., he was an active member of the methodist Church and helped built the meeting house here in the town, now called the Opera House. He was also a great temperance man and a very staunch liberal. He moved to Cornwallis and was one of the fruit growers at that place. He died some ten years ago and left a small family. Charles W. Dickinson second son of Jesse, was a carpenter and built that queer shaped building standing in the centre of the town of Parrsboro surrounded by Main, Spring and River streets, now occupied and owned by William Ryan and others. He married Hannah Lodge, daughter of Joseph Lodge of Maccan Mts. so called at that time. They had a small family. They resided awhile at Westbrook and at Parrsboro, now resides at

at Westbrook. He was a warm supporter of Joseph Howe.

No. 39

Three of Daniel Dickinson's daughters married men at Wallace, Montross, Betts and Hunter. One married John Ripley of Nappan, one married Andrew Weldon of Dorchester, one married Alexander Thompson of Five Islands, who cleared off the timber and made a great farm on the Maccan Mountain Road about three miles from the shore. Their family consisted of four daughters and two sons. The eldest son Charles, married Catherine Fulton of Westbrook, second daughter of Josiah Fulton. They resided sometimes on the old homestead, then removed to New York from thence they and their family make periodical visits to Parrsboro. Mathew chey, the youngest son of Alex and wife, is a carpenter, is a very musical man. It was he and John E. Dickinson who built the Baptist meeting house in Diligent R. in 1859 and during its construction the Hon. Wm. Young and Mr. Tupper met and spoke to the citizens upon the political issues of the day. M.R. Thompson now resides with his family in Brooklyn, New York state. The other daughters of Daniel Dickinson, the elder, married Nathan Knowlton of Advocate Harb. They resided a while at Fraserville. They had a small family. One daughter married Wm. Ripley of Nappan, son of John. Their son, Levi, married a daughter of Daniel Holmes, the second, and resides at Halfway R. and made a fine farm there. They had a large family but have all left and gone west as before mentioned and left Levi alone.

One of the first settlers of Maccan and Westbrook was from Hull, Old England, in the latter days of the eighteenth century. His name was John Atkinson. They came out in the ship called Albion on the passage out Mrs. Atkinson give birth to a daughter. The captain of the ship christened the child and called her Albion for the ship, hence so many of the descendants called Albion or as a great many of them spell it Alban. They had a large family. One of the sons, Charles, married Miss Metcalfe of Lower Maccan and resided on the Metcalfe farm. He had two sons. Their eldest son was called James Metcalfe and married Mary Lewis, eldest daughter

of Gaius Lewis, Esq., of Westbrook. He was a deacon of the Baptist Church at Maccan. They had five sons and four daughters. Their eldest son Amos, married Miss Barnes of Nappan. They reside on a part of the old farm. He was at one time an owner of the Southampton wool factory. James M's second son, Jesse, went out west and report says he has become quite wealthy. Edwin, third son, is living on the homestead. His other sons died young. Jesse M's eldest daughter married Amos Purdy, postmaster of Amherst, and have a small family. One married Joptha Hoeg and one Jeptha Harrison of Maccan, Amos Atkinson, son of Charles, married Priscilla Reid, sister of Wm. and Thomas of Athol. They had three daughters. One married Isaac Carter of Coat's Hill, kept a hotel. One married William Carter of Maccan, who left a family of sons and daughters. One of the daughters married Captain Gilbert Dexter of Parrsboro. He is the master of the Schooner St. Anthony built by Capt. Patrick McLaughlin of the Port of Parrsboro. Mrs. Dexter keeps a restaurant in Parrsboro on Main St. and by report it is a good one. One of the daughters of John Atkinson the elder, married Micheal Taylor and moved with his family to Miramichi and during the great fire there he was missing and never heard of afterwards. The widow brought her family back to Maccan. One daughter of Micheal Taylor lived some years in Maccan. The last we know of her she was residing in St. John, N.B. unmarried and was then an octogenarian. Her name was Elizabeth Taylor. Another daughter of John Atkinson the elder, Nancy, married George Butler who became one of the first settlers of West Brook. They resided where Wm. Fulton now resides or within a few yards thereof. Mr. Butler wore a queue and was at one time one of the trustees of the meeting house at West Brook. Mrs. Butler had one son Charles Atkinson Butler. He procured a grant of land from the Crown at Canaan Mts. afterwards known as the Charley Butlers Mt. The timber was nearly all hardwood well mixed with maple, and many a ton of sugar was made thereon. Mr. and Mrs. Butler lived to a good old age well respected by their neighbours.

Micheal Canning, second son of Wm. and Fanny, after growing up to manhood went out West, married and has a family there. We went to school together at Westbrook, to Thomas Atkinson, son of George, and while playing knocking off hats his finger nail came in contact with my left eye

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and was the cause of one blind eye. John Canning, third son, married a Miss Harrison of Little Forks, so called, had four or five of a family, lived awhile at Westbrook. Both have passed away. Stephen, fourth son, married a Miss Field of Apple R. for first wife. He bought part of his grandfather Atkinson's old farm at Westbrook. They had sons and daughters. His wife and one daughter died of diphtheria and both were buried in one grave at one time. He afterwards married his cousin, Lydia O'Brien, a widow. They had but a small family. They reside on the farm at present. Frederick, fifth son, married a daughter of Capt. Charles Hatfield at Brookville. They reside at Fox R. or near the bounds between Fox R. and Port Greville. Isaac sixth son, married a sister of Frederick's wife, lived a while at Canaan then removed to Brookville on his father-in-law's farm. They had no family. He was at one time a Municipal Councillor for the District No. 12. He became very hard of hearing and died last summer, 1900. Rebecca, fifth daughter, Isaac's twin sister married Oman Lewis, of Halfway R. son of Oman, son of Jesse, son of Caleb, the elder, son of Dr. Lewis of Connecticut, U.S.A. Both passed away without issue. Amy, sixth daughter, went to the state of Maine and married. She was here on a visit last summer about the time her brothers, John and Isaac died. Mary, seventh daughter, married Alexander McAloney, son of Daniel, from the Isle in the Sea. He lives in Westbrook or Canaan, a good careful farmer, well to do, and is a complete hardshell, a reformer, Liberal, Gvt, a whole soul man for H.J. Logan, M.P. Wm. Canning after his wife's death, which was after all her children were grown up and I think married, married Lydia Wood of Lower Maccan, daughter of Amos. They had two sons and one daughter. Elisha, Wm. and Maggie. Elisha is living near Jamaica Plains, Mass., has a family. Wm. lives at Southampton, married a Miss Rogers of Windham Hill. He is a section foreman on the railroad. Maggie lives in the U.S. as a well trained nurse. In 1861 Wm. Canning the elder wished me to fill out his Schedule for the census, first one I remember of seeing. In filling it up, Wm. himself was 69 years old, his wife Lydia 31, the heir at law. Elisha was six months old, and was sitting on the lap of his oldest half sister, Mrs. Pugsley, who was at that time forty years of age and a grandmother. Mrs. Pugsley died a few years ago a great great grandmother. Micheal Atkinson's the elder, second daughter Mary or Polly by which she was known, married one Patrick Quinn and resided in Canaan, where his son, James resided a long time, since his

father's death. There was but a small family. The eldest daughter married Albro Layton of Falmouth, who lived with Gaius Lewis, Esq., at Westbrook and was known by the majority of the boys and young people as All Powers. Mrs. Quinn and Micheal Atkinson, the second, being brother and sister, Micheal married a niece of Albro, and Albro married a niece of Micheal therefore by marriage Albro and Micheal were nephews of their own nieces, and Mrs. Layton and Mrs. Atkinson were aunts to their own uncles. In what kinship were their children? That is a conundrum. Mary Quinn married Charles Wotton, of Sugar Hill, Canaan, and Almira married a man in Cornwallis. Sarah, another daughter of Micheal Atkinson, married Wm. Roscoe of Cornwallis. Became his second wife. She had but a small family. Catherine, another daughter married Josiah Roscoe of Canaan, so called at that time. He was at one time a school teacher. He belongs to Cornwallis. He had a good farm on the hill adjoining Wm. Canning. He kept a great many cows, for those times, eight or ten, and fattened a great many hogs. He had one son named Stephen A., who was a smart, tough man. His father owned marsh eighteen miles from home and Stephen would haul three loads with two yokes of oxen and two horses in a team. The saying was if it is cold enough to freeze Stephen Roscoe others better stop at home. Stephen married, first wife, Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Oman. She and one son died with diphtheria. He afterwards married a Miss Roney, a very handsome girl. They lived on his father's farm after his death. They had three sons and one daughter. Mynor, the oldest son, built a new house on the farm and married; boys are married and doing well.

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Amy, another daughter of Micheal Atkinson the elder, married Dennis McNamara from the Green Isle across the pond, who owned the farm where Reb. W. Spicer, Esq., now resides at Diligent River. Their family now large, five daughters and seven sons, Mary, Elizabeth, Anna, Albina, and Ruth; David, John W., Micheal, Cornelius, Albert, James and Hugh. Mary married David of Lakelands, son of Thomas Gilbert, son of John. They reside at Lakelands. He is a farmer and had a large family; one of them resides on the Hiram Brown farm in Canaan. Elizabeth McNamara married Moses Hatfield and resided at Fox River. Their family was few in number. She died a number of years ago. Albania married John W. Ward, son of Robert, a

Lumberman, farmer, etc. They now reside at Advocate Harb. merchants. Their family is not very large. Anna married Capt. John Pettis. Mrs. Pettis now resides in Chelsea, Mass. Ruth died when she was seven years of age. David, oldest son of Dennis, was a splendid boy to work and wrought hard for his father. He afterwards drove His Majesty's mails from Parrsboro to Advocate Harbour and from Parrsboro to Amherst. He married Elizabeth Phinney of Black Rock, a daughter of Mrs. Phinney who carried the mails from Black Rock to Parrsboro for years. Her son, Wm., now carries it. They had three sons. Two are dead. Orie is living at home; and five daughters, some of whom are in United States, one is married to Wm. Mahoney of the Cumberland House, in this town, and two are dead. David and his family have charge of the Alpha Hotel, formerly called Union House. John W. McNamara second son of Dennis, married a Miss Pettis of Port Greville, and had but a small family. One of his daughters married our genial and careful conductor on the road to Spring Hill Jct. They have two beautiful little girls and a fine and smart little boy. The girls sing nicely in the Sabbath School and I have heard their grandfather's grandmother sing in the old meeting house at Westbrook often. John W. married for his second wife Miss Graham of Fox River, who had seven brothers she being the only daughter. They have but a small family but handsome. They reside in town. Cornelius died in Boston some years ago, and Micheal was drowned at Trinidad. Albert McNamara another son of Dennis, was a very smart, active boy. He loved to play. He married twice, two sisters, daughter of John T. Smith, Esq., of Diligent R. Their mother was a Miss Williams of the same place. Albert's family was not very large. He is captain on one of the barges carrying coal from Parrsboro to St. John. Some few years ago he met with a very serious accident on board the Barge by a hammer, a coil thereof catching his feet, so he had to have it amputated. I understand he is master of one of the Barges again and doing well. James another son of Dennis, is also a smart man. He married Miss McLellan of Whitehall, and has a nice family, good looking too, and as I think surely I have mentioned good looking girls enough to satisfy "Mr. Progress", I think I will mention no more. James is one of our most active coal dealers and truckmen in town, a good jolly fellow and I hope doing well. Hugh, youngest son of Dennis is a deep water man sailing a large ship

out of New York and has been doing so for many years. Albion another daughter of Micheal the elder married Hiram Brown, of Canaan, son of Elijah Brown the elder, who made a great farm in Canaan, and was called a wealthy farmer. His family was somewhat large, four sons and four daughters, James who is a carpenter living in U.S.; Wm. who married his cousin, a daughter of the late James Noble Shannon Brown, Cranberry Lake Canaan, and had a large family. He is a fine workman, sawyer by trade. Mrs. Brown died last summer. Bradford followed the sea awhile, was captain, now a foundry tender in Boston. Sydney S. Brown, the youngest, lived on the father's farm, was married twice and left a large family. Mynor Gilbert resides on his place. Agnes Brown married Samuel Fife and resides at Canaan, and has a very large family. Ruth married Tupper Atkinson and lives out west. Jane married John Rosander and resides at Lynn, Col. Co., Augusta married Jesse Jeffers of Newville and has a large family too.

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Naomi, eighth daughter of Micheal Atkinson the elder married John Casey of Nappan, a brother of John Atkinson's wife. They had but a small family and died a great many years ago. One of their daughters married a man named Constantine residing now at Lower Horton now called Hortonville. Ruth ninth daughter married Oliver Blair of Onslow, whose mother was sister to Samuel Freeman the elder of Amherst. Nancy the tenth and youngest daughter married Robert Fullerton of Halfway R. as you enter the border of Canaan. He was a grandson of James Strachan Fullerton, Esq., of Halfway River. Their family consisted of two sons and one daughter; Albert Debrisay, Robert Ezra and Mary Jane. They lived to a good old age and passes away respected by all. Albert D. was a gun hunter and collected quite a quantity. He was also a seeker for gold and with others spent part of the winter two years ago at Canaan on the banks of Westbrook for it. A.D. has not married yet. Mary Jane the daughter is still unmarried. She was for a number of years at Mount Allison a matron. Robert Ezra was married a few years, his wife died about a year ago and left a small family. He resides on the old homestead. He is a farmer and lumberman both combined especially the lumber. This ends what I have to say with regard to Micheal Atkinson's family. He and his wife and their three sons and ten daughters have all passed away and five generations since have come to take their

places. In closing up I will say that when Micheal the elder was buried twelve of us carried him on a bier three miles to the grave. His brother George was manager. It was about the time the present road passing through Westbrook was made and the public had been travelling it about a year, but the old road was still passable. Mr. Atkinson's place of residence when he died was alongside the old road, and the place where he was to be buried was alongside the new road about 2½ miles apart. Mr. George Atkinson would not allow him to be carried along the old road because the public was not travelling it. He would not allow him to be put in a wagon (no hearse to be had for 20 miles or more) for it looked like carrying beef to market, therefore we had to carry to the new road a quarter of a mile and along that road about two and a quarter miles to Canaan road, so called, then up that road a third mile more, making it three miles in least. Two of us are still living, John E. Dickinson and myself. This is No. 1 generation. Then his eldest daughter Mrs. Wm. Canning was buried I led the singing at the funeral. No. 2 - when her eldest son Wm. Canning Jr. was buried I was one of the pall bearers. No. 3 - when Mr. Canning's eldest grandson died my brother Bartlett and I dug the grave. No. 4 - In after years, say 25 years, I travelled about thirteen mile to Glasgow Mts. and ran around one hundred acres of land for a Mr. Welton who married Miss Dew of the fifth generation, and sat at the table and had my dinner with the sixth. That being some years ago, one of the little girls has been married to a Mr. Rowden of Glasgow Mts. and I hear their family includes three children. So therefor in closing may say that if the venerable Micheal Atkinson and Amy Sands his wife did not fulfill the command given to Adam and Eve, "Multiply and replenish the earth," in good style I do not know who has.

Amen

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(Signed)