

The Blacksmith Shop.

A blacksmith shop was located across the road from the Temperanceville store. It was operated in early days by Jim Burke and later by Theo Carscadden. (The latter sold out and went west, living first in Saskatchewan and later in Vancouver where he died around 1950). Edward Carson was the last blacksmith there. He moved to Aurora before World War I and continued his craft there.

Jim Paxton bought the old shop and turned it into a grist mill which he operated in the winters for many years.

(There was a carpenter's shop near the blacksmith shop, perhaps behind it. A Mr. Lonsdale was once the carpenter there.)

Temperanceville Hall

To the north and adjoining the Methodist (now United) Church property was a hall known as Temperance Hall. The Chosen Friends Lodge members held their meetings there. Concerts and public meetings were held in it. At election times it was the polling place. About the beginning of World War I it was closed and was converted into a house. James Lloyd and his family lived there for many years.

High Scales

On the south side of the road about half way between the store and Jim Paxton's home there once was a big scales. (They were never used as far as Elsie Legge can recall.)

Temperanceville School.

In the early days when the Stewarts were attending school, there was a log building. Alison used to recall what a strict teacher Mr. Milne was. (He lived east of the Methodist Church. Later he was a Presbyterian minister and had a charge in Ottawa from which he retired. He was well up in his eighties when Elsie Legge met him in the mid 1930's.)

When Thomas Legge's family attended the school, it was in the brick building now on the site but there was no basement under it. One of the teachers of the oldest boys was their father's sister, Bessie.

In World War I years, Miss Wellwood of Richmond Hill was the teacher for nearly four years. She was the daughter of one of the Baynon girls from south of the townline on the second. She was a very well-liked teacher. Her Christmas concerts always drew a large audience.

One of Alison Stewart's classmates at the school was Lucy Andrews who lived on the farm west of the Stewart, one (as far as I can ascertain). She married James Cairns and lived north of King City, on the sideroad west of the fourth. After her ~~the~~ husband's retired from the farm, their son Jimmy took it over. Mr. & Mrs. Cairns and their daughter, Lena lived in King City till their deaths.

Temperanceville Presbyterian Church.

The Temperanceville Presbyterian Church was located on the corner of Lot 5, Concession 2 in King Township, across the corner from the Methodist Church (now the United Church). James Stewart deeded this parcel of land in the corner of his farm to the Trustees of the United Presbyterian Church on February 28, 1853. The trustees were Alex. MacKeanie, David Johnston, William Ellis, Donald McDonald, and James Stewart. The signing was witnessed by Thomas Wood and Thomas Polliott.

At first this church was united with the Richmond Hill church and the first minister was Rev. Jas. Dick. According to the records long held by Jas. Jenkins of King City, the church was built in 1858 and the first service in it was on September 24, 1859.

In 1861 the Temperanceville church severed connections with Richmond Hill and was united with East King and Laskar. A call was given to Rev. Jas. Mulligan who was followed by Rev. S. R. Warner and Rev. Geo. Haigh.

In 1879 the union with East King and Laskar was dissolved. The congregation then united with St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Aurora. Their minister, Rev. Walter Amos, then took charge of the Temperanceville church. He continued his ministry to the two churches till he resigned on May 7, 1912, after serving the Temperanceville church for thirty-three years. The last service was held in July 1912 and the cause then ceased.

During his long ministry, Rev. Mr. Amos

usually walked from his home in Aurora to conduct the services in the afternoons. At one time he used a bicycle. It was a rare occasion indeed if he didn't make the trip even in the worst wintry weather. On one such occasion only he, David Paxton who used to light the fire, and one or two others made it to the church.

At one time Mr. Amos taught the Bible Class in the Methodist Sunday School across the corner before conducting his own service. Many members of the class then attended his church service. Mr. Amos was well-beloved by the members of his own congregation and by many other people in the community also.

There were times when members of the congregation failed to see eye to eye with hard feelings sometimes developing. When it was proposed that the congregation would obtain an organ, two bitter opponents of it were Mr. Ness and Mr. Gibson but they lost out.

In the days before the automobiles were numerous enough to cause much traffic, the farmers sometimes used to allow their cattle and sheep to pasture along the roadsides, in the daytime, maybe unherded. Mr. Roger Ball, who lived on the farm just east of the Methodist church, let his sheep do so. Mrs. Ball wished him to keep them in on Sundays but he didn't. One hot Sunday afternoon in the midst of the service one of the sheep put its head in at the open door and went "Baa-baa," much to the amusement of the assembled people. From then on Mr. Ball avoided having his sheep at large along the road on Sunday.

The Old Church Building after 1912.

After the Presbyterians ceased holding services in the building on the corner, the furnishings were disposed of and the building sold.

Milt Legge purchased four choir chairs which his family used in their kitchen at the store and in their home in King City later for many years. His daughters still have them.

Ollie Legge, turned the church into a house. He, his wife, and daughter lived there a few years before moving to Newmarket. There were some tenants in it for a year or two - one family being Mr. & Mrs. Oram. Wilfred and Ruth, who lived there while remodelling a house they moved from the Thos. Ferguson farm to the farm just south of Temperanceville School.

Ivan Legge, who moved his family down from Saskatchewan, took up residence there late in 1918. His third daughter, Doris, was born there. In March 1920 Ivan moved to Aurora. Soon afterwards the property was sold.

One owner in later years was William Barker. He, his second wife, and daughter Beverly lived there several years.

The last owner was Mr. Jos. Bishop who sold it in 1970 because the York Roads Commission required the land for widening the intersection of the King Road and Concession 2, now called Bathurst Street. The house was torn down that fall.

Thus ended a building which had stood on the corner for well over a century and had served as a place of worship for about half that time.

(According to an item in the Aurora Banner of Sept. 22, 1971, the old building was taken down by Dr. Michael Willinsky and Doug Willinsky. It is now being erected as a barn on the former property on Concession 3 of King.)

The Burying Grounds.

Adjacent to the Presbyterian Church property on the south side was a small burying ground, also formerly a part of the Stewart farm. In the south-west corner of it was the Stewart plot where James Stewart, his wife, and several other relatives were buried. There were some other people buried there also. One family later removed three bodies and had them re-interred in a larger plot in King City Cemetery, leaving the holes to fill in naturally.

The last burial in this cemetery was that of Mrs. Jas. Stewart in May 1911.

During Wm. Paxton's time, he took care of the cemetery but this pioneer burial ground has stood neglected for a long time and now is badly overgrown with bushes and weeds. However from outside the fence, the Stewart family monument and at least two more can still be discerned still standing erect.

The Stewart Farm.

Lot 5, Concession 2, in King Township was long known as the Stewart farm. It had been deeded by the Crown to Jas. McCauley on November 25, 1802. When Henry Stewart came from Scotland with his wife and family in 1831, he acquired this farm. It remained in the possession of the Stewart family until about the middle of the first decade of this century.

James Stewart took it over from his father, Henry, and then it passed to his son, George, who lived on it till 1899 when he moved to King City due to his wife's failing health. His sister, Alison, and her husband, William Paxton, rented it from him and moved down from North Orellia Township where they had owned a farm on the sixth concession. Soon after that William Paxton bought the farm just west of the Stewart one and he worked both of them till he moved to his own farm about 1906 after having remodelled the house there.

For a year thereafter Phos. Legge rented the land of the Stewart farm. Then Geo. Stewart sold the property to Benjamin Stephenson, a brother of Mrs. Phos. Legge. He moved his wife and family to it. (His wife was a sister of Mr. Phos. Legge.)

An English family called Wild bought the farm from Ben Stephenson about 1911 and sold it to William Barker, who moved his wife and family to it from the fifth concession of King in 1914. There have been several owners since Mr Barker sold it.

The original house, the one occupied by Henry Stewart and his family, was ^{on the} ~~the~~

The Stewart Farm

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the knoll near where the present barn is. (1971)

The house now standing on the farm was built by James Stewart. His daughter, ^{Alison} used to tell about them moving into the house when she was eight years old. Since she was born on December 3, 1858, the move was made in 1866 or 1867.

The house remained about as it was originally until Ben Stephenson moved the summer kitchen and woodshed part down by the barn where it was used as an icehouse, a sheep pen and other things. Owners in recent times have remodelled ^{the house} it.

The original barn used by all the Stewarts who owned the farm, was on the side of the knoll across the creek from the house near the present pond. Ben Stephenson built a new barn to the south of the house, while he lived there. That was the barn which was burned a few years ago. The present barn was erected to the south-west of it.

When James Stewart and his family moved into their fine, new home a set of parlour furniture was purchased. It included a set of six straight-backed walnut chairs, a matching rocker, an oval table and a rolled-end sofa with a carved back. These pieces are much cherished by two of his great-granddaughters who have them in their home. They also have a walnut bureau made for Mrs. Jas. Stewart by her father-in-law, Henry, at the time of her marriage.)

Of all the very large number of direct

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Descendants of Henry Stewart, the only ones now living in the Temperanceville area are Stewart Paxton^{and} his son Jimmy, on a house across from the east field of the farm, and Wayne Paxton, Stewart's nephew, who lives on the King Road about three quarters of a mile east of the Temperanceville corner.

At one time when the people of the community were wishing to change its name from Love's Corners, the name Stewartsville was proposed and especially found favour among the Presbyterian group apparently. The other big favourite was Temperanceville which finally was chosen.

The Stewart Families

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Henry Stewart

Henry Stewart was born in Scotland about 1787 and married in 1811. He came to Canada with his wife and family in 1831 and settled on Lot 5, Concession 2 in King Township. He and his son cleared most of it.

Henry was a member of the council of King Township for many years. He was appointed Justice of the Peace and was a highly respected member of the community. He died in 1872 at the age of 85. Surviving him were his wife and five children: Mary, James, Robert, Allison and John. (Mary married Thomas Polliott, Allison's husband was Thomas Scott.)

James Stewart

James Stewart was the eldest son of Henry Stewart and was born at Kelso, Scotland in 1820. He came to Canada with his parents in 1831 and lived on the Stewart farm at Temperanceville the rest of his life. He married Magdalen Simpson Kannie of Bradford on September 21, 1845. They had twelve children.

After the Rebellion James Stewart received a lieutenant's commission under the command of Major Armstrong. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and deeded a piece of land on the corner of his farm for a church at Temperanceville. He was a member of the board of trustees of the church. He was a Reformer in politics.

Following his death on August 29, 1889 he was buried in the family plot in the small burying ground adjoining the churchyard. He was survived by his wife and nine children.

The Stewart Families

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Mrs. James Stewart

Magdalen Simpson Rannie, wife of James Stewart, was a daughter of William Rannie and Agnes Goodfellow Rannie who were early settlers in the Bradford-Bond Head area. She was born ^{in Dec. 7, 1820} at Jedburgh, Scotland and came to Canada with her parents when she was a little girl. She married James Stewart on September 21, 1845 and came to live at Temperanceville where she spent the rest of her life.

After her husband's death in August 1889, she continued to live on the farm with her son, George, and his family and then with her daughter, Alison who moved there with her husband, Bill Paxton, and their family in 1899. She continued to live with Alison and her family when they moved to their own farm just to the west of the Stewart farm. When the Paxtons retired to the house across from the store in 1911, she went with them. There she passed peacefully away in her sleep on May 2, 1911. She was buried in the family plot in the Presbyterian burying ground. She was survived by four daughters and three sons.

Notes

Mrs. Stewart helped raise some of her grandchildren after one of the parents died in each case. Three of them were Robert (Bob) Norman, Albert (Bert) Stewart and Nellie Chard.

Two of Mrs. Stewart's sisters also lived at Temperanceville for several years. They were: Agnes (Mrs. Peter Rodgers) who came there after her husband's death and lived many years in the house owned by Wesley Lloyd in recent times. over

The other sister was

1 Janet, the second wife of David Johnston.

She helped him run the store at Temperanceville for about twelve years.

Another one of the Rannie sisters, Elizabeth, married Robert Stewart, son of Henry but there are no further records of him or her.

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② Nelen (Nellie) married George Wells Norman. They had three sons and a daughter. Albert (Abbie), Frank, Robert and Madeline (Susan). After their mother's death in 1880 Robert (Bob) lived with her parents at Temperanceville but the others lived with the Normans who moved to the United States. For a while Bob taught near Lloydtown but moved to the United States after he married Ethel Fry of the ninth concession of King.

③ Henry (Harry) married a Miss Norman and they had one son and a daughter. The boy died when small but the girl was raised by the Normans in the United States.

Harry's second wife was Maria Dennis of King. They farmed on the sixth concession of North Orillia where Albert (Bert), Nellie, Ross, Harry, and an infant were born. After Henry died when Harry was a babe, the mother sold the farm and moved back to King.

Bert lived for some time with Mrs. Jas. Stewart. Ross and Nellie were raised by their mother's sister, Mrs. Hogan whose husband had the hotel in King City.

Note Mrs. Hogan changed the spelling of their name to Stuart so this branch of the family still uses this spelling.

Bert lived at Oak Ridges for several years prior to his death in the 1960's.

Ross lived in King City and then Toronto for many years. He was trainman of the C.P.R. trains running between Toronto and Chapleau. Upon retirement, he built a home in King City and still lives there.

Descendants of James Stewart and Magdalen Rannie.

⑦ George Lount married Janet Paxton whose brother, William, married Alison Stewart. George lived on the Stewart farm till his wife's health began to fail so they moved to King City and the Paxtons moved to the family farm in March 1899.

George and his wife had five sons: Rannie and Charlie who died with diphtheria while quite small. William James (Will), Earl Paxton, and George Lount. (Will was born in 1889, Earl in 1891 and Lount on July 11, 1896.)

When Janet (Jen) died about 1900, the three boys went to live on the Stewart farm with William and Alison Paxton and were with them seven years.

George lived in King City several years. He married Lila Montgomery of that place. Later they lived in West Toronto where he died on January 4, 1934.

George Stewart worked for the federal department of immigration for many years. Once he was sent to Scotland for it. He met many of the immigrant trains in Toronto.

Notes: George Lount Stewart (Sr.) was named after a favourite uncle, Judge George Lount of Barrie, whose wife, Margaret Rannie was a sister of Mrs. Jas. Stewart. (Judge Lount was a brother of the Samuel Lount who was hanged with Matthews in the Rebellion of 1837).

A Will, went to North Dakota with Albert Hells and work on farms around Aneta till he died in 1966. He never married.

B Earl went west about 1910, was unheard of for many years. He married Marion McRae and they had one daughter Janet. ^{of Vancouver} ~~not working now~~ on construction, ^{in B.C.} he died in 1960.

Descendants of James Stewart & Magdalen Lennie

c) George Lount lived in Toronto with his father a few years. After being rejected for army service for health reasons, he was sent to work in a munitions factory in St. Catharines in 1917 and has lived there ever since. He married Helena Loney in 1919. They have two sons, Donald and Earl living in that city. Their second son, Kenneth, was drowned at sea off Iceland ^{during World War I} when the ship he was serving on was driven aground. He was buried in Iceland. Lount and Lena still live in St. Catharines.

⑧ Alison (Alie) married William (Bill) Paxton on March 13, 1878. They lived on his farm on the sixth concession of North Orillia Township until 1899 when they moved to the Stewart farm at Timperanceville. Their family was

- James Goodall, born Jan. 5, 1879
- Peter Earl, born Sept. 12, 1880
- Magdalen Jane, born June 1, 1884
- William David, born June 7, 1886.

The Paxtons lived in the Stewart home which they shared with Alie's mother. George's three sons, Hill, Earl, and Lount lived there with them for seven years.

Alison and her daughter, Jennie, had to work hard to feed and care for ten people everyday as well as all the relatives who so frequently visited the beloved mother and grandmother.

The Paxtons lived on their own farm to the west of the Stewart one from about 1906 to 1911 when they retired to live "at the corner" across from the store. Soon after they moved, her mother passed away on May 2, 1911.

Descendants of James Stewart and Magdalen Lannee

After her husband's death in March 1923, Alison remained in her home a few months, then went to live with her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Leggen in King City. She never cared to be idle and as long as her eyesight permitted, she helped about the house and did needlework such as crocheting, tatting and knitting lace. During World War II she knitted over a hundred pair of socks. When her eyesight failed and she could no longer do such work, she felt useless. Several of her friends and her granddaughters still treasure their samples of her handiwork. She died on Feb. 16, 1953, at the age of 94.

Note - See the sections about the Paxtons for information about her family.

- ⑨ Eliza (Libby) married Archie McGill and they lived in King City for a number of years, then moved to West Toronto. Their family was Norman, Madeline, Austin and Rosa.

Norman married Agnes Lakay, a half sister of Mrs. Peter Earl Paxton. Madeline married a Mr. Coulson, a Toronto teacher. Austin and Rosa were buried in King City Cemetery beside their parents.

- ⑩ Harriott (Nattie) married Thomas Chard. They had three children, Ross, Frank and Nellie. When Nattie died on Jan. 15, 1898, Nellie went to live with her grandmother, Mrs. Jas. Stewart. She married Hill Freeman of Weston and had one daughter Ethel.

The Family of Mary Stewart Polliott
(daughter of Henry & sister of James)

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Mary Stewart, daughter of Henry Stewart, was born in Scotland and came to Temperanceville with her parents in 1831. She married Thomas Polliott who was born in England. They lived at Temperanceville. Their family was Jonathan, Henry, Thomas, James, John, Allison, Mary Jane, and Margaret. Both Mary and Henry died at Temperanceville.

Allison married Joseph Stephenson of Oak Ridges. (He was a brother of Mrs. T. H. Legge) They lived for a while at Temperanceville on the farm once owned by William Paxton. They also lived near Sharon and in later years in Aurora. They had one daughter Rosa who married Lambert (Bert) Farr and they also lived in Aurora.

Mary Jane married Isaiah Baynon and they lived at Oak Ridges. They had several children Candace who married Mr. Copson, Louie (not married), and Walter, all lived in Aurora.

Margaret married Walter Saigeon and they lived in the west.

Henry married and lived in Bolsover. He had several children. His youngest daughter married Harvey Polliott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Polliott of Temperanceville. Harvey and his wife Lillian lived on the fifth concession of King, south of Kinghorn, where they raised five children, Gladys, May, Louise, Florence and Harold.

Thomas was an undertaker in King City a number of years.

The Family of Mary Stewart Folliott
(daughter of Henry Stewart)

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Jonathan lived in the Bolsover-Kirkfield area as did Jarnes apparently

John (Johnny) married Agnes Johnston, the daughter of David Johnston who once had the Temperanceville store. They lived on the Folliott farm across the King road from the Stewart farm. (Mrs. Folliott was a sister of Mrs. Hill Stewart). After their family was grown up, the Folliotts moved to Aurora where Johnny died. Later the family moved to Toronto.

Their children were:-

Jennie Mary, born Jan. 25, 1881.

Bertha Ethel, born Nov. 3, 1886

Nelson Johnston, born Aug. 24, 1889

Halter Lang, born Apr. 26, 1893

John Henry (Harry) born Apr. 3, 1896.

The first three of the family never married. Only Bertha is still living. (1971)

Halter operated a garage at the corner of the fifth concession and the Aurora road (near Kettleby) for a few years after World War II.

Harry was killed overseas in World War I.

The Family of Alison Stewart Scott
(daughter of Henry Stewart)

* Alison (Elsie) Stewart, daughter of Henry Stewart and sister of James, married Thomas Scott. They lived on their farm on the sideroad west of Eversley corner. (This farm was later owned by Art Lloyd.) They had fifteen children, namely, Agnes (Nancy), Helen, Walter, twins Henry and Mary (who died when small), Janet, Henry, twins Mary Magdalene and Margaret Alison, Robina Fidis, twins Eliza and Thomas, John, Sarah Ann and Susan Emma.

Descendants of Alison and Thomas Scott.

(A) Agnes (Nancy) married Mark Ferguson. They lived on Maple Lane Farm at the corner of the King road and Concession 3. Their children were Henry, Thomas, Alice, Albert and Walter.

Henry was a missionary in China for many years and was killed there. His children, Henry, Mary, John, and Libian were born there. (At one time) John lived with his grandmother and attended high school in Aurora. He taught in Toronto.

Alice lived with Thomas on the home farm for many years after their parents died. She lived later at a house on the corner of the 3rd. and then moved to King City where she lived for a number of years. She died there.

(B) Helen married John Calder.

(C) Walter married Lizzie Leigh and farmed west of Eversley mill pond. They had two daughters, Emma and Laura and a son, John Oliver.

Emma married Albert McCutcheon. They lived on a farm north-west of Kiltaton on Concession 10. They retired to Aurora where Emma still lives.

(D) Janet married Henry Rogers. They farmed on the sideroad east of Eversley corner. After his death, Thomas

* Note, some records have her name spelled "Allison"

Descendants of Alison Stewart and Thomas Scott. 20.

Cairns helped her run the farm. Later she moved to Aurora, where she died.

- ⑥ Mary Magdalene (Polly) married James L. Jenkins who lived on Maple Lane Farm at one time. They lived in King City for many years. Mr. Jenkins was clerk of King Township for a long time. Their family was Elsie (who married a Mr. Hopper and lived at Cookstown), James F. (who was a collegiate teacher in Toronto) and Walter (who was a lawyer).
- ⑦ Margaret Alison (Maggie) looked very much like her twin Polly. She married Samuel Montgomery and lived in Honey Harbour. Alie and Scott were their children.
- ⑧ Robina Fidis (Bena) married James L. Johnston, son of the David Johnson who once operated Temperanceville store. They lived in Ottawa where their children, David, Laura, and James Percy were raised. Two, John Percy and Janet Elsie, died when quite small.
- ⑨ Thomas married Maggie McNaughton. Their children were Harry, Alma and Norman.
- ⑩ Eliza, twin of Thomas, married Peter Bovair. They lived at Eversley, then moved to Concession 2 and lived on the Arwood Harmon farm. He purchased the farm south of Walter Bovair's and lived there several years. Then he bought the farm behind his on Concession 3 and moved to it.
- They had six children, Emma, Thomas Henry (Harry), John Scott, Mary Alison (Elsie), William Arthur and Jessie. They all attended Temperanceville school.

Descendants of Alison Stewart and Thomas Scott. 21.

The Bovair's Family (cont'd)

- (ii) Emma married Duncan McDonald, a carpenter. They lived at Eversley where Leva and Kenneth were born. Later they moved to Aurora. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in March 1971 in Aurora.
- (iii) Harry served overseas in World War I. He married May Hainstock. For a while in the 1920's he lived in the ^{1st} church which had been converted into a house, then went west. He has lived in Aurora many years.
- (iii) Scott, married Flossie Wade, daughter of Mr. & Mrs John Wade of Concession 3. They lived on the farm his father purchased on Concession 2. Their daughter, Verna, was born there and attended Temperanceville school. They retired to Aurora where both died.
Verna married Murray Boyd of Concession 6. They now live in Aurora. Their daughters are Sheila and Shirley.
- (iv) Arthur married Florence Cairns of Eversley. They farmed the Bovair property on Concession 3. Their daughter Edith married John Lurken of Eversley. They have two daughters and live at Oak Ridges. Art's son Ross married Yvonne Belling of Aurora and helped his father on the farm. When the farm was sold, Ross also moved to Aurora.
- (v) Mary Alison (Elsie) married Clifford White and farmed at Snowball. They retired to Aurora where she still lives. They had two children Edith Eiken and William Ross.
- (vi) Jessie married Lindsay Ferguson. In later years they farmed near Acton where both died. Their family was Donald, Harold, Marion, John, Gordon, twins, Doreen & Eugene, and Margaret Grace.

The Paxtons

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Peter Paxton and his wife, Jane, were both born in Scotland and were married there. Their eldest child Elizabeth was also born in Scotland. They came to Canada about 1851 (a few months before the birth of their second child, William, who was born on January 15, 1852). They lived east of St. Catharines a short time then came to King Township. They lived for a time on the farm on the north-west corner of Concession 3 and the King sideroad. Then they moved to the south-east corner of these roads. They lived about thirty years on that farm, named Maple Lane Farm. When they retired, they went to King City where they lived the rest of their lives. They had five children, namely, Elizabeth (Lib), William (Bill), Janet (Jen), Margaret (Maggie), and Peter. Both Peter and Jane were buried at King City.

Descendants of Peter and Jane Paxton

(1) Elizabeth (Lib) married David Blough. They lived on the fourth concession of Vaughan Township, near the King - Vaughan Townline. Later they moved to King City. They had seven daughters; Hattie Jane, a pair of twins who died when quite small, Ada, Philadelphia (Phila) and twins, Minnie and Millie. The latter died in childhood.

(A) Hattie married William Glass and lived on Concession 2 of King, about a mile north of Tomperville. Their daughter Irene was born there. Their son David was born after they moved to King City.

Irene married Albert Kelly and they had three daughters; Jean, Louise, and Marion. She still lives in King City, as does Dave who married ^{an English girl.}

Descendants of Peter and Jane Paxton

(Blough Family (cont'd))

- (B) Ada married Walter Wells, a brother of Mrs. Will Wells of Temperanceville. They went to farm near Aleta, North Dakota where their daughter, Lulka, was born. After Walter's death, Ada married George Thomas of that area. Later they retired to Los Angeles area in California where she died.
- (C) Phila married Frank Lloyd of Eversley. They too went to North Dakota where their daughters, Dorothy, Audrey, and Frances were born. (Phila's body was brought back for burial in King City Cemetery.)
- (D) Minnie married James Burns of Kinghorn. They farmed on Concession 5 (where King Cross Estates are now). Later they moved to Beeton. Her mother spent the last few years of her life with them there. The Burnsies moved to Erindale where both died. Burial for both was in King City Cemetery.

② William (Bill) Paxton married Alison Stewart, daughter of James Stewart of Temperanceville on March 13, 1878. They lived on the sixth concession of North Grillia Township where their family of four children were born. They were:

- a James Goodall, born January 5, 1879
- b Peter Earl, born September 12, 1880
- c Magdalen Jane, born June 1, 1884
- d William David, born June 3, 1886.

Bill and Alison moved in 1899 to the Stewart farm at Temperanceville. Soon he bought the next farm west of it and worked the two together for several years. About 1906 they moved to the latter farm from

Descendants of Peter and Jane Paxton

which they retired in 1911 to the house across the road from the store. There William died on March 9, 1923. His wife went to live with their daughter, Mrs. E. M. Legge, in King City. She died on February 16, 1953 in her 95th year. Both William and his wife were buried at King City.

Note - See "The Family of William Paxton and his wife, Allison Stewart," for more information about their family.

- (3) Janet Paxton married George Lount Stewart, (a brother of William's wife, Alison). They lived on the Stewart farm at Temperanceville till her health began to fail. They moved to King City where she died about 1900 and was buried in King City Cemetery. They had five sons. Charles and Rannie died with diphtheria before William James was born on March 27, 1889. Earl Paxton was born in 1891 and George Lount of July 11, 1896.

After Janet (Jen) died the three boys made their home with William and Allison Paxton for seven years.

- ④ Margaret (Maggie) married Will John Thompson, a brother of Clara Thompson (Mrs. George Thompson) of Temperanceville. They lived in King City where some of their family were born. Then they moved to Toronto. Their family was,
- (a) Jane, who late in life, married Roy Mercer and they live in Orono, Ont.
 - (b) Albert who went to Alberta after serving in World War I.

The Family and Descendants of William
Parton and Alison Stewart.

- (1) James Goodall, was born in North Orellia Township on January 5, 1879. He moved with his parents to Temperanceville in 1899. He married Annie Ball of Concession 4 of King on April 13, 1907. They moved into the house, now occupied by their son, Stewart and spent the rest of their lives there. He died at Temperanceville on October 1, 1965. (She predeceased him.) They had three children.
- (A) William Edward, born August 27, 1908. He married Stella Levison in July 1936. They had one son, Wayne Edward, and an adopted daughter, Judy Elizabeth. Ed died in November 1957.
- (B) James Stewart, born December 12, 1910. He married Evelyn Clark. They have two daughters, Elaine and Ann, and a son, James.
- (C) Annie Isobel, born Jan. 29, 1915. She married George Forester. They had five daughters, Frances, Lila Ann, Sandra, Nancy, and Shirley.
2. Peter Earl Parton was born in North Orellia Township on September 12, 1880. After coming to Temperanceville, he helped on his father's farms till his parents retired in 1911. He had married Frances Clendenning of Uttox, North Orellia in 1906. They lived with his parents till they moved to West Toronto in 1911. He worked at carpentry with his mother's brother-in-law, Archie McGill. He died on May 14, 1956 and she a few years later. They were buried in Orellia Cemetery. They had no family.

Descendants of William Paxton and Alison Stewart

- ③ Magdalen Jane (Jennie) was born in North Orlia on June 1, 1884. She came with her parents to Temperanceville in 1899. She married Ellsworth Milton Legge, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Legge of Temperanceville on March 27, 1907. They lived at the store and operated it till April 1, 1920, when they moved to King City. In 1923 her mother, Mrs. Wm. Paxton, went to live with her there. After the death of her husband in July, 1950, and her mother on Feb. 16, 1953, she and her daughters moved to Aurora where she died on March 7, 1971. Milt and Jennie had two daughters. Elsie Irene born on August 3, 1908 and Norma Jean born on November 23, 1918. Both girls were born at the store and became teachers. Elsie retired in 1967, but Norma is still teaching in Toronto.

- ④ William David Paxton was born in North Orlia on June 3, 1886. He attended school there and at Temperanceville after the family moved there. He was interested in the first telephones in Temperanceville and helped to string the lines and install the phones. Later he took up watchmaking with Jerry Smith in Richmond Hill and studied at a school in Toronto.

His first position as a watchmaker was in Oshawa but he soon moved to Haliburton. On June 26, 1912 he married Cora May Legge, a sister of Milton Legge, and they made their home in the latter town. In 1913 he purchased a jewellery and watchmaker's store in Woodstock, Ontario, so they moved there. Dave later sold the jewellery business but continued doing watch and clock repairs till his death on July 6, 1962.

Descendants of William Paxton and Allison Stewart

David Paxton was the official watch and clock repair man for the Canadian Pacific Railway in Western Ontario for many years.

Dave and Cora Paxton had three daughters

A. Frances May, born May 23, 1913, is unmarried and lives at home. She is a personnel and accounting clerk in her home town.

B. Jennie Irene (Jean) ^{was} born April 19, 1915. She married Laurie Gardiner of Woodstock, and has a son, Robert, and a daughter Lynne. She is a receptionist for a doctor in Woodstock. Her husband died in 1968.

C. Shirley, born November 3, 1928, is unmarried, and lives at home. She is a private secretary in Woodstock. (Full name - Shirley Elizabeth)

Notes

James Paxton was a thrasher for many years and had two outfits. He thrashed for farmers for several miles around Penningtonville. At first he used steam engines to run his threshing outfits but later replaced them with tractors.

In the winter, Jim used one of his engines (or tractors) to operate a grist mill which he had in the old blacksmith shop. The farmers who brought their grain to be made into fodder for their stock often killed two birds with one stone by doing some shopping across the road in the store while waiting.

Bill Paxton used to fire the engines so Jim could attend the grinding operations.

In the days of the early cars when there were no paved roads, sometimes in the spring the farmers while waiting for their grist, had a chance to make a little money by hauling the cars out of the quagmire that formed just west of the store lane.