

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

TOZER FAMILY NOTES  
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From published records of the early Miramichi River settlements, notes on the TOZER family and its links with other regions, including that of Gaspesia.

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TOZER

3536. Jared Tozer (Apr 4 1764-Nov 22 1850)

There is a tradition that the name Tozer, or Tozier, as it is commonly spelled in New England, is of French origin, but it is actually English. "So far as my observation goes," wrote H. F. Watters in the 1880's in his *Genealogical Gleanings in England*. "Tozer seems to be a Devonshire name." The colonial New England Tozers, from whom the Tozers of the Miramichi were a late offshoot, emigrated from Devonshire in the 17th century. According to most dictionaries of English surnames, the name came into use in connection with the wool industry, "tose" or "toze" being an obsolete word for tease or comb.

Richard Tozer, an early settler in Boston, who married Judith Smith on July 3, 1656, is thought to have been the first person of the name to reach New England. In 1659, he received a grant of land near Berwick (then part of Kittery), Maine, and in 1675, during King Philip's War, he and his son Thomas were killed while defending the family against an Indian attack. Although quite a number of records are available on Richard and other Tozers of the colonial period, and although Jared was probably descended from Richard and Judith, the genealogy has not been sufficiently authenticated to warrant its presentation here.

Charles Tozer of Lyme, Connecticut, who may have been a grandson of Richard and Judith, was evidently the father of Jared. Perhaps the most interesting fact known about Charles is that he took part in the expedition against Louisbourg. On July 6, 1745, he was in the company of Captain Fitch of New London, bound from Connecticut to Cape Breton.

Jared was born at Lyme, near the mouth of the Connecticut River, on April 4, 1764. Tradition indicates that he had a brother Daniel and a brother Charles and that the three sons were left fatherless at an early age. At any rate, it would seem that the family was broken up while Jared was quite young and that, when still a boy, he moved from the Connecticut coast to Granby (then part of Simsbury), near the northern border of the state. In 1835, in connection with Jared's application for a pension, Ferdinand Clemons of Granby declared in an affidavit that from his "earliest youth" he had been acquainted with Jared Tozer. "We were born in the same neighborhood in Lyme," he stated, and "were schoolmates together. After some years we removed to Granby."<sup>278</sup>

On June 1 1779, at only fifteen years of age, Jared enlisted for a nine-month term as a Private in the Continental Army, in a regiment in the Connecticut line of troops. Altogether, he served three terms in the army over a period of two-and-a-half years, being stationed principally at White Plains, New York. Although it was stated in his obituary in the *Gleaner* in 1850 that he had participated in the culminating battle of the war at Yorktown, Virginia, a detailed account of his military service contained in his pension file does not indicate this.

More than fifty years after the war, Ferdinand Clemons, whose testimony was previously mentioned, recalled a few facts about Jared's military service. "I remember his being home on furlough," Clemons declared, "and I well recollect his returning home in his uniform dress when the army was disbanded in the year 1783." Another man in a position many years later to recall certain facts about Jared's army years was Anthony Rogers (2963). "late of Simsbury in the County of Hartford, but now of the parish of North Esk." Anthony claimed that he had known Jared since 1781 and recalled his returning home after the war. A few years later, Anthony maintained, he himself had moved to New Brunswick, where he had "ever since" known Jared Tozer. "To him," extolled the *Gleaner* when Jared died, "was allotted the proud distinction of assisting at the birth of a great nation."

About 1784, Jared married Sarah Eunice Ives, a daughter of Captain David Ives, a New England Loyalist who moved to New Brunswick in 1783. Two children were born to Jared and Eunice in Connecticut, and

then in 1789, in an unlikely turnabout. Jared severed roots reaching far into the past and joined his in-laws, as well as many enemies of the revolution in which he had taken part, on the St. John River.

By 1811, war was again looming between Britain and America, but it may have been only a coincidence that Jared decided to move out of the Loyalist heart of the province late in 1811 or early in 1812 and establish a new home on the Miramichi. The large family settled at South Esk and for many years played important roles in the community, notably in the lumber business and in the North Esk Baptist Church, which in the 1820's and '30's, was like a Tozer family institution, with a son in the pulpit, other sons serving as deacons, and almost every adult descendant's name on the church register.

By re-establishing his residence in Connecticut for a brief period of time in 1835, Jared acquired U. S. army pension rights and enjoyed an annual pension thereafter, until his death at South Esk on November 22, 1850, at the age of eighty-six. His wife Eunice died in 1844. Some sixty years later, the obituary of one of their Miramichi grandsons included the following statement: "He was the son of a Loyalist patriot who settled in New Brunswick in 1783." In fact, the deceased was not a son (but a grandson); his ancestor was not a Loyalist (but a Patriot); and the year of the family's settlement in New Brunswick was not 1783 (but 1789).

The seven eldest children, other than Richard, were baptized in the Anglican church at Maugerville in 1800.

- \*3587. David L. (c1786-Dec 10 1876) m. Sarah Whitney (4010)
- \*3588. Elson (Apr 24 1787-Feb 2 1872) m. Mehetabel Room
- 3589. Richard
- 3590. Charlotte (c1791 f1861) m. Asa Cromwell (549)
- \*3591. Charles (Jun 28 1793-1880) m. Susan Rogers (2981)
- \*3592. James (c1795-Apr 13 1880) m. Artimacy Foster
- 3593. Abigail (c1796-Mar 1 1866) m. John Somers (3299)
- \*3594. Jared (c1798 f1861) m. Sarah Rogers (2984)
- \*3595. Daniel (c1801-Mar 10 1880) m. Lydia Rogers (2982)
- 3596. Hannah (c1803 f1871) m. Donald Matthews (1856)
- 3597. Eunice (c1805 f1855) m. David Strickland
- 3598. Maria (c1808-c1888) m. John Emmerson (746)

RICHARD is said by tradition to have drowned at three years of age.

EUNICE was living in Fredericton in 1855.

**3587. David L. Tozier (c1786-Dec 10 1876)**

David Tozer (later Tozier) was twenty-seven years old when his parents moved to the Miramichi, and he, like all other family members, accompanied them there. He was a lumber merchant and community leader from the time of his settlement until the early 1840's, when his fortunes collapsed along with those of other Miramichi lumbermen. He was a Surveyor of Lumber, an Assessor of Rates, a Trustee of Schools, and Overseer of the Poor, a frequent Grand Juror, and the holder of several other parish offices during his active years. His land transactions were too numerous to itemize, but his residential property was at South Esk, where he and his wife, Sarah Whitney, raised a family.

Unlike most other members of Jared Tozer's family, David was not an early member or supporter of the Baptist church. However, it is stated in the church records that on January 11, 1845, "Mr. David Tozer, an old man, told his experience and wished to be baptized."

David and Sarah may have moved to Maine first in the 1840's, but they were enumerated in North Esk in the census of 1851, when they were living with their son Ebenezer. They later lived at Linneus, Maine, as did their sons and many of their relatives. There David died on December 10, 1876, and Sarah on September 17, 1884.

- \*3599. Elson H. (May 3 1814-Aug 18 1887) m. Esther Ward (3928)
- \*3600. Ebenezer (Mar 9 1816-Mar 30 1893) m. Mary A. Adams
- 3601. Jared (Mar 9 1816-Jul 22 1897) m. Hannah Travis (3716)
- 3602. David E. (c1818 f1861) m. Amelia Green

JARED made his first home in Maine, and while he later moved back and forth between Maine and New Brunswick, he would not seem to have lived again on the North West, except for a few years in the 1840's.

DAVID also raised a family in Maine — at Sebec in Piscataquis County, and at Linneus. His widow died in Woodland in 1908.

**3588. Elson Tozer (Apr 24 1787-Feb 2 1872)**

Elson's birthdate is given as April 24, 1787, in a record held by a descendant. Although no source is cited, the date is probably correct, since other sources suggest that he was born in Hartford County, Connecticut, in 1787 or 1788.

On March 16, 1816, he married Mehetabel ("Hettie") Room, a native of the United States. The pair were charter members of the North Esk Baptist Church in 1819 and early residents of Whitney, where several of their children grew to adulthood before they re-settled at Lyttleton about 1840. Both were also charter members of the Little South West Baptist Church in 1845, as were four of their children, and Elson was one of the first deacons.

They lived at Lyttleton, on Lot 11 North of the Little South West Indian reserve, which they originally leased from the Julian family and later purchased from the province. According to Land Surveyor David Sadler, this property had fourteen improved acres and a good house and barn on it in 1845. They were still living there in 1861, but when the census of 1871 was taken they were living with their son Elijah at Sunny Corner. There Elson died in 1872 and Mehetabel in 1880.

- \*3603. John S. (c1820-Oct 7 1892) m. Catherine Dunnett (707), Jane McNeil (2633), Nancy Parks (2830)
- 3604. Sarah Ann (c1821-1880) m. Ralph Parker (2813)
- 3605. Maria (c1822 f1851) m. Alexander Murray (2098)
- 3606. Charlotte (c1824 f1844) m. William Firth
- \*3607. William (c1826 f1892) m. Charlotte Parker (2816)
- 3608. Eunice (c1829 f1871) m. Jared Matthews (1864)
- \*3609. Elijah James (c1830-Mar 23 1902) m. Mary Johnston (1528)
- 3610. Abraham Whitney (c1851-Jan 26 1937) m. E. Jane Travis (3734)

CHARLOTTE married William Firth of Nelson parish on August 6, 1844, the witnesses being Elson and John Tozer.

ABRAHAM, a grandchild, raised a family at Matthews Settlement.

**3591. Charles Tozier (Jun 28 1793-1880)**

Charles's birthdate is given in the records of his grandson D. Ernest Tozier.<sup>279</sup> He moved to the Miramichi with his parents, and on April 9, 1818, married Susan Rogers (2981), whose family roots, like his own, reached back through Simsbury, Connecticut, to colonial New England.

Charles was a charter member and early deacon of the North Esk Baptist Church, an important community leader, and a prosperous lumber contractor until the economic collapse of the 1840's. He filled many parish offices, including those of Trustee of Schools, Assessor of Rates, Overseer of the Poor, Surveyor of Lumber, and Grand Juror.

In 1845, Charles abandoned both lumbering and the Miramichi in favor of a farm at Littleton, Maine. While his grandson D. E. Tozier states that he left the Miramichi because he considered himself to have been a victim of the "dishonesty and treachery of a near relative," the church records cast a shadow over his departure from the river. The clerk of the church had to be overruled by the session before he would agree to grant him a "dismissal" letter, "on account of his Absconding and going away in such a Manner."

In Edward Wiggin's *History of Aroostook*, the Tozier farm is identified as having been opposite the Staples (later the Wright) farm. This lot was taken by Philip Keene, who remained but a few years and sold to Mr. Tozier, who came to Aroostook from Miramichi, N.B." After more than twenty years on this farm, Charles and Susan, in their old age, made a third start in life, when along with several sons and relatives, they became "free soilers" in Kansas in 1866. There Susan died on April 10, 1878. Charles in the spring of 1880.

- 3611. James (Jul 9 1819-Sep 3 1893) m. Adelaide Belmain, Jane McKay (2337)
- 3612. Edward Rogers (Mar 28 1821-Jan 29 1895) m. Zilpah Tozier (3658)
- 3613. Zilpah (Mar 16 1823 f1870) m. George Stevens
- 3614. Abigail (Jan 17 1825-1833)
- 3615. Charles William (Feb 10 1827-Feb 11 1899) m. Elizabeth Goldin
- 3616. Anthony Rogers (Sep 16 1829-Sep 12 1914) m. Huldah Bolster
- 3617. Richard Rice (Dec 16 1832-May 6 1902) m. Susan Kinsey
- 3618. Jared Miller (Apr 13 1835-Apr 28 1900) m. Rebecca Stoddard
- 3619. Sarah (Sep 16 1837 f1858) m. Josiah Allen
- 3620. David Ives (Apr 22 1840-Apr 11 1865)
- 3621. Henry Allen (Jan 30 1842-1929)
- 3622. Ernest Wilbur (Feb 15 1850-May 6 1931) m. Mary Raplee

New England Historic Genealogical Society (Boston) D. Ernest Tozier. Some Records of the Tozier or Tozier Family.  
New England: Unpublished ms. 1911

JAMES, who was in his twenties at the time he moved to Maine with his family, was a lumber scaler in Easton in 1864, when diphtheria robbed him of his wife and all but one of his four children. "James lost his wife and three of his children within twenty-one days," wrote a grandson in 1974, "and he helped dig all the graves." He returned to the Miramichi in 1869 to marry Jane McKay and was later a general merchant at Ashland, Maine.

EDWARD married at a mature age and raised a family at Linneus and New Limerick, Maine. His wife's maiden name is shown in different records as both Zilpah Bubar and Zilpah Tozier. She may have had a brief first marriage to a man sumamed Bubar.

ZILPAH married George Stevens of Nova Scotia on the Miramichi in 1843 and raised a large family at Littleton, Maine.

CHARLES moved to Kansas in 1856 and participated in the Civil War, as described in the following passage from an editorial which appeared at the time of his death in the *Junction City Union*: "Charles Tozier served with the anti slavery troops against the border ruffians and was near Lawrence at the time of the Quantrill Raid. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in the 2nd Kansas Infantry, was mustered out at the expiration of one year's service, and at once enlisted in the 2nd Kansas Cavalry, with which regiment he served throughout the war under General Lyons, being under fire at Wilson's Creek and in many hard fought battles." He later served for a time as a County Sheriff before marrying in middle life and raising a family near Junction City. "From his boyhood," according to the editorial quoted above, "he was a reader, and in late years he was a thinker on great questions. The city did not have a citizen who was better informed on current topics." His funeral was conducted by the Grand Army of the Republic.

ANTHONY also served in the Civil War — in the 15th Maine Volunteers — but he saw little active service because of poor health. He later raised a large family at Easton, Washburn, and Presque Isle, Maine.

RICHARD and ERNEST homesteaded in Kansas in 1866 and had families near Tescott. In a letter in 1967, Ernest's son Grant described their settlement in Kansas as follows: "They stayed a short time with Charles Jr., who had settled west of Junction City, Kansas, then came west about ninety miles or one mile west of where Tescott now stands. They all took

homesteads 160 acres each." At the time, "there were Indians all over this part of the country," added Grant, "but none of our folks had any trouble with them. Some Indians would stop in at times, but they were never hostile."

JARED was raised largely by his uncle Rev. James Tozer. "When my parents left N.B." he wrote, "I was left behind. The year before they moved to Maine I had gone to Blissfield, N.B. to live with my uncle the Baptist minister. He had his heart set on having me go live with him and be a minister. One of the suggestive things thrown in was to give me a new name, the name of one of their former ministers, a man held in great esteem by all, a Mr. Miller [1895]." Jared did not become a Baptist minister immediately, but moved to Woodstock in the 1850's to work, and to Maine in the '60's to preach for the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

However, in 1888, he returned to the Baptist church and became the minister at Lyme Center, New Hampshire, where he died in 1900. His children, all of whom were born in his wife's hometown of Woodstock, included D. Ernest Tozier (1866-1950), the family genealogist.

DAVID, one of four sons of this family to take part in the Civil War, was fatally wounded in the Battle of Five Forks, near Petersburg, Virginia, nine days before the war ended, while serving as a Sergeant with the 1st Maine Cavalry Regiment.

ALLEN also joined the army but did not see service because of poor health. "Allen, as we called him," wrote his nephew Grant Tozier in 1967, "had served in the army of the north and had nearly died with the measles, and they did not expect him to live. He lived to be 87 years old" — as a bachelor farmer near Tescott, Kansas.

**3592. Rev. James Tozer (c1795-Apr 13 1880)**

James was a charter member in 1819 of the North Esk Baptist Church and its first "Scribe," so that the earliest records of the church are in his handwriting. In balanced, pious prose such as the following he describes the origins of the North Esk congregation:

It pleased the Lord in His providence to visit this place in the commencing of the year 1819 by some of His ministering Servants whose labours in word and doctrine were effectual to the awakening of the careless sinner and the reclaiming of some that had for a long time been in a dark backsliding state, and while Backsliders were returning to God, sinners were convicted and converted, redeemed and reconciled to God by the death and meritorious acts of Jesus Christ His only begotten son.

In 1821, James was appointed a Deacon, as well as Clerk of the church, and soon afterwards he began to "improve publicly" — that is, to improve his gift of prophesy through apprenticeship as a preacher of the gospel in anticipation of being called to the ministry. His ordination, which took place in his home church on March 9, 1826, is described as follows in the church records:

In the morning we assembled in the schoolhouse for some consultations while Brother James Tozer raised several remonstrances in opposition to the ordination, but after mature discussion of the subject he submitted to the request of the church by saying in a low and trembling voice "You may do as you please with me" — which filled our hearts with gladness and removed all impediments. Hence we immediately repaired to the meeting House where he was solemnly set apart for the work of the ministry, as assistant or co-pastor. . . . Prayer and laying on of hands by Elders R. Scott and D. James. . . . and in the afternoon he preached a pathetic discourse from I Thess. 3.8 — "for now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord."

In 1827, Elder Tozer accepted the pastorate of the church, and retained it, through good and bad times, until 1840, when he moved to Blackville, and soon afterwards, to Blissfield parish. "Here," wrote Rev. William M. Edwards, "like the primitive disciples he preached the gospel from house to house, in barns and schoolhouses, with much success, and many have traced their first convictions to his preaching and

exhortations." In the Minutes of the Eastern New Brunswick Association of the Baptist Church for 1855, a report which he submitted on his past year's work is quoted as follows: "I have occupied four stations constantly, and others occasionally, have travelled a hundred or more miles a week, preached one hundred and eighty sermons, attended twelve funerals, addressed thirteen temperance meetings, visited the sick and dying one hundred and ninety families."

Among other accomplishments, Rev. James founded the Blissfield Baptist Church and gave about thirty-five years of his life to the Blissfield area before his death, at the age of eighty-four, on April 13, 1880. His wife, Artimacy Foster of Maugerville, whom he married in 1822, survived until 1887.

3623. Charles J. (c1824 f1878) m. Sarah Hawkins

3624. Elizabeth A. (c1826 f1854)

3625. Sarah Ann (Oct 12 1828-Jun 24 1912) m. John Thomas Bamford

3626. Fanny Amanda (c1834 f1908) m. John H. Dunphy

CHARLES married Sarah Hawkins of Keswick in 1846, and they lived there without children. As a widower, he was operating the C. J. Tozer Hotel there in 1878.

SARAH ANN had a family of nine in Blissfield parish. Rev. James Tozer's last house, situated about three miles downriver from Boiestown on a bluff overlooking the South West, passed to Sarah Ann's son James, and still remained (as part of a much-modified building) in the possession of two bachelor descendants in 1972.

FANNY also lived in Blissfield parish.

#### 3594. Jared Tozer (c1798 f1861)

Jared Tozer joined the North Esk Baptist Church in 1820 and became a Deacon in 1826. Although his relationship with the church was sometimes stormy (He was excluded by "unanimous vote" in 1827 and not re-instated until 1838), he served as a Deacon for several terms over a period of more than twenty years.

Jared married Sarah Rogers (2984) on February 3, 1829, and he occupied a position second to none in the parish in the 1830's and early '40's. He was an important lumber operator and mill owner who was responsible for starting several settlements (through creating work there), notably the settlement at Lyttleton, which came into being in the late '30's when he established a sawmill on Lot 4 South of the Little South West Indian reserve. Like most other Miramichi lumbermen, however, he experienced bankruptcy in the 1840's.

Jared was a Justice of the Peace, a Trustee of Schools, and one of the community's most literate men. He and Sarah raised their family principally at South Esk, where they were still living in the 1860's. Jared died before 1871, and in that year Sarah was listed by the census enumerators as living with both her son Henry at South Esk and her son Edmund in Newcastle. She died at seventy-four years of age in Morton Township, Ottawa County, Kansas, in 1884, possibly at the home of one of her sons.

3627. Henry William (c1831 f1871) m. Susan Fisher (841)

\*3628. Jared (c1835-Dec 11 1912) m. Mary Vye, Naomi Vye

3629. Charles (c1841 f1861)

3630. Edward (c1843 f1866)

3631. Edmund C. (c1844 f1912) m. Mary Witherall

3632. James (c1848 f1861)

3633. Anthony Rogers (Jan 7 1851-Mar 26 1930) m. Margaret Bishop

HENRY was living at South Esk in 1871, but he, EDWARD, and ANTHONY went to Tescott, Kansas, where their uncle Charles Tozier and several of his sons had settled in 1866. "Ed Tozier was a blacksmith," wrote Grant Tozier in 1967, "and the trails that led to his shop can still be seen across the pastures. The three cousins [i.e. Ed, Henry, and Anthony] left. Ed went to Oregon, and I don't know what became of the other two."

EDMUND married Mary Witherail of Newcastle in 1867 and made his home there for a number of years. He was an accountant and a partner in the 1860's, in the shipbuilding firm of Cassidy, Tozer & Co. "Edmund C. Tozer," wrote Louise Manny in her *Ships of Miramichi*, "built the barque *Confederate Star* in 1866 with Patrick Carroll the master builder. . . . The *Confederate Star* was sold in England for £3,000 sterling. This appears to have been the only vessel built by Tozer. I surmise that her name showed that Mr. Tozer favored Confederation."<sup>281</sup> Like many of his relatives, Edmund was attracted to Kansas and was living in Abilene in the 1880's. However, the family returned to Newcastle before moving again to San Francisco. They had two daughters, one of whom — Edith — was a music teacher.

ANTHONY made his home in Portland, Oregon, where descendants were living in 1974.

### 3595. Daniel Tozer (c1801-Mar 10 1880)

Daniel Tozer grew up on the North West, where he married Lydia Rogers (2982) on August 1, 1822, and worked in lumbering for a number of years before moving to Quebec. "My great-grandfather, Daniel Tozer," wrote Russell Tozer, from Montreal, in 1968, "came to the Bonaventure River area in the Gaspé Peninsula from the Miramichi River district of New Brunswick some 130 to 140 years ago to cut lumber. From stories I have heard from my father and from my uncles, it is believed that a brother came with him and that at first they came only during the winter, returning to New Brunswick in the spring. After several years of lumbering, my great-grandfather settled on the east bank of the Bonaventure River about four miles upstream from its mouth. He cleared land, built a house, farmed during the summer and continued to cut lumber in the winter."

The records of Zion United Church (formerly Presbyterian) in New Carlisle state that Daniel died on March 10, 1880, and his widow Lydia on March 17, 1897.

- 3634. David (Oct 25 1823-Jul 26 1905) m. Margaret McKay
- 3635. Edward (Feb 12 1826 f1870)
- 3636. Susan (Sep 14 1827 f1885) m. John Sinclair
- 3637. Charlotte (Sep 17 1828 f1870) m. William Ross
- 3638. Sarah (Feb 13 1832 f1870) m. James Walker
- 3639. Jane (Oct 27 1834-Mar 31 1918)
- 3640. Jared (Jul 29 1837-May 18 1915) m. Agnes Burton
- 3641. William (Jul 16 1840 f1871) m. Fanny Burton
- 3642. Annie Elizabeth (Oct 6 1842-Jan 28 1936) m. Ebenezer Tozer (3647)
- 3643. Albert (May 3 1844-Dec 17 1932) m. Rosanna Downs
- 3644. Zilpah (May 6 1847-Feb 5 1908, m. David Burton

DAVID was still attending school at South Esk in 1834, but he spent his teenage and early manhood years with his parents in the Gaspé. In 1856, he moved to Stillwater, Minnesota, where he built up a lumber empire on the St. Croix River, became widely known as "Tozer and Lumber King," and died a millionaire in 1905. A son, David Tozer, Jr. (1867-1946) created the Tozer Foundation at the time of his death, the headquarters of which remains in Stillwater.

EDWARD is commented upon as follows in Tozer family papers: "Ed Tozer, wife and three children (two nearly grown up) arrived in Stillwater from Canada (broke as I remember it) and he went to work in father's logging camps. He was a good handyman and scaler and clerk and looked after a camp. When in town he didn't do well because of drink, and he smoked a good deal. Father helped him buy some land near Houlton, Wisconsin, where he lived on a small farm."<sup>282</sup> There were descendants in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1972.

SUSAN and her family also moved to Minnesota in the 1870's, where her husband became associated with her brother David in the lumber business.

JANE lived unmarried with her brother JARED, who raised a large family at Cullen's Brook in Bonaventure County.

WILLIAM was living in Bonaventure County in 1871 with a wife and three children.



ALBERT was born in New Brunswick, according to several biographical accounts. He was among those to join his brother David in Stillwater, and he too became a successful businessman, separating from his brother to enter into partnership with another aspiring millionaire from the Miramichi — William Sauntry (3102) — in the firm of Tozer & Sauntry in the 1870's. He later moved to Tacoma, Washington, where he owned a business block on Pacific Avenue, as well as extensive lumber interests. A Republican and a Baptist, he left five children and a number of descendants on the West Coast.

ZILPAH and David Burton were written of as follows by their granddaughter Dorthea Burton Axness of Sisseton, South Dakota, in 1968: "Zilpah Tozer married David Burton, and I believe thru the help of David

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, David Tozer, in: Early History of Logging and Milling in Minnesota (unpublished ms. in d.)

Tozer they came to Minnesota and homesteaded in the Town of Walls, Traverse County, Minnesota. They lived in a sod house and later hauled lumber many miles to build an unpretentious house with two chimneys, and that became a landmark. This small building stood until a few years ago, and was used as a Town Hall for that community for many years — for voting, etc. There were eleven children but only four grew to adulthood. A few years ago I located a cemetery which tops a hill overlooking Lake Traverse where three infants born about 1890 were buried. I understand two little girls died of diphtheria and one small boy was burned to death. During the winter, when one child died, the snows were too deep to have a proper burying, so it was buried in the snow until spring came. They had a hard life, but through Grandpa going to the Minnesota woods and working in the winters they prospered and moved to Wheaton where he started as a storekeeper, I believe, and had an interest in an elevator and opened a bank."

#### 3599. Elson H. Tozier (May 8 1814-Aug 18 1887)

According to Elson Tozier's tombstone in the cemetery of the First Baptist Church in Linneus, Maine, he "Died Aug 18, 1887, Ae 73ys 3ms. which confirms that 1814 was the year of birth of the first Tozer born on the Miramichi. He married Esther Ward (3928) on July 17, 1837, and they raised their family on a farm at South Esk. Sometime after 1871, they moved to Linneus, where their son David, as well as Elson's parents and brothers, were living.

- 3645. David L. (c1839 f1880) m. Isa Nickerson
- 3646. William W. (Jan 4 1841-May 2 1926) m. Margaret Graham (1103)
- 3647. Ebenezer Whitney (Jan 8 1843-Dec 14 1923) m. Annie E. Tozer (3642)
- 3648. Esther Jane (c1845-Mar 7 1879) m. William Graham (1102)
- 3649. Sarah Anne (Jun 29 1847-May 26 1935) m. John G. Peabody (2874)
- 3650. Henry Elson (Dec 31 1850-Apr 3 1936) m. Margaret Allison Ida Cole
- 3651. Lydia E. (Jun 29 1853 f1889) m. R. Joseph Hosford (1346)
- 3652. Mary S. (Jan 7 1859-Oct 3 1888)

DAVID was a Deacon of the Baptist church in Linneus in the 1870's and Superintendent of the Sunday School, while his wife was church Clerk.

WILLIAM raised a family on a farm at Williamstown. His youngest son Ernest N. Tozer, who died at Red Bank in 1960, was the last direct male descendant of David Tozier (3587) to reside on the Miramichi.

EBENEZER and Annie lived without children in Duluth, Minnesota.

HENRY, whose first wife was a daughter of William Allison (82), had a family in Linneus, and MARY also lived there.

**3600. Ebenezer Tozier (Mar 9 1816-Mar 30 1893)**

Ebenezer Tozier married Marv Ann Adams of Ludlow parish on Jan. 18. 1838. They settled initially in North Esk but moved to Linneus, Maine in the late 1850's. Miss Edna Tozier of New York City, a daughter of Ebenezer A. Tozier and granddaughter of Ebenezer, wrote as follows in 1907:

"Before I was born [1897] my father lived in New Limerick, Maine, on a farm near the Bangor and Aroostook RR. and my grandfather Ebenezer and wife Mary lived with him and my mother. All the Toziers were Baptist, called 'Hard Shelled'."

A badly weathered tombstone in the Baptist cemetery at Linneus states that "Ebenezer Tozier Died March 30, 1893, Ae 77ys 21ds." Mary died at New Limerick on February 12, 1896, at age eighty.

3653. David J. (May 1839-Oct 6 1911) m. Margaret M. Stewart (3392)

3654. Daniel (c1841-1868)

3655. Sarah Jane (c1843 f1851)

4656. Elson Allan (Mar 2 1846-Apr 1 1911) m. Ada Hatch

3657. Hannah (c1848 f1880) m. George Whitney (4083)

3658. Zilpah Matilda (c1850-Mar 11 1892) m. Edward R. Tozier (3612)

3659. Lucinda (c1853-Jan 31 1929) m. Orlander Morrison, William Higgins

3660. Edward A. (Mar 30 1856-Feb 23 1921) m. Georgia Haskell

3661. Elizabeth Ann (Mar 28 1860 f1879) m. Fred Kimball

DAVID married Margaret Stewart in North Esk in 1860, and they made their first home at Boom Road. They soon moved to Maine, where their children were born but returned to Boom Road, where they were still residing in the 1880's. Later, they settled permanently in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

DANIEL was buried in the Baptist cemetery at Whitney, where a tombstone stood until the 1960's.

ELSON raised two daughters at Linneus. "My dad," wrote his daughter Edna in 1968, "was a large man, and when young had auburn hair, green-hazel eyes, aquiline nose, and fair skin, about 5 ft. 11 in. tall and weighed well over two hundred pounds. He had a beautiful singing voice, drank some, as he had always been in lumber camps when young where men were men, and he smoked a pipe."

LUCINDA lived in Houlton.

EDWARD raised one daughter at Linneus. "Uncle Edward was not quite as tall as Dad," wrote Edna Tozier in 1968, "but a large man also. When young he had blond hair and that faded out color of blue eyes, you know, not a pretty blue. He did not drink or smoke, but was a good little old Methodist that went to church on Sunday."

**3603. John S. Tozer (c1820-Oct 7 1892)**

Born about 1820, John Tozer was raised at Whitney and moved to Lyttleton with his parents about 1840. He, William, Elijah, and Eunice were all baptized in the icy waters of the Little South West on January 19, 1845, and all became charter members of the Little South West Baptist Church when it was organized later that year.

On July 22, 1845, John married Catherine Dunnnett (707), and they settled on Lot 10 South of the Little South West Indian reserve as tenants to the Julian family. Here he had two acres improved and a new camp and good barn built by 1845, according to Land Surveyor David Sacler.

He was later granted this property, which became a valuable farm.

John's wife Catherine died in 1856, and on August 3, 1857, he married Jane McNeil (2633). After she too died prematurely in 1871, he married Nancy Parks (2830), but the third marriage was childless.

3662. Charlotte (c1846-Feb 12 1916) m. Ralph Parker (2820)

3663. John (c1847 f1871)

3664. Marjorie Ann (c1849-c1912) m. Josiah White (3992)

3665. William Henry (c1851-Dec 9 1930) m. Elmira Travis (3737)

3666. Sarah Sarepta (c1853-Jul 12 1922) m. William Blackmore (192)  
 3667. Josephine (c1853 f1861)  
 3668. Catherine (Mar 23 1856 f1861)  
 3669. Robert (1858-Mar 29 1936) m. Margaret Mullin (1966),  
 Eliza Jane Clarke  
 3670. Eunice Jane (c1861 f1871)  
 3671. Donald (c1863 f1871)  
 3672. Edward Hickson (1866-Feb 8 1940) m. Eliza Allison  
 3673. James (c1867 f1871)  
 3674. Mary Ann (Sep 1870 f1891) m. Thomas A. Blackmore (183)

WILLIAM was a carpenter and builder at Sillikers whose sons included Ernest L. Tozer of Sillikers and Newcastle, Byron A. Tozer of Newcastle and Bathurst, and Hazel W. Tozer of Sillikers, all of whom became carpenters and building contractors.

JOSEPHINE and CATHERINE were living at Whitney with the families of James (710) and John Dunnett (705) respectively in 1861.

ROBERT lived on a farm at Sunny Comer, where children of both marriages grew up.

EDWARD, who was named for the Rev. Edward Hickson, the minister of the Little South West Baptist Church at the time of his birth, inherited his father's valuable farm at Sillikers and raised a family there.

#### 3607. William Tozer (c1826 f1892)

William Tozer married Charlotte Parker (2816) of Whitney on November 3, 1853, and made his home at Lyttleton, where his farm house was occupied until it was demolished in the 1940's. The family was Baptist. Charlotte died a widow in 1915.

3675. George Wellington P. (c1855-May 27 1914) m. Ida Travis (3760), Eunice Silliker  
 3676. Harriet A. (c1857 f1915) m. John McDonald (2270)  
 3677. Henry Judson (c1860 f1915) m. Susan Sweeney  
 3678. Robert (c1866 f1880)  
 3679. Zilpah (c1869 f1871)  
 3680. Asenath Sophia (c1872-Feb 1962) m. William J. Russell  
 3681. William (c1875 f1880)

GEORGE raised a family of seventeen children, by two wives, on a farm at Matthews Settlement.

JUDSON lived principally at Nelson-Miramichi, and ASENATH in Newcastle.

#### 3609. Elijah James Tozer (c1830-Mar 23 1902)

Elijah Tozer and Mary Johnston (1528), who were married on July 12, 1852, made their home at Sunny Comer on a site overlooking the confluence of the North West and Little South West rivers, where he was a farmer and a craftsman who made spinning wheels and other fine articles from wood. He and Mary have a tombstone in the Baptist cemetery at Whitney.

3682. Thomas A. (1852-Mar 28 1857)  
 3683. Elizabeth Jane (c1854 f1885) m. Stewart McDonald (2268)  
 3684. Alexander (c1855 f1921)  
 3685. Phoebe Ann (c1858 f1948) m. Frank Barrett  
 3686. Frances Mehetabel (Jul 12 1859-Mar 1 1927) m. Charles A. Mullin (1982)  
 3687. Evangeline (c1861-1930) m. John Whitney (4092)  
 3688. Allan (c1863 f1948) m. Annie K. Jardine (1518)  
 3689. Mary Ambrosine (c1865-Mar 26 1921) m. John G. J. (1513)  
 3690. Mervin W. (c1867-1948) m. Edith —  
 3691. Sarah Emily (c1869-Mar 26 1943) m. William McAllister

(2167)

3692. Albert (1873-1947) m. Jennie McTavish. Mrs. Mary Morrison  
 3693. Perley E. (Feb 20 1875-Jul 2 1944) m. Manjone Dunnett  
 (738)

ALEXANDER was living in Cortez, Colorado, in 1921.

PHOEBE lived in Methuen, Massachusetts.

ALLAN, ALBERT, and PERLEY raised families at Sunny Comer, where Allan was the postmaster for a number of years.

MERVIN, who died in Durango, Colorado, in 1948, was a pioneer settler at McElmo, Colorado.

**3628. Jared Tozer (c1835-Dec 11 1912)**

Jared Tozer lived at South Esk throughout his life where he was a Justice of the Peace, postmaster and merchant. On July 12, 1865, he married Mary Vye, and following her death, her sister Naomi Vye.

An item in the *Advocate* of June 8, 1881, reveals that Jared's family was seriously stricken by illness at that time. Mrs. Tozer had visited her mother's grave, and she and several other people who were at the cemetery at the same time contracted diphtheria. The article states that Mrs. Tozer is recovering, but of the six who contracted it in the household, two (a son and a servant girl) have died. The second Mrs. Tozer died in 1908; Jared in 1912. The family was Presbyterian.

3694. Amy Blanche (Sep 6 1865-Dec 29 1954) m. Arthur Russell  
 3695. Thomas Vye (c1870-1921) m. Isabel Caie  
 3696. Frederick William (Apr 1 1873-Jan 12 1936)

3697. Harry Stanley (Apr 1878-Jun 1 1881)

3698. Harry Stanley (c1883-1948)

3699. Jennie Edith (Sep 29 1887 f1971) m. Fred Bowden

BLANCHE lived in Newcastle, where she was a schoolteacher and her husband Arthur a railroad engineer, but by 1948, she had moved to Westfield, New Jersey.

THOMAS was a telegraph operator and train dispatcher in Newcastle for much of his life. His marriage was childless.

FREDERICK enrolled in McGill University in 1893 and graduated with an M.D. degree in 1897. He practised medicine at Rexton before moving to Portland, Maine, in 1912, to become Director of the Neal Institute, an alcohol and drug addiction clinic. He later returned to New Brunswick and was practising at Blackville at the time of his death. He did not marry.

STANLEY graduated from Harkins Academy in Newcastle and lived most of his life at home at South Esk, until the homestead burned down in 1936. He was the last direct male descendant of Jared Tozer (3586) to live at South Esk and the last direct male descendant of Jared Tozer, Jr. (3594) to live on the Miramichi.

JENNIE married Fred Bowden late in life. In 1971, a niece wrote as follows: "The only living child of Jared Tozer III is his daughter Mrs. Jennie Bowden, who is now living in Binghampton, New York. The original sword carried by Jared Tozer in the Revolutionary War is in my aunt's possession in Binghampton."