

## THE ATKINSON GENEALOGY PREFACE

During the Summer of 1926, Mrs. Elizabeth Treadgold spent a few days with her niece, Mrs. Marietta Smith, my mother. While here she told of incidents that took place in her childhood days and of her father's early experiences, of which she had heard him speak.

A few weeks later we visited Mrs. Martha Johnston, and asked for her recollections. We then started gathering information from other relatives, neighbours, cemeteries, and whatever we could. Thus the Atkinson genealogy was started.

In the Spring of 1927, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Atkinson, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Atkinson, and Mr. & Mrs. Ben Parr arranged for a family get together to meet at Dundurn Park in Hamilton, Ontario on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July that year. They also urged many Atkinson cousins to attend. This was the start of the Atkinson Reunion.

At the first reunion, I was appointed genealogist; those present promising to assist in making as complete a record as possible. So with the help of relatives, friends, records found in family Bibles, and visits to numerous cemeteries, we have collected the information you find herein.



DUNDURN CASTLE AND PARK

Dundurn Park, located to the north-west of the city, is about 31 acres in extent. It overlooks Hamilton Bay; the view from the drives is very fine. It was formerly the private property of Sir Allan McNab, who was a famous host in his day. The property was purchased from the late senator Donald McInnes in the year 1899 for \$50,000. In the centre of the grounds is the magnificent castle, now fitted up as a museum and refreshment quarter.

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Since information is gathered from so many different sources and in some cases, people's memories, it is almost impossible to be free from errors. So we ask your assistance to correct mistakes and to complete the omissions.

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