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Early Waterford

Miss Alice Walker of Winnipeg, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Walker¹ of Waterford, has contributed to Norfolk Museum² prints of two pioneers of Waterford, Leonard Sovereign and Barton Becker, a print of the latter's store on Main Street near the Nanticoke Creek; a 15 Sep 1914 photograph of Waterford's oldest men, a pamphlet entitled *The Remarkable Vision of Nathan Collver, to which is added a Dream of Heaven*, and a copy of *The Waterford Star* dated 21 Sep 1877.

The donor is a granddaughter of Mr. Becker, the latter's daughter Cornelia, becoming the wife of A. B. Walker referred to later in this article. Leamon Becker and Mrs. D. R. Foster were the other two children of Barton Becker, who will be remembered by many of the older people of the village.

Leonard Sovereign

According to a description of Mr. Sovereign³ he was born within two miles of the large house on the northern edge of Waterford, occupied until recently by his son, the late L. L. Sovereign. During his life he was intimately connected with the early settlement, gradual development, and prosperity of Townsend. "He never sought office nor meddled with municipal affairs, his own business

as a farmer on an extensive scale engrossed his whole attention; he began life with limited means, and by persevering industry and frugality has amassed a large fortune, which he has employed in a great measure in improving the Village of Waterford, which owes much of its picturesque beauty and clean and thrifty appearance to the public spirit and enterprise of Leonard Sovereign. The greater portion of the north side of the village was built by him, and nearly every public enterprise which has been undertaken for the benefit of Waterford has been indebted for its success to a great extent to his means and influence."

"Mr. Sovereign has always contributed liberally toward the support of all Waterford churches; he is a regular attendant at the Waterford Baptist Church, and has subscribed to the erection of a new chapel there, which is now in course of construction."

"He was married in 1837 to Miss Sarah Anne Fluelling⁴, and is the father of three children, two daughters and one son. He was married a second time in 1868 to Mrs. George McMichael."⁵

Barton Becker

These sentences were taken from the old *Norfolk Atlas*, issued in 1877, and from the same source come the following remarks concerning Barton Becker and his son, Leamon.

"Barton Becker⁶ was born in the State of New York in 1800, and is therefore in his 77th year. He removed thence to the Township of Townsend in 1826, and entered the employ of the late Job Loder, with whom he remained for three years. At the expiration of that time he removed to Rockford, in the same township, where he engaged in the lumber business quite extensively until 1837, when he returned to Waterford and was appointed Bailiff and High Constable, which position he held for five years. About 1842 he opened a general store in Waterford, which he carried on successfully for 27 years, and finding the premises he occupied too

¹ Archibald B. Walker, 52, died 14 Jun 1893;
his wife Cornelia Becker, 87, died 17 Apr 1927

² Norfolk Museum was subsequently renamed Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe.

³ Leonard Sovereign, 88, died 9 Feb 1893

⁴ Sarah A., 48, wife of Leonard Sovereign, died 22 Jan 1863

⁵ Mary Ann Best, 1819-1900, wife of George McMichael

⁶ Barton Becker, 92, died 15 Sep 1893

small for his growing business, he built the large brick store which still stands at the foot of the main street near the bridge.”

“Being somewhat advantaged in years and having a competence, Mr. Becker then retired from business and was succeeded by his son Leamon, who has since carried on the business with ability and success.”

“Mr. Becker was married in 1828 to Miss Harriet Sovereign⁷, and has had five children, three of whom are alive.”

Leamon Becker. “Leamon Becker⁸ is the only son of Barton Becker. He was born in 1836 in Waterford, where he has since resided. He received a good education and entered his father’s store as a clerk. In 1889 he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, D. R. Foster⁹, and began business as a general merchant in the store he now occupies; after two years Mr. Foster retired from the firm, and the business has since been carried on with unvaried success, by Mr. Becker alone. He has added a tailoring department, and his stock of general goods is the largest and most varied kept by any merchant in the county, except perhaps one or two in Simcoe.”

“Although the demands of his business make it impossible for Mr. Becker to hold any municipal or other public office, his means and influence are always freely employed in and of any undertaking having for its object the social, religious or material prosperity of the neighborhood in which he resides.”

“In 1884 Mr. Becker married Miss Mary F. Sovereign,¹⁰ a daughter of Leonard Sovereign.

The Old Star.

The copy of *The Waterford Star* included in Miss Walker’s gifts, bore the date 1` Sep 1877, was No. 15 of Volume IV, and was

⁷ Harriet, 76, wife of Barton Becker, died 29 May 1889

⁸ Leamon Becker, 77, died 13 Dec 1913

⁹ Daniel R. Foster 1826-1908, his wife Lydia A. 1831-1913

¹⁰ Mary F., 60 years 5 months 7 days,, daughter of Leonard Sovereign, wife of Leamon Becker, died 21 Oct 1899

published by Percy John Pearce,¹¹ its founder. The paper at that time was organized to the standard of the time: a column or more of business cards flanking stories and short articles on the front page, editorials, world news, local items, markets and display advertisements of Waterford, Simcoe and Port Dover on pages two and three; and general reading matter taking up the back space not used by advertisements of firms which might be described as equivalent to present-day national advertisers.

In appearance *The Star* of the early days was printed fully as well as its city contemporaries. The sheets were 18 by 24 inches, with wide margins. Cuts were few in advertisements, and no illustrations relieved the columns of reading matter.

Extracts of interest from *The Star*’s news columns included: Wheat was \$1.25 per bushel on the Brantford market on Monday.

James Grace, License Inspector of Brantford, in a letter to *The Expositor* says the Dunkin Act is, and will be a failure in that city, and that the sooner it is repealed the better for all parties and has therefore tendered his resignation.

No. 5 Company, 39th Battalion left here on Tuesday morning last, under command of Capt. Yerks, for Simcoe, where they went into camp for eight days.

Excursion tickets will be issued from Waterford to Simcoe over the Canada Southern Railway, to-day (Friday) on regular morning trains, good to return by any regular train to-day or by first passenger train tomorrow morning. Fare 50 cents. (This meant making a change at LaSalette.)

It has been decided that the Hamilton and North Western Railway (to Port Dover) shall cross under the Air Line at Jarvis, requiring a cut of 16 feet, the Air Line will have to be raised six feet at that point. The filling is to be taken from the banks at Simcoe, for which purpose side tracks are now being laid. This will give employment to 60 or 70 shovellers for at least two months.

¹¹ P. J. Pearce, 69, died 21 Sep 1890, his wife Jane, 42, died 21 Sep 1890

The Excursion to Hamilton.

Early on Saturday morning numbers could be seen wending their way towards the station and by 8 o'clock, the hour at which the train was to depart, a large number boarded the train which consisted of 13 coaches. At Townsend Centre and Villa Nova large additions were made, and in due time arrived at Hagersville, where a stop of about 15 or 16 minutes for wood and water, during which time the Waterford Band engaged the attention of the excursionists by playing an excellent piece on the station platform. In a short time the train was rapidly moving towards the city, and arrived shortly after 10 o'clock, where quite a number of excursionists got off, and the remainder were soon on their way to the Beach, where they arrived safely about 11 o'clock. The day was pleasantly spent in boating, croquet playing, etc. Time passed swiftly along, and the hour for returning came, and all were soon aboard, and on their way homeward ... Good time was made ... and the excursionists departed for their homes, well-pleased with the day's enjoyment and the manner in which the Young Men's Club had carried out the arrangements for the day's pleasure. We learn that between 500 and 700 persons were on the train.

Last Saturday as the Excursion train was drawing up at the Hamilton Station, on the return journey, a boy about 13 years old, son of Mr. Wm. Cunningham of this village, attempted to jump on the train while in motion, and from some cause fell under the train, but fortunately was instantly snatched from his dangerous position by a gentleman near by, otherwise he would have been seriously injured.

We have it from the very best authority that Sitting Bull, the notorious Indian Chief, was formerly a pupil of Mr. Lumsden, principal of Port Dover High School. Mr. Lumsden has recently received a letter from the Chief in which he states that an agent of P. T. Barnum, the great showman, has just paid him a visit and offered him ten thousand dollars a year for three years to travel in connection with his Great Show. Sitting Bull will accept the offer providing he can secure immunity from the American Government.

Thus Mr. Barnum "is endeavoring to obtain and has already addressed a petition to the U.S. Government for that purpose. Now this is bona fide, gentlemen, and no cod.

The columns devoted to world news gave progress on the war between Russia and Romania on one side and Turkey on the other.

Many Local Advertisers

A perusal of the local advertisements would reveal, even to youthful Waterford residents, many familiar family names, such as Duncombe, Slaght, Erwin, Joyce, Barber and Kitchen.

The business directory in this issue included the business card ads of S. Lundy, insurance agent; Edward Grace¹², bailiff of 2nd Division Court and issuer of marriage licences; L. H. Slaght, insurance agent and issuer of marriage licences. Mr. Lundy, who had a store on the northeast corner of Mechanic and Main Streets, was father of William Lundy and his two sisters, "Bud" and Ethel. The Edward Lundy family removed many years ago to Salmon Arm, British Columbia. It is not many years since Mr. Grace died at a good old age. He lived on the east side of Main Street north. Although L. H. Slaght advertised that he was to be found in E. E. Slaght's store, at one time he had a store on the southwest corner of Mechanic and Main Streets, opposite Mr. Lundy's place of business. He built the fine big house which is now Mott Bros. Funeral Home, later moved to Toronto, and then to Vancouver. He came to Waterford in 1848, two years before E. E. Slaght.

Display advertisements in the issue are interesting these days and indicate that in the days of 60 years ago the merchants believed heartily in the virtues of presenting their goods in the eye of the population through the weekly paper.

Grace & Hobson were advertising a clearing sale of teas, hats and caps, boots and shoes, crockery and glassware. The senior partner was Edward Grace (mentioned above), Mr. Hobson, who died when still a young man, being his son-in-law.

¹² Edward Grace 1823-1917

Duncombe & Erwin wanted to purchase 2000 bushels of good merchantable wheat to be delivered at the Waterford Mills for cash and were prepared to do gristing on the shortest notice and in the most “workmanship” manner. The first-named was Dr. Alex. Duncombe¹³, father of Mrs. Frank S. Marlatt¹⁴ and the late T. D. Duncombe¹⁵, who carried on the milling business until the demolition of the mill to make way for the overhead bridge over the tracks. Dr. Duncombe’s father was connected with Waterford back to 1836. His partner was Robert Erwin¹⁶, father of the Misses Nora, Margaret and Mary Erwin¹⁷, and the late Robert Erwin. Mr. Erwin was the active member of the partnership, being in charge of milling operations.

Prof. J. W. Lewis, a gentleman of color, begged to inform the citizens of Waterford and surrounding country that he had opened a barber shop over Mr. J. P. Redker’s tailor shop, one door north of the post office, “where he will be found in readiness to wait upon his customers. He has stood No. 1 in the town of Simcoe, in this county, for the past twenty years at his profession of barber;

“The usual prices for hair cutting and shaving: hair cutting 15 cents, shaving 10 cents, shampooing 25 cents, hair cutting children under 12 years 10 cents. Ladies wishing their children’s hair cut will please send them on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, which will be done with neatness by the well-known Prof. J. W. Lewis.

“Particular attention paid to making up Ladies’ hair. Combings and straight hair made up to order cheaper than ever was known, also colored in any shade desired. Price 25 cents per ounce.”

J. P. Redker¹⁸ was father of Mrs. Lawson¹⁹, for many years a resident of Waterford, and now living at Simcoe Y.W.C.A., the late Mrs. Hayward, Waterford, and Mrs. Nichols of Toronto. His shop,

one door north of the post office, in block north of the Baptist Church was burned long ago in the disastrous fire which swept away most of the stores on west side of this Main Street block, and which was only one of a long series suffered by Waterford. Mr. Redker died in Chicago more than 40 years ago.

Furniture was made and sold by John L. Barber²⁰, who was also an undertaker. He settled in the neighborhood in 1829, and his factory was on the site of Leo Reynolds’ house on the west side of Main Street. He lived in the house across the street now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Hoogendyk, recently Rev. Harry Wilkins’ home, and earlier that of the late William Wilson, veteran horseman and bus-driver. Later Mr. Barber had a furniture shop nearly opposite the Baptist Church, which was extremely new in 1877. His son, **A. M. Barber**²¹, was associated with him in the business, and was the father of Rev. F. Louis Barber, D.D., well-known United Church cleric.

The old issue of *The Star* has suffered during the passage of years, a portion of the pages being torn off at the top. One advertisement has missing the name of the tailor, who made known his stock of fine clothes, for overcoats, suits, fancy vests and the like. The missing name may have been that of A. S. Bezzo²², whose daughter, Sarah²³, married D. J. Horning, who learned his trade in the Bezzo establishment. Mrs. Horning died last year, and her sisters were Mrs. W. S. Griffin, whose husband was once the publisher of *The Simcoe Reformer*, Mrs. Georginson, and Mrs. W. A. Werrett²⁴, the latter of whom is still alive.

The name of **James Joyce**²⁵ is still remembered, his wife dying a few years ago at her home west of the Baptist Church. He himself

¹³ Dr. A. C. Duncombe 1836-1920

¹⁴ Frank Scarf Marlatt 1865-1942, his wife Mary C. Duncombe 1868-1944

¹⁵ Thomas D. Duncombe 1865-1939

¹⁶ Robert C. Erwin 1838-1887, his wife Mary Fitzgerald 1843-1957

¹⁷ Nora E. Erwin 1880-1956; Margaret O. Erwin 1870-1948; Mary J. Erwin 1870-1957

¹⁸ John P. Redker, 73, died 16 Dec 1903; his wife Mary E. 48, died 24 Jul 1888

¹⁹ Bessie M. Lawson, 34, wife of C. W. Lambert, died 6 Mar 1917

²⁰ John L. Barber, 64, died 11 Dec 1893; his wife Abigail 1827-1907

²¹ A. M. Barber 1854-1907; his wife Clarissa Marie 1929

²² A. S. Bezzo 1826-1891; his wife Sarah 1832-1911

²³ Daniel J. Horning 1847-1914; his wife Sarah Ann 1849-1939

²⁴ William A. Werrett 1860-1924: his wife Eva Bezzo died 31 Oct 1943

²⁵ James Joyce, son of James & Caroline Tyler Joyce of Godalming, England, born 15 Nov 1825, died 27 Nov 1916 Toronto; his wife Selina Fenton Gurney, daughter of

died many years ago. In a double column 5½ inch advertisement Mr. Joyce informed Waterford and district about his large stock of boots and shoes for men, women and children. “Parties buying a family supply will do well to examine, as the subscriber buys only from the best makers. Store – North half in Old Stand, with Mr. T. Hague, Grocer.” Mr. Joyce was father of Mrs. Lewis Beemer²⁶, Waterford, Mrs. Carrie Nash Elliott and Mrs. Wilbur, Detroit, and Mrs. Riggins, Buffalo. At the time of a serious fire, mentioned above in this article, Mr. Joyce’s store in the block north of the Baptist Church, was burned.

E. G. Christie²⁷, carriage painter, asked to be allowed to make old buggies “look as good as new, at prices to suit the times.” His painter’s shop was opposite the old Baptist Church. The later structure originally stood on the site of the present church, and when the new one was erected in the late seventies [1870s] the former place of worship was moved back to the top of West Street, next to the present Robinson Business College site. Mr. Christie was the father of Mrs. T. C. Savage²⁸, St. James Street, Waterford.

One of the former manufacturing firms of Waterford was that of **Green Brothers**, who made the “Royal Royce Reaper,” at their foundry which stood on the south-west corner of Alice and West Streets – the site of the present Duncombe Block. When Alice Street was put through the foundry was moved to the corner of Alice and St. James Streets, next to the present *Star* office site.

Green Brothers announced that their sale of Royce Reapers in 1877 was nearly three times that of the previous year, and that they did not have sufficient manufactured to supply their orders by about 200 reapers. Apparently this business was one of the early

ones to yield to the competition of mass production, as it is now many years since this foundry ceased to do business.

A.M. and Joseph Little²⁹ on 2 May 1877, inserted an advertisement in *The Star* announcing the arrival “of a very nicely assorted stock of New Spring Goods,” consisting of dry goods and millinery. In the issue of *The Star* now being described, four months later, this advertisement was still displayed. The Little brothers had a general store in a building which stood on the east side of Main Street about where the cenotaph now stands. This place of business, like many others, was destroyed by fire.

A.M. Little at one time was occupant of the handsome stone house built by George Marter, once member of Ontario Legislative Assembly, on the west side of Main Street, later occupied by Mr. Little’s brother-in-law, the late Foster Bauslaugh³⁰, and now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mott³¹ (Mildred Bauslaugh).

Mrs. J. O’Heron offered great bargains in millinery, manties, fancy goods, mottoes (cardboard and canvas), trimmings, corsets, bustles, birds, flowers, real lace, etc. Dress Making was also done at reasonable prices. Mrs. O’Heron was sister-in-law of the father of Mrs. James Fleming³². The advertisement gives no inkling as to the whereabouts of her store, but she was however, located on the west side of Main Street, near the Baptist Church.

U. J. Chambers³³, “jewelry emporium,” carried on business on west side of Main Street, where he also pulled teeth, giving his patients no anesthetic. When fire swept all stores on Main Street from near Waterford Baptist Church down the hill, including Mariet’s General Store, Mrs. O’Heron’s millinery, James Joyce’s boot shop and Becker’s Tailor Shop, Mr. Chambers was also burned out and then removed to the Henry Block on west side of

Charles & Mary Ann Hill deGourne of Buckinghamshire, England, born 25 May 1839, died 17 Feb 1933 Beamsville.

²⁶ Louis, son of Elias & Agnes Beemer, born 23 Jun 1856, died 8 Jul 1930; his wife Charlotte (Lotta), daughter of James & Selina Joyce, born 3 Aug 1866, died 15 Jan 1959

²⁷ Edmund G. Christie, born 12 Jul 1841, died 6 Sep 1918; his wife Harriet Burgess, born 8 Apr 1844, died 10 May 1900

²⁸ Thomas C. Savage 1873-1945; his wife Martha Alice Christie 1874-1960

²⁹ Archibald M. Little 1837-1922; his wife Louisa A. 1845-1915;

Joseph B. Little, 30, died 5 Feb 1879; his wife Agnes G. Miles, 1853-1934

³⁰ Foster Bauslaugh 1869-1934; his wife Nettie McCool 1868-1933

³¹ Henry Nelles Mott 1904-1979; his wife Mildred L. Bauslaugh 1900-1967

³² James W. Fleming 1862-1935; his wife Josephine O’Heron 1863-1954

³³ Dr. Urban J. Chambers 1832-1915; his wife Martha M. Sopher 1837-1862; his wife Phoebe A. Harris 1847-1913

St. James Street. His son, Mr. John Chambers³⁴, is a present resident of Waterford on Sylvia Street.

Another dress-maker and milliner of Waterford was Mrs. M. A. Kitchen, announced to the public that she had taken rooms in Foster's brick block, where she had her home. This block was on Main Street, east side, where Mrs. Douglas Caley's house stands, and it too was destroyed by fire long ago.

Nichol Street, Waterford, gets its name from the proprietor of Nichol's Planing Mills, which were situated north of Penman's Mills, near the Canada Southern Railway, now M.C.R. Depot, according to Mr. Nichols' advertisement. The family lived in a house on the site of the present house of the Misses Erwin, corner of Church and Wellington Streets.

Edward Matthews, druggist, was a man with a variety of pursuits. In his advertisement, one column wide, 5½ inches long, and turned sidewise, he described himself as "Druggist, Conveyancer and Commissioner in B. R. Deeds, Mortgages, Bonds, etc., executed on Reasonable terms. Clerk Division Court Matthews celebrated Ring-bone and Spavin Remedy always on hand. New Liquor Store. The subscriber has on hand and for sale, Wines and Liquors of the best brands in quantities to suit purchasers. Fine bottled Ale and Porter." Mr. Matthews was an uncle of John Daniel and Edward Matthews of Simcoe and he came from England about 1840. Miss Pidgic Matthews and Miss Ethel Matthews, Simcoe, are daughters of John and Daniel Matthews, respectively and F. R. Pursel, Simcoe, is a nephew of Edward Matthews the younger.

Describing his business as a Family Grocery, Thomas Hague sold "groceries, crockery, glassware, brushes, ropes, small wares, toys and fancy goods." His origin is not known at present but he went to Brantford where he died.

The last Waterford advertiser in the issue was Leamon Becker³⁵, who had a double column 5½ inch advertisement setting out the

lines stocked in his general store, its date being 10 Apr 1877, which had run through into the fall without change. These goods were suitable of course for the time of year when the advertisement was made up. His premises which had been formerly similarly occupied by his father, Barton Becker, was situated near the railway tracks, just back of the location of the present Bank of Montreal on Alice Street. This street had not been put through then. By the way, it was named for Alice Sovereign, wife of Col. Isaac E. York,³⁶ druggist and former commanding officer of the 39th Battalion. She was mother of Gordon Becker York and a daughter of Leonard Sovereign, a brother being the late L. L. Sovereign.

Leamon Becker's home was on the site of the present bank, and when Alice Street was opened, it was moved across the road a bit to the west, and it is now occupied by Misses Mary, Luella and Orpha Bauslaugh³⁷.

A.B. Walker, father of Miss Walker, married as mentioned, a daughter of Barton Becker, was a Methodist "preacher" who went into business in the home village of his wife. He was for a time connected with Green Brothers. He built the "flat-iron" building on the gore where the Tench Bros. garage is located. In it he kept a general store some time subsequent to the date of the old *Star* issue. In this structure Col. York also had his first drug store, and here Waterford's early telephone exchange was set up.

In a two-line reader, A. McMichael, L.D.S., Dentist, announced his office in Green's Block. He was the Aaron McMichael³⁸ who built the old stone house two miles north of Waterford whose present occupants are Mr. and Mrs. Hammond.

³⁴ John Edward Chambers 1860-1942; his wife Lillie Belle Price 1872-1960

³⁵ Leamon Becker, 77, died 13 Dec 1913; his wife Mary F., 60, daughter of Leonard Sovereign, died 21 Oct 1899

³⁶ Lt. Col. I. E. York 1852-1930; his wife Alice L. Sovereign 1855-1921

³⁷ Daughters of Wm. & Nellie Bauslaugh: Mary Alice 1887-1967; Luella 1894-1970; Orpha 1886-1956

³⁸ Aaron McMichael, born 9 Jan 1820, died 25 Aug 1895; his wife Emily Campbell, born 3 Sep 1826, died 7 Dec 1904

Other Interesting Items.

Simcoe market prices per bushel under date of 10 Sep 1877 were:

White Wheat: \$1.10 to \$1.16

Red Wheat: \$1.03 to \$1.10

Spring Wheat: \$1.05 to \$1.10

Rye: 50 cents to .00

Corn: 50 cents to .00

Barley: 50 cents to .00

Buckwheat: .00 to 40 cents

Peas: 50 cents to 58 cents

Oats: 25 cents to .00

The three varieties of wheat were 5 cents to 30 cents more on Brantford market than on Simcoe market, with barley the same, oats 5 cents less, rye 4 cents more, and corn 10 cents more.

In this issue, at the foot of a patent medicine advertisement, G.W. York was named as druggist. He was a brother of Col. I. E. York.

So much for the copy of *The Star*, which must bring memories of long ago to many persuing this article, which perhaps has errors in it.

Old Photograph

The photograph of Waterford's oldest men of 1913 is another interesting memento, and although more that 26 years have passed, and every man pictured is now dead, many of them survived until comparatively recently, and are remembered by many. The picture was posed in front of *The Waterford Star* office, and the late P. George Pearce³⁹, who was responsible for it, forms one of the group. The others were W. B. Goodwin⁴⁰, S. Munce, R.J. Somers⁴¹, W. Messecar⁴². Leamon Becker, Wm. Murtland, James Crabb⁴³,

³⁹ P. Geo. Pearce 1873-1933; his wife Fanny Murdoch 1876-1968

⁴⁰ W. B. Goodwin 1840-1924; his wife Mrs. W. B. Goodwin 1845-1932

⁴¹ Robert J. Somers 1838-1916; his wife Martha Ann 1840-1922

⁴² Walker Messecar 1834-1923; his wife Mary Ann 1837-1916

⁴³ James A. Crabb 1849-1928; his wife Lugenia M. 1850-1925

John Wyatt, James Evans⁴⁴, D. D. Barber⁴⁵, Wesley Perney⁴⁶, Wm. Smith, J.G. Newell, Henry Thompson⁴⁷, Rev. J.B. Moore⁴⁸, W. S. Hellyer⁴⁹, Lewis Walker⁵⁰, Wm. Perkins⁵¹, H. F. Teeter⁵², J. K. McMichael⁵³, Israel Slaght⁵⁴, Rev. W. H. Haviland⁵⁵, E. Grace⁵⁶, Dr. A. Bowlby⁵⁷, Nelson Moble, Wm. Beemer, J. J. Church⁵⁸, and James Joyce.

Weird Booklet

The pamphlet is a truly remarkable bit of literature, and it is the third edition of the work. Its one-time owner was apparently Mrs. Barton Becker as the name of Harriet Becker is written at the top of its first page. The title page reads "The Remarkable Vision of Nathan Collver, to which is added A Dream of Heaven, Reprinted by request of Mrs. Parke, for the purpose of helping her procure a home." It was printed at the "Western Planet" Office, Chatham, C.W.⁵⁹ in 1855.

"The Remarkable Vision" gave a detailed account of Nathan Collver's conversion by means of a vision of heaven and hell, in a version in stanzas of poetry in four lines, and notes by Jabez Collver, father of Nathan. Jabez was perhaps a grandson of the

⁴⁴ James Evans 1840-1923; his wife Margaret Castle 1841-1924

⁴⁵ David D. Barber 1842-1922

⁴⁶ Wesley Perney 1834-1915; his wife Margaret 1836-1917

⁴⁷ Henry Thompson 1835-1918; his wife Ursula Sinclair 1838-1920

⁴⁸ Rev. J. B. Moore 1842-1955; his wife Hannah E. 1846-1919

⁴⁹ Walter S. Hellyer 1830-1918; his wife Permedia 1834-1926

⁵⁰ Lewis, son of John M. Walker, 1839-1923; his wife Mary Porter 1845-1926

⁵¹ Wm. Perkins Jr. 1832-1919; his wife Lucinda 1842-1920

⁵² Henry F. Teeter, 79, died 10 Apr 1918; his wife Elsie Clement, 83, died 3 Aug 1928

⁵³ Joseph K. McMichael 1835-1917; his wife Sarah McKerlie 1839-1922

⁵⁴ Israel Slaght 1830-1914; his wife Mary Jane Moore 1837-1915

⁵⁵ Rev. W. H. Haviland 1823-1918; his wife Eliza, 73, died 8 Feb 1902

⁵⁶ Edward Grace 1823-1917; his wife Maryann, 25, died 17 Jul 1861; their son John, 12 days, died 3 Mar 1850; Edward Grace's wife Catherine 1828-1915

⁵⁷ Dr. Alfred Bowlby, 95, died 8 Nov 1916; his wife Margaret, 85, died 8 Jul 1917

⁵⁸ James J. Church 1839-1938; his wife Esther Pitman 1844-1938

⁵⁹ C.W. or Canada West was the name given this province between its origin as Upper Canada and its post-Confederation (1867) name of Ontario.

original Jabez Culver, the Presbyterian minister, who came to Norfolk in 1794 and died in 1818. Both Jabez and Nathan are names common among the old minister's descendants.

"A Dream of Heaven" and "A Singular Dream," two narratives depicting somewhat similar experiences of other people who allowed the warnings to go unheeded, complete the pamphlet.

Sewn at its back is part of *The Lives, Trial, Confession and Execution of two of the Notorious Townsend Gang*, published by Thomas Messenger, in 1855 at Buffalo. The first part of the

narrative is missing, the story of the execution of Blowes and King being preceded by a few lines describing the latter part of the trial and a picture of the Court House at Cayuga where the two criminals were hanged in the presence of a large crowd, the gallows being placed directly in front of the front entrance.

Miss Walker's gifts will be given into the keeping of the Norfolk Museum curator, W. E. Cantelon, with due acknowledgement for her kindness.

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Bauslaugh, Orpha.....	6	Georginson, Mrs.....	4	Matthews, Edward the younger	6	Somers, R. J.	7
Becker, Barton.....	1, 6	Goodwin, W. B.	7	McMichael, Aaron.....	6	Sovereign, Alice.....	6
Becker, Barton, Mrs.	7	Grace & Hobson	3	McMichael, George Mrs.....	1	Sovereign, Harriet	2
Becker, Cornelia	1	Grace, Edward.....	3, 7	McMichael, J. K.	7	Sovereign, L. L.	1, 6
Becker, Harriet	7	Grace, James	2	Messecar, W.....	7	Sovereign, Leonard	1, 2, 6
Becker, Leamon.....	1, 2, 6, 7	Green Brothers.....	5, 6	Messenger, Thomas	8	Sovereign, Mary F.	2
Becker's Tailor Shop.....	5	Griffin, W. S.	4	Moble, Nelson.....	7	Teeter, H. F.....	7
Beemer, Lewis.....	5	Hague, Thomas	5, 6	Moore, J. B., Rev.	7	Tench Brothers.....	6
Beemer, Wm.	7	Hammond, Mr. & Mrs.....	6	Mott Bros. Funeral Home	3	Thompson, Henry.....	7
Bezzo, A. S.	4	Haviland, W. H., Rev.....	7	Mott, Harry	5	Townsend Gang	8
Bezzo, Sarah	4	Hayward, Mrs.....	4	Munce, S.	7	Walker, A. B.....	1, 6
Bowlby, Alfred, Dr.	7	Hellyer, W. S.	7	Murtland, Wm.....	7	Walker, Alice	1, 2, 8
Caley, Douglas, Mrs.....	6	Hobson, Mr.	3	Newell, J. G.....	7	Walker, Lewis.....	7
Cantelon, W. E.....	8	Hoogendyk, William	4	Nichol's Planing Mills	6	Waterford Mills.....	4
Chambers, John.....	6	Horning, D. J.	4	Nichols, Mr.	6	Werrett, W. A.	4
Chambers, U. J.....	5	Joyce, James.....	4, 5, 7	Nichols, Mrs.	4	Wilbur, Mrs.	5
Christie, E. G.	5	Kitchen, M. A., Mrs.....	6	O'Heron, J., Mrs.	5	Wilkins, Harry, Rev.	4
Church, James J.	7	Lawson, Mrs.	4	Parke, Mrs.	7	Wilson, William	4
Collver, Jabez.....	7	Lewis, J. W., Prof.	4	Pearce, Percy John	2	Wyatt, John	7
<i>Collver, Nathan</i>	1, 7	Little, A. M.	5	Pearce, P. Geo.	7	Yerks, Capt.	2
Crabb, James	7	Little, Joseph	5	Penman's Mills	6	York, G. W.	7
Culver, Jabez	8	Loder, Job.....	1	Perkins, Wm.	7	York, Gordon Becker	6
Cunningham, William.....	3	Lumsden, Mr.	3	Perney, Wesley	7	York, Isaac E., Colonel	6, 7
Duncombe & Erwin	4	Lundy, "Bud"	3	Pursel, F. R.....	6		
Duncombe Block	5	Lundy, Ethel.....	3	Redker, J. P.....	4		
Duncombe, Alex, Dr.	4	Lundy, S.....	3	Reynolds, Leo	4		