

“Lines on the DEATH OF DUNCAN CAMPBELL, Poet of Warwick, Ontario”

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From the poem it appears Duncan Campbell had died just before the poem was written; was a childhood friend 10 years older than author; lived a humble life but had a creative spirit.

Who was Duncan Campbell, poet?

From *Commemorative Biographical Record of the County of Lambton Ontario* by J. H. Beers (1906) p. 82-84 and p.103-105

Maybe it was this man

Duncan Campbell (March 4, 1828-1895)

- He was born in Arrocher, Dumbarton, Scotland.
- He was well-educated in Scotland.
- He came to Canada in 1846 to join his grandmother (Jean, Mrs Robert Campbell, 1774-1854) and her sons (his uncles) in Ekfrid Twp (Middlesex County).
- His father was John Campbell (1794-1873), who married Helen Brodie on April 2, 1821. They came to Canada (Ekfrid Twp., Middlesex County) in 1848 to join their son Duncan, John's parents and John's brothers.
- Duncan was the third son of a family of 12 children: John (1822-), Robert (1824-), *Duncan* (1828-), Daniel (1830-), Humphrey (1832-), Jeanette (twin, 1834-), Jane (twin, 1834-), Christina (1836-), Peter (1838-), Malcolm (twin, 1840-), Jean (twin, 1840-), Colin McKenzie (1844-)
- His brother Malcolm (1840-), 8 years old when he came to Canada, was a farmer educated in Middlesex County and Warwick Twp. He lived in Lot 9, Concession 7 NER, the farm of his father, and farmed there after his father's death.
- His brother Colin McKenzie (1844-) was devoted to reading books and had a poetic faculty. (See his poem in Beers, p. 104). Colin moved to Manitoba in 1882 where he farmed. He married Mary Watt.
- He owned a 100 acre farm where he built a home and supervised farm operations.
- He started teaching in Lobo Twp., but mostly in Warwick Twp.
- He was a well-known highly respected educator in East Lambton.
- Marriage #1: Sarah Thomas
 - 3 children: sons John and William both became doctors in Brown City, MI; daughter Ellen (Mrs. Homer Crow)
- Marriage #2: Jane Kingston
 - daughter Agnes married Frank McCordic (principal at Point Edward High School)
- Both Duncan and Sarah Thomas Campbell are buried at Bethel Cemetery, Warwick Twp.

Or maybe it was this man

Duncan Campbell (April 27, 1853-)

He was the son of Robert Campbell and Agnes Brodie and nephew of Duncan Campbell (1828-) and Sarah Thomas/ Jane Kingston.

He grew up on Lot 9, Concession 7 NER, Warwick Twp.

He was educated at SS#14, a log schoolhouse, where Robert Hill was his first teacher.

At age 20 he bought Lot 9, Concession 8 NER and began general farming, later buying 30 acres in Bosanquet Twp.

He was also a carpenter.

He married E. Catharine Trowbridge on January 1, 1877.

They had six children when Beers was published in 1906.

The following shows the family genealogy, from the first Duncan Campbell listed in Beers. There are quite a few Duncan Campbells!

Duncan & Mary Campbell had 9 children: John (1753-), *Duncan* (1755-), Mary (1757-), Donald (1760-), Helen (1762-), **Robert (1764-1845)**, Dougall (1767-), Margaret (1769-), Alexander (1773-).

Robert (1764-1845) & Jean McFarlaine (1774-1854) Campbell came to Ekfrid Twp., Canada in 1834. They had 11 children: *Duncan (1794-1867 died in Middlesex)*, **John (1797-1873 buried in Arkona)**, Robert (1799- died in Middlesex), Christina (1801- died in Scotland), Donald (1804- died in Middlesex), Mary (1806-), Humphrey (1808-), Dougall (1810- died in Elgin County), Malcolm (1812- teacher in Ekfrid Twp), Alexander (1814- died in Elgin County), Ephraim (died infant in Scotland).

John (1797-1873) & Helen Brodie Campbell came to Canada in 1834. He was a shoemaker by trade, but in 1852 settled on a farm, Lot 9, Concession 7 NER, Warwick Twp. They had 13 children: John (1822-), **Robert (1824 - Forest)**, Agnes (1826-), *Duncan (1828- Warwick)*, Daniel (1830-Warwick), Humphrey (1832- Forest), Jeanette (twin, 1834-), Jane (twin, 1834-Bosanquet), Christina (1836-), Peter (1838-), Malcolm (twin, 1840- on homestead), Jean (twin, 1840-), Colin McKenzie (1844- Manitoba).

Robert (1824 -) & Agnes Brodie farmed Lot 9, Concession 7 NER. They had 12 children: John (1849 – Warwick), Daniel (1851-Warwick), *Duncan (1853- Warwick)*, Robert (1855-Warwick), Malcolm (1857 – Brooke), Joseph (1859- Brooke), Colin (1862 – Enniskillen), Peter (1864- Brooke), George (1866- Manitoba), David (1868, twin), Agnes (1868, twin), Alexander (1870 - Warwick).