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the country. No danger then of being run over and maimed or killed as is too common to day. "The chariot rage and jolt in the streets" and also on the country roads, and one is never certain that after going out, there will be a safe return. However, altho living in a very circumscribed area, it was my little world, and until in later years I moved outward and came into contact with other places and also people it was the "hub of the universe" and every event was, (well really) an event of some importance. Brookside. I take pride in the very name. Like the Scotch poet Burns who gave expression to the same feelings in reference to his native home, "whose heart within him burned" at the very recollection. It was home, yes, I can well understand like him those earliest experiences to gather at the family prayer & reading from the old book, & how our feet were turned toward the battle of life, and how in the after years, and now, when the battle is drawing to a conclusion, and we have the past in review, I am not ashamed to record that Goodness and mercy from the Lord has followed me "all the days of my life."

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I presume that when development first began in Canterbury, it was the land was mostly taken up in large holdings, and these were called "runs or stations; and the persons taking these up were representative of families that were well to do in the "Old Country". I have no idea whether Brookside was included in any particular station, I rather think not, but there was a shepherd employed (and living close to where Dunsandel is) by a Mr. Harman, whose station extended westward and towards the Mountain Cañon. This man was called Mr. Telford, a grand daughter of this man is Mr. W. Brooks, now in residence on what was her husband's father's property, and who gave the sites both on which stands the Methodist Church and also the public school. I think that he must have been very near to being the earliest settler, as he came to the district in 1862. Whose his employer was I have no knowledge. My father came in March 1864.

A list of those very early settlers may as well be set down.

I will begin with, I will put down Mr. Brooks, Mr. Watson, Isaac Dawson, Peter, John and Wm. Hoag, John Stewart & grown up family. John Cunningham, Henry Washburn, Robt. Moor, John Mills, W. Robinson, Bishop, Andrew Stirling family mostly grown up, Reuben Mitchell, Samuel M. Leary, Chas. Mitchell, Aaron Mitchell, H. Leary