

**CAMPBELLS FROM LOCHTAYSIDE:
immigrants to
Essex and Halton Counties, Ontario and Quebec, Canada
1833, 1849**

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To the Memory
of the father I knew and loved:
Guy Percival Campbell
1893-1974

*In a few years the character of the whole of this population
will be completely changed.... The children of those who are
removed from the hills will lose all recollection of the habits
and customs of their fathers.*

James Loch,
Commissioner of the Sutherland Estates, 1813

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Introduction

Through the first two decades of the 19th century Duncan Campbell and his wife Janet McGregor, tenant-farmers in the hamlet of Croftnalin in the parish of Kenmore in Perthshire, were being pressured by their landlord to accept unwanted changes to their farm. Deciding to emigrate rather than acquiesce, they made their way in 1833 across the north Atlantic to Halton County in Ontario, Canada. With them were numerous members of their extended family, son Archibald, numerous daughters, sons-in-law and kinfolk. There was, however, one exception. Their youngest son, Duncan junior, now twelve years old, was left behind in the care of relatives. Sixteen years later, in 1849, Duncan junior, now married, would also come to Canada with his wife and family and settle in Ontario, but in Essex County. The senior Campbells soon died but the brothers prospered. They raised large families, served as elders in their churches, involved themselves in local politics and were elected to public office including reeve of their townships. This is their story.

This story is one of kinship. Kinship is ordinarily associated with a bloodtie, though without one it can be *felt*. I can attest to that as I am a stepson of Guy Campbell, a grandson of Duncan Campbell junior. I was born in England during the Second World War while my biological father was stationed there with the Canadian forces in the leadup to the invasion of Europe. I was only a year old when he was killed at the Allied landing in Sicily. I was brought to Canada in 1947 by my mother who three years later married Guy. I grew up on a small farm in Sandwich South township in Essex County. My half-brother Brian was born in 1953 and given the grand name Brian Peter Duncan Campbell in memory of his grandfather.

I am happy to present this book to the extended Campbell family. The research and writing has taken me into Scottish genealogy and encouraged me to travel to places I might otherwise have passed over. It has enabled me to revisit my childhood a little. Even as a boy I was interested in history jumping at the chance to visit Amherstburg with the family to explore the Fort Malden and Park House museums. One day we stopped at the Duncan Campbell homestead in Malden, then owned and farmed by hardworking recent immigrants. They showed us the house Duncan had built with stones pulled from the fields around him, patterned on what he remembered of the houses of his homeland. I had for a long time admired the people who cleared the land and broke the soil but that visit certainly bolstered the admiration.

I remember a trip with the family to the Fergus area of Ontario to take in the Highland Games and a Campbell clan reunion. Guy never spoke of his kin in Halton County and was, I think, unaware of them, the memory of the connections no doubt having long since flickered out. In 1969 Dad and Mom paid me a visit in England and I drove them to Scotland to see a castle built by the Campbell clan. Wholly ignorant of the family's roots at the time, we missed Lochtayside just a few miles to the north. I am fascinated by the fact Duncan and Archibald emerged from the same small village in Scotland and lived their adult lives in the same province in Canada no more than two hundred miles apart. I feel privileged to be able to tell their stories and reveal the astonishing similarities between them.

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A Few Words About Sources

This book is a work of nonfiction. The Campbell and McGregor stories are grounded in the records of birth, marriage and death that were entered years ago into the old parish registers (OPRs) of Scotland. Included here with most records is a photograph of the entry, thus helping in the task of fact-checking. There is very little hearsay. When hearsay is used at all, it is flagged for easy identification. Included are transcripts of letters written by the participants themselves that to our great good fortune are preserved in the National Records of Scotland. Duncan senior was one of the many tenant-farmers who was compelled to leave his home, either directly or indirectly, by the efforts of the Marquis of Breadalbane to increase the efficiency of his farms. Newspaper articles posted online contain surprising amounts of information on the lives of Archibald and Duncan junior in Canada. Wills, land records and the like are preserved in the Archives of Ontario.

This is not to say this book is free of speculation or inference. Works of many genealogies would come to a halt were it not for assumptions made by the writer. The assumptions made here rest largely on circumstantial evidence. For that I bear full responsibility.

There are issues with Scottish genealogy that the reader should be aware of from the start. The most important is the late date church registers began to be kept, 1650 being typical. Baptismal records, on the other hand, unlike their English counterparts, often include the mother's maiden name and the name of a birthplace, be it a village or a hamlet. Records are often missing. Records that are missing can sometimes be compensated for by inscriptions on gravestones, memorialization being more common in Scotland than in England. Many cemeteries have been surveyed by dedicated volunteers and their inscriptions copied. An inscription often contains information that is revelatory to the genealogist, such as a family tree of several generations or a poignant list of members of a family who during the period of the Clearances "left for America".

For all that the number of common names complicate the writing of a Scottish genealogy. In the period covered by this book Kenmore was awash in Campbells and McGregors. The researcher must deal with numerous couples with the same names even in different generations. Sorting them all out can make for detailed, tedious, arguments. As a service to the reader these arguments are placed in special sections (shaded grey) to enable them to be bypassed on a first reading.

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Abbreviation Used

CBRE	<i>Commemorative Biographical Record of Essex County, Ontario</i> (Beers, 1905)
Echo	<i>The Amherstburg Echo</i> , Amherstburg, Ontario various dates
<i>New Statistical Accounts</i>	<i>The New Statistical Account of Scotland</i> (1834-45) available online at http://edina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot/
NRS	National Records of Scotland, Edinburgh
OPR	Old Parish Register (referring to the original church registers)
Rose Hill	<i>Rose Hill Cemetery, Malden Twp. Amherstburg, Ont.</i> , Essex County Branch Ontario Genealogical Society 1987.
scotlandspeople.com	genealogical website second in importance to Ancestry.com but which provides images of records.
<i>Statistical Accounts</i>	<i>Statistical Account of Scotland</i> (1791-99) available online at http://edina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot/