

E. W. Scane

Early Essex, Ontario Settlers

The Commemorative Biographical Record of Essex County, Ontario tells us:

E. W. SCANE, who departed this life April 1, 1902, was a leading barrister of Chatham, County of Kent, and his death removed from that city not only one of the oldest members of the Bar, but also one of her most prominent citizens and highly esteemed Christian gentlemen.

E. W. Scane was descended from English ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines. The first member of this family, concerning whom any definite data are obtainable, is Thomas Scane, the grandfather of E. W., who was born in England about the year 1765, and there married, his wife being also a native of England.

Sometime afterward Thomas Scane came to Ontario and settled near St. Thomas (*where his wife died*) in the year 1820. In the year 1822 Thomas moved to Howard township, County of Kent, settling on a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1845.

Politically Thomas Scane was a Conservative.

To Thomas Scane I and his wife were born the following children:

- Ellen Scane, who died in England,
- Jane Scane, who died in Ontario,
- Betsy Scane, who died in Ridgetown,
- John Scane, who came to Ontario, and settled in Howard township,
- Thomas Scane II, also came to Ontario with his father, and settled in Howard Township, where he died in 1871, leaving two sons,
 - Henry Scane, deceased,
 - Thomas Scane III, still resides in Howard Township,
 - Jane Scane,
 - Ellen Scane, (deceased)
 - Betsy Ann Scane. Of these

John Scane, son of Thomas Scane I, and the father of E. W. Scane, was born in England in 1800, and came to Ontario about, the same time his father emigrated. John settled on a farm in Howard township, County of Kent, now owned by James Scane, his son.

John Scane I, married in 1822 to Miss Elizabeth Mitton, who was born in England in 1798, and they became the parents of nine sons and two daughters, four sons dying in infancy. We have the following record of the others:

- John Scane II, born in 1824, died in 1901, he married Catherine Marsh, by whom he had three children:
 - Charles W. Scane, unmarried, who resides in Howard Township,
 - Harry Scane, who married Addie Scarlett, and also lives in Howard Township,

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- Elizabeth Alice Scane, wife of J. Hamil
- James Scane, born in 1826, married Jane Spence, and lives in Howard Township.
- Joseph Scane, born in 1829, married Harriet Spence, and lived in Howard Township until his death, in January 1902. They had nine daughters and three sons:
 - Alice Scane,
 - Ellen Scane, died in infancy,
 - Jane Scane, died in infancy,
 - Louisa Scane, married William Thorold, and lives in Ridgetown,
 - Minnie Scane, married Alfred Savage, of Ridgetown,
 - Mabel Scane, married Alfred Crodon, and lives in London,
 - Annie Scane, married George Laing, of Ridgetown,
 - Maud Scane, Maud married James Craig, of Chicago,
 - Ethel Scane, Ethel married Roy Gammage,
 - George Scane, died in infancy,
 - John Scane II, died in infancy,
 - James Scane, a farmer of Howard, who married a Miss McDonald.
- Charles E. Scane, born in 1834, married Amanda Stover, and lives in Ridgetown. He has three sons and one daughter,
 - Wilbur Scane, who married Elizabeth Rushton,
 - Harry Scane,
 - Roy Scane,
 - Dora Scane, Mrs. Buller,
- Jane Scane, married John Toll,
- E. W. Scane, is mentioned below.

Ebenezer Wilbury Scane was born Sept. 9, 1838, in the township of Howard, on the same farm where he grew to manhood, and attended the rural schools. On his father's farm E. W. Scane formed the habits of industry and integrity which made him successful in both his profession and his business.

In 1857 E. W. Scane entered Victoria College, graduating in 1858, and in the fall of that year entered the law office of C. R. Atkinson, with whom he remained five years.

E. W. Scane passed his examination in 1865, and until his death was engaged in the practice of his profession in Chatham, being one of the oldest legal practitioners in the city.

E. W. Scane was never a politician, preferring to give his time exclusively to his profession.

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E. W. Scane served his city as Member of the Council in 1872-73, as Mayor in 1882-83, and in 1900-01 was again in the Council. E. W. was for some time a member of the Collegiate Institute Board in Chatham, and always took an interest in the educational matters of his city.

On Feb. 14, 1865, E. W. Scane and Miss Mary A. Spencer were united in marriage. Mary (*Spencer*) Scane is a daughter of William and Betsey (*Cherry*) Spencer, the former of whom was born in Hull, England, in 1800, and the latter in the United States in 1810.

William and Betsey (*Cherry*) Spencer located in Chatham in 1838, and William Spencer died there in 1847, and Betsey (*Cherry*) Spencer on Aug. 7, 1893. They had five children:

- Adelaide Spencer, (Mrs. Thomas Stone), deceased,
- William Spencer, of California,
- Timothy Spencer, of California, deceased,
- Mary Abigail Spencer, Mrs. Scane,
- Samuel Spencer, deceased.

Ebenezer Wilbury Scane and Mary (*Spencer*) Scane became the parents of four children:

- Walter W. Scane, was called to the Bar in 1887, and has been a legal practitioner in Chatham ever since, and is a member of the firm of Huston, Stone & Scane, barristers, of Chatham. Walter married Emma Wall, by whom he has two daughters,
 - Mary Scane,
 - Margaret Scane,
- Adelaide Cherry Scane, married William J. Taylor, of Chatham, and has two children,
 - William Wallace Taylor,
 - Thomas Hulme Taylor.
- John Wallace Scane, a graduate of McGill Medical College, and now a practicing physician of Montreal, married Leonora Morris, and has one daughter and one son:
 - Mary Marjorie Amelia Scane,
 - John Morris Scane.
- Bessie C. Scane, married Joseph Hadley, of Chatham.

E. W. Scane was a member of the Methodist Church, to which faith Mrs. Scane also adheres. Politically E. W. was a Conservative.

Ebenezer Wilbury Scane owned one of the many beautiful homes in Chatham, and was numbered among the leading members of the legal profession, not only in Chatham, but in Ontario.