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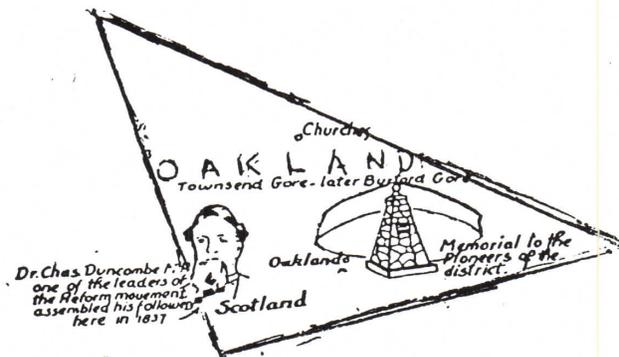
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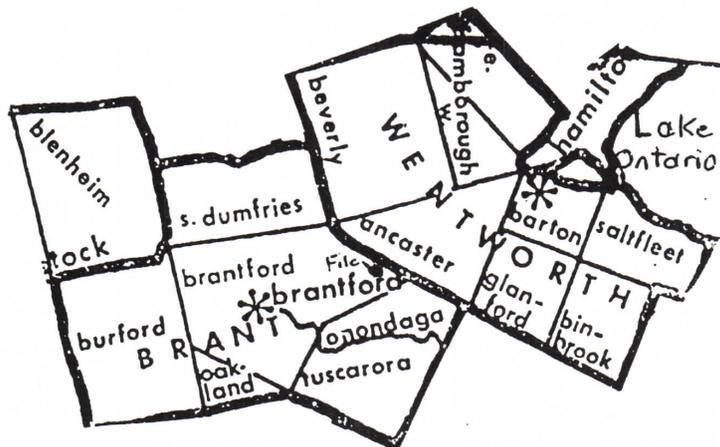
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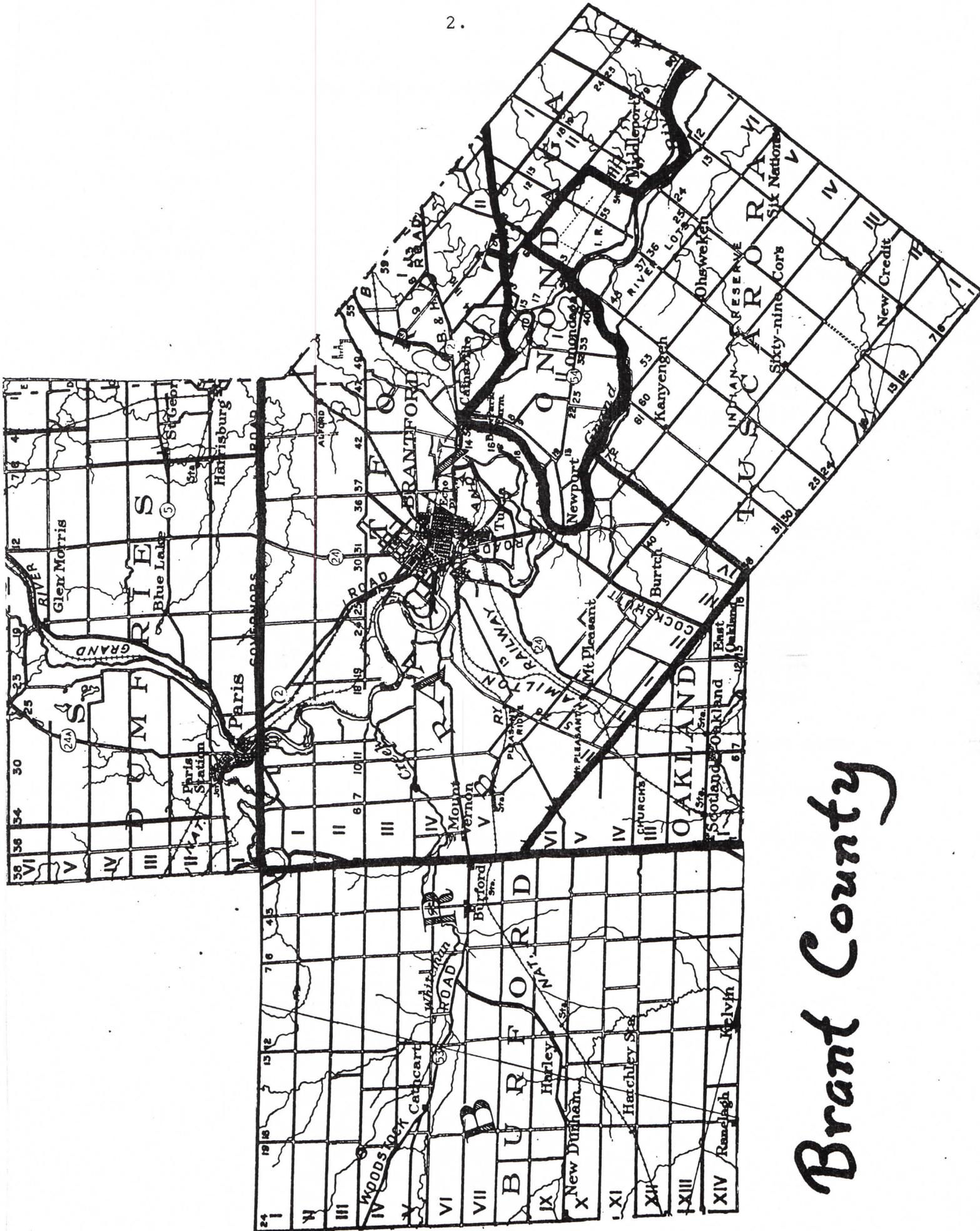
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# Brant County

# BRANT COUNTY POPULATION COUNTS

## 10 YEAR CENSUS INTERVALS

|                         | YEAR          |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |  |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
|                         | 1871          | 1881          | 1891          | 1901          | 1911          | 1921          | 1931          | 1941          | 1951          | 1961          | 1971          |  |  |
| Brantford Township      | 6,867         | 6,555         | 6,954         | 5,757         | 7,206         | 7,839         | 8,162         | 9,285         | 17,589        | 7,764         | 9,380         |  |  |
| Burford Township        | 5,543         | 5,466         | 4,939         | 4,512         | 4,133         | 4,126         | 3,868         | 3,900         | 4,776         | 5,492         | 5,799         |  |  |
| South Dumfries Township | 3,468         | 3,490         | 3,137         | 2,922         | 2,805         | 2,821         | 2,639         | 2,619         | 3,121         | 3,241         | 3,961         |  |  |
| Oakland Township        | 1,104         | 939           | 858           | 745           | 803           | 889           | 857           | 937           | 1,168         | 1,323         | 1,399         |  |  |
| Onondaga Township       | 1,924         | 1,739         | 1,482         | 1,186         | 1,104         | 1,134         | 1,052         | 992           | 1,168         | 1,199         | 1,349         |  |  |
| Indian Reserves         | 2,606         | 2,891         | 3,228         | 3,170         | 2,595         | 2,760         | 2,654         | 2,377         | 3,059         | 3,799         | 3,975         |  |  |
| Brantford               | 8,107         | 9,616         | 12,753        | 16,619        | 23,132        | 29,440        | 30,107        | 31,948        | 36,727        | 55,201        | 64,421        |  |  |
| Paris                   | 2,640         | 3,173         | 3,094         | 3,229         | 4,098         | 4,368         | 4,137         | 4,637         | 5,249         | 5,820         | 6,483         |  |  |
| <b>BRANT COUNTY</b>     | <b>32,259</b> | <b>33,869</b> | <b>36,445</b> | <b>38,140</b> | <b>45,876</b> | <b>53,377</b> | <b>53,476</b> | <b>56,695</b> | <b>72,857</b> | <b>83,839</b> | <b>96,767</b> |  |  |
| Ontario                 |               | 1851          | 952,004       |               | 1861          | 1,396,091     |               | 1981          | 8,625,107     |               |               |  |  |
|                         | 1,670,851     | 1,926,922     | 2,114,321     | 2,182,947     | 2,527,292     | 2,933,662     | 3,431,683     | 3,787,655     | 4,597,542     | 6,736,092     | 7,703,106     |  |  |
| Canada                  |               | 1851          | 2,436,297     |               | 1861          | 3,229,633     |               | 1981          | 24,343,181    |               |               |  |  |
|                         | 3,689,257     | 4,324,810     | 4,833,239     | 5,371,315     | 7,206,643     | 8,787,949     | 10,376,786    | 11,506,655    | 14,009,429    | 18,236,247    | 21,568,311    |  |  |

### The Chronological Chart of Early Oakland Township History

|              |             |  |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| December 5,  | 1796        | Deputy Surveyor Thomas Welch, Chain Bearers Richard Stooks, and Moses Johnson and Axemen Finlay Malcolm, Alexander Thompson, Thomas Baxter, Isaac Everson and Thomas Aaron started to survey the present day Township of Oakland, known as the Townsend Gore, Norfolk County.  |
| May 22,      | 1797        | The first grants of land were made in the Township of Oakland. The grantees were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Robert Pilkington - Lot 2, Concession 2, Lot 1, Concession 3, and Lots 1 and 2, Concession 4 - 800 acres.</li> <li>2. Bulah Millard - Lot 4, Concession 4 and Lot 5, Concession 5 - 300 acres.</li> <li>3. M. Andrew Myers - Lot 1, Concession 5 and Lot 1 &amp; 2, Concession 6 - 500 acres.</li> <li>4. John Ray - Lot 3, Concession 5 - 200 acres.</li> </ol> |
|              | 1798        | The Townsend Gore became known as the Burford Gore.  |
| January 1,   | 1800        | The triangular tract of land was added to Burford Township.  |
| December 13, | 1801        | Eliakim Malcolm, son of Finlay Malcolm, was born in Oakland.   |
|              | 1800 - 1803 | Courts of Oakland and Burford were held at the house of James Munro, in the Township of Charlotteville, Norfolk County.  |
| January 3,   | 1803        | The first instrument is dated and is a deed from John Smith Jr., to Matthew Messecar of Lot 12, Concession 1, Burford Gore - 200 acres.  |
| February 8,  | 1804        | A deed from William Slawson to Haggai Westbrook of Lot 7, Concession 1, Burford Gore - 200 acres.  |
|              | 1804        | The courts of Oakland and Burford were removed to the house of Job Lodor, innkeeper at Turkey Point.   |

1810 The village of Oakland was laid out by Deputy Surveyor Thomas Welch.

The village of Scotland was laid out and surveyed by Eliakim Malcolm.

1814 Battle of Malcolm's Mills. American General Duncan McArthur crossed over from Detroit in October, 1814, with a force of 700 Ohio and Kentucky volunteers, United States Rangers, and Indians. They planned to destroy the mills of the Grand River region and the head of Lake Ontario. On the way to Lake Ontario, McArthur heard of a Canadian military force gathered at Malcolm's Mills, Oakland. After the battle, the American soldiers burned the grist and saw mills. This was the very last battle fought on Canadian soil.

1815 - 1825 Courts were held in Vittoria, Norfolk County, from 1815 to 1825 when the courthouse was burned, then in St. Thomas and London in 1826.

1821 An Act was passed, making the Gore of land attached to Burford Township, into the separate, distinct, Township of Oakland.

1823 School built in the village of Oakland. Presbyterians held services in the school.

1834 Episcopal Methodists were organized as a congregation.

1840 A jail was built in Woodstock.

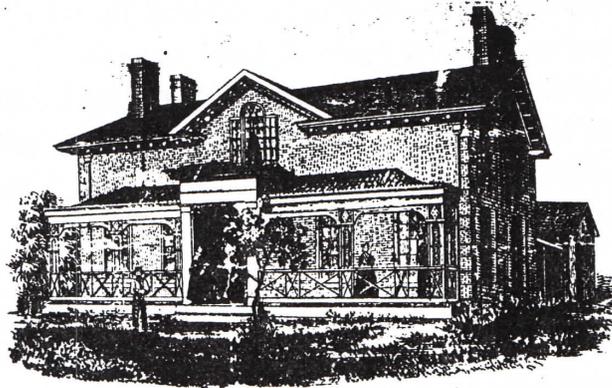
First Post Office opened in Oakland. Postmaster - John Toyne.

January 21, 1850 The first meeting of the Oakland Township Council was held. Members present: Reeve Eliakim Malcolm, Councillors James Malcolm, John Eddy, Charles Chapin and Wellington McAlister.

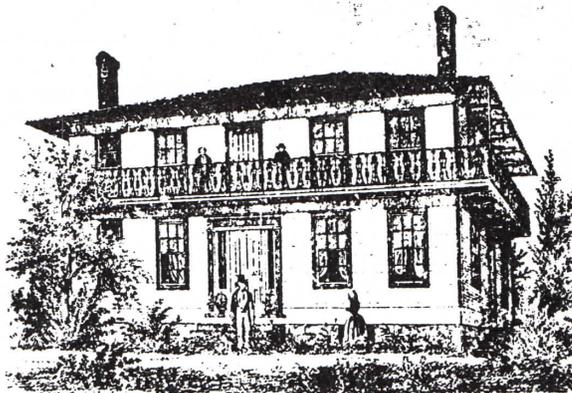
April 15,

1852

The first meeting of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of Brant took place in the Town Hall of Brantford.



Residence of "JOSEPH SMITH Esq" "Oakland."



Residence of JOHN VIVYAN Oakland.

## Geographical Locations of Oakland Township

### East Oakland

Located two miles east of the village of Oakland, on the banks of Malcolm Creek, was a settlement named East Oakland. In 1813, this grant of land was conveyed to Daniel Secord and his sons John and Asa. Mordecai Sayles received in the neighbourhood of 600 acres. Other grantees were George Woodley and Henry Slaght.

### Frogtown

Frogtown was a small settlement about one mile east of East Oakland. It was the spot where the old Boston Baptist Church was built. Rev. Peter Fairchild was the first minister.

### Maple Grove

The little village of Maple Grove was two miles north of Oakland. Many of the early settlers were of Scottish descent. Charles Chapin received a crown grant in 1803, one mile west of the main intersection of Maple Grove.

### Oakland, community, Oakland Township, Brant County

Position 43° 02' 80° 20'

"An abundance of oak trees in the early days suggested the name of this village, situated about ten miles southwest of Brantford.

The first settler on the site was Finlay Malcolm, a United Empire Loyalist who came from Nova Scotia with his wife, six sons, and four daughters.

The village was surveyed in 1810 and was first named Perth, then Malcolm's Mills after the pioneer family.

During the War of 1812, an invading American force of about 700 men under Brigadier-General Duncan McArthur attacked a body of some 150 militia at Malcolm's Mills on November 6, 1814. McArthur's intention was to devastate the Grand River settlements and the region around the head of Lake Ontario which was supplying the British forces on the Niagara frontier. The Canadian forces, made up of Norfolk, Oxford and Middlesex regiments, resisted strongly, but were overwhelmed. A historic plaque in Oakland's Community Park commemorates the event.

On January 21, 1850, the first municipal council met at the tavern of Isaac B. Malcolm and chose Eliakim Malcolm Reeve of the Township of Oakland."

Oakland, township, Brant County  
Position 43° 02' 80° 21'

"Oakland, the smallest township in the County of Brant, contains about 10,676 acres. Shaped like a right-angled triangle, its longest side adjoins the Township of Brantford on the north, Burford Township on the west, and on the south, the Township of Townsend in the County of Norfolk.

Surveyed in 1796 by Thomas Welch as part of the Township of Townsend, it was known as the Townsend Gore. An Act of Parliament on January 1, 1800, added this tract of land to the Township of Burford and named it Burford Gore. In 1821, Burford Gore was formed into the separate Township of Oakland, so named for the many oak trees which extended throughout the area. It was administered from Woodstock until 1850 when Oakland Township was made independent, and its first council met January 21, 1850 at Isaac B. Malcolm's tavern at Malcolm's Mills, now the village of Oakland. Eliakim Malcolm was appointed first Reeve and John Toyne, first Clerk, with James Malcolm, John Eddy, Charles Chapin and Wellington McAlister named as members of Council.

With his wife and family, Finlay Malcolm, a United Empire Loyalist from Nova Scotia, arrived before 1802, the earliest settler. Others following were: Wm. Thompson Sr., John Eddy, Daniel Secord, Robert Eadie Sr., Robert Elliott, James Lloyd, Moses Baldwin, George Cunningham, Silas Burch, Richard Cowles, Angus Campbell, Samuel Thompson, James Knight, Hiram Westbrook, James McIlwraith, Asa Secord and A. B. Smith. John Loder operated early saw and grist mills and Henry Gates ran a carding mills. By 1875, the township had six public schools, two post offices, three hotels and three churches: Baptist, Canada Methodist, Episcopal Methodist. The population was 2,000.

At the Community Park, Oakland village, there is a Historical Plaque commemorating "The Battle of Malcolm's Mills, 1814" when the American General McArthur, with some thousand mounted riflemen defeated the few hundred militia at Malcolm's Mills and burned the mill. On his way out of the province via Long Point, he also burned the mill at Waterford in Townsend Township. At the crossroads there is a Pioneer Cemetery where the tombstones have been placed in two graduated semi-circular rows.

Oakland Township's main villages are Oakland and Scotland. The population today is approximately 1,296."

Scotland, police village, Oakland Township, Brant County  
Position 43° 01' 80° 22'

"The village of Scotland, south of Brantford, was laid out by Eliakim Malcolm, a United Empire Loyalist of Scottish ancestry and the son of Finlay Malcolm, who is considered the founder of the township.

During the Rebellion of 1837 in Upper Canada, the village of Scotland was the rallying point for some 300 local "Patriots" under the leadership of Dr. Charles Duncombe, a prominent physician active in the reform movement in the London District. Duncombe planned to move against Brantford and have his followers join forces with William Lyon Mackenzie.

During the night of December 13th, word came of Mackenzie's defeat at Montgomery's Tavern and the approach of Allan McNab's strong loyal force of militia soldiers, causing the Rebels to disperse. Many, among them Eliakim Malcolm and his brother James, fled to the United States. In later years, Eliakim became the first Warden of Brant County.

Scotland's post office was opened in 1852; the first postmaster was Henry Lyman."

## **Oakland Township - The Smallest Township of Brant County**

Oakland Township, the smallest township in Brant County, is shaped almost like a right-angled triangle. Originally, this triangular tract of land was known as the "Townsend Gore", and was surveyed in 1796, by Deputy-Surveyor Thomas Welch, as a part of the Township of Townsend in Norfolk County. By Act 38, George III, Chapter 5, Section 34, 1798, which came into force January 1, 1800 it was enacted "that the triangular tract of land called Townsend Gore be added to and become part of the Township of Burford", of Oxford County. By Act 2, George IV, Chapter 3, Section 11, 1821, it was further enacted "that the gore of land attached to the Township of Burford be formed into a separate and distinct township by the name of the Township of Oakland". By Act 38, 1798, the Counties of Norfolk, Oxford and Middlesex formed the London District, so Oakland Township formed part of the County of Oxford, in the London District, and remained so until the reconstruction of Oxford County in 1851 when Oakland Township became part of Brant County. The first municipal council met at the tavern of Isaac B. Malcolm in the village of Oakland on January 21, 1850. The names of the gentlemen who composed this first council were Eliakim Malcolm, James Malcolm. John Eddy, Charles Chapin and Wellington McAlister. Eliakim Malcolm, Esq. served as the first Reeve of Oakland Township and John Toyne, was the first Clerk and Postmaster of the village.

### Oakland Township 1842

Wm. H. Smith, in his "Canadian Gazetteer of 1842", page 132, describes Oakland Township in the following words: "Oakland Township in Brock District is bounded on the NE by the Township of Brantford, on the west by Burford Township, and in the South by Townsend Township. In Oakland, 9,182 acres are taken up, 5,850 of which are under cultivation.... A large cedar swamp extends from the Township of Brantford into the NW of Oakland and reaches nearly to the centre of the township. The village of Scotland is situated in the west of the township, close to the county between Oakland and Burford and the village of Oakland is a little south of the centre of the Township. There is 1 grist and 2 saw mills in the township. The population in 1842 was 464 persons who were principally of the Scotch descent."

### Oakland Village 1842

On page 133 of the Canadian Gazetteer, Wm. H. Smith describes Oakland village in the following words: "Oakland is a village in the township of Oakland, situated on the road leading from Brantford to Simcoe. It contains 160 inhabitants. P. O. post daily. Professions and trades consist of 1 grist, 1 saw mill, carding machine, fulling mill, 1 store, 2 taverns, 1 hatter, 1 wagon maker, 1 blacksmith, 1 tailor and 1 shoemaker."

The first settler on the site was Finlay Malcolm, a U.E. L., who came from Nova Scotia with his wife, 6 sons and 4 daughters. The village of Oakland was surveyed in 1810 and was first named "Perth" for a county in Central Scotland. Later, it was named "Oakland" because a ridge of oak trees ran through the township and village.

#### Scotland Village 1842

According to Wm. H. Smith in 1842: "Scotland is a village in the southwest of the township of Oakland. It contains 150 inhabitants. Professions and trades consist of 2 stores, 2 taverns, 1 tannery, 1 saddler, 1 chair maker, 1 cabinet maker, 1 blacksmith. There is a carding machine and fulling mill near the village.

Scotland is located on Malcolm's Creek and was founded by the Malcolms. The Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo railroad ran through the village.

Early pioneers of Oakland township were Moses Baldwin, Silas Burch, Angus Campbell, Richard Cowles, George Cunningham, Robert Eddie Sr., John Eddy, Robert Elliott, James Knight, James Lloyd, Wellington McAlister, James McIlwrath, Shubel D. Malcolm, Jonathan Plowman, A. B. Smith, John Taylor, Wm. Thompson, and Mordecai Westbrook.

**The Early Land Patents of the Burford Gore of Oakland Township**

In 1796, Deputy-Surveyor Thomas Welsh surveyed the Townsend Gore, the Burford Gore which became known as Oakland Township. The first individual land owners of the six concessions were as follows:

| <b>Concession No. 1 - Burford Gore (Oakland)</b> |                              |                |         |       |                 |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|---------|-------|-----------------|
| Lot No.  | Name of Grantees             |                | Descpt. | Acres | Date of Patent  |
| 1  | Finlay Malcolm               |                |         | 200   | 17th May, 1802  |
| 2  | Eliakim Malcolm              | Clergy Reserve |         | 200   | 13th Apr., 1860 |
| 3  | Jane Corlis                  |                |         | 200   | 17th May, 1802  |
| 4  | J. Fowler, King's<br>College | Crown Reserve  |         | 200   | 3rd Jan., 1828  |
| 5  | Mordecai Sayles              |                |         | 200   | 2nd Aug., 1806  |
| 6  | Mordecai Sayles              |                |         | 200   | 2nd Aug., 1806  |
| 8  | Bowman Slawson               |                |         | 200   | 17th May, 1802  |
| 7  | Wm. Slawson                  |                |         | 200   | 13th May, 1802  |
| 9  | Daniel Secord                |                |         | 100   | 16th Nov., 1858 |
| 9  | David Secord                 | Clergy Reserve |         | 100   | 16th Nov., 1858 |
| 10   | Charles Burch                |                |         | 200   | 17th May, 1802  |
| 11   | N. Bodine, King's<br>College | Crown Reserve  |         | 200   | 3rd Jan., 1828  |
| 12   | John Smith Jr.               |                |         | 200   | 21st Dec. 1802  |
| 13   | John Smith Jr.               |                |         | 200   | 21st Dec. 1802  |
| 14   | John Smith Jr.               |                | W. 1/2  | 200   | 21st Dec. 1802  |
| 14   | Wm. Lotteridge               |                | E. 1/2  | 100   | 27th May, 1809  |
| 15   | Janet Stenhoff               |                |         | 200   | 25th Nov., 1802 |
| 16   | John Heaton                  | Clergy Reserve |         | 119   | 15th Dec., 1856 |
| <b>Concession No. 2</b>                          |                              |                |         |       |                 |
| 1  | Finlay Malcolm               |                |         | 200   | 17th May, 1802  |
| 2  | Robert Pilkington            |                |         | 200   | 22nd May, 1797  |
| 3  | Matthew Messecar             |                | E. 1/2  | 100   | 30th Apr., 1840 |
| 3  | Israel W. Powell             |                | W. 1/2  | 100   | 5th Dec., 1843  |
| 4  | Mordecai Sayles              |                |         | 200   | 2nd Aug., 1806  |
| 5  | King's College               |                |         | 200   | 3rd Jan., 1828  |
| 6  | Edwin Beebe                  |                |         | 200   | 17th May, 1802  |

| <b>Concession No. 2 - con't</b> |                                       |  |        |     |                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------|-----|-----------------|
| 7                               | Edwin Beebe                           |  |        | 200 | 17th May, 1802  |
| 8                               | Edwin Beebe                           |  |        | 200 | 17th May, 1802  |
| 9                               | John Secord                           |  |        | 200 | 17th May, 1802  |
| 10                              | Thomas Robinson                       |  | E. 1/2 | 100 | 1st May, 1845   |
| 10                              | Wm. Darby                             |  | W. 1/2 | 100 | 19th Jan., 1852 |
| 11                              | Charles Burtch                        |  |        |     |                 |
| 12                              | Charles Burtch                        |  |        |     |                 |
| 13                              | Charles Burtch                        |  |        |     |                 |
| 14                              | Charles Burtch                        |  |        | 550 | 17th May, 1802  |
| <b>Concession No. 3</b>         |                                       |  |        |     |                 |
| 1                               | R. Pilkington                         |  |        | 200 | 22nd May, 1797  |
| 2                               | Adbeel Eddy                           | Clergy Reserve   |        | 200 | 12th Jan., 1844 |
| 3                               | Margaret Hurst                        |  |        | 200 | 12th Aug., 1801 |
| 4                               | King's College, Leased<br>to W. Green | King's College<br>became the<br>the University<br>of Toronto |        | 200 | 3rd Jan., 1833  |
| 5                               | G. McMullen                           |  | E. 1/2 | 100 | 24th Feb., 1843 |
| 5                               | Moses Baldwill                        |  | W. 1/2 | 100 | 8th Apr., 1839  |
| 6                               | John Huffe                            |  |        | 200 | 28th Mar., 1807 |
| 7                               | D. Haze Jr.                           |  |        | 200 | 24th Dec., 1806 |
| 8                               | Eden Beebe                            |  | N. 1/2 | 100 | 17th May, 1802  |
| 8                               | Finlay Malcolm                        |  | S. 1/2 | 100 | 17th May, 1802  |
| 9                               | Ar. McEwan                            |  |        | 200 | 10th Mar., 1869 |
| 10                              | Daniel Secord                         |  |        | 154 | 7th Mar., 1804  |
| 11                              | King's College                        | Crown Reserve  |        | 84  | 3rd Jan., 1828  |
| 12                              | Daniel Secord                         |  |        | 16  | 7th May, 1804   |
| <b>Concession No. 4</b>         |                                       |  |        |     |                 |
| 1                               | R. Pilkington                         |  |        | 200 | 22nd May, 1797  |
| 2                               | R. Pilkington                         |  |        | 200 | 22nd May, 1797  |
| 3                               | Malcolm Brown                         |  | N. 1/2 | 100 | 3rd June, 1856  |
| 3                               | Charles Chapin                        | Clergy Reserve   | S. 1/2 | 100 | 16th Dec., 1864 |
| 4                               | Bulah Millard                         |  |        | 200 | 22nd May, 1797  |
| 5                               | King's College                        | Crown Reserve  |        | 200 | 3rd Jan., 1828  |
| 6                               | Deborah Sayles                        |  |        | 200 | 20th June, 1807 |
| 7                               | Mary Gates                            |  |        | 170 | 26th Jan., 1802 |
| 8                               | Finlay Malcolm                        |  |        | 100 | 7th May, 1804   |
| 9                               | Daniel Secord                         |  | All    | 14  | 7th May, 1804   |

| <b>Concession No. 5</b> |                |                |     |     |                 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 1                       | M. A. Myers    |                |     | 200 | 22nd May, 1797  |
| 2                       | Charles Perley |                |     |     |                 |
| 2                       | Jacob Mott     | Clergy Reserve |     |     |                 |
| 3                       | John Wray      |                |     | 200 | 22nd May, 1797  |
| 4                       | King's College | Crown Reserve  |     | 188 | 13th June, 1852 |
| 5                       | Bulah Millard  |                |     | 100 | 22nd May, 1797  |
| 6                       | Ralph Clench   |                | All | 12  | 23rd Feb., 1803 |
| <b>Concession No. 6</b> |                |                |     |     |                 |
| 1&2                     | M. A. Myers    |                | All | 300 | 22nd May, 1797  |
| 3&4                     | Joseph Smith   |                |     | 65  | 8th Jan., 1858  |

In 1791, the Constitutional Act was passed dividing the Province of Quebec into Lower Canada (Province of Quebec of today) and Upper Canada (Province of Ontario of today). Lieutenant-Governor John Graves-Simcoe planned for 200 acre lots in townships of Upper Canada.

One-seventh of the land in a township was set aside as "Clergy Reserves" for the support and maintenance of the Protestant clergy. Another one-seventh of the land was set aside as "Crown Reserves", for the support and upkeep of the reigning sovereign and government.

## **War of 1812**

### **Battle of Malcolm's Mills - Oakland Village, 1814**

During the end of the War of 1812-1814, the last battle fought on Canadian soil took place at Malcolm's Mills, in the village of Oakland.

In October 1814, American Brigadier-General Duncan McArthur crossed into Canada from Detroit, Michigan. His force consisted of about seven hundred Ohio and Kentucky volunteers, United States Rangers, and Indians. Their plan was to destroy the food supplies of the Grand River and the head of Lake Ontario areas by burning the mills.

On his way to the Lake Ontario area, Brigadier-General McArthur heard of a Canadian military force gathered at Malcolm's Mills (Oakland Village).

A commemorative plaque at the Community Park in Oakland tells the story of the battle as follows:

#### **The Battle of Malcolm's Mills - 1814**

In October, 1814, an invading American force of about 700 men under Brigadier-General Duncan McArthur advanced rapidly up the Thames Valley. He intended to devastate the Grand River Settlements and the region around the head of Lake Ontario which supplied British forces on the Niagara frontier. McArthur reached the Grand, and after an unsuccessful attempt to force a crossing, attacked a body of some 150 militia here at Malcolm's Mills (Oakland) on November 6. Canadian forces, comprising elements of the 1st and 2nd Norfolk, 1st Oxford, and 1st Middlesex regiments, put up a spirited resistance but were overwhelmed.

#### **Government Grants for Services Rendered During the War of 1812-1814**

The following people of the Gore of Burford (Oakland Township) received grants for services rendered during the War of 1812-1814:

"Among those who received Government grants for services during the War of 1812 were Miller Laurason, Dumfries, private 2nd York;

Henry Slaght, Oakland private 2nd Norfolk; David Heron and George Winegarden, privates 4th Lincoln; Andrew Heron, Jr., private 2nd Norfolk; Matthias Woodley, Burford Gore; Stephen Douglas, Grand River; George Rouse, Joshua Rouse, Abraham Rounds, Jonathan Stevens, all of Burford, privates 1st Oxford; Adam Yeigh, Burford, Sergeant in Capt. White's first flank company and G.W. Potter, Burford, Sergeant 3rd Lincoln. These grants were in Moore, Brooke, Ekfrid, Nissouri and Zorra Townships. Jos. Beamer, Martin Boughner, Chas. Glover, John Glover, Sam Jay, Peter Lefler, Anthony Sovereign, John Sovereign and Conrad Winegarden, of Townsend, received grants as privates of one hundred acres each in Zorra. Others receiving scrip and land were John Woodley and Geo. Woodley, of Burford Gore; Abraham DeCou, Geo. Lane, Horatio Fowler, Hugh Malcolm, Sergeant Duncan Malcolm, John Malcolm, Josiah Brown, Anthony Westbrook, Abner DeCou, Peter Martin, John W. Clark, Joseph Fowler, Samuel Fagerson, Jas. Secord and Henry C. Beamer, of Burford; Peter Malcolm and Neal Brown, of Burford Gore; and Alex. Allen, Grand River. These grants were nearly all in Dawn Township."

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## SCOTLAND

### Duncombe's Uprising - 1837 - Village of Scotland

Dr. Charles Duncombe (1791 - 1867), prominent physician and politician, was leader of the militant reform movement in the London District at the time of the Rebellion of 1837. He rallied the local "Patriots" at the settlement of Scotland, planning to move against Brantford and Hamilton and join forces with William Lyon Mackenzie. On December 13, 1837, word was received of the latter's defeat at Montgomery's Tavern and of Col. Allan McNab's approach with a strong Loyalist force. Disheartened, Duncombe's followers dispersed during the night and he fled to the United States.

### Rebels of Oakland Township

1. Brown, Malcolm - jailed Hamilton, 17 December 1837, petitioned. Bailed June 1838. Age 34, married, American, farmer, 100 unpatented acres. Lived on Concession 3,4, Oakland Township.
2. Chapin, Charles - jailed Hamilton, 23 December 1837, petitioned. Bailed August 1838 or October 1838. Age 29, married, American, Congregationalist, farmer, unknown property on Concession 3 & 5, Oakland Township.
3. Chapin, Lyman - jailed Hamilton, 16 December 1837, petitioned. Bailed 6 June 1838. Age 24, married, American, farmer, 100 patented acres.
4. Coon, Peter - jailed Hamilton, 15 December 1837, not indicted. Freed 21 March 1838, blacksmith, Oakland.
5. Duncombe, Dr. Charles - Leader of the Uprising, absconded, indicted, named in Oct. 1838 Proclamation. Age 45, married, American, 19 years in province. Medical doctor, lived in Burford, 1,004 patented and 240 unpatented acres.
6. Elliott, Robert - jailed Hamilton, 15 December 1837, petitioned. Bailed June 1838. English Congregationalist, tanner, married.
7. Foster, Alonzo - jailed Hamilton, 15 December 1837, not indicted. Freed 20 March 1838. Age 18, single, farm labourer, no property.
8. Ladon, (Laden, Ladan, Landon) Peter - jailed Hamilton, 16 December 1837, not indicted. Freed 15 March 1838. Irish labourer, Oakland, married, no property.
9. Malcolm, Edy (Eddy) - bailed Hamilton, 23 December 1837, freed. Jailed Hamilton 23 July 1838, (on suspicion of being involved in Short Hills Raid?), freed 31 July 1838. Age 21, single, American, farmer's son.
10. Malcolm, Eliakim - a leader of the uprising, absconded, named in 22 October 1838 Proclamation. Age 36, married, American, Congregationalist, deputy surveyor. Lived on Concession 1, 330 patented and 600 unpatented acres. Chosen as Magistrate in 1833.

11. Malcolm, Finlay - jailed Hamilton, 23 December 1837, tried and acquitted. Freed 31 March 1838. Age 58, married, American, 42 years in province, Congregationalist. Farmer, 315 unpatented acres.
12. Malcolm, Isaac Brock - jailed Hamilton, 23 December 1837, petitioned. Bailed 6 June 1838. American, Congregationalist, farmer, married.
13. Malcolm, James - active in organizing rebels around Oakland. Absconded, indicted, named in 22 October 1837 Proclamation. Age 37, married, American, farmer, 116 patented acres.
14. Malcolm, James Jr. - examined 16 December 1837 and freed. Age 16, single, American, farmer's son, no property.
15. Malcolm, John - jailed Hamilton, 23 December 1837, indicted, bill ignored. Freed 10 March 1838. Age 61, married, American, 42 years in province. Mill owner, 820 patented acres, Episcopal Methodist.
16. Malcolm, Shubal Downs - bailed 23 December 1837. Age 23, American, farmer's son, Congregationalist, property.
17. Smith, Joseph - jailed Hamilton, 15 December 1837, not indicted. Freed 21 March 1838. american, Congregationalist, lived Concession 5,6.
18. Vanduzen, Abraham (Abram) - jailed Hamilton, 15 December 1837, not indicted. Freed 20 March 1838. American doctor (unlicensed), married.
19. Westbrook, William - examined 16 December 1837 and freed. Farmer.
20. McGuire, William - ensign in rebel "army", very active in Oakland. Teacher.

### **Suspected Traitors of the Rebellion**

1. Merritt, Edward - lived on Concession 2,3, Oakland.
2. Smith, Justus
3. Whalon, Thomas

**Those Charged with Offences Unconnected to Duncombe**

1. **Malcolm, Norman** - threatened Tories for arresting his father. Jailed Hamilton, December 23, 1837, indicted, bill ignored. Freed March 31, 1838. Age 18, single, American, Episcopal Methodist. Farmer's son, no property.

**Those Suspected of Taking Part in the Duncombe Uprising Bailed or Imprisoned on Insufficient or Contrary Evidence**

1. **Heap, John** - rebel, jailed Hamilton, December 15, 1837, not indicted. Freed March 20, 1838. English labourer.
2. **Secord, Asa** - rebel, bailed December 27, 1837, 200 patented acres, lived on Concession 2.
3. **Teckling (Jeckling, Jacklin), John** - rebel(?), jailed Hamilton, December 16, 1837, not indicted. Freed March 15, 1838. English, cordwainer.
4. **Wilson, John** - agreed to lead rebels to Hamilton. Jailed Hamilton, in jail on February 12, 1838. Freed. Married.

Source: The Rise in Western Upper Canada  
Colin Read, Pg 220 - 239.

**The Rebellion Losses Claims - Brock District - Oakland**

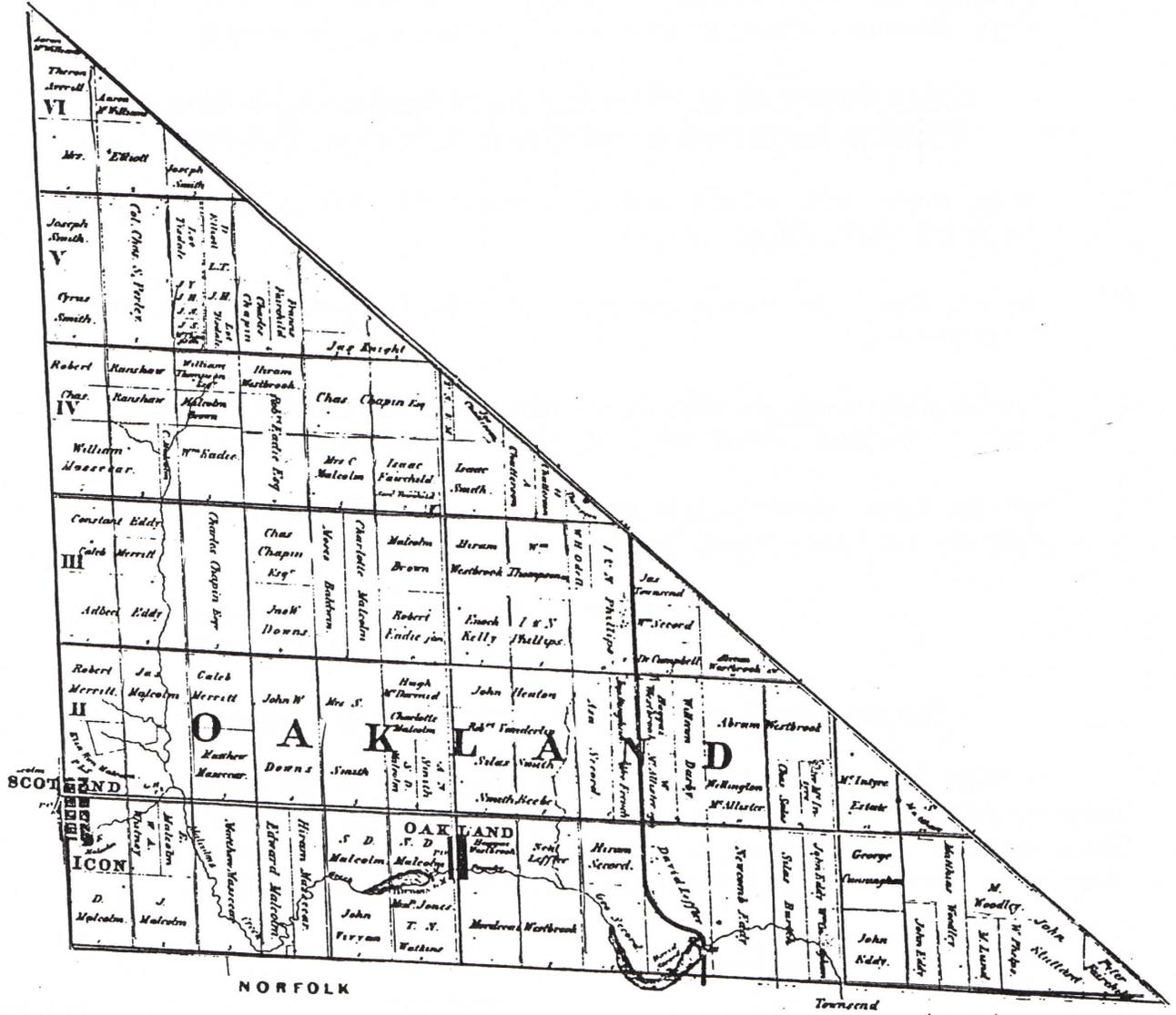
In 1845, John Harris, Robert Arnold, and Roger Hunter had been appointed Commissioners for the purpose of investigating all claims and demands against the Government for losses, injuries, or otherwise, arising out of the Rebellion of 1837. They met at the Courthouse in Woodstock, on Friday 5 December, 1845.

| <u>Name</u>                                    | <u>£</u> | <u>s</u> | <u>d</u> |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Foster, Alonzo                                 | 10       | 0        | 0        |
| Foster, Horace                                 | 10       | 0        | 0        |
| Malcolm, Eliakim                               | 10       | 0        | 0        |
| Malcolm, James                                 | 13       | 0        | 0        |
| Malcolm, Peter                                 | 8        | 18       | 1        |
| Smith, Joseph W.                               | 7        | 10       | 0        |
| Eddy, Charles, (by his attorney Constant Eddy) | 8        | 18       | 1        |

| <u>LEGAL TENDERS OF COINS</u>      |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| <u>BRITISH</u>                     |            |
| The Sovereign .....                | £1 4s. 6d. |
| The Crown .....                    | 6s. 1d.    |
| Half Crown .....                   | 3s. 0½d.   |
| Shilling, called Trent-Sous .....  | 1s. 3d.    |
| Sixpence, called Quinze-Sous ..... | 7½d.       |
| <u>AMERICAN</u>                    |            |
| Eagle .....                        | £2 10s.    |
| Dollar .....                       | 5s.        |
| Half-dollar .....                  | 2s. 6d.    |
| Dime, or Ten-cents .....           | 6d.        |
| Real, or York Shilling .....       | 6d.        |

Note: £ = Denotes British Pound  
s = Denotes British shilling  
d = Denotes British penny or pence

Oakland Township - Tremaine's Map of Brant County - 1858



**Oakland Township - 1858****Lovell's Canada Directory  
List of Professionals and Trades**

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Abbott, Eli          | Shoemaker                  |
| Abbott, John         | general store              |
| Beebe, C.            | Innkeeper                  |
| Beech, J.            | Blacksmith                 |
| Bennett, Rev. George | Episcopal Methodist        |
| Cowles, Richard      | Tailor                     |
| Griffins, E. C.      | Hatter                     |
| Knox, Robert         | Painter                    |
| Mills, Thomas        | Carpenter                  |
| Nobbs, Robert        | Wagonmaker                 |
| Pebar, John          | Blacksmith                 |
| Persell, John        | Carpenter                  |
| Service, Rev. R.     | Episcopal Methodist        |
| Smith, Allen         | Founder                    |
| Smith, J. H.         | Carpenter                  |
| Smith, William F.    | Carpenter                  |
| Toyne, John          | Postmaster, General Dealer |
| Vanderlip, George    | Carpenter                  |
| Vivian, John         | Grist & Saw Mills          |
| Vivian, S.           | Carpenter                  |

**Oakland Township Names****Tremaine's Map of the Year 1858**

This is a listing of families who lived in Oakland Township during the year 1858, from Tremaine's Map of Brant County.

| <u>Names</u>   | <u>Conc. #</u> | <u>Name</u>     | <u>Conc. #</u> |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Averill, Aaron | 6              | Averill, Theron | 6              |
| Baldwin, Moses | 3              | Beebe, Smith    | 2              |
| Bingham, J.    | 2              | Brown, Malcolm  | 3,4            |
| Burtch, Silas  | 1              |                 |                |

|                         |     |                       |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Campbell, Dr.           | 3   | Chapin, Charles       | 4   |
| Chapin, Charles, Esq.   | 3,5 | Chatterson, A         | 4   |
| Chatterson, James       | 4   | Chatterson, H.        | 5   |
| Cunningham, George      | 1   | Cunningham, William   | 1   |
| Darby, William          | 2   | Downs, John W.        | 2   |
| Eadie, Adbeel           | 3   | Eadie, Constant       | 3   |
| Eadie, Robert, Esq.     | 4   | Eadie, Robert Jr.     | 3   |
| Eadie, William          | 4   | Eddy, John            | 1   |
| Elliott, D.             | 5   | Elliott, Mrs.         | 6   |
| Fairchild, Isaac        | 4   | Fairchild, Frances    | 5   |
| Fairchild, Peter        | 1   | Fairchild, Samuel     | 4   |
| French, Mrs.            | 2   |                       |     |
| Heaton, John            | 2   | Jones, Mrs. P.        | 1   |
| Kelly, Enoch            | 3   | Knight, Jas.          | 5   |
| Lefler, David           | 1   | Lefler, Neal          | 1   |
| Lund, M.                | 1   |                       |     |
| Malcolm, C.             | 4   | Malcolm, Charlotte    | 2,3 |
| Malcolm, D.             | 1   | Malcolm, E.           | 1   |
| Malcolm, Eba K.         | 2   | Malcolm, Edward       | 1   |
| Malcolm, J.             | 1   | Malcolm, Jas.         | 2   |
| Malcolm, Mrs. C.        | 4   | Malcolm, S. D.        | 1,2 |
| Massecar, Hiram         | 1   | Massecar, Matthew     | 1,2 |
| Massecar, William       | 4   | Matthews, S.          | 2   |
| Merritt, Caleb          | 2,3 | Merritt, Robert       | 2   |
| McAlister, W.           | 2   | McAlister, Wellington | 2   |
| McDarmid, Hugh          | 2   | McIntyre, Estate      | 2   |
| McIntyre, Peter         | 2   | McWilliams, Aaron     | 6   |
| Odell, W. H.            | 3   |                       |     |
| Perley, Col. Charles S. | 5   | Phepps, W.            | 1   |
| Phillips, I. & N.       | 3   |                       |     |

|                         |     |                    |     |
|-------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Ranshaw, Charles        | 4   | Ranshaw, Robert    | 4   |
| Sales (Sayles), Charles | 2   | Secord, Asa        | 2   |
| Secord, David           | 1   | Secord, George     | 1   |
| Secord, Hiram           | 1   | Secord, William    | 3   |
| Smith, A. N.            | 2   | Smith, Beebe       | 2   |
| Smith, Cyrus            | 5   | Smith, Joseph      | 5,6 |
| Smith, Mrs. S.          | 2   | Smith, Silas       | 2   |
| Stuttard, John          | 1   |                    |     |
| Thompson, W.            | 4,5 | Thompson, Wm.      | 3,4 |
| Tisdale, Lot            | 5   | Townsend, James    | 3   |
| Vanderlip, Robert       | 2   | Vivian, John       | 1   |
| Watkins, T. N.          | 1   | Westbrook, Abraham | 2,3 |
| Westbrook, Haggai       | 1,2 | Westbrook, Hiram   | 3,4 |
| Westbrook, Mordecai     | 1   | Whitney, W. A.     | 1   |
| Woodley, M.             | 1   | Woodley, Matthew   | 1   |

**Description and Directory of the Two Villages**  
**Oakland and Scotland**

from Sutherland's Gazetteer and Directory - 1896-1870

**Oakland Village (Page 142-143)**

Oakland is a post village in the Township of Oakland, situated on the stage coach road leading from Brantford to Simcoe, a distance of nine miles from Brantford and fifteen miles from Simcoe. It contains two churches, Methodist Episcopal and New Connection Methodist, both are handsome frame buildings; a good town hall, a flour and grist mill, fifty by thirty feet, four stories high, with three runs of stones, and a good saw mill, which cuts about half a million feet of lumber annually. Both mills are owned and carried on by John Vivian, Esq. There are three stores, a post office, two wagon shops, three blacksmith shops, one shoe shop, one tailor, and two hotels. The "Oakland House Hotel", kept by Mr. Jordan Beebe, is worthy of the confidence of commercial travellers and the public generally. Mails daily. Population 100.

Abbott, W.J., Merchant

Baker, A., Rakemaker

Baker, L. Labourer

Beebe, Jordan, Prop. Oakland  
House Hotel

Beebe, Smith, Councillor

Beecham, Peter, Butcher

Brown, Neil, Carpenter

Chapin, Chas., Reeve Twp., J.P.

Cook, Edwin, Weaver

Cowles, Richard, Tailor

Culp, Rev. D., Supt. of Methodist  
Episcopal, Minister

Dunnett, James, Farmer

Knox, Robert, Painter

Lyle, Charles, Wagonmaker

Lyle, William, Blacksmith

McDonald, John, Blacksmith

Malcolm, Chas. P., Ag. Imp. Man

Malcolm, S. D., Farmer

Martin, James, Farmer

Martin, Thomas, Farmer

Martin, William, Farmer

Nobbs, Robert, Wagonmaker

Oakland House Hotel, J. Beebe, Prop.

Ploughman, J., Peddler

Proper, John, Merchant

Secord, Robert, Butcher

Segner, Roman, Innkeeper

Smith, Adam N., Farmer

Smith, D. W., Carpenter

Smith, George, Labourer

Sweezy, Robert, Shoemaker

Toyne, John, Post Master &  
Merchant

Vanlop, Robert, Farmer

Vivian, John, Proprietor, Flour  
& Saw Mills

Vivian, Stephen, Millwright

Vivian, William, Millwright

Westbrook, Abraham, Farmer

Westbrook, H. S., Councillor

Westbrook, M., Farmer

Wood, Rev. John, Methodist  
Episcopal Minister

### **Scotland Village (Page 147-148)**

Scotland is a post village situated on the town line of Burford and Oakland. The stage coach road leading from Paris to Simcoe passes through the village. It is fourteen miles from Paris and eleven miles from Brantford. It contains two churches, Baptist and Congregational. The Congregational Church was formed in 1835, under the ministry of the Rev. James Nall, who came to this country from England under the direction of the Colonial Missionary Society. It was associated with the church of the same order at Burford. Towards the close of the year 1843, Rev. Nall removed to another part of the vineyard of the Lord. After some months of spiritual destitution, the Rev. W. F. Clark was installed as pastor, October 18, 1844, and in the spring of 1846, tendered his resignation with a view to leaving the province. The Rev. W. H. Allsworth visited in August 1846, and laboured as temporary supply during the following winter. On August 7, 1847, the church invited M. William Hay, a graduate of the Congregational College, to accept the pastoral oversight of them. He entered upon his ministerial duties on October 13, and was ordained paster on January 19, 1848. At this date, there was no church building and the members numbered thirty, and were in the habit of assembling for worship in a school house. The church edifice was opened for divine service in 1849. Since then, 170 members have been added to the church roll. In the spring of 1868, the Rev. Wm. Hay, on account of poor health, resigned the pastorate, but has been recalled thereto and is now in the position which he has sustained for more than twenty years.

Dr. J. R. Malcolm's grist mill contains two run of stone and is built of frame, three stories high, and thirty by fifty feet.

Mr. Robert Gillespie is engaged in the manufacture of leather. Harness, kip and calf leathers are chiefly turned out here; The tannery is of frame, two stories high, and twenty-four by fifty feet.

There are four stores and a post office, three wagon and blacksmith shops, three coopers shops, one cabinet and tin shop, a good woollen factory, thirty by thirty-six feet, two stories, where Mr. Malcolm employs six hands in carding, cloth dressing and manufacturing work, generally working all seasons of the year.

A united grammar and common school, where 120 pupils are in training, two good hotels, the "Scotland House Hotel", kept by Mr. P. J. Pilkey, is in first class style for the accommodation of commercial travellers and the public generally. There is, in connection with the hotel, a livery stable. "The Commercial Hotel", kept by Mr. Jonathan Thatcher, is worthy of like patronage. Mails daily. Population 100.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Adair, Joseph, Cooper                                       | Gould, William, Labourer   |
| Bowman, G. W., Blacksmith                                   | Groover, Jacob, Cooper   |
| Brown, William, Constable                                   | Handy, Lewis, Retired  |
| Bugby, Jabez, Retired                                       | Harkinson, William, Labourer                                       |
| Commercial Hotel, J. Thatcher,<br>Proprietor                | Harp, Elijah, Labourer   |
| Corbin, Cornelius F., Painter                               | Hay, Rev. Wm., Congregational Church                               |
| Durham, A., Teamster  | Hickson, Henry, Carpenter  |
| Durham, J., Retired   | Hooker, Albert, Wagonmaker   |
| Eastman, John, Welldigger                                   | Hunt, Cyrus, Shoemaker   |
| Elliott, Robert, Retired                                    | Lawrence, Thomas, Blacksmith                                       |
| Flanagan, John, Carpenter                                   | Lindsay, James, Bricklayer & Plasterer                             |
| Foster, Alonzo, Clerk, Div. Court                           | Lyman, Henry, Post Master & Merchant                               |
| Gillespie, Robert, Tanner                                   | Lloyd, James, Retired  |
| Glover, Anthony, Farmer                                     | Macklin, Dr. John, Doctor  |
| Glover, Francis, Labourer                                   | Malcolm, Augustus, Farmer  |
| Glover, Robert, Stone Mason                                 | Malcolm, E. G., Druggist   |
| Gould, Hamilton, Retired                                    | Malcolm, Eddy, Cooper  |
| Malcolm, George, Merchant                                   | Malcolm, Eliakim, J. P.  |
| Malcolm, Hugh, Shoemaker                                    | Scott, Robert, Saddler   |
| Malcolm, J. R., Prop., Grist Mill                           | Scott & Son, Saddlers  |
| Malcolm, Marcus, Mfr. Woollen Goods                         | Smith, Hamilton, Farmer  |
| Malcolm, Martin, Shoemaker                                  | Smith, William, Retired  |
| Messker, Charles, Labourer                                  | Sullivan, Robert, Blacksmith                                       |
| Moore, John, Peddler  | Taylor, John, Carriage Maker                                       |
| Moore, Paul, Retired  | Thatcher, Jonathan, Prop.,<br>Commercial House Hotel - First Class |
| Pettit, J. G., Bailiff, Div. Court                          | Tucker, Richard B., Tinsmith                                       |
| Philips, George, Wagonmaker                                 | Vining, Rev. J., Baptist Minister                                  |
| Philips, Mrs., Widow  | Walker, Gideon, Peddler  |
| Pilkey, P. J., Prop., Scotland<br>House Hotel - First Class | Walker, John, Constable  |
| Pollard, A. T., Tailor                                      | Wheeland, James, Farmer  |
| Prouse, T. O., Merchant                                     | Wheeland, Thomas, Farmer   |
| Reynolds, Wm., Wagonmaker                                   | Whitney, Charles, Cabinet Maker                                    |
| Riley, George, Labourer                                     | Whitney, Lewis, Retired  |
| Robinson, Robert F. W., Teacher                             | Wolfe, William, Labourer   |
| Sagro, Adam, Farmer   |  |
| Scotland House Hotel, P. J. Pilkey,<br>Proprietor           |  |

**Oakland Township Names****Gazetteer and Directory - Years 1868-69**

James Sutherland, Toronto, Ontario

**Census of the Township of Oakland - 1861****Origin**

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Native of:                        |       |
| England and Wales                 | 100   |
| Scotland                          | 39    |
| Ireland                           | 37    |
| Canada, not of French Origin      | 832   |
| United States                     | 70    |
| New Brunswick                     | 8     |
| Russia, German States, and Poland | 1     |
|                                   | <hr/> |
| Total Population                  | 1,087 |

**Census**

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Church of England              | 110 |
| Church of Rome                 | 43  |
| Established Church of Scotland | 35  |
| Wesleyan Methodist             | 86  |
| Episcopal Methodist            | 139 |
| New Connection Methodist       | 199 |
| Baptist                        | 280 |
| Congregationalists             | 195 |

**Oakland Township Land Holders 1868-69**  
**Concession Numbers, Lot Numbers**

|                |              |                   |              |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Abbott, Haines | 1, 6         | Baker, Laban      | 1, 6 h       |
| Abbott, W. J.  | 1, 6 f       | Baldwin, Moses H. | 3, 5 h       |
| Abbott, W. J.  | 1, 7 f       | Baldwin           | 5, 3         |
| Allen, Wm.     | 1, 6 h       | Beebe, Jordan     | 1, 6 h       |
| Anders, Jacob  | 2, 7 and 8 f | Beebe, Smith      | 2, 7 and 8 f |
| Avrill, Robert | 6, 1 h       | Beecham, James    | 1, 16 h      |

**Census of the Township of Oakland - 1861**

|                       |            |                          |              |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Beecham, Peter        | 1, 6 f     | Elliott, Orlin           | 6, 1 and 2 f |
| Bingham, Mrs. Alfrida | 1, 6       | Elliott, Robert          | 1, 1 h       |
| Bowman, George        | 2, 1 h     | Ellis, Wallace           | 5, 4         |
| Brown, Benjamin       | 4, 6 h     | Fairchild, Francis       | 4, 6         |
| Brown, Malcolm        | 3, 6 f     | Fairchild, John          | 4, 6 f       |
| Brown, Neal           | 1, 7 h     | Fairchild, Peter         | 1, 17 f      |
| Burtch, Silas         | 1, 12 f    | Gammon, Richard          | 4, 8         |
| Campbell, Duncan      | 3, 10 f    | Gillespie, Robert        | 1, 1 f       |
| Chapin, Charles       | 1, 7 f     | Glover, Robert           | 1, 1 f       |
| Chatterson, Albert    | 4, 8 f     | Gould, Wm.               | 2, 1 h       |
| Chatterson, Henry     | 4, 8 f     | Gould, W. H.             | 2, 1 f       |
| Chatterson, Joseph    | 4, 7 f     | Gruver, Jacob            | 2, 1 f       |
| Chatterson, Wm.       | 4, 7 f     | Hagar, George            | 1, 6 h       |
| Church, Alfred        | 3, 5 f     | Hall, Thomas             | 2, 8 h       |
| Cook, Andrew          | 5, 5       | Hammond, Friend          | 4, 7 h       |
| Cook, Edwin           | 1, 6 f     | Handy, Perry C.          | 4, 4 h       |
| Cook, John W.         | 5, 5       | Harp, Elijah M.          | 1, 1 h       |
| Cowan, Cornelius      | f f 1, 1 f | Helms, Wm.               | 5, 1 h       |
| Cowles, Richard       | 1, 6 f     | Higgins, Thomas          | 5, 1 f       |
| Culp, Rev. David      | 1, 7 f     | Howell, Wm. J.           | 2, 7 f       |
| Cunningham, George    | 1, 13 f    | Hunt, Cyrus              | 1, 1 f       |
| Cunningham, Mrs. H.   | 1, 13 f    | Johnson, Abraham         | 4, 3 f       |
| Cunningham, Wm.       | 1, 12 f    | Kearns, Barney           | 5, 3 h       |
| Devlin, Wm.           | 2, 9 f     | Kelly, Isaac             | 2, 10 f      |
| Dunlop, Dr.           | 1, 14      | Key, George B.           | 2, 4 h       |
| Dunnett, Jas.         | 1, 7 h     | Key, Henry               | 3, 4 h       |
| Dunnett, Samuel       | 1, 7 f     | King, Mary               | 4, 6 f       |
| Durham, Jeremiah      | 1, 1 h     | Knight, James            | 5, 5 and 6 f |
| Eadie, Robert Sr.     | 4, 4 f     | Knox, Robert             | 1, 6 f       |
| Eadie, Wm.            | 4, 3 f     | Lawrence, O. H., Teacher | 1, 1 f       |
| Eadie, W. R.          | 4, 7 h     | Lawrence, Thomas         | 1, 1 f       |
| Easton, John          | 1, 1 f     | Lefler, Christopher      | 1, 10 f      |
| Eddie, John           | 5, 4       | Lefler, Neal             | 1, 7 and 8 f |
| Eddie, Robert Jr.     | 3, 6 f     | Lile, Charles            | 1, 7 h       |
| Eddy, Adveel          | 3 and 2    | Lile, Wm.                | 1, 7 h       |
| Eddy, Andrew N.       | 1, 11 f    | Lunn, Mrs. Bridget       | 1, 15 f      |
| Eddy, Constant        | 3 and 2 f  | Lyman, Henry             | 2, 1 f       |
| Eddy, John            | 1, 13 f    | McAlister, Wellington    | 2, 11 f      |
| Eddy, Wm. D.          | 2, 10 f    | McDermid, Dermid         | 4, 5 and 6 h |

**Census of the Township of Oakland - 1861**

|                          |              |                      |         |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------|
| McDermid, Hugh           | 3, 3 and 4 h | Mills, Thomas        | 2, 5 f  |
| McDonald, John           | 1, 6 and 7 h | More, John           | 1, 1 h  |
| McEwen, Archibald        | 3, 9 f       | More, John           | 2, 1 f  |
| McFarland, Wm.           | 2, 9 f       | Myers, Benjamin      | 1, 1 h  |
| McIlwrath, James         | 6, 3 f       | Nevill, John C.      | 1, 1 h  |
| McIntyre, Joseph         | 2, 12 f      | Nobbs, Robert        | 1, 6 f  |
| McIntyre, Peter          | 2, 13 f      | Nugent, Francis      | 1, 6 f  |
| McLin, Dr. John          | 2, 1 f       | O'Reilly, George     | 1, 1 h  |
| McWilliams, Aaron        | 6, 1 and 2 f | Ormstead, Simon      | 4, 8 f  |
| Malcolm, Andrew          | 1, 1 f       | Peaker, John         | 1, 7 f  |
| Malcolm, Charles J.      | 1, 1 f       | Perley, Allen        | 5, 2 f  |
| Malcolm, Duncan, Teacher | 1, 1 f       | Perley, Charles      | 5, 2    |
| Malcolm, Eddy            | 2, 1 f       | Perley, Charles S.   | 5, 2 f  |
| Malcolm, Edward          | 1, 4 f       | Phillips, George     | 1, 1 f  |
| Malcolm, Eliakim         | 1, 4 f       | Phillips, Martin     | 1, 1 f  |
| Malcolm, Eliakim         | 2, 1 f       | Pilkey, Peter        | 1, 1 h  |
| Malcolm, Finlay          | 4, 5 f       | Place, Wm.           | 2, 1 h  |
| Malcolm, George          | 1, 1 f       | Plowman, Jonathon    | 1, 6 f  |
| Malcolm, Hugh            | 1, 1 f       | Pollard, A. J.       | 2, 1 h  |
| Malcolm, Dr. John R.     | 2, 2 f       | Potts, Samuel        | 1, 6 h  |
| Malcolm, Jonathan        | 1, 2 f       | Power, Wm.           | 1, 7 f  |
| Malcolm, Marcus          | 1, 1 f       | Pretty, Henry        | 1, 2 f  |
| Malcolm, Martin          | 1, 1 h       | Proper, John         | 2, 6 f  |
| Malcolm, S. D.           | 1, 6 f       | Racey, Thomas        | 5, 4 f  |
| Malcolm, W. C.           | 1, 1 f       | Rawe, John           | 1, 1 h  |
| Malcolm, Wm.             | 1, 1 f       | Robbins, Christopher | 3, 7 h  |
| Martin, James            | 1, 5 and 6 h | Robinson, R. F. M.   | 1, 1 f  |
| Martin, Thomas           | 1, 6 h       | Sagar, Adam          | 1, 2 h  |
| Martin, Wm.              | 2, 6 h       | Salsbury, Wm.        | 4, 3    |
| Massacar, Charles        | 2, 1 h       | Sayles, John         | 2, 12 f |
| Massacar, Hiram          | 1, 4 f       | Scott, Mary Jane     | 4, 6 f  |
| Massacar, James          | 1, 3 f       | Secord, Asa          | 1, 13 h |
| Massacar, Matthew        | 1, 2 and 3 f | Secord, Asa          | 2, 9 f  |
| Massacar, Truman         | 2, 3 f       | Secord, David        | 1, 10 f |
| Massacar, Wm.            | 4, 1 f       | Secord, George       | 1, 10 f |
| Mathews, Nelson          | 2, 14 f      | Secord, Hiram        | 1, 9 f  |
| Merritt, Benjamin        | 3, 8 f       | Secord, Robert       | 1, 7 f  |
| Merritt, Caleb           | 3, 1 and 2 f | Secord, Walter       | 2, 9 h  |
| Merritt, Robert          | 2, 1 f       | Secord, William      | 3, 10 f |
| Metcalfe, George         | 4, 1 h       | Segner, Roman        | 1, 6 h  |

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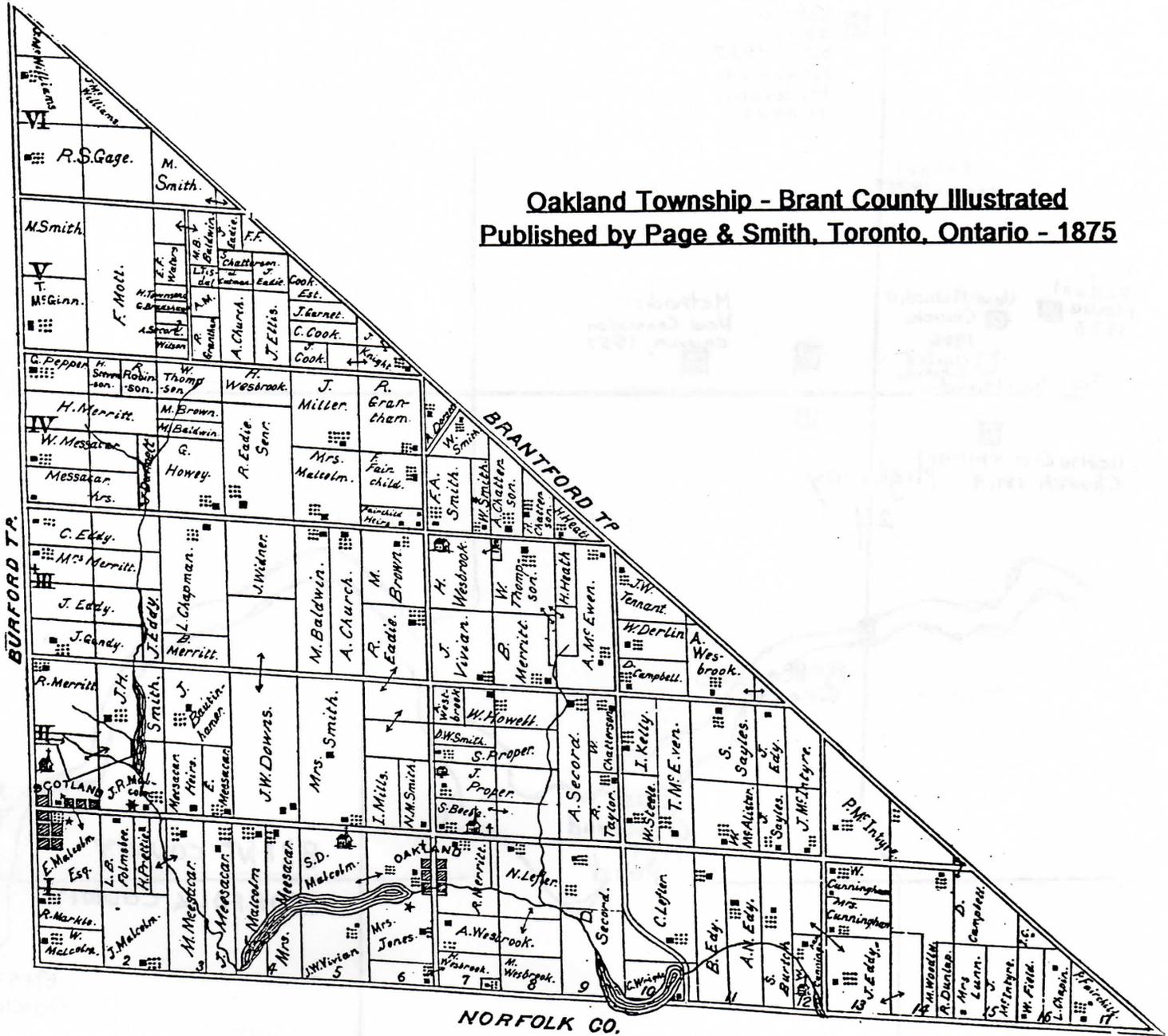
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|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Smith, Adam N.        | 2, 6 f       | Toyne, John             | 1, 6 f       |
| Smith, Adin B.        | 1, 6 f       | Vanderlip, Charles      | 1, 1 f       |
| Smith, Benjamin       | 5, 1 h       | Vanderlip, Edward       | 2, 7 h       |
| Smith, Dennis W.      | 1, 6 f       | Vanderlip, Robert       | 1, 7 f       |
| Smith, Francis A.     | 4, 7 f       | Vandusen, James         | 1, 1 f       |
| Smith, George         | 1, 6 f       | Vivian, John            | 1, 6 f       |
| Smith, Isaac          | 4, 7 f       | Vivian, Stephen         | 1, 6 f       |
| Smith, James H.       | 2, 1 and 2 f | Vivian, Wm.             | 1, 7 f       |
| Smith, Susan          | 2, 5 f       | Walker, John            | 1, 1 h       |
| Smith, Walter         | 4, 7 f       | Warren, George          | 3, 2 f       |
| Sowers, Abraham       | 1, 15 h      | Waters, A. J.           | 5, 3         |
| Steel, Wm.            | 2, 10 h      | Westbrook, Abraham      | 2, 11 & 12 f |
| Stuttard, James       | 1, 16 f      | Westbrook, Henry        | 1, 7 f       |
| Sullivan, Robert      | 1, 1 f       | Westbrook, Hiram        | 3, 7 and 8 f |
| Swayze, Ralph         | 1, 7 h       | Westbrook, Hiram T.     | 3, 11 f      |
| Swears, William       | 1, 4 h       | Westbrook, Mordecai Sr. | 1, 7 and 8 f |
| Tennant, John W.      | 3, 10 f      | Whitney, Lewis          | 1, 1         |
| Terrill, Andrew       | 2, 1 h       | Wilson, Samuel E.       | 1, 6 h       |
| Thompson, Samuel      | 4, 9 f       | Wilson, William         | 4, 1 and 2 h |
| Thompson, William Sr. | 3, 8 f       | Woodley, Benjamin       | 2, 14 f      |
| Thompson, William Jr. | 3, 9 h       | Woodley, Mathias Jr.    | 1, 13 h      |
| Tisdale, Lot S.       | 5, 3         | Woodley, Mathias Sr.    | 1, 14 f      |

| NAME.               | LOCATION.           | Date of Settlement. | NATIVITY.    | POST OFFICE. | BUSINESS.                      |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Beebe, Smith.....   | Lot 7 & 8 Con. 2..  | 1828                | Canada.....  | Oakland..... | Farmer and Reeve of Township.  |
| Burtch, James W.... | " 11 " 1..          | 1849                | do.....      | do.....      | Farmer and Fruit Grower.       |
| Chart, John.....    | Oakland Village.... | 1874                | England..... | do.....      | Miller.                        |
| Cowles, Richard...  | do do ..            | 1849                | do.....      | do.....      | Merchant Tailor.               |
| Corner, G. H.....   | do do ..            | 1872                | Canada.....  | do.....      | Miller and Hotel Keeper.       |
| Edy, Lorenzo.....   | Lot 10 Con. 2..     | 1874                | do.....      | do.....      | Farmer.                        |
| Edy, Benj.....      | " 11 " 1..          | 1849                | do.....      | do.....      | Farmer.                        |
| Franklin, John....  | " 7 " 1..           | 1874                | do.....      | do.....      | Farmer.                        |
| Fairchild, Peter... | " 17 " 1..          | 1833                | do.....      | Burtch.....  | Farmer and Stock Raiser.       |
| Finch, Jefferson... | Waterford.....      | 1874                | do.....      | Waterford .. | Brick Manufacturer.            |
| Hall, George.....   | Scotland .....      | 1845                | England..... | Scotland.... | Hotel Keeper.                  |
| Lawrence, Orrin H.  | Oakland Village.... | 1857                | New York.... | Oakland..... | Township Clerk.                |
| Lyman, Henry.....   | Scotland .....      | 1840                | do.....      | Scotland.... | General Store and Post Master. |

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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| McAllister, W.....  | Oakland Village...   | 1857                | New York....  | Oakland. ...   | Farmer.                             |
| McFarlane .....     | do do ..             | 1863                | Virginia..... | do ..          | Carpenter and Joiner.               |
| McDonald, John...   | do do ..             | 1862                | Canada.....   | do .....       | Blacksmith.                         |
| Malcolm Henry.....  | Lot 5 Con. 4..       | 1852                | do.....       | do.....        | Farmer, Fruit Grower & Stock Raiser |
| McDiamid Donald..   | " 5 do 4..           | 1873                | do.....       | Mohawk .....   | Farmer.                             |
| Malcolm, Hugh....   | Scotland Village.... | 1830                | do.....       | Scotland ..... | Boot and Shoe Dealer.               |
| Thompson, Wm. ...   | Oakland Village....  | 1819                | Ireland.....  | Mohawk ...     | Farmer, Stock Raiser and Ex. Reeve  |
| Tegart, E. W.....   | Scotland Village.... | 1360                | Canada.....   | Scotland....   | Physician, Surgeon, and Druggist.   |
| Vivian, J. W.....   | Lct 5, Con. 1..      | 1851                | do.....       | Oakland.....   | Farmer and Mill Owner.              |
| Vivian, Mrs. C..... | Oakland Village...   | 1863                | do.....       | do.....        | Retired.                            |
| Westbrook, A.....   | Lot 7 & 8 Cor. 1..   | 1844                | do.....       | do.....        | Farmer, Stock Raiser & Cheese mfr.  |
| Wright, Cook.....   | Millford Mills...    | 1874                | England.....  | do.....        | Flour and Grist Mill.               |
| Will, F. J.....     | Oakland.....         | 1874                | Canada.....   | do.....        | General Store Keeper,               |

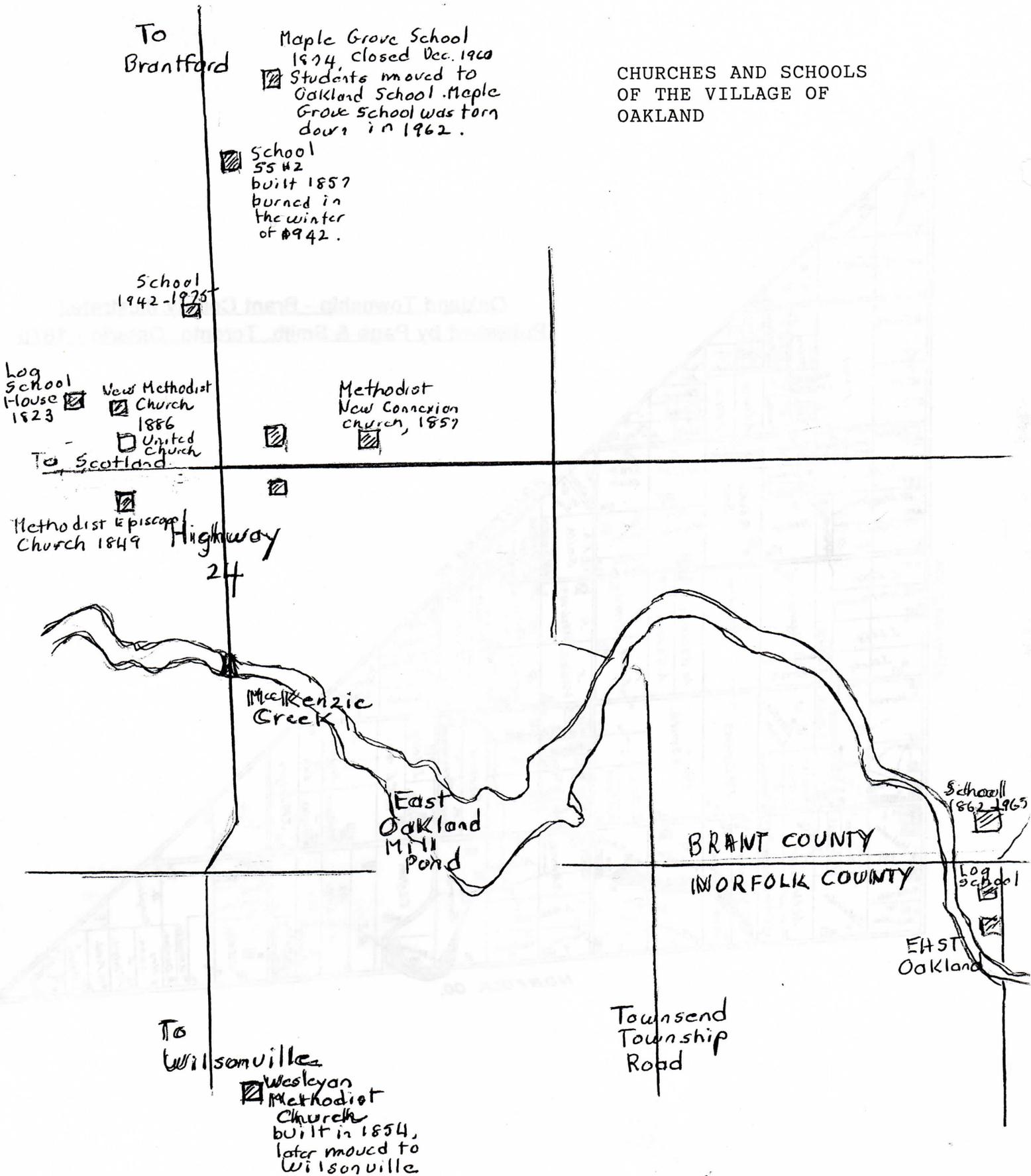


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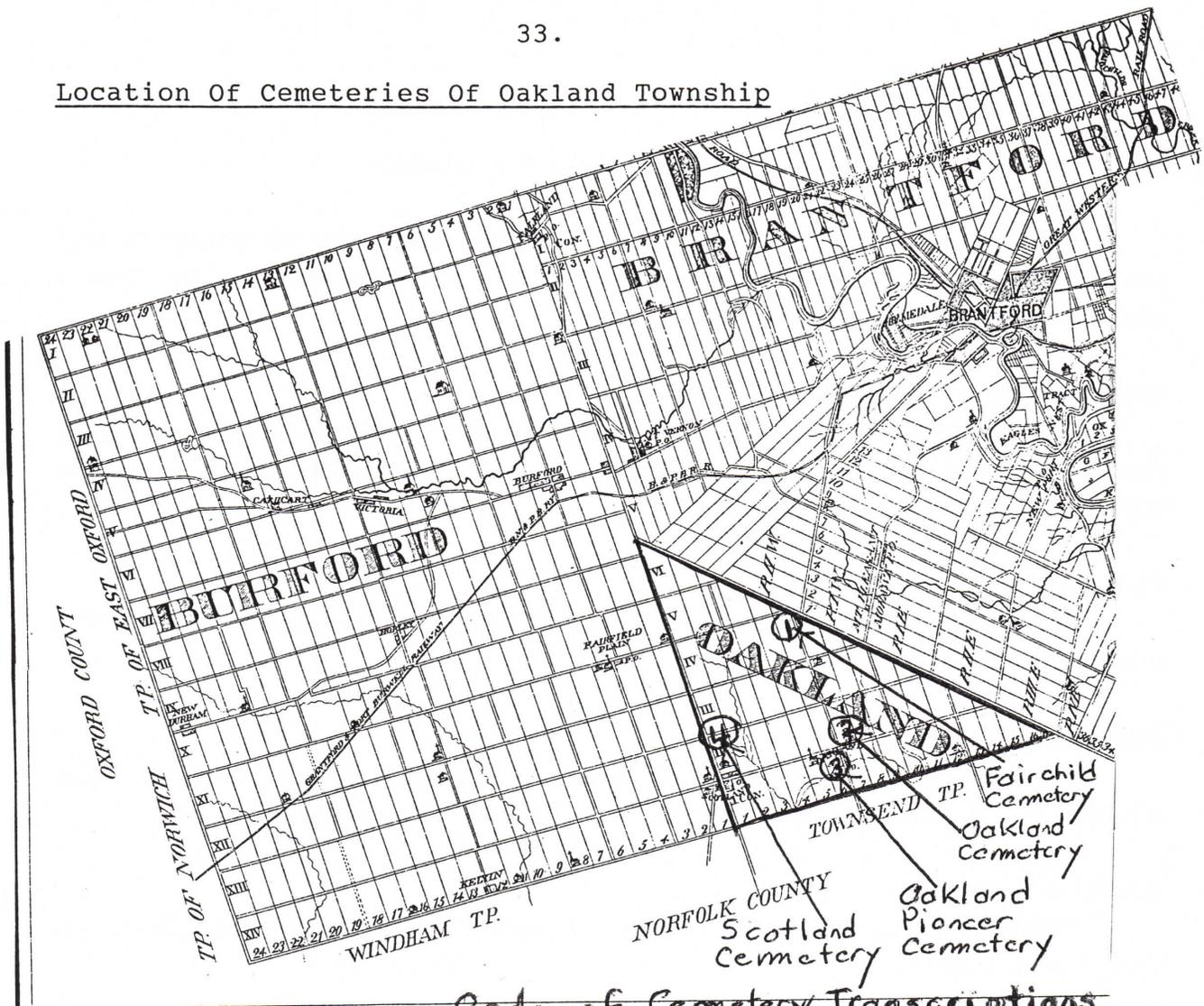


Location of Churches in Early Oakland Township

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKLAND



Location Of Cemeteries Of Oakland Township



Code of Cemetery Transcriptions

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

- (BPL) = Brantford Public Library  
 (AO) Archival of Ontario  
 (PAC) = Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.  
 (BCB) = Brant County Branch Library (Genealogical)  
 (OGS) = Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto, Ontario
1. FAIRCHILD CEMETERY  
 Brantford. West on Hwy #53, turn left (south) at the Pleasant Ridge Road (County Road #7). Cemetery located at the entrance to the Crystal Springs Camp on the right hand side of the road  
 Records - Yes Con. 4 Lot 6; (BPL), (PAC), (AO), (OGS)
  2. OAKLAND CEMETERY  
 Brantford. South on Mt. Pleasant Road (Old Hwy #24). go past Mt. Pleasant turn left (east) at main intersection in Oakland. Cemetery located a short distance on the left (north) side of the road.  
 Records - Yes Con. 2 Lot 7; (BPL), (PAC), (AO), (OGS)
  3. OAKLAND PIONEER CEMETERY  
 Brantford. South on Mt. Pleasant Road (Old Hwy #24), go past Mt. Pleasant, Cemetery located in Village of Oakland at main intersection, south-west corner  
 Records - Yes Con. 1 Lot 6; (BPL), (PAC), (AO), (OGS)
  4. SCOTLAND CEMETERY  
 Brantford. South on Mt. Pleasant Road (Old Hwy #24), go past Mt. Pleasant, turn Right (West) in Oakland at County Rd. #4, go into Scotland, turn Right (north) at County Rd. #16. Cemetery located a short distance on the right, at the Scotland Baptist Church  
 Records - Yes Con. 2 Lot 1; (BPL), (PAC), (AO), (OGS)

### **Cemeteries of Oakland Township**

There are four cemeteries in Oakland Township. These were transcribed by Miss Helen Biggar during the 1970's and were updated by the Brant branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society in the 1980's.

#### **Oakland Pioneer Cemetery**

The Oakland Pioneer Cemetery is located at the village corner in Oakland, Concession I, Lot 6. There is a plaque about Malcolm's Mill in the cemetery and a cairn with early tombstones preserved in it.

#### **Oakland Cemetery**

The Oakland Cemetery is located east of Oakland, at Concession II, Lot 7. It is a large public burial ground.

#### **Fairchild's Cemetery**

Fairchild's Cemetery is located off Pleasant Ridge Road, at Concession IV, Lot 6. It is kept by the Township with funds provided by the Fairchild Family.

#### **Scotland Cemetery**

Scotland Cemetery is located to the right of Scotland Baptist Church, at Concession II, Lot 1.

### **Churches of Oakland Township**

Oakland Congregational Church

Oakland United Church

Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Scotland

Scotland Baptist Church (1849) - active

Scotland Congregational Church

Scotland United Church

St. Anthony Daniel Roman Catholic Church

St. Mark's Anglican Church, Scotland

### **The Township of Oakland Library Holdings**

The Oakland Township Public Library, located in the village of Scotland, Ontario (postal code N0E 1R0, telephone 519-446-0181), has the largest collection of family township history. In researching information about Oakland Township, I found the librarians both friendly and helpful. There is a photocopier in the library so you can have copies of information made for 20 cents a page.

There are several loose-leaf binders and an extensive vertical file about the history of Oakland Township. The following family history books are located in the holdings of the library:

#### **"The Malcolm Family"**

John Karl Malcolm died April 4, 1960, at 92 years of age, at his home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The book traces the history of Duncan Malcolm and his descendents from their emigration in 1774 from Scotland to America, and later, as U.E.L.'s, to Brant County. With a family of fifteen, Finlay Malcolm established the settlement known as Malcolm's Mills. 238 pages.

#### **"The Pathway of the Moores" - Angela Files**

#### **The Henry Rammage Family 1775 - 1861, Vol. I"**

A detailed family history by Mr. Stuart A. Rammage, 908 Singlo Drive, 5.9C.11, Penticton, British Columbia, V2A 7K8.

#### **"You're a Stratford"**

A detailed family history by Mr. Stuart A. Rammage of Penticton, British Columbia.

#### **"The Way It Was"**

Julia Vivian, Carlton Press Inc., New York, N.Y. The Vivian's owned a mill in the village of Oakland.

To my pleasant surprise, the following Oral History Tapes have been made from interviews of residents and people knowledgeable of Township history:

|                                  |      |  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|--|------|
| <b>Abbott, Mrs. Ruby Dell</b>    | .4   | <b>Kaufman, Mrs. Margaret</b>          | .158 |
| <b>Allan, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jim</b> | .19  | <b>Keresturi, Mr. Joseph</b>           | .164 |
| <b>Beckham, Mrs. Hazel</b>       | .40  | <b>Learmouth, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jack</b>  | .170 |
| <b>Bonham, Mrs. Edith</b>        | .49  | <b>Malcolm, Mrs. Reta</b>              | .192 |
| <b>Burtch, Mr. Lewis</b>         | .61  | <b>Persall, Mr. Herman</b>             | .200 |
| <b>Campbell, Mrs. Irene</b>      | .72  | <b>Rammage, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Russell</b> | .211 |
| <b>Chandler, Mrs. Evelyn</b>     | .82  | <b>Riddock, Mrs. Goldie</b>            | .224 |
| <b>Cunningham, Mrs. Ruth</b>     | .99  | <b>Shellington, Mrs. Ola</b>           | .230 |
| <b>Eddy, Mrs. Florence</b>       | .105 | <b>Stratford, Mr. Clarence</b>         | .239 |
| <b>Eddy, Mr. Donald</b>          | .127 | <b>Sutherland, Mrs. Eletha</b>         | .250 |
| <b>Gatward, Mrs. Margery</b>     | .134 | <b>Townsend, Mr. Harry</b>             | .261 |
| <b>Grantham, Mrs. William</b>    | .150 | <b>Urban, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Paul</b>      | .273 |

### Schools of Oakland Township

The Elementary Public School Registers of Oakland Township were sent to the Ontario Archives, 77 Grenville Street, Toronto, Ontario, M7B 2R9. The names of the schools, grades, and years of the School Registers are hereby listed:

| <u>Names of Schools</u> | <u>Grades</u> | <u>Years</u>    |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| SS 1, 2 East Oakland    | 1 - 8         | 1915 - 1965/69  |
| SS 2 Oakland School     | 1 - 8         | 1895 - 1944/49  |
| SS 2 Oakland School     | 1 - 8         | 1950 - 54-59-64 |
| SS 4 Oakland School     | 1 - 8         | 1939 - 64       |

SS # 18 Scotland School was in Burford Township.

St. Anthony Daniel Separate School is located in the Village of Scotland.

**Early Wills of Oakland in London District Surrogate Registry**

**Registry Book I (1800-1817)**

a. Will Number 107

**Bennett, Joshua**, Oakland, Oxford County. Died between date of will (February 4, 1822), and petition filed 1823.

b. Will Number 115

**Westbrook, Haggai**, Oakland, Yeoman. Died July 18, 1824 at Ancaster, District of Gore, Intestate.

c. Will Number 138

**Hanchett, Charles**, Oakland, (probably not Houchett). Died November 7, 1826 at Burford.

**Registry of Wills Book II (1817-1834)**

**Registry of Wills - London Book III (1834-1839)**

a. Will Number 270

**Elliott, Oliver S.**, Oakland Township. Died January 12, 1837 at Oakland.

