

SKETCH OF KATRINE'S EARLY HISTORY

Returning to the year 1874 he records that Alex Edgar married Jane Nixon and took up residence on her homestead where they lived many years; and John and William Hanna came over the Dawson road and spent the winter at Squirrel Creek.

In the spring of 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarke and infant son John, arrived from Owen Sound. Mrs. Clarke was a sister of Alex Edgar. Also came the Mooney family, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mooney and two sons, John and Robt.; also Mr. Mooney's mother, Mrs. Mooney Sr. homesteaded the S.W. 9-13-9. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hanna Sr. and their son Adam came that year from Palsley Ontario, and Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes and family of seven girls. Larinda, Mary, Annie, Jane, Tena, Margaret and Amanda. Mrs. Holmes was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hanna. Wm. Sam Pogue, who had come over the Dawson road the previous year located a homestead for his father on N.E. 6-13-9 and built

a house on it to which the old folks, Mr. and Mrs. James Pogue came the following summer.

The winter of '75 & '76 passed quietly in the settlement the settlers improving their buildings and looking forward to their first crop on their new breaking of the year before. Rocky Mountain locusts hatched out in great numbers but when they got their wings they flew away and caused no damage. More breaking was done as summer passed. Alex Dobbin took up a homestead that year and after working a while on survey parties, returned to his homestead and married Larinda Holmes.

Building and breaking proceeded in 1877. John McKelvy married Martha McCrae of the Palestine district, the ceremony taking place in Gladstone. Fall and winter were very mild with a warm rain on Christmas day. Alex Dobbin did a little plowing that day. Mild weather continued



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