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The
Ancient History
of the Distinguished Surname
**** FAIRBAIRN ****

The Saxon Chronicle, compiled by monks in the 10th century, now reposes in the British Museum. It is a history of the Saxon settlement in England.

History researchers have examined reproductions of such ancient manuscripts as the Domesday Book (1086), the Ragman Rolls (1291-1296), the Curia Regis Rolls, The Pipe Rolls, the Hearth Rolls, parish registers, baptisms, tax records. They found the first record of the name Fairbairn in Yorkshire where they were seated from very ancient times, some say well before the Norman Conquest and the arrival of Duke William at Hastings in 1066 A.D.

Throughout the centuries your name, Fairbairn, occurred in many records, manuscripts and documents but not always with your exact spelling. From time to time the surname was spelt Fairbairn, Fairbairns, Fairbarn, Fairborn, Fairborne, Fairburn, and these variations in spelling frequently occurred, even between father and son. Scribes and church officials, frequently spelt the names phonetically. As a result the same person would be recorded differently on birth, baptismal, marriage and death certificates.

The Saxon race gave birth to many English surnames not the least of which was the surname Fairbairn. The Saxons, invited into England by the ancient Britons of the 4th century, were a fair skinned people their home was the Rhine valley. They were led by two brothers, General/Commanders Hengist and Horsa. The Saxons settled in the county of Kent, in southern England. During the next four hundred years they forced the Ancient Britons back into Wales and Cornwall in the west, and Cumberland to the north. The Angles occupied the eastern coast, the south folk in Suffolk, north folk in Norfolk. Under Saxon rule England prospered under a series of High Kings, the last of which was Harold.

In 1066, the Norman invasion from France occurred and their victory at the Battle of Hastings. In 1070, Duke William took an army of 40,000 north and wasted the northern counties, forcing many rebellious Norman nobles and Saxons to flee over the border into Scotland. The Saxons who remained in the south were not treated well under hostile Norman rule, and many also moved northward.

Nevertheless, this notable English family name, Fairbairn, emerged as an influential name in the county of Yorkshire where they were recorded as a family of great antiquity seated with manor and estates in that shire. The first record of a Fairbarn was in Yorkshire in 1297. Robert Fairbarn purchased land in that county and the Fairbarn name soon spread to Scotland. Early in its Scottish history the Fairbarn name became associated with the Armstrongs of Roxburghshire. It is said that the first Armstrong was a massively built Fairbairn who lifted the fallen King of Scotland in armour, back onto his saddle. The Fairbairns established an estate at Berwickshire in 1327 and Stephen Fairbairn was appointed as Burgess of Berwick on Tweed. The Armstrongs with the Fairbarns became a very strong border clan. Meanwhile in England the Fairbairn name spread to Ardwick in Lancashire where a barony was acquired. Woodsley House in Leeds in Yorkshire was headed by Sir Andrew Fairbairn at the same time. At Ardwick in Lancashire, an estate was established that was to remain in the Fairbairn hands for several generations. Notable amongst the family at this time was Sir Andrew Fairbairn.

During the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th centuries England was ravaged by plagues, famine, and religious conflict. Protestantism, the newly found political fervour of Cromwellianism and democratic government, and the remnants of the Roman Church rejected all non believers. The changing rule caused burnings, hangings and banishments of all sects and creeds. Many families were freely 'encouraged' to migrate to Ireland, or to the 'colonies'. Some were rewarded with grants of lands, others were banished.

The families who migrated to Ireland became known as the 'Adventurers for land in Ireland'. Protestant settlers 'undertook' to keep their faith, being granted lands previously owned by the Catholic Irish. There is no evidence that the family name migrated to Ireland, but this does not preclude the possibility of their scattered migration to that country.

The New World offered better opportunities and some migrated voluntarily. Some left Ireland disillusioned with promises unfulfilled, but many left directly from their home territories. Some also moved to the European continent.

Members of the family name Fairbairn sailed aboard the huge armada of three masted sailing ships known as the 'White Sails' which plied the stormy Atlantic. These overcrowded ships such as the Hector, the Dove and the Rambler, were pestilence ridden, sometimes 30% to 40% of the passenger list never reaching their destination.

Amongst the first settlers in North America, which could be considered a kinsman of the surname Fairbairn, or a variable spelling of that family name was Robert Fairbarn landed in 1763. William Fairbarn joined many of his fellow Fairbarns when he purchased land in Philadelphia in 1835.

From the port of entry many settlers made their way west, joining the wagon trains to the prairies or to the west coast. During the American War of Independence, many loyalists made their way north to Canada about 1790, and became known as the United Empire Loyalists.

Contemporary notables of this surname, Fairbairn, include many distinguished contributors, Sir Robert Fairbairn, of Renfrewshire, Scotland; Sir James Fairbairn of Hertfordshire, England; and the Dramatist and Producer Thomas Fairbairn of Scotland.

During the course of our research we also determined the many Coat of Arms granted to different branches of the family name.

The most ancient grant of a Coat of Arms found was;

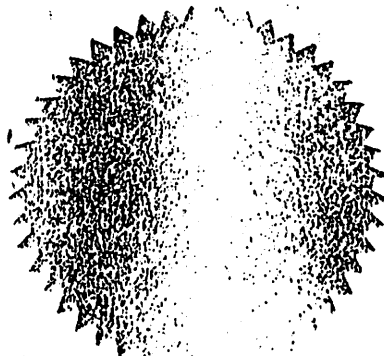
Silver with a red chevron between three red boars heads, on the chevron three gold circles.

The Crest is;

A hand holding a lever-screw.

The ancient family motto for this distinguished name is;

"Ne cede arduis"

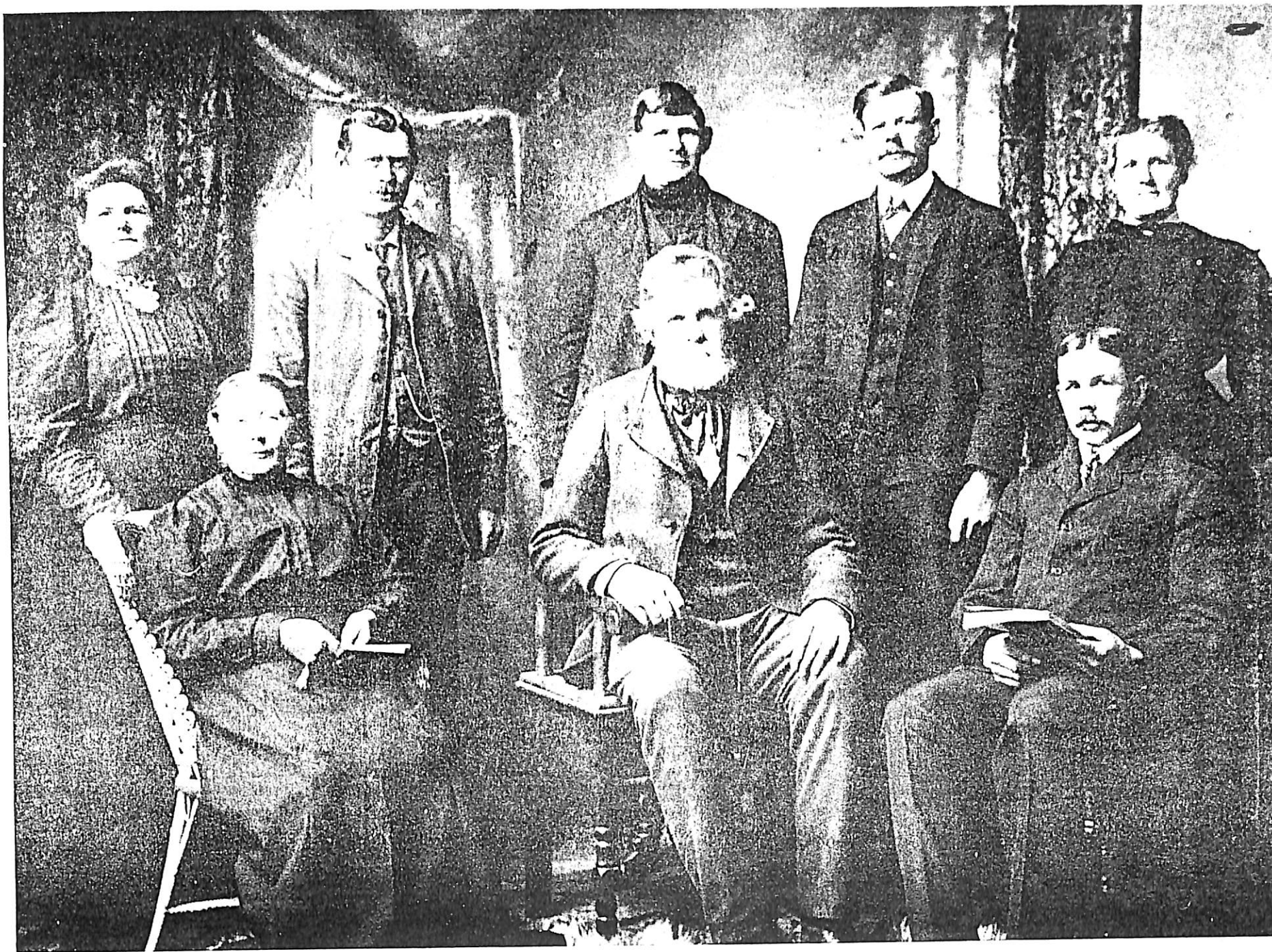


Preface

This booklet is dedicated to our dear brother, Roy, who tried so hard to get all this information compiled before he died. Although some members of the family may have no interest in their roots, Roy was very interested. The following pages contain the information that I was able to gather. No work was ever published without omissions or trivial errors, and I claim no better verdict for this work.

April, 1979

GRACE E. JENKING



Sitting on right: Thomas F., George Milne Fairbairn

Standing from left to right: Jane F. Kendrick, Robert F., Peter (Absent), John F., George F., and Grace F. Ure.

Sitting: Jane (McDowell) Fairbairn

Original Log House of George Milne Fairbairn



Back Row — Left to Right:

George Fairbairn, Okland Fairbairn, Thomas Fairbairn, Pete Fairbairn, Fanny (Massingale) Fairbairn

Front Row — Left to Right:

Jane Fairbairn, Richard Fairbairn, Grace Fairbairn, Bessie May Fairbairn, March Fairbairn, Fanny Cecil Fairbairn, Henry Fairbairn

Folklore

George Milne Fairbairn was a tall broad-shouldered man with a thundering voice. He must have enjoyed recalling stories of the clan in Scotland — stories that had taken place generations before his time. The following are some of the tales passed down to his grandchildren.

THE NAME OF THE CLAN

A Fairchild baby was taken to be christened. When the Scottish minister saw the baby, he exclaimed, "What a fair bairn this is." The family decided to change their name to Fairbairn.

The Fairbairn men and women were very big tall people. They lived in the Highlands of Scotland. They used to do battle for the head of their clan. One day a Scottish king, his horse slain in battle, lay on the ground unable to get up because of his heavy armour. A strong soldier named Fairbairn lifted him and placed him on another horse. Consequently, the king called the soldier "Armstrong" and awarded him the right to a coat of Arms.

The family coat of arms depicts three flexed arms on a field of red. The family motto is: "In Deo robus meus" — "In God is my strength".

Reference — *"Clans and Tartans of Scotland"*

THE TRADITION OF KEEPING SIZE AND STRENGTH

It was said that there was a policy in the clan that no man should marry a woman less than six feet tall. Because the clan lived in the Highlands where food was hard to come by, they used to plunder sheep from the people in the valleys. Sometimes they used to kidnap other men's wives and daughters.

Their reputation was spread all through England and Wales. It is said that even today there is a law on the books in Wales, giving everyone the right to kill on sight a Fairbairn. So beware!

However, as conditions in the country changed, the clan's behaviour must have become more respectable. Many of the church ministers and university professors in Edinburgh were Fairbairn men. Our ancestors who came to Detroit were druggists, contractors and carpenters with fine educations.

THE TALE OF PETER WILLIAMSON

Peter Williamson was a distant relative of either Robert Fairbairn or his wife Helen (Milne) Fairbairn.

The story was told that when Peter was a young, sturdy lad between eight and ten years old in the early 1700's, his mother gave him her tea box to take to the store for some tea. It was a decorated box with three compartments for salt, tea and sugar.

On the way, he was kidnapped by some sailors and along with other lads, was transported to America where the captain sold him to a farmer. He worked for many years for the farmer and he grew tall and strong. One night the Indian warriors stole in and plundered the farm, killing the farmer and his family.

The farmer's possessions were packed on Peter's and another man's back. He survived the trip back to the Indian camp where he spent the winter. The next spring, when the Indian braves were away plundering and burning, he planned his escape. He pretended to go to the lake for water but, when he was out of sight, he dropped the pail and escaped into the bush. When he heard that the Indians had discovered his escape, he ran and crawled into a hollow tree. He could hear the Indians all about searching for him, but he lay quietly and they passed by.

Finally, he was able to get to a boat and he made his way back home. He kept the tea box in his possession always.

He found that his family had all died, except an old uncle, who did not recognize him. The uncle asked him to show him his bare leg. He identified him from an old scar, which he had received from falling over an iron kettle when he was little.

The tea box and a bible were handed down to George Milne Fairbairn. The tea box was handed down to Robert Fairbairn's family and the bible to Thomas Fairbairn. Leslie Fairbairn has the bible in his possession now.

In the book "The Swordsman and Other Stories" Leslie Fairbairn found a similar account under the title 'The Narrative of the Captivity of Peter Williamson'.

Some Facts About The Fairbairns Who Emigrated To Detroit

James Fairbairn was a contractor who built many of the large buildings in Detroit such as the old post office and the Fairbairn hotel.

The following are clippings from the scrap book of Mary Middlemiss Fairbairn, wife of Thomas Fairbairn.

James R. Fairbairn

James R. Fairbairn died Tuesday at his residence, 367 Trumball Avenue after almost a year's illness. He had been a resident of Detroit for the past 60 years, was a builder and contractor. He came from Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was born 72 years ago. A widow and three sons and four daughters survive. The funeral will be held this afternoon.

Huston-Fairbairn

Ypsilanti, Michigan, September 12th, Clifford R. Huston of Ypsilanti; registrar of deeds for Washtenau County and Miss Sarah Eudora Fairbairn of Detroit, were married Tuesday evening at Detroit by Rev. William Gardam.

The marriage of Miss Sadie E. Fairbairn daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Fairbairn and Clifford R. Huston, of Ypsilanti was quietly celebrated Tuesday evening at the home of the bride, 367 Trumball Avenue. After an eastern trip the young couple will take up residence at Ann Arbor.

A. L. Fairbairn of San Antonio, Texas, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. R. Fairbairn, 367 Trumball Avenue.

Fairbairn

Gone to her rest, Margery, beloved wife of James Fairbairn, died April 27th at 5:00 o'clock a.m. aged 78 years. She died trusting firmly in God and the atoning blood of Jesus Christ in whom she has trusted firmly and devotedly for over half a century. Funeral Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock from the residence no. 338 Beaubien Street corner Elizabeth Street.

*Leaves have their time to fall
and flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
and stars to set
But thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death.*

John Fairbairn was born in Scotland in 1799. He came to Detroit to practise as a druggist and lived there until his death. The following is a clipping about him.

John Fairbairn

John Fairbairn for 62 years a resident of Detroit and one of the city's pioneer druggists, died yesterday at Grace Hospital of pneumonia. He is survived by two children, Mrs. Raymond of Oxford, Michigan, and Montrose Fairbairn of Chicago.

Robert Fairbairn, who was married to Helen Milne on November 28, 1823 emigrated to Detroit with his children. He was a carpenter by trade. He and his wife may have also had a china shop on Woodward Avenue near city hall in Detroit. The youngest child, George Milne was born in Detroit. In 1840 Robert Fairbairn came to Canada and bought a peice of property north-east of Oldcastle near the corner of the old North Talbot Road and the ninth concession in Sandwich South. It was dense bushland.

He and his sons cleared the land and built a log cabin. The property had been owned by his descendants until recently, when it was sold.

Because Robert Fairbairn was well-educated, he was Justice of the Peace at Sandwich for many years. His wife Helen (Milne) died February 11, 1856. He was remarried to a woman who was born in 1814 and died June 29, 1866. He again married in his later years.

The following is an article from the book published by J. H. Biers Co. 1905 of Toronto.

Commemorative Biographical Record of the County of Essex

Thomas Fairbairn in his lifetime, one of the leading farmers of the County of Essex, was located on Lot 16, Concession 7 in Sandwich South. He was born in September, 1824 in Edinburgh, Scotland, son of Robert and Ellen (Milne) Fairbairn.

Both Robert Fairbairn and his wife were natives of Scotland, from which country in 1836 they emigrated to America, settling at Detriot, where the father followed his trade of carpenter. Later they moved to Windsor and in

a few years settled on a farm land in Sandwich South. Mr. Fairbairn's first purchase was wild land, on which he erected a log cabin, and there he lived almost secluded from the world, in a wilderness to which few settlers had yet penetrated. He worked hard and for the times waxed wealthy, becoming prominent in his locality on account of his sterling character, and because he had received better educational advantages than many of the others of his later neighbours. For many years he was Justice of the Peace at Sandwich and was commonly known as Squire Fairbairn. His death occurred in 1864. He was married thrice, but his children were all born to him by the first marriage, this wife, Ellen Milne, died in 1856. Their children were: Thomas as mentioned below; Peter, born in 1829, died 1840; Christiana, the only daughter, born in 1831, died September 10, 1895 (she married Nicholas Hurst, now also deceased) their children still residing on their old homestead; John, born in 1834 and now a resident of Ola, South Dakota, married a Miss McDonald of Canada and they have two children, Alexander and Maggie; George, born in March, 1838 — married Jane McDowell of Maidstone, and they settled in Sandwich South until 1903, when he moved to the town of Essex, where he now lives retired and his children are John (of Dakota), Robert and George of Sandwich South, Peter (of Dakota), Thomas of Sandwich South, Jane (wife of James Kendrick, of Maidstone) and Grace.

Other Clippings

Thomas Fairbairn Dead

Six weeks ago Thomas Fairbairn, a pioneer of Sandwich South, deeded one acre of his farm to the township for a public burying ground. Today the old man is dead and his remains will be the first to be buried in the lot that he converted into a cemetery. Fairbairn was 75 years old. He was an industrious farmer and leaves one of the best farms in the county of Essex. The cemetery on his property will bear the same name as his farm — Fair Creek. Mr. Fairbairn was a nephew of the late contractor Fairbairn of Detroit.

Fairbairn

at his residence, Sandwich South, on May 24, Thomas Fairbairn aged 75 years. Funeral Friday at 2:30 p.m. to Fair Creek cemetery.

Laid at Rest

All that was mortal of the late Thomas Fairbairn of Sandwich South was laid away in the grave on Friday afternoon.

A very large number of his old neighbours and friends assembled at his late home to pay their respects to an old neighbour and to testify by their presence to the esteem in which he was held by them. Services were conducted at the house and at the grave by Rev. Mr. Williams of the Methodist Church.

The interment took place on the old homestead, a portion of which has been laid apart as a family burying ground.

Beside the family at home, there were present, the daughter of the deceased, who is now a resident of New York City.

The pall bearers, all old neighbours were Wm. Lyons, John Battersby, Wm. Ure, John Haley, John Watson and Wm. Robinson.

John W. Copeland passes away in his 80th year at his son's home

John W. Copeland was born in Guelph County, Ontario on January 10, 1848 and departed this life at the home of his son John near Bay Shore, on April 14, 1927 at the age of 79 years, three months and four days.

At the age of 27 he was married to Mary Ann Hurst in Essex, Ontario and to this union was born two sons and five daughters. His wife passed on sixteen years ago, and since then Mr. Copeland has made his home with his children.

He leaves to mourn their loss, one brother, Thomas Copeland of Winnipeg, Manitoba, two sons, Ed Copeland of Grand Rapids and John of Bay Shore, four daughters Mrs. C. E. Panghorn of Benton Harbor, Mrs. Wm. Kilpatrick of Cheboygan, Mrs. B. M. Winter of Noxon, Montana and Mrs. C. A. Crawford of Waukegan, Illinois, one daughter Mrs. Janet Dixon having passed away two years ago.

The funeral mass was held in the Community Church in Alanson, on Monday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. J. W. Alexander of Harbor Springs.

The deceased was held in high esteem and reverence by the student body and teachers of the Littlefield Township school. The boys and girls stood with bowed heads along the roadside to the cemetery as the funeral cortege passed. He was at one time janitor of the Alanson schools and had its interests at heart.

NEW SCHEME TO FLEECE FARMERS

A brand new scheme to fleece farmers has made its appearance in Ohio. It is a variation of the old-time receipt-for-plane-left-temporarily-with-the-farmer-which-later-turns-up-as-a-promissory-note game, but very much cleverer.

A ministerial-looking man drives up to the farmer's house about nightfall and inquires where Rev. So-and-So resides. He is told that he lives four or five miles distant. Then he gets into conversation with the farmer and informs him that he is a minister of the same church he, the farmer, belongs to, and of which the minister he is in search of is also a member. He wants to reach him to remain over night, but he is soon persuaded by the good-hearted farmer to change his mind and remain with him, as it is too far to go that night, and it will be late, etc.

The minister hesitatingly and apparently reluctantly consents to change his plans. The horse is stabled and he is taken into the house and given the best the farm affords in the way of supper, "without money and without price." Along after supper as the farmer and his clerical guest are deep in the discussion of religious matters, a knock comes on the door and when it is opened a young man is disclosed to view, who also, asked where the Rev. So-and-So resides. He is told that he lives four or five miles away, and after inquiring directions as to how to reach his place timidly volunteers that he has his best girl out in his buggy, and that they are seeking the minister in question for the purpose of having the nuptial knot tied.

"What's the use of driving all that distance?" blurts out the farmer. "We have a preacher right here who can do the job; come right in with your girl and he'll marry you—come on."

The young man lingers a moment and then says he will consult the girl. He goes out to the buggy and after an apparent controversy that lasts a few moments, she alights from the buggy and the pair coyly enter the hospitable farm-house when, after a few preliminary arrangements, they "stand up" and the ceremony is soon performed by the strange minister.

The farmer and his wife are then called upon to sign the certificate as witnesses, and a few days later a note for several hundred dollars turns up in some bank, duly signed by the hapless dupes of the swindling trio.

Cut This Out.

In view of the possible advent during the coming summer of that dread visitant cholera, to America, we publish the following remedy, which is known as the New York Sun mixture:—Take equal parts of tincture of cayenne, tincture of opium, tincture of rhubarb, essence of peppermint, and spirits of camphor. Mix well. Dose fifteen to thirty drops in a wine glass of water according to the age and violence of the attack. Repeat every fifteen minutes until relief is obtained.

DA, FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1902

WROTE HIS OWN EPITAPH.

John Halloran of Sandwich South Died Wednesday.

In the death of John Halloran, aged 86 years, Sandwich South loses one of its oldest settlers. The death occurred Wednesday at the residence of his son-in-law Alex. Laforet, 7th congressional.

Three years ago deceased came to John Harmon and ordered a tombstone upon which he wished inscribed the following epitaph:

South of this stone lies John Halloran's grave.

A son of Erin's soil,

He is now in life at 83.

And don't know how many more will follow.

The stone was erected in Sandwich cemetery where deceased will be interred tomorrow morning.

Huston-Fairbairn.

YPSILANTI, Mich., Sept. 12.—Clifford R. Huston, of Ypsilanti, register of deeds for Washtenaw county, and Miss Sarah Eudora Fairbairn, of Detroit, were married Tuesday evening at Detroit, by Rev. William Gardain.

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SHEPPARD—At Toronto, on Friday, 21st February, 1902, Maxwell Sheppard, son of the late Hon. William Sheppard of Quebec, in his 82nd year.

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'Heavenly Voices'

Clearly, sweetly, through the skies are ringing
Heavenly voices now with rapture singing,
Joyous tidings to the world they're bringing.
Downward floats the sweet celestial song:
Glory, glory be to God forever,
Praise Him, praise Him for His gift of love;
Unto earth is born a mighty Saviour,
Who for us will reign all kings above.

Humbly, lowly, not in royal splendor,
He has come, but merciful and tender,
Ever willing blessed aid to render,
Ever loving, pitiful and true;
We would faithful be to our Redeemer,
By our deeds our loyalty we'll prove,
Swiftly, gladly, ever we'll obey Him,
At His will our hearts and hands shall move.

Heavenly voices all the air is thrilling,
Joy's sweet song all earthly grief is stilling,
Hope and peace each weary heart is filling,
Praises to this holy, happy day;
Blessed, blessed is the name of Jesus,
Who to earth has come a King to reign,
Glory! glory! to His name be given;
Sing ye angels sing the glad refrain.

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—Thomas Fairbairn, 75 years old, one of the pioneers of Essex county, died on the 24th May, at his home in Sandwich South, after several weeks' illness with a complication of diseases. He had lived in Sandwich nearly all his life, and was born in Edinburgh. His father was one of the first justices appointed for Essex county, and the old post office in Detroit was built by an uncle. His daughter Georgina, one of our pupils, left school to be with him in his last illness.

Old Citizen Dead.

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Children's Department.

A WISH FOR EVERY DAY.

Monday, I wish for eager feet,
On errands of love to go;
Tuesday, I wish for a gentle voice,
With tones both soft and low;
Wednesday, I wish for willing hands
Love's duties all to do;
Thursday, I wish for open ears,
Wise words to listen to;
Friday, I wish for a smiling face,
A brightener of home to be;
Saturday, I wish for quickened eyes,
God's beauty all to see;
Sunday, I wish for a tranquil heart,
That may to others joy impart.

One Out; Another In.—Ex-Ald. Thomas Fairbairn has been appointed ward foreman in the D. P. W. to succeed Frank T. Hibbler in the first ward.

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He died
2 or 3 years ago

A CONTRACT BEFORE MARRIAGE.

A Woodstock Lady Has Won a Very Important Suit.

A despatch from Rochester, N.Y., says—Justice Warner has rendered a decision for the plaintiff in the case of Susie M. Vanderventer, of Woodstock, Ont., against Stephen W. and Albert Vanderventer, both of Penn Yan. The action was brought to enforce an alleged ante-nuptial contract made in 1882, in which Stephen Vanderventer agreed to grant a certain parcel of land, and also \$20,000 to Susie M. Vane, now Susie M. Vanderventer, providing she marry him within one year after the death of her mother. The plaintiff was married to the defendant in July, 1895, in fulfilment of her part of the contract, and soon after demanded of the defendant that he fulfil his part of the contract. Instead it is alleged, the defendant transferred all such property to his son, Albert R. Vanderventer.

On the trial the defendant denied that he ever executed the contract, and testified that on the date it is alleged to have been executed in Woodstock, Canada, he was in Penn Yan. The decision rendered by Justice Warner gives the plaintiff \$20,000 with interest from the time the money was demanded and the property. It also restrains the defendant from disposing of any of the property.

have care for and they are now in school

An Old Legend.

In the freezing cold and the blinding snow
Of a wintry eve in the long ago,
Folding his cloak o'er clanking mail,
A soldier is fighting the angry gale
Inch by inch to the camp fire's light,
Star of his longing this wintry night.

All in a moment his path is barred,
He draws his sword as he stands on guard
But who is this with a white, wan face,
And piteous hands upheld for grace?
Tenderly bending, the soldier bold
Raises a beggar, faint and cold.

Famished he seems, and almost spent,
The rags that cover him worn and rent,
"Crust nor corn can the soldier find;
Never his wallet with gold is lined;
But his soul is sad at the sight of pain;
The sufferer's pleading is not in vain.

His mantle of fur is broad and warm,
Armor of proof against the storm!
He snatches it off without a word;
One downward pass of the gleaming sword,
And cleft in twain at his feet it lies,
And the storm-wind howls 'neath the frowning
skies.

"Half for thee"—and with tender art
He gathers the cloak round the beggar's heart—
"And half for me," and with jocund song
In the teeth of the tempest he strides along,
Daring the worst of the sleet and snow—
That brave young spirit so long ago.

Lo! as he slept at midnight's prime,
His tent had the glory of summer-time
Shining out of aondrous light,
The Lord Jesus beamed on his dazzled sight,
"I was the beggar," the Lord Jesus said,
As He stood by the soldier's lowly bed,
"Half of thy garment thou givest Me."

OBITUARY.

THE REV. DR. ROBERT U. FAIRBAIN.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Brinkerhoff Fairbairn, eighty-one years old, died at the home of his daughter, No. 94 Decatur street, Brooklyn, yesterday, from apoplexy. He had been ill for several months. Three children survive him. Dr. Fairbairn was a distinguished educator and theologian. He was born in this city and began studying for the Episcopal ministry in Bristol College in 1834. Thence he went to Washington, now Trinity College, in Hartford, Conn., and was graduated as a Bachelor of Arts in 1840. He was ordained deacon in 1843 and became rector of Christ Church, in Troy, N. Y. He rescued it from debt and restored property to it valued at \$200,000. Later he became rector of St. John's Church, in Stillwater, on the Hudson. In 1853 he became principal of the Catskill Academy, where he remained for ten years. Dr. Fairbairn wrote several books, including "The Child of Faith," "College Sermons," and "Doctrine of Morality."

OBITUARY NOTES.

Many notice was given in the contractor's office, but could not find any good farmer who was.

These Things Forget.

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget all the slander you have ever heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the faultfinding and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but they will only grow larger when you remember them, and constant thought of the acts of meanness makes you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday, start out with a clean sheet for to-day, and write upon it for sweet memory's sake only those things which are lovely and lovable.

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and sent to the Reform School. There was, in fact, against a boy under twelve years. His father black he had done all he could for the boy, and that to get him sentenced to the Reform School. Upon that the fault was not so much in the unusual of wholesome discipline, and kind, loving home, where he was encouraged to persevere in an effort to where he would be surrounded by good influences, and stimulated to noble aims. He is now, I learn, satisfied with his home, with fair prospects of

but I can't help feeling deeply for the neglected action of loving arms, and kind hearts, and wise little unfortunates should be tenderly cared for. That direction, but there is room for more.

urs, truly,
Is: wrote to find out more about the boy
was a success or failure. I feel that it has proved

Some Tall Tales Told By George Fairbairn And His Brothers

Because the log cabin in which George Milne and Jane Fairbairn lived was getting crowded for their growing family, it was decided that the three older boys, John, Robert, and George should sleep in an old log house about one eighth of a mile away in the field across the road on the corner of the townline in Sandwich South.

In order to get the boys up for chores and breakfast, their father used to blow into a hole in an old conk shell which he had. The sound carried in the quiet air at four o'clock in the morning. On cold, frosty mornings it must have taken a lot of discipline to crawl out from under warm covers.

After they built an addition to the log house and had five bedrooms, the boys slept upstairs and their father and mother slept in one of the downstairs bedrooms.

Because young Peter was an affectionate lad, he used to like to visit a girl in the neighbourhood. The older boys must have liked to tease him and play tricks on him.

One night when he was late getting home, his brothers gathered together all their mother's bread pans, took them to the top of the stairs, tied the handles together with a strong string and ran the string to the door handle at the bottom of the stairs. Pete came in carrying his shoes trying to make no noise, when he opened the door to go upstairs and the pans came tumbling down, making a terrible racket. Grandpa Fairbairn woke up and roared "Confound those boys."

Another night young Tom wondered what it would be like to go to sleep sitting up instead of lying down. When his mother looked in on him later in the evening, there were he and his brother George sitting up fast asleep.

Once, after Tom had seen a tight-rope walker, he decided to try it. He strung the hay-fork rope across the mow. And he claimed that he did walk the rope from one side to the other.

Tom liked to test his abilities. He would race the squirrels which ran on the rail fence to see which could reach the big slippery elm tree that grew at the end of the lane leading to the bush. He claimed that once a policeman stopped him for travelling too fast on his bicycle.

George and Tom were full of mischief. Once they put the cat into the girls' pillow case. Needless to say that when the girls went to bed and laid on the pillow the cat began to squirm. The girls began to scream and Grandma Fairbairn came up to see what was wrong. She began to beat the pillow case. The boys had to come in and rescue the poor cat.

The girls retaliated by sprinkling pepper on the boys' pillows. They had a sneezing time for a while.

Another time, the boys tied a black thread to a tin can and fastened it under the girls' bed. Just when the girls were settling down to sleep, they would jiggle the can by pulling on the string. The girls got pretty nervous and upset until the string and can were discovered. Life was never dull in the Fairbairn family.

places Armstrong pic spot



By United Press International

Neil A. Armstrong of Wapakoneta, Ohio, has a mission unique in the million-year history of the human race, yet he himself ~~realizes the not was given him by fate and that "it's a matter of circumstance"~~ that he was chosen to be the first man to set foot on the moon.

Also, he has said, it is a matter of pure Providence that he was not killed by a Chinese boobytrap in Korea in 1951.

Chief Astronaut Donald K. "Deke" Slayton told UPI in an interview a few weeks before the flight that "it was about as much luck as anything else" that the Armstrong crew was chosen for the landing.

At the time they were named for the landing flight, last January, neither the astronauts nor space officials knew whether Armstrong or his lunarlanding buddy, Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., would be the first to step onto the moon.

"It will be decided, based on the simulations prior to the mission," Armstrong said at the time. "From my point of view it would be the person whose activities for that time period fit in best with the overall objectives on the lunar surface at that time. It's not based on individual desire here, but on how the job can best be accomplished."

The decision was finally made by a configuration control board headed by spacecraft program manager George M. Low.

Asked about recent reports that he had pulled rank to be first on the moon, Armstrong said in his preflight news conference: "The facts are that my recommendation was never asked or given." He and Aldrin got the Apollo 11 crew assignment through a rotation cycle. "I think it's somewhat a matter of circumstance that we are sitting here today," Armstrong said in a news conference the day after he was named to command Apollo 11 in January. "I think I could honestly say that any one of our mainline Apollo crews could do this job equally well."

Aldrin added that "we've been given a tremendous responsibility by virtue of perhaps the twists and turns of fate." Slayton said then that although Apollo 11 was planned as the first landing flight, it might end up flying some other sort of mission and that if something delayed the landing past Apollo 11, the crew would stay with the Apollo 11 alternate flight.

Armstrong knew just how likely it was that something might keep his crew from landing: "A likely hypothetical situation is that we will fail to achieve some of the important test objectives of Apollo 9 and 10 and thus Apollo 11 will have to fill in."

But the entire history of Armstrong, the man, leaves one wondering how he kept alive to become an astronaut at all. In 1966 on Gemini 8 he was in the first, and only, space emergency when one of the thrusters stuck open. "I thought sure we were going to lose the crew," a space associate said.

In Korea, Armstrong's Navy jet was shot up badly, and he was lucky enough to struggle over the border into South Korea before bailing out.

And then later, he clipped a Chinese boobytrap cable while zooming down between two hills and lost part of a wing but nursed the plane back to a safe aircraft

carrier landing. Asked in a recent UPI interview about his tightest moment in an aircraft, Armstrong replied:

"That (cable clipping) was the closest because that was one in which the difference between success or failure, or life or death in that situation, was not in any way up to the pilot. It was just Providence.

"That had to be the closest one. That was all over in such a hurry that ejection wouldn't have been a help even if there had been time. It just happened that it cut the wing in such a place that the airplane was able to be controlled. A little bit different location and it wouldn't."

A year ago, Armstrong was in a crash-bound practice lunar landing vehicle and ejected from it when he was only 60 feet from death. "He ejected just right," an observer says. "He could have ejected himself into the ground."

In December of 1967, in a crew reshuffling that followed the Apollo 1 fire 11 months earlier, Armstrong and Aldrin were named to back up the Apollo 8 prime crew. They, and Lt. Col. Michael Collins, moved into the landing prime crew spot less than a month after the Apollo 8 lunar-circling flight ended.

Some space program observers feel it may well have been that Armstrong's civilian status had something to do with his crew's being put in the prime slot for Apollo 11. An all-Navy backup crew for Apollo 7 headed by Charles "Pete" Conrad—backing up the flight before Apollo 8—did not get a moonflight assignment until after Apollo 11.

They are scheduled to make the second lunar landing late this year with Apollo 12. In effect, it took the Conrad crew five flights to move from backup to prime crew. It took Armstrong's crew only three.

Some observers also feel that space officials considered Armstrong's position as a civilian in making him the first man on the moon. The other two of his crew are Air Force officers.

Slayton picked the Armstrong crew for Apollo 11, with the help of America's first man in space, Alan B. Shepard.

In the interview in which he said luck was heavily involved in the Armstrong landing involvement, Slayton added: "We're training all our crews as landing crews. They were assigned to Apollo 11. That's just where it happened to come out in the scheduling."

"There's no way you could sit down three years ago or two years ago (in 1967, when Armstrong was picked as backup to Apollo 8) and say these are the three guys that will be the first to set down on the moon."

Neil Armstrong's ancestors settled in the United States in 1818, at St. Marys, Ohio, where Capt. John Armstrong bought 150 acres of land after his release from the Army following the French and Indian wars.

Historians trace the Armstrong clan to Scotland in the Middle Ages. A Scottish king, his horse slain in battle, lay on the ground unable to move because of his heavy armor when a strong soldier named Fairbairn lifted him and placed him on another horse. The king called the soldier "Armstrong" and awarded him the right to a coat of arms.

The family coat of arms depicts three flexed arms on a field of red. The family motto: In Deo robur meum—"In God is my strength."

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CLERGY SALE.

GRANT

TO

Robert Fairbairn

100

Acres.

Township of Sandwich
County of Essex

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Chas. Smith Esq.
Frederic A. Roche

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Frederic Roche

Sacred
To the Memory of
Thomas Fairbairn

Who died 1814 aged 68

Also

His Wife Eleuth Wood
Who died 1833 Aged 66

And their Sons

John who died 1795 Aged 5
George who died 1815 Aged 18

Also

Their Daughter Euphemia
Who died at Leitholm
The 14 March 1852

Aged 65 Years

Family

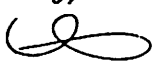
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by
Mr Melne or Haldan

1834
1837

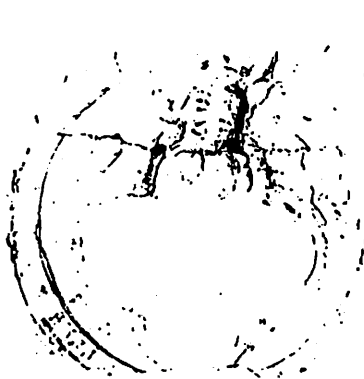
I Mr Christian Melne or Haldan residing at 54
Priso Street Edinburgh, Considering that I have given to
James Anderson Solicitor Supreme Courts, William Sutherland
Writer to the Signet, and Robert Fairbairn Merchant and
Robert Melne Cabinet Maker all in Edinburgh as Trustees
for Mrs Helen Melne or Fairbairn Wife of the said Robert
Fairbairn, and their daughter Christian and others after men-
tioned the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling, and
that they have agreed to pay me for them therefor an annuity
of Twenty pounds during my lifetime do hereby declare that
it is understood and agreed on that the said annuity shall
only continue to be paid to me by the said trustees as long as
the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds and interest
accruing thereon shall last and no longer: and in case of
my death being a balance of the said sum in their hands,
then I do further declare that the (interest) interest thereof
shall be paid by them to the said Helen Melne or Fairbairn
during her lifetime for her alimentary use alone, exclusive
of her husband's pro marito and not attachable by his or her
Creditors, and the principal sum shall be, on the event of
her death paid over to the said Christian Fairbairn her
daughter on her attaining majority or being married, and
that the said sum shall be alimentary and not attach-
able by Creditors and that the said Christian Fairbairn's
receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Trustees.

and failing the said Christian Fairbairn before attaining
Majority or being married the said sum shall be divided
among the other children of the said Robert Fairbairn and
Melen Melen equally share and share alike upon the like
conditions above mentioned in relation to the said Chris-
tian Fairbairn. But expressly providing and declaring
that the said trustees or a majority of them surviving --
shall have full power if they think proper to pay to
the said Melen Melen or Fairbairn one half of the said
principal sum as remaining at my death and that
in such sum and at such times as they may deem
useful and beneficial for herself and her family and also
to pay or lay out any sum or sums for the education
or



or putting out in the world of the said Christian Fair-
bairn which they may deem advantageous for her welfare
and that during the lifetime of the said Melen Melen or
Fairbairn. (but not exceeding in all the other half of the
said balance and for such payments the simple receipts of
the said Melen Melen or Fairbairn and Christian Fairbairn
alone without the consent of others shall be sufficient to
~~the said trustees~~. In Witness Whereof there presents
written on this and the preceding page by the said
William Sutherland are subscribed by me at Edinburgh
the Twenty fourth day of December Eighteen hundred
and thirty four before three witnesses Robert Forsyth
Sailor Prio to Street Edinburgh and William Ramage
Stewart residing at 54 Prio Street Edinburgh

(sig) Robert Forsyth Witness (signed) Christian Melen
(1) William Ramage Witness



Chas. Macdonald

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, **QUEEN**,
Defender of the Faith.—TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Whereas the Lands hereinafter described and granted are part of the Lands which have been from time to time, according to the provisions of Law in that behalf, allotted and appropriated, and are commonly known as *Clergy Reserves*: AND WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the eighth year of the late King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to authorize the sale of a part of the Clergy Reserves in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada," and by another Act of the said Parliament, passed in the Third and Fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of Canada, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof," power and authority is given to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person Administering the Government, respectively, as well of the said Province of Upper Canada as of the said Provinces of Canada, with the advice of the Executive Council, to sell, grant, alienate and convey, all or any of the said Clergy Reserves: AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the power and authority given in and by the said Acts, or by any one or other of them, a contract hath been duly entered into for the sale and conveyance of the lands, tenements and hereditaments hereinafter mentioned, being part of the said Clergy Reserves, unto

Robert Fairbairn, of the Township of Sandwich, in the County of Essex, his
heirs and assigns, at and for the price or sum of *fifty pounds*

Now Know Ye, that in consideration of the said sum of *fifty pounds*
to Our Commissioner appointed by Us to superintend the sale of the said Clergy Reserves, to and for Our use well and truly paid, We have granted, sold, aliened and conveyed, and by these Presents do grant, sell, alien and convey, unto the said *Robert Fairbairn his*
Township of *Sandwich* in the County of *Essex*
of Our said Province, containing by admeasurement *one hundred acres*

be the same more or less, being _____ the Clergy Reserve Lot Number *Ten and the East half of Eleven in the Eighth Concession of the aforesaid Township of Sandwich*

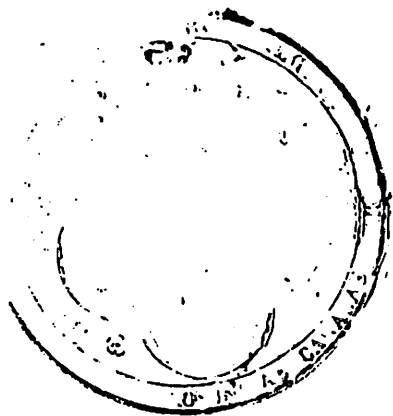
Together with all the Woods and Waters thereon lying and being. To have and to hold the said Parcel or Tract of Land hereby granted to *him* the said *Robert Fairbairn his* heirs and assigns for ever: Saving Nevertheless, unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all Mines of Gold and Silver, that shall or may hereafter be found on any part of the said Parcel or Tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid.

Given under the Great Seal of Our Province of Canada: **Witness**, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin, JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.: At *Quebec* this *first* day of *September* eight hundred and *fifty two* and in the *sixteenth* year of Our Reign.

By Command of His Excellency in Council,

A. N. Morin *Wm. Robt.*
Secretary. Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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PROVINCE OF CANADA.



Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:



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Robert Fairbairn, of the Township of Sandwich, in the County of Essex, the

heirs and assigns, at and for the price and sum of *fifty pounds*

Now Know Ye, that in consideration of the said sum of *fifty pounds*

to Our Commissioner appointed by Us to superintend the Sale of the said Clergy Reserves, to and for Our use well and truly paid, We have granted, sold, aliened and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, sell, alien and convey unto the said *Robert Fairbairn his* heirs and assigns, All that Parcel or Tract of Land, situate in the Township of *Sandwich* in the County of *Essex* of Our said Province, containing by admeasurement *one hundred acres* be the same more or less, being the Clergy Reserve Lot Number *Sixteen in the*

Seventh Concession, of the aforesaid Township of Sandwich

Together with all the Woods and Waters thereon lying and being. To have and to hold the said Parcel or Tract of Land hereby granted to *him* the said *Robert Fairbairn his* heirs and assigns for ever; Having Nevertheless, unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all Mines of Gold and Silver that shall or may hereafter be found on any part of the said Parcel or Tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid.

G I V E N under the Great Seal of Our Province of Canada: Witness Our Trusty and Well Beloved WILLIAM ROWAN, Esquire, C. B., Administrator of the Government of Our said Province, and Lieutenant General Commanding Our Forces therein, &c., &c., &c. At *Quebec* this *fifth* day of *April* in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*four* and in the *seventeenth* year of Our Reign.

By Command of His Excellency in Council.

W. J. Harrison
Secretary.

A. N. McVicar
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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Two Hundred Years — The Fairbairn Family

On the family tombstone at Foggo Berwickshire, Scotland is:

Thomas Fairbairn born 1746 died 1814

married

Elsbeth (Eppy) Wood born 1767 died 1833

Children of Thomas and Elsbeth:

1. Euphemia born 1787 died 1852
2. John born 1790 died 1795
3. George born 1792 died 1810
4. James H. who died at 72 years of age in Detroit, a builder and contractor
married
Margery who died at 78 years of age.

Children of James and Margery:

Sarah Eudora

married

Clifford R. Huston of Ypsilanti. A. L. Fairbairn of Texas; also 2 more sons and 3 more daughters.

5. Robert (Feb. 28, 1797 - Sept. 6, 1887) a carpenter
married
Nov. 28, 1823 to Helen Milne (1799-1856) moved from Detroit to Canada
a) married (2nd wife) 1814-1866
b) married (3rd wife)
6. John 62 years in Detroit as druggist, died leaving 2 children

Children of John and his wife:

Mrs. Raymond of Oxford, Michigan

Mrs. Montrose Fairbairn of Chicago, Illinois

7. Isobel born November 1803
8. Thomas born April 3, 1807

Children of Robert Fairbairn and Helen Milne:

- a) Thomas (Sept. 1, 1824 - May 24, 1900) married Sept. 25, 1860 to Mary Middlemiss (died Jan. 23, 1917) born in Glasgow
- b) Peter born Aug. 4, 1826 died Feb. 13, 1910 a bachelor, lived with Thomas, had curly hair
- c) Robert born March 13, 1829 died April 5, 1840
- d) Christina born Oct. 13, 1831 died Sept. 10, 1895, married Rev. Nicholas Hurst: married Donald Cameron
- e) John born April 5, 1834 died March 5, 1907, married Miss McDonald
- f) George Milne born March 5, 1838 died 1913, married Jane McDowell (Feb. 18, 1843 - April 5, 1923)

I. Children of Thomas Fairbairn and Mary Middlemiss:

- a) Mary Mayme, born 1861, spinster buried in St. John's Cemetery
- b) Helen (April 30, 1863 - June 15, 1940) married John Banwell, lived in Mackinac, Michigan, a farmer
- c) Christina (April 5, 1864 - Feb. 14, 1931) spinster killed by car at Windsor city market
- d) Robert (1866 - June 7, 1954) married Maud Elizabeth Hesbon of Norwich (Aug. 13, 1887 - June 27, 1958)
- e) Walter (April 2, 1868 - Sept. 24, 1938) married Edith Sanford, married Daphne, was hardware merchant at Alanson, Michigan
- f) Thomas (Aug. 3, 1870-1950) bachelor lived at home of Thomas and Mary
- g) Janet (Nellie) March 17, 1873 - Aug. 25, 1884, died of diptheria
- h) Peter (1875 - July 10, 19) married Iva Moose lived in Alanson
- i) John (March 26, 1878 - July 6, 1884) died of diptheria
- j) Margaret Agnes (March 1, 1880 - Aug. 3, 1884) died of diptheria
- k) Georgina (March 19, 1882 - 1939) married George Handsz

Grandchildren of Thomas Fairbairn and Mary:

1. Children of Helen Fairbairn and John Banwell

- a) Noble
- b) Albert and Alfred (twins)
- c) George
- d) Wallace
- e) Pearl
- f) Charlie

2. Children of Robert Fairbairn and Maud

- a) Ruth Irene born June 22, 1909
- b) Rose Anna born Oct. 8, 1912
- c) Arthur James born Sept. 25, 1916
- d) Faye Marie born May 2, 1918
- e) Ray Edward born July 24, 1919
- f) Douglas Robert born May 14, 1927

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Fairbairn and Mary:

Ruth Irene married Roy Edward Barnes (Dec. 25, 1898 - Aug. 28, 1973)

Children of Ruth and Ray Barnes

- a) William (Bill) David Barnes married Myra Cutler — Son Daniel Roy (Jan. 30, 1958, Michigan)
- b) Ruth Joyce — died infant (1939)

Rose Anna married Reginald Alfred Craig (June 28, 1899)

Children of Rose and Reg

- a) Marilyn Joyce Rose (Oct. 25, 1947)
- b) Carol Elizabeth (Sept. 8, 1951) married Gillis Cote — their son John Marc was born Dec. 26, 1971

Arthur James married Wilma Eileen Micheu (June 15, 1920)

Children of Arthur and Wilma

- a) Lonnie David (March 11, 1947 -) married Patricia Brody — Toby, Racheal, Jessica
 - b) Wayne Arthur (March 10, 1950 -) married Kathy Rose
- Faye Marie married Robert Sparks

Children of Faye and Robert

- a) Robert (b. Windsor) married Jean-Michelle (b. Toronto, March 25, 1968) — Lora (b. Toronto)
- b) Richard married Yolanda-Stephanie, May 28, 1966 (b. Toronto) Catrina, Jan. 9, 1972 (b. Toronto)
- c) Ellena (b. Toronto) married Bruce Peters (b. Toronto) — Lance Robert, Scott Bruce March 16, 1978
- d) Robert (b. Toronto) married Newfoundland — 3 children

Ray Edward — unmarried

Douglas Robert married Josephine Ruggaber (Oct. 7, 1925)

Children of Robert and Josephine

- a) Jean (Nov. 24, 1950) (b. Windsor), married Leo Lafleur — Daniel Douglas, Dec. 18, 1973, Windsor
- b) John Robert (Nov. 13, 1952) (b. Windsor), married Maureen Leoffleur (Aug. 27, 1957)

3. Walter married Edith Sanford and married Daphne

Children of Walter and Edith

- a) Eva
- b) Wayne
- c) Clifford
- d) Morley
- e) Mildred

4. Peter married Iva Moose

Children of Peter and Iva

- a) Beatrice
- b) Leland
- c) Vance

5. Georgina married George Hansz

Children of Georgina and George

- a) Christine (Detroit)

II. Peter — unmarried

III. Robert Fairbairn

IV. Children of Christina and Rev. Nicholas Hurst

- a) Thomas married Margaret O'Neil — no children
- b) Margaret married John Shuttleworth
- c) Robert F. married Janet Wylie (killed by lightning) 2 children — married Caroline Finlyn 3 children
married Ada Gammon at St. Paul's Church, Essex
- d) George F. married Emma Sanford
- e) Ellen married Harry Watson
- f) Christina married James Quick
- g) Mary Ann married John W. Copeland

Grandchildren of Christina and Rev. Nicholas Hurst

2H. Children of Margaret Hurst and John Shuttleworth

- 1. Edward John married Jessie MacKenzie

Edward and Jessie's children

- a) John James married — one son, George
- b) Forest Edward married Jean Fait — their children, James and Jacqueline
- c) Margaret buried in Fairbairn Faircreek Cemetery
- 2. William Thomas married Florence Ure — no children
- 3. George Henry married Laura Thomas, lived in Romeo, Michigan

Children of George and Laura

- a) Orval (deceased) daughter Gloria
- b) Gladys married Mr. Mandeville, now a widow, no children
- 4. Christina died at age three
- 5. James Robert married Violet Ford

Children of Jim and Violet

- a) Betty married John Melbourne of Roseland — children James, Robby
- 6. Joseph died at age seven
- 7. Routledge Samuel married Olivia MacMullen — one daughter Doris (deceased)
- 8. Septimus married Edna Greaves

Children of Sept and Edna

- a) Robert married Caroline Heath — Gordon, Sharon, Jean, Susan, Kathy, Daniel, Douglas, Judy, Brian
- b) Arthur married Marion MacKenzie — David, Nancy, Tim
- c) George has two boys

9. Elizabeth Margaret (Lillie) married Ray Ure

Children of Lillie and Ray

- a) Donald married Grace Taylor — Wayne, Donald, Kenneth, Catharine
- b) James married Luella Boucher — James, Bruce, Stuart
- c) David married Nancy Gerlin — no children

10. Edythe Jessie married Jonathan Graham

Child of Edythe and John

- a) Jon Paul married Lesly Ann Hillstrom — Julia Elizabeth

11. Grace Olivia (died 1977) married Wilfred Greaves

Children of Grace and Wilfred

- a) Mary Olivia married James Stitt — Jane, Linda, Melissa
- b) John married Laura Morris — Gayle married W. Neal, John
- c) Samuel married Pamela Sackett — Christopher

12. Nelson Frederick married Marjory Oliver

Children of Nelson and Marjory

- a) Ronald married Barbara MacGregor — Mary Beth, Scott, Todd
- b) Gloria Grace married Roger Congdon — Laurie and Tom

- 3H. Robert Fairbairn Hurst married Janet Wylie (struck by lightning while removing clothes from line)

Children of Robert and Janet

- a) Lucy married Dave Day of Tillsonburg
- b) Homer crushed by train

Robert Hurst married Caroline Tinlyn

Children of Robert and Caroline

- a) Eli married Clara (Pet) Austin — was dentist in Lapeer, Michigan, died of flu 1918, one daughter, Irene Moore
- b) Irene Hurst married Webster Prince — was dentist in Detroit, one son — Robert in California — pilot for American Air Lines
- c) Jane (Nettie) Hurst married Dr. Priestley Austin (both in Windsor Grove Cemetery)
- d) Jim (deceased) had four children, was dentist in Blenheim, died of heart attack
- e) Bob Hurst married Shirley Parks, was doctor in Orangeville, had seven children
- f) John Hurst had one daughter

Robert Fairbairn Hurst married Ada Gammon of Essex, in St. Paul's Church.

- 4H. George Fairbairn Hurst married Emma Helphry, later married Maud Sanford

Children of George and Emma

Carl, Cresson (died 1975), Eugene (died 1977), Orval (died 1918), Gladstone, Joseph, Emory, Wahnita (Nita) married Albert Anderson of Romulus, Michigan. Cresson is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

- 5H. Ellen Hurst Married Harry Watson

- 6H. Christina Hurst married James Quick — three children died in infancy

- 7H. Mary Ann Hurst married in 1875 John W. Copeland (1848-1927) of Guelph County

Children of Mary Ann and John

- a) John of Bay Shore
- b) Edward of Grand Rapids
- c) Margaret married C. E. Pangborn of Benton Harbor
- d) Janet married Tom Dixon — she died in 1925

- c) another daughter Mrs. William Kilpatrick of Cheboygan
- d) and another Mrs. B. M. Winter of Noxon, Montana and
- e) another daughter Mrs. C. A. Crawford of Waukegan, Illinois

V. John Fairbairn married Miss McDonald

Their Children

Alexander and Maggie who was Mrs. Abrams — one daughter and one son (who drowned)

VII. George Milne married Jane McDowell

Children of George and Jane

Jane, John, Ellen, Robert, George, Flora Grace, Peter and Thomas

Daughter of G. Milne Fairbairn

I. Jane Fairbairn born 1865 died 1911 married James Kendrick May 4, 1892, James died in 1918

Children of Jane and James Kendrick

- a) George Edward born March 1, 1893, died Nov. 4, 1937
- b) James Robert born March 29, 1894, died 1968
- c) Thomas Wesley born Oct. 24, 1897
- d) William John born July 26, 1899, died May 11, 1979
- e) Archibald Lee born Jan. 28, 1902
- f) Helena Jane born Nov. 3, 1904
- g) Millen born Feb. 3, 1909, died Feb. 3, 1909
- h) Dora Grace born Feb. 14, 1911

George Edward married Bertha Reeb

Children of George and Bertha Kendrick

Ruby married Ray Sylvester

Children of Ruby and Ray Sylvester

- a) William (Bill)
- b) James married Mary Mitchell

Children of James and Mary Kendrick

- a) Linda
- b) Danny
- c) Brad

James Robert Kendrick married Olive Pitman, Eva and Mary

Mary had two daughters — Jean and Sadie

Thomas Wesley Kendrick married Daisy Miner and married Violet (Ellis) Hartley

Children of Wesley and Daisy

Eleanor Kendrick born ~~1932~~, married Ray Robinson

Children of Eleanor and Ray Robinson

Luke

William John Kendrick married on June 26, 1924 Grace Dawson (born Dec. 8, 1902, died 1973) John died May 11, 1979

Children of John and Grace Kendrick

- a) Lela Jean born Feb. 22, 1925 died Sept. 1, 1950, married Oct. 23, 1946
- b) Charles Warren Lee born July 25, 1924 died Oct. 30, 1947

Marvin Leslie Kendrick born March 13, 1927, died 1971, married July 27, 1948 Arllyce Faye Oglevie, born Jan. 4, 1931

Children of Marvin and Arllyce Kendrick

- a) Sandra Louise born [REDACTED] married Rick Williams — Troy Nathan, March 1975
- b) Robert Warren born [REDACTED]
- c) Rhonda Lynn born [REDACTED]

Floyd Arthur Kendrick born J [REDACTED] married March 16, 1956 Rosemary Keffner born [REDACTED]

Children of Floyd and Rosemary Kendrick

- a) David Allen born [REDACTED] married Cynthia Constance 1978
- b) Mark Douglas born [REDACTED]
- c) John Bryan born [REDACTED]

Marion Lois Kendrick born Nov. 17, 1933, married Jan. 10, 1954 Kenneth Lee Simpson born [REDACTED]

Children of Marion and Kenneth Simpson

- a) Van Everett born [REDACTED]
- b) Judith Kathleen born [REDACTED]
- c) Susan Jane born [REDACTED]

Gordon Wray Kendrick born [REDACTED] married Nov. 15, 1957 Carolyn Sue Hunter born [REDACTED], died 1970

Children of Gordon and Carolyn Kendrick

- a) Susan Renee born [REDACTED] married Russel Jennings
- b) Laurel Lea born [REDACTED]
- c) Julia Ann born [REDACTED]

Gordon married Jodie Weatherford

Children of Gordon and Jodie

- a) John, [REDACTED]
- b) Michael, [REDACTED]

Archibald Lee Kendrick married Eva Maud Mifflin

Children of Archie and Eva Kendrick

- a) Norma
- b) Alice
- c) Wayne

Helena Jane Kendrick married George Lind

Children of Helena and George Lind

- a) Edward
- b) Alvin
- c) Clara

Millen Kendrick born Feb. 3, 1903, died Feb. 3, 1903

Dora Grace Linton married John Adamson

Children of Dora Grace and John Adamson

- a) Ian
- b) Neil
- c) Donald
- d) Kathy

II. John Fairbairn, born March 20, 1860, died Oct. 14, 1930, married Fanny Massingel, born Dec. 21, 1882, died Feb. 3, 1949

Children of John and Fanny Fairbairn

- a) George Robert, born Jan. 21, 1904
- b) John Okland, born March 22, 1906

- c) Thomas Vern, born Sept. 2, 1907, died Feb. 21, 1967
- d) Peter Williams, born April 1, 1909
- e) Rubie Jane, born Dec. 10, 1911
- f) Richard Earnest, born April 4, 1914
- g) Ethel Grace, born Jan. 12, 1917
- h) Bessie May, born May 4, 1919
- i) Stella March, born March 12, 1921
- j) Fannie Cecil, born Nov. 24, 1924
- k) Henry Alvin, born March 16, 1928

George Robert Fairbairn, born Jan. 21, 1904, married Buelah Tillett, born April 19, 1909

Children of George and Buelah Fairbairn

- a) Irene, born [REDACTED] married Chisten Johnson, born [REDACTED] 1946
- b) Dora May, born [REDACTED]
- c) Georges E., born [REDACTED]
- d) John H., born [REDACTED]
- e) Betty Lou, born [REDACTED]

John Okland Fairbairn, born [REDACTED] 6

Thomas Vern Fairbairn, born Sept. 2, 1907, died Feb. 21, 1967

Peter Williams Fairbairn, born April 1, 1909, married Mamie Triepke, born Jan. 1925

Children of Peter and Mamie Fairbairn

- a) Floyd, born [REDACTED]
- b) Russell D., born [REDACTED]
- c) Bonnie S., born [REDACTED]

Richard Ernest, born April 4, 1914, married on Sept. 1940 Pearl Long, born April, 1900

Rubie Jane Fairbairn, born Dec. 10, 1911, married Edgar Beebe, born Jan. 17, 1903, died Dec. 25, 1942. Married Nov. 29, 1943, Leo Howell, born Dec. 22, 1905, died March 25, 1962. Married Nov. 19, 1962 Frank Howell, born April 25, 1911

Children of Rubie and Edgar Beebe

- a) Mable Jane, born [REDACTED]
- b) Dolly May, born [REDACTED]
- c) Elise P., born [REDACTED]
- d) Edna, born [REDACTED]
- e) John Edward, born [REDACTED]

Children of Rubie and Leo Howell

- a) Leo Seymour, born [REDACTED]
- b) Mary Ann, born May 20, 1954

Mable Jane Beebe, born [REDACTED] married March 1, 1951 Richard LaPeir, born [REDACTED]

Children of Mable and Richard LaPeir

- a) Richard Loney, born [REDACTED]
- b) Grace Marie, born [REDACTED]
- c) Jeannie Bertha, born [REDACTED] 6
- d) William Lee, born [REDACTED]
- e) Mary Jane Barsed, born [REDACTED]
- f) Danny Carl, born [REDACTED]
- g) Sylvia, born [REDACTED]

Dolly May Beebe, born [REDACTED] married June 3, 1953, Kenneth Fulbright, born March 1, 1927

Children of Dolly and Kenneth Fulbright

- a) Cindy Lou, born [REDACTED]
- b) Kristee Lae, born [REDACTED]
- c) Rodney Wayne, born [REDACTED]

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This 'Two Hundred Years' of the Fairbairn clan can be revised and corrected and kept up-to-date as each one gains more information. This is just a beginning for you to add to as you wish. It has been great fun.

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