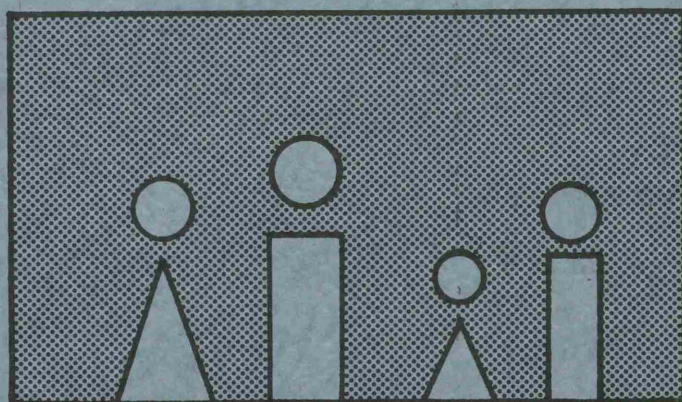


Holden genealogy

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YOURS
MINE
AND OURS



an historical and genealogical
documentation of some of
the ancestral families of
john edward holden

edmonton, alberta

1982

Dear Relative and/or Friend and/or Fellow Genealogist:

I sincerely hope that you enjoy reading your copy of my Family Historical and Genealogical Documentation, as much as I have enjoyed gathering and organizing the information and material for it.

The compilation of this Family History has been a rich and rewarding experience for me personally, and this copy is yours to keep at no cost to yourself.

In return, I would have only one request for your consideration.

If you are in possession of any additional data, or if you should know of anyone else who might have further information pertaining to names, dates or places of births, marriages or deaths, regarding any of the families or their descendents shown herein, I would greatly appreciate either receiving the information directly from you, or receiving the names and addresses of others with whom I might correspond.

Please consider this a preliminary draft, and following receipt of further statistical data over the next few years, I would hope to eventually have the material printed and bound into a more comprehensive Family History.

Please feel free to photocopy all or part of the information contained in this document, and pass it on to anyone whom you feel would be interested in receiving it.

I look forward to hearing from you, and to possibly being able to extend some of the branches of our family tree to an even greater extent.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours very truly,



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INTRODUCTION.

"Family, yours, mine, and ours," is an historical and genealogical documentation of a few of my ancestral families and some of their descendants.

The format of this family history is such that each principal family surname has been designated a specific chapter number, and within each chapter, the data is presented utilizing an historically oriented introduction, followed by the genealogical documentation for that particular family.

A numerical system has been incorporated which identifies the generations and the various family members.

The first known ancestor, at this point in time, within each chapter or principal family, is designated by the number 1. His children are numbered 1,2,3,4,5,6,etc., etc.,

A double digit (ie: 6-6), or an asterisk (*), preceding the name of a child, indicates that further information is to follow pertaining to that child and/or his or her descendants. This information follows either through the principal family name, in the case of male family members, or in the case of female family members, through her husbands family name.

As lines and family groups are expanded and generations are carried forward, the numbering system is also carried forward. Thus, an individual designated as 1653, would be the third child, of the fifth child, of the sixth child, of the first known ancestor of that principal family, and would be four generations removed from the first known ancestor.

The children of the individual designated as 1653 would be listed and numbered, 1,2,3,4,5,6, etc., etc., and would, of course, fall within the fifth generation.

While I am personally opposed to the somewhat de-humanizing aspect of assigning "numbers" to individuals, a practice which seems to be on the upswing in our credit card and computerized society of today, it does help, in this particular case, to enable easy identification of the ancestors of a particular individual.

Using the above example, the father of 1653 would be 165, and his father would be 16, and his father would be 1.

If further information pertaining to child number 10,11,12,13 etc., of a particular marriage is carried forward into subsequent generations, then the use of parenthesis is introduced into the identification number. ie: 13(12)4, which indicates the fourth child, of the twelfth child, of the third child, of the first known ancestor.

It should be noted that when the age of an individual is designated as age ---- in 1851, 1861, or 1871 etc., then that individual appears in the census for that year, and the census record has been, therefore, utilized in determining the age of that particular person.

Our ancestors, to whom we owe so very much, were too busy establishing pioneer communities, and making a life for themselves and their families, to become engaged in detailed record keeping. Generally speaking, the extent of their family records was limited to the family Bible, photographs, letters, and perhaps a personal diary or journal, all of which have a very special meaning to the descendants of these families.

We are all justifiably proud of our ancestral families and of the legacy which they have left for us - their descendants. Compiling a family history establishes

SOURCE DOCUMENTATION.

The following sources were utilized in relation to the compilation of this family history.

I have attempted to be as accurate as possible in my research. I hope that there are a minimum of errors, but the information can only be as accurate as the source data which I have been able to locate and utilize.

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those persons who have sent and shared with me their statistical and historical information regarding the various families outlined herein.

I hope that no one has been overlooked or inadvertently omitted from the following source documentation.

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 Mrs. Ada Farrell, Ripley, Ontario.
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 Mrs. Sadie McLean, Kincardine, Ontario.
 Mr. Leslie Mancell, Merlin, Ontario.
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 Mrs. Josephine B. Harames, Ogden, Utah.
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 Mrs. Blossom Millson, Edmonton, Alberta.
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 Mrs. Ruth Charter, Vancouver, B.C.
 Mrs. Betty Roberts, Sydenham, Ontario.
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 Mr. Angus Cline, Hamilton, Ontario.
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 Mr. Peter R. Tait, Listowel, Ontario.
 Mrs. Douglas Little, Amherstview, Ontario.
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 Mr. R. N. Plumptre, Corbyville, Ontario.
 Mrs. Cora Reid, Napanee, Ontario.
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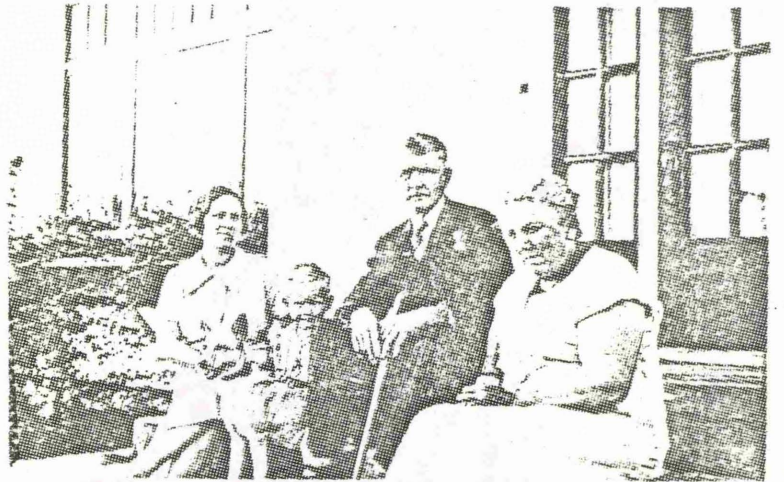
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Four Generations: Marvin Holden, Gordon, Sylvester and Howard (standing).



Olive Jean (Armstrong) Holden, Trixie (the dog), John E. Holden, John M. Armstrong, Martha Melissa (Cummings) Armstrong.



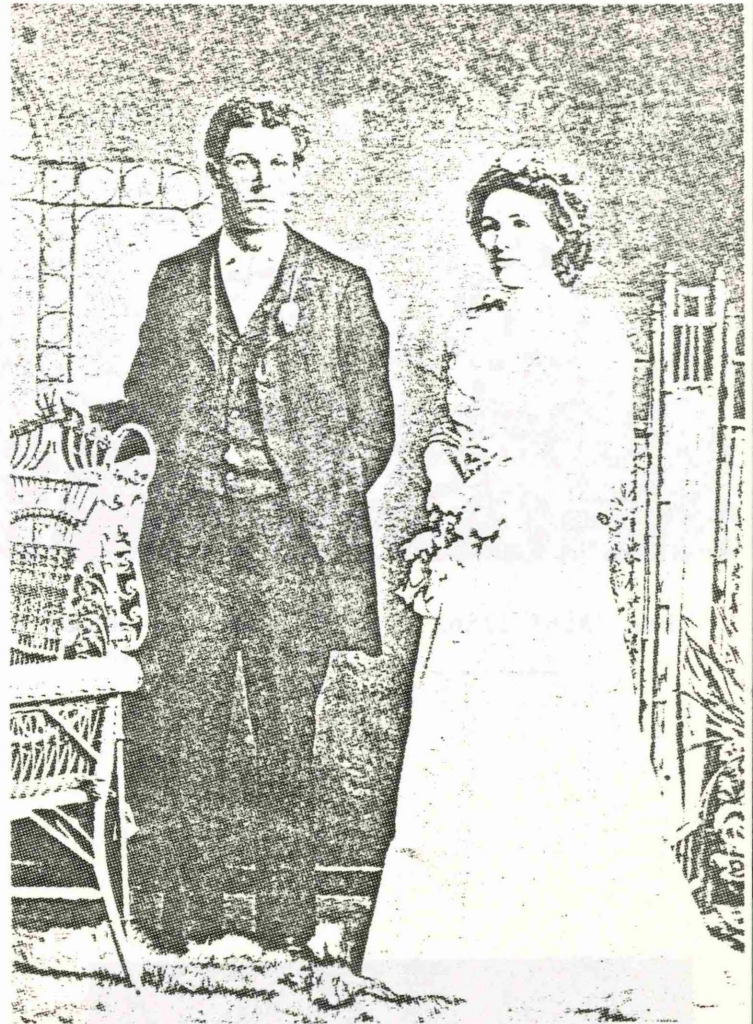
John Maitland Armstrong, Martha Melissa (Cummings) Armstrong, Flora Cummings, Zora Cummings.



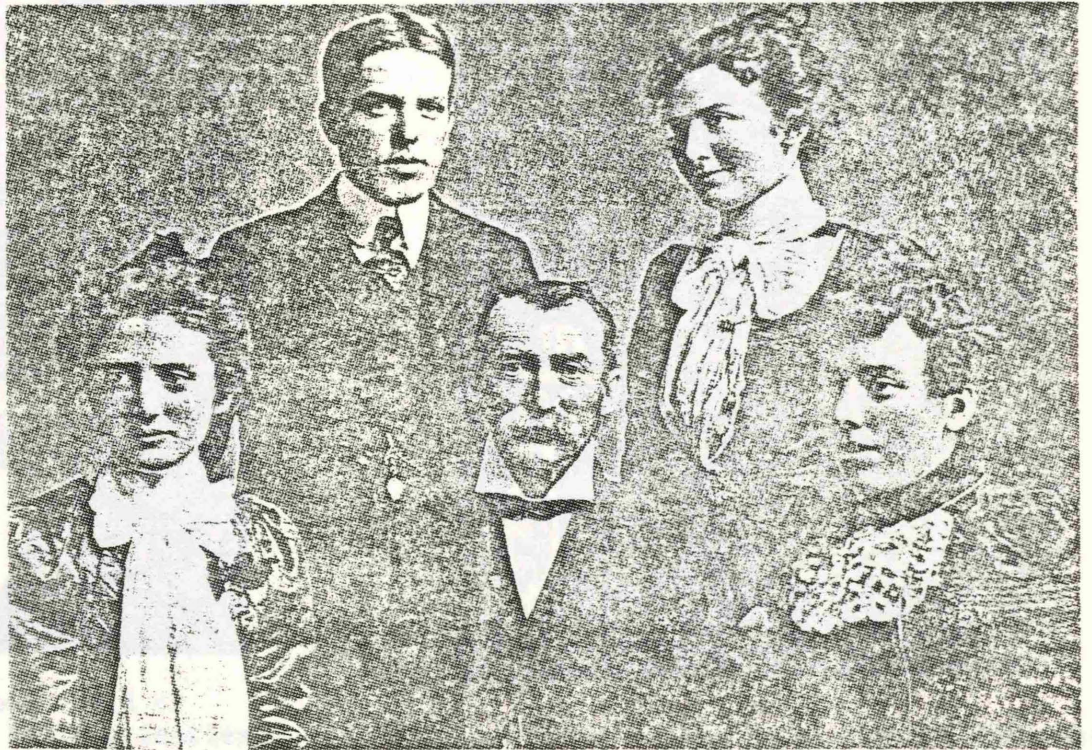
Samuel R. McLelland and Nellie May Armstrong.



Amelia Esther Cummings and
her brother Walter Cummings.
(Picture taken c. 1870)



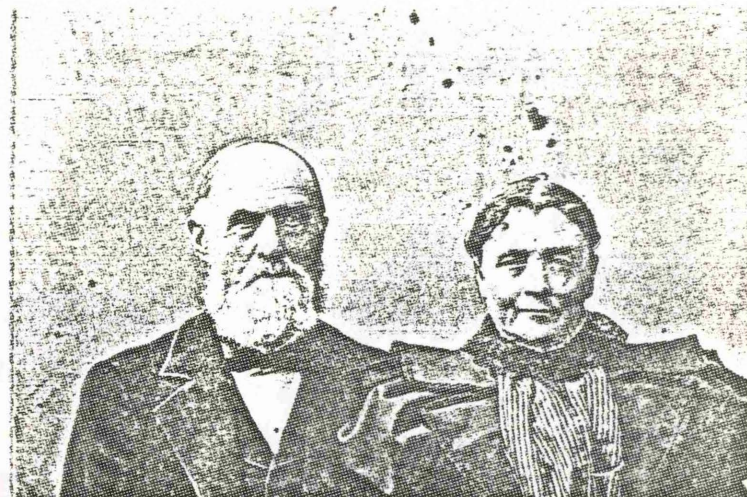
John G. Slessor and Isabell Story Armstrong.



Family of Hiram Anson Cummings (seated centre), Left to right:
Flora Bernice, Charles Victor, Zora, Martha Melissa.



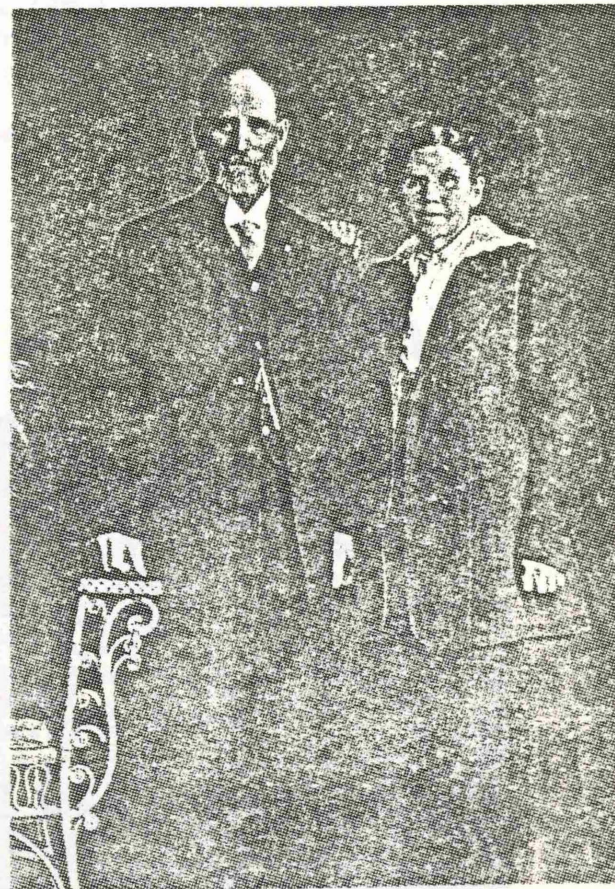
Cousins, Amelia Esther Cummings and
Ida Cummings (married George
Rosebush).



Wilson Cummings (born 5 April 1824) and
his wife, Dinah _____.



Jedediah Cummings, second child of
Preston Cummings and Melissa Searles.



Thomas J. Smith and Susanna Cummings.



John Colwell (Sr.)

Front: Samuel Colwell, Ann Colwell and John Colwell (Jr.)
Back: A daughter of Samuel, George Colwell, and Rebecca (Portice) Colwell. (George's wife.)

Note: Between Samuel, Ann, John, and George Colwell,
a total of 47 children were born.



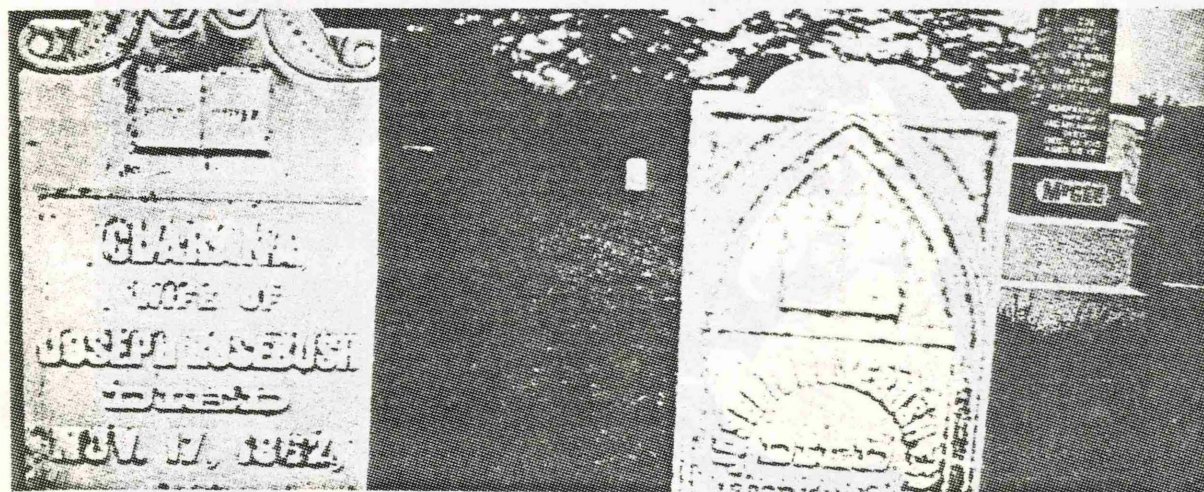
John Colwell (Jr.),
his wife, Elizabeth
Collins, and ten of their children. (Two of the sons settled near Vulcan, Alberta.)



Caleb Reid (Reed), and Mahalia Pitman.



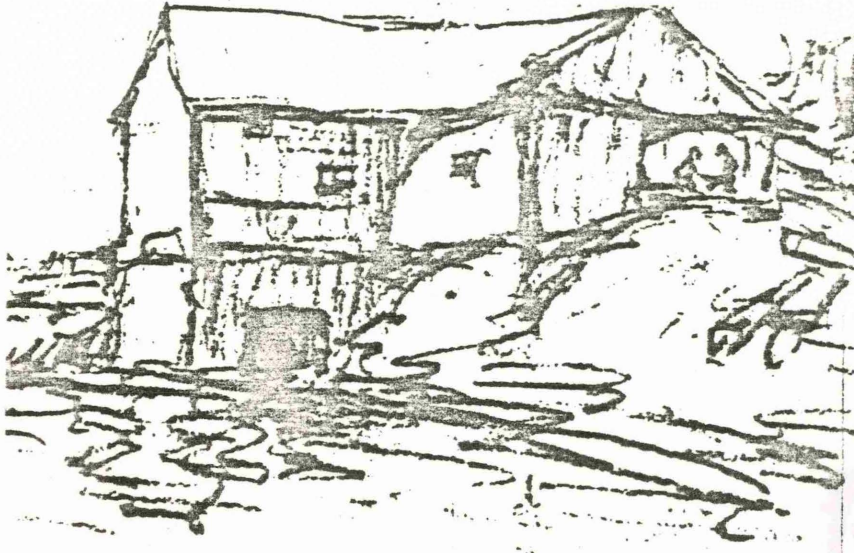
Louise Reynolds (wife of Charles Victor Cummings)



Stirling, Ont. Cemetery

Clarana Cummings Rosebush
1791-1862

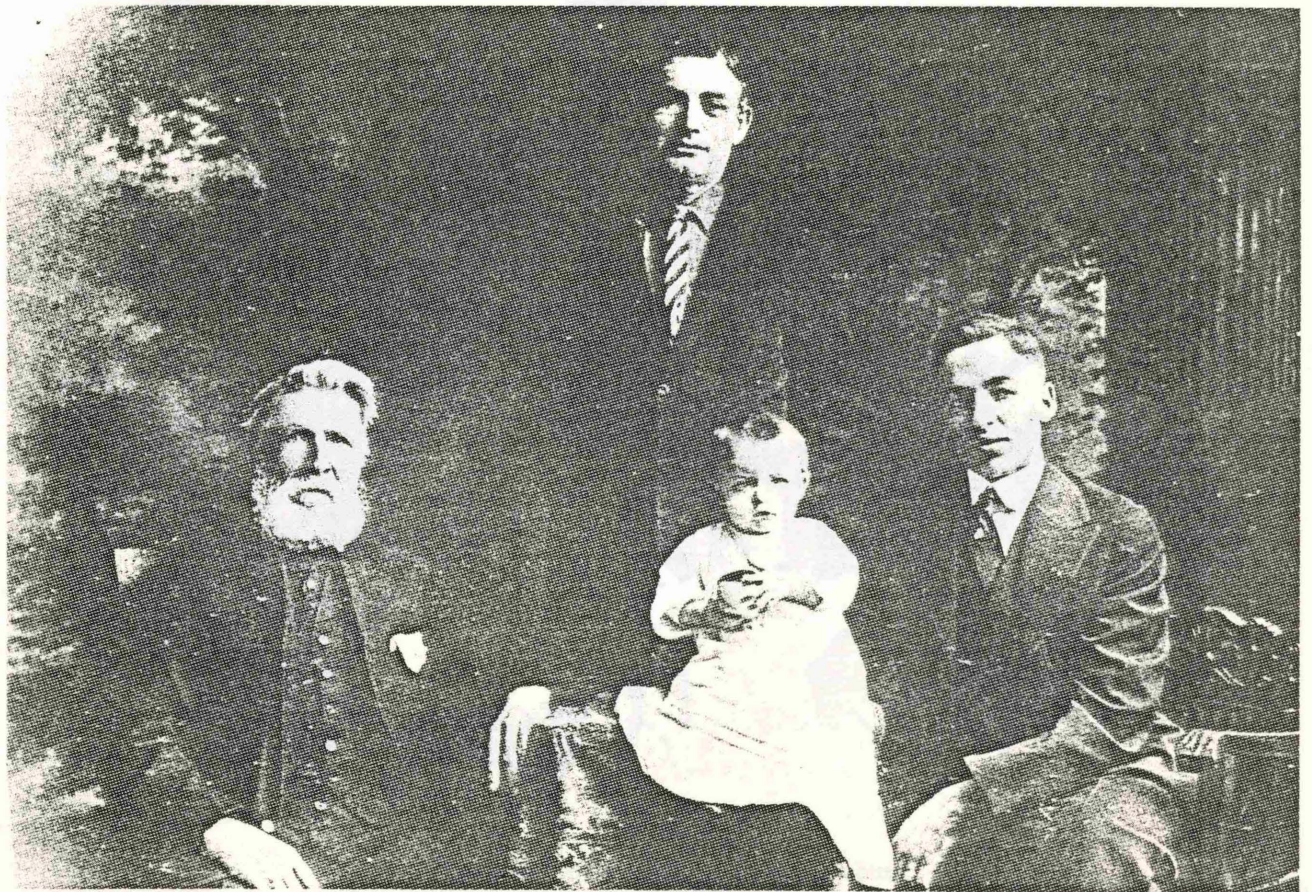
Joseph Rosebush, Jr.
1789-1859



"Reeds Mill", built in 1812 by the dam at Corbyville, Ontario. It was constructed by Samuel Reed, son of William Reed. (All that remains now is the dam and some of the old original foundations). The mill was eventually sold to William Corby, and Corby distilleries are now located at this location.



John Tait (Shipwright)



FOUR GENERATIONS—descendants of Samuel, son of Joseph Rosebush Jr.—1. Jesse, wounded in the Civil War at Fort Stedman, Petersburg, Va., Feb. 1865. 2. Charles Hulbert, son. 3. Charles Cecil, grandson. 4. Charles Cecil Jr., born 1914.



Jessie Maude Rosebush, age 20, daughter of Jesse.
She married Edward Martin.



Family of Louis and Laura Roe Rosebush
about 1900



MARGARET HOFFMAN



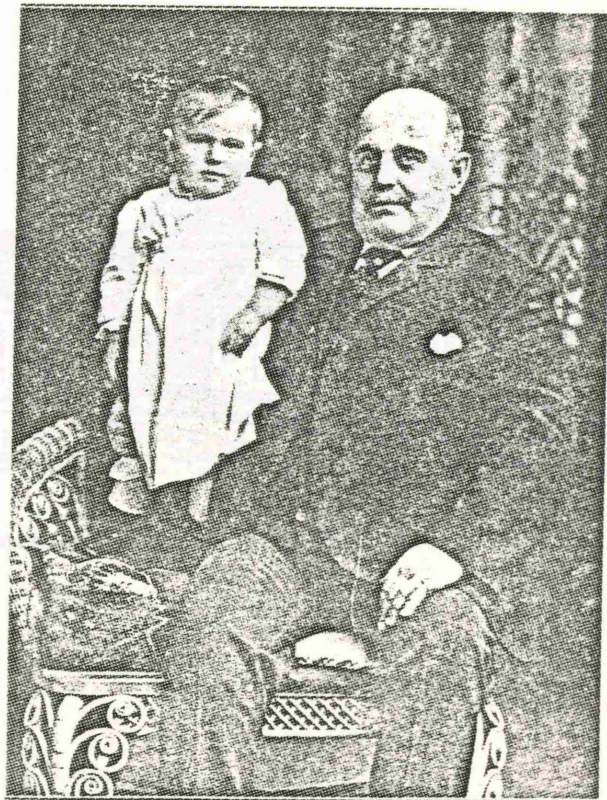
PHILIP HOFFMAN

ANNE, WIFE OF ISAIAH AND REBECCA HOFFMAN

MR. ARCHIBALD J. HOFFMAN



John Reed Hoffman and Rhoda Haight.



ISAIAH HOFFMAN AND GRANDSON, EDWIN VAN BUSKIRK

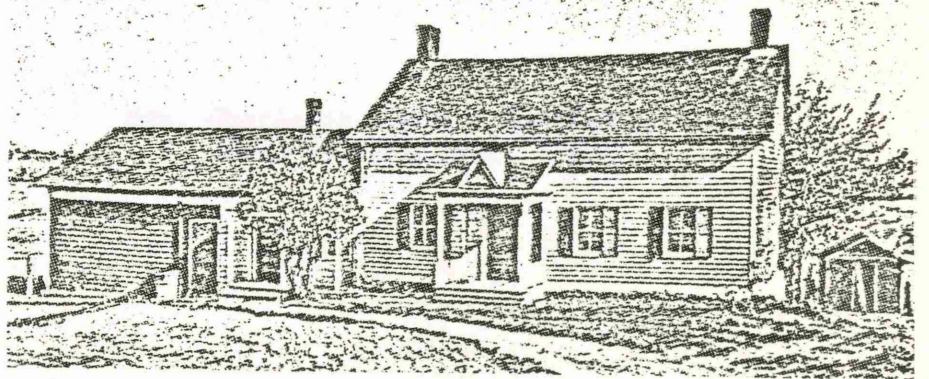
JAMES ORTON HOFFMAN AND WIFE



AMOS, SON OF ISAIAH AND SUSANNAH HOFFMAN



REV. ARCHIBALD C. HOFFMAN



Residence of Napanee pioneer, Elias Hoffman



JAMES ORTON HOFFMAN AND WIFE

This poem was written by Charlotte White, wife of Wilson M. Rosebush (see page 86).

It was written in 1907, following the death of her sister, Louisa White, second wife of Preston Cummings. (see page 29).

The poem was written to the children of Louisa (White) Cummings, and was found in the diary of my great, great aunt, Amelia Esther Cummings.

IN CONDOLENCE

Your mother has left you dear children,
Her face you shall see here no more,
While travelling this vain world of sorrow,
You'll meet on that other bright shore.

She has not quite left you dear children,
She has only just passed on before.
Her spirit still lingers to guide you,
And she bids you not weep any more.

In that bright happy home over yonder,
She'll be waiting and watching each day.
And when your toils are here ended,
You'll be with her forever to stay.

She there is free from all sorrow,
So let every tear dry away.
And if in her footsteps you follow,
You'll meet her some glorious bright day.

Mrs. Charlotte (White) Rosebush,
Detroit, Michigan. 1907.

Chapter 1HOLDEN

After contact with the Scandinavian conquerors, there were many individuals throughout various parts of England who were known by the name of HOLDEN, HALDEN, or by other variations of the name.

Before 1600, the bearers of a family name not only had few occasions to write their own name, but usually could not do so. The names were spelled by clerks as seemed best to them to represent the sound, for it may be taken for granted that no attempt was made to consider its derivation and consequently, correct spelling.

The name Holden appears in records throughout the British Isles, during many centuries, in several forms. We have at times the spelling: HOLDEN, HOLLDEN, HOLLdene, HOULDEN, HOWLDEN, HOLDING, HOULDEANE. The most common spelling is Holden and Holding, and the next common form is Houlden.

Students of nomenclature have given thought to the name and have all agreed that it was derived from an ancient Scandinavian root, and had as its origin, the Scandinavian countries.

It was thought that the name was first written as HALFDANE, meaning half Danish, and indicating that the parents were Danish on one side.

For instance, a pirate by the name of HEALFDENE was killed in 1011. and the modern Norwegian form for this name is HALVDEN.

The English HOLDEN, HOLLDEN, HOLLdene, HOULDEN, HOWLDEN, HOLDING and HOULDEANE are therefore derivations from Swedish HOLLDEN, the Danish HOLTEN or the Old Norse HALFDAN or HALFDANE.

In any event, the name originates from the Scandinavian countries and as per the above illustration, we could well be descended from pirates!

In Suffolk, at the time William the Norman seized the throne of England, there were freeholders bearing the name HALDEN. This we are assured of by the Doomesday Survey of 1086, which records that in the time of King Edward, certain lands as a manor were held by HALDEN, a Saxon in Letheringham. Other HALDENS are named as freemen holding lands in Edward's time.

In the area of Groton-Lindsey in Suffolk County, England, and in the thirteenth century, there lived a family bearing the name HOLDEYN or HOLDEN.

There is substantial evidence to establish this family as the ancestors of Richard and Justinian Holden, who were the two brothers who landed in the New World in June, 1634.

The non-existence of records which would afford positive proof of this fact, means that assumptions and probabilities must be examined. Research is therefore somewhat limited to those selected facts which have been gleaned from records which have survived the ravages of time.

The family resided for many generations, and indeed, for several hundreds of years in the Groton - Lindsey - Glemsford area of Suffolk County, England.

RICHARD HOLDEN, my 7th great grandfather, came to America because of his religious convictions.

He was a dissenter to the established Church of England, and all dissenters were forbidden public worship of their own order. But Richard

Holden thought it more proper to obey God than man, and accordingly went to the dissenting meeting. As he was returning home from the same meeting, he was arrested and taken into custody for breaking the law. His uncle, one of the lords of England spoke on his behalf, and he was freed upon the condition that he would attend no such dissenter meetings in the future.

The foregoing is evidenced from the following account taken from records in the possession of Benjamin F. Holden and Daniel Holden of Concord, New Hampshire:

"Richard Holden, my great grandfather's grandfather, came from England for the cause of religion. The reason of his coming (as I have been informed) was as follows: He was a dissenter of the Established Church of England, and dissenters being forbidden any public worship, one day as he was going from one of their dissenting meetings, he was seized by the Sheriff for going to the meeting, and must have went to prison or suffered the penalty. But, one of his uncles happened to be riding in his coach that way (his name was James Holden. He was one of the Lords of England - his yearly income was twenty five thousand pounds sterling) when he saw him. spoke to the Sheriff that had seized him, to this effect - "Tis a pity to carry this poor man to prison. He is my nephew." and so spoke that the Sheriff said he would release him from suffering the penalty of the law upon condition that he would never go to any more dissenting meetings. At first he gave them no answer in the affirmative which made his uncle angry and his uncle told him that those men act like gentlemen in offering to release you, therefore comply with their request - after a little deliberation he told them that he would go to no more dissenting meetings in that country, so they released him upon this promise. Soon after this he sought a voyage to America."

Abiel Holden,
Stoneham, Mass.
2 January, 1814.

On the tenth of April 1634, there sailed from Ipswich, the ships Elizabeth and Francis bound for the port of Boston in the new commonwealth of Massachusetts, and carrying 186 passengers, 120 head of cattle, as well as other goods. The Captain of the Francis was John Cutting. On the passenger list, a copy of which I, the writer, John Edward Holden, acquired from my father's files following his death on February 27, 1975, are the names of two passengers, Richard and Justinian Holden. This passenger list shows Richard Holden as being 25 years of age, and Justinian Holden, his younger brother as being 23 years of age. I have this passenger list in my possession at this time, among my personal files and records. His name on the passenger list is spelled Richard Houlding.

The ship arrived in Boston harbour in June of 1634.

Before embarking, the passengers took the oath of allegiance and supremacy, and the list of such passengers was then taken back to Ipswich, and delivered to the authorities in England on November 12, 1634.

The descendents of Richard Holden stayed by the soil, with a tendency to engage in trades on the side, such as carpentry, lumbering, etc..... Richard Holden's descendents were, for the most part, plain farmer folk of the frontier, and in a small way, some teachers, merchants and clergy.

Richard Holden was a glazier by trade. Although his father was considered rich, having owned thirteen houses, Richard and his brothers Adam, Joseph, Justinian and John were all put out to learn trades. Justinian was a carpenter by trade.

Richard Holden lived in Watertown, Woburn, and Groton, and temporarily in Cambridge. He was well respected and maintained an honorable position in the community.

In Watertown, they lived just east of Grove Street on Belmont Street, and within the present bounds of Belmont.

The homestead of Richard Holden is now cut up into house lots, and is rapidly being built over.

Richard Holden was one of the early settlers of Groton, and part of his farm is now part of the golf course at Groton School. At the time of the Indian wars, they were driven away, but returned there after the death of his wife.

The descendants of Richard Holden settled in the New England area for many generations, and resided in Massachusetts, Vermont and New York.

Generally speaking, they had large families and this resulted in numerous descendants throughout the New England States area of America.

My second great grandfather was Sylvester Holden, who was born on 15 March 1788, at Westminster, Vermont. His name is the first to appear on papers found in the Holden Family Bible, which was willed to his youngest child, my great grandfather, Marvin Holden.

Sylvester Holden migrated to Kingston, Ont., where he operated a butcher business for several years according to family Bible papers.

A newspaper advertisement from the Kingston newspaper dated 23 March 1816, indicates that he moved from Vermont to Kingston prior to that date, and resided in Kingston in 1815 - 1816. The advertisement is as follows:

Kingston Gazette - 23 March 1816 p.3 c.4

"Take notice. Lost in the street in the town of Kingston a black Morocco Pocket Book containing one half Eagle, one five dollar American Bill on the Utica Bank, one note against Charles Holden for one hundred and fifty dollars, one against Reuben Pierce of fifty dollars besides other writings. Whoever will return said Pocket Book with the contents shall have ten dollars reward by the subscriber Sylvester Holden, Kingston, Mar. 15, 1816.

The family of Sylvester Holden lived in the Kingston area for many years. One of his sons, Sylvester, moved to Hastings County, and my great grandfather, Marvin Holden, who was his youngest son, migrated to a farm south of Boissevain, Manitoba in the early 1890's.

About 1906 or 1907, Marvin Holden started the Holden Brothers Lumber and Coal Company in Boissevain, with two of his sons Carman Seymour, my great-uncle, and Albert Edward, my grandfather. The company ceased operating about 1920 or thereabouts.

Marvin Holden retired in Boissevain, Manitoba, following the dissolution of the lumber and coal business in about 1920.

I never knew my great grandfather, Marvin Holden, as he passed away in 1924. His obituary makes note of the fact that he was a faithful and devoted member of the Methodist Church, and the Holiness Movement Church.

He was a very active person, even just prior to his death in his 89th year. When he passed away, he was the oldest citizen of Boissevain, according to his obituary which appeared in the March 27, 1924 edition of the Boissevain Recorder.

The fifth child of Marvin Holden was my grandfather. His name was Marvin Albert Holden, according to the papers in the Family Bible. His name was later changed to Albert Edward Holden. The latter name appears on his death certificate, as well as an official affidavit signed by himself in the 1930's. He was born on June 28, 1868 in Plevna, Ontario, a small town not far from Kingston, in Frontenac County, Ontario.

While in his early thirties, Albert Edward Holden was in the insurance business, and in 1903, was superintendent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Racine, Wisconsin. In 1904 he moved to Rochester, N.Y.

Albert Edward Holden married Linda Larson, who was born on February 14, 1877, at Chicago Illinois. At the time of her birth, her family lived at the corner of Oak and Wesson Streets.

The marriage took place on March 17th, 1902 at Chicago, Illinois.

Failing health forced Albert Holden and his wife and children to move to Melita and then to Boissevain, Manitoba. There, he worked with his brother Carman, and his father Marvin, in the lumber and coal business starting about 1906.

About 1920, he moved to Vancouver B. C. and then to Salmon Arm, B. C., where he retired. He lived directly across the Shushwap Lake from the town of Canoe, B. C. He passed away in the Salmon Arm General Hospital, on 28 August 1951.

My father was the oldest child of Albert Holden. He was born on 18 February 1903 at Racine, Wisconsin. His name was Milton Carman Holden.

He received his schooling at Boissevain, Manitoba, and attended the Manitoba Normal School in 1921.

He taught school at Dunrea, Manitoba, and in Norwood, Manitoba, as well as selling fuller brushes and groceries from a model T Ford around the Boissevain area.

Milton Holden married Olive Jean Armstrong, daughter of John and Martha Armstrong, of Arden, Manitoba on July 3, 1928, at Arden, Manitoba.

In the early 1930's my father joined the staff of the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. From the Winnipeg office of the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Co., M. C. Holden received the appointment of Branch Manager for British Columbia, in Vancouver. The summer of 1935 or 1936, he and his family moved to Vancouver, B. C.

Milton Holden was the originator of the under 25 and over 25 rate compilations used throughout the insurance industry today.

In B. C. in 1937, he noticed that 35% to 40% of all accidents were in the under 25 bracket, whereas numerically these young people represented only 20% of the total licensed drivers. He then introduced higher rates for young drivers and reduced rates for older drivers, a practice which is universally utilized throughout the insurance industry today.

M. C. Holden was appointed president and general manager of the company on April 1, 1948, and his family moved to the town of Wawanesa early in July of 1948. He retired to Vancouver, B. C. in 1968.

During the last 25 years of his life, he was Chairman of the Board of Governors for Brandon University, Governor of the Manitoba Planetarium, Governor of the Manitoba Museum Association, Director, Indian-Eskimo Association of Canada, Director, Indian-Metis Friendship Centre, and an Honorary Indian Chief of the Sioux Indian Band, Director, Manitoba Heart Foundation, Member of the board of Management of St. John's Ambulance, Chairman of the Manitoba Institute of Management.

He passed away in Vancouver, B.C. on February 27, 1975.

I, John Edward Holden, of the City of Edmonton, am the eldest of the three children of Milton Carman Holden.

I was born on December 27, 1932 at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

On September 12, 1953, I married Barbara June Stevenson, eldest daughter of Harold Stevenson and Iva (Hansen) Stevenson.

We were married at 4:00 P.M. in the Wawanesa United Church, Wawanesa, Manitoba.

I attended the Manitoba Normal School, and the Ontario College of Education. I taught for a period of two years, (1954 and 1955) at the Dauphin Collegiate and Technical Institute, at Dauphin, Manitoba.

Following this, I studied Architecture at the University of Manitoba, during the winters, and drove a taxi-cab, and worked in an Architects office during the summer months. In addition, I tried my best to be a

father to the family I was accumulating.

I graduated as an architect in 1961, worked in Winnipeg for 2 years. and moved to Edmonton in 1963.

We subsequently lived in Calgary, Alberta for a period of nine years, and are currently residing in Edmonton, Alberta.

I have four children: Shane of Calgary, Mark of Calgary, Erica Mateer of Calgary, and our youngest, Brenley, who is presently residing at home with my wife and myself in Edmonton.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

The first portion of this documentation, up to about 1550, is based upon some degree of probability and speculation, since no existing formal records have been found which can conclusively trace the Holden line with absolute certainty prior to 1550.

However, as mentioned earlier, there is substantial evidence to establish the HOLDENG, or HOLDEN families of western Suffolk County, England, as the ancestors of Richard and Justinian Holden who landed in the port of Boston, Massachusetts in June 1634.

Wills, probates, subsidies or assessments, legal documents, entires into official minutes of town council meetings, land transactions and leases etc., give a reasonably accurate picture of the probable genealogy of the Holden Family earlier than 1550.

Families during this period of history tended to remain in one geographic location for many years and even many generations, which increases the probability of relationship.

As previously discussed, the first mention or use of the name was in relation to a pirate chief who was killed near the English coast in the year 1011. His name was HEALFDENE. The modern Norwegian form is HALVDEN, meaning half Danish, or one parent Danish.

Several Holdens were described or listed as landholders in the Domesday Survey of 1086. They were Saxons and lived in several areas of England, during the time of King Edward.

Ralph de Holdeng purchased lands in the Groton and Lindsey parishes in the county of Suffolk, England in 1247.

Ralph de Holdeng: Groton - Lindsay
Suffolk, England, 1247.

Robertus Holdeyn: of St. Edmund rented in the reign of Edward I,
ten acres of land in Suffolk from Sir Ralph
de Berners, 1286.

Costent Holdeyn: of Lindsay in Western Suffolk. He appears in
the 1327 subsidy or assessment. He was assessed
and paid fifteen pence, 1327.

Sir Robert de Holden: Comptroller of King Edward the thirds' wardrobe
and household accounts, 1325. (Costent and Sir
Robert may have been brothers).

Simon Holdeyn: Shown in the land titles as a land-owner in
Groton, in the county of Suffolk, 1357.

William de Holden: A land-holder in the Groton-Lindsay area of
Suffolk county according to land titles records,
1375.

- Richard Holdeyn: He was town bailiff during the latter part of the reign of Richard II, 1396.
- John Holdeyn (Sr.): Witness to the will of John Tryotte of Glemsford, a small parish which was near the parish of Lindsay. Will was dated 1447.
- John Holdeyn (Jr.): Made his will 20 June 1474. He named his wife Agnes and daughter Alice, and nominated his wife as well as John Holdeyn Sr. as executors.
- Thomas Holden: Husbandman, whose will was dated 5 October, 1506. He named his children Rose, William and John. William of Glemsford was nominated executor. William was a tailor, 1506.
- William Holden: Tailor who lived at Glemsford, assessed in the subsidy of 1524. It is very probable and almost certain that William was the son of Thomas, and that John Holden, who was assessed at Groton in 1524 was his brother. 1524.
- Nicholas Holden: Made his will 4 Aug. 1565. He left a wife, Isabel, and sons Nicholas and William. Nicholas eventually inherited his father's house and land, 1565.

FIRST GENERATION:

1. WILLIAM HOLDEN:

Lived at Lindsay. It is with William Holden that we have a parish record. The earliest recorded item which has been conclusively and absolutely traced to this family is the record of the baptism of Rose, daughter of William Holden. William was born about 1553.

He married Rose who was buried at Lindsay as "wife of William Holden" on Feb. 19, 1617. He was buried at Lindsay on Oct. 8, 1619.

Anne Holden, widow, and who was obviously his second wife, was buried on January 16, 1623-1624.

Children baptized at Lindsay, Suffolk Co.:

1. ROSE, baptized 2 Mar. 1577.
- 2-2. WILLIAM, baptized 26 Mar. 1580.
3. AGNES, baptized 20 Aug. 1582.
4. BRIDGET, baptized 7 Aug. 1585.

(Note: There could have been other children, but these are the only ones for whom baptism records have been found.)

SECOND GENERATION:

12. WILLIAM HOLDEN:

Baptized 26 Mar. 1580 at Lindsay, Suffolk Co., England. Died after 1625, likely at Groton, Suffolk Co., England. Married first to (name unknown).

Children, all baptized at Lindsay:

1. ADAM, baptized 15 Mar. 1605.
- 2-2. RICHARD, His baptism record has not been located.
3. JOSEPH, baptized 16 June 1609.
- 4-4. JUSTINIAN, baptized 6 Oct. 1611.
5. JOHN, baptized 15 Jan. 1615.

Married, second, on 6 November 1618, at Groton, Lindsay Co., to Margaret Gale, who was buried on 15 Dec. 1638 at Groton, daughter of William Gale and Margaret

Children, all baptized at Groton, Suffolk Co. England:

6. STEVEN, baptized 6 May 1621.

THIRD GENERATION:

122. RICHARD HOLDEN:

Second child of William Holden of Lindsay and Groton, Suffolk County, England, was born in the year 1608 as calculated from his age shown on the passenger list for the ships Elizabeth and Francis, upon which he arrived in Boston harbor in June of 1634.

He died on 1 Mar. 1695-1696 at Groton, Mass.

He married about 1640, Martha Fosdick, who was born in 1620 in England and who died on 6 Dec. 1681 at Watertown, Mass. She was the daughter of Stephen Fosdick of Charlestown, Mass.

Children:

1. STEPHEN, born 19 July, 1642, at Watertown; died 12 Jan. 1658-9 at Cambridge.
2. JUSTINIAN, born 1644 at Watertown or Cambridge; died 1697-1700; married Mary; (2) Sussannah (Dutton) Durrant.
3. MARTHA, born 15 Jan. 1645-6, at Watertown; died 18 Mar. 1687-8, at Charlestown; Married Thomas Boyden, born 26-7 mo., 1639, died 15 Nov. 1719 at Groton, son of Thomas and Frances Boyden of Watertown.
4. MARY, Administration on her estate was granted 10 Aug. 1722 to John Williams her second son, the eldest son being deceased. She married 11 July, 1666, at Groton, Thomas Williams of Groton who was dead in 1704.
5. JOHN, born 17 Mar. 1649-50, at Woburn.
6. SAMUEL, born 1650-1, died 1739; married Anna.
7. SARAH, born about 1658; married 20 Dec. 1677, At Cambridge, Gershom Swan, born 30 June, 1654, died 2 July, 1708, son of John and Rebecca (Palfrey) Swan. They lived on that part of Cambridge called Menotomy (now Arlington).
8. JOHN, born 1656 or 1657; aged 22 in 1679; died 18 Oct. 1756; married Abigail; (2) Sarah Pierce (3) Abigail Morse.
- 9-9. STEPHEN, born 1658 or 1659, died 1715; married Hannah Lawrence.
10. THOMAS, joins in deed 1679, the last mention of him.
11. ELIZABETH, unmarried in 1679, when she joined in deed; died 1703, at Woburn; married 21 Mar. 1681-82 at Woburn, John, son of Ralph and Mary (Pierce) Reed.

124. JUSTINIAN HOLDEN:

Fourth child of William Holden of Lindsay and Groton, Suffolk County, England, was baptized 6 Oct. 1611, and died in August 1691 at Cambridge, Mass.

Married first to Elizabeth , who died 18 Mar. 1672 at Cambridge.

Married second in 1673 to Mary Rutter, who was born in 1647 at Sudbury, Mass., daughter of John and Elizabeth Rutter.

Children, born at Cambridge:

1. SAMUEL, born 28 Apr. 1674.
2. JOHN, born 18 July 1675; died 1767; married Grace Jennison.
3. ISSAC, born 26 May 1677; died 8 Mar. 1772; married Johanna Shattuck.

4. MARY, born 21 Mar. 1678-9; married Samuel Ward.
5. GRACE, born 13 Aug. 1681, died 9 Nov. 1714 at Watertown; married 17 Dec. 1713 at Watertown to Benjamin Eddy, son of Samuel and Sarah (Meade) Eddy.
6. JOSEPH, born 6 Sept. 1683; married Abigail Shattuck.
7. ELIZABETH, born 6 May 1686; died 1767; married 31 May 1728 at Watertown, to Henry Goddin, who was born on 28 Oct. 1704; died 1759, son of William and Mary (pease) Goddin.

FOURTH GENERATION:

1229. STEPHEN HOLDEN:

Ninth child of Richard Holden. Born in 1658 or 1659; died 1715, at Groton, Mass., married in 1685, Hannah Lawrence, born 3 July 1664; died in 1735, daughter of Deacon Nathaniel and Sarah (Morse) Lawrence of Groton and later of Charlestown (Stoneham).

Children, born at Groton:

1. STEPHEN, died 28 July 1688 at Groton.
- 2-2. JOHN, died 27 Dec. 1753. Married Sarah Davis.
- 3-3. STEPHEN, born about 1690; Married Hannah Sawtell.
4. NATHANIEL, born in 1692; died 15 May 1740; married 11 Dec. 1718, at Groton, Abigail Stone, who died 29 Sept. 1757 in 66th year at Groton, daughter of Deacon Simon Stone and Sarah Farnsworth.
5. RACHEL, married 20 Dec. 1716, William Lun (Lund) of Dunstable. They joined 3 July 1735 with John, Stephen, and William Holden all of Groton, yeomen, Simon Holden of Cambridge, blacksmith, William Green of Groton and Hannah, his wife, John Kemp of Groton and Sarah, his wife, in selling to "brother Nathaniel Holden" of Groton that part of their father's homestead set off as their mother's dower.

Children born at Dunstable:

- WILLIAM LUND, born 18 July 1717.
 RACHEL LUND, born 28 Aug. 1719.
 CHARITY LUND, born 16 Feb. 1730
 MARY LUND, born 28 Nov. 1733.
 LUCY LUND, born 26 May 1736 (d.y.)
6. WILLIAM, died in 1746; married to Elizabeth Darby.
 7. SIMON, died 1786; married to Abigail Grover, daughter of Thomas Grover.
 8. JONATHAN, born 1703; died 13 Sept. 1758 at Groton. Married 26 Apr. 1742 at Groton to Deborah Houghton.
 9. BENJAMIN, born 1705; married 8 May 1728 at Dedham to Hannah Ockington, who was born 9 Sept. 1695 at Dedham, and who died 4 Jan. 1776 at Princeton, daughter of Thomas Ockington and Rebecca Mason.
 10. HANNAH, born 1707; died 3 Sept. 1797, aged 90 yrs. (at Groton); married 9 Mar. 1726-27, William Green of Groton, born 1699, died 7 May, 1778, in 80th year (at Groton).
 11. ELIZABETH, baptized 2 Mar. 1706-07; died young.
 12. SARAH, married 4 November 1731 at Groton to John Kemp.

Children born at Groton:

- JOHN KEMP, born 4 June 1732.
 LAWRENCE KEMP, born 24 Sept. 1733.
 OLIVER KEMP, born 11 July 1735.
 JABEZ KEMP, born 19 Mar. 1736-37.
 STEPHEN KEMP, born 19 Sept. 1739.
 LUCY KEMP, born 24 Apr. 1742.
 AMASA KEMP, born 21 May 1744.
 SARAH KEMP, born 29 May, 1746.

FIFTH GENERATION:

12292. JOHN HOLDEN:

Second child of Stephen Holden. Born 1685 at Groton, Mass., died 27 Dec. 1753 at Groton. M. on 22 Nov. 1716 at Groton, to Sarah Davis who was born 22 Sept. 1694, died 21 Dec. 1753 at Groton, daughter of John Davis and Mehitabel Shedd.

Children all born at Groton, Mass.

1. SARAH, born 5 Sept. 1717; died 5 Mar. 1798 at Groton. M. 9 June 1737 at Groton to Samuel Hartwell who was born 30 Apr. 1702; died 26 May 1782, son of John Hartwell and Sarah Shepard.
2. JOHN, born 15 Oct. 1719.
3. RACHEL, born 13 Mar. 1722; widow of Gould in 1760 of Shirley Mass.,
- 4-4. CALEB, born 1 Feb. 1723-24; died 1795; M. Abigail .
5. AMOS, BORN 16 June 1726; died 28 Mar. 1803. M. first Prudence Holden and second in 1763 Sarah Blood, who died in 1800.
6. ISAIAH, born 10 Aug. 1728; died Nov. 1811; M. Betty Shed.
7. NEHEMIAH, born 12 Mar. 1731; died 1809. M. Elizabeth .
8. LOIS, born 2 Mar. 1732; died young.
9. HANNAH, born 24 June 1735; died 1 Sept. 1773. M. 1 Nov. 1753 at Groton, to Caleb Blood who was born 23 Nov. 1734, and died 9 Dec. 1804 at Groton, son of John Blood and Joanna Nutting.
10. DAVID, born 16 Dec. 1738, died 8 Aug. 1803. M. Sarah Hemenway.

12293. STEPHEN HOLDEN:

Third child of Stephen Holden. Born about 1690; died 1757, at Groton; M. 2 Sept. 1719, at Groton, Hannah Sawtell, born 8 June 1695, daughter of Obadiah and Hannah Sawtell. Stephen Holden and wife were admitted to Groton church 3 Mar. 1723-4.

Children, born at Groton:

- 1-1. STEPHEN, born 11 June, 1720; died 22 Feb. 1791; M. Sarah Wheelock.
2. CHARLES, born 22 Oct. 1721; died prior to 1757 (probably prior to 1752), unmarried. He was one of the proprietors of Charlestown, N.H. and in 1743 was one of the fourteen residents there who addressed Colonels Willard and Hinsdale, 19 Oct. stating that the settlement was much exposed to Indian attack, and requesting protection from either Massachusetts or New Hampshire. In 1745, Charles Holden was at Louisburg in the company of Captain Jonathan Smith, in 9th Mass. Rgt.
3. HANNAH, born 30 Sept. 1723; died prior to 1757.
4. PHILEMON, born 28 Feb. 1725; died 1810; M. Lucy Walker.
5. JEMIMA, M. 17 Sept. 1749, at Shirley, Major John Goffe.
6. SUBMIT, born 21 Nov. 1729; M. 13 Sept. 1759 at Groton, Moses Gould, born 4 July 1732, son of Moses and Mary (Bellows) Gould. Lived in Shirley and Walpole, N. H. where Submit Gould was admitted to the church 17 July 1774.

Children:

NEHEMIAH GOULD, born 27 Jan, 1760

MOSES GOULD, born 1 Sept. 1761.

7. SIMON, born 1731; died about 1788; M. first to Sarah , and second to Lois (Lamson) Kezer.
8. BULAH, M. 26 Dec. 1753, Benjamin Corey, Jr., of Lunenburg, born 15 June 1731, at Lunenburg, son of Benjamin and Rebecca Corey. She married second time, 30 Sept. 1756, at Groton Harris.

Child:

EUNICE COREY, born 26 Apr. 1754.

9. NATHANIEL, died 15 May 1740 at Groton.

STEPHEN HOLDEN M. second time, 4 July, 1749 at Charlestown, Sarah (Russell) Cresse, born 8 Feb. 1716-7 at Lexington, daughter of James and Mary Russell, and widow of Jonas Cresse of Charlestown, whom she married 28 Aug. 1738, and by whom she had a daughter Sarah, who married Jonathan Fish. She was not living when her husband made his will, hence may have died when Content was born.

10. RELIEF, born 2 Apr. 1750; M. 8 July 1772, at Townsend to John Lawrence, both of Mason, N.H.
11. JONAS, born 8 Sept. 1751; died 19 Apr. 1835; M. Sarah Read.
12. EPHRAIM, born 16 Sept. 1753; M. Hannah
13. CONTENT, born 8 May 1756. John Lawrence of Mason, N.h. was appointed her guardian 13 June 1774.

SIXTH GENERATION:

122924 CALEB HOLDEN:

Fourth child of John Holden. Born 1 Feb. 1723-4 at Groton; died 1795 at Shelburne Mass., M. first Abigail

Children:

1. ABIGAIL, born 25 Mar. 1748 at Groton.
2. SARAH, born 11 Jan. 1750 at Groton.
3. JOHN, born Nov. 1752 at Shirley. M. Abidal
4. CALEB, born 19 Jan. 1755 at Shirley. Died young.

Caleb Holden married, second, on 14 Sept. 1766 at Deerfield, Mass., to Mary Farley.

Children born at Shelbourne, Mass:

5. CALEB, born 13 July 1767; died 5 Oct. 1836; M. Anna Lindsay.
6. ELIHU, born 1770; died in 1843; M. Abigail
7. DAVID, settled in the Black River country of New York.
- 8-8. JAMES, born 22 Sept. 1777; died 6 Oct. 1863, at Augusta, Ont.
M. first Esther Call, and Second, Cynthia Troop.
9. JONATHAN, born about 1780. M. to Sally Owen.
10. SOLOMON, born 30 August 1786; died 11 Mar. 1868 at North Gower, Ont. M. Amy Beaman who was born 3 June 1789, and who died 17 Dec. 1826. He married second, Amanda M. Allen, 12 July 1827. She was of the Ethan Allen Family and was born 24 July 1807, and died 3 Aug. 1888 at North Gower, Ont. (Solomon Holden is said to have walked from Massachusetts to Prescott, Ont., when he was 15 years old, where his brother James was living). He settled at North Gower, Ont.
11. OBED, born about 1786. Married 30 Nov. 1809 at Charlemont, Mass. to Sally Farnsworth of Colrain.

122931 STEPHEN HOLDEN:

First child of Stephen Holden. Born 11 June 1720, died 22 Feb. 1791, at Shirley, Mass., in his seventy - first year. Married 11 Mar. 1739 - 40 at Boxford, to Sarah Wheelock of Lunenburg, who died 4 Feb. 1810, at Shirley, age 90.

Children, born at Groton:

1. SARAH, born 24 March 1741 - 42, at Groton, died in Pepperell.
Married 1768 to Lemuel Woods of Shirley, who was born 23 Sept. 1742 at Groton, son of Aaron and Sarah (Boynton) Woods.
2. FRANCIS, born 6 May 1743 at Groton, died later than 1810.
Married to Abigail Closson.
3. STEPHEN, born 16 March 1744 - 45 at Groton, died 7 Oct. 1821.

Married to Martha Wasson.

- 4-4. CHARLES, born 17 July 1747, living in 1810. Married Deborah Crawford.
 5. ZACHARIAH, born 3 April 1750, died prior to 1791. His name nowhere appears in the 1790 census. Married to Rebecca Martin.
 6. SAWTELL, born 13 May 1753, died Oct. 1840. Married Hannah Cook.
 7. ANNA, born 15 April 1761. Married John Davis who died 8 Feb. 1827, son of John and Hulda (Thayer) Davis. They moved to Westminster, Vt., but returned to Shirley, where they lived on a farm in the western part of town. Later the farm was owned by Andrew Nelson Holden and Sylvania Holden.

Children, born at Shirley, Mass.:

- EMMA DAVIS, born 6 Aug. 1781. Married Roger Wheeler.
 JOHN DAVIS, born 17 May 1783. Married Sylvia Edgerton.
 SALLY DAVIS, born 31 Mar. 1785. Married Aaron Lyon.
 FREDERICK MONTGOMERY DAVIS, 31 Mar. 1787. Married to Martha, of Deerfield, N.Y.
 ROSILINDA DAVIS, born 17 Mar. 1790. M. Henry Archer.
 ZENUS DAVIS, born 3 June 1792. M. Martha Roby.
 SAMUEL DAVIS, born 20 Feb. 1794. M. Nancy Hartwell.
 BERINTHA DAVIS, born 29 April 1796. Married Chapman Hinckley Welden.
 CHASTINA DAVIS, born 29 Apr. 1798. M. Abijah Sanderson.
 ANNA DAVIS, born 26 Feb. 1800, died 3 Dec. 1817.
 LUCY DAVIS, born 23 Oct. 1801, died 3 Oct. 1802.
 HIRAM DAVIS, born 3 July 1804. M. Nancy Sawyer.
 CALVIN DAVIS, born 12 May 1806. M. Susan Kellogg.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

1229248. JAMES HOLDEN:

Eighth child of Caleb Holden; born 22 Sept. 1777 at Shelbourne, Mass., Died 6 Oct. 1863 at North Augusta, Ont. Married first, 14 Jan. 1805 at Prescott, Ont. to Esther Call, who was born 29 Jan. 1789 at Colrain and who died 7 May 1813 at North Augusta, Ont. daughter of Elder Stephen Call, a Baptist minister.

James Holden came to Canada in 1799 as a school teacher and was later engaged in the lumbering and potash industry. He eventually turned his attention to farming.

His house was widely known as a stopping place for clergymen and missionaries. All of his family are remembered as upright, influential, energetic and honest citizens.

Children, all born at North Augusta, Ont.:

1. JOHN, born 3 Oct. 1805; died March 1863 at Prescott; M. 2 Sept. 1827 to Cynthia Flint and secondly Lois Flint. No children.
 2- 2. ERASTUS, born 13 Apr. 1807; died Nov. 1876; M. Margaret Hall.
 3- 3. RUFUS, born 16 Jan. 1809; died 30 Mar. 1876; M. Elizabeth Clement; 2. Mrs. Blacklock
 4- 4. HIRAM, born 16 Aug. 1810; died 30 Aug. 1888; M. Letitia Buck; 2. Maria Howard.
 5. ESTHER, born 3 Aug 1812; died 8 Feb. 1840; M. 19 Apr. 1834 at Belleville, Ont. Merrick Sawyer, born 2 Feb. 1808 at Heath, Mass., died 21 May 1900, at Belleville, son of Oliver and Polly (Wilder) Sawyer

Children born at Coburg:

1. MARY ESTHER SAWYER born 1 Aug. 1836; died 5 May, 1889. M. John H. Holden.
 2. JAMES HOLDEN SAWYER, born 11 Nov. 1838 at Kempville; died 4 May 1881. He was a physician.

James Holden married a second time 26 June 1814 at North Augusta, Ont.,

Mrs. Cynthia Troop who died 3 Apr 1875 at North Augusta (age 83 yrs.) daughter of David Whitney.

Children all born at North Augusta, Ontario:

- 6-6. DAVID born 1 Apr. 1815; died 10 Dec. 1908; M. Jane McFadden;
2. Mrs. ... (Hammond) Walker; 3. Mrs. Brown 4. Mrs. Adams
7. JAMES, BORN 7 Dec. 1816; died 20 May 1852; M. 30 Mar. 1836 Chloe Wood.
8. MARY, born 3 June 1819; died Aug. 1865, M. 21 Apr. 1843, Erastus Couch. Lived in Clayton, N.Y.

Children:

MARY COUCH, married George Williams of Ottawa, Canada.

LIBBIE COUCH, married George Fox.

CYNTHIA COUCH, married Anthony Moxon of Brockville, Ont.

9. EMMA (AMY) born 29 Sept. 1821; M. McMullen, They lived at North Gore, Ont.
10. SOPHRONIA -born 29 Aug. 1823; died 1909; M. Alexander Craig of North Gower; an adopted son of Charles Holden. Married second Colonel David Wylie on 5 Oct. 1865; born at Brockville 23 Mar. 1811; died 21 Dec. 1891. She was living in Brockville after 1900.
11. ELIZA, born 14 July 1826; M. Matthew Robinson, born 12 Mar. 1821. Lived on a farm between that of her father and the town of Prescott.
12. CYNTHIA, born 2 Sept. 1830 died 18 May 1835.
13. LOIS, born 12 Jan. 1834; M. George Johnston of Merrickville. Living in Prescott in 1919. Her sister Eliza lived with her in later years.

1229314 CHARLES HOLDEN

Fourth child of Stephen Holden. Born 17 Jul. 1747 at Groton, Mass., Married to - unknown.

Child by first marriage:

1. STEPHEN, BORN 1774: Died 15 May 1840; M. Priscilla Johnson Charles Holden married second on 6 Sept. 1781 at Putney, Vt. Deborah Crawford. Administration of Estate of Charles Holden of Westminster was granted 24 Apr. 1822 to Sally Hubbard.

Children born at Westminster, Vermont:

2. SALLY born 9 May 1788; M. Hubbard.
3. CHARLES, born 27 May 1785. The Boston Advertiser of 6 June 1813 records the marriage of Mr. Charles Holden and Miss Rachel Garnsey At Westminster, Vt.
- 4-4. SYLVESTER, born 15 Mar. 1788.
5. Daughter, living 1790.
6. Daughter, living 1790.
7. POLLY, born 14 Feb. 1798.
8. ASENATH, born 20 Apr. 1799.
9. MARVIN, born 8 Apr. 1802.

EIGHTH GENERATION:

12292482 ERASTUS HOLDEN

Second child of James Holden. Born 13 Apr. 1807 at North Augusta, Ont. Died 25 Oct. 1876 at Belleville, Ont. M. on 16 Nov. 1839 at Brockville, to Margaret Charlotte Hall, who was born in 1818 at Brockville, Ont., and who died in June 1860. He was a banker in Belleville, Ont.

Children, all born at Belleville:

1. EMILY M. born 1840; died 1863.
2. ALBERT E. born 1844; died 1876.
3. HENRY E. born 11 Nov. 1846; Died 20 Aug. 1891 at Belleville. M. 20 Aug. 1879 at Belleville to Martha A. Foster, who was born

1863 at Belleville, and who died 1896 at Belleville; daughter of W. A. Foster (1837-1881) and Sophia M. Lyon (1841-1874)

Children born at Belleville:

HELEN SOPHIA, born 2 Jan. 1881; Died 20 Feb. 1953.

EDWARD ERASTUS, born 27 May 1888; Died 1961.

ALFRED GEORGE, born 30 July 1888; buried St. Catherines.

4. JOHN A. born 29 Dec. 1848; Died 19 Mar. 1862.
5. IDA, born 3 Nov. 1850; married June 1873 to Henry Filliter.
6. ALFRED P., born 13 Mar. 1855; Died 1 Aug. 1876.
7. HELEN C., born 10 June 1857; M. 22 Apr. 1880 at Belleville, to J. E. H. LaRoche.

12292483 RUFUS HOLDEN:

Third child of James Holden; Born 16 Jan. 1809 at North Augusta, Ont; Died 30 Mar. 1876 at Belleville, Ont; M. 17 Nov. 1830 at Belleville, Elizabeth Clement, born 11 Feb. 1806 at Goffstown, N. H. died 2 May 1869, at Belleville, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth(bancroft) Clement. He married second, 1873, Mrs. Harriet Blacklock; Died 17 Oct 1898 at Rhye, Wales.

He attended McGill University and studied medicine in Philadelphia, and after receiving his degree settled at Belleville where he practiced with success, especially with children. He was a member of the town council and in 1869 was mayor.

An extended obituary in the Belleville Intelligencer paid him high tribute as as a man and physician, loyal, kindly, and self-sacrificing. In addition to his medical practice he was proprietor of a pharmacy. In 1867 he was "Reform" candidate for the legislature.

Children, (first 3 born at Coburg, Ont. and last 5 born at Belleville).

1. PHEBE, born 9 Nov. 1831; Died 29 Sept. 1918 at Toronto; M. 10 May 1849 at Belleville, Professor William Gregg, D.D., born 5 July 1817, at Killycreen, Ire., died 26 May, 1909 at Toronto, son of Daniel and Jean (Graham) Gregg.
2. JAMES CLEMENT, born 12 Mar. 1833; Died 2 May 1919; M. Ella Smith 2. Emily Clark.
3. ELIZABETH, born 11 Sept. 1834; Died 27 June 1914, in London, Eng., M. 1 July 1852, Rev. Robert Ferrier Burns, D.D., Died 27 June 1914.
4. ESTHER, born 27 Sept. 1836; Died 10 Mar. 1914 at Belleville, Ont.
5. MARY, born 4 Jan. 1842; M. 12 Aug. 1873, Thomas Ritchie of Belleville, where he died 7 Dec. 1921 - son of Robert Ritchie.
6. MARTHA, twin with MARY living in Belleville.
7. SARAH, born 20 Nov. 1838; Died 17 Dec. 1838.
8. MARGARET JONES, born 16 Apr. 1840; Died 1847.

12292484 HIRAM HOLDEN

Fourth child of James Holden. Born 16 Aug. 1810 at North Augusta, Ont. Died 30 Aug. 1888 at Belleville, Ont. M. 19 Sept. 1834, Letitia Buck. Second Maria Howard, who died 6 Feb. 1878.

He settled at Shannonville, a few miles east of Belleville, and was postmaster and proprietor of the general store. A large stone building was built by him for general business purposes. After the death of his wife he retired from business and moved to Belleville. A directory of 1850 describes him as "merchant, postmaster, and potash manufacturer."

Child:

1. THOMAS BUCK, born 7 Feb. 1840, said to have been born in Oneida Co., N.Y., Died 28 June 1884; M. Mary E. Piper.

12292486 DAVID HOLDEN

Sixth child of James Holden. Born 1 Apr. 1815; Died 1908; M. 1 Nov. 1835
 Jame McFadden, born 9 Feb. 1811, near Armagh, Ire., Died 20 Oct. 1881 at Pembroke.

He married 2nd 1884, Mrs. (Hammond) Walker, who died 1890.

He married 3rd 1892, Mrs. Brown who died in 1894.

He married 4th 1895, Mrs. Adams who died in 1922. He lived in Kemptville and Pembroke. In 1850 Mrs. Gregg noted in her diary that she visited his family near Augusta. His farm in Kemptville was given him by his father at time of marriage.

Children, born near Kemptville, Ont.

1. CHARLES NELSON, BORN 14 Jan. 1837; Died 24 July 1924 at Orion, Mich.,
 M. 6 Oct. 1856 at Carthage, N.Y. Catherine Wallace died 27 May 1896 at Newark, N.J.
 aged 56 years. Married 2nd 28 June 1906 at Bessemer, Mich., Mrs. Louise Peterson.

2. ELIZA ANN, born 12 Mar. 1839; died 12 Oct. 1924 at Smith Falls, Ont.,
 M. 31 May 1866, Roger Croft Percival. They lived at Kemptville until 1874; then
 in Pembroke until 1887, when they moved to Merrickville.

3. JOHN ERASTUS BORN 6 Mar. 1843; M. in Texas Alice A. Briscoe, born 24
 Nov. 1854; died 29 Apr. 1920. Lived in Chickasha, Okla.

4. WILLIAM MALLEY, born 22 July 1847; M. Alice Shaler, who died 26 Oct.
 1923. Lived in Los Angeles, Calif.

5. ALVA ARMSTRONG, born 12 Apr. 1853; M. Sarah Kilburn.

12293144 SYLVESTER HOLDEN

Fourth child of Charles Holden. Born 15 Mar. 1788 at Westminster, Vermont;
 Died 12 July 1864 at Kingston, Ont. M. first, 13 June 1819 by the Rev. George
 O'Kill Stewart in Kingston to Sarah Barrett of Wolfe Island, who was born 31
 Dec. 1800 in Vermont and who died 19 Dec. 1838, presumably in Kingston.

Children, born at Kingston:

1-1. SYLVESTER, born 6 Oct. 1820. M. Cinderella Magdalene Trousdale.

2. SARAH, born 30 Sept. 1822. M. Thomas Merrill, who was age 28 in 1851
 and living in Loughborough Twp., Frontenac Co.

Children:

GEORGE MERRILL, age 6 in 1851.

JEREMIAH MERRILL, age 4 in 1851

SYLVESTER MERRILL, age 1 in 1851.

WILLIAM MERRILL, age 7 in 1861.

HENRY A. MERRILL, age 5 in 1861.

SARAH A. MERRILL, age 3 in 1861.

KENNETH MERRILL, age 1 in 1861.

3. HARRIET, born 10 Jan. 1825; died 29 Sept. 1864. M. Parker Barrett
 who was age 27 in 1851 and living in Frontenac Co., with wife Harriet, and a
 Jane Barrett, age 25 in 1851, (likely his sister)

4. CHARLES, born 11 Jan. 1827; died 1921.

5. ELIZA, born 29 Mar. 1830. M.Switzer.

6. CLARISSA, Born 5 Oct. 1832. M. William Hobbs who was age 23 in 1851
 and living in Frontenac Co.

Children:

SYLVESTER HOBBS, age 2 in 1851.

MARY ANN HOBBS, age 8 in 1861.

CHARLES H. HOBBS, age 6 in 1861.

SARAH J. HOBBS, age 4 in 1861.

WILLIAM M. HOBBS, age 2 in 1861.

7-7. MARVIN, born 25 Dec. 1834; died 20 Mar. 1924 at Boissevain, Man.,
 M. 5 Apr. 1857 to Francis Elizabeth Coppinger.

Sylvester Holden married, second to Ann (Sterrett) Morton, a widow, who
 was born in 1800 in the U.S.A. and who was 52 in 1851 and residing in Lough-
 borough Twp. Frontenac Co. with her husband Sylvester and stepson Marvin, age
 18 in 1851. Her will was dated 1 July 1866 and she died in Loughborough Twp.

1 Nov. 1866. She had a brother, George Sterrett, and a sister Jane (Sterrett) Reid.

NINTH GENERATION:

122931441 SYLVESTER HOLDEN:

First child of Sylvester Holden, born 6 Oct. 1820 at Kingston. Married to Cinderella Magdalene Trousdale. Purchased land prior to 1871 in Hastings Co., Huntington Twp., from Preston Cummings and his son Hiram Cummings my great great, and great grandfathers on my mothers side of the family. (instrument #3334, list of grantors and grantees, Hastings County prior to 1875).

Children:

1. HANNAH, age 23 in 1871.
2. ASENATH, age 18 in 1871.
3. CINDERILLA, age 13 in 1871.
4. SARAH, age 11 in 1871.
5. JANE, age 10 in 1871.
6. CHARLES, age 4 in 1871.
7. SYLVESTER, born 27 Nov. 1869 at Huntington Twp., Hastings Co. Married at Gilmour, Tudor Twp., Hastings Co., to Emma Bertha Wilson, born at Gilmour, and daughter of R. Wilson.

Children:

LAURA MAE.
HOWARD LEROY. (lives at Napanee, Ont.)
CLARICE GERTRUDE.
MALCOLM WILSON.
DOROTHY.

122931447 MARVIN HOLDEN:

Seventh child of Sylvester Holden. Born 25 Dec. 1834 in Frontenac Co., died 20 March 1924 at Boissevain, Man. M. 5 April 1857 at Sydenham, Ont., to Francis Elizabeth Coppinger, who was born in 1833 at London, England, died 20 Nov. 1904 at Boissevain, daughter of Thomas Coppinger and Emily

Children:

- 1-1. SYLVESTER THOMAS, born 8 Feb. 1858 at Sydenham, Ont.
- 2-2. CHARLES PARKER, born 11 Dec. 1859 at Wilmur, Ont.
- 3-3. EMMA ANN, born 22 April 1862 at Wilmur, Ont.
4. FRANCIS AUGUSTA, born 10 Aug. 1864 at Wilmur, Ont., died 20 Nov. 1957 at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Buried at Boissevain, Man. Did not marry.
- 5-5. ALBERT EDWARD, born 28 June 1868 at Plevna, Ont.
6. ALBERTA, born 28 June 1868 at Plevna, Ont., died 20 Sept. 1868 at Plevna.
7. LILLIAN BERTHA MAY, born 14 July in Frontenac Co., died 9 March 1900 at Boissevain, Manitoba. Did not marry.
- 8-8. CARMAN SEYMOUR, born 31 August in Verona, Ont.

TENTH GENERATION:

1229314471 SYLVESTER THOMAS HOLDEN:

First child of Marvin Holden. Born 8 Feb. 1858 at Sydenham, Ont., died 28 Sept. 1923 at Deloraine, Man. M. 3 Nov. 1886 at Deloraine to Catherine Euphemia Lampman, who was born 6 Apr. 1856 at Ancaster, Ont., died 29 Oct. 1947 at Deloraine, Man., daughter of Peter and Mary Lampman.

Children, born at Deloraine:

- 1-1. HOWARD, born 7 March 1888, died 28 Nov. 1947.
2. NELLIE, born in Deloraine, married Thomas H. Wilson.
3. EDITH VIOLA, born in 1898, died 15 Dec. 1899.
4. Infant, who died in infancy.

1229314472 CHARLES PARKER HOLDEN

Second child of Marvin Holden. Born 11 Dec. 1859 at Wilmur, Ont. Died 30 Aug. 1939 at Melita, Man. M. 1st on 20 June 1893 at Hartney, Man. to Mary Jane Morrison who was born in 1860 at Brock Twp. Ont. and who died 17 Jan. 1902 at Brock Twp. Ont. Daughter of Robert Morrison and Mary Bagshaw.

Children born at Melita:

1. WILFRED MAURICE, born 25 Nov. 1895; Died in France on 20 Aug. 1917.
2. EVA DORA COPPINGER, born 1 Jan. 1897; Died 22 Apr. 1899, Melita, Man.
3. MAE BLONDE BAGSHAW, born 7 Feb. 1899, died 21 Aug. 1899.

Charles Parker Holden married 2nd on 11 July 1907 at Elva, Man., to Sarah Alice Baxter, who was born 5 Sept. 1880 in West Oxford Twp., Oxford Co. Ont. and who died in 1962 at Melita, Man. - Daughter of Alvin Baxter & Charlotte Gould.

4. AVIS, M. J. Kenner
5. EWART,
6. GERALD,
7. MERVIN,
8. CHARLES WINSTON born 31 Oct. 1910; Died 20 Nov. 1938 at Melita.

1229314473 EMMA ANN HOLDEN

Third child of Marvin Holden. Born 22 Apr. 1862 at Wilmur, Ont. Died 1 Oct. 1934 at Boissevain, Man. M. 1st to Springer.

Children:

1. CHARLES SPRINGER
2. WILLIAM O. SPRINGER (lived at Salmon Arm, B. C. in 1940's)
3. Daughter, married P. S. Stephens.
4. Daughter, married A. M. Pearston

Emma Ann Holden married 2nd in 1904 at Boissevain, Man. to John Henry Glover, who was born in 1858 in Rio De Janero, Brazil, and who died on 4 Jan. 1911 at Boissevain, Man.

Children born at Boissevain, Man.

5. F. HARTLEY GLOVER
6. R. DENNIS GLOVER
7. H. RAYMOND GLOVER
8. J. EDWARD GLOVER
9. GWENNIE GLOVER, married George L. Lindsay

1229314475 ALBERT EDWARD HOLDEN

Fifth child of Marvin Holden; Born 28 June 1868 at Plevna, Ont. Died 28 Aug. 1951 at Salmon Arm, B. C. Married on 20 Mar. 1902 at Chicago, Ill. to Linda Emily Larson who was born on 14 Feb. 1877 at Chicago, Ill. and who died on 6 Sept. 1964 at Winnipeg, Man. Daughter of Peter Larson & Nellie Anderson.

Children:

- 1-1. MILTON CARMAN, born 18 Feb. 1903 at Racine, Wisconsin.
- 2-2. RUTH ELIZABETH, born 6 July 1904 at Rochester. N. Y.
- 3-3. THEODORE GERALD, born 5 Mar. 1909 at Melita, Man.

1229314478 CARMAN SEYMOUR HOLDEN

Eighth child of Marvin Holden. Born 31 Aug. 1876 at Verona, Ont. Died 21 Jan. 1964 at Gainsborough, Sask. Buried at Boissevain, Man. M. 1st on 25 Feb. 1903 at Boissevain, Man. to Minnie Euphemia Lawrence, who was born on 31 Mar. 1874 at South Stukely, Que. and who died 21 Mar. 1939 at Fertile, Sask. Buried at Boissevain. Daughter of Henry Hollis Lawrence and Margaret Morrison Ham.

Children:

1. HARRY SEYMOUR, born 23 Sept. 1904; Died 26 Sept. 1962 at Ottawa, Ont. Married Emma Polong

2. LILLIAN GRACE, born 15 Aug. 1913; Died 21 Apr. 1922.
 Carman Seymour Holden married 2nd, on 7 Dec. 1940 Yvonne Meunier.
 Children:

3. RAYMOND FRANKLIN, born 23 Feb. 1941
4. KELLY RICHARD, born 17 June 1960.

ELEVENTH GENERATION:

12293144711 HOWARD HOLDEN:

First child of Sylvester Thomas Holden. Born 7 Mar. 1888 near Deloraine, Man. Died 28 Nov. 1947 at Deloraine. M. 1 Dec. 1909 at Deloraine, Ethel Kirkwood, who was born in 1888 at Calabogie, Ont., and who died in 1961 in Deloraine. Daughter of William Kirkwood.

Children, born at Deloraine:

1. EDITH, married Jack Weightman.
2. GORDON, born 14 Oct. 1918. M. 26 Oct. 1946 at Riverton, Man. to Bernice Payne.

Children, born at Deloraine:

- JIM, born in 1947. M. Jane Hunter
- MURRAY, born in 1952. M. Mary Bearen.
- MARIE, born in 1956. M. Randy Wray.
- GLEN, born 5 Feb. 1959. Died 15 July 1979 at Hartney, Man.
- LORI, born in 1963.
- MARK, born in 1968.

3. HAROLD, married Noreen McWilliams of Sudbury, Ont., where they reside.

12293144751 MILTON CARMAN HOLDEN:

First child of Albert Edward Holden. Born 18 Feb. 1903 at Racine, Wisconsin. Died 27 Feb. 1975 at Vancouver, B. C. M. on 3 July 1928 at Arden, Man. to Olive Jean Armstrong, who was born 15 Oct. 1904 at Arden, Man. Presently living in New Westminster, B. C. Daughter of John Maitland Armstrong and Martha Melissa Cummings.

Children:

- 1-1. JOHN EDWARD, born 27 Dec. 1932, at Winnipeg, Man.
- 2-2. WILFRED GLEN, born 15 Dec. 1936, at Vancouver, B. C.
- 3-3. ELIZABETH MARGUERITE, born 1 June 1948 at Winnipeg, Man.

12293144752 RUTH ELIZABETH HOLDEN

Second child of Albert Edward Holden. Born 6 July 1904 at Rochester, N.Y. Presently living in Winnipeg, Man. M. on 8 July 1944, at Winnipeg, Man, to Dallas MacLeod Cameron, who was born 19 Mar. 1896 at Ladner, B. C. and who died 10 Aug. 1946 at Winnipeg, Man. Buried at Brookside Cemetery, Winnipeg.

12293144753 THEODORE GERALD HOLDEN

Third child of Albert Edward Holden. Born 5 Mar. 1909 at Melita, Man; Died 2 Apr. 1964 at Elmvale, Ont. M. on 13 Apr. 1946 at Toronto, Ont. to Helen Elizabeth Nurse, who was born 22 Nov. 1919 at Govan, Sask. Presently living in Toronto, Ont. Daughter of William Stanley Nurse and Jean Lillian Macpherson.

TWELFTH GENERATION:

122931447511 JOHN EDWARD HOLDEN

First child of Milton Carman Holden. Born 27 Dec. 1932 at Winnipeg, Man. Presently living in Edmonton, Alta. M. on 12 Sept. 1953 at Wawanesa, Man. to Barbara June Stevenson, who was born 16 June 1934 at Wawanesa, Man. Daughter of Harold Frederick Stevenson and Iva Hansena Hansen.

Children:

1. DAVID SHANE, born 14 Aug. 1954 at Wawanesa, Man.
2. MARK HANSEN, born 19 Mar. 1958 at Winnipeg, Man. M. on 27 Dec. 1976, at Edmonton, Alta, to Deborah Jane Turland who was born 23 Nov. 1954 at Vancouver, B. C. Daughter of Douglas James Turland and Gwendolyn Mary Kirkpatrick.
3. ERICA JEAN, born 19 Apr. 1961 at Winnipeg, Man. M. 16 Aug. 1978 at Cardston, Alta. to Stephen Alexander Mateer, who was born 10 May 1954 at Belfast, Ireland. Son of Alexander Mateer and Mary Catherine Cummings.

Children, born at Calgary, Alta.:

STEPHEN PAUL MATEER, born 4 June 1979.

MELISSA JEAN MATEER, born 16 Jan. 1981.

4. BRENLEY MARILYN, born 13 Sept. 1964 at Edmonton, Alta.

122931447512 WILFRED GLEN HOLDEN

Second child of Milton Carman Holden. Born 15 Dec. 1936 at Vancouver, B. C. Presently living in Coquitlam, B. C. M. on 18 May 1957 at Winnipeg, Man. to Shirley Patricia Philips, who was born 2 July 1937 at Winnipeg, Man. Daughter of George Homer Philips and Marjorie Heather Petrie.

Children:

1. SANDRA MAUREEN, born 15 Mar. 1960 at Regina, Sask.
2. GARY MICHAEL, born 25 June 1961 at Winnipeg, Man.
3. STEPHEN DWIGHT, born 4 Aug. 1963 at Winnipeg, Man.
4. KEITH ANDREW, born 28 Oct. 1967 at Winnipeg, Man.
5. VALERIE DAWN, born 15 Aug. 1970 at Winnipeg, Man.

122931447513 ELIZABETH MARGUERITE HOLDEN

Third child of Milton Carman Holden. Born 1 June 1948 at Winnipeg, Man. Presently living on Bowen Island, B. C. M. 10 Sept. 1965 at Winnipeg, Man. to Glen Edward Black, who was born 22 Dec. 1946 at Medicine Hat, Alta. Son of Harry Leonard Black and Daisy Marion Newman.

Children:

1. JON GLEN BLACK, BORN 5 Mar. 1966 at Winnipeg, Man.
2. JASON EDWARD BLACK, born 4 Aug. 1973 at Vancouver, B. C.

Chapter 2

ARMSTRONG

My maternal grandfather was John Maitland Armstrong, son of John Armstrong of Kincardine Twp., Bruce County, Ontario.

The Armstrong clan history indicates through various sources, that the Armstrongs are descended from Siward, Danish Earl of Northumbria (1055 A.D.) and through tradition and legend can be traced to about 1300 B.C. to a Druid King.

Supposedly connected to the Armstrong lineage are such notable persons as Leofric, Earl of Mercia, and his wife, Lady Godiva; Also Julius Caesar.

It is generally accepted that all the English, Scottish and Irish Armstrongs are of a common origin.

One of the more famous members of the Clan of recent years is Neil Armstrong, said to be descended from the Irish branch of the Clan.

The Armstrongs were Norsemen and originally settled in the north of England. The name is said to have originated as a result of an ancestor lifting his monarch out of difficulty during a battle, by seizing him by the leg and with one arm, lifting him into his saddle. He was hence known as "Arm-strong".

The ancient Armstrong Clan became infamously known and associated with the border wars between England and Scotland. They practised robbery, extortion and terrorism as far south as Lancashire. For generations they set the laws of two nations at defiance, recognized no authority except that of their own lances, and left behind an infamous name for Sir Walter Scott to turn into a romantic legend.

As the years passed, their strength grew. By the early sixteenth century, the Earl of Northumberland wrote of their "great power which was above three thousand horsemen."

The Armstrongs would not be ordered by the King of Scotland or the King of England. The union of the crowns saw the sudden end to the vendetta-like power of the border Armstrongs, as they came to be known.

James I and James VI would abide no disturbances between their kingdoms. Consequently, the towers were destroyed, the more extreme spirits were banished, and the Armstrongs mounted and went with their people and cattle quietly into the dark.

They spread along the border country; some went to Ireland and some to America.

Sir Walter Scott did a wonderful public relations job for the Armstrongs of border fame, casting them up as jolly, devil-may-care freebooters who raided half for fun and half for patriotic duty.

Only twenty-odd years after the union of the crowns between Scotland and England, and after the infamous Kinmont raid, we find members of the Armstrong Clan being fined for "milling without proper license." From grand larceny to petty misdemeanours. So were the mighty fallen.

My intention is not to undertake a detailed study of the ancient Armstrong clan, but rather to research the family members from whom my ancestry can be conclusively traced, with specific names and relationships.

My second great grandfather, Robert Armstrong, and his wife Isabella Story,

were, according to information passed down through the generations, natives of Ireland, and came to Canada by sailing boat. The journey took six weeks and the whole family landed in London, Ont. in the year 1842. Eliza Jane, the eldest child was 20 years of age, and Francis or Frank was 2 years of age. The age of Francis is verified in the 1861 census for Kincardine, where he shows as being 21 years old and having been born in Ireland.

Robert Armstrong settled in Kincardine Twp., Bruce County, east of the town of Kincardine and south of the Durham Road.

My great grandfather, John Armstrong was nicknamed "Laddy Buck". Evidently he had a team of oxen which he used. He called one Laddy and the other Buck. Hence, the origin of the nickname by which he was known throughout the community.

Francis or Frank Armstrong was a brother of John Armstrong. He lived on a farm on the Ripley sideroad, between the south line or (South Durham Road) and the Durham Road which is the present highway #9.

According to local accounts, Joe Ben Peterbough, an old man who lived on the south line or South Durham Road allegedly shot Frank Armstrongs' cow as Mrs. Catherine Armstrong was milking it in the barnyard.

The old man was supposed to have burned down a few barns in the community as well, according to local residents.

Apparently, Frank Armstrongs barn burned twice, following which he sold out and moved with his family to Nanton, Alta. He is buried with his wife and members of his family at the cemetery in Nanton, Alta.

In the book "The Pioneers of Old Ontario," by W. L. Smith, Morang Publishers, Toronto, 1923, the author tells of a particularly severe winter when bread had to be used for making tea after burning it, and where peas were burned and ground up and used for imitation coffee. The author who's wife was expecting, ran out of flour. He had to go to neighbour after neighbour with a pillow slip in an attempt to borrow a little bit of flour for his wife. He found plenty of cornmeal, but no flour. W. L. Smith writes that at last he was able to get some flour from Robert Armstrong, who shared his supply with him.

The author was homesteading in the Kincardine area at the time.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

FIRST GENERATION:

1. ROBERT ARMSTRONG:

Born 1801 and shown as age 60 in the 1861 census. Born in the County of Armagh, Ireland. M. to Isabella Story, who was age 59 in the 1861 census. She was born in Hillsborough, County of Down, Ireland.

Children:

1. ELIZA JANE, born 1822 in Armagh, Ireland. M. to Culbert.
2. BELLE, born in Armagh, Ireland. M. to Hugh McConnell.
3. MARGARET, born in Armagh, Ireland. M. toMurdy.
4. NELLIE, born in Armagh, Ireland. M. to John Ruttle, tailor.
5. MARY, born in Armagh, Ireland. M. toHarvey.
- 6-6. JOHN, born 1838 at Armagh, Ireland; Died 1902 at Kincardine Twp., Ont.
M. Maria Estory Colwell.
- 7-7. FRANCIS WILLIAM (FRANK), born 1840 in Armagh, Ireland; Died 2 Mar. 1912
Nanton, Alta. M. to Catherine Colwell.
8. MARTYN, did not marry.
9. ROBERT,
10. HENRY,
11. (died in childhood)
12. (died in childhood)
13. (died in childhood)

SECOND GENERATION:

16. JOHN ARMSTRONG:

Sixth child of Robert Armstrong. Born in 1838 at Armagh, Ireland; Died 1902 at Kincardine Twp., Ont. M. in 1858 at Kincardine, Ont. to Maria Estory Colwell, who was born May 1840 at Goderich Twp. Huron Co. Ont., and who died in 1895 at Kincardine, the daughter of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning.

Children, all born at Kincardine Twp.:

- *1. MARY ANN, born 29 July 1859. M. on 3 Mar. 1881 at Kincardine, to Peter B. McLaren.*See Ch. 19 for descendents of Mary Ann Armstrong and Peter B. McLaren.
- 2-2. MARTIN J. born 28 Apr. 1861.
- 3. ELIZA J. born 18 Feb. 1863. M. to Daniel A. Ross.
- 4. WILLIAM H. born 1865. M. to Annie Higgins.
- 5-5. JOHN MAITLAND, born 18 May 1867.
- 6. GEORGINA R., born 1869. M. Charles McLaren.
- *7. ISABELL STORY, born 1871; Died 1952. M. on 19 Dec. 1900 to John G. Slessor. *See Ch. 20 for descendents of Isabell & John G. Slessor.
- 8. SAMUEL T., born 1872; Died in 1934. M. Sadie Richards.
- *9. NELLIE MAY, born 27 Apr. 1877; Died 10 Sept. 1951. M. on 11 June 1902 to Samuel R. McLelland. *See Chapter 21 for descendents of Nellie May Armstrong and Samuel R. McLelland.

17. FRANCIS WILLIAM (FRANK) ARMSTRONG:

Seventh child of Robert Armstrong. Born in 1840 in Armagh, Ireland; died 2 Mar. 1912, and buried in the cemetery at Nanton, Alta. M. to Catherine Colwell who was born on 8 Apr. 1843 at Goderich Twp., Huron Co. Ont., and who died on 13 Apr. 1926, and was buried in the cemetery at Nanton, Alta. She is a daughter of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning.

Children, all born at Kincardine:

- 1. MARGARET, born 1860.
- 2. JOHN B., born 1863. M. Mary Josephine Blake.
- 3. ISOBELLA, born 1865; Died 1947 at Calgary, Alta. She ran a tailor shop where the Calgary Inn now stands.
- 4. FRANCIS W., born 1869.
- 5-5. SAMUEL THOMAS, born 1871.
- 6-6. GEORGE ALBERT, born 1876.
- 7. ELIZA, BORN 5 Aug. 1877. M. to David E. Clement. They resided in Brandon Manitoba. He owned the well-known "Clement Block" there.
- 8. NELLIE, born 11 Mar. 1879; Died 1938 at Calgary, Alta., where she taught school.
- 9-9. MARTYN JAMES, Born 6 May 1882.
- 10. ANNIE, Born in Kincardine, Ont. M. Arthur Penaston Jones.

THIRD GENERATION:

162. MARTIN JAMES ARMSTRONG:

Second child of John Armstrong. Born 28 Apr. 1861 at Kincardine Twp., according to information given on his death certificate by his son Stuart Armstrong. Died 19 May 1941 at Kincardine and buried on 21 May 1941 at Kincardine Cemetery. M. to Elizabeth Richards who was born in 1863 and who died in 1940 and was buried on Nov. 11 1940 at Kincardine Cemetery.

Children:

- 1-1. STUART, born 1890 in Kincardine Twp., Died 1966. M. Mary S. Collins.
- 2. OSCAR, M. Ella Gertrude Harrison, who died 30 Sept. 1960 at Kincar-

dine. Oscar buried 13 June 1967 at Kincardine.

Children:

KEITH, M. Audrey They had a boy.
AUDREY, M. Frank Currie.
BERNICE,

3. MYLES, M. Viola

Children:

Son (name unknown)
DAVID, M. a girl from Australia.
BLAIR, M. Cathy Bannerman.

165. JOHN MAITLAND ARMSTRONG:

Fifth child of John Armstrong. Born 18 May 1867 at Kincardin Twp., Ont. Died 28 Feb. 1943 at Vancouver B. C. M. on 30 Dec. 1895 at Carnduff, Sask., to Martha Melissa Cummings, who was born 11 Mar. 1876 at Rawdon Twp., Ont. and who died on 21 July 1952 at Glenboro, Manitoba, daughter of Hiram Anson Cummings and Helen Jordan McMurchy. Both John Armstrong and Martha Cummings are buried at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Vancouver, B. C.

Children:

- 1-1. VICTOR CECIL, born 1 Feb. 1897.
- 2-2. JOHN HIRAM, born 15 Nov. 1900.
- *3. OLIVE JEAN, born 15 Oct. 1904.

* See chapter 1, (12293144751 Milton Carman Holden) for the descendents of Olive Jean Armstrong.

175. SAMUEL THOMAS ARMSTRONG:

Fifth child of Francis William Armstrong. Born in 1871 at Kincardine twp., Ont. Died in 1954 at Calgary, Alta. M. between 1905 and 1907 at Goderich, Ont. to Laura Brydges, who was born in 1883 and who died in 1974 at High River, Alta. Both are buried in the cemetery at Nanton, Alberta. He was mayor of Nanton 1913-14.

Children, all born at Nanton:

1. VAN NORMAN, born Dec. 1907; died 25 June 1918 at Nanton Alta. He fell from a horse.
2. MELBA, born 1910; M. Charles Knight. Lived in Calgary in 1975.
3. FRANCIS H. (FRANK), born 1912, died in 1962. M. Gale, who lived in Vancouver, B. C. in 1975. Frank is remembered for his sign writing, having done the "Ranch Country" sign at Williams Coulee, and the "Tap" sign in Nanton, Alta.
4. HOWARD, born 13 Aug. 1916. M. to Shirley Calkins, daughter of Richard Calkins of Turner Valley.
5. STANLEY G., born 13 Aug. 1918; M. to Jean Gillespie. Lived in Red Deer in 1975.
6. DONALD E., born 1926. M. to Muriel Buchanan, daughter of Frank Buchanan, who was Supt. of Schools in Calgary for many years. Donald was faculty head at McGill University in 1975.

176. GEORGE ALBERT ARMSTRONG:

Sixth child of Francis William Armstrong. Born in 1876 at Kincardine, Ont. Died 1961 at High River, Alta. M. in 1916 at Calgary, Alta. to Annie Edith Ings, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and who died in 1977 at Calgary, Alta. Daughter of Dr. George Ings. Both George Armstrong and Annie Ings are buried in the cemetery at Nanton, Alta.

Children, all born at Nanton:

1. GEORGE ALBERT, born 1917; Died 1969, probably in Ontario where he was a Queens Counsel and partner in the law firm of his father-in-law. M. Phoebe Mortimer.
2. ANNIE CATHERINE ERICA, born 1918; died 1969.

3. NIGEL, born 1920; Died 1941 in Toronto from pneumonia while in the R.C.A.F
4. GRIZEL R., born 1922; Died 1923.
5. ROSEMARY, M. to Ted Lawrence.
6. QUENTIN, M. to Edith Edge. Lives at Stavely, Alta.

179. MARTYN JAMES ARMSTRONG

Ninth child of Francis William Armstrong. Born 6 May 1882 at Kincardine, Ont. Died 30 Mar. 1944 at Nanton, Alta. M. in 1912 at Nanton, Alta. to Mary Louisa Colquhoun, who was born 18 Oct. 1882 at Mitchell, Perth Co. Ont., and who died 12 Jan. 1970 at Calgary, Alta. Daughter of Alexander Colquhoun andBlair. Both Martyn and Mary Louisa are buried in the cemetery at Nanton.

Children all born at Nanton:

1. GEORGE COLQUHOUN, born 3 Aug. 1913. M. 1935 to Francis H. Cochlan.
2. MARTYN JOHN, born 9 Feb. 1915; Died 12 Apr. 1977. M. in Sept. 1939 to Marjorie Griffith.
3. ALLEN ROSS, born 23 Nov. 1916. M. to Dolly Monkman.
4. ROBERT COLWELL, born 2 May 1920. M. 29 Sept. 1946 to Joan Brown. Presently residing in Calgary.
5. EDWARD RENFREW, born 16 Sept. 1923. M. to Emily Kramm. Living in Calgary.

FOURTH GENERATION:

1621. STUART ARMSTRONG

First child of Martin James Armstrong and Elizabeth Richards. Born 1890 in Kincardine Twp., Ont., Died 1966 in Kincardine Twp. M. Mary S. Collins. Stuart Armstrong is buried in the cemetery at Kincardine.

Children, born at Kincardine:

1. AUREL, married Marjorie Boyle.
Children, born at Kincardine:
DALE, M. to Pam McKinnon
LYNN, M. to Mary McCreath
WAYNE, M. to Debbie Trantor.
BRENT,
2. JOYCE, M. Lawson Pollock.

1651. VICTOR CECIL ARMSTRONG

First child of John Maitland Armstrong. Born 1 Feb. 1897 at Carnduff, Sask. Died 11 Jan. 1972 at Vancouver, B. C. M. 1st on 20 Oct. 1917 at Arden, Man. to Isobel Christina Ruckle, who was born 24 Sept. 1900 at Arden, Man. Died 15 Aug. 1961 at Vancouver, B. C. Daughter of David Ruckle andSpence.

Children, born at Carberry, Man.:

1. REGINALD J.M., born 26 Aug. 1920. M. on 21 Feb. 1942 at Vancouver, B.C. Louise Ellen Summer, who was born 16 Apr. 1920 at Vancouver, B. C.
2. VIVIAN MARJORIE, born 27 July 1922. M. 12 June 1944 at Vancouver, B.C. to Thomas Llewelyn Harding, who was born 19 June 1917.

Victor Cecil Armstrong M. 2nd on 28 June 1968 at Vancouver, B.C. to Marjorie Helen Charman (Tupper) Oxley, who was born 8 Oct. 1901 at Vancouver, B.C. the daughter of John A. Tupper and Emma Charman, and who was first married to Clarence Harvey Oxley.

1652. JOHN HIRAM ARMSTRONG

Second child of John Maitland Armstrong. Born 15 Nov. 1900 at Arden, Man., Died 9 Sept. 1966 at Winnipeg, Man., M. 30 June 1928 at Arden, to Myrna Agnes Elliott, who was born 1 June 1902 at Arden, Man., the daughter of Robert Elliott and Mary Turner.

Children, born at Winnipeg, Man.:

1. ROBERT CLIVE, born 30 Mar. 1932. M. 30 June 1954 at Winnipeg, Man. to Joan Templeton.
2. DONALD VICTOR, born 6 Dec. 1935. M. 20 Aug. 1971 at Winnipeg, Man. to Patricia Jean Palas.
3. PAUL JOHN, born 28 Jan. 1940 M. on 29 Aug. 1964 at Winnipeg, Man. to Joyce Sheila Ostwald.

John Hiram Armstrong was a highly respected teacher in the city of Winnipeg for many years. His three sons are all teachers in the Greater Winnipeg School System at the present time.

Chapter 3

LARSON:

One of my great grandfathers was Peter Larson. Peter Larson was age 32 in 1877, as shown on the birth certificate for his third child, Linda Emily Larson, my paternal grandmother.

I have a copy of her birth certificate in my files, which indicates that Peter Larson was born in Blikinge, Sweden in 1845-1846. I also have the birth certificate for their youngest child, Thimmis, who was born 7 Mar. 1881. This certificate shows that Peter Larson, the father was age 35 in 1881, thereby serving as a double check for his age and year of birth.

It is not known when Peter Larson came to Chicago from Sweden, but his first child was born in Chicago in 1875. The family lived at the corner of Oak and Wesson Streets in 1877 according to the birth certificate. This is verified by the 1876 Chicago City Directory, and at Halsted and Belmont Ave. in 1881.

Peter Larson was a Tailor in Chicago. His wife, Nellie ran an employment agency in Chicago; starting in 1890 according to the Chicago City Directory. In the 1900 census, for Chicago, she is listed as a widow. The agency was called the "Lakeview Employment Agency." Peter Larson likely died between 1881 and 1890 and for certain between 1890 and 1900.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATIONFIRST GENERATION:

1. PETER LARSON,

Born 1845 - 1846 in Blikinge, Sweden. M. Nellie Anderson, who was born in January 1853, in Skane, Sweden.

Note: Her birth as above is given in the 1900 census. Her year of birth as calculated from her age on the birth certificates for two of her children is 1844-45.

She died after 1934, as she was shown as residing at 3126 N. Clark St. in 1934. In 1933 she was still running the Lakeview Employment Agency at 3126 N. Clark St. in Chicago, Illinois.

Children, all born in Chicago, Illinois:

1. ANTON, born Feb. 1875.

2. AXEL EDWARD, born 16 Oct. 1875.

*3. LINDA EMILY, born 14 Feb. 1877; Died 6 Sept. 1964 at Winnipeg, Man.

M. on 20 Mar. 1902 at Chicago, Illinois to Albert Edward Holden, who was born 29 June 1868 at Plevna, Ont. They were married by a Rev. Albert E. Saunders, Pastor of the Evanston Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church. The address of the minister on the marriage certificate is 1733 Belmont Ave., and the address of the minister in the 1902 City of Chicago Directory is 1619 Rascoe. In all probability, the latter address would be his residence, and the first address would be the address of the church itself. The 1980 Chicago directory lists a St. Peters Episcopal Church at 621 W. Belmont. *See Ch.1, 1229314475 for descendants of Linda E. Larson.

4. ESTHER HARRIET, born 30 Nov. 1879.

5. THIMMIS, (male) born 7 Mar. 1881.

Chapter 4

CUMMINGS:

One of my 4th Great Grandfathers was Samuel Preston Cummings. He was born in Scotland. He emigrated from Scotland to the United States, likely to Vermont. He married his wife Susan Wells at Burlington, Vermont, probably about 1788 -89, since their first child was born on 23 Jan. 1790, and their third child, my 3rd Great Grandfather, was born in 1794 in the U.S.A. as indicated in the 1861 census for Rawdon Twp., Hastings Co., Ont.

Following the end of the Revolutionary War, and likely between 1795 - 1800, he came to Canada and settled in Rawdon Twp., Ont., near where the village of Stirling is now located.

According to a letter written to the "News-Argus", the local Stirling newspaper, on May 16, 1904 by Mr. Harry Bettys, who was a grandson of Samuel Preston Cummings, the family of Samuel Preston Cummings was the second family to settle in Rawdon. The first family being the Rosebush family.

Mr. Harry Bettys resided in Perry, Kansas in 1904 when he wrote the letter. His letter gives many names, dates, and places for the children and grand-children of Samuel Preston Cummings. Harry Bettys was 71 years old in 1904.

When Samuel P. Cummings arrived in Rawdon, he took up four hundred acres of land. The mill pond which still exists today is situated in the town of Stirling, and is located on the land originally owned by Samuel P. Cummings. The homestead site was situated on the east side of the mill pond, just north of the present church building.

The first grist and saw mill was built by Samuel Rosebush in 1807. It was located near where the bridge is presently constructed across Rawdon Creek, at the end of the mill pond, adjacent to Samuel P. Cummings' land.

The order in council, for the property petitioned likely several years earlier by Samuel Preston Cummings was dated in 1804. The Rosebush property was also dated 1804 and the petition for their land was dated 1794. Therefore, Samuel P. Cummings likely petitioned for his property in 1795-96 since his family were the second family to settle in the area, according to Harry Betty's letter.

The children and grandchildren settled throughout Rawdon and Sidney twps. and were mostly farmers and cheese makers.

George Cummings, one of the grandsons of Samuel Preston Cummings was known for his above average business sense. By the time he was twenty-six, he had purchased the interests of his brothers and sisters from their fathers estate, and by so doing had accumulated a debt of more than \$3,000.00. His generosity is illustrated by the fact that he gave his brother, John, one hundred acres of land free of debt. He speculated in farms, and purchased a mill privilege in Rawdon, constructed a saw mill, ran it for seven years, and then sold it at a profit.

Anson Cummings, another of the grandsons of Samuel Preston Cummings, and a brother of my 2nd Great Grandfather, Preston Cummings was endowed with more than ordinary strength. He was supposed to have been able to cut five cords of wood a day, and could chop firewood faster than the average man could pile it.

The story is related that on one occasion, a pig was being butchered and some difficulty was encountered in holding the animal. After escaping from the combined clutches of two or three men, the pig ran between Anson's legs. Anson Cummings is said to have bent down and hoisted the pig onto his shoulders where he held the beast until it was securely tied. After butchering, the pig was said to weigh over four hundred and fifty pounds. Perhaps the pig gained a pound or two each time the

incident was related, but it is nevertheless an above average demonstration of strength.

He is also reported to have been able to lift a 65 pound blacksmiths anvil by the horn, using only one hand, and while keeping the anvil in the horizontal position.

The Cummings family were large butter and cheesemakers, and their farms were among the best in the country.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

FIRST GENERATION:

1. SAMUEL PRESTON CUMMINGS

Born in Scotland. M. in Burlington, Vermont to Susan Wells

Children:

- * 1. CLARANA, born 23 Jan. 1790 at Westminster, Windham Co., Vermont.
Died 17 Nov. 1862 at Stirling, Ont., M. Joseph Rosebush Jr.
*See ch. 22, 1(10) Joseph Rosebush for the descendents of Clarana Cummings.
- 2. LUCY MELISSA, Born 2 Feb. 1792; Died 31 Oct. 1871 in Kansas. M. on 28 Dec. 1817 at Stirling, to Gilead Bettys.
Children, born at Sidney Twp.,
MELISSA BETTYS
HARRY BETTYS, Born 1833; living in Perry, Kansas in 1904.
HIRAM BETTYS,
- 3-3. JEDEDIAH, Born 9 Oct. 1794.
- 4-4. HIRAM, Born 1796.
- * 5. ANNIS, Born 14 Jan. 1800; M. Joseph Green
*See ch. 23 Green, for descendents of Annis Cummings.
- 6. POLLY, Born 31 Mar. 1802 at Rawdon; M. 1st on 3 July 1823 at Rawdon to Horace Philips.
Children, born at Rawdon:
MELISSA PHILIPS
EDGAR PHILIPS

Married 2nd to Samuel Horton.
Children born at Rawdon:
ELIJAH HORTON
JOHN HORTON
SYLVESTER HORTON
HIRAM HORTON
ANNA HORTON
HANNAH HORTON

SECOND GENERATION:

13 JEDEDIAH CUMMINGS

Third child of Samuel Preston Cummings. Born 9 Oct. 1794; Died 28 July 1864. at Rawdon Twp. Ont. M. on 26 Dec. 1821 at Belleville, Ont., to Esther Reed, who was age 56 in 1861; born in Thurlow Twp., Daughter of John Reed of Thurlow Twp. Children, all born in Rawdon Twp.:

- 1. CYNTHIA, born 13 Oct. 1822; Died 19 Sept. 1863. M. Frederick Sine who was born 19 Sept. 1819 at Stirling; Died 31 Aug. 1881. Cynthia is buried in the Cummings family plot at Stirling Cemetery.

- 2-2. GILBERT, born 5 Apr. 1824
 3. WILSON, age 45 in 1871; Died in 1908 at Belleville, Ont.M. to Dinah

Children:

MARTHA, age 20 in 1871.
 CHRISTINNA, age 17 in 1871,
 ALICE, age 10 in 1871.
 FRANCES, age 5 in 1871.

- 4-4. PRESTON, age 42 in 1871.
 5. ANSON, born 23 Mar. 1832; Died 30 Mar. 1904 at Rawdon. M. to Matilda Philips, who was born 22 June 1832; Died 22 June 1903.
 Both buried in Stirling Cemetery.

Children:

ALFRED, age 15 in 1871.
 LOUISA, age 13 in 1871.
 SARAH, age 10 in 1871.
 IDA, age 6 in 1871. M. George Rosebush
 JAMES, age 3 in 1871.
 MELISSA, age 5 Mos. in 1871.

6. MELISSA, born 1 Sept. 1839; Died 11 Oct. 1868. Buried in Stirling Cemetery. M. John Philips. The will of Jedediah Cummings lists two of their children.

Children, born at Rawdon:

HERBERT PHILIPS.
 GEORGE PHILIPS.

14 HIRAM CUMMINGS

Fourth child of Samuel Preston Cummings. Born 1796. M. on 26 Dec. 1822 at Belleville, Ont., to Abigail Reed, daughter of John Reed of Thurlow Twp.,

Children, born at Rawdon Twp.:

1. ELIZA
2. IRENE
3. NANCY
4. SUSAN
5. ANNAS
- 6-6. GEORGE
7. JOHN
8. POLLY
9. CLARISSA

THIRD GENERATION:

132 GILBERT CUMMINGS

Second child of Jedediah Cummings. Born 5 Apr. 1824; Died 19 Mar. 1876 at Rawdon Twp, Ont. M. to Jane Philips who was born 6 Nov. 1830, and who died 26 Aug. 1893. Both are buried in a church cemetery near Stirling.

Children, born at Rawdon Twp.:

1. SUSANNA, born 8 Sept. 1851; Died 20 Aug. 1923. M. Thomas J. Smith, who was born 12 Jan. 1852, and died 26 Jan. 1929. Both are buried near Stirling.
- *2. ELANOR, born 10 July 1853; Died Dec. 1933 at Tawson, Md., Buried 25 Dec. 1933 at Druid Ridge Cemetery at Baltimore. M. in 1873 at Rawdon Twp. to John Angus McMurchy, who was born 23 July 1848 at Newburgh, Ont., and who died 30 Oct. 1938. Buried at Druid Ridge Cemetery, Baltimore.

* See Chapter 8 (14. John Angus McMurchy), for the descendents of Elanor Cummings.

3. HARRIET ESTHER, born 14 Jan. 1856; Died 17 June 1923. M. Wilford Manley Smith, who was born 3 May 1854; Died 5 Aug. 1936. Both are buried in a church cemetery near Stirling.

Children:

FRANKLIN ERNEST SMITH, born 1884; Died 1959. M. 1908-10 to Winnifred J. McMurchy, who was born 1885 at Collingwood, Ont., and who died in 1952, daughter of John Angus McMurchy and Elanor Cummings.

Children:

HERBERT SMITH.

4. LINDA, M. George Carlisle.
5. HERBERT, M. Libby Hagerman.

134. PRESTON CUMMINGS

Fourth child of Jedediah Cummings. Age 42 in 1871; Died 6 July 1894; Buried at Campbelford, Ont., in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. M. 1st to Melissa Searles, who was age 25 in 1861 and who appears in the 1861 census for Rawdon with her husband and oldest son. She was the daughter of Searles, and grand-daughter of Selah Searles, who was the father of Selah, Robert and Joseph. (See Chapter 12)

Children born at Rawdon Twp.,

1-1. HIRAM ANSON, born 9 June 1852.

2. JEDEDIAH, age 11 in 1871. M. to Addie who died in 1932 at Los Angeles, Calif. They lived in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1908.

Children:

HARRISON

Preston Cummings married a second time in 1862 at Stirling, Ont. to Louisa White who was born 3 June 1838 at Rawdon Twp. and died 1 July 1907 at Long Beach Calif., Buried at Campbelford, Ont. beside her husband. She was a daughter of Elam White and Amelia Seeley.

Children born at Rawdon Twp.:

3. WALTER G., born 1864; Died 23 Aug. 1906 at Buffalo, N. Y. M. 1st at Campbelford, Ont. to Joanna Johnson who died in 1893. M. 2nd in Dec. 1904 in Toronto to Ada Easton.

4. AMELIA ESTHER, born 1868; Died 5 Feb. 1954 at Vancouver, B.C. Buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Vancouver, B.C.

5. CARMAN, born 1872; Died 6 Nov. 1914 at Bisbee, Ariz. M. 24 Sept. 1913 at Belleville, Ont., to Francis Eliza Gardner, who died in 1946. She was the daughter of Samuel A. Gardner.

146. GEORGE CUMMINGS

Sixth child of Hiram Cummings. Born 5 July 1834 in Rawdon Tw., Ont. Died 1902. M. on 23 Dec. 1857, to Rosana McGowan.

Children born at Rawdon Twp.:

1. SUSAN, M. William Bird, settled at Thurlow Twp., no children.

2. JOHN, died young.

3. JAMES, died in Ontario in 1921. M. Maggie McGarney settled Sidney Twp.

Children:

ELLA

CORA

ROSA

ZADA

HAROLD

4. ABIGAIL, died young.

5. ELIZABETH, M. Frederick Baker, settled in Belleville.

Children:

LOTTIE

HAZEL

6. ELANOR

7. MAGGIE

8. GEORGE, died in Ontario in 1921.

FOURTH GENERATION:

1341 HIRAM ANSON CUMMINGS

First child of Preston Cummings. Born 9 June 1852 at Rawdon Twp., Ont. Died 14 Mar. 1944 at Coquitlam, B.C. Buried Ocean View Cemetery, Vancouver, B.C. M. 1st to Helen Jordan McMurchy, who was born 22 Nov. 1853 at Amherst Is., Ont., Died 23 Sept. 1895 at Carnduff, Sask., Buried in the Cemetery at Melita, Man. She was the daughter of John McMurchy and Helen Tait.

Children:

- *1. MARTHA MELISSA, born 11 Mar. 1876 at Rawdon Twp., Died 21 Jul. 1952 at Glenboro, Man., Buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Vancouver, B.C. M. on 30 Dec. 1895 at Carnduff, Sask. to John Maitland Armstrong.
*See Chapter 2, (165 John M. Armstrong for descendents of M.M. Cummings.

2-2. FLORA BERNICE, Born 8 June 1878.

3. ZORA Beatrice, Born 8 June 1878, at Rawdon Twp., Ont., Died 1926-31 at Ottawa. M. about 1902 in Ontario to T. B. Willans, who was born in London, England.

Children:

ENID WILLANS, born in Ottawa.

RUTH WILLANS, born in Ottawa.

4. CHARLES VICTOR, Born 17 Sept. 1880 at Sidney Twp., Ont. Died about 1918 in Toronto. M. Louise Reynolds who died about 1946.

Children:

WILLIAM A.

JOHN (JACK)

DONALD A.

Hiram Anson Cummings M. 2nd to Emma Jane (Gardner) Ferguson, who was born 5 July 1850 in Ontario, and who died 21 Oct. 1941 at Vancouver, B.C. She was a daughter of Samuel Gardner andDe Mille. She and Hiram are both buried at Ocean View Cemetery, Vancouver.

FIFTH GENERATION:

13412 FLORA BERNICE CUMMINGS

Second child of Hiram Anson Cummings. Born 8 June 1878 at Rawdon Twp., Died 1936 at Vancouver, B.C. M. about 1904 to Rev. George H. Tuckey, who was born about 1875 near London, Ont., and died 5 Apr. 1924 at North Battleford, Sask; Son of George Tuckey and Sarah Lang.

Children:

1. CHARLES HAWLEY TUCKEY, Born 19 Aug. 1907, in Michigan. M. to Mary Hale. Presently living in North Vancouver, B.C.
2. ZORA HELEN TUCKEY, born 24 May 1909 in Laporte, Mich., M. John Campbell Toombs.
3. MAE BLOSSOM TUCKEY, Born 2 May 1911 in Akron, Michigan. M. on 6 July 1940; at Toronto, Ont., to George Douglas Millson, who was born 20 June 1908 at Kingsville, Ont., a son of Walter E. Millson and Julia Wellington. They presently live in Edmonton, Alta.

Children:

ELIZABETH JAN MILLSON, born 25 July 1948 at Chatham, Ont.,
M. on 16 July 1971 to Douglas Lloyd Jones.
JOHN DOUGLAS MILLSON, born 28 Oct. 1949 at Chatham, Ont.,

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ANCESTRAL INVESTIGATION

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Chapter 5

COPPINGER:

According to Family Bible records in my possession, one of my 2nd Great Grand-Fathers, Thomas Coppinger, left England on the last sailing vessel in the year 1840, bound for Canada. He settled in the village of Sydenham, Loughborough Twp., Frontenac Co, Ont., with his wife Emily and two children Francis Elizabeth and Thomas.

He was a tailor in Sydenham, and lived in a frame dwelling on Main St., about a block south of the township offices and on the opposite side of the street.

The house is presently being used as storage space by a building materials firm in Sydenham, who's premises are located in the adjacent property.

Thomas and Emily are shown as being members of the Roman Catholic church in the 1851 census; and the Church of England in the 1861 census. In both census records the family is shown as residing in the village of Sydenham and Thomas(Sr.) is listed as being a tailor.

The will of Thomas Coppinger, a photocopy of which I have in my files, was signed and witnessed in 1869. It was signed by Thomas Coppinger, tailor of the village of Sydenham, Ont. The will was proved on 13 May 1874, and was signed by P.M. Rose, Registrar. It indicated that Thomas Coppinger had two children and a wife who were all alive in 1869 when the will was signed.

The 1857-58 Canada Directory lists a Thomas Coppinger of Sydenham as a tailor and issuer of marriage licenses.

Francis Coppinger married Marvin Holden, my great grand-father.

The whereabouts of Thomas Coppinger Jr. are unknown. He shows as living with his parents in 1851, and as being age 22, born in England.

The 1871 census for Bentinck district, Grey Co., shows a Thomas Coppinger, merchant, age 40, born in England, and living with wife Letitia, and four children. It has not been conclusively proven that this is Thomas Coppinger Jr. a son of Thomas Coppinger of Sydenham.

My Great Grandmother, Francis Elizabeth Coppinger, moved to the Boisevain area of Southern Manitoba with her husband, Marvin Holden, in the early 1890's. She passed away on 20 Nov. 1904 at Boissevain.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

FIRST GENERATION:

1. THOMAS COPPINGER

Age 43 in 1851; Born in England. Died between 1869 and 13 May 1874, (the dates his will was signed and probated or proved,) likely in Sydenham, Ont. M. about 1827 or 1828, likely in London, England, to Emily, who was age 45 in 1851, born in England, and who was buried 31 Aug 1882, likely near Sydenham, Ont. The names of her parents are unknown to me.

Note: Ontario Vital Records show no registration of death for Thomas Coppinger.
Children:

1. THOMAS, age 22 in 1851, born in England.
2. FRANCIS ELIZABETH, born 1833 in London, Eng. (from Family Bible Records of Marvin Holden), died on 20 Nov. 1904 at Boissevain, Man. M. on 5 Apr. 1857 at Sydenham, Ont. to Marvin Holden who was born 25 Dec. 1834 at Kingston, Ont., and who died 20 Mar. 1924 at Boissevain, Man.

Chapter 6

ANDERSON

One of my Great Grandmothers was Nellie P. Anderson, wife of Peter Larson. Her exact year of birth is somewhat uncertain, as the 1900 census for the city of Chicago indicates that she was born in Jan. 1853, and was 47 years old when the census was taken. However, birth certificates for two of her children born in Chicago indicate that she was age 33 in 1877, and age 36 in 1881, thus establishing her year of birth as 1844 - 1845.

She was born in Skane, Sweden, and according to the 1900 census, emigrated to the United States in 1868. All her children were born in Chicago, Illinois.

She was listed as being a widow in the 1900 census, and as being proprietor of an employment office. She was shown as operating an employment agency at 1688 N. Clark in 1890. In 1933, she was still listed in the Chicago Business Directory as operating an employment agency located at 3126 North Clark St.

The 1934 Chicago telephone directory lists a Mrs. N.P. Larson at 3126 North Clark. There were no further listings for Nellie P. Larson in subsequent telephone directories, indicating that she likely died about 1934.

The 1941 Chicago telephone directory lists her daughter, Esther Harriet Larson as residing at 3126 North Clark.

My grandmother used to tell me of the time her mother, who was Nellie Anderson, used her wits to stop what could have developed into a violent incident.

While selling meat in the streets of Chicago, from a small hand cart, a butcher got into a rather violent argument with a young man, and soon began brandishing a knife at him. My great grandmother shouted at the butcher from the balcony of their house, "Hey butcher, before you cut that kid's throat and get your knife all bloody, how about cutting me a roast of beef?" That ended the argument.

My grandmother also used to tell me that she had met Al Capone on several occasions when he used to come into the department store where she and her sister Esther were clerks.

See chapter 3, (1 Peter Larson), for the descendants of Nellie P. Anderson.

Chapter 7

COLWELL:

One of my 3rd great grandfathers was Francis or Frank Colwell. He was born in Enniskillen, Fermanagh Co. Ireland. He came to Canada about 1820 - 1823, and settled initially at Kentville, N.S.

Frank Colwell was supposed to have had a brother and also sisters residing at Kentville. A sister, who's married name was McKnight was supposed to have moved to Toronto.

John Colwell, my 2nd great grandfather, met his wife Mary Ann Browning, on the ship while travelling to Nova Scotia. They decided to elope and so he hid her on the boat under a barrell, or hogshead. They were married in Nova Scotia; likely at Kentville. About half their children were born in Nova Scotia, and the rest in Huron Co. Ont.

Samuel Colwell, who was either their first or second child, was born in Nova Scotia in 1826.

About 1835, John Colwell and his family moved to Huron Co. Ont., settling near the Goderich, Holmsville, Bayfield area.

John Colwell had a brother, Edward, who was evidently drowned at Kincardine.

According to family records, there is a monument to a William Colwell in Wolfville, N.S. Wolfville is located very near to Kentville, where the family originally settled. This William could be a brother of John (II.) or perhaps his son William (III.)

Another note in the family records indicates that Oliver Cromwells' mothers maiden name was Ann Colwell.

Several of the children of John Colwell married and settled in Bruce Co., north of Huron Co. Among these were John, Samuel, and Francis(Frank). They were known throughout the community for their industry and hard work.

Samuel Colwell was known as "Big Sam". He used to be a very fast worker, and was never able to get enough work done to suit himself. He farmed quite a bit of land.

Francis Colwell, moved to Gardner, North Dakota in 1880 with his family. All his family were born in Kincardine Twp., Bruce Co.

The descendents of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning soon became very numerous and had very large families. They married into many of the pioneer families in the Huron and Bruce Counties of Ontario.

The family was known for their industry, honesty and generosity and was highly respected in the community.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

FIRST GENERATION:

1. FRANCIS (FRANK) COLWELL

Lived in Enniskillen, Ireland, according to a letter written by his great grandson Rev. Thomas Colwell, who resided in Vancouver, B.C. According to the letter, Frank Colwell had a brother who settled near Kentville, N. S. as well as sisters who settled there.

Frank Colwell emigrated to Nova Scotia with his family. His son John was old enough to be married when they emigrated, which he did as soon as they arrived in Nova Scotia, marrying a girl whom he met on the ship. They likely emigrated to Nova Scotia about 1820 - 23.

Children:

- 1-1. JOHN, born about 1799 at Enniskillen, Ireland; Died 21 Aug. 1879 at Huron Co. Ontario.
2. EDWARD, He was supposed to have drowned at Kincardine, Ont.

SECOND GENERATION:

11. JOHN COLWELL

First child of Francis(Frank) Colwell. Born about 1799 in Enniskillen, Ireland. Died 21 Aug. 1879 at Huron Co., Ont. Buried in Maitland Cemetery, Goderich. M. 1st likely around Kentville, N.S. to Mary Ann Browning who was born in London, England, probably about 1800-1805; Died 8 Nov. 1847 at Goderich Twp., Ont. while giving birth to her twelfth child. She was a daughter of Browning and Blackmore. The Colwell and the Browning familie were on the same ship emigrating to Canada.

Children:

1. William, born at Kentville, N.S. M. to Jemmison. He was a sailor.

Children:

ROBERT

adaughter. MarriedBarnes.

- 2-2. SAMUEL, born 1826 at Kentville, N.S.
3. SARAH, born at Kentville, N.S. M. toEvans, of St. Mary's Ont. and resided near there.
- 4, ELIZABETH, born at Kentville, N.S. M. toHyslip of St. Marys Ont. She had 13 children. One daughter marriedHurden, who was lighthouse keeper at Kincardine.
- *5. ANN, born 1832 at Kentville, N. S. M. in 1850 at Goderich Twp. to John Stirling who was born 30 Dec. 1825 at Panbride Parish, Forfarshire, Scotland; Died 23 Sept. 1875 at Goderich Twp., from loosing an arm in a threshing machine accident. He was a son of James Stirling and Elizabeth Lawrence.
*See Chapter 24, (11. John Stirling) for descendents of Anne Colwell.
- 6-6. FRANCIS (FRANK), born 19 Feb. 1834 at Kentville, N.S., died 12 July 1913 in North Dakota. M. to Jane Collins. Moved to N. Dak. 1880
- 7-7. JOHN, born 18 Apr. 1836 at Goderich Twp. Ont. M. Elizabeth Collins
- *8. MARIA 'ESTORY, born May 1840 at Goderich Twp. (It should be noted here that her year of birth is given as 1836 in Family Records in possession of Mrs. Sadie McLean of Kincardine, a grand-daughter of Maria Estory Colwell. Kincardine cemetery records show her as being buried on 14 Dec. 1895, age 55 years and 7 Mons., which would establish her birth as May 1840. The metal plaque from her casket is inscribed "Died 12 December 1895, age 59 years, 7 Mons. which would establish her birth as May 1836. She died 12 Dec. 1895 at Kincardine Twp., to John Armstrong, who was born in 1838 in Armagh Co. Ireland. Died in Oct. 1902 at Kincardine; a son of Robert Armstrong and Isabella Story. Maria Colwell and John Armstrong are both buried in the Kincardine Cemetery.
9. JAMES, born 1841 at Goderich Twp; Died 1914; M. to Susan Lindsay, who was born 1842; Died 1921. Both are buried at Maitland Cemetery.
- *10. CATHERINE, born 8 Apr. 1843 at Goderich Twp., Died 13 Apr. 1926 at Nanton, Alta. M. to Frank William Armstrong, who was born in 1840 in Armagh, Ireland, and died 2 Mar. 1912 at Nanton, Alta; a son of

Robert Armstrong and Isabella Story. Catherine Colwell and Frank W. Armstrong are both buried in the Nanton Cemetery.

*See Ch. 2 (17. Francis W. Armstrong for descendents of Catherine Colwell.

*11. REBECCA JANE, born 12 July 1845 at Goderich Twp., Huron Co., Buried at Bayfield Cemetery, Huron Co., M. to William Stirling who was born 29 May 1835 at Panbride Parish, Forfarshire, Scotland. Died 4 June 1910. Buried at Bayfield Cemetery. He was a son of James Stirling and Elizabeth Lawrence.

*See Ch. 24, (15. William Stirling) for descendents of Rebecca Jane Colwell.

12-12. GEORGE, born 8 Nov. 1847 at Goderich Twp., Ont. M. Rebecca Portice.

John Colwell married second to Blair.

THIRD GENERATION:

112 SAMUEL COLWELL

Second child of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning. Born 1826 at Kentville, Nova Scotia. Died 19 Mar. 1912 at Kincardine, Age 86. Buried at Kincardine Cemetery. M. to Mary Ann Stanley, who was buried at Kincardine Cemetery in Feb. 1903 at age 71.

Children, born near Bervie, Ont.:

1-1. EDWARD, M. Elizabeth Madden.

2. SAMUEL, age 21 in 1878 (Bervie Church Records). M. on 2 Oct. 1889 at Kincardine Twp., to Jennie Shanks who was born 1868, a daughter of James Shanks and Jean

Children:

HAZEL JEAN, born 16 June 1890.

3. CAROLINE, age 19 in 1878. M. to Jim McGregor.

Children:

IRENE MCGREGOR, M.Hillhouse

FRANK MCGREGOR, M. Betty

JANET MCGREGOR,

Three other children (Names unknown)

4. MARY ANN BROWNING (MAGGIE), born 1861. M. 7 Nov. 1883 at Kincardine to Noble Emerson Harrington, who was born 1859, a son of William Harrington and Mary

Children:

ANNIE HARRINGTON, M. to Fred Hill.

EVA HARRINGTON, M. Bill Barrett, who was with the C.P.R. in Calgary

CLARA GEORGINA HARRINGTON, born on 13 Sept. 1898 at Bervie M. Tom Mullins.

SADIE HARRINGTON.

BILL HARRINGTON, not married.

5. HARRIET E., age 16 in 1878. M. to McFadden.

6. JAMES, age 13 in 1878. Buried at Kincardine Cemetery on 20 Apr. 1887.

7. ALBERT, age 12 in 1878. M. Jessie Fisher McLean, who was born 25 Mar. 1866 at Kinloss Twp. They lived in Saskatoon.

Children:

ROY ALEXANDER, born 19 May 1895.

ALBERT CLAYTON. born 15 Oct. 1897.

MARY VERNA, born 28 Jan. 1899.

NEIL,

8. THOMAS HODGKIN, born 16 June 1868. M. 4 Mar. 1896 at Kincardine Twp.,

to Sara Elizabeth Shelton, born 1875, a daughter of Samuel Shelton and Emma

Children born at Bernie:

EINSLEY ELVERETTA, born 27 Apr. 1897.

EDWARD ALBERT, born 28 Oct. 1898.

SARA IRENE, born 11 June 1898.

JOHN CECIL, born 31 May 1902

9. FLORA, Born 16 June 1868. M. on 8 Feb. 1898 at Kincardine to David Pinkerton Elphick, who was born in 1870, a son of George Elphick and Mary J. Pinkerton.

10. JOHN,

11-11. FRANCIS WILLIAM, age 5 in 1878. M. in 1900 to Mary Caskanette.

12. SARAH JANE, age 3 in 1878. M. on 21 Dec. 1897 to Robert Nesbitt, who was born in 1871, a son of Robert Nesbitt and Sarah Scott.

Children, born at Bervie:

SARAH NESBITT, born 18 Apr. 1899.

SAMUEL ROBERT NESBITT, born 17 Oct. 1900.

JOHN GEORGE NESBITT, born 11 Mar. 1904.

MARY CAROLINE NESBITT, born 23 Aug. 1905.

13. GEORGE EVANS, age 1 in 1878. M. to Lottie Jane Hormie.

Children, born in Kincardine Twp.,

FLOSSIE JANE, born 16 May 1905.

MARIE.

WILLIAM.

CHARLES.

RUTH.

VERNA.

116. FRANCIS (FRANK) COLWELL

Sixth child of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning. Born 19 Feb. 1836 at Kentville, N.S. Died 12 July 1913 in North Dakota. M. on 27 June 1854 at Kincardine to Jane Collins who was born 15 Sept. 1834 at Huron Co. Ont., Died 7 Dec. 1919 in North Dakota. She was a daughter of Henry Collins.

Children, born at Kincardine Twp.:

1. MARY ANN, born 7 Apr. 1855; Died 24 Oct. 1911. M. on 13 Apr. 1873 at Kincardine Twp., to John Burley.

Children:

IRVINE BURLEY

EDGAR WICLIFF BURLEY, Born 17 Feb. 1876.

MITCHELL BURLEY,

FRANK LIVINGSTON BURLEY, born 11 July 1880.

IVY FERN BURLEY, born 23 Aug. 1882.

JESSIE GAIL BURLEY, born 30 Sept. 1885.

Baby Daughter, born 1887; Died 1887.

MYRTLE LILLIAN BURLEY, born 2 Dec/ 1895.

2. ELIZABETH, Born 20 Oct. 1856; Died 8 Feb. 1912. M. on 23 July 1873. at Kincardine to John Glass.

Children:

AMELIA JANE GLASS, born 4 Nov. 1874.

JAMES GLASS, Born 3 May 1877.

FRANK GLASS,

3. MARIA, born 26 Mar. 1859; Died 8 Mar. 1900. M. on 20 Sept. 1876 at Kincardine to Robert Glass.

Children:

CLARA BIRD GLASS, born 3 May 1877.

ETHEL OLIVE GLASS, born 1878.

EVERETT PERRY GLASS, born 29 July 1882.

PEARL VIVIAN GLASS, born 1 Apr. 1885.
 AMANDA ERDYNE GLASS, born 1 Apr. 1887.
 ESTELLA MARIA GLASS, born 27 Apr. 1889.
 AUDBER ROBERT GLASS, born 24 May 1890.
 FLOYD FRANCIS GLASS, born 28 Sept. 1893.

4. DEBORAH AMANDA, born 14 Mar. 1861; Died 10 Apr. 1887. M. on 28 Jan. 1879 at Kincardine to William McDonald.

Children:

JOHN ALTON McDONALD, born 10 Nov. 1880.
 FRANCIS ASHBURY McDONALD, born 9 Aug. 1885.

- *5. SARAH JANE, born 15 Jan. 1863; Died 19 Sept. 1899 at San Diego, Calif., M. to James Stirling.

*See chapter 24, (131. James Stirling) for the descendents of Sarah Jane Colwell.

6. JOHN BROWNING, born 16 Oct. 1864; Died 16 Aug. 1865.

7. DAVID HENRY, born 9 July 1866; Died 17 May 1954. M. on 3 Feb. 1891 at Gardner, N. Dak. to Marguerite Ann Cuyler, who was born 10 May 1862; Died 29 Jan. 1942. Both buried in Riverside Cem. Fargo, N. D.

Children, born at Gardner, N.D.:

EDITH MARGUERITE, born 7 June 1892; Buried Riverside Cemetery. Fargo, N.D. M. to Frank Demmich.

EDISON DAVID, born 28 Oct. 1893. Buried in Riverside Cemetery. M. 8 Apr. 1922 to Florence McDonald.

Children:

DELL McDONALD, born 19 June 1923: M. Carol Gallion

CAROL PATRICIA, born 25 June 1927.

EDISON TERRY, born 22 Aug. 1938.

ALICE JANE, M. Lien.

FRANK ALONZO, born 2 Sept. 1895. Did not marry. Lived at Gardner, N.D. in 1977.

FAY CUYLER, born 13 Feb. 1897. Did not marry. Lived with his brother Frank in Gardner, N.D. in 1977.

MAURICE STELSAM, born 14 Oct. 1898. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Fargo, N.D. M. in 1932 at Gardner, N.D. to Violet Jane Knutson.

Children:

CUYLER, M. Ruth

JUNE, M. Wischer

JOYCE,

KAREN, M. Roger Carlson

KIM,

VIDA LUCILLE, born 17 Oct. 1899. Buried Riverside Cemetery.

8. KATHERINE ALICE, born 18 July 1868; Died 15 June 1890. M. 10 Oct. 1886, at Gardner to Ira Watson Gardner.

Children:

IRA WATSON GARDNER JR., born 6 Nov. 1887.

9. FRANCIS STIRLING, born 11 Feb. 1871; Died 24 Oct. 1924. M. 20 June 1894 at Gardner, N.D. to Flora Lovina Barnham, who was born 2 Sept. 1875. Died 21 July 1944.

Children:

DE ETTA ALMEDA, born 14 Apr. 1895; Died 9 Feb. 1921.

M. on 16 Sept. 1920 to McComas.

BRISTOL DAVID, born Nov. 1897.

WILSON WHITFIELD, born 10 Aug. 1898.

LILLIAN ARDOTH, born 8 Dec. 1899.

ALVA IVA, born 24 Dec. 1900.

FRANCES ESTELLA, born 4 Sept. 1901. M. on 10 Nov. 1920
toGarrett.

Children:

GERALDINE ESTELLE GARRETT, born 31 July 1921.
JACK COLWELL GARRETT,
WENDELL ORLANDO, born 28 July 1903.
HAROLD LUTHOR, Born 10 Sept. 1905.

10. LILLIE MAY, born 16 Mar. 1873; Died 28 Nov. 1891.
11. ANNA LAURA, born 20 Sept. 1875; Died 16 Oct. 1957. M. 21 Oct. 1896
at Gardner, N.D. to Orlando E. McCracken.
12. ADELLA CELESTINE, born 27 Mar. 1877; Died 28 Mar. 1911. M. 6 Aug. 1900
at Gardner, N.D. to William A. Rudd.

Children:

ROBERT ARTHUR RUDD, born 19 May 1901. M. 5 Nov. 1920.

Children:

ROBERT GORDON, born 30 June 1921.
WILLIAM EUGENE, born 24 Dec. 1922.
IRENE ADELLA, born 9 July 1924.
DOROTHY JEAN, born 12 Aug. 1925.

ETHEL ADELLA RUDD, born 31 Jan. 1903. M. 26 Feb. 1927
toSchrader.

FRANCIS GEORGE RUDD, born 14 Feb. 1905.
WILLIAM ARLO RUDD, born 16 Sept. 1907.

13. SAMUEL PRESTON, born 17 Apr. 1879; Deceased. M. 9 May 1900 at
Gardner, N.D. to Cora May Heath.
14. EDWARD CLIFTON, born 17 Apr. 1879; Died 21 July 1879.

117. JOHN COLWELL.

Seventh child of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning. Born on 18 April 1836
at Goderich Twp., Ont., died 15 March 1924. Married to Elizabeth Collins, who
was born 14 Feb. 1845, died 10 July 1899 at Kincardine, a daughter of Richard
Collins and Catherine M^CMunn.

Children, born in Kincardine Twp.:

1. ISOBEL, died young.
2. CASSIA, born 1868, died of T.B. in 1892.
3. JAMES, born 1869, died 1948 in Ontario. Married to Mary M^CFadgen, who
died with the flu about 1918 at Vulcan, Alberta.

Children:

JUDSON, attended college in Medicine Hat, Alberta about
1918 - 1920, died about that time.

LLOYD, married MacPherson, lived at Vulcan
Alberta. Died there about 1925.

CLARK, married in 1927 to Jean Farrell of Blackie, Alberta.
Lived in High River, Alberta in 1975. They had four
children.

JACK, he and his wife lived in Coleman, Alberta in 1975.
They had three children.

4. BENJAMIN, married Bella Stewart. Lived in B.C.
5. JACK, born in 1876, died in 1899.
6. SAMUEL WHITFIELD, born 1878, died 1961 at Vulcan, Alberta. Married
in 1911 to Maggie Hodgins of Kinlough, Ontario, who was born in
1879, and died in 1919 at Vulcan, Alberta.

7. THOMAS, M. Nettie He was a minister in Vancouver, B.C. and it was he who wrote the letter to Florence Colwell (Mrs. Cecil Pollard), of Kincardine, from which much of the historical data on the Colwell Family was taken.
8. WILLIAM EVANS, born 29 Mar. 1882 or 83. Died 9 Feb. 1951. M. to Eunice Ann Richards, who was born 17 Oct. 1896; Died 24 Jan. 1960.
9. JANE, M. Thomas Robinson.
10. MABEL, born 1887; Died 1968 at Nanton, Alta. M. to Orville Smith.
11. FRANK, (RED FRANK), M. to Katherine (Cassie) Farrell. Lived at Kincardine.

11(12). GEORGE COLWELL.

Twelfth child of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning. Born 8 Nov. 1847 at Goderich, Ont., Died 5 Jan. 1932; Buried at Greenhill Cemetery, Lucknow, Ont. M. on 1 Aug. 1873 at Kincardine, to Rebecca Portiss who was born 17 Sept. 1849 in Huron Twp., Died 8 Jan. 1932. Buried at Greenhill Cemetery, Lucknow; a daughter of John Portiss and Ann Smith. George Colwell weighed only 3 pounds at birth. He first farmed on lot 8, concession 1, SDR, Kinloss Twp., and after wards moved to lot 3.

Children, born at Kinloss Twp.:

1. JOHN WILLINGTON, born 18 Mar. 1874; Died 2 Jan. 1950. M. 5 Dec. 1899 at Greenock, Ont. to Bella Maude Moore, a daughter of George Moore.

Children:

GLADYS REBECCA, born 3 Jan. 1903. M. 1932 to Ardell Mason.

Children:

RETA MASON, M. Roy Webster.

JACK MASON, M. Joyce Rivett.

ANNETTA MAE, born 18 Aug. 1904; Died 21 Apr. 1943. M. in 1917 to Mervin Hedley from Glammis.

Children:

BETTY HEDLEY, M. Jack Carrick

DELBERT HEDLEY, M.Holdenby

GEORGE EARL, born 30 July 1907. M. on 11 Nov. 1933 to Ruth Collins.

Children:

SHIRLEY, M. Ray Gilders.

WILLIAM GEORGE, M. Helen Gummow.

GWEN ANNETTA, M. Robert Smirl.

JOHN RICHARD, M. Joan Meyers.

ANNIE AGNES, born 28 Sept. 1910. M. 8 Oct. 1938 to Donald McCosh.

Children:

MARY ANN McCOSH, born 1940. M. Mike Kukolly.

RICHARD COLWELL McCOSH, born 1944.

ISABELLA DORLINDA, born 2 Apr. 1916. M. Walter Forester.

Children:

RUTH AGNES FORESTER, born 7 July 1940. M. Gordon Patterson.

ANNETTA MAE FORESTER, born 30 Mar. 1943. M. William Robinson.

ROBERT ALEXANDER FORESTER, born 12 Aug. 1944. M. Diane

JOSEPH CURRIE FORESTER, born 22 Jan. 1946. Died 1967.

CAROLYN ISOBELLE FORESTER, born 23 Dec. 1946. M. Donald Johnson

JANET MARIE FORESTER, born 26 Oct. M. Judson Maillette.

BARBARA ANNE FORESTER, Born 15 May.
 DONALD JOHN FORESTER, Born 28 Dec.
 MARY MARGARET FORESTER, Born 5 Jan.
 DORLINDA JEAN FORESTER, Born 27 Sept.
 JAMES WALTER FORESTER, Born 19 June.
 CATHERINE GRACE FORESTER, Born 7 Dec.

JOHN CURRIE, born 7 Apr. 1919. M. 20 Aug. 1949 to Doris Eadie
 Children:

JOHN BRUCE, Born 11 Oct. 1950.
 BETTY JANE, Born 10 Dec. 1951.
 MARGARET ANNE, Born 15 Jan. 1960.

2. ANNIE BROWNING, born 10 Dec. 1875. Deceased. M. 18 Dec. 1901 to
 George S. Fair, of Bervie.

Children:

FLORENCE FAIR, M. Clifford Huston.
 LYNN FAIR, M. Lillian
 RUSSELL FAIR, born 1907; Died 1931.

3. SARAH JANE, born 22 Feb. 1877. Deceased. M. Frank Stanley.

Children:

CLARE STANLEY, deceased. Bachelor.
 MAY STANLEY, M. to Harold Campbell.

Children:

THELMA CAMPBELL
 VELMA STANLEY, M. Ivan Pollock.

Children:

DARWIN POLLOCK
 SHIRLEY POLLOCK

4. SAMUEL HERBERT, born 21 May 1878. Deceased. M. to Gwendolyn

5. JAMES THEODORE, born 7 July 1880. Deceased after 1974. M. 12 Mar.
 1913 at Kingarf, Ont. to Ethel Moulton, who died in 1971 in Sask.

Children, born at Jackfish Lake, Sask.:

EILEEN, born 26 Jan. 1914. M. 12 Apr. 1941 to Lynn Geddes.

Children:

DONALD GEDDES, born 10 May 1944. M. Marilyn Pollock.
 ROBERT GEDDES, born 13 Mar. 1950.

FRANK, Born 5 Jan. 1915; M. 18 Mar. 1944 to Ruby Martin.
 They reside at Kincardine.

GEORGE, born 5 Jan. 1915. Not married.

ELMO, born 9 Dec. M. Irene Slingerland. Lives at North
 Battleford, Sask.

ALVIN, born 24 Jan. Not married.

6. FLORENCE MAE, born 9 May 1882. Deceased. M. to Dr. Donald Martyn.

Children:

ANNA MARTYN, M. Ed Chaffin.
 DONALD MARTYN, M. Estelle
 HELEN JEAN MARTYN, M. Homer Hunt.

7. GEORGE WILBERT, born 17 Sept. 1885. Deceased. M. to Myrtle Stanley.

Children:

FLORENCE, M. Cecil Pollard.

Children:

KENNY POLLARD

ALBERT, M. Jean Whittington.

Children:

MARILYN M. Jeff Fraser.

ALLAN, M. Barbara McLellan.

Children:

KATHERINE.
 STEVEN.

8. REGINALD, born 9 Sept. 1887. Died 30 June 1970, Did not marry.
 9. FRANCIS WILLIAM, 17 Apr. 1889. Deceased. M. Irene Huston. Farmed near Kincardine.

Children:

HUSTON, did not marry.
 JEAN, M. Orville Trowse.

Children:

DIANNE TROWSE, M. Don McArthur.
 WAYNE TROWSE,
 DONNA, M. Earl Ziegler.

Children:

KAREN ZIEGLER
 2 other children - names unknown.

10. ADA MARIA, born 12 Apr. 1891. M. 20 June 1917 at Kinlough, Bruce Co., to Herbert John Farrell, who was born 1 Dec. 1883 in Huron Co., Died in 1959 in Bruce Co., Ada Maria (Colwell) Farrell lives in Ripley, Ont. (1981)

Children:

EILEEN, M. Gordon Emmerton
 JEAN, M. John Mac Donald
 MARION, M. Bev Cliff.
 CATHERINE, M. Glen Fraser.
 JACK, M. Janette Hutton.
 HELEN, M. Ron Tiner.
 ETHEL, M. John Nather.

FOURTH GENERATION:

1121. EDWARD COLWELL

First child of Samuel Colwell and Mary Ann Stanley. M. Elizabeth Madden.

Children:

1. IDA.
2. DAVID.
- 3-3. EDWARD, M. Hannah Graham.
4. GERASCHIA.
5. REBECCA.
6. GERTRUDE, born 19 July 1880 at Bervie. Not married. She lives at Banff, Alta.
7. MILFORD, born 24 Nov. 1883. M. to Emmerson.

Children:

EMMERSON.
 JEAN.
 BRUCE.

112 (11). FRANCIS WILLIAM COLWELL

Eleventh child of Samuel Colwell and Mary Ann Stanley. Age 5 in 1878 as per Bervie Church Roll and Record Book for that year. M. 1900 to Mary Caskanette.

Children:

1. GEORGE, not married, lives at Gull Lake, Sask.
2. JOSEPH, not married, lives at Vancouver, B.C.
3. JAMES, died at Smith, Alberta.
4. JANETTA, M. Zene Traviss. Lived at Vancouver, B.C.

Children:

WILLIAM TRAVISS.
 JACK TRAVISS.

MARY TRAVISS
 CAROL TRAVISS
 LEONARD TRAVISS
 RAY TRAVISS
 RON TRAVISS
 EILEEN TRAVISS
 DOUGLAS TRAVISS
 ALAN TRAVISS
 SHIRLEY TRAVISS

5. IRENE, M. Harry Dever. Lived at Kelowna B.C. No Children.
 6. LEAVORN, died young.
 7. ELIZA, M. Fred Hunt. Lived at Bluffton, Alta.

Children:

DARRYL HUNT, M. Ida Jensen.
 GORDON HUNT, M. Jackie Lee.
 WAYNE HUNT,
 SHARON HUNT,
 GAYLE HUNT, M. Lyle Lawson.

8. BLANCHE, M. 1st to Lawrence Kingston. Lived at Chesley, Ont.

Children:

LORNE KINGSTON
 WILLIAM KINGSTON
 JAMES KINGSTON

- M. 2nd to Schoph.

Children:

CAROL SCHOPH.

9. SADIE, M. Mel Kingston, Lived at Chesley, Ont.

Children:

MEL KINGSTON, M. Josette Collins.
 LORRAINE KINGSTON, M. Lorne Martin.

10. ALBERT, M. Betty Lived at Vancouver, B.C.
 11. BABY, stillborn.

FIFTH GENERATION:

11213 EDWARD COLWELL.

Third child of Edward Colwell and Elizabeth Madden. M. to Hannah Graham.

Children:

1. ELANOR, M. to Rhody Cooper.

Children:

DELISA COOPER, M. Jack Bradley. They had four girls.
 ISSAC COOPER, M. Mabel Stanley.

Children:

JOHN
 STANLEY

2. DAVID, Died 11 Nov. 1942. M. Florence Stevenson, who died 20 Feb. 1978.

Children:

WILLIAM ISSAC, died 1901 when young.
 LYDIA, M. Norman Alexander.

Children:

HELEN ALEXANDER M. Mo Elder.
 JUNE ALEXANDER

GWENDOLINE, M. Howard Osborne.

Children:

EVELYN OSBORNE (died young)
 ROBERT OSBORNE

GLADYS, M. Keith Wildfong.

Children:

- DEBBIE WILDFONG
- COLIN WILDFONG

FLORENCE, M. Wilfred Pegelo.

Children:

- MARILYN PEGELO, M. Dr. McQuague of Teeswater.
- EVELYN PEGELO, M. Peter Dargie.
- JOAN PEGELO, M. Ed Baetz.
- JAMES PEGELO, M. Judy Zettel.

WILLIAM, M. Noreen Baird who died 10 Nov. 1979. They lived at Glammis, Ont.

Children:

- DAVID, B. 1950 M. Delores Pfeffer.
- BEATRICE, B. 1951.

3. HANNAH, M. Walter Johnson.

Children:

- BETH JOHNSON, M. Merriott.
- BILL JOHNSON, M. Eunice

4. LILLY, M. Henry Pocock.

Children:

- MYRTLE POCOCK, M. Ed Baechler.
- MORRIS POCOCK.
- CLARENCE POCOCK.
- MILDRED POCOCK, M. Doug Morrison.

5. JOHN, M. Mima Wintersteen. Lived in Flint, Michigan.

Children:

- CLIFFORD.
- WILMET.
- NELSON.

6. LYDIA, M. T.J. Blair who died 9 Nov. 1943. No family.

GENERAL DOCUMENTATION

1. JOHN MURPHY:
 Born 2 May 1806 in Scotland. Died 3 Apr. 1889 at Scirling. Buried in Scirling Cemetery. M. to Helen Tait, who was born 30 Sept. 1820 in Lower Canada (1851 census), (Quebec 1871 census) and who died 13 July 1891 at Scirling. Daughter of David Tait and Beatrice Laidler. She is buried in Scirling Cemetery.

Children:
 1. DAVID, age 9 in 1851. Born in Upper Canada.
 2. WILLIAM, age 7 in 1851. Born in Upper Canada.
 3. FLORA ANN, age 11 in 1871. Born in Ontario.

Chapter 8

McMURCHY: (MACMURCHY).

One of my 2nd Great Grandfathers was John McMurchy, or as the name is at times spelled, MacMurchy.

It is not known for certain exactly when John McMurchy came to Canada from Scotland, but according to tradition handed down through the family members, he emigrated to Canada about 1838.

Where they initially settled is not known, but their fourth child, John Angus McMurchy, was born on 23 July 1848 at Newburgh, Ont., Lennox and Addington County.

The 1851 Census shows the family as residing on Amherst Island. The oldest child, David McMurchy was age 9 in 1851 and therefore would have been born in or about 1842. His birthplace was listed in the 1851 Census as being Upper Canada.

The McMurchy boys, David, William, and John Angus, were shipbuilders, as was their maternal grandfather, David Tait, who also resided on Amherst Is. in 1851. (See Chapter 13, relating to the Tait Family).

The three oldest boys worked in a shipyard at Gananoque for some time, after they were married and left their home.

The John McMurchy family lived in Sidney Twp., Hastings Co. in 1871, as evidenced by the 1871 Census for that township.

The two oldest children, David and William, who were age 29 and 27 in 1871, were not residing at home, and were likely married and possibly living at Gananoque in 1871, or at Picton where they built the ship "Huron", in 1874.

The family still resided on Amherst Is. in 1860, since their youngest child, Margaret was born 11 Apr. 1860 on Amherst Is. according to Family Records in the possession of Mrs. Helen Calderwood of Vancouver, B.C.

They must have, therefore, moved from Amherst Is. between Apr. 1860 and the time the Census was taken for Sidney Twp. in 1871.

In 1878 they lived on a farm in Sidney Twp., near the hamlet of Glen Ross, according to a map of land holdings. The farm was comprised of two 68 acre parcels.

John McMurchy and his wife Helen Tait, together with one of their sons, Charles are buried in the town cemetery at Stirling, Ont.

John McMurchy Sr. is listed as being a miller in the 1851 census, and a farmer in the 1871 census.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

FIRST GENERATION:

1. JOHN McMURCHY:

Born 5 May 1806 in Scotland. Died 3 Apr. 1889 at Stirling. Buried in Stirling Cemetery. M. to Helen Tait, who was born 30 Sept. 1820 in Lower Canada (1851 census), Quebec (1871 census) and who died 13 July 1891 at Stirling. Daughter of David Tait and Beatrice Lauder. She is buried in Stirling Cemetery.

Children:

1. DAVID, Age 9 in 1851. Born in Upper Canada.
2. WILLIAM, Age 7 in 1851, born in Upper Canada.
3. FLORA ANN, age 23 in 1871. Born in Ontario.

4-4. JOHN ANGUS, born 23 July 1848 at Newburgh, Ont. Died 30 Oct. 1938 at Toronto. M. 1873 at Rawdon Twp., to Elanor Cummings.

5. George F., age 1 in 1851, born in Upper Canada.

6. BEATRICE, age 19 in 1871, born in Ontario.

*7. HELEN JORDAN, born 22 Nov. 1853 at Amherst Is., Died 23 Sept. 1895, at Carnduff, Sask. M. to Hiram Anson Cummings, who was born 9 June 1852 at Stirling, and who died 14 Mar. 1944 at Coquitlam, B. C. son of Preston Cummings and Melissa Searles. Helen Jordan McMurchy is buried in the Cemetery at Melita, Man. Hiram Cummings is buried in the Ocean View Cemetery, Vancouver, B.C.

*See chapter 4, (1341 Hiram Anson Cummings), for descendents of Helen McMurchy.

8. CHARLES, born 6 Feb. 1856 at Amherst Is. Ont.

9. DOUGAL, age 13 in 1871. Born in Ont. (likely Amherst Is.)

10. MARGARET, born 11 Apr. 1860 at Amherst Is. Ont. Died 2 Feb. 1936 in Sask. M. 25 Jan. 1888 at Midland Ont. to Harvey Smith who was born 14 Apr. 1859 at Midland, Ont. and who died 28 Jan. 1924 in Sask.

Children:

HELEN SMITH, born 4 Oct. 1898 at Midland. M. on 5 Mar. 1938 at Regina, Sask. to Samuel Calderwood, who was born 22 Dec. 1900 at Vallymena, Ireland, a son of Alexander Calderwood. They are both presently living in Vancouver, B.C.

Children:

DOUGLAS CALDERWOOD, born 19 May 1940 at Vancouver, B.C.

BEATRICE SMITH, born 11 Mar. 1902 at Midland, Ont. M. in 1936 at Semans, Sask. to George Brewis, who was born 27 Mar. 1895 at Newcastle, England, and who died in 1966 at Vancouver, B.C. Beatrice is presently residing in New Westminster, B.C.

SECOND GENERATION:

14. JOHN ANGUS McMURCHY:

Fourth child of John McMurchy. Born 23 July 1848 at Newburgh, Ont. Died 30 Oct. 1938 at Toronto. M. 1873 at Rawdon Twp. to Elanor Cummings who was born 10 July 1853 in Rawdon Twp. and who died in Dec. 1933 at Towson, Md. She was the daughter of Gilbert Cummings and Jane Philips. Both are buried at the Druid Ridge Cemetery at Baltimore, Md.

Children:

1. EDITH, Died 1944 at Baltimore, Md. M. to Alfred Loizeaux.

2. ESTHER, Died 1957 at Toronto, Ont. M. to Alfred Sweeting.

3. WINNIFRED, born 1885 in Collingwood, Ont. Died 1952 at Stirling, Ont. M. 1908-10 to Franklin E. Smith, who was born in 1884, and who died in 1959, the son of Wilford M. Smith and Harriet Esther Cummings. Both are buried in a church cemetery at Rawdon Twp. Ont.

Children:

HERBERT SMITH

4. HERBERT G., died in 1975 in Florida. Lived in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1938.

Chapter 9

BARRETT:

One of my 2nd Great Grandfathers, Sylvester Holden, married Sarah Barrett on 13 June 1819 at the St. Georges' Church in Kingston, Ont. The wedding was announced in the June 18, 1819 issue of the Kingston Chronicle, page 3, column 5.

The newspaper announcement stated that Sarah Barrett was from Wolf Island, but it did not indicate the name of her mother or father. Neither are her parents named in the church records for St. Georges Cathedral in the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Ontario, in Kingston.

According to the Family Bible records of Sylvester Holden, a copy of which I have in my files, Sarah Barrett was born in 1800 in Vermont, and died on 19 Dec. 1838 in Kingston.

I have, thus far, been unable to locate her exact place of birth, names of parents place of burial or her obituary in a newspaper, or any church record pertaining to her death or funeral.

An 1878 map of Wolfe Island shows 73 acres of land owned by a George T. Barrett, on the eastern edge of the village of Marysville, on Barretts Bay, Wolfe Island, Ont.

A map sent to me by Mr. Charles Wall of Toronto shows the Barrett subdivision immediately east of Barrett Street on the east side of Marysville. It also shows the location of George Barretts Flour Mill (1878) on the shore of Barretts Bay at the foot of Cross Street. (formerly Dawson Lane).

The Kingston British Whig newspaper reported the following:

- A. An Issac T. Barrett was appointed pound keeper for Wolfe Island in Jan. 1819
- B. An Issac T. Barrett found a small boat below his residence on the north shore of Wolfe Is. on July 1816.

The land records of the Queens University Archives shows that on 7 Apr. 1843, an Issac Tyler Barrett and wife Arabella sold 1½ acres of land on Wolfe Island to a John Dawson.

The 1851 census records for Wolfe Island shows an Issac Barrett, age 57 (born 1794-95). with wife Anabella, age 46, and three children living at home.

The foregoing Issac Barrett would not have been the father of Sarah Barrett as they were born only five or six years apart. (1794 or 1795 and 1800).

They were probably brother and sister.

Whether the Issac T. Barrett who found the small boat in 1816, and who was appointed pound keeper in 1819, was the same Issac who appears in the 1851 census or whether it was his father, remains to be determined.

Of the six cemeteries on Wolfe Is., only one Barrett is buried there; That being Harriet Barrett, wife of Patrick Dawson. Her death certificate shows her to be the daughter of Tyler Barrett and Isabella Davis.

The Barrett Family must have been early settlers to the island. They had a residence there in 1816 as evidenced by the last boat item in the Kingston British Whig. Barretts Bay, upon which the village of Marysville presently is situated, was no doubt named after the family.

Further research may someday identify the mother and father of my 2nd Great Grandmother, Sarah Barrett.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION:

FIRST GENERATION:

1. BARRETT (name unknown). M. to (name unknown).

Children:

- 1-1. ISSAC TYLER, age 57 in 1851. Born in Upper Canada, as shown in the 1851 census records. M. to Arabella, (Anabella, Isabella,) Davis.
 *2. SARAH, born 1800 in Vermont. Died on 19 Dec. 1838, presumably in Kingston, Ont. M. 13 June 1819 at Kingston, Ont. to Sylvester Holden, who was born 15 Mar. 1788 at Westminster, Vt. and who died 19 Dec. 1839 at Kingston. He was the son of Charles Holden and Deborah Crawford.
 *See Chapter 1 (12293144, Sylvester Holden), for the descendants of Sarah Barrett.

SECOND GENERATION:

11. ISSAC TYLER BARRETT:

Age 57 in 1851. Born in Upper Canada as shown on the 1851 census records. M. to Arabella Davis.

Children, all born in Upper Canada:

1. AMELIA, age 26 in 1851.
 2. HARRIET, born 1830 at Wolfe Is. M. to Patrick Dawson, who was born in 1825 and who died 7 Jan. 1884. Both are buried in Plot 116, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wolfe Is.

Children: (two known for certain)

HERBERT DAWSON, had a daughter named Harriet who married a Mr. Payne of Wolfe Is.

DANIEL J. DAWSON, was the township clerk in 1900.

3. GEORGE T., age 11 in 1851.
 4. LOSANDY, (a female), age 7 in 1851.

Chapter 10

STORY:

My 2nd Great Grandmother was Isabella Story, wife of Robert Armstrong.

The names of her parents are unknown to me at this point in time.

On the 1861 census for Bruce County, Isabella appears as being 59 years of age. Therefore, she would have been born about 1802.

The census states that she was born in Ireland.

Family records indicate that she was born in the town of Hillsborough, County of Down, Ireland, and she came to Canada in 1842.

I have been unable to determine the death date for either Isabella Story or her husband, Robert Armstrong. If these dates were known, possible further information could be acquired by utilizing obituaries, or provincial death registration through Ontario Vital Statistics.

They were both alive when the 1861 census for Bruce Co. was taken.

Further research will be necessary in order to determine and document the family of Isabella Story.

See chapter 2, (Robert Armstrong), for the descendents of Isabella Story.

Chapter 11

BROWNING:

One of my 2nd Great Grandmothers was Mary Ann Browning, wife of John Colwell. The name of her father is unknown to me at this point in time.

Mary Ann Browning was born in London, England, at a place called "Rosedale", according to family records of the Colwell family.

I have been unable, thus far, to locate an area called "Rosedale" in London, but a letter from Rev. Thomas Colwell of Vancouver, addressed to Florence Colwell (Mrs. Cecil Pollard) of Kincardine states this to be the case. Rev. Colwell was a grandson of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning, and Florence (Colwell) Pollard was a great grand-daughter of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning.

The Colwell and the Browning families came to Canada, and Nova Scotia on the same boat during their voyage from England, and they were married upon arriving in Nova Scotia.

Mary Ann Brownings' father,Browning was supposed to be wealthy as a result of his marriage to his wife Blackmore.

An interesting fact is that Mary Ann Browning is supposed to have been a childhood friend of the girl who later became Queen Victoria. (She certainly knew how to select her friends!)

One would assume then, that they would be fairly close in age.

Mary Ann Browning had three brothers and/or sisters, all of whom are said to have died by choking. One choked on a button, and the other two on dried beans.

..... Browning, the father of Mary Ann, was supposed to have been poisoned by the mother of Sir Charles Tupper, according to the letter from Rev. Thomas Colwell of Vancouver. (He certainly did not know how to select his friends!)

More research will be required with regards to the Browning family.

See chapter 7, (11. John Colwell), for the descendants of Mary Ann Browning.

Chapter 12

SEARLES (SARLES):

One of my great grandfathers, Hiram Anson Cummings, died on 14 March 1944 at Vancouver, B.C.

His death certificate indicates that his father was Preston Cummings, and his mother was Melissa Searles. The information was provided by Esther Cummings, his half-sister, who resided in Vancouver at the time of his death.

The 1861 census for Rawdon Twp., shows Preston Cummings, Melissa and Hiram, age 8.

The information is also confirmed in the diary of Esther Cummings, which I have in my possession.

In "History of Stonington, Connecticut," by Wheeler, reference is made to a Robert Searle family.

A Nathaniel Searle married Sarah Rogers, a great granddaughter of Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower. She was also related to Elizabeth Alden, daughter of John Alden of the Mayflower. Elizabeth Alden was the first white woman born in New England.

Mrs. Alice Northcott, a Searles descendent, claims that the family are of English origin.

Dr. Searles of New York City, a Methodist minister, claimed that the name was originally Earle, then a knighthood was acquired. Eventually, "Sir Earle" became shortened to Searle.

The historical records of Putnam County, New York, shows that in 1769 a Thomas Searles Sr. resided on lot 6 Philipstown. He is listed as an early settler and is on the tax roll of 1777.

The 1790 census for Philipstown, N.Y., lists a Thomas Searles and a William Searles both with young families.

In the early land records of Sidney Twp., Hastings Co., Ont. a William Searles is shown as owning land there. William Searles signed a mortgage in the adjoining Thurlow Twp. in 1811.

Family records and tombstones record an early Selah, Daniel, and Sarah Searles as residing in Sidney Twp, Hastings Co. These individuals resided in Philipstown, New York, before moving to Sidney Township.

In Sidney and Rawdon Townships, the family is of the same origin, yet in Sidney the name is spelled "Searles", and in Rawdon the name is spelled "Sarles."

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

FIRST GENERATION:

1. THOMAS SEARLES:

Lived in Philipstown, N.Y. on lot 6 in 1769 and listed as an early settler.

Known Children:

1-1. THOMAS.

2-2. WILLIAM.

SECOND GENERATION:

11. THOMAS SEARLES:

First child of Thomas Searles. Lived in Philipstown, N.Y. in 1800 when the census was taken, and was over 45 years old in 1800.

Known Children:

1. THOMAS (JR.), age 16 - 25 in 1800 and married with 2 children.
2. JOSEPH, age 16 - 25 in 1800 and married with 3 children.

12. WILLIAM SEARLES:

Second child of Thomas Searles. Lived in Philipstown, N.Y. in 1800 when census was taken, and was between 26 - 45 years of age in 1800.

He was documented as holding land in Sidney Twp. according to early land records of Sidney. He signed a mortgage in Thurlow Twp. in 1811.

The following children are documented from cemetery records of Sine Cemetery, Sidney Twp., as being early residents of Sidney, and children of William Searles:

- 1-1. SELAH, Born between 1784 - 1790 at Philipstown, N.Y.
2. SARAH, birthdate unknown. Born at Philipstown, N.Y. M. Thomas Sine, son of Peter Sine of Sidney Twp., Hastings Co. For descents of of Sarah Searles, see the Mack and Sine genealogy and family history, 1947. Copy at Stirling Library, Stirling, Ont.
- 3-3. DANIEL, born 14 Oct. 1798 at Philipstown, N.Y.

THIRD GENERATION:

121 SELAH SEARLES:

First child of William Searles, and elder brother of Sarah and Daniel. Born at Philipstown, N.Y. between 1784 - 79. Died about 1820 in Sidney Twp., Hastings Co., Ont. M. first to

Children:

- 1-1. SELAH, born 1 Nov. 1810 at Sidney Twp. Ont.

Note: The Mack and Sine Genealogy and Family History states that there could have been and likely were other children. One of these would undoubtedly be the father of Melissa Searles, my 2nd great grandmother.

2. (NAME UNKNOWN)

Children:

*MELISSA SEARLES.

Selah Searles married the second time to Mary Wright.

Children, born in Sidney Twp.:

- 3-3. ROBERT, born 1816.

- 4-4. JOSEPH, born in 1818.

*Melissa Searles, my 2nd great grandmother was born in 1836 according to the 1861 census for Rawdon Twp., where she is shown residing with her husband, Preston Cummings, and her eldest son, Hiram A. Cummings (my great grandfather) She died between the time her second child, Jedediah Cummings was born (1860-61), and the time her husband, Preston, married his second wife, Louisa White (1862)

The diary of Esther Cummings, eldest daughter of Preston Cummings and Louisa White, refers to Hiram and Jedediah as her half-brothers. Esther Cummings was born in 1868 and she appears in the 1871 census for Rawdon Twp. I have her diary in my files.

I have been unable to thus far determine the names of the parents of Melissa Searles; where she is buried; and when exactly she died. He must have married about 1850-51 since her eldest child, my great grandfather, Hiram A. Cummings was born 9 June 1852 at Stirling.

See chapter 4, (134 Preston Cummings), for the descents of Melissa Searles.

123. DANIEL SEARLES:

Third child of William Searles. Born 14 Oct. 1798 at Philipstown, N.Y. Died 29 June 1842, at Sidney Twp. M. Sybil Sine, Daughter of Peter Sine. She died 17 Feb. 1842, and is buried in Sine Cemetery, Sidney Twp.

Children, all born in Sidney:

1. ANNA, born 1822; Died 15 Feb. 1853. Buried in Sine Cemetery. M. to Frederick Sine.

Children:

STEPHEN GILBERT SINE.
EDMUND MURNEY SINE.

2. LAVINA, M. Syler Horton.

Children:

EDGAR HORTON
BENJAMIN HORTON
ANNIE HORTON, M. Doughty.
GILBERT HORTON.

3. THOMAS, BORN 14 Mar. 1826; Died 20 Jan. 1901 at Rawdon. M. Jane Sine, who was born 2 Oct. 1829 and who died 31 Jan. 1924, daughter of Peter Sine (Jr.) Both buried in Sine Cemetery.

Children, all born at Rawdon:

SIMON, born 7 Sept. 1850; Died 6 Mar. 1876.
LUCY, born 17 July 1854; Died 12 May 1866.
LEWEY, born 1856.
AMOS, born 17 Aug. 1859; Died 7 Jan. 1868.
MATILDA, born 1865.
JANE, M. Solmes. Their son was sheriff in Belleville,
Ont. in 1951.

4. SARAH, BORN 1827, M. Silas Sine.

5. WILLIAM, Born 1829; Died 14 July 1899 at Stirling by falling off a load of hay.

Children all born at Rawdon:

DELILIA, born 1856.
ADELADE, born 1858.
DANIEL, born 1864. Had a son Ernest, who M. Pollock.

Children:

IVAN,
NORMA, (Mrs. Jack Watson)
MAE, (Mrs. Bert Wallace)
Ernest was a township officer in 1947.

6. ELIJAH, born 1835. M. Matilda, who was born in 1840.

Children, all born in Rawdon:

MERETTA, born 1862.
HENRY, born 1864.

7. LEWIS, born 1842. M. Anna, who was born 1842.

Children all born in Rawdon:

IDALA, born 1866.
CORNELIUS, born 1870.

8. AMY JANE, born 1 Mar. 1831. Died 8 Aug. 1862. M. Allen Sine.

9. LUCINDA, born 1834; Died 3 Mar. 1915 at Sidney Twp. M. Sylvester Faulkner, who was born 1833 at Sidney Twp.

Children, all born at Sidney:

ADELAIDE FAULKNER, born 1857, M. John Hamilton.

Children:

BURLEIGH HAMILTON.
SEYMOUR HAMILTON.

MATILDA FAULKNER, born 1860. M. Sam Ward

Children:

BEULAH WARD.

RUFUS WARD.

VERNON FAULKNER, born 1864. M. Hannah Van Allen.

Children:

ETHYL.

FRED.

LILLIE.

JAY.

10. POLLY, M. Gilbert Faulkner.

Children, all born in Sidney:

GEORGE W. FAULKNER, Born in 1846; an M.D. who practiced
in Stirling. M. Sarah Young

Children:

MINNIE.

JAMES.

ALBERT.

MARIE FAULKNER, born 1850. M. Morden Bird.

Children:

DONALD BIRD.

DANIEL FAULKNER, born 1853, an M.D. who practised in Foxboro.
Unmarried.

11. HULDA, born 1836. M. Gilbert Faulkner after the death of her sister,
Polly.

Children, born in Sidney:

WILLIAM FAULKNER, born 1858. M. Louise Bird.

SYLVESTER FAULKNER, M. Jennie Conley, daughter of George
and Susan (Green) Conley of Stirling.

Children:

LILLIAN (Mrs. Donald Clark of Clarkson, Ont.)

AMBROSE C. FAULKNER, M. Mercie McKee, daughter of David
and Linda McKee of Stirling.

Children:

GLADYS (Mrs. Clarence Vermilea).

FOURTH GENERATION:

1211 SELAH SEARLES JR.

First child of Selah Searles. Born on 1 Nov. 1810 at Sidney Twp. Ont. Died
18 Dec. 1886. M. Margaret Bird, who was born in 1815 in Scotland, daughter of
John Bird.

Children all born in Sidney:

1. WILLIAM BENSON, born 1842. M. Armenia Faulkner.

Children:

WINIFRED,

Children:

CLIFFORD

HOWARD

VIOLA

LILY, M. L.B. Windsor of Haliburton, Ont.

Children:

MYRTLE WINDSOR

FRANK WINDSOR

MAURICE WINDSOR
VIOLET WINDSOR
GILBERT WINDSOR

FREDERICK, M. Viola Hudgins.

Children:

OLIVE

BURTON, born 1875; Died 17 Nov. 1952. M. Annie Hagerman.

Children:

NELLIE, (Mrs. Henry Patterson

MARJORIE, (Mrs. Walter Hagerman)

GARNET, who is the 4th generation on the Searles farm running the Searles resort on Oak Lake.

2. MATILDA, Born 1843. M. William Connor.

Children:

EMMA CONNOR, an M.D. in Belleville.

ALICE CONNOR, M. Northcott.

JOHN CONNOR, Born 1864; Died 27 Nov. 1953. M. Annette Gardner, who died in 1945. Both buried at Sine Cemetery.

Children:

WILLIAM G.,

DOROTHY,

GRACE.

3. SAMANTHA, born 1849.

1213 ROBERT SEARLES:

Third child of Selah Searles. Born in 1816 in Sidney; Died 1880. M. Sarah Johnson who was born in 1821; Died 1895.

Children, born at Sidney Twp.:

1. WILLIAM, born 1836. M. Emma who was age 32 in 1871.

Children:

MICHAEL, age 10 in 1871.

ROBERT, age 7 in 1871.

2. ISABEL, born 1838.

3. MARGARET JANE, born 1844; Died 5 Sept. 1909. M. Peter McKague Palmer, who was born 1832, and who died 12 June 1902, son of John Longhorn Palmer. Both buried in Stirling Cemetery.

Children, all born in Sidney Twp.:

MILES PALMER, born 1871; Died 1947 at Frankford. M. Carrie Spencer, who died 1953.

Children:

PEARL.

ALFRED PALMER, died 1948; M. Jane Wannamaker, who died 1946.

Children:

CECIL.

PERRY PALMER, Died 1920. M. Margaret Bradshaw; 2nd wife was Margaret Haggerty.

ROBERT PALMER, born 1874. Lived in Victoria, B.C. in 1947.

CHARLOTTE ELIZA PALMER, born 1877; Died 1951; M. Henry Green.

Children:

LORNE GREEN

GORDON GREEN

PETER GILBERT PALMER, M. Alice Rosebush.

WILLIAM EDWARD PALMER, born 7 Nov. 1881. M. Florence Nolan.

ERNEST GERALD PALMER, born 1885. M. Lily Parson.
 JAMES PALMER, born 31 Dec. 1888. Died 24 May 1954.
 M. Hazel Argue.

Children:

EARL,
 LAURA JOYCE.

1214 JOSEPH SEARLES:

Fourth child of Selah Searles. Born in 1818 in Sidney Twp., Ont. M. Jane Bird, who was born in 1817 in Ireland, daughter of John Bird.

Children, all born in Sidney Twp.:

1. JOHN F., age 14 in 1851. M. Elizabeth, who was age 26 in 1871.

Children:

ANNA, Age 5 in 1871.

CAREY, age 3 in 1871.

2. MELISSA, age 10 in 1851. M. on 29 Dec. 1864 to Thomas Farnsworth,
 who was age 30 in 1864 (Hastings Co. Marriage Register.)

3. ROBERT T., age 9 in 1851. M. to Harriet, who was age 26 in 1871.

Children:

MELISSA, age 8 mons. in 1871.

4. PHILBE A., age 5 in 1851.

5. ELOENOR, age 3 in 1851.

6. MARY E., age 18 in 1871.

Chapter 13

TAIT:

One of my 3rd Great Grandfathers was David Gladstone Tait. It is not known for certain when David Tait came to Canada from Scotland, but in the "History of Lennox and Addington", by Walter S. Harrington, 1913, page 195, we read:

"About 1832, David Tait, a master shipwright from Scotland, landed at the east end of Amherst Island. The best oak and pine timber grew there, and David Tait saw the possibility of establishing a useful industry there.

He built his first Schooner, the "David Tait," near the east end of the island. After being successfully launched, a cable was attached to her bow and a score or more of row boats manned by twice as many sturdy fishermen, towed her around to the north shore, where she was fitted out and put into commission for the grain and lumber trade.

Mr. Tait built and repaired vessels at different places on the north shore until 1847, when he established a shipyard near the upper end of Stella Bay, where he pursued his calling for eleven years, during which time he employed a staff of sixty or seventy men, and built over fifty sailing vessels. They were of the masted schooner type with a centre-board. Only one was for a resident of the island, and that was the good ship "THE BACHELOR", built for William Scott, a general merchant at Stella.

The modern ship builder would make little headway with the equipment of the Tait shipyard. The oaks and pines, after being stripped of their branches, were hauled to the shore by oxen, just as they fell from their stumps.

With axe and whip saw, his expert workman hewed and sawed them into shape and fitted them together. His terms of contract were simple and easily understood, - one dollar for each bushel of capacity.

By 1858, the timber suitable for ships had been nearly depleted. The shipyard was closed at Stella Bay, and the owner moved to Picton, Prince Edward County."

Helen McMurchy, daughter of David and Beatrice Tait is shown as being 31 years of age in 1851. This would indicate that she was born about 1820. The 1851 census also shows her as being born in Lower Canada(Quebec). The 1871 census also lists her birthplace as being Quebec.

If David Tait came to Amherst Is. in 1832, he would not have come directly from Scotland, since one of his daughters, Helen, was born in Quebec in 1820. Her grave at Stirling, Ont., lists her birth as 30 Sept. 1820. She died 13 July 1891. Therefore, he must have first settled in Quebec, or lower Canada prior to coming to Amherst Is. in 1832, where he established his shipbuilding industry.

When the St. Lawrence seaway was being constructed, it was necessary to relocate several pioneer cemeteries. One of these was near Upper Canad Village, and the inscriptions from it were copied by Mildred and Edwin Livingston:

Inscription 19: "In memory of Nathaniel Tait, native of parish of Penningham, Wigtonshire, Scotland, who emigrated to Canada in 1818 and died at Millroches 6 Jan. 1844, age 64 years." (Calculated year of birth, 1780).

Inscription 20: "Margaret McMillan, wife of Nathaniel Tait, who died at Millroches, 20 Nov. 1844, age 64 years." (year of birth, 1780).

Inscription 18: "George McMillan Tait, died at Millroches 15 Sept. 1855, age 32 years." (year of birth, 1823). He would be one of the children of Nathaniel and Margaret listed above.

Inscription 21: "In memory of Peter Tait, died at Millroches, 15 Oct. 1855, age 96 years." (year of birth, 1759).

On the 1851 census, David Tait is listed as being age 54, born in Scotland. (year of birth 1897.)

There is no conclusive proof verifying a relationship, but it is very probable that David Tait, shipbuilder, and Nathaniel Tait were brothers, since they were born 17 years apart, and since it would appear that David Tait's daughter, Helen, was born in Lower Canada in 1820, as evidenced in 1851 and 1871 census records.

The second and third children of David Tait were named "George" and "Margaret" which could further substantiate some family connection between David and Nathaniel Tait.

Peter Tait, (inscription 21), would likely have been their father, having been born 1759.

Family accounts passed down through the generations state that David Tait met his wife on the ship while travelling to Canada, and they were married either on the ship, or shortly after landing in Canada.

David Tait's youngest son, John Tait, became widely known throughout Prince Edward County, where the shipyard was re-located in 1858. He was famous for his untiring energy, and his ability to work on several jobs at the same time.

"Canvas and Steam on Quinte Waters," by Willis Metcalf, 1968, page 6, states that: "From the number of repeat orders for ships, John Tait must have been one of Upper Canada's best shipwrights. It is his record for building ships that have never been equaled. He was very much in demand throughout the Bay of Quinte area."

The above book also lists the McMurchy family as being well-known shipbuilders in the area.

John Tait built more Prince Edward County vessels than any other man. He had tremendous energy, an impressive personality, and great resourcefulness. Mrs. John Tait broke the christening bottles on thirty-eight vessels of which her husband was the master builder.

The following account given on page 52 of "Memories of Yesteryear", by Willis Metcalf, indicates how John Tait started his shipbuilding career:

"John Tait came to his father in their Amherst Is. home when he was eighteen and told him he had just signed a contract to build a small scow schooner for someone in Prince Edward County during the coming winter.

"I'm sorry, my boy," said the father, "for we can't make anything on that contract; the price you have given means we will build at a loss."

"You'd no business to sign without first consulting us," said brother David. "The price is too low. Tear the contract up. It's none of our making."

"No," said John, "it's nobody's making but mine. It's my contract, and I'm going to take the risk and do the work. If there's any loss it will come out of my sweat."

John went to work the next day with a gang he had already hired, rushed the vessel through to completion, launched her, and collected a good profit from the amazed owners, who gladly paid on the nail. The name of his vessel has been lost to history.

She was the first of a long fleet aggregating probably a hundred vessels, of 20,000 tons carrying capacity, which owed its being to John's genius.

The following ships were some of those built by the McMurchy brothers:

HURON - SCHOONER. Built at Marysburgh 1874.

ARMENIA - STEAMER. Built at Picton 1876.

The following ships were some of those built by John Tait:

FLORA JANES - SCHOONER. Built at Picton 1866.

OCEAN WAVE - SCHOONER. Built at Picton 1866.

C. GEARING - SCHOONER. Built at Milford 1869.

STARLING - SCHOONER. Built at Sophiasburg 1873.

FLORENCE HOWARD - SCHOONER. Built at Picton 1860.
 HIBERNIA - SCHOONER. Built at Black River.
 CATARACT - SCHOONER. Built at Roblins Cove. 1874.
 BRITON - SCHOONER. Built at Marysburgh. 1872.
 MARY ETHEL - SIDE WHEELER. Built Trenton 1879.
 ARNUNIA - STEAMER. Built at Picton. 1880.

The following ships were some of those built by David Gladstone Tait:

VICTORIA - SCHOONER. Built on Amherst Island. 1848.
 FRONTENAC - SCHOONER. Built on Amherst Island. 1854.
 CATHERINE - SCHOONER. Built on Amherst Island. 1856.
 HASTINGS - SCHOONER. Built at Belleville. 1862.
 SCHUYLER - SCHOONER. Built at Belleville. 1861.
 ALERT - SCHOONER. Built at Amherst Island. 1849.
 HELEN - SCHOONER. Built at Amherst Island. 1858.

(This ship was named after my 2nd great grandmother, Helen Tait, wife of John McMurphy).

The Tait family is mentioned in every book pertaining to the shipbuilding industry on the great lakes.

They built more schooners on the great lakes than any other family, and the ships constructed under their direction number in the hundreds.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

FIRST GENERATION:

1. DAVID GLADSTONE TAIT.

Born in Scotland. Age 54 in 1851, (year of birth calculated as 1797.)
 M. to Beatrice Lauder who was born in Scotland, and age 53 in 1851, (year of birth calculated as 1798).

Children:

- *1. HELEN, born 30 Sept. 1820 in Lower Canada; Died 13 July 1891 at Stirling. Buried at Stirling Cemetery. M. John McMurphy, who was born 5 May 1806 in Scotland. Died 3 Apr. 1889 at Stirling. Buried at Stirling Cemetery.
 *See chapter 8, (John McMurphy) for the descendents of Helen Tait.
- 2. GEORGE, age 26 in 1851; Born in Upper Canada. M. Elira who was born in Scotland.
- 3. MARGARET, born Nov. 1826; Died 6 Aug. 1847; Buried Pentland Cemetery on Amherst Island.
- 4. CATHERINE, M. to James Dickson.

Children:

DAVID TAIT DICKSON, born 10 July 1851 at Amherst Is. Died 12 June 1852. Buried Pentland Cemetery, Amherst Island.

- 5. ISABELLA, age 21 in 1851. Born in Upper Canada. M. William Redmond, who was age 24 in 1851. Born in Ireland.

Children:

BEATRICE REDMOND, age 1 in 1851.

- 6. DAVID, age 38 in 1871. Born in Ont. M. Ellen, who was age 38 in 1871. Born in Ontario.

Children, living at Picton in 1871:

THOMAS, age 15 in 1871.
 MARGARET, age 11 in 1871.
 DAVID, age 10 in 1871.
 JOHN, age 4 in 1871.

- 7. BEATRICE, age 15 in 1851.
- 8. JOHN, age 32 in 1871, Born in Ontario. M. Margaret, who was age 29 in 1871. Born in Scotland.
 Children, living at Picton in 1871:
 HELEN, age 7 in 1871.
 BEATRICE, age 5 in 1871.
 CATHERINE, born Mar. 1871.

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Chapter 14

BLACKMORE:

One of my third Great Grandmothers was Blackmore.

The only data regarding her family is contained in a letter from a Rev. Thomas Colwell of Vancouver, addressed to his first cousin, once removed, Florence (Colwell) Pollard, of Kincardine.

..... Blackmore was the wife of Browning, and the mother of Mary Ann Browning.

She was evidently quite wealthy, and the family resided in London, England, where her daughter, Mary Ann was a childhood friend of the girl who became Queen Victoria.

She had a brother, Sir Roland Blackmore, who was drowned at sea. He was travelling to Nova Scotia on a ship with a coach and six horses to visit his niece, his sisters, daughter, Mary Ann Browning, the wife of John Colwell.

See chapter 11, (Browning) and chapter 7, (11. John Colwell), for the descendents of Blackmore.

Chapter 15

REED: (REID).

One of my 5th Great Grandfathers was William Reed, or as the name is frequently spelled, Reid.

The following historical background is taken from the "History of the Hoffman and Schermerhorn Family in Canada", by Emma Hoffman Bogart, 1922. Mrs. Bogart was a great granddaughter of William Reed, the Thurlow Township Pioneer.

"The Reed family are of Scottish descent.

Reed, Read Reid, and many other ways of spelling the word, as Rede, Rheade, are all derived from the word Rhea, and had its origin in Phoenicia. The third branch of the River Tyne, in the north of England, is the River Reed. The valley through which this stream flows is called Redesville. On the banks of the River Reed was fought the bloody battle of Otterburn. Upon the edge of Carter fell, a mountain between England and Scotland, is Reed's Square named, the house of Sir Reginald Reed, who was distinguished in the border wars. Following the stream down, the ruins of several Reed castles and fortifications may be seen. The territory between the wall of Agricola and that of Adrian, forms a barony by the name of Redesdale, and this is the first starting point of the Reeds of England and Scotland. Many of the same name still remain there, scattered through the towns, cities and rural districts. The Reeds are numerous from the fact that they are descended from a clan or nation. The first Reed known to come to America was John Reed, from Cornwall, and is supposed to belong to the large family of Reeds in Dorchester, mentioned in Parliamentary Records as having held the castle of Poole against the King's troops in 1649.

He first settled in Providence in 1660, where he married a widow of Francis Derby. He was a man of means, and in 1684 he came to Norwalk, Conn., having purchased a large tract of land here. He built himself a house in the western part of the town, on the eastern side of Five Mile River, nearly two miles from Long Island Sound, and about four miles from what is now the city of South Norwalk. The locality became known as Reed's farms. A suitable granite monument was erected to his memory in 1886.

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"One morning they found that nearly all the settlers in that locality had been murdered the previous night and their homes burned by a band of marauding Indians prowling in that part of the country. They had not been disturbed by the band, who had failed to locate the Reed home. William Reed ordered a hasty departure for Canada, as they did not know how soon the Indians might find them and take their scalps. Their clothing

was about all they could take, and probably not all of that; very little bedding, and there were no roads, only a blazed trail here and there through the almost impenetrable forest. They pursued their sad way on foot, and after crossing the river, William Reed saw from a hill that they had left their cattle shut up in the barnyard, and he sent his eldest son, John, back to let them out, that they might not starve, and that young man had the presence of mind to fetch these cattle with him, and these cattle gave them food and sustenance, and were the means of saving their lives from hunger.

They reached the River St. Lawrence in early autumn, and crossed in small boats, their cattle swimming from one island to another, thence to the mainland. Among the Thousand Islands they followed the river up to Kingston, where great-grandfather got a grant of land where the village of Corbyville now stands, five miles north of Belleville, on the Moira river. They were destitute, and food was a serious problem for the fast approaching winter. The stock picked their living in the marshes and browsed in the forests.

The mother, Nancy Reed, fished at the mouth of the Moira River, where the city of Belleville now stands. After fishing for twelve hours, she caught two fish which the younger children had for their supper. The older children had to go hungry.

There were no settlers in that locality, only one family by the name of Myers, who had been there two years before the Reed family came. On one occasion, one of the Reed boys was sent to Kingston by way of the river and Bay of Quinte, and on his homeward journey, he became weak from hunger. At the mouth of the river, where Belleville now stands, he saw a camp of friendly Indians. He landed, and made signs for something to eat. He was almost in despair of making them understand, when a squaw took the hint and went in her wigwam, returning with a large piece of dried bear meat and a butcher knife and gave it to him. It was so hard, he was a long time satisfying his hunger, and when about to leave he saw out in the river a broken pole, and it seemed to move more than what the current would move it. When he came to it, he found it was a broken spear handle that had the spear in a large catfish on it. He got it in his boat and started for home with a much lighter heart, for he had something to replenish the larder and feed the hungry at home.

The next year, a family of settlers near the Reed homestead were all sick. William Reed told one of the younger boys to look after this family. He was to get them wood for their fire and hunt the forest for any food that he might find, also fish and take what he got to the sick family. He did as his father told him to do, and in six months' time they were all well and able to do for themselves."

The Reed family settled at what is presently known as "Foxboro". It was originally called "Reeds Settlement."

The first grist mill on the Moira River was built by Samuel Reed, son of William Reed, in 1812. It was passed on to his son, Salyer, at what was known as Haydens Corners. About 1848 Salyer had it enlarged and built a dam there. In 1855, it was bought by Mr. Henry Corby.

It is now known as "Corbyville," and is the headquarters for the famous "Corby Distilleries."

The last will and testament of William Reed, dated 1799, names his four sons William Jr., John, (My 4th great grandfather), Samuel and Solomon, as well as some of his daughters.

A somewhat different version regarding the arrival of the Reed family at Thurlow Twp., is contained in the book, "Settlement in Upper Canada," by William Caniff, 1971, page 491.

"In the spring of 1789, a party of about fifty loyalists from Prince Edward County reached the bay. Among them were John Taylor, Salomon Hazelton, Jedediah Thrasher and William Reed and his four sons, John, William, Samuel and Solomon.

The party reached the mouth of the river late in the day and pitched their tents among some of the cedar shrubs along the east bank of the river, near the site of the upper bridge at Belleville. The following day, they followed the bank of the river, searching for indications of good land.

William Reed and his four sons possessed themselves of 600 acres in a block, through which the river wound its way. The land was unmistakably good and four generations have now reaped the fruit of the soil."

Perhaps William Reed and his family were driven from their home along the banks of the Delaware River in the spring of 1780. Perhaps, also, they crossed the St. Lawrence River that fall, near the thousand islands and followed the river up to Kingston.

It is also possible that they settled initially in Prince Edward County, which is only a mile or less south of Hastings Co., across the Bay of Quinte, from the City of Belleville.

The two accounts differ only as to when William Reed and his family arrived in Thurlow Twp., Hastings Co., and settled there.

The account given by Emma Hoffman Bogart has them settling there in the late fall of 1780, whereas the account given in the book by William Coniff has them arriving with some other families in the spring of 1789 from Prince Edward Co.

An Upper Canada Land Petition dated 18 Sept 1797 at Thurlow, and signed by my 4th Great Grandfather, John Reed, states as follows:

"That your petitioner has been settled on lands in this province since the year 1787, and brought with him a wife and two children, and since has had three more and has drawn but two hundred acres for himself and family."

JOHN REED

Thurlow, 18 Sept. 1797.

Another petition signed by William Reed (Jr.) also states that; "your petitioner has been in this province since the year 1787 as a boy, and has now come of age."

WILLIAM REED JR.

Thurlow, 18 Sept. 1797

According to the "Seventeenth Report of the Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario", 1928, page 94, Archives of Ontario, the location certificates for the above John and William Reed were dated 28 Feb. 1789, as their date of location in Thurlow Twp. This would appear to be in agreement with the account given by William Caniff, wherein he refers to the party of about 50 loyalists arriving in Thurlow from Prince Edward Co. in the "spring of 1789."

It would appear from the foregoing evidence that the Reed family likely settled in Prince Edward County in 1787, the year used in the Upper Canada land Petitions for both John and William Reed. Their sojourn there was of a temporary nature, having joined the group of loyalists in the spring of 1789 to relocate in Thurlow Twp., Hastings County.

Evidently, many of the loyalist families first located in Prince Edward County, prior to locating in other parts of the province. Prince Edward County became a "collection centre" for many of the loyalist families.

Some difficulty has been encountered in tracing the whereabouts of William Reed (2) son of William Reed (1) and Nancy Nesbitt.

In the year 1797, William Reed (2) of Thurlow, applied or petitioned for a grant of land in Burford Twp., Oxford Co. The abstract index said that he patented 200 acres of land there in 1803.

In the Midland District surrogate court files, a document dated 15 Aug. 1815, grants Samuel Reed letters of administration to handle the estate of William Reed,

late of thurlow, yeoman. The document states that the said William Reed left no will. and left no person nearer of kin to him who could administer his estate, than "Samuel, his brother". There is no evidence to indicate that there was more than one combination of Samuel and William Reed, of legal age, who were brothers, residing in Thurlow Twp. in 1815.

The foregoing could not be William Reed (1), husband of Nancy Nesbitt, since his will was probated on 29 Aug. 1827.

The next entry regarding the Burford Twp. land granted to William Reed (2), was in 1831, when this 200 acres was sold to William H. Walbridge. The Walbridge family were a well known and important Belleville family in the mid-nineteenth century, and had numerous land holdings.

The land was sold to Walbridge by William Reed of Hungerford, "son and heir to William Reed deceased."

One possible scenario is that William (2) was granted land in Burford Twp. in 1803, he died in 1815, after his wife, thereby leaving his brother samuel to administer his estate (without mentioning his infant son). In 1831, needing cash, and perhaps just having settled in Hungerford, and become, perhaps, indebted to the Belleville businessman, William (3) the youngest, disposes of the Burford land to settle his accounts. Perhaps he bought land in Hungerford from Walbridge and used the Burford land as part or total payment for it.

One thing is certain, William Reed (3) was residing in Hungerford Twp., Hastings Co. in the year 1831.

I have copies of eighteed various land petitions and other legal documentation regarding the children of William Reed and Nancy Nesbitt, and their grandchildren.

It is interesting to note that Almon Reed, second child of David T. Reed and Annis Ketcheson, was a noted cheesemaker in Thurlow. While Almon was cheesemaker at the Union Cheese Factory, they made the largest cheese ever made in Canada, and shipped it to Britain, where it was displayed at Queen Victorias' Golden Anniversary.

The old Reed cemetery is located on part of the original Reed farm. It is called "Elmwood" cemetery, and is situated just north of Corbyville, where the dam and grist mill were constructed by the Reed family, on the east bank of the beautiful Moira River.

Our family visited Corbyville in the summer of 1981. We saw the dam and some of the foundations of the original mill and constructed in 1812. New retaining walls have been poured, and only a small section of the original foundation was apparent.

We also visited the village of Foxboro, and the "Elmwood" if Reed cemetery, where the plain unwrought stones mark the last resting place of the courageous Loyalists who endured so many hardships in their efforts to remain loyal to Great Britain and her splendid traditions.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

FIRST GENERATION:

1. WILLIAM REED.

His will was prepared and signed by himself on 20 Sept. 1799 and was probated on 29 Aug. 1827. He was married to Nancy Nesbitt. M. in the U.S.A.

Children:

*1. NANCY, born 11 Dec. 1775; Died 11 Apr. 1841. M. 31 Jan. 1791 to Elias Hoffman. *See Ch. 25, (l. Elias Hoffman), for descendents of N. Reed.

2-2. JOHN, M. Esther Etherley.

3. WILLIAM, M. Elizabeth Dixon. "Carmel 1855-1955", a copy of which is in the Corby Library at Belleville, states that William Reed Jr. went west, and no record of him is known.

Children:

WILLIAM, sold Burford Twp. land in 1831 and at that time was residing in Hungerford Twp.

MILLIE, M. 22 Jan. 1822 at Belleville to Nathan Parks, son of James Parks.

- 4-4. SAMUEL, died June 1851. M. Mary Lake, (order in council 17 Feb. 1807), who died 1842 at age 62, a daughter of Nicholas Lake of Ernestown.
5. SOLOMON, M. Sarah Lake, (order of council 28 Feb. 1807). She was a daughter of Nicholas Lake of Ernestown and Sidney.

Children:

NANCY, M. on Nov. 7 1826 at Belleville to Samuel Halstead, a son of Stephen Halstead.

6. SARAH, M. to Cyrus Parks of Hay Bay.
7. SUSAN, M. to Samuel Haugh.
*8. ELIZABETH, M. William Foster.
*See chapter 26, (1. William Foster), for the descendents of Elizabeth Reed.
9. ABIGAIL, M. 1st to John Spencer; and 2nd to David Way.
10. BETSY, baptized on 28 Dec. 1791 at Thurlow Twp. (Ontario Historical Society Papers and Records, Vol. 1, 1899.

SECOND GENERATION:

12. JOHN REED.

Second child of William Reed and Nancy Nesbitt. Arrived in Ontario in 1787 according to his Upper Canada Land Petition. M. Esther Etherley.

Children:

1. ISSAC, M. Jane Rose, daughter of Mathias Rose Jr. (Upper Canada Land Petition of 31 Jan. 1810).
2. JOHN, acquired 75 acres of land on 22 Mar. 1811 from his father. (east $\frac{1}{2}$ 1.5 and 1.6, C.4, Thurlow). John Jr. sold these lands on 29 May 1832, and disappeared from Thurlow. In 1834, he is found on 1.2, C.5, Rawdon. In 1835, Samuel Reed bought this Rawdon property at an auction. Perhaps John Reed Jr. passed away in the period 1834-35.
*3. ESTHER, age 56 in 1861. M. to Jedediah Cummings, son of Samuel Preston Cummings and Susan Wells of Rawdon.
*See Chapter 4, (13. Jedediah Cummings), for the descendents of Esther Reed.
*4. ABIGAIL, M. on 26 Dec. 1822 at Belleville, to Hiram Cummings, who was born 1796, a son of Samuel Preston Cummings and Susan Wells of Rawdon.
*See Chapter 4, (14. Hiram Cummings), for the descendents of Abigail Reed.
5-5. GILBERT, born 1808 at Thurlow Twp., Ont.

14. SAMUEL REED

Fourth child of William Reed and Nancy Nesbitt. Died June 1851. M. to Mary Lake, (order in Council 17 Feb. 1807, Upper Canada Land Petitions). Mary Lake was born in 1780 in Rennsler County, N.Y., died 1842 at age 62. Both buried at Elmwood Cemetery. She was a daughter of Nicholas Lake and Mary of Sidney and Ernestown.

Children, all born in Thurlow Twp.:

1. SAMUEL (JR.), born 12 Feb. 1797; Died 30 May 1876. Settled in Elzevir Twp., Hastings Co.
2. NICOLAS, born 1799; Died 15 Nov. 1880 at Thurlow. M. 5 Mar. 1822 at Belleville, to Jemima Drummerer, who was age 49 in 1851.

Children:

- ESTHER A., age 17 in 1851.
 MARY L., age 14 in 1851.
3. NESBITT, settled in Elzevir Twp., Hastings Co.
 - 4-4. SALYER, born 1802; Died 1878. M. to Deborah Ketcheson.
 - 5-5. DAVID, born 26 July 1807; Died 8 Mar. 1902. M. to Annis Ketcheson.

THIRD GENERATION:

125. GILBERT REED.

Fifth child of John Reed and Esther Etherley. Born in 1808 in Thurlow Twp., Died 1849. M. Jane Thompson who was born 1811 at Thurlow; Died 1908. Both buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Thurlow Twp.

Children, born at Thurlow:

- 1-1. CALEB, born in 1830. M. to Mahalia Pitman.
2. ALAN, age 17 in 1851.
3. CYNTHIA, born 1837; Died 1918. M. to Albert A. Thrasher, who was born 1835; Died 1915. Both buried at Elmwood Cemetery.
4. BELINDA, age 13 in 1851. M. Alex Johnson.
5. JANE, age 12 in 1851. M. Alex Fox.
- 6-6. ROBERT, age 8 in 1851. M. Harriet Ann Fraser.
7. ELCY, age 6 in 1851. M. Jacob Hicks.
8. HARRIET, age 4 in 1851. M. William Micklejohn.
9. GILBERT, age 3 in 1851.

144. SALYER REED.

Fourth child of Samuel Reed and Mary Lake. Born 1802 at Thurlow; Died 1878. M. to Deborah Ketcheson, who was born 1804 in Sidney Twp., Died 1878, a daughter of William Ketcheson and Mary Rull.

Children, born in Thurlow:

1. Ketcheson, M. Betsy Gary.
- 2-2. BENJAMIN, born 1823; Died 1906. M. Mary Ashley, who was born 1823; Died 1907. Benjamin was a miller in 1851 census.
3. ALANSON, M. Elizabeth Riggs.
4. PHOEBE, M. Thomas Earle.

Children:

KETCHESON EARLE.

5. ELIZABETH ANN, M. on 22 Nov. 1848 at Thurlow, to William Reader Bigg, formerly of London, England.

145. DAVID T. REED.

Fifth child of Samuel Reed and Mary Lake. Born 26 July 1807 at Thurlow; Died 8 Mar. 1902. M. on Apr. 6, 1830 at Sidney Twp., to Annis Ketcheson, who was born 2 Nov. 1811 at Sidney Twp., Died 30 Dec. 1901, a daughter of William Ketcheson Jr., and Nancy Ann Roblin. Both David Reed and Annis Ketcheson are buried at Elmwood Cemetery.

Children, born at Thurlow:

1. ORLEEN, born 1831; Died 1831.
- 2-2. ALMON P., born 1832; Died 1913. M. to Delilah Vermilea.
3. SUSANNAH, born 1833; Died 1906. M. William Barnham, who was born 1830; Died 1895.
4. SARAH, born 1834; Died 1834.
5. OWEN KETCHESON, born 1835; Died 1917. M. Jean Ann Brown, born 1839; Died 1927.
- 6-6. JOHN WESLEY, born 1838; Died 1920.

7. MARY MATILDA, born 1839; Died 1920. M. Lewis Bradshaw, born 1836; Died 1918. Both buried at Elmwood Cemetery.
8. DEBORAH, born 1842; Died 1847.
9. MARTHA JANE, born 1842; Died 1919.
10. NANCY, born 1844; Died 1894. M. Sidney Hayden Fairman, born 1843; Died 1925.

Children:

HARRY BURLINGTON FAIRMAN, born 1868; Died 1936. M. Minnie M. Fairman.

Children:

CHARLES L., M. Elsie Peterson.

EDNA, born 1903.

HELEN M., born 1904. M. Edward Clare Freeland, who was born 1899.

ANNIE MAY FAIRMAN, born 1869; Died 1887.

WILLIAM YOUKER FAIRMAN, born 1870; Died 1933. M. Bella Fairman.

Children:

RALPH W.

OSCAR.

MINNIE LINWOOD FAIRMAN, born 1874. M. Frank P. Munroe.

HATTIE ESTELLA FAIRMAN, born 1875. Died 1877.

11. LUCIEN, born 1846; Died July 1909. M. Mary Denyes; Born 1852; Died 1937.

Children, born at Thurlow:

GEORGE FRANKLIN, born 1880, deceased. M. 1910 to Ada C. Vandervoort, who was born 1884.

Children:

CLARENCE V. born 1912; Died 1976; M. Irene Delaney, who was born 1910.

12. GATREY ELIZABETH, born 1848, Died 1911. M. to Francis W. Brenton, who was born 1850; Died 1926.

Children:

FRANCIS (FRANK) BRENTON, born 1876. M. Linda Jenkins, who was born 1875. Died 1954.

13. RHODA ANN, born 1849; Died 1849.

FOURTH GENERATION:

1251. CALEB REED.

First child of Gilbert Reed and Jane Thompson. Born in 1830 at Thurlow Twp., Died 7 Nov. 1881 at Huntington Twp., Hastings Co. M. Mahalia Pitman, who was born 1825 in Thurlow; Died 1916. Daughter of Martin Pitman and Lois

Children, born at Thurlow:

1. ALLEN, born 1852.

2. ALMON, born 1852; Died 1925. M. Jane Ann Thompson, born 1849; Died 1915. Both buried at Elmwood Cemetery.

Children:

CLARENCE, born 12 Oct. 1874 at Thurlow. Died 14 Nov. 1902.

3. JAMES WILSON, born 1854; Died 1934. M. Mary E. Bradshaw, born 1856; Died 1930.

4. SANFORD, born 1856; Died 1876 while studying for the ministry.

5. CHARITY, M. Gilbert Jones.

6-6. W. CARTWRIGHT, born 1860; M. Mary Moore.

7. MARTIN, born 1862; Died 1914. M. to Hester J. Moore, born 1870. Died 1944.

8. DENCY, M. Webster Massey.
9. ALBERTA, M. Allan Bailey.
10. ALBERT.
11. ELCY, M. Samuel Massey.

1256. ROBERT REED.

Sixth child of Gilbert Reed and Jane Thompson. Age 8 in 1851. M. Harriet Ann Fraser, daughter of Matthew Fraser and Elizabeth Ketcheson.

Children:

1. SARAH ISABELLA, born 1863; Died 1956. M. George Stinson, born 1892; Died 1937.

Children:

ROBERT KENNETH STINSON, born 1895. M. Violet May Haylett, born 1899.

Children:

GEORGE KENNETH, born 1920. M. Mildred Conlin.

WILLIAM JOHN FRASER STINSON, born 1897. M. Bessie Fenwick.

Children:

JOHN F., born 1925.

WILLIAM G., born 1926.

FRASER F., BORN 1930.

ETHEL AGNES ISOBEL STINSON, born 1902. M. Cecil Ferguson Keller.

Children:

GORDON STUART KELLER, born 1918.

FLORENCE ELIZA ANN STINSON, born 1902. M. William Reginald Owens, who died 1944.

Children:

REGINALD G.S. OWENS, born 1926; Died 1927.

WILLIAM ROBERT OWENS, born 1927.

FLORENCE HARRIET OWENS, born 1928.

ELIZABETH OWENS, born 1930.

GEORGE STUART STINSON, born 1906. M. Ruth Yorke, who was born 1906.

Children:

GLEN S., born 1933.

RONALD DAVID, born 1942.

2. HARRIETT (HATTIE).

3. AGNES, born 1873; Died 1943. M. Marsh Preslar, who was born 1868; Died 1953.

Children:

NORMA PRESLAR, born 1906.

JAMES H. PRESLAR, born 1909. M. Lillian P. McRory.

Children:

MERNA ALICE, born 1945. M. Steven D. Manders, born 1944.

HARRIETT, born 1949. M. Samuel D. Cromey, Born 1949.

HILDA PRESLAR, born 1913. M. Douglas Magee, born 1915.

Children:

MARILYN E. MAGEE, born 1943. M. Paul Sweetman.

CATHERINE AGNES MAGEE, born 1945. M. Robert Kavanagh.

BRIAN D. MAGEE, born 1947. M. Catherine Book.

JANICE HILDA MAGEE, born 1958. M. David Graham.

4. ROBERT M., M. Lillian Detlor.

Children:

CLARENCE.
 GEORGE.
 NELDA.

5. GEORGE ADAMS, born 1875. Died 1950. M. E. Adeline Coxall.
 6. THOMAS, M. Jane Graham.

Children:
 ARTHUR.
 FRASER.

1442. BENJAMIN REED.

Second child of Salyer Reed and Deborah Ketcheson. Born 1823 at Thurlow;
 Died 1906. M. Mary Ashley, who was born 1823 and died 1907.

Children, born at Thurlow:

1. ARTIMESIA, born 1852. M. Samuel J. Clarke, born 1849; Died 1937.

Children:

EDWARD G. CLARKE, born 1873. Died 1970. M. Mina B. Clarke,
 born 1884; Died 1922.

Children:

HOWARD W., Born 1906; Died 1916.

ARTHUR, Born 1921 M. Kathleen Town, Born 1921.

BENJAMIN A. CLARKE, born 1876; Died 1957. M. Maggie Jane
 Embury, born 1878; Died 1953.

Children:

FRANCES MAY, born 1899; M. Walter C. Sheffield,
 born 1900; Died 1958.

KENNETH E., born 1908; Died 1981. M. Lucy
 Cornell, born 1905.

2. CATHERINE, M. Jim McCurdy.

Children:

IDA McCURDY, M. Herbert Dayman.

Children:

McCURDY (MAC) DAYMAN, born 1916; M. Ella Brown.

3. IDA, M. Philip Denyes.

Children:

ETHEL DENYES, M. Joe Thrasher.

4. IRENE (TINA), M. John Vermilyea.

5. MELISSA, Died 1938. M. Joseph Bryant.

Children:

EFFIE BRYANT, M. William Cornelius.

Children:

HELEN CORNELIUS, M. Robert Raynes.

EVELYN CORNELIUS, M. Roland Coward.

MARY BRYANT, born 1887; Died 1951. M. Arthur Joy Casey,
 born 1883; Died 1970.

Children:

BRYANT CASEY, born 1916. M. Madeline Minnie.
 born 1917.

WILLETT CASEY, born 1922; M. Jean McLaren, Born 1925.

6. PHOEBE.

1452. ALMON P. REED.

Second child of David T. Reed and Annis Ketcheson. Born 1832 at Thurlow,
 Died 1913. M. Delilah Vermilyea, born 1831; Died 1917. Buried at Elmwood Cemetery.

Children, born in Thurlow:

1. ETTA ESTELLA, born 1857. M. John Brenton.

Children:

EVERETT BRENTON. (died young)
EDNA BRENTON, M. Rev. Thomas Goodwell.

2. GERTRUDE ARMINTHEA, born 1861; Died 1942. M. Frederick Roote, born 1858.

Children:

FLORENCE G. ROOTE, born 1887; Died 1891.
GLADYS E. ROOTE, born 1891. M. Ralph Kramer.

Children:

EVELYN G. KRAMER, M. Paul McFadgen.
BERNICE MARTHA KRAMER, born 1918. M. Roger Manary.
GERALD VERMILYEA ROOTE, born 1898. M. Zetta McConaghy, born 1898.

Children:

TREVOR F., born 1929. M. Susan MacKenzie, Born 1929.
ROBERT W., born 1932. M. Janet Graham.

3. ADDIE MAY, born 1867. Died 1954. M. George Amey Labey, born 1861; Died 1927.

Children:

GERTRUDE AMY LABEY, born 1889, M. Bertram Potts.

Children:

GORDON F. POTTS, born 1916. M. Helen Murphy.
DOROTHY M. POTTS, born 1918. M. Basil J. Cullen.
JACK L. POTTS, M. Dorothy Bell.
AUDREY G. POTTS, born 1926. M. William A. Wylie.
EVELYN MAY LABEY, born 1891. Died 1958.
ALMON HILIER LABEY, born 1893. Died 1944. M. Beatrice Roberts, who died in 1925.
LULU LILITHE LABEY, born 1895; Died 1938. M. John Harry Kinney, born 1892; Died 1948.

Children:

JOHN D. KINNEY, born 1916. M. Betty Salomon, born 1918.
MARJORIE KINNEY, born 1919. M. Cecil Horne, born 1917
HELEN BERNICE LABEY, born 1903. M. Martin P. Dean, born 1903.

Children:

VIRGINIA M. DEAN, born 1937.
JAMES M. DEAN, born 1942.
DOROTHY ELANOR LABEY. born 1909. M. Norman E. Smith, born 1907.

Children:

MARTHA JANE SMITH, born 1950.

1456. JOHN WESLEY REED.

Sixth child of David T. Reed and Annis Ketcheson. Born 1838; Died 1920.

M. 1st to Harriet Elizabeth Bradshaw, Born 1834; Died 1866.

Children, born in Thurlow:

1. BIDWELL PORTER, born 1862, Died 1879.
2. NANCY JANE, born 1863; Died 1934. M. Townsend.

John Wesley Reed M. 2nd to Alice Lusk, born 1847; Died 1918.

Children born in Thurlow:

3. DAVID ERNEST, born 1875. Died 1934. M. Bertha Agnes Sigler, born 1880; Died 1944.

Children:

DR. JAMES HASTE, born 1907. M. 1st to Patricia Ann Springer, born 1912; Died 1933. M. 2nd to Lillian Huberta Cillis, born 1912.

Children:

ANN CILLIS, born 1940.

JAMES HASTE JR., BORN 1943.

DAVID ERNEST, born 1914. M. 1st to Katherine Ann Hayes, born 1912. M. 2nd to Mary Jane Marple, born 1917.

Children:

DAVID ERNEST, born 1942.

ALICE HAYES, born 1944.

ANTHONY MARPLE, born 1957.

4. LEWIS ARMOUR, born 1884; Died 1954. M. Alma Brown, born 1884.

Children:

JOHN NORMAN, born 1908. M. Maxine Somerville, born 1914.

Children:

GLORIA JANE, born 1938.

TAMSIN MARGARET, born 1944.

ERNEST MORLEY, born 1918. M. Emily G. Wadley.

Children:

TIMOTHY DAVID,

NORMAN DOUGLAS,

SUSAN JANE,

5. MORLEY REED, born 1889. Died 1953. M. Helen Grace Rose.

Children:

JOHN MORLEY, born 1931.

FIFTH GENERATION:

12516 W. CARTWRIGHT REED.

Sixth child of Caleb Reed and Mahalia Pitman. Born 5 Aug. 1860; Died 21 June 1914. M. to Mary Moore, who was born 1864; Died 1944, a daughter of David Moore and Adelaide

Children, born in Thurlow:

1. MYRTLE CLAIRE, born 30 June 1889. M. to John Benjamin Patterson, who was born 18 Aug. 1885, a son of Samuel Patterson and Martha Fedelia Hagerman.

Children:

FERNE PATTERSON, born 1911. M. Donald G. Williams, born 1911. Died 1980.

Children:

NANCY WILLIAMS, born 1948. M. Howard Garrod.

SUSAN DONNA WILLIAMS, born 1952. M. Stewart Reid.

WILLIAM GLENN PATTERSON, born 1914. M. Ruth Anne Sills; born 1915; Died 1972.

Children:

LINDA, born 1945. M. Wayne Bennett, born 1941.

JOHN DAVID, born 1948. M. Marilyn Thompson, born 1950.

2. WANDA, M. Reginald Sine.

Children:

NAMA SINE, M. Frank Tummon.

GARTH SINE, M.Coulter.

Chapter 16

LAUDER:

One of my 3rd Great Grandmothers was Beatrice Lauder, wife of David Gladstone Tait.

The 1851 census for Amherst Island indicates that she was age 53 in 1851. (Born 1798 in Scotland.)

The 1851 census also indicates that there were two persons bearing the surname "Lauder", who were listed as being members of the family, and who were residing at the home of David Tait.

These persons were:

Is..... Lauder, female, age 59, born in Scotland, single, and a member of the family.

James Lauder, male, age 54, born in Scotland, labourer, and a member of the family.

My grandmother, Martha Melissa Cummings, in her desire to instill musical qualities into me, used to show me a picture of Sir Harry Lauder, and tell me that she was related to him, and that we indeed came from a musical ancestry. This would have a temporary effect of motivating me to practice the piano, at least until the next opportunity arose for participation in a softball or soccer game at the nearby school-yard.

I do not know the names of the parents of Beatrice Lauder, nor do I have the names of all her brothers and sisters. Is..... Lauder, and James Lauder, would most certainly have been members of her family, and were residing with her and her husband, David Gladstone Tait, in 1851, on Amherst Island.

I have visited the farm site of David Tait and Beatrice Lauder, as well as the small but deep bay just east of Stella on Amherst Island, where his shipyard was situated.

See chapter 13, (1 David Gladstone Tait), for the descendents of Beatrice Lauder.

Chapter 17

CRAWFORD.

My 3rd Great Grandmother was Deborah Crawford. She married Charles Holden on 6 Sept. 1781, at Putney, Vermont, according to the State of Vermont Vital Statistics.

The names of her parents are unknown to me. The Crawford family must have lived around Putney, Vermont in 1780.

Further research will be necessary in order to determine and document her family.

See chapter 1, (1229314, Charles Holden), for the descendents of Deborah Crawford.

WHEELOCK.

My 4th Great Grandmother was Sarah Wheelock. She married Stephen Holden on 11 Mar. 1739 or 1740 at Boxford, Mass.

She lived at Lunenburg and died on 4 Feb. 1810 at Shirley, Mass., age 90 years. She was therefore born about 1720.

The foregoing information was secured from town records, Boxford and Shirley, Mass.

The names of her parents are unknown to me. The Wheelock family must have lived in or near Lunenburg in 1739-1740, since the marriage record refers to her as "Sarah Wheelock of Lunenburg."

Further research will be necessary in order to determine and document her family members.

See chapter 1, (122931, Stephen Holden), for the descendents of Sarah Wheelock.

WELLS.

My 4th Great Grandmother was Susan Wells. She married Samuel Preston Cummings at Bennington, Vermont, likely about 1788 or thereabouts, since their oldest child Clary or Clarissa, was born in 1790 according to a letter in the 26 May 1904 issue of the Stirling News Argus newspaper, and the "Rosebush Genealogy", a copy of which is on file at the Corby Library at Belleville.

The names of her parents are unknown to me, at this point in time.

Further research will be necessary in order to determine her parents and other family members, around the Bennington, Vermont area.

See chapter 4, (1, Samuel Preston Cummings), for the descendents of Susan Wells.

ETHERLEY.

My 4th Great Grandmother was Esther Etherley, who was the wife of John Reed of Thurlow Twp., Ontario.

She was married to John Reed when he came to Canada, as evidenced in the land petition dated 18 October 1797, wherein he states that, "he has been settled on lands in Upper Canada, (Ontario), since 1787, and that he brought with him a wife and 2 children, and has had since, 3 more."

They were, therefore, married prior to migrating to Canada, and had two children.

The family of William Reed, father of John Reed was supposed to have fled from the banks of the Delaware River in 1780. They likely lived in either New York state, or Pennsylvania.

See chapter 15 (11, John Reed), for the descendents of Esther Etherley.

SAWTELL.

My 5th Great Grandmother was Hannah Sawtell. She married Stephen Holden on 2 September 1719 at Groton, Mass., according to the town of Groton Church records.

She was born 8 June 1695, likely at Groton, Mass., the daughter of Obadiah and Hannah Sawtell.

Further research is required with respect to the Sawtell family in order to secure further documentation, regarding their family members.

See chapter 1, (12293, Stephen Holden), for the descendents of Hannah Sawtell.

NESBITT.

My 5th Great Grandmother was Nancy M. Nesbitt. She was the wife of William Reed, the Thurlow pioneer, who came to Canada in 1780 with his wife and family, some of whom were married and had children of their own.

The family is said to have settled on the banks of the Delaware River, in either New York state or Pennsylvania.

The original ancestor of William Reed was John Reed who settled at Norfolk, Conn., in 1684.

The Nesbitt family likely came from one of the above locations in New York, Connecticut, or Pennsylvania.

The parents of Nancy Nesbitt are unknown to me at the present time.

Further research will be necessary in order to document the members of the family of Nancy Nesbitt.

See chapter 15, (1, William Reed), for the descendents of Nancy M. Nesbitt.

LAWRENCE.

My 6th Great Grandmother was Hannah Lawrence. She married Stephen Holden in 1685 at Groton, Mass., according to the April 12 and May 10, 1902 issues of the Stoneham Independent, which contained articles written about the Holden family by Mr. Wilbur F. Bucknam.

Hannah Lawrence was born 3 July 1664, and died about 1735. She was the daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Lawrence and Sarah Morse, of Groton and later of Charlestown, (Stoneham), Mass.

She is named in her fathers' will.

The home of Stephen Holden and Hannah Lawrence was located at the corner of Hill and Marble Streets, in Groton, Mass.

The Middlesex deeds 37:288, indicate that in the will of Hannah Holden, she left to her son Jonathan, all that land granted to her by her father, Nathaniel Lawrence, late of Charlestown, deceased, being his part in the original right in the undivided lands in Groton, pursuant to the vote of the Proprietors, 1726. Her will was dated 16 September 1728, and was recorded or proved 17 November 1736.

She also left her son Simon of Cambridge, Blacksmith, 12 acres on the west side of the Nashua River.

The town of Lawrence, Mass., could well have been named after this family.

See chapter 1, (1229, Stephen Holden), for the descendents of Hannah Lawrence.

MORSE.

My 7th Great Grandmother was Sarah Morse. She was the wife of Deacon Nathaniel Lawrence.

She was living with her husband in Groton, Mass., in 1685, and later moved to Charleston, (Stoneham), Mass.

The names of her parents are not known to me, and further research is required in order to determine and document her family members, and their origin.

See chapter 1, (1229, Stephen Holden), for one of the descendent lines of Sarah Morse.

Chapter 18

FOSDICK.

My 7th Great Grandmother was Martha Fosdick, wife of Richard Holden.

Martha Fosdick was born in 1620 in England, one of the children of Stephen Fosdick.

Stephen Fosdick, father of Martha Fosdick was living in Charlestown, Mass. in 1635. He was born about 1584 in England.

He was from the northern part of England.

It is not known exactly when he came to America, but it was prior to 1635.

His will was proved on 21 June 1664, at Charlestown. His estate was valued at 500 pounds. Stephen Fosdick was a carpenter, having built several of the original homes around Charlestown.

It is interesting to note that Martha Fosdick and her husband, Richard Holden, lived next to Ralph Reed, during the time they resided at Groton, Mass. My 5th Great Grandfather was William Reed, who came to Ontario in the late 1700's from one of the New England States.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION.

FIRST GENERATION:

1. STEPHEN FOSDICK.

Lived in Charlestown, Mass. in 1635. He was 70 years of age in 1653, and therefore, he would have been born about 1584. He was born in England. He died 21 May 1664 at Charlestown. He was married first to

Children, born in England:

1. HANNAH, age 50 in 1665. M. likely in 1643 to James Barrett, of Charlestown, who later settled in Malden, Mass.
- *2. MARTHA, born in 1620 in England. Died 6 Dec. 1681 at Watertown, Mass. M. about 1640 - 1641 to Richard Holden, who was born in 1609 at Lindsey, Suffolk County, England, and who died 1 Mar. 1695-96 at Groton, Mass., son of William Holden.
3. THOMAS, died 21 June 1650.
4. SAMUEL, died 22 May 1649.

Stephen Fosdick married a second time to Sarah Wetherell, who was age 75 in 1664. In 1664, she stated that she had "been the wife of Stephen Fosdick for nearly 40 years and upon marrying him, had six of his children to care for."

Children, born in England:

5. JOHN, age 30 or thereabouts in 1659. Died 17 Dec. 1716. Age about 90. M. 1st to Anna Branson, who died 1679, and second to Elizabeth Betts, who died 27 Sept. 1716.
6. MARY, age 30 in 1660. M. to Thomas Webb.

SECOND GENERATION:

12. MARTHA FOSDICK:

Second child of Stephen Fosdick. See chapter 1, (122 Richard Holden), for the descendants of Martha Fosdick.

Chapter 19

McLAREN.

The first child of my Great Grandparents, John Armstrong and Maria Estory Colwell, was Mary Ann Armstrong. She married Peter B. McLaren.

Peter McLaren was the son of Alexander McLaren, who moved to Clearwater, Man. from Grey Co, Ont., in 1879. His brothers and sisters were: Jack, Elsie, (Mrs. James McGregor), and Sarah.

The McLaren family ran the first boarding house in Clearwater. Alexander McLaren was a member of the first school board.

Alexander McLaren homesteaded on the land which is now the cemetery at Clearwater. The first homesteads in the Clearwater area were taken by the Wiedmeyers, and the McLarens in 1878. Alexander McLaren came west first in 1878, then returned for his family in 1879.

Peter B. McLaren returned to Ontario in 1881, where he married his wife, Mary Ann Armstrong. The newly married couple returned immediately to Clearwater, Manitoba where they resided on a farm north of Clearwater.

They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Clearwater on Tuesday, 3 March 1931, as reported in the Crystal City Courier. They had arrived in Clearwater on March 15, 1881, as newlyweds, and had lived there for fifty years.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION.

FIRST GENERATION:

1. PETER B. McLAREN:

Son of Alexander McLaren and Ellen Butchart. Born 2 June 1854 in Bruce Co., Ont. Died after 3 Mar. 1931. M. on 3 Mar. 1881 at Kincardine, Ont. by the Rev. C. Hamilton, to Mary Ann Armstrong, who was born 29 July 1859 at Kincardine Twp., Ont., and who died after 3 Mar. 1931, daughter of John Armstrong and Maria Estory Colwell.

Children, all born at Clearwater, Man.:

1. JOHN MAITLAND, born 22 Jan. 1882. M. Lottie McWilliams. Had 4 daughters.
- 2-2. NELLIE VIOLA, born 28 June 1883. M. Arthur Craig. Had one son and three daughters.
3. CLIFTON ALBERTIS, born 8 July 1885. Unmarried. Died 22 Nov. 1919.
4. ALEXANDER ROSS, born 8 Mar. 1887. M. in 1918 to Margaret Merle Aitken.

Children:

DAVID, deceased.

ALEXANDER, deceased.

MERLE, lives at Falcon Lake.

ROY, M. A. Esler of La Riviere, Man.

Children:

DAVID ALEXANDER

RAYMOND, lives at Clearwater.

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5. MARTIN ALFRED, born 18 Sept. 1888. M. to Irene Finn. Had six daughters and one son who lived only one week.
6. CHARLES WESLEY, born 21 May 1891. M. Florence McKitrick. Had three daughters and one son.

7. BELMA MARIA, born 29 Dec. 1896. M. 1st to Percy McKitrick, and following his death, M. 2nd to A. M. Warn. Presently living in Seattle, Washington. Had two sons.

SECOND GENERATION:

12. NELLIE VIOLA McLAREN:

Second child of Peter B. McLaren. Born 28 June 1883 at Clearwater, Man. M. on 22 July 1908 at Clearwater, to Arthur Dunbar Craig.

Children:

1. GORDON DUNBAR CRAIG, born 3 May 1912. M. on 18 Sept. 1940 to Sennea Wennberg.
Children:
RICHARD.
ERIC.
2. MARY JEAN CRAIG, born 12 Dec. 1914. M. on 17 June 1950 to Ben C. Hartle.
Children:
JAMES CRAIG HARTLE.
3. IDA KATE CRAIG, born 6 Apr. 1917. M. on 17 June 1950 to Frank Rohr.
Children:
ROBERT ROHR.
MARCUS ROHR.
4. ANNIE EMMA CRAIG, born 22 July 1921. M. 10 Oct. 1942 to George Alexander Cairns.
Children:
GORDON CAIRNS.
ELIZABETH CAIRNS.

Chapter 20

SLESSER.

The seventh child of my Great Grandparents, John Armstrong and Maria Estory Colwell, was Isabell (Belle) Story Armstrong. She married John G. Slesser.

John G. Slesser was the son of John Slesser and Sarah Fee.

Very little is known regarding the family of John G. Slesser, except that they resided in or near Bervie in 1875, the year of birth given for John G. Slesser.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION.

FIRST GENERATION:

1. JOHN G. SLESSER:

Son of John Slesser and Sarah Fee. Born 1875 at Bervie, Kincardine Twp., Bruce County, Ont. Died 30 May 1930. M. on 19 Dec. 1900 at Kincardine Twp., to Isabell Story Armstrong, who was born 1871 at Kincardine Twp., and who died in 1952, daughter of John Armstrong and Maria Estory Colwell.

Children, born in Kincardine Twp.:

- 1-1. NELLIE MAE, born 25 May 1905.
- 2-2. SADIE MARGUERITE, born 26 May 1907.
- 3-3. ALMA DEAN, born 25 Oct. 1910.
4. JOHN FERGUSON, died in childhood.
5. (Male stillborn child).

SECOND GENERATION:

11. NELLIE MAE SLESSER:

First child of John G. Slesser. Born 25 May 1905 at Kincardine Twp., Ont. M. on 3 May 1924 at Bervie, Ont. to Stanley Fair, who was born 27 Aug. 1904 at Kincardine Twp., son of Alex Fair and Ann Stanley.

Children, born at Kincardine Twp.:

1. LENOYS FAIR, born July 1924. M. 1946 to George Cuyler.
2. JACK FAIR, born 26 Nov. 1927. Died 23 Sept. 1972 at Toronto.
M. on 7 June 1947 to Eunice Hodgins.
3. NEOLA FAIR, born 7 Sept. 1929. M. 17 Sept. 1948 to Ralph Stewart.
4. BEVERLEY FAIR, born 21 Dec. 1933. M. on 27 Feb. 1954 to Eileen Fry.
5. CAROL FAIR, born 2 May 1944. M. on 24 Apr. 1965 to William Johnson.

12. SADIE MARGUERITE SLESSER:

Second child of John G. Slesser. Born 26 May 1907 at Kincardine Twp., Ont. M. on 5 June 1929 at Bervie, Kincardine Twp., Ont. to Bert Everad McLean, who was born 7 Nov. 1903, at Kinloss Twp., Ont. and who died 21 Jan. 1972 at Kincardine, the son of William J. McLean and Mary Hamlin.

Children, born at Kincardine Twp.

1. BALFOUR McLEAN, born 4 Apr. 1934. M. 25 July 1959 to Shirley McInnes, who was born 12 Apr. 1937.
2. BEVEN McLEAN, born 2 June 1941. M. 29 June 1968 to Joanne Pentland, who was born 28 Apr.

13. ALMA DEAN SLESSER:

Third child of John G. Slesser. Born 25 Oct. 1910 at Kincardine Twp., Ont. Married 27 May 1932 at Lucknow, Ont., to William Gordon McBurney, who was born 20 September 1905, at Kinloss Twp., son of John McBurney and Mary Gordon.

Children:

1. COLYNE McBURNEY, born 24 October 1932 at Windsor, Ont. Married 5 September 1953 at London, Ont., to Roberta Stewart Laye, who was born on 4 July 1920 at London, Ont.
2. MARILYN BONNIE LEE McBURNEY, born 19 June 1944 at Kincardine, Ont. Married 20 May 1967 at St. Thomas, Ont., to Gerald Bruce Henry, who was born 24 March 1943 at St. Thomas, Ont.

Chapter 21

McLELLAND.

The ninth child of my Great Grandparents, John Armstrong and Maria Estory Colwell, was Nellie Armstrong. She married Samuel R. McLelland.

Samuel R. McLelland was the son of Abraham McLelland and Elizabeth Briggs. Very little is known regarding the family of Samuel R. McLelland, except that they were living in the Kincardine area in 1875, the year of birth given for Samuel R. McLelland.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION.

FIRST GENERATION:

1. SAMUEL R. McLELLAND:

Son of Abraham McLelland and Elizabeth Briggs. Born 29 January 1875 at Kincardine, Ontario. Died 23 April 1946. Married on 11 June 1902, at Kincardine Twp., to Nellie May Armstrong, who was born on 27 April 1877 at Kincardine Twp., and who died 15 September 1951, the daughter of John Armstrong and Maria Estory Colwell. Both Samuel McLelland and Nellie Armstrong are buried in the Kincardine Cemetery.

Children, born in Kincardine Twp.:

1. ELTON, born 21 Mar. 1904. Married on 1 Nov. 1924 at Kincardine to Wanda Hodgins, who died in 1978.

Children:

DORNE, M. Dodie

Children :

BRIAN

PAUL

JEFF

JANIS, M. to Paul Phair.

BRYCE FERRIS, born 10 Apr. 1957, in Kincardine.

Died 2 September 1981 at Banff, Alberta, resulting from a car accident.

SANDRA JEAN, (deceased prior to 1981.)

2. BERT, born 26 March 1906. Died 15 September 1972. Married 21 Sept. 1929 at Kincardine to Edith Culbert, who died 12 November 1972.
3. JEAN, born 1915. Died January 1971. M. 31 December 1949 at Kincardine to Carman Pollock.

Chapter 22

ROSEBUSH.

The oldest child of my 4th Great Grandfather, Samuel Preston Cummings and Susan Wells was Clarana Cummings. She married Joseph Rosebush (Jr.).

The name "Rosebush" and the Rosebush family, early settlers of Rawdon and Sidney Townships, Hastings County, Ontario, originated in France.

The name was originally "DeRosier" and subsequently "Roussiere", which means a rose garden or "roseraie."

After emigrating to London, England and eventually to the New England States of America, the name was anglicized to "Rosier" and "Rosebush". Some branches of the family further changed the name to "Bush".

Joseph Rosebush (Sr.) was the first settler in Rawdon Twp., according to Harry Bettys in a letter to the Stirling News Argus dated May 1904, and came there with his family from New England about 1794. The second family to settle there was the family of Samuel Preston Cummings, one of my 4th Great Grandfathers.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION.

It should be noted that the first three generations are based mostly on conjecture and probability, and not until the name of Joseph "Rosier" or "Rosebush", son of Abraham, is conclusive and documented evidence incorporated into the genealogical data.

JEAN DE ROSIER: His wife was Susann Le Masson. He was born in the Province of Carreze, Southern France in 1670 - 75. Their children were Abraham, Susanne, Marthe, Robert, Mary, Elizabeth, and Agnes.

ABRAHAM DE ROSIER: His children were: Abraham, John, Joseph, Peter. Abraham and John appear in the revolution as residing in New Jersey and Massachusetts respectively. Joseph came to Canada about 1794 and settled in Rawdon Twp. Ontario.

FIRST GENERATION:

1. JOSEPH ROSEBUSH.

Born about 1738; Died about 1830. M. 1st on 5 June 1759, to Hannah Hart. Children, most lived in Hastings Co. Ontario.

1. CATHERINE, born 1764. M. Barce Chard.
2. SAMUEL, born 1766. M. Hulda Bettys.
3. SOLOMON, born 1768. M. Hannah Finkle.
4. FANNY, born 1770. M. Ebenezer Green.
5. NANCY, born 1772. M. John Wees Jr.
6. POLLY, born 1774. M. Jacob Fox.
7. LEWIS, born 1777. M. Lancy Smith.

Married second on 29 January 1778 at Rutland, Mass., to Dorcas Cutler. Children, most lived in Hastings Co., Ontario:

8. OLIVE, born 1780; Died 1863. M. to Freeman Nappin.
9. WILLIAM, born 1784. M. Elizabeth Wees, of Prince Edward County.
- 10-10. JOSEPH JR., born 22 May 1789. M. to Clarana Cummings.

SECOND GENERATION:

1.(10). JOSEPH ROSEBUSH JR.

Tenth child of Joseph Rosebush. Born 22 May 1789 at Ballston, N.Y., and died 24 July 1859 at Stirling, Ont. M. on 15 March 1807 at Stirling, to Clarana Cummings, who was born 23 Jan. 1790, at Westminster, Windham Co. Vermont. Died 17 Nov. 1862 at Stirling. She was a daughter of Samuel Preston Cummings and Susan Wells.

Children, born in Rawdon Twp.:

1. SUSANNAH, born 22 Mar. 1808. M. to Eliphalet A. Mosier.
- 2-2. SAMUEL, born 25 November 1811. M. to Sylvia Ann Merriam.
3. ABIGAIL, born 8 Jan. 1817. Died 20 Jan. 1869. M. 1st to James Lawrence.

Children:

ABIGAIL LAWRENCE, M. on 5 June 1850 to Henry White.

Abigail Rosebush was married second to Jacob Amon.

- 4-4. HIRAM, born 3 July 1819. Died 17 June 1902. M. Hulda Armenia Rosebush.
- 5-5. EDWARD, born 7 Nov. 1824. M. 1st to Adaline Baker.
6. POLLY, born 23 Mar. 1829; Died 14 Mar. 1884. M. to Henry Seeley.
7. LEWIS, born 16 Dec. 1831. Died 29 Dec. 1847.
8. WILLIAM, born 16 Dec. 1831. Died 23 Dec. 1857.
9. SIDNEY (REED) (adopted), born 21 November 1847. Died 5 Feb. 1904.

THIRD GENERATION:

1.(10)2. SAMUEL ROSEBUSH.

Second child of Joseph Rosebush Jr., and Clarana Cummings. Born 25 Nov. 1811 in Rawdon Twp., Ont. Died on 19 July 1881 at West Bay City, Mich. M. 30 July 1836 at Madoc Twp. Hastings Co., Ont. to Sylvia Anna Merriam, who was born 17 May 1815 at Northumberland Co., Ont., a daughter of James Johnson Merriam and Sarah Youmans.

Children, born in Sidney Twp.:

1. HIRAM, born 1837. Died near Fredricksburgh, Va., 9 Feb. 1863.
2. JOHN, born 1840; Died 1936 in Minnesota. M. to Lena Cluett, a one-eighth Chippewa girl. She was born 17 May 1870; Died 11 Feb. 1914 in Minnesota.

Children, born in Minnesota:

- BARNEY, born 1899.
 GEORGE, born 1900.
 GENEVIEVE, born 12 July 1901.
 MELVINA RUTH, born 10 Sept. 1906.
 JOHN, born 1 Sept. 1909.
 YOLANDA IRENE, born 31 Mar. 1912.
- 3-3. JESSE, born 7 July 1842. M. to Mariah Huff.
 - 4-4. HULDA M., born 16 Aug. 1846. M. to Issac Rosebush.
 5. MARY (POLLY), born 1847. M. to William Bell, who had a store in Peterborough, Ont.

Children:

ARTHUR EDWARD BELL, M. Esther Fee.

Children:

- EDNA EVA, born 15 Aug. 1902. M. Charles E. Doughty on 22 July 1926.
 WILLIAM FRANCIS, born 16 July 1906. M. Vera Calvert on 8 May 1927.
 ARTHUR ALWYN, born 11 Apr. 1911.

CLARA ANETTA, M. William Aldus Moury. Both deceased.
 JESSIE EDNA, M. in 1905 to George Lush. Both deceased.
 WILLIAM, M. Evelyn

6. ELIZABETH, born 15 Nov. 1849.
7. LOUIS, born 16 Aug. 1850; Died 5 Feb. 1929. M. on 21 Sept. 1880 to Laurie Ann Roe, who was born 14 Aug. 1865 near Detroit, Died 17 May 1949 in Bay City, Michigan.
8. DAVID, born 29 Mar. 1852.
9. ADELINE, born 1 Mar. 1854. M. William Tibbets who was a Civil War Veteran. Lived in Colorado.
10. EDWARD, born 1 Oct. 1856. Died 1945. M. 1881 to Ellen (Beattie) Jones, who was a widow. She had a son Fred in California.
11. CLARA, born 8 May 1858. M. to Fletcher and lived in Roseville, California.

1.(10)4. HIRAM ROSEBUSH.

Fourth child of Joseph Rosebush Jr., and Clarana Cummings. Born 3 July 1819 in Rawdon Twp., Ontario, died 17 June 1902. M. in 1843 at Rawdon, to Hulda Armenia Rosebush, who was born 8 Mar. 1824 at Sidney Twp., Died 18 Aug. 1909. Buried at Stirling Cemetery. She was a daughter of Samuel Rosebush and Hulda Clark.

Children, born in Hastings Co. Ont.:

1. JOHN, born 22 July 1844; Died 12 Aug. 1934. M. 1870 to Agnes Nix, who was born 10 Mar. 1852 and died 22 Nov. 1943 at Courtney, B.C. She was a daughter of Elmer Nix and Susan Schuyler of Roblins Mills, P.E. County, Ont.

Children, born at Stirling, Ont:

NETTIE ARMENIA, born 1 Jan. 1873; Died 19 Mar. 1953.
 M. 14 Aug. 1892 to George Henry Luery.

Children:

EARWELL ARTHUR ROLL LUERY, born 8 Jan. 1892
 at Stirling. M. 25 Mar. 1915 to Ethel
 Madeline Coulter.

ALICE, born 7 May 1878. Died Nov. 1952. M. 1909 to
 Charles Oulton. Lived in Vancouver, B.C.

Children:

MONA OULTON, born 1911 at Ladysmith, B.C.
 M. Loye Schofield.

RITA OULTON, born 1913.

WILLIAM ARTHUR, born 1 Dec. 1883. Died Feb. 1931 at
 Stirling. M. 1st in 1905 to Rose Joslin who died
 in 1906. M. 2nd in 1917 to Elizabeth Webber.

Children:

JOHN, born 1919. M. Alice Ray in 1951.

ROBERT,

EDWARD,

JOAN,

BETTY,

LOUIS,

JAMES,

ROSCOE, born 20 Mar. 1889. M. Luella Pipher. Lived
 in Toronto.

2. WILSON, M. Charlotte White, who was born in 1849 at Hastings Co., a daughter of Elam White and Amelia Seeley.

Children:

REGINALD,
WILLIAM,
ROBERT,
HERBERT,
One daughter, (name unknown)

3. JEANETTE, M. David Martin.

Children:

NORA MARTIN, M. Hugh Denyes.
HATTIE MARTIN, M. Charles Simpson.

Children:

MARTIN SIMPSON
LENORA SIMPSON, M. John Rickerton.
NETTIE MARTIN, died in 1949 in Windsor, Ont. M. William Harris.

Children:

OLIVE HARRIS, M. 1st Frank Landon who died 1947.
M. 2nd in 1949 to Frank Pipe.

4. GEORGE IRWIN, born 1856; Died 1939. M. to Ida E. Cummings who was born in 1864; Died 1948, a daughter of Anson Cummings and Matilda Philips. (See chapter 4, #135, Anson Cummings.)

5. BYRON, born 1858; Died 1921. M. in 1883 to Ada Patman.

Children:

ARMENIA, born 1885; Died 1921 in Foxboro, Ont.

6. CHARLOTTE, born 1860; Died 13 May 1893. Not married.

1(10)5. EDWARD ROSEBUSH.

Fifth child of Joseph Rosebush Jr. and Clarana Cummings. Born 7 Nov. 1824 in Rawdon Twp., Ont. Died 5 Oct. 1880. M. 1st 27 Jan. 1846 in Rawdon Twp., Hastings Co., to Adeline F. Baker, who was born 24 Mar. 1822; Died 3 May 1860, a daughter of Palmer Baker and Elizabeth Snooks.

Children:

1. JOSEPH WILLIAM, born 30 Jan. 1847. Died 13 May 1928.
2. MELISSA, born 20 Feb. 1862; Died 30 July 1916. M. to James Smith.

Children:

MAUDE SMITH.

3. SCHUYLER, born 5 July 1867; Died 2 Feb. 1916. Did not marry.

Edward Rosebush married second on 2 May 1861 to Mary Smith, who was born 4 July 1835; Died 15 Mar. 1871.

Edward Rosebush married third on 22 Nov. 1871 to Fidelia Brown.

Children:

4. HARTFORD, born 28 Mar. 1873. M. 18 Oct. 1900 to Minerva Frans of Cherokee, Iowa.
5. HERBERT, born 25 Feb. 1880. Died 30 Sept. 1899.

FOURTH GENERATION:

1(10)23. JESSE ROSEBUSH.

Third child of Samuel Rosebush and Sylvia Anna Merriam. Born 7 July 1842, in Sidney Twp., Ont. Died 14 Oct. 1921 at Bay City, Mich. M. on 15 June 1867 at Hastings Co., to Mariah Huff who was born 29 Mar. 1844 at Ameliasburgh, Ont.

Children, first 3 born in Hastings Co., the rest in Bay City, Mich.:

1. CHARLES HULBERT, born 18 May 1868 in Hastings Co. M. on 6 Mar. 1894 to Anna Baum.

Children:

CHARLES CECIL, born 7 Feb. 1895. M. 1913 to Emma Prentiss.

Children:

CHARLES CECIL JR., born 14 June 1914.

2. MINNIE, born 23 Aug. 1870. M. Charles Sandback.

Children:

DOUGLAS SANDBACK.

RAY SANDBACK.

VIRGIL SANDBACK.

MAUDE SANDBACK.

3. JESSIE MAUD, born 31 Oct. 1873. M. on 22 June 1893 to Edward Martin, who died 10 Sept. 1950.

Children:

EDWARD MARTIN, born 6 June 1894. M. in 1918 to Alma Dimick.

Children:

WILLIAM EDWARD,

FAY, M. James Brennan

Children:

JAMES E. BRENNAN, a Dr. in U.S. Medical Corps., stationed at Las Vegas, Nev.

4. HIRAM, born 7 July 1876. Died before 1915.
 5. MABEL, born 29 Aug. 1879. Died before 1915.
 6. ELMER FLOYD, born 14 July 1888.

Children:

FRANCIS.

1(10)24. HULDA M. ROSEBUSH.

Fourth child of Samuel Rosebush and Sylvia Anna Merriam. Born 16 Aug. 1846, in Sidney Twp., Ont. Died 1 Apr. 1888 in Bay City, Mich. M. on 8 Oct. 1864 at Hastings, Northumberland Co., to Issac Rosebush, who was born 12 June 1834 at Hastings Co. Ont. Died 1883, at Stirling, Ont. a son of Issac Rosebush and Anne

Children:

1. WINFIELD S., born 10 Sept. 1869 at Rochester, N.Y.
 2. U.S. GRANT, born 22 June 1871 at Fulton, Oswego Co., N.Y.
 3. AGGA L., born 20 Feb. 1873 at Corning, N.Y., Died 1906 in San Francisco (earthquake). M. 1st to Edward Simpson. M. 2nd to James Hammon.

Chapter 23

GREEN.

The fifth child of my 4th Great Grandparents, Samuel Preston Cummings and Susan Wells, was Annis Cummings. She married Joseph Green.

Joseph Green was the son of Ebenezer Green and Fanny Rosebush, who's children were Ebenezer, Silas, Joseph and Annie G. The first three having been baptized on 2 Mar. 1796, and Annie G. having been beptized on 21 Dec. 1797, according to the Green family bible.

The Green Family, the Rosebush family, and the Cummings family were among the earliest settlers in the Rawdon and Sidney Township areas of Hastings County, around Stirling, Ontario.

They settled in the area around Stirling in the late 1790's. and received land grants through petition in the early 1800's.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION:

FIRST GENERATION:

1. JOSEPH GREEN:

Third child of Ebenezer Green and Fanny Rosebush. Baptized 2 Mar. 1796, at Rawdon Twp., Ont. M. on 1 Jan. 1817 at Rawdon Twp. to Annis Cummings, who was born 14 Jan. 1800 at Rawdon Twp., daughter of Samuel Preston Cummings and Susan Wells.

Children:

1. JOSEPH, born 1823.
2. JEDEDIAH, born 1825.
3. PERMELIA, born 1827,
4. ANNIS, born 1829. M. Truman Bradley.

Children:

- ALMEDIA, died young.
- 5-5. EBENEZER, born 20 Nov. 1831; Died 22 Nov. 1879. M. on 24 Oct. 1857, to Esther Green who was born July 1838.
- 6-6. SUSAN, born 1832. M. in 1852 at Rawdon, to George Conley.

SECOND GENERATION:

15. EBENEZER GREEN:

Fifth child of Joseph Green and Annis Cummings. Born 20 Nov. 1831, at Rawdon. Died 22 Nov. 1879. M. 24 Oct. 1857 at Rawdon to Esther Green who was born July 1838 at Rawdon.

Children:

- 1-1. EMMELINE, M. William Calder.
2. ANNIE, unmarried.
- 3-3. GEORGE, born 1869 at Rawdon Twp.
4. DOROTHY, M. Lyman Moon.

16. SUSAN GREEN:

Sixth child of Joseph Green and Annis Cummings. Born 1832 at Rawdon Twp. M. in 1852 at Rawdon, to George Conley.

Children, born in Hastings Co.:

1. HIRAM CONLEY, born 1853.
2. PHILIP CONLEY, born 1855.
3. NEWTON CONLEY, born 1856.
4. GEORGE CONLEY, born 1858.
5. LYDIA CONLEY, born 1860.
6. CHLOE CONLEY, born 1861.
7. MARTHA CONLEY, born 1863.
8. JANE CONLEY, born 15 June 1864. M. in 1885 at Rawdon, to Sylvester Faulkner, son of Gilbert Faulkner.
9. AGNES CONLEY, born 1866.

THIRD GENERATION:

151. EMMELINE GREEN:

First child of Ebenezer Green and Esther Green. Emmeline Green M. William Calder.

Children:

1. LEILAH CALDER, M. Harry Yetters. Lived in Florida in 1954.
2. HAZEL CALDER, M. Wilbur Montgomery (deceased in 1954). Lived in Florida in 1954.

Children:

WAYNE MONTGOMERY.

CHESTER MONTGOMERY. was killed in W.W. II

153. GEORGE GREEN:

Third child of Ebenezer Green and Esther Green. Born 1869 at Rawdon Twp. M. 1st to Annie Craig.

Children:

1. EVA, M. Lindsay McGee. (deceased in 1954).

Children:

MARGARET McGEE.

DOUGLAS McGEE.

2. ESTHER, M. Peter Mather.

Children:

SHIRLEY MATHER.

ROBERT MATHER.

3. GEORGIA, M. Peter Lenders.

Children:

WILLIAM LENDERS.

George Green married second to Mollie Vandervoort.

Chapter 24

STIRLING:

The second and eleventh children of my Great Great Grandparents, John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning, were Ann Colwell and Rebecca Colwell.

Ann Colwell married John Stirling.

Rebecca J. Colwell married William Stirling.

John and William Stirling were two of the five sons of James Stirling and his wife Elizabeth Lawrence, who's children were: John James, David, Alexander, and William.

The Stirling family were natives of Panbride Parish, in Forfarshire, Scotland.

The following data regarding the history of the Stirling family in Scotland, is taken from the history of the Stirlings, by H. Earl Close Jr., of Tempe, Az. 1971.

"The name Stirling is found as early as 1136 when "Gilbertus de Striuselin" was a witness to a gift from King David to the Church of Glasgow. The name in its many spellings is scattered all through Scotlands history, but it does not appear as a Clan or even a Sept associated with a clan. There is a County or Shire of Stirling in which the family is recorded in the 12th century; by the 13th Century, Stirlings are found in Perth and other shires.

I would guess that the Shire of Stirling took its name from some ancient nobel by the name of Stirling, who owned at least part of that land. Our family name probably came from those who lived in that vicinity who took the geographical name as a family name. Stirling Castle was probably named from the Shire in which it stands and, so far as I can determine, is not the family home of our Stirlings. Stirling Castle was, for centuries, the favorite home of the Scottish Kings. It was the birthplace of King James II in 1437; James III in 1460, and James IV in 1488.

In the family papers of the Stirlings of Keir, between 1160 and 1677, the name is spelled in no less than 64 different ways."

A search of the old parish records of Panbride Parish, Forfarshire, Scotland, disclosed 14 entires from 1791 to 1841, which relate to the Stirling family who emigrated to Huron Co.

They sailed from Dundee, and after six weeks and three days at sea, the ship reached Quebec on 4 Apr. 1840. After four days, the party proceeded to Montreal. From there, they went by Durham boats to Kingston, stayed four days, and then took a steamboat to Toronto, where they stayed three weeks before sailing to Hamilton.

The party travelled in two wagons to Stratford. After changing wagons, they went on to Mitchell, where the only transportation they could find was an ox and a sledge on which they piled their belongings. They started their long walk to Goderich with two sick members of the family to carry, because there was no room on the sledge. The roads were terrible. A blacksmith who had been to Hamilton, and who was returning to Goderich overtook them and took the two sick members with him. Sometimes they were unable to obtain food for a day or two at a time.

The decision of this family to emigrate to Canada, with two of the brothers of James Stirling Sr., and their families, was influenced in part at least by an uncle Willie Stirling, who had gone to Canada earlier to "spy out the land." Uncle Willie had mentioned in his letters of using niggers to help clear his land of trees, not bothering to explain that a "nigger" was a fire blackened, dried out log, taken from one fire and kept, to be used as tinder along with others to

burn up the next pile of green trees.

The folks back home were naturally impressed that slaves were available, and that uncle Willie had prospered so much that he could own them.

The Stirlings were of some substance in Scotland, and when they arrived at Uncle Willies' shack in the bush, after what they had expected to see, the women broke down and cried. Their disappointment was terrible, at the sight of Uncle Willies' wretched abode.

They lived on the sixth concession, Goderich Township, Huron County, and paid \$3.00 per acre for their 80 acre farm lots.

One time, Mrs. James (Elizabeth Lawrence) Stirling chased what she thought was a pig, out of their oat field. The "pig" turned out to be a large bear which her husband shot with his old muzzle loader rifle.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION:

FIRST GENERATION:

1. JAMES STIRLING.

Born 1792 in Panbride Parish, Forfarshire, Scotland, died 1887. M. in Apr. 1825, to Elizabeth Lawrence. Both buried in the Goderich Cemetery, Goderich, Ontario.

James Stirling and Elizabeth Lawrence had five sons, John, James, David, Alexander and William.

John and William married daughters of my great great grandfather, John Colwell, and a son of David, named James, Married a grand-daughter of my great great grandfather, John Colwell.

Children, born at Panbride Parish, Forfarshire, Scotland:

- 1-1. JOHN, born 30 December 1825. M. to Ann Colwell.
2. JAMES, born 28 Oct. 1827; Died en voyage from Scotland to Canada in 1840. Buried at sea.
- 3-3. DAVID, born 5 Dec. 1829. M. to Elizabeth Coutts.
4. ALEXANDER, born 8 Aug. 1832. Died 19 Dec. 1918. M. on 9 Jan. 1856 at Goderich, Huron Co., Ont. to Mary Ann Watt Morgan, who was born on 28 Nov. 1837 at Aberdeenshire, Scotland.
- 5-5. WILLIAM, born 29 May 1835. M. to Rebecca Jane Colwell.

SECOND GENERATION:

11. JOHN STIRLING.

First child of James Stirling and Elizabeth Lawrence. Born 30 Dec. 1825, at Panbride Parish, Scotland. Died 23 Sept. 1875 from loosing an arm in a threshing machine accident. M. in 1850 at Goderich to Ann Colwell, who was born in 1832 in Kentville, King Co., Nova Scotia, a daughter of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning.

Children, born at Goderich Twp.:

1. JAMES, born 1851. M. Ann Collins.
2. JOHN, born 1852. Died 1934. M. to Susan Dempsey.
3. MARY ANN, born 1854. M. to Sylvester Catrom.
4. ELIZABETH LAWRENCE, born 1857; Died 4 Oct. 1923. M. John Henry Dempsey, who was born 1849. Died 30 Jan. 1927.

Children born at Goderich Twp.:

MARGARET VICTORIA DEMPSEY, born 6 Dec. 1878. Died 23 Feb. 1928. M. 21 June 1899 to Thomas Webster.

Children:

THOMAS WEBSTER.
HARVEY WEBSTER.
BLANCHE WEBSTER.

Married 2nd, 14 Feb. 1906 to John Durnin.

Children:

MARGARET DURNIN.
STEWART DURNIN.
JOHN STIRLING DURNIN.
CHARLES DURNIN.
ERNEST DURNIN.
HELEN DURNIN.

ANNIE GERTRUDE MAUDE DEMPSEY, born 6 July 1880. Died 27 June 1946. M. Thomas James Webster (a first cousin of Thomas above).

Children:

EARLE WEBSTER.
KEITH WEBSTER.
GERTRUDE WEBSTER.
JEAN WEBSTER.

MABEL DEMPSEY, born 1882. Died 1951. M. Alexander Stirling who was born 1871. Died 1942.

Children:

OLIVE STIRLING.

ELIZABETH DEMPSEY, born 1885. M. June 1912 to David Lindsay.

Children:

GRANT LINDSAY.
JOHN LINDSAY.
ISOBEL LINDSAY.
FAYE LINDSAY.

ROSETTA DEMPSEY, born 1888. Died 1975. M. Edward Miller, who was born 1873; Died 1952.

Children:

JEAN MILLER.
REGINALD MILLER.
MURIEL MILLER.
GWENDOLINE MILLER.
JUNE MILLER.

JOHN ALEXANDER DEMPSEY, born 1889; Died 29 July 1959. M. Mary Rubena Aldworth, who was born 1887; and Died 4 Aug. 1978.

Children:

LEWIS DEMPSEY.
JOHN DEMPSEY.

STIRLING DEMPSEY, born 1894. Died 13 Mar. 1930. M. 1916 to Lulu Connell.

Children:

JOHN DEMPSEY.
DAVID DEMPSEY.

5. SARAH J., born 1858. M. to Daniel Kennedy.
6. CATHERINE, born 1860. M. to Andrew Emmerson.
7. DAVID, born 1862. M. to Luella Tyrman.
8. GEORGE, born 1864. M. to Jennie Woods.

9. MARIA, born 1866. M. to Robert McMann.
10. SAMUEL, born 1868.
11. WILLIAM, born 1870.
12. ALEXANDER, born 1872. M. to Hattie McKenzie.
13. BLANCHE, born 1874. M. to George Hewitt.

13. DAVID STIRLING.

Third child of James Stirling and Elizabeth Lawrence. Born 5 Dec. 1829 at Panbride Parish, Scotland. M. to Elizabeth Coutts, who was born in 1832 in Scotland.

Children, born in Goderich Twp.:

- 1-1. JAMES, born 29 Oct. 1853. M. to Sarah Jane Colwell.
2. ELIZABETH, born 1856. M. to Harrison.
3. ANN, born 1858. M. Campbell.
4. LOUISA, born 1861. M. Tilford.
5. WILLIAM, born 1863.
6. JANE, born 1866. M. Horton.
7. AGNES, born 1868. M. Thintow.
8. ALEXANDER, born Jan. 1871. M. Mabel Dempsey who died 1942.

15. WILLIAM STIRLING.

Fifth child of James Stirling, and Elizabeth Lawrence. Born 29 May 1835 in Panbride Parish, Scotland. Died 4 June 1910. M. to Rebecca Jane Colwell, who was born 12 July 1845 at Huron Co., Ont., a daughter of John Colwell and Mary Ann Browning.

Children, born in Goderich Twp.:

1. JAMES, born 30 Jan. 1864. Died 1940 at Pickford, Mich. M. on 20 July 1887 to Jennie Beacon.
2. MARY ELIZABETH, born 28 Mar. 1866. Died 7 Oct. 1858 at Bayfield, Ont. M. 25 Feb. 1896 to Donald McKenzie, who died 15 Dec. 1908.

Children:

JESSIE MCKENZIE, born 11 Nov. 1896. M. to Sherlock Keyes.

DONALD WILLIAM MCKENZIE, born 27 June 1900. Died 22 Jan. 1970.

Children:

JEAN, M. Campbell.

3. JOHN, born 20 Jan. 1868. Died 1954. M. 14 July 1897 to Ruth Rye. John died at Pickford, Mich.
 4. SUSAN, born 8 Nov. 1869. Died 1884 at Goderich Twp. Ont.
 5. GEORGE, born 18 Oct. 1871; Died 1954 at Pickford, Mich. M. on 21 Oct. 1903 to Ella Smith.
- Children:
- HERMAN, lived in Boulder, Colorado.
DAUGHTER.
DAUGHTER.
6. WILLIAM, born 11 Sept. 1873. Died in 1950 at Hanna, Alta. M. 1st on 11 Jan. 1906 to Katherine McLeod. M. 2nd to Anne Willison.
 7. REBECCA, born 2 Nov. 1875; Died in 1956. M. on 19 Sept. 1900 to Fred Johnson.
 8. MAUD, born 10 Nov. 1877. Served as a nurse in W.W. I., and went overseas. Died in 1964. Did not marry.
 9. SARAH, born 10 Sept. 1879. Died 1967. M. 24 Sept. 1902 to John Crawford.
 10. JESSIE, born 26 May 1881; Died 1962. M. on 20 Dec. 1907 to Leslie Laree.
 11. JOSEPHINE, born 17 June 1883. Did not marry.

- 12. LUELLA, born 16 Mar. 1885. Died 8 Dec. 1969. M. on 27 Dec. 1911 to Herbert Wallis.
- 13. DAVID A., born 20 Mar. 1887. Died 1 May 1951. M. 1 Dec. 1909 to Pearl Lindsey.
- 14. CHARLOTTE, born 30 July 1888. M. on 20 Oct. 1915 to Hugh McLaren.

THIRD GENERATION:

131. JAMES STIRLING.

First child of David Stirling and Elizabeth Coutts. Born 29 Oct. 1853 in Goderich Twp. Died 13 Mar. 1938 at Los Angeles, Calif. M. on 29 Nov. 1882 at Bruce Co., to Sarah Jane Colwell, who was born 15 Jan. 1863 at Kincardine, Bruce Co., Died 19 Sept. 1899 at San Diego, Calif., a daughter of Francis Colwell and Jane Collins. James and Sarah went to the Dakotas with other members of this family after they were married.

Children, born at Gardner, N. Dakota:

- 1. ELIZABETH LULU, born 20 Apr. 1886. Married and had one daughter.
- 2. FRANCIS EARL, born 1 Oct. 1891. M. 25 Oct. 1918 at San Luis Obispo, Calif. to Anna Leon Morgan, who was born 6 Aug. 1896 at East Liverpool, Ohio.
- 3. RAYMOND JAMES, born 27 May 1893. Died 26 Sept. 1918, while overseas in the Argonne Forest, France.
- 4. LAURA LEONETTA, born 15 Apr. 1895. M. to Falk.

Children:

JAMES LEON, born 9 Aug. 1919. M. to Virginia Jones.

Children:

2 sons and 1 daughter.

ROBERT EARL, born 5 Mar. 1923. M. to Marion I. Stradford.

Children:

2 sons and 2 daughters.

MARY ANN, born April 1927. M. to Headly Davidson.

Children:

1 son.

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Chapter 25

HOFFMAN:

The eldest child of one of my 5th Great Grandparents, William Reed and Nancy Nesbitt, was Nancy Reed. She married Elias Hoffman.

The Hoffman family is of Swedish origin, but moved to Holland about 1615. The name in Scandinavian dialect seems to have been "Hoppman", signifying, "man of hope."

Elias Hoffman came to Canada from the state of New York in the year 1773. He arrived with many of the United Empire Loyalists and, in particular, with the Carscallen family, with whom the Hoffman family was connected by marriage.

He settled on lot 15 concession 6, of Fredericksburg, which became known as Campbells Hill in Lennox and Addington County. On this farm, all his children were born except for his youngest son, Isaiah, who was born on his second farm, across the river, where he had a beautiful 200 acre farm on the banks of the Napanee River. It was a location of spectacular beauty.

Elias Hoffman died 29 Apr. 1831 and was buried on his farm, just east of his log home. The site of where he was buried is now the Riverview cemetery at Napanee, a beautiful setting overlooking the river and lake. The land for the Riverview Cemetery was part of his farm, and was donated by his youngest son, Isaiah Hoffman. The cemetery is under the control of the Grace Methodist Church, of which the Hoffman family were members.

The last will and testament of Elias Hoffman, dated 3 Dec. 1829, names all his children, and appoints his wife, Nancy, to be the sole executor of his will. The sons of Elias Hoffman settled in many of the adjoining townships and counties, and were greatly respected for their pioneer qualities and enthusiastic loyalty to Britain.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION.

FIRST GENERATION:

1. ELIAS HOFFMAN.

Born 26 Aug. 1768 at Ulster County, N.Y., died 29 Apr. 1831 at Napanee, Ont. M. on 31 Jan. 1791 at Lennox and Addington Co., Ont. to Nancy Reed who was born 11 Dec. 1775; Died 22 Apr. 1841 at Napanee, Ont., a daughter of William Reed and Nancy Nesbitt of Thurlow Twp. Elias Hoffman and Nancy Reed are both buried in the Riverview Cemetery, Napanee.

Children, born at Fredericksburg, Lennox and Addington Co. Ont.:

1. ELIZABETH, born 7 June 1792. M. to Fry.
- 2-2. ELIJAH, born 18 Nov. 1793. M. to Agnes Neville. Settled at Moscow, Ontario.
3. NANCY, born 16 Aug. 1795. M. to McCabe.
4. JACOB, born 12 Sept. 1797. M. to Sarah Empey of Richmond. Settled near Moscow, L. & A. Co. He was a very energetic and kind man and was involved in both farming and lumbering. His three eldest sons died early in life, which was a great sadness for Jacob and Sarah. He was very successful in all his undertakings.

Children, born at Moscow, Ont.:

ANGUS, died young.
 ISAAC, died young.
 FLETCHER, died young.
 MARSHALL, M. Mary Aylesworth.
 ELEANOR, M. Robert Collins.
 EDWARD, M. Sarah Neily.
 JOHN, M. Nettie Fretz.

5. SUSANNAH, born 26 Nov. 1799. M. to Thomas McKim.
 6. SARAH, born 6 Dec. 1801. M. to Smith.
 7-7. PHILIP, born 4 Jan. 1805. M. to Harriet Clapp. He settled in Hungerford, at Sugar Island about 1826. He cleared his land, and like his brothers, was very successful. He was a very devout Christian man, loved the church and exemplified it in his life. He was a good singer and was very fond of gospel songs.

Children, born at Sugar Island.

- THOMAS.
 ELIAS.
 CYNTHIA.
 SARAH, M. to William Finkle.
 JOHN, M. to Jane Perry.
 NANCY, M. to Seely.
 WILLIAM.
 ISAIAH, M. to Ruth Ashley.
 HARRIET, M. to Seely.
 8-8. WILLIAM, born 18 Apr. 1807. Died 1863. M. to Julia Pake. They lived in Tyendinaga Twp., initially, then sold out and bought a few miles west of there. He farmed and had a potash business, the product of which he had to take to Kingston to convert into money for taxes and living expenses.

Children, born in Tyendinaga Twp.:

- NANCY, M. Peter Fargey.
 JAMES ORTON, M. Hester Brown.
 WILLIAM ALBERT, M. Martha Fargey.
 MARGARET,
 JOHN, M. Rhoda Walker.
 JULIA, M. Albert Martin.

Children:

- BLANCHE MARTIN.
 9. JOHN REED, born 19 June 1809. M. Rhoda Haight. They lived in Tyendinaga, near his brother, William. He was Reeve and Councillor of his County.

Children, born in Tyendinaga:

- MELISSA.
 AUGUSTA.
 CYNTHIA.
 SAMANTHA.
 10. ISAIAH, born 29 Aug. 1813. Died 25 Dec. 1889. M. on 3 Jan. 1839 at L.&A. Co., to Susannah Schernerhorn, who was born 24 Feb. 1820 near Napanee, L.&A. Co. Died 24 Sept. 1908. Both buried at Riverview Cemetery, Napanee. She was a daughter of Amos Schernerhorn and Sarah Segar.

Children, born at L.&A. Co.:

AMOS.
 CINDERILLA.

HARRIET JANE.
 SUSAN EMMA, M. on 12 June 1878 to Marshall Campbell Bogart,
 who was born in Adolphustown, the youngest son of
 Lewis Lazier Bogart and Elizabeth Barker Cronk.

SECOND GENERATION:

12. ELIJAH HOFFMAN.

Second child of Elias Hoffman and Nancy Reed. Born 18 Nov. 1793 at L.&A.
 Co. Ont. M. to Agnes Neville. Settled at Moscow, Ont.

Children, born at Moscow, Ont.:

1. ANTHONY, did not marry.
- 2-2. ELIAS, M. to Mary Esther Dennison.
3. CHARLOTTE, M. to Benjamin Asselstine.

Children:

WILLIAM WESLEY ASSELSTINE, M. Josetta Lott.

Children:

ELENORA, M. Dr. Hammond.
 ARCHIBALD, M. Gertrude Guess.
 ETHEL FLORABELLE, M. Frederick Grant.

CYRUS ASSELSTINE.

NICOLAS ASSELSTINE.

COLEMAN ASSELSTINE.

OLIVIA ASSELSTINE, M. George Lampkin.

Children:

ROY LAMPKIN.
 RUTH LAMPKIN.

AGNES ASSELSTINE.

MARY ASSELSTINE.

CHARLOTTE ASSELSTINE.

4. HESTER, M. to Secord Wartman.

Children:

COLEMAN WARTMAN.
 GEORGE WARTMAN.
 CHARLOTTE WARTMAN.
 AGNES WARTMAN.
 MARY WARTMAN.
 JOHN WARTMAN.
 AMANDA JANE WARTMAN.
 KATE WARTMAN.

5. MARY, M. James Burns.

Children:

ADELIA BURNS.
 VICTORIA BURNS.
 ANNETTE BURNS.
 WILLIAM BURNS.

6. MARGARET, M. James Parrott.

7. NANCY, M. Richard Caswell.

8. EMILY, M. Peter Van Luven.

Children:

FRANKLIN ELMORE VAN LUVEN, died 25 Sept. 1922. M.
 Elizabeth Wright.

Children:

HELEN.
 EMILY.
 ELIZABETH
 EDNA.

NELLIE VAN LUVEN, M. to Michael Dunn.

14. JACOB HOFFMAN.

Fourth child of Elias Hoffman and Nancy Reed. Born 12 Sept. 1797 at L.&A. Co. Ont. M. to Sarah Empey. Settled near Moscow, Ont.

Children, born near Moscow, Ont.:

1. ANGUS, died young.
2. ISAAC, died young.
3. FLETCHER, died young.
- 4-4. GEORGE MARSHALL, born 30 Apr. 1832. M. to Mary Margaret Aylesworth.
5. ELEANOR, M. to Robert Collins.

Children:

SARAH COLLINS, M. to John Laird of Picton.

MARY COLLINS, M. to John Hawley.

WILLIAM CHARLES COLLINS, died young. Did not marry.

6. EDWARD, M. to Sarah Neely, a daughter of Henry Neely. He lived on his fathers' farm near Moscow.

Children, born near Moscow:

ANGUS.

ISABEL.

ELEANOR.

MAGGIE.

HENRY.

LUCY.

ARCHIBALD C., became a Methodist Minister, and M. Margaret Amelia Fairburn. They lived at Bath in 1922.

Children:

MARGARET FAY.

CHARLES DONALD.

7. JOHN, M. Nettie Fretz.

17. PHILIP HOFFMAN.

Seventh child of Elias Hoffman and Nancy Reed. Born 4 Jan. 1805 at L. & A. Co. Ont. M. to Harriet Clapp. Settled in Hungerford, Sugar Island.

Children, born in Hungerford Twp., Ont.:

1. THOMAS.
2. ELIAS.
3. CYNTHIA.
4. SARAH, M. to William Finkle.
5. JOHN, M. to Jane Perry.

Children:

PERRY ISAIAH, was deputy postmaster at Napanee.

ALMA.

EDITH.

6. NANCY, M. to Seely.
7. WILLIAM.
8. ISAIAH, born in 1851 in Hungerford Twp. Died 17 March 1907. M. to Ruth Ashley.

Children:

LILLIAN MAUDE, born in Belleville. M. to Peter Edwin Van Buskirk B.S.E., C.E., class of 1891, New Milford, N.J., who died in 1905.

Children:

JACOB EDWIN VAN BUSKIRK, born 1 May 1901 at New Milford, N.J., and was a student at Queens University, Science class 1922.

9. HARRIET, M. to Seely.

18. WILLIAM HOFFMAN.

Eighth child of Elias Hoffman and Nancy Reed. Born 18 Apr. 1807 at L. & A. Co. Ont. M. to Julia Pake. Settled in Tyendinaga Twp., Ont.

Children, born in Tyendinaga Twp.:

1. NANCY, M. to Peter Fargey.
2. JAMES ORTON, educated at Albert College, Belleville, and was a teacher for some years. Received a Gold Medal for the best cultivated and kept farm in the county. M, late in life to Hester Brown. No Children.
3. WILLIAM ALBERT, M. to Martha Fargey.

Children:

WILLIAM.
FRANKLIN.

4. MARGARET.
5. JOHN, M. to Rhoda Walker.

Children:

EMMA MILDRED, M. to William Ketcheson.
FLORENCE ALWILDA.
JOHN ERNEST, M. to Nellie Graves.

Children:

VERNEY.
WILLIAM CARMAN.
CHARLES STANLEY, M. Florence Casey.
JAMES ORTON, M. Nellie Coulter.

Child:

JOHN MARSHALL, born 18 Mar. 1921.

6. JULIA, M. to Albert Martin.

Children:

BLANCHE MARTIN.

THIRD GENERATION:

122. ELIAS HOFFMAN.

Second child of Elijah Hoffman and Agnes Neville. M. to Mary Esther Dennison. Settled at Moscow, Ont.

Children, born at Moscow, Ont.:

1. MYRON T., M. Emma Cronk.
2. DATUS E., M. Rhoda Deare.
3. ELMIRA, M. Samuel Asselstine.
4. MILTON W., M. Jessie Allen.
5. AMOS EDWARD, M. first to Eliza Milsap.

Children:

OTIS CLIFTON, M. to Alma E. Van Alstyne.
NELLIS HICKS, died 2 Apr. 1919, at age 26 years.
ELIZA MILSAP, died May 1899.

Amos Edward Hoffman married second in Dec. of 1900 to Luella M. Montgomery.

Children:

DONALD MONTGOMERY, born 15 Sept. 1905.

6. GEORGE ELIAS, M. Martha Kerr.
7. AMELIA, M. George W. Sharpe.

144. GEORGE MARSHALL HOFFMAN.

Fourth child of Jacob Hoffman and Sarah Empey. Born 30 Apr. 1832 at Moscow, Ont., Died 4 July 1911. M. on 22 Nov. 1857 at Moscow to Mary Margaret

Aylesworth, who died 2 Oct. 1914. They lived near Moscow.

Children, born near Moscow, Ont.:

1. SARAH MARIA, born 22 Sept. 1858. M. Edward Storms.

Children:

- FRANK L. STORMS, born 10 Sept. 1887. Died 3 Feb. 1913.
2. FLETCHER, born 27 Dec. 1859; Died 27 May 1889. Drowned at Image Creek.
3. ROBERT WILLIAM, born 31 Oct. 1861.
4. ANNIE ELIZABETH, born 22 July 1865. M. Alfred Martin.

Children:

- EARL L. MARTIN, M. 13 Aug. 1919 to Edith E. Yorke.
5. JACOB WESLEY, born 22 Sept. 1866.
6. MORLEY ISAAC, born 22 June 1873. M. to Alice Mabel Amey.

Children, born in Moscow:

- HATTIE MAE, born 16 Sept. 1896. Died 14 Feb. 1898
- RALPH W., born 19 Sept. 1897.
- GRACE MARIA, born 8 May 1899.
- ALLAN MARSHALL, born 15 Oct. 1900.
- FLORENCE GERTRUDE, born 14 Aug. 1903.
- CLAUDE FRANKLIN, born 14 July 1908.
- WALTER MORLEY, born 13 Oct. 1913. Died 17 Feb. 1915.

Chapter 26

FOSTER.

The eighth child of my 5th Great Grandparents, William Reed and Nancy Nesbitt of Thurlow Twp., Ontario, was Elizabeth Reed. She married William Foster of Prince Edward County.

Very little is known regarding the family of this William Foster, except that he lived in Prince Edward County in the early 1800's.

GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION.

FIRST GENERATION:

1. WILLIAM FOSTER.

Married Elizabeth Reed, daughter of William Reed and Nancy Nesbitt of Thurlow. They were likely married about 1800, since one of their younger children, Mrs. James Osborne, was born about 1813.

Children: (there were likely others).

1-1. WILLIAM, M. Cynthia Clapp.

2., M. James Osborne. She was age 86 in 1899, which would indicate that she was born about 1813.

SECOND GENERATION:

11. WILLIAM FOSTER.

First child of William Foster and Elizabeth Reed. He married Cynthia Clapp. They lived at Northport, and had a beautiful home overlooking the Bay of Quinte.

They were well known by the people of Prince Edward County, and greatly respected in the neighborhood in which they lived.

Children, born at Northport:

1. EMILY, M. Donald Cameron.

2. REBECCA, M. Aaron Foster.

3. JACOB S., born 1845. M. 1st Bertha Gardner, and second Hannah Vandusen. Jacob S. Foster lived on the homestead and built a fine home overlooking the Bay of Quinte. In 1922, he resided in Napanee on Piety Hill. He had severe attacks of rheumatism. He took a great interest in the Canadian soldiers at the front, during the first world war, and wrote regularly to a number of them.

Hannah Vandusen, his second wife, died in August 1920.

4. ALMA, M. George Parrott.

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