

## **FINLAY MALCOLM**

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Duncan Malcolm, born in 1701, a native of Aberdeenshire of Scotland, lost his fortune at the Battle of Culloden. He was a supporter of Charles Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie). He immigrated to Long Island, USA in about 1714 with his wife and ten children. There is no record of his wife's origin, but their eldest child, Finlay, was born in 1755.

About 1778, Finlay Malcolm went to Penobscot, Maine (now called Castine). Here Finlay was a pioneer settler, ship's captain, active Tory and eventually an evacuee to Nova Scotia. At Castine, he married Tryphena Wardwell, born in York, Maine. At the time of the American revolution, Finlay remained loyal to the British. In 1783, as a loyalist, he removed to St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Here he received 100 acres of land from the British which he farmed. He also owned a trading vessel which he used in trade between Scotland and North America.

In 1798, Finlay and family (15 children) set sail for Upper Canada. For the first 3-4 years he farmed in the township of Oakland, Ontario [Brant County]. In 1802, he took a patent on his eventual home in the bush where Scotland village stands today. This is the Garden Wall home now owned by Jen and Ed VanderVelden.

His eldest son, John and brother Finlay II, had farms and gristmill at Oakland. John was born in 1776 and died in 1845. His first wife was Eunice Millar and his second was Mary Chapin Eddy, a widow. His third wife was Sarah Vanatter. With Sarah, their children were Robert and Polly. Robert was born in 1828. He married Martha Bailey in 1848 and raised eight children on a farm in Otterville. The eldest was Egbert Malcolm, a blacksmith who resided in Point Edward, Ontario. Egbert Malcolm married Victoria Smith and raised two children, Herbert (married Margaret E. Edwards) and Alice. Alice Malcolm married Donald K. Ross and had a daughter, Donna Jean Ross who had a son, Dean G. Taylor. Dean married Jean A. McMillan and raised two daughters, Jennifer and Sarah. Jennifer married Ed VanderVelden and raised two children, Daniel and Emma.

Today in the original Finlay Malcolm home (The Garden Wall) Jennifer and Ed enjoy this historical dwelling and are expanding "The Garden Wall" business in garden accessories. One again, the Malcolms reside at 272 Oakland Road in Scotland, Ontario, proud of their ancestral roots and historic connections.



"Garden Wall"

The Garden Wall home at 272 Oakland Road, Scotland, Ontario. It was built in 1802 by Empire Loyalist, Finlay Malcolm and his wife Tryphenia Wardwell. They had thirteen children who were raised on 600 acres comprising Scotland and Oakland areas. This family was involved in the War of 1812 with the two eldest sons, John and Findlay, Jr. who both had their Oakland Mills destroyed by the Americans. Later, their brother Eliakim was involved in the 1837 Rebellion. He eventually became the Warden of Brant County.

His son, Eliakim, Jr., because of poor financial planning, lost the home about 1878 and no Malcolms occupied the home again until December 2001 when purchased by Dean and Jean Ann Taylor. They later sold the house to daughter Jennifer (and Ed) VanderVelden and the Malcolm connection has come full circle.