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I have been slow getting to you information I spoke to you of regarding the early settlement of Shelburne.

It is possible that I have read into the data more than it really contains. Yet it does seem as though there was a Scottish settlement at Shelburne, prior to Alex. McNutt.

My data is regarding the Munro family of Roseway. I have no immediate connection with this family. The progenitor of this family was Edward Munro, who was born in Inverness, Scotland, on Feb. 6th. 1732. When he came to Nova Scotia I do not know. The record is that in 1755, Feb 21st. Edward Munro married at Shelburne, (Port Rosair) Anne Smith, daughter of Rev. Denard Smith Presbyterian minister.

I have not been able to learn where Rev. Denard Smith came from, or anything else about him. There is no record in Fasti, Edinburgh, Scotland. It would seem that if he were a Presbyterian Minister in that District at that time he must have come from the New England Colony. This is an intriguing question.

There were seven children by this union of Edward Munro and Anne Smith. It would appear that the older children were born in Shelburne., Perhaps all of them.

In 1778 Edward and Anne Munro were living in Clinton, New Jersey. When they moved from Shelburne is not stated.

Jane Munro, daughter born 1756, was married in 1780, to Henry Stuart at his father's house in Clinton.

In 1800 Edward and Anne Munro returned to Shelburne, where their son William still lived. William died at St. Andrews in September 1824. (I am not sure where this St. Andrews is located).

On Feb 6th. 1825, Anne wrote to her son Edward in Nassau, saying that on Feb. 1st 1825, Edward died at St. Andrews. She stated that Mr. Cochrane and Mr. J. Beiser walked as mourners and the sermon was preached by Rev. Rowland.

If there were settlers enough in and around Roseway, or Shelburne, in 1755 to have a Presbyterian minister it is strange that no historian has discovered any records of them? If there were no considerable people there then how can we account for the records of this Munro family? The whole matter is intriguing.

There should be some record in Shelburne of the death of Edward Munro in 1825, and the ministry of Rev. Howlands who conducted the funeral. It would be interesting to know what became of the widow Anne Munro.

The eldest child of Edward and Anne Munro, Jane, born in 1756 and married in 1780, to Henry Stuart, in Clinton New Jersey, might have left some clue to the family history if one could get at the records of Clinton. Jane was evidently born in Roseway.

The information herein contained came to me indirectly from a descendant of Edward Munro, Ida Gayle Munro, daughter of Judge George P. Munro, 1320 Second Ave. Columbus, Georgia.

I do not know what value this information may be to you. I would be glad to have your estimate of it.

Sincerely Yours

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