

IN MEMORIAM.

Died, at his residence West Gwillimbury, Mr. John Nesbitt, aged 88 years, 7 months and 28 days. After a short but painful illness, borne with christian resignation to God's will, he calmly and sweetly fell asleep a few minutes after two o'clock on Thursday morning, Oct. 11th, 1888.

The subject of this sketch was the second son of Robert Nesbitt and Eleanor Boyle, and was born on the 13th February, 1800, at Deer Park, the ancestral home of the Nesbitt's, situated quite near the pretty little town of Castle Corner, in the county of Kilkeenny, Ireland. After receiving a very liberal education, he was appointed to a Government situation, which he held for some years. On the 14th of July, 1831, he was married in the old church of Lelin, in the county of Carlow, to Anne Rathwell, the estimable and sorrowing partner, who now survives him. In 1832 he resigned his appointment, and on the 11th of April, with his wife and brother-in-law, Edward Rathwell, sailed for the distant shores of America. After a long and stormy voyage they landed in Quebec on the 28th of May, and after some necessary delays reached Kingston in the early days of June. Here their eldest son was born and baptised, the baptismal service being performed by Rev. Mr. Courtwright, then incumbent of Kingston. After a short stay here they removed to Toronto—then Little York—where they resided for some time, finally settling in the 14th concession of West Gwillimbury, then almost a forest, where, with persevering energy he hewed out for himself and family a home on the farm where he breathed his last.

His funeral took place on Saturday, the 13th, and although the day was very wet and disagreeable, it was one of the largest ever seen in the township. Headed by members of the Orange Order, of which Order deceased was an honorary member, the procession wended its way to St. Paul's Church, Coulson's Corners. The altar of the church and vacant pew were draped in mourning out of respect to the departed, and the services, which were very appropriate and calculated to make a lasting impression on the hearers, were conducted by Rev. T. W. Paterson, of Toronto, a former incumbent of St. Paul's. He chose as his text the words as found in the 29th verse of the 2nd chap. of St. Luke's Gospel, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word."

In religion the deceased was a consistent member and a warm supporter of the English Church. In politics he was a pronounced Conservative. A sorrowing widow and an unbroken family of seven sons and three daughters remain to mourn the loss of a kind husband and affectionate father.