

ness prevailed. At this time most of the first and early settlers were living and were active men. Many good citizens who had been chosen to act officially in any municipal office in the town, were among the best citizens of the town. There were the Youngs, who settled in the town in the years 1777 and 1778, and the Heals about the same time. No people have better obeyed the Scriptural injunction to "multiply and replenish the earth," than the Youngs and the Heals. The Fletchers, Ephraim, Jonathan and Franklin, were prominent in their day. Ephraim held office quite a number of years, and was chosen representative of the town several times. Jonathan held less office. Franklin settled on the farm where his son Ephraim now lives. He was a quiet, industrious and respectable citizen, and the first man in town who paid for his lot and took a deed from General Knox. He left two sons; our townsman, Ephraim Fletcher, and Samuel Fletcher, Esq., of Belmont. Mr. Charles Mathews, born at Old York, March 30th, 1763, settled on the farms now owned by his two sons, William and James, became one of the wealthiest farmers in town; he had a family of eleven children, ten sons and one daughter. Joseph Gould had in all a family of eleven children, Capt. Joseph Gould being the only one now living in the town. Mr. Gould died in Belfast while attending court as a juryman. Joshua Lamb, Jr., born in Nova Scotia June 13th, 1771, came to Canaan Plantation with his father at the breaking out of the Revolutionary war and was a militia captain in town for a time. He built the free meeting house at Lincolnville Centre. He resided a short time in the town of China, came back to Lincolnville and died several years ago; had a family of