

THE M c I N T O S H F A M I L Y

William John McIntosh established himself in Fort Langley in 1887. He was raised in the Owen Sound area of Bruce County, Ontario and at the age of 23 left home to seek his fortunes in the West. He reached Fort Langley the following year and shortly after his arrival bought a blacksmith shop and set up business. He worked as a blacksmith for many years until the shop was eventually sold to Mr. George Medd. It was during this time that he became the first policeman at Fort Langley, a job that in those days demanded little of one's time and as a consequence afforded little pay.

Billy McIntosh built a home in Fort Langley as he hoped that his intended bride Catherine Hart Dalglish, would soon be coming to join him, however his wait proved to be a long one. Kate would tell the story of Billy McIntosh waiting seven years for his bride as did "Isaac for Rebecca", much to the McIntosh displeasure. He returned to Bruce County to fetch her, and they were married November 14th, 1894 at her home in Burgoyne, near Paisley. Kate had remained in Ontario because her mother had suffered a stroke and she felt duty bound to care for her.

Catherine Dalglish's father Andrew, (1831-1929) visited this area a number of years prior to the coming of the CPR. He made the trip by way of San Francisco, to quote from an old newspaper clipping dated 1925, Dalglish says: "Vancouver then was nothing but a sawmill, and New Westminster merely a village". Although there was little doing he was able

to get work as a bricklayer at \$5.00 a day. Returning to Ontario in the
 of 1875
 Fall he was fortunate enough to sail from Victoria earlier than he had

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 expected. The "Pacific" the next boat on which he was to have made the
 trip, was wrecked with almost a total loss of life of crew and passengers,
 "something seems to have warned me to go home right away". It is only con-
 jecture, but McIntosh who would be courting in the Dalgleish home would hear
 these stories of adventure, and of this wonderful new land on the Pacific
 coast, and it is not surprising that he arrived here in Fort Langley very
 shortly after the CPR was completed.

• Undoubtedly Billy McIntosh or "Will", as Kate always called him,
 would have a connection with St. Andrews almost from the day that he stepped
 off the CPR at Port Haney and crossed the Fraser to Fort Langley. We know
 that he was active in the early days of the church, serving on the church
 board at various times as secretary and also as chairman for a number of
 years.

Mrs. Mac did not arrive at the Fort until the year of the high
 water, and as their marriage in Bruce County, was not until mid November
 of 94, it must have been in December of that year that she arrived to take
 up residence across the road from the Berry and Coulter store and next to
 • the blacksmith shop. From that time to the time of her death in 1948, her
 life, its happiness and joys, and its sadnesses were deeply intertwined with
 the church that she adopted. Kate Dalgleish had been brought up a Baptist,
 yet she readily embraced the Presbyterian church, a relatively easy conversion
 • for one of Scottish blood, and something to cause her sometimes to remark
 that she was 30 years ahead of the church "Union" which did not come until
 1925.

• Mrs. McIntosh was an active supporter of the Ladies Aid for 40 years, and its treasurer for most of that time. This was an organization devoted to the life of the church and to involvement in such things as raising funds through quilting bees and bazaars or socials. They oversaw the general upkeep, care and maintenance of the church and the manse, and concerned themselves in many projects around which a great deal of the social life of the community revolved.

• Mrs. McIntosh played the organ in the church on many occasions, and although not the accomplished musician that her daughter was, she could always give a more than adequate rendition of her favourite hymns. Her daughter Isabell Drew, named after Dr. Drew of New Westminster, and perhaps a name suggested by Andrew, the Grandfather's name, was like her mother active in church affairs. As a child she attended Sunday School and later became a member of the choir and the Ladies Aid. She was secretary of this organization in 1915, prior to joining her husband Dr. Marr in England the following year.

Two years after Mrs. McIntosh arrived in Langley, her ailing mother Anne Sinclair Dalgleish passed away. She died August 22nd, 1896, in her 65th year, and was buried by the Reverend Alexander Dunn in the church yard not far from the church. Billy McIntosh the blacksmith, fashioned a little iron fence decorated with chain and anchors to mark the plot. These people, McIntoshes, Sinclairs and Dalgleishes were fundamentalist evangelicals, and he might have had in mind a popular gospel hymn of that time -

"Will your anchor hold in the storm of life?

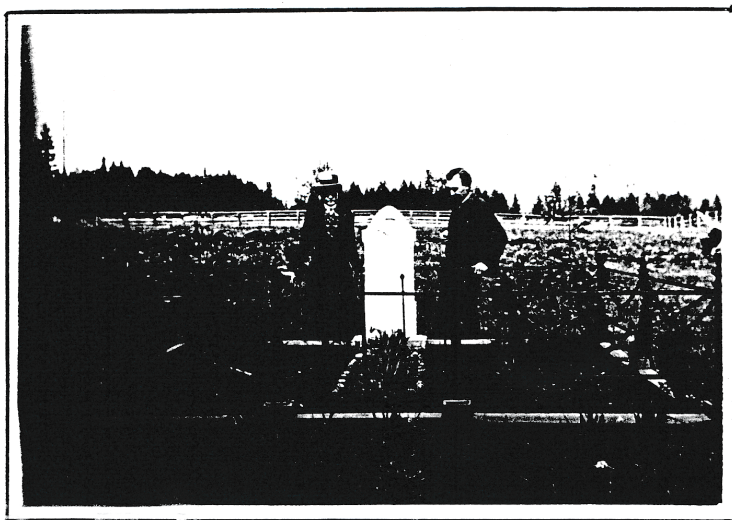
We have an anchor that keeps the soul

Steadfast and deep in the Saviour's Love."

These little anchors, symbols of Hope, made before the turn of the century, are still in place and swing in the wind and the rain as they have for so many years.

Andrew lies here too. He lived to his 98th year, and prided himself that he had memorized practically his entire Bible - woe to any who misquoted chapter or verse! He was deeply loved and fondly remembered by many who still remember those early days around Fort Langley.

The McIntoshes, their daughter and her husband, a granddaughter, Mrs. McIntosh's father and mother, four generations in all, lie at rest in the shadow of St. Andrews United Church. To remember Mrs. Mac, for half a century of work and devotion in her church, coupled with a personality that did much to uplift and spirit and bring hospitality and kindness to a land that was new and oft times inhospitable, must indeed be sufficient memorial.



KATE + N. S. DALGLEISH. 1896

THE ANDREW DALGLEISH BRANCH

" THE TREE "

JOHN DIXON DALGLEISH — MARY HART

ANDREW DALGLEISH — ANN SINCLAIR

KATE DALGLEISH — WILLIAM JOHN MCINTOSH

DREW MCINTOSH — BENJAMIN BUTTLER MARR

WILLIAM LLOYD MARR — ETTA MCATEER

KATHERINE ANN MARR

RICHARD FLYNN MARR

JOHN EDWARD BLAIR

NORA POST

WILLIAM

SEAN

ROBERT

GORDON

MARY ETTA

FLYNN

KATHLEEN

DAVID

The three that Cousin Mary's first husband had (Borden) will be in Kilmacshagh the 1st of July