

THE SHEARDOWN FAMILY

Samuel Sheardown was born in Lincolnshire, England in 1806 and emigrated to Canada in 1828. He settled in York County and worked out for a few years as a hired man until he had saved sufficient money to purchase a bush farm. He was a pioneer of his section and had to cut his way through the bush to reach his land, which was Lot 6, Concession 9 of King Township. He was married in 1838 to Miss Isabella Drummond who dies in 1874. They had eight children: William, John, Samuel, James, Peter, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Thomas. Mr. Samuel Sheardown's death occurred soon after that of his wife in 1874, at the age of seventy-one years.

William Sheardown, eldest son of Samuel eventually moved to Hamiota, Manitoba and was killed in a railroad accident.

John lived on the west half of Concession 10, Lot 4 and farmed there. He had six daughters.

Samuel lived in Richmond Hill, operating a coal and wood business. He was the father of James of Bolton.

James never married and resided with the Cherry family in Kleinburg.

Peter never married and he was joint owner of the original farm.

Elizabeth married James Cherry of Vaughan, Lot 32, Concession 9. Two of their daughters were Mrs. Adam Goodfellow and Mrs. Chas. Hambly.

Catherine married William Wilson and moved to Western Ontario.

Thomas, youngest of the family, stayed on the home farm, Lot 6, Concession 9 and operated the farm in joint ownership with his brother Peter. Thomas married Mary Jeffrey of Vaughan Township on September 22, 1896 at Reverend Carmichael's home in King City. (Thomas Sheardown was born in 1852 and died September 6, 1906. His wife, Mary Jeffrey was born September 22, 1856 in Vaughan Township, Lot 34, Concession 8 and died March 24, 1913.) They had one son Lorne Albert, who was born December 19, 1897.

