

Knight, Mahlon, U. S. and His Descendants

1784-1975

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Mahlon Knight, U.E. *brother of Joshua Knight
of Beaver Harbour
(Penn's Field)
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My family's interest in their Loyalist ancestor Mahlon Knight of Kingston began in earnest when it was discovered that one tract of land near Belleville that had been granted to him was still being farmed by a descendant in 1969. Further research produced more information and in 1975 the book *Mahlon Knight, U.E. and His Descendants, 1784-1975* was published.

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Mahlon Knight, his wife Rachel and two sons, Isaac and Cornelius, first set foot on Canadian territory on October 19, 1782 at Annapolis, Nova Scotia. They disembarked with a company of 360 people from a fleet of nine transports and two frigates. The family probably wintered in this area, but they decided to go further inland, for they were found later on the list "Return of Incorporated Loyalists desirous of settling in Canada, all quartered in Montreal — February 7, 1784".

With the beginning of spring, Mahlon Knight and his family journeyed by boat up the river to the new townships which had been laid out by order of Sir Frederick Haldimand. Registered further on October 9, 1784 in the "Return of Disbanded Troops and Loyalists settled in Township No. 1-Cataraqui", the family now numbered ³ five after the birth of another son John Knight. (*later 5*)

On July 4, 1785 "Mellen" Knight was the tenth person in a group to draw lots for lot 3, 5th concession, Captain Michael Grass being the first. Mahlon laid claim to two other parcels of land in the Township of Kingston in 1797, a third in 1801. He acquired lots also in the Township of Sydney in 1797 and is said to have owned large tracts in Napanee. In 1804 Mahlon Knight sold his three town lots in Kingston to Richard Cartwright, and today an imposing limestone building stands on the corner lot marked with an historical plaque.

Mahlon seems to have been a civic-minded man who took his place in the affairs of the community. In the years 1789 to 1792 he was among the jury members in the Court of Common Pleas. His name appears also in the early records of St. George's Church, of which he was a "Benefactor" at the time of the erection of the church building in 1791. Three younger children, Peter, Mary (Knapp) and Mahlon, Jr., were baptised by the Reverend John Stuart, Rector of St. George's.

Our research took an interesting turn when it was discovered that Mahlon Knight had requested his Quaker Certificate of Removal from Abingdon Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania to Adolphustown Monthly Meeting in Upper Canada in 1804. With this lead, more information was obtained through records of the Society of Friends.

In 1769 Mahlon Knight was a tailor living in Byberry Township, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. His father Isaac Knight and three of his older brothers, Joshua, John and Isaac, Jr., owned about five hundred acres of land in Abington among them. Prior to the outbreak of the Revolution, Isaac Knight, Sr., served on the Committee of Correspondence and Inspection, which attempted to establish a unified policy among the various colonies towards the oppressive acts of the British. Following the outbreak of hostilities however, Joshua, John and Isaac, Jr., joined the British at the Battle of German Town. John became a guide for the troops of Sir William Howe and

Mahlon Knight, U.E.

reconnoitered General Washington's Army on October 7, 1778.

Isaac, Jr., was later seized by the revolutionaries for treason but discharged for lack of witnesses. Joshua and John convicted themselves by going with the Loyalists to New York City where their families joined them when their lands were confiscated. John's farm was acquired by the Commonwealth for "the use of the University". *

On July 2, 1783 a meeting was called, "No Slave Master Admitted", at the house of Joshua Knight in New York, and forty-nine Quakers joined him to work out a plan to emigrate to Nova Scotia. Setting sail on the ship "Camel", the passengers arrived in Parrtown (Saint John), New Brunswick on September 15, 1783. The ship was sent down to Passamaquoddy and the party disembarked at what they called Bellevue. This was Beaver Harbour where they settled and which they later named Penn's Field. Unfortunately, a forest fire swept through this area in 1790 and all records were destroyed.

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MAHLON KNIGHT

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One Branch of the Family

I. Generation

(1) ISAAC¹ KNIGHT

- b. 1665/6, pr England, poss. London
- m. Mary Carver, d/o John & Mary (Lane) Carver, 7 June 1699, Byberry, Philadelphia Co. PA
- d. 22 May 1750, Abington, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) Co. PA

We have not yet found a record of the exact date this first Isaac Knight came to America, though it is possible he was a passenger on one of the ships from England which arrived on the Delaware River in 1682 or 1683. According to one source (Elwood C. Parry, in his article "Traitors By Choice or Chance"), Isaac was the grandson of the widow Elizabeth Shorter, a London glover, who was a "First Purchaser" of land from William Penn. Her name is included in the "First Catalogue of Purchasers of Land in the Province of Pensilvania," in Group III, for 250 acres, along with 29 others, most of them artisans from London. Each Group contained 10,000 acres, or two shares, which were offered at £100 per share. The first ship to sail with settlers who had invested in Penn's province was the *Bristol Factor*, which reached New Castle on the Delaware in December 1681. By the end of April 1682, all the shares of the First Catalogue had been sold.

According to Pennsylvania records, Elizabeth Shorter received warrants for land in 1683; she had 250 acres north of the city in Philadelphia County, and a city lot measuring 99 x 300 feet on "Fourth Street from Delaware," at the corner of Mulberry Street. She appears to have received only half of this lot in 1683, and in April 1690 appeared before the Commissioners of the Board of Property to request the whole lot, which was granted. She also appeared before the Commissioners in February 1691 regarding her right to four acres of Liberty Land, and this is the last record we have found of her. Her city lot was surveyed in 1701, and she is given as the "taker-up," but we do not know if she was still living at that date.

Her acreage in Philadelphia County (present-day Montgomery County) was located north of the city on Susquehanna Street Road in Abington Township, and according to Mr. Parry, she helped her grandson Isaac Knight purchase an additional 250 acres before 1700. He adds that "Abington High School now

stands on part of that ground."

So it is possible that young Isaac Knight came to America with his grandmother in the early 1680's. We know that he was a Quaker, but have no record whether Elizabeth Shorter was. Of Isaac's parents, nothing is known at present; whether either of them came to America, or died in England. By the time Isaac married 17-year-old Mary Carver in June 1699, he was a substantial property owner in Abington, and a member of the Abington Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Mary CARVER was the daughter of John Carver and Mary Lane, who were married at St. Alban's Priory in Hertfordshire, England, before they sailed for America. John Carver, too, was one of Penn's First Purchasers, appearing in Group VII as purchaser of 500 acres. Family tradition claimed he came on the *Welcome* with Penn himself, but this is now considered "improbable" by researchers. His daughter Mary was one of the first children born of English parents in Pennsylvania, and some biographies say she was born "in a cave near Philadelphia four days after her parents arrived." The date was 28 October 1682. The Carvers were a Quaker family, and "A Testimony" regarding Mary (Carver) Knight was published in A Collection of Memorials Concerning Divers deceased Ministers and others of the People called Quakers, in Pennsylvania, New-Jersey and Parts adjacent . . ., printed in London 1788. It says in part:

". . . Her parents settled at Byberry in Philadelphia county and educated her in our religious profession. When about eighteen years old, she married Isaac Knight, and became a member of Abington particular meeting. Some time after she appeared in meetings in a few words in simplicity and innocency, and in the exercise of her gift, though small, visited divers meetings in some of the adjacent provinces, from whence she generally produced accounts of friends acceptance of her services. And continuing in a steady perseverance, according to her talent, as she advanced to old age, her zeal for the cause of truth and good of souls manifestly increased; frequently recommending faithfulness, and a daily watchfulness against the enemy of souls, whom she often said, 'Was unwearied, and had followed her all her life long, being yet as busy as ever, to draw her mind from off her watch.' . . . Toward the close of her days, bodily weakness increased, yet she was remarkably diligent in attending meetings, and with ardency exhorted all, 'To come, taste, and see for themselves that the Lord is good, for he had been good indeed to her soul,' . . . She seemed so filled with love to God, love to her friends, and love to her fellow-creatures in general, that we have reason to believe God was with her, and that her last days were her best days. A good end crowns all. She departed this life, the 4th of the third month, 1769, and was buried at Abington the 6th of the same month, aged near eighty-seven years."

Mary's father, John Carver, took up by patent 590 acres of land in the northeastern part of Byberry Township along Poquessing Creek, near the city of Philadelphia, and also had a lot on Walnut Street in the city. His Byberry property included the site of the old home-
stead, which remained in the family for six generations, having descended successively from father to son, all of whom were named John, until 1864. He was a maltster by profession, and the malt-

house was continued until the fourth generation, when the business became so poor that it was given up. His will was executed 26 2nd mo. 1713, probated 8 Nov 1713, and names wife Mary and son John as executors; mentions also sons James and Richard, and daughter Mary Knight.

The marriage of Isaac Knight and Mary Carver is recorded by Abington Monthly Meeting: "Whereas Isaack Knight of the Countey of Philladellphia in the province of Pennsillvania Yeoman; and Marey Carver Daughter of John Carver of the same Countey; Havinge published theire intentions of mariage accordeing to the Laws of this province; And alsoe before severall meettings of y^e people of God Called Quakers; And Having Consent of y^e said Meettings and also of Parents and relations concerned they the s^d Isaack Knight and Marey Carver upon the seventh day of the fourth month 1699; Appeared in a solemm Assembly of y^e people aforesaide; mett together at the house of y^e saide John Carver; Hee the said Isaack Knight did then and there take the said Marey Carver to wife; Promising to be unto her A Loveing and faithfull Husband untill death should seperate y^m And the said Marey Carver Did in Like manner take the said Isaak Knight to be her husband promising to be unto him a Loveing faithfull & obedient wife untill seperated by death; In further Testimony whereof the s^d Isaak Knight and Marey Carver (Assumeinge her husbands name) did hereunto subscribe their names in the presence of those wittnesses under written."

It is likely that Isaac and Mary lived on the Abington acreage all their lives; the births of their children, and their own deaths, were all reported in Abington Meeting records. The History of Montgomery County says that Isaac Knight erected a mill on Tacony Creek, below Abington Station, before 1725. In 1734 an Abington tax return shows Isaac Knight has 100 acres, and his son Isaac Jr. another 100.

Abington Monthly Meeting records show "The departure of Isaac Knight, Senior, who departed this life the 22nd of 3rd month 1750 in the Eighty-fifth year of his age." He wrote his will "the 25th day of the 2nd month 1750," in which he gave "unto Marey my dearly beloved wife all my household goods . . . , the Room at the east end of my house and the Room over the parlour and the seller under the parlour and the sume of seven pounds and ten shillings everey half yeare during her natural life and the keeping of a horce and a Cow which she has liberty of Chusing of each out of my stock and to have firewood Cut and haled to the dore." He ordered that the "half part of the mill" which he owned be sold, but son John to have the refusal of it. John was to have an acre of land at the lower end of the meadow, "commonly caled the Indian corne medow," and ten pounds. Son Isaac received the rest of the real estate, and was to pay each of the five daughters forty pounds at ten pounds a year, to start three years after their father's death.

Children:

- i. Sarah, b. 25 Oct 1701, Abington. She was still living in 1750 when her father named her in his will; probably married.
- (2) ii. Isaac, b. 6 Mar 1707/8, Abington.
- iii. Jonathan, b. 5 Apr 1710, Abington; d. 20 Mar 1731, Abington.
- iv. Ann, b. 30 June 1712, Abington. Possibly the Ann who m. Dennis Conrad about 1733 at Abington. Living 1750.

- v. John, b. 2 Nov 1714, Abington. This is possibly the John Knight, a baker of the city of Philadelphia, who made his will 5 Jan 1761, naming his wife Elizabeth, and children Charles, Rachel and John. He had property in Abington, as well as a number of lots in Philadelphia. One piece of property is "the house as I now liveth in, which house is at the Corner of Mulberry and fourth Street with the Bakhouse granereys and all the appurtinences thereunto belonging . . ." left to his son John. This could be the city lot which was first granted to Elizabeth Shorter; however, there were many Knight families in the Philadelphia area by the middle of the 18th century, and we need more information in order to identify this John Knight. His death was not recorded by the Philadelphia MM.
- vi. Mary, b. 31 Oct 1716, Abington; m. Nathan Bewley; still living 1774, when her name appears on a Philadelphia County tax list, Abington Twp. Her husband Nathan died in 1766. Only known children are Isaac and Mary Bewley. Daughter Mary Bewley married her cousin, Isaac Knight, son of Isaac², in 1772.
- vii. Rebecca, b. 7 Oct 1720, Abington; m. Joseph Griffith 21 May 1747, in Quaker ceremony at Abington MM. He was son of Evan Griffith of Gwynedd, Philadelphia Co.
- viii. Elizabeth, b. 22 July 1723, Abington; m. Robert Evans 17 Nov 1748, at Abington MM, son of Hugh Evans of Gwynedd Twp., Philadelphia Co.

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II. Generation(2) ISAAC² KNIGHT (Isaac¹)

- b. 6 March 1707/8, Abington, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) Co. PA
- m. 1st Elizabeth Wright, d/o Joshua & Rebekah (Stacy) Wright, Nov. 1728,
possibly at New Hanover, Burlington Co. NJ
- 2nd Mary (St. Clair) Thomas, widow, 6 June 1748, Abington PA
- d. Aug/Sept 1792, Abington PA

This second Isaac Knight of whom we have record was the father of our ancestor, Mahlon Knight. It appears that he early acquired acreage in Abington, perhaps from his father, on which to make his start in life. A tax return of 1734 shows that he owned 100 acres.

The Knight family had connections in New Jersey, across the Delaware, as in 1728 an Isaac Knight was a witness to the will of John Comfort of Hunterdon Co. NJ, and in 1731 Isaac Knight was listed as a debtor to the estate of Lewis Thomas, schoolmaster of Burlington Co. NJ. And of course, in November 1728, Isaac² married Elizabeth Wright of New Hanover, Burlington County, NJ, according to Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Records.

Three WRIGHT brothers, Joshua, Thomas and Samuel, came to New Jersey from Yorkshire, England, probably in 1677 or 1678, when several groups of Quakers came to West Jersey. Joshua settled at "Nottingham near the Falls of the Delaware," and was a prominent man in the early days of West Jersey, a member of the Provincial Assembly. He married Elizabeth Empson, daughter of William Empson, in England on 10 April 1669, and their children, as named in his will, were Joshua, Robert, Thomas, Joseph, Samuel and Elizabeth, wife of Peter Fretwell. Joshua died 10 Aug 1695 at Nottingham in Burlington Co. NJ.

His son, the second Joshua Wright, married Rebeckah Stacy, daughter of Mahlon and Rebeckah (Ely) Stacy of Yorkshire, England. The Stacy family has lived in Handsworth Parish in the West Riding of Yorkshire since 1330 (some accounts say since the Norman Conquest). Mahlon Stacy and Rebeckah Ely, daughter of George Ely, were married 29 May 1668. In 1678 they embarked with a number of other Quakers on the ship *Shield* at Hull, together with their three daughters and several men and women servants. Mahlon settled at the Falls of the Delaware in West Jersey (present Trenton NJ), and took up by survey a tract of several thousand acres under a proprietary grant acquired before he left England. These first land transactions describe him as a tanner, of Dorehouse, Hansworth Parish, Yorke. He built a grist mill, and called his new home "Ballifield" after the ancestral home in Yorkshire. He held many important offices in the early days of the West Jersey colony, was one of the first land commissioners, a member of the Assembly, and also of the Council of Proprietors. A beautiful riverfront park on the Delaware at Trenton is called "Mahlon Stacy Park" in honor of the founder. He died 3 Feb 1704 in Nottingham Twp., Burlington Co. NJ. His will names his wife Rebeckah, and children Mahlon, Elizabeth, Mary, Ruth and Rebeckah, as well as Mahlon Kirkbride, son of his daughter Sarah Kirkbride who died in 1703.

Joshua Wright Jr., who married Rebeckah, daughter of Mahlon Stacy, was a large landholder in New Jersey, listing in his will dated 1740, 600 acres in Nottingham "adjoining upon Assunpink at Bear Swamp," a plantation adjoining Joseph Steward's, 200 acres upon Wading River in Little Eggharbour, and 590 acres in Nottingham near the Falls Pond at the mouth of Watson's Creek. His will* proved 31 March 1741, names wife Rebeckah, and children Mahlon, Nathan, David, Elizabeth Knight, and Rebecca. Elizabeth was born in 1708, probably in Burlington Co. NJ.

Isaac Knight and Elizabeth Wright were granted permission to marry by the Haddonfield, New Jersey, Monthly Meeting of Friends in November 1728, and the following month they were "reported to be married."

In 1729 Abington MM records that "Isaac Knight Junr. appear'd and Signified his Sorrow for Taking out a writt for a frd contrary to ye Discipline of friends which was Satisfaction to the Meeting."

Isaac and Elizabeth had seven children, the youngest of whom, Mahlon, was only two and a half years old when his mother died "27th day of 11th month 1746/7" (27 Jan 1747), according to the Abington MM records. In October of 1748 Isaac married again, Mary (St. Clair) Thomas, a widow, of Merion, Philadelphia County, in Quaker ceremony at Abington. Isaac's father died in 1750, bequeathing to Isaac the bulk of his remaining property.

By 1769, Philadelphia County Tax Records show that Isaac has 300 acres in Abington Twp., three horses, nine cattle, and no servants. He was taxed £45.13.0. In 1774 he has 150 acres (probably having disposed of some land to his sons), four horses, seven cattle, no servants; tax £29.12.0.

Although four of his sons, Joshua, Isaac, Mahlon and John, were loyal to the British Crown, and three of them were accused of treason during the Revolution, Isaac himself served on the "Committee of Correspondence and Inspection, which attempted to establish a unified policy among the various colonies toward the oppressive acts of the British" before the Revolution actually broke out.

In November of 1780, under "Forfeited Estates, Inventories and Sales," Pennsylvania Archives record money owing to "Isaac Knight and David Jordan D.C., To Keeping Two horses, Late the Property of Benedict Arnold, Confiscated, 32 Days Each @ £6 15 a Day. Recd the Above in full from Willm. McMullin one of the Agts. pr Isaac Knight. £432."

Isaac Knight is listed on the tax rolls in Abington Twp., Philadelphia Co., in both 1779 and 1780, and his name appears on the first U.S. Census in 1790, when there are two males over 16, and four females in his household.

* Recently the New Jersey Bureau of Archives & History, where NJ wills and inventories prior to 1900 are housed, realized that much handling of the fragile and irreplaceable old documents is causing serious damage; no copies will be made of any originals dated prior to 1817. Requests for copies will be filled from the printed abstracts in the NJ Archives: persons visiting the Bureau may make copies from microfilm.

He wrote his will 28 March 1792, "being far advanced in Years and through Sickness weak in Body, but by Divine Favour of sound Mind, Memory and Understanding, Blessed be God for the same and all his other Mercies and Favours, . . ." All his living children are named, as well as children of deceased daughter Rebecca, and as a specific legacy he left his silver watch to his son Isaac. He was "desirous that my Messuage and Plantation whereon I now dwell situate in Abington aforesaid should remain in my Family," and directed that any of the children who wished to purchase it should be able to do so for £50 less than the price to anyone else. The inventory lists a clock and a desk, a horse worth £4, sundry books, a walnut table, a looking glass, a pair of plated spurs and a pair of plated stirrups, as well as two guns, a pair of silver shoe buckles, three silver knee buckles, kitchen furniture, beds and linens, and 10 shillings worth of apples.

Children:

By First Wife:

- i. Joshua, b. 13 Nov 1731, Abington; m. Sarah Tyson, d/o John & Priscilla Tyson, 18 Dec 1753, Abington, in Quaker ceremony. He purchased 102 acres of land in Abington from his father when he married, and was a prosperous farmer and blacksmith. At the outbreak of the Revolution he remained loyal to the British King; he was obliged to abandon his property immediately after the battle of Germantown in 1777 and flee to New York City, where his family joined him. They took ship to Beaver Harbour, New Brunswick, in 1783 at the close of the war, and all Joshua's property in Abington was confiscated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In connection with his claim for restitution of his losses from the British Government, he wrote his father in April 1787:

"Honoured Father, I have to trouble thee once more concerning my losses, having been before the Commissioners to prove my claims . . . This has been the hardest winter ever known by the oldest inhabitant in this country; the snow is between two & three feet deep on a level in the woods at this time; there has been upwards of fifty moos killed within six weeks in this settlement which has been a grate relief to the inhabitants, provision being very scant, many families not having a mouthfull of meat nor bread for some weeks before-- . . . so concluding with love to thee and all our relations and friends, not forgetting our children."

Joshua's father left him £25 in his will "having heretofore assisted him considerably." Joshua died about 1806, and his known children are: Isaac, who remained in Penn.; Joshua; Priscilla; Jacob; and Jonathan, who may also have remained behind.

- ii. Mary, b. 10 Jan 1734/5, Abington; m. William Cleaver. Known children: Jonathan and Elizabeth.
- iii. Rebecca, b. 18 Sept 1736, Abington; m. William Mann at the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, 14 June 1768; possibly lived in Chester Co. PA. She died before March 1792; had children.
- iv. Sarah, b. 21 Sept 1738, Abington; m. Jonathan Tyson, s/o Derrick & Susanna Tyson, 12 Oct 1762, in Quaker ceremony at Abington Meeting. Known children: Elizabeth, Elijah, Rebecca.

- v. Jonathan, b. 4 Oct 1740, Abington; d. 28 Sept 1769, Abington. Not known if he married or had children.
- vi. Isaac, b. 10 Sept 1742, Abington; m. 1st his first cousin Mary Bewley, d/o Nathan & Mary (Knight) Bewley, for which the Abington MM drew up a testimony against them in 1772; m. 2nd Sarah _____. Isaac was a well-to-do farmer in Abington; in 1774 the tax rolls show he owned 200 acres, had five horses, three cattle, and one servant; tax £20.4.8. He was accused of treason during the Revolution by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but surrendered and was discharged for lack of witnesses against him. He was named an executor of his father's will in 1792, and received as specific bequests £125 and a silver watch. His own will was written 7 March 1815, executed 11 April of that same year. Wife Sarah, son-in-law James Worth, granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Worth, and brother Mahlon are named -- no children are known other than the daughter who married James Worth.
- (3) vii. Mahlon, b. 30 Sept 1744, Abington.

By Second Wife:

- viii. John, b. 15 Mar 1749/50, Abington; m. _____. He had a farm of 104 acres near Abington which he bought from his brother Joshua, and was a tanner. John was a Loyalist during the Revolution, acting as a guide for the British forces; he fled to New York City, and in 1783 accompanied Joshua to New Brunswick. His property in Pennsylvania was confiscated, sold to the Commonwealth for £41,000, and turned over to the University of Pennsylvania. In 1784 he made claim to the Crown for compensation for his lost property, and did receive some £280 plus a £20 annual pension. He was married, as Joshua's letter from Beaver Harbour in 1787 mentions "John's wife has been sick this three weeks past and not any better . . ." Perhaps she died there -- John returned to Abington and died 6 May 1791. He left all his possessions to his father Isaac. If he had children, it appears none survived him.
- ix. William, b. 11 Sept 1751, Abington; d. 1756, Abington.
- x. Margaret, b. 16 Dec 1753, Abington; d. 1754, Abington.

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III. Generation

(3) MAHLON³ KNIGHT (Isaac² Isaac¹)

b. 30 Sept 1744, Abington Twp., Philadelphia (now Montgomery) Co. PA
m. Rachel BOWEN, poss @ 1771/2
d. bet 1 Mar 1810 & 28 May 1819, Kingston, Frontenac Co. Upper Canada (now Ontario)

Now we come to our ancestor Mahlon Knight, on whom we based our family history book published in 1975. At that time we had no information about his origins in the American Colonies, and had record of him only after he left New York City in 1783 at the close of the Revolution, and settled in Upper Canada.

We now know he was a Quaker, born at Abington a few miles north of Philadelphia, "30th day of 7th month 1744," the son of Isaac Knight and Elizabeth his wife, as recorded by the Abington Monthly Meeting of Friends. Further on, the record states "Elizabeth the wife of Isaac Knight, Jr. died the 27th day of 11th month 1746/7.* She was Elizabeth Wright, the daughter of Joshua Wright." So Mahlon lost his mother while still a toddler, and was brought up by a step-mother, Mary (St. Clair) Thomas, whom his father married in June of 1748.

One expects that he attended the Quaker schools and meetings, growing up

* Before 1752, Quaker "plain dates" began the year in March-- that was the first month, second month was April, and so on. So a date written "11th month 1746/7" would be the next-to-last month in the Quaker year 1746. By our present system, it would be January 1747. Thus, "double-dating" is used before 1752 to clarify exactly which month and year is meant.

in the rather austere atmosphere of a Quaker household. His father was a prosperous farmer, and owned much fine land at Abington. Mahlon was a tailor, and does not appear to have acquired any of the family land, as his brothers did. In 1769, when he was 25 years old, he was listed on the tax records of Philadelphia County, in Byberry Twp.; he did not own any land and was not taxed. His name is listed along with two distant cousins in the Carver family, Isaac Carver and Ann Heaton, also John Davis, who married Isabel Carver. We don't yet know why he did not settle in Abington, but instead seems to have been living among Carver relatives in Byberry.

Sometime during these years Mahlon committed a "Transgression" against Quaker discipline and was disowned by the Abington Meeting. We do not know what the transgression was, or the date -- perhaps his wife Rachel was not a Quaker, and he was dismissed for "marrying out of unity." (Failure to pay a debt before leaving - father paid it - Mahlon admitted into Quaker Fellowship later.)

He was a Loyalist to the British cause when the Revolution broke out, as were his brothers, and no doubt either went with Joshua and John to New York City, or joined them there. According to Elwood Parry, "on July 5, 1783, a meeting of Quakers was held in Joshua's house at 36 Chatham Street, New York, to complete plans for the mass exodus of Tories to Nova Scotia. The site chosen was Beaver Harbour, then in that province. . . ." It appears that Mahlon, his wife, and sons Isaac and Cornelius may have been members of this party of Quakers and Anabaptists led by his brother Joshua which embarked for Beaver Harbour (now in New Brunswick). He did not settle there, however, but traveled on up the St. Lawrence to Montreal, where he and his family wintered in 1783-4, and landed at Cataragui (Kingston), Upper Canada, the following spring, where our book took up the story.

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& Family
*Ship
Records

Mahlon was for some years an active member of the Anglican Church in Kingston, but Abington Monthly Meeting records dated 29th of 11th mo. 1802 state: "A paper was received signed by Mahlon Knight acknowledging and condemning his Transgression for which he was disowned by this Meeting some years ago, which appearing satisfactory was accepted."

In 1804, Rufus Hall, a Quaker of New York State, was traveling in Upper Canada, and on March 8th he recorded in his journal: "at Grassy Point . . . thence I went to Kingston and visited the widow of my Friend Aaron Brewer, deceased. . . . In the afternoon, had a solid opportunity in Mahlon Knight's family." The "solid opportunity" bore fruit, for in that same month Mahlon requested a Certificate from Abington MM to Adolphustown MM in Upper Canada. His Certificate of Removal from Abington was dated 30th of 4th mo. 1804, and received at Adolphustown 20th of 12th mo. of that same year.* So at the age of 60 years, Mahlon's thoughts turned back to his Quaker upbringing and he returned to his church. There does not seem to be any record at Adolphustown of his wife Rachel's joining that Quaker Meeting, or of their children, though we do know that son Cornelius was a Quaker, from the notation on the 1851 census. Cornelius' wife Phebe was Wesleyan Methodist, as was their son Jonathan, our

* It was the discovery of this Certificate of Removal for Mahlon Knight, by Mr. William Britnell of the Canadian Friends Historical Association, in a search of the Adolphustown MM records, which turned our search to the Philadelphia area.

* Ship Records: Mahlon & Rachel Knight, sons Isaac & Cornelius, left Oct 5, 1782 on First Fleet of Loyalists from New York Town. Arrived in Annapolis, N.B., on Oct. 19. Settled at Cataragui (Kingston) two years later.

forebear who settled in Sidney Twp., Hastings Co. Ontario.

Mahlon received a specific legacy of £100 in his father's will, dated 28 March 1792, to be paid one year after the father's death; plus payment of a debt Mahlon owed to a Jacob Jeanes, amounting to £16.8. In addition his share in the final distribution amounted to £180. The debt was paid off in 1794; no date is given for the final payments, but they may have been as late as 1815.

In April 1804 Mahlon Knight sold his three city lots in Kingston to the Honourable Richard Cartwright, a merchant and member of the legislative council. Today an imposing limestone mansion stands on the corner lot, and a plaque affixed to its wall reads: "Sir Richard Cartwright 1835-1912, Canadian Minister of Finance and Minister of Trade and Commerce, Advocate of Unrestricted Reciprocity with the United States, was born in this house December 24, 1835. His Father was the Rev. David Cartwright, Chaplain to the Forces and Curate of St. George." David Cartwright was a son of the Honourable Richard, who purchased the property from our ancestor Mahlon Knight.

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HUSBAND • MAHLON KNIGHT (Isaac⁸ Isaac⁹)
 Born 30 Sept 1744 Place Abington, Phila (now Montg) Co PA
 Married @1771/2 Place _____
 Died (1815-1819) Place pr Kingston, Frontenac Co Ont
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. Quaker/Anglican
 Other wives _____

FAMILY PAGE KNIGHT
 Sheet submitted by: _____
 Date _____

Husband's Father Isaac Knight KNT8-004
 Born 6 Mar 1707/8 Place Abington, Philadelphia Co PA
 Married Nov 1728 Place Burlington Co NJ
 Died Aug/Sept 1792 Place Abington, Montgomery Co PA
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. Quaker
 Husband's Mother Elizabeth Wright WRT1-002
 Born 1708 Place NJ
 Died 27 Jan 1746/7 Place Abington, Philadelphia Co PA
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. Quaker

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 Ontario Archives
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 Penn. Archives
 Adolphustown MM records
 Deeds, Frontenac Co Ont
 Abington MM records

WIFE • Rachel (perhaps Bowen?)
 Born _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____
 Other Husbands _____
 Wife's Father _____
 Born _____ Place _____
 Married _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____
 Wife's Mother _____
 Born _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____

	CHILDREN	BORN		DIED		MARRIED		
		When	Where	When	Where	To whom	When	Where
1	KNT6-026 • Isaac *	@1773	PA ?	22 Oct 1834	Kingston, Ont. "near Waterloo"	• Elizabeth Bedell	KNT6-027	
2	KNT6-028 • Cornelius *	@1775/6	PA ?	Oct/Nov 1851	Kingston, Canada West (Ont)	• Phoebe	KNT6-029	@1801
3	KNT6-030 • John ✓ *	@1784	prob Cataraqui (Kingston)	ps 28 Apr 1844	Kingston, Frontenac Co Ont	• Mary Knapp	KNT6-031	22 Feb 1809 Kingston, U.C.
4	KNT6-032 • Peter *	bp 9 July 1786	Cataraqui (Kingston) (ps Iowa?) W. Quebec Prov.			• Elizabeth Ferris	KNT6-033	6 June 1816 Kingston, U.C.
5	KNT6-034 • Mary Elizabeth Mary? *	bp 13 June 1788	Kingston, Mecklenburg Dist (Frontenac) Ont	13 Apr 1860	pr Kingston Ont	(1) • John Knapp	KNT6-035/1	15 July 1807, Kingston
6	KNT6-036 • Mahlon	bp 1 Feb 1795	Kingston, Frontenac Co, Upper Canada	pr. d.y.		(2) • John McMichael	KNT6-035/2	
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APPENDIX B.

Copy of the "Old U. E. List," preserved in the Crown Lands Department at Toronto.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS.

- S.B.R.—Soldier in Butler's Rangers
- K.R.R. or R.R.—Is Royl. Regt. N. York.
- P. P.—Is p. their Petition.
- L.R.—Is Loyal Rangers.
- Q.R.—Queen's Rangers.
- L.Bd.L.—The Land Board of Lunenburg.
- R.L.B.S.—Return Land Board Stornont.
- L.B.M.—Land Board Mecklenburg.
- L.B.A.—Land Board Adolphustown.
- L.B.K.—Land Board of Kingston.
- P.L.—Provision List Kingston.
- P.L.N.J.—Provision List New Johnstowne.
- P.L. 2d.—Provision List Eastern District.
- P.L.N.—Provision List Niagara.
- B.M.A.—Capt. Barnes' Muster Absentees.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	DESCENDANTS.
Kitchenson, Willliam .. Keitcherson	Fredericksburgh	Dragoon in Tarlton's Legion, L. B. M. 1789, 450.
Kilman, Jacob	H District	B. R. a wife and five child- ren, P. L. N. 1786, has a son named Jacob, Christ- ian James, Niagara Stamp- ed Book.
Kilman, John	do	Found 1st Nov. 1804, on or ignal Roll.
Kittle, senr., Jeremiah	do	Soldier Butler's Rangers.
Knapp, Benjamin	W District	Soldier in Butler's Rangers, A list 1789.
Knapp, Joseph	E District	S. G. lands as sergeant, L. B. L., U. E. Loyal Rangers.
Knoppin, Trueman....	Sophias & Ameliasb'gh	Son of John Knappin, not on U. E. See John Nop- ping, on U. E.
Knight, Benjamin	E District	Above Leeds, M.D., R.J.D. G.
Knight, John	do Cornwall ..	R.R.N.Y. Muster Roll, A.
Knight, James	do do	Corpl. R. R. N. Y., Muster Roll I, B. M. A.
→ Knight, Mahalon	Kingston	A settler in 1784 (a Taylor Stamped Book), Loyalist P. L., 1786. A. McL.
Koughnet, William ...	Fredericksburg	Soldier, Royal Yorkers, p. P. (Stamped Book) and P. L., 1786).
Kraigie, John	Marysburgh	Soldier German Troops, p. Provision List, 1786, A. McL.
Kroukheit, Hercules ..	Ernest Town	Soldier R. R. N. York, P. (P. L. 1786).
Kroukheit, John	do	Soldier K. R. R. N. Y., P. Stamped Book, P.L. 1786.
Lake, Christopher	do	Soldier Loyal Rangers, O. C. 17th, Nov. 97 200.
Lake, Senr., John....	do	M. C. 300 Gn out soldier, O. C., 8th Nov. 1797.
Lake, jun., John....	do	Son of
Lake, James	do	
Lake, Thomas	J. D	By order in Council 23rd July, 1803, soldier Loyal Rangers.
Lake, Nicholas	Ernest Town	M. C. 750 to close claims, soldier in Col. Peters, L. B. M. 1790), O. C., 11th Nov. 1797.
Laird, John	E District, Augusta ..	

Third Report of the BUREAU OF ARCHIVES, pub. 1905. On page 472 is a list headed
HABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF CATARAQUI 1785 i.e. Kingston

Lt. Arch. McDonnel	William Rangiere	Major Muntych*	John Deyer
Major Ross	James Warrick	Richd Carmel	Barth. Heaffy
George Grant	Richd Haw	George Book	John Warner
Peter Clark*	? Philips*	Brgar Crawford	Gilbert Orson
Jno. Grant	Cpr Johnston	Robt. Greham	Willm. Johns
Thomas Markland	Owen Conner	Pet. Wartmann	Ludw. Holland
King	Adj. Fraser	Doctor Karr	Lt. Tinling
John Taylor	? Cluness*	John Palmar	George Galloway
King	James Hawley	Pet. Philips	Lt. Shelhan
Miss Gibson	Mr. Cook*	Henry Holland	? Grooms
Torenne Dunn	Lt. Brass	John Robertson	Lt. Sharp
Clark*	Cpr Grass	Thomas Burnet	Reb. Ansley
Comisy: McLean	William Arkenson	Lt. Lansing	Robert Clark
Lt. Church	Ludwig Tuffy	Allan McDonnel	Mr. Dies
Mr. Greenshmidt	Mr. Gordon*	Lt. Peppiet	George Faddle
Thomas Moore	Cpr Singleton	Simon Swartz	Math. Burnet
Mr. Stewart*	Richd Green	Willm. Gibb	John Anderson
William McDonnel	? Robins	John Melvin	Jo. Bartholomew
Mr. Farlany	Thomas Redford	John Emburry	John File
Bapt. Russau	Roch. Camot*	John Edgar	John Fernies
Mr Russel	Hugh Simpson	Alex. Simpson	Alex. Fisher
John Grant	Robert Ellice	Andrew Emburry	Daniel Rose
Lt Connelly NB	Josph Westley	John Fadle	Richd. Prenties
York Thomas	Hugh Allan	John Clark Jr.	Lt. Simmons
John Prahmann	John Gilbarey*	John Holr	Tho. Forseyth
Comodor Baiton	George Burdaff	John Forseit	Math. Forrest
Mrs. O'Neil*	Wm Melver	John Monier	Lt. Howard
Wm. Thomas	Phil Penper*	Mjr Vanalstein	John Duncan
Mr. Cramoin*	Lorens Ildel	Daniel Fisher	Dav. Hogan
John Watson	Alex McDonnel	Jos. Groom	Lt. Cloves
Van Dufon*	John Farquarson	Charl. McCulloch	Ludg. Spenser
Cpl. Harkmann	William Farquarson	Briton Gurnop	Russell Pitmann
Jacob Harkmann	Robt. McCawley*	Cpt. Nonpleasant	Peter Clark, Sr.
Cpl. Allan*	Burng Wimp	Cpt. J. McDonnel	Wm. Burn
Comisy. Farquerson	Robert Tindal	Conrad Orbit	Iman. Ellerbeck
Amos Ansley	Benj. Vancure	Abra. Wortmann	Mich. Taylor
Sam. Ansley*	William Moore	Rich. Wingate	Jas. Gardenier
Joh. Dunkan*	John Burnet	Miss Page	John Most
Peter Clark	James Braidy	John McParlane	Donnel McDonnel
Mich. Diederic	Cpr McGuin	Nievl. Wietzel	Ensign Thomson
Christ. Raschorn	Lorens Harkmann	James Brown	George Weston
William Howe	Aron Brerer	Redy. Crawford	Math. Harkmann
Colin McKensie	George Hahle	Kob. Simpson	Martin Snook
William Bower	Carl Mahany	Thimo Porter	Jo. Thompson
Widow Wright	David Emburry	Mich Conlon	Ensign Crawford
Jacob Hofmann	John Horning	Ludw. McKay	Cpr. Meyers
William Well	Cpt. Gable ?	John Galloway	Lt. Arch. Grant
Mahl. Knight	Solom. Orson	David Purdy	
James Clark, Sr.	Abij. Crist	Dan. McMollen	* written in a
Robert McCawly	David Wightman	Andrew Lase	different colour
Alex. Farquerson	Mr. Wills	Brn. Reitzenstein	ink, perhaps
Capt. Everett	John Parlow	Louis Crawford	later.
Mr. Aitkins*	Lt. McGuin	George McDougal	

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KNIGHT FAMILY
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- 17 SARAH FITCH, b. 1803 NY; d. 1878 ONT. (See Fitch Family * Ancestor Table in Part II) + *Resumer Fitch Document.*
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Knight Family Ancestor Table

EIGHTH GENERATION

- 128 ISAAC KNIGHT, ^(a)b. 1708 PA; d. 1792 PA; m. 1728 NJ to
129 ELIZABETH WRIGHT, b. 1708 NJ; d. 1747 PA.

NINTH GENERATION

- 256 ISAAC KNIGHT, b. 1665-6 ENG; d. 1750 PA; m. 1699 PA to
257 MARY CARVER, b. 1682 PA; d. 1769 PA.
258 JOSHUA WRIGHT, b. 1672 ENG; d. 1741 NJ; m. 1705 NJ to
259 REBECKAH STACY, b. 1684 NJ; d. 1767 NJ.

TENTH GENERATION

- 512 ----- KNIGHT, liv 1600's ENG; m. to
513 ?SARAH SHORTER?.
514 JOHN CARVER, b. c1657 ENG; d. 1714 PA; m. ENG to
515 MARY LANE, b. c1660 ENG; d. aft 1713 PA.
516 JOSHUA WRIGHT, bp. 1633 ENG; d. 1695 NJ; m. 1669 ENG to
517 ELIZABETH EMPSON, b. 1650 ENG; d. 1705 NJ.
518 MAHLON STACY, bp. 1638 ENG; d. 1704 NJ; m. 1668 ENG to
519 REBECKAH ELY, b. c1648 ENG; d. 1711 NJ.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

- 1026 JOHN? SHORTER, liv 1600's ENG; m. to
1027 ELIZABETH -----, b. bef 1620 ENG; d. aft 1700 PA.
1028 ----- CARVER, liv 1600's ENG; m. to
1029 (her name is not known)
1032 ROBERT WRIGHT, b. ENG; bur 1651 ENG; m. 1629 to
1033 ALICE LAWYER, d. poss c1667 ENG.
1034 WILLIAM EMPSON, liv 1600's ENG; m. to
1035 (her name is not known)
1036 JOHN STACY, bp. 1599 ENG; bur 1658 ENG; m. 1618 to
1037 MARY FULLWOOD, b. & d. ENG.
1038 GEORGE ELY, b. c1620 ENG; bur 1656 ENG; m. c1644 to
1039 SARA HEATH, bp 1628 ENG; d. prob 1668 ENG.

TWELFTH GENERATION

- 2072 THOMAS STACYE, bp 1574 ENG; bur 1632 ENG; m. 1597 ENG to
2073 ANNE BOOTH, bp. 1579 ENG.
2074 JOHN FULLWOOD, liv late 1500's, early 1600's ENG; m. to
2075 MARY GARLAND, b. & d. ENG.

Knigh Family Ancestor Table

TWELFTH GENERATION (continued)

- 2078 JOHN HEATH, b. c1600 ENG; d. 1660-73 ENG; m. to
2079 ELIZABETH -----, b. 1607 ENG; d. 1693 ENG.

THIRTEENTH GENERATION

- 4144 JOHN STACYE, b. ENG; bur 1593 ENG; m. to
4145 ANNE (PARKER) SCARGILL, bur 1609 ENG.
4146 JOHN BOOTH, liv 1500's ENG; m. to
4147 ELIZABETH HATFIELD, b. & d. ENG.
4150 THOMAS GARLAND, liv 1500's ENG; m. to
4151 (her name is not known)

FOURTEENTH GENERATION

- 8288 ----- STACYE, lived late 1400's, early 1500's ENG; m.
8289 (her name is not known)
8290 THOMAS PARKER, liv 1500's ENG; m. to
8291 (her name is not known)
8292 OLIVER BOOTH, liv early 1500's ENG; m. to
8293 (her name is not known)

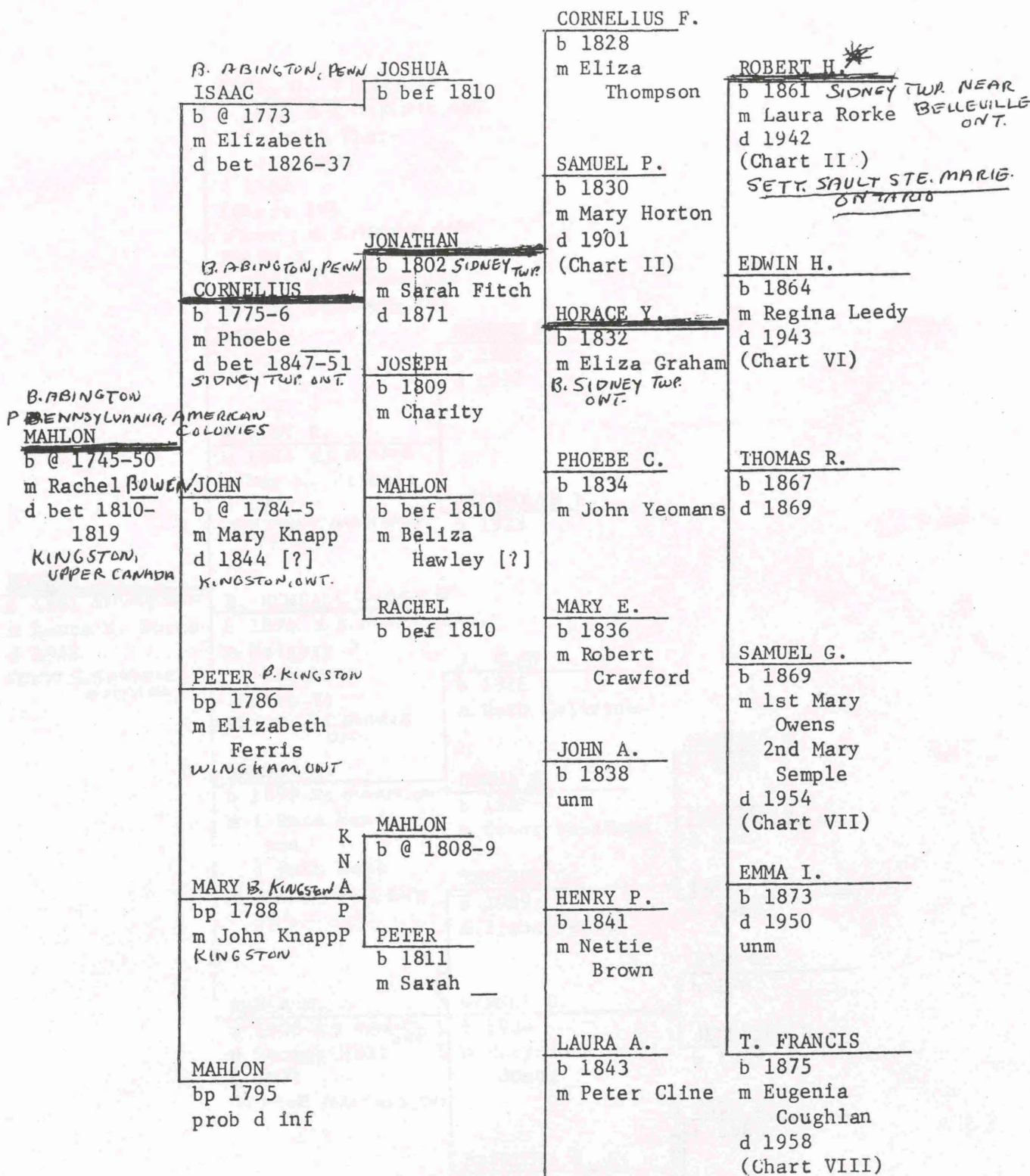
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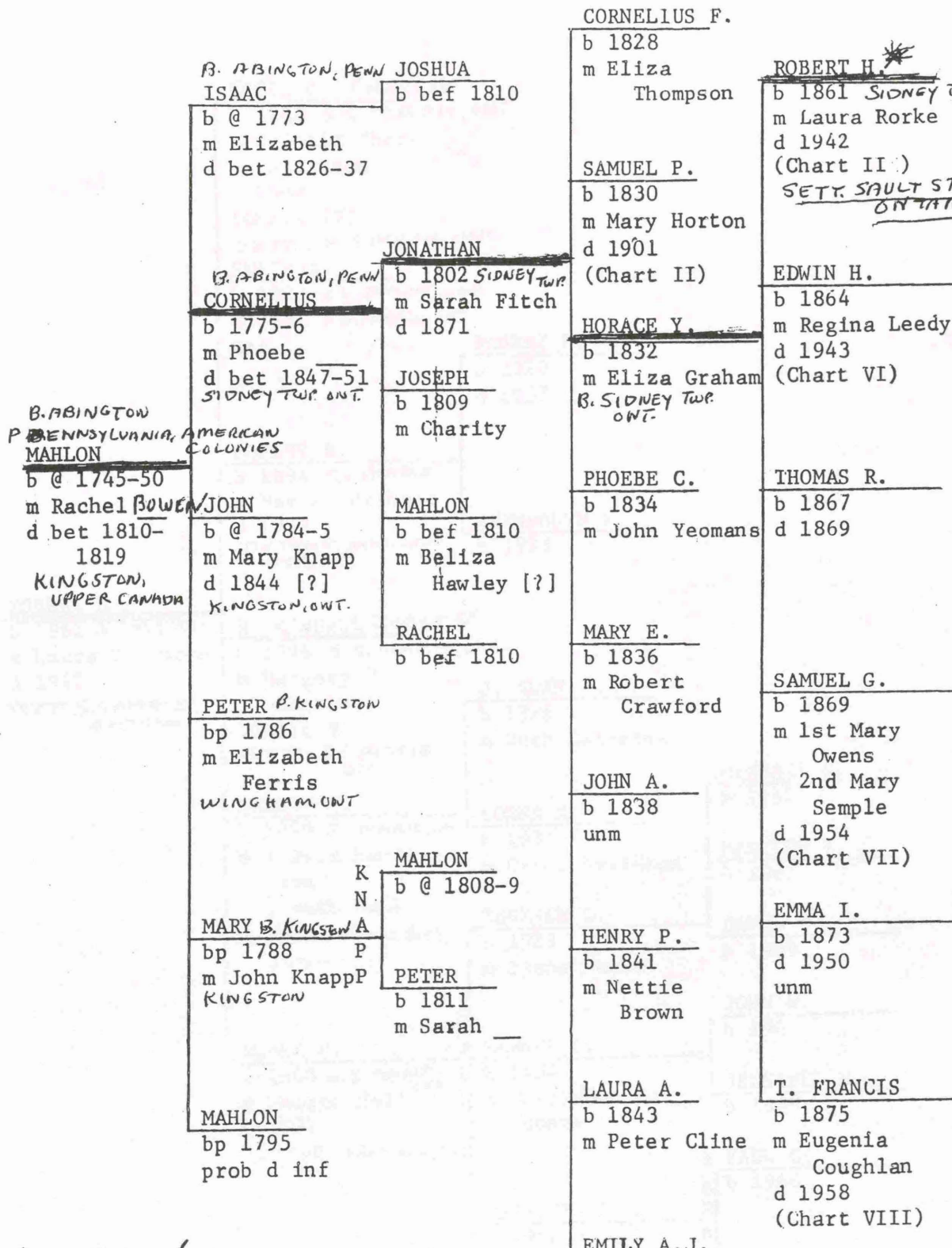


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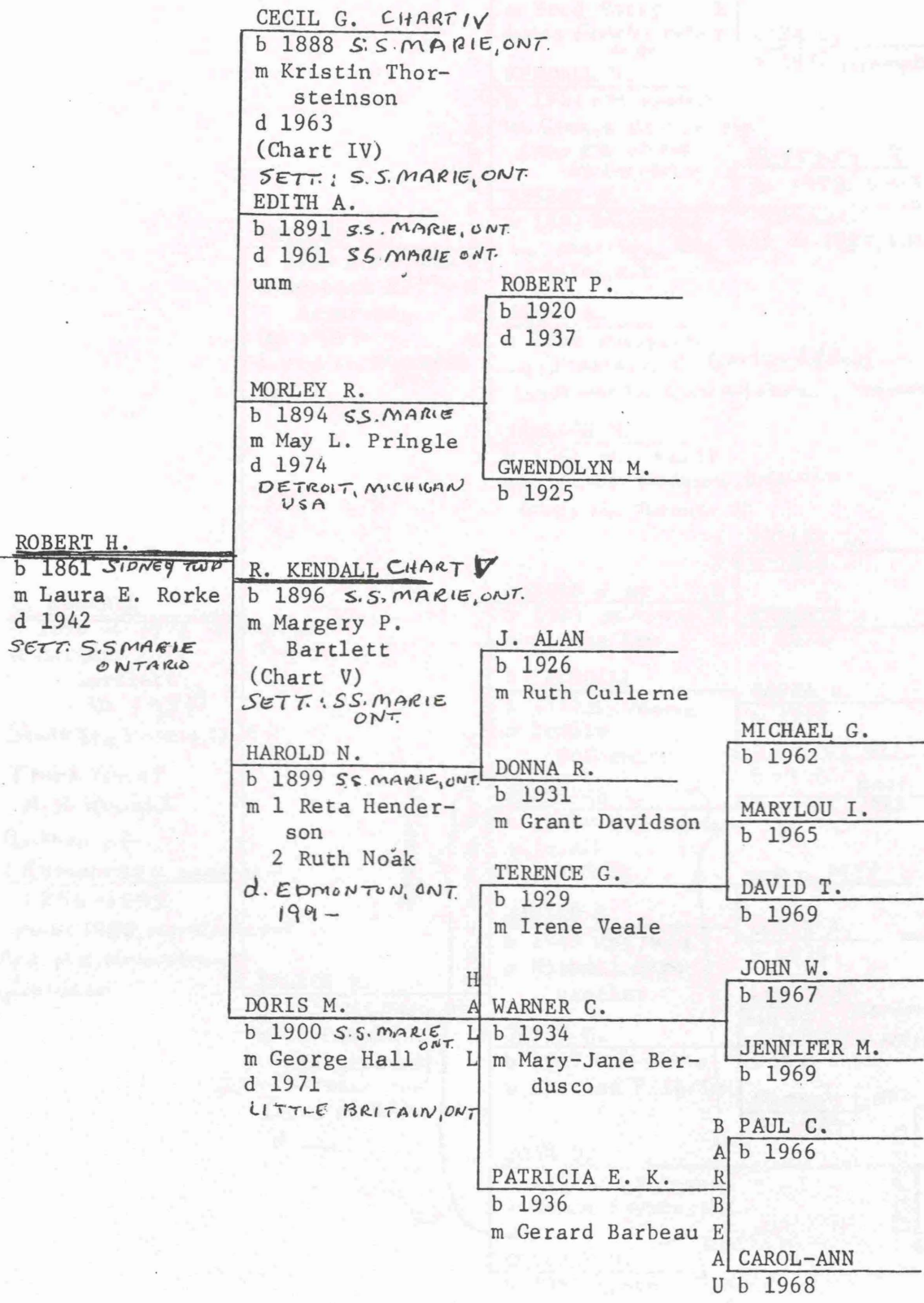
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DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT H.⁵ KNIGHT

CHART II



KNIGHT-RORKE FAMILYROBERT H. KNIGHT FAMILYV. Generation

(1) ROBERT HENRY⁵ KNIGHT (Horace⁴ Jonathan³ Cornelius² Mahlon¹)

- b. 18 Dec. 1861, Thomasburg, Hastings Co., Ontario
 m. Laura Elizabeth Rorke, dau of Thomas H. & Isabella (McFarland)
 Rorke, 16 Nov. 1887, in Markdale, Grey Co., Ont.
 d. 19 May 1942, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Robert H. Knight attended school at Foxboro, Sidney Township, and at Thomasburg. He moved to Kincardine, Bruce County, with his mother and her family when he was about 15 years old (1876). He entered a dry-goods store in Kincardine three years later, then in 1882 went to Manitoba to work on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Two years later he was in charge of supplies for the C.P.R. at Port Arthur. On completion of this work in 1885, he came east and worked in dry-goods stores in Owen Sound and Markdale, Ontario. He married Laura Elizabeth Rorke in Markdale in 1887.

Laura's great-grandfather, John RORKE, was born in Clonmel, Ireland, and was a linen manufacturer in Waterford City. His wife, Phebe Ruddock of Mountmellick, was born in 1791. Ten of their thirteen children emigrated to Canada between 1821 and 1836. Phebe died in 1821 and is believed buried at Killane near Edenderry. John Rorke died on his way to Canada in 1832, and is believed to be buried on Staten Island, New York. He was a member of the Religious Society of Friends.

John's son, Richard, was born 1805 in Waterford, Ireland. He sailed to Canada with four brothers in 1821. After shipwreck on the Gaspé Peninsula, and rescue, they settled in Tecumseh Township, Simcoe County, Ontario. He married Mary Hurst in 1831; she was the daughter of Sheriff Hurst, who emigrated from Ireland in 1820 and settled in Simcoe County. In 1848 Richard and his family moved to the "backwoods" at Heathcote in Collingwood Twp. They had eight sons and six daughters. Richard was farmer, teacher, census taker, and clerk of Collingwood Township. He was a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). He wrote his memoirs, Forty Years in the Forest, * (1820-1868) which was printed for the descendants of the Rorke Family in 1971 by Phyllis (Knight) and Bert Armstrong. (published)

Thomas H. Rorke, second son of Richard and Mary Rorke, was born in 1833 in Tecumseh Twp., Simcoe County, Ont. He married Isabella McFARLAND in 1859, the daughter of W. J. and Mary Amelia (Lazier) McFarland. (The Laziers were a "very old and influential U.E. Loyalist family of the Bay of Quinte District.") W. J. McFarland was son of William and Jane McFarland of County Tyrone, Ireland; he was born in 1841, and emigrated to Montreal, Canada, the same year. Educated at Toronto Normal School as a teacher, but opened a business in Markdale in 1862 with \$400. By 1880, he did a yearly trade of \$100,000, besides the grain

* Requested by the Library of Congress, Washington.
 — early Canadian pioneer history, compared to Susannah Moodie's, Runging It In the Bush; two different attitudes.

Laura (Rorke) Knight is
 family ancestor



trade--100,000 bushels purchased each season at Markdale Station where he had an elevator. He was also the Postmaster. [Illustrated Atlas of County of Grey, 1880]

Thomas "Tommy" Rorke died in 1865 at the age of 32 years. His only son died before him the same year. Four years later Isabella died, and the three little daughters, Annie, Mary Jane, and Laura, who was born 4 Sept. 1864, went to live with their Grandparents, the Richard Rorkes, and later, with their Uncle Joseph Rorke. In later years their Uncle W. J. McFarland sent them to Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby, and they spent their summers with him and his family at Markdale, helping in the Post Office, until their marriages.

After Robert Knight married Laura Rorke in Markdale in 1887, the couple lived in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, for one year, then Robert worked for six years in Soo, Ontario. In 1895 he established his own business there, which flourished until 1929 when it was wiped out by fire. The business block was sold in 1934.

Robert H. Knight was active on many civic boards, including the City Council of the Soo, and was Secretary-Treasurer for 50 years of Central United Church. He served in several Masonic Lodges, and became District Deputy Grand Master of 17th Masonic District. He was also a member of Rose Croix and Mocha Temple Shrine of London, Ont. He died in 1942, and Laura (Rorke) Knight died 25 May 1949.

Children:

- (2) i. Cecil Graham, b. 10 Nov. 1888, Markdale, Ont.
- ii. Edith Amelia, b. 4 Jan. 1891. She received her education in the Soo and at Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby, Ontario. For some years she lived at home, then was companion-housekeeper for the family of the evangelist, Rev. Mrs. Victoria Booth Demarest (grand-daughter of Salvation Army founder). She also lived for some years with her sister, Doris Hall, and her family. In later years she returned to the Knight home in the Soo to look after her Mother and Dad. She was unmarried, and died in 1961.
- (3) iii. Morley Rorke, b. 14 May 1894, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. *lived Detroit, worked as manager of a firm in Hudson's.*
- (4) iv. Robert Kendall, b. 6 March 1896, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. *worked for father in Knight Store; then a clerk in charge of S.S. Marie Canal Office*
- (5) v. Harold Nelson, b. 19 Jan. 1899, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. *Dentist in Edmonton*
- (6) vi. Doris Marie, b. 19 Aug. 1900, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. *m. Mr. George Hall of Little Britain, Ontario.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION: MAHLON KNIGHT, B.E. AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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ROBERT HENRY KNIGHT
(1861-1942)

Great-Great-Grandson of Mahlon Knight

The following was written by Robert Henry Knight at the request of his family in 1936.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario,
August 10th, 1936.

I, ROBERT HENRY KNIGHT, - was born in the village of Thomasburg, County of Hastings, December 18th, 1861, my parents being Horace Yeomans Knight and Eliza Graham. When about six years of age we moved to the fifth concession of Sidney where I attended school at Foxboro until I was eleven years old when we moved back to Thomasburg where I went to school for a couple of years. Then I worked on farms in the county of Prince Edward for two years, then moved to the Township of Huron in the County of Bruce and, at the age of 18 went into a Dry-Goods store in Kincardine and remained there two and a half years.

In the spring of the year 1882 I went to Manitoba which was then booming on account of the Canadian Pacific Railway being built to the Pacific coast.

The boom having subsided in 1884, I came east to Port Arthur and worked on the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway from Nipigon to White River having charge of meats and supplies for the ten thousand men working on the road. The work being completed in 1885, I came east and worked in a Dry-Goods store in Owen Sound, this firm failed in 1886 and I secured a position in Markdale where I remained until the spring of 1888.

During the time I was in Markdale I met my wife, Laura Elizabeth Rorke, and we were married November the 16th, 1887, to whom were born six children and as I write all living,-

Cecil Graham	born	November 10th.	1888
Edith Amelia	"	January 4th.	1891
Morley Rorke	"	May 14th.	1894
Robert Kendall	"	March 6th.	1896
Harold Nelson	"	January 19th.	1899
Doris Marie	"	August 19th.	1900

In the spring of 1888 I came to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and remained one year, when I secured a position with W. H. Plummer & Co., Soo, Ontario, in the Dry-Goods Dept. I remained with them for over six years.

In September, 1895, I started a small store in the block on the corner of Queen and Bruce Streets where I remained until February, 1929, when we retired having previously been burnt out. I bought the block in April, 1896, and held it until October, 1934.

(1888)

The Sault was a small place of about fifteen hundred inhabitants when I first arrived and it did not grow much until the year, 1894, when the Clergue Interests came here and built the Water Power Canal, Pulp Mills, Algoma Steel Corporation and the Algoma Central Railway. Previous to their coming there was considerable activity during the construction of the ship canal which was completed in September, 1895.

Notwithstanding being very busy in the Dry-Goods and clothing business, I bought and sold a number of parcels of real estate such as the two northern corners of Queen and Elgin streets, the one now occupied by the Cochrane Dunlop Hardware Co., and the other now a park next to the Court House. The corner now occupied by the Royal Bank at Queen and Bruce streets, and 550 feet on Wellington St. from Bruce St. West, a piece of 220 feet on the north side of Queen East from Dennis, another on the south side of Albert St. to the water east of the Brewery, the property now occupied by the New Ontario Dock Co., besides a number of smaller parcels.

I sat on the City Council for one year, was active on the Board of Trade and its President for three years. At the inception of the High School, now the Collegiate, I was appointed a member of the Trustee Board and served thirty (30) years and was one of its presidents. I resigned two years before my time was up. I was president of the R. H. Knight Ltd. for twenty-seven (27) years. President of the Northern Foundry and Machine Co. Ltd. for twenty-five (25) years. President of the Greenwood Cemetery for twenty-two (22) years, when it was sold to the city. President of the New Ontario Exploration Co., Ltd., and New Ontario Dock Co., until it was sold to the Inland Lines Ltd. Also director of the Pure Milk Supply Co. Ltd. (now the Model Dairy) and Herman Lake Mining Co. Ltd. Was Secretary for the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church, now Central United Church, for over forty-two (42) years. [Secretary-Treasurer, 1892-1942, (50 years) when he died.]

I joined the North Star Masonic Lodge in 1886, and later affiliated in 1889 with the Keystone Lodge, served in the different chairs and became Master, and in 1902 was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the 17th Masonic District. I was First Principle of Algonquin Chapter and Grand Superintendent of the same district. Was also a member of Gibson Preceptory, Lodge of Perfection, Rose Croix and Mocha Temple Shrine, London, Ontario.

- * I. Governor WILLIAM BRADFORD of the Mayflower. Baptized 19 Mar 1588/9 Austerfield, W. Riding, Yorkshire, Eng; d 19 May 1657 Plymouth, Mass.; m 2nd 24 Aug 1623 Plymouth, Mass., Alice (Carpenter) Southworth, d/o Alexander Carpenter of Somersetshire, Eng.
- II. Major WILLIAM BRADFORD, b 17 June 1624, Plymouth, Mass; d 20 Feb 1703/4; m 1st ca Apr 1650 Alice Richards, d/o Thomas & Wealthy Ann () Richards.
- III. ALICE BRADFORD, b 1661; d 15 Mar 1745 Canterbury, Conn.; m 2nd Major James Fitch 8 May 1687, s/o Rev. James & Abigail (Whitfield) Fitch.
- IV. THEOPHILUS FITCH, b ca 1705, prob. Canterbury, Conn.; d 29 July 1751 Canterbury, Conn; m 2nd 2 Oct 1734 Stonington, Conn. Grace (Prentice) Grant, d/o Samuel & Esther (Hammond) Prentice.
- V. THEOPHILUS FITCH, b 8 May 1737 Stonington, Conn; d _____ ; m 9 Nov 1757 Stonington, Conn. Hannah Stephens.
- VI. PRENTICE FITCH, b 18 Nov 1760, Stonington, Conn; d 20 Nov 1837, Edmeston, Otsego Co NY; m Catherine Grant.
- VII. SARAH FITCH, b 3 Jan 1803 Mass.; d 9 Jan 1878 Sidney, Hastings Co Ont.; m Jonathan Knight 5 Feb 1828, prob Kingston, Ont., s/o Cornelius & Phoebe () Knight.
- VIII. HORACE YEOMANS KNIGHT, b 7 Sept 1832, prob Kingston, Ont.; d 19 __ poss Shiawassee Co. Mich; m ca 1860 prob Hastings Co Ont. Eliza Graham, d/o Thomas & Isabel (Gunn) Graham.
- IX. ROBERT HENRY KNIGHT, b 18 Dec 1861 Thomasburg, Hastings Co Ont; d 19 May 1942 Sault Ste. Marie, Ont; m 16 Nov 1887 Markdale, Ont., Laura Elizabeth Rorke, d/o Thomas H. & Isabella (McFarland) Rorke.
- X. ROBERT KENDALL KNIGHT, b 6 Mar 1896 Sault Ste. Marie, Ont; d 24 Jan 1978 Sault Ste. Marie, Ont; m 31 Aug 1918, London Eng. Margery Phyllis Bartlett, d/o Thomas & Minnie Sybil (Prickett) Bartlett.
- XI. PHYLLIS ELIZABETH KNIGHT, b 22 Apr 1920 Sault Ste. Marie, Ont; m 1 July 1940 Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Herbert K. M. Armstrong s/o Joseph Rusk & Henrietta Tracy (Irwin) Armstrong.

* Alice Richards Bradford was Governor B.W. Bradford's 2nd wife - his first wife, Dorothy May Bradford fell from the Mayflower and was drowned. - Records from Plymouth, England.

Credit for the research in the United States must go to Barbara Cruchord of Seattle, Washington. (Died December 10, 1999)

the connection of Governor W. Bradford with the Mayflower (daughter Mrs. Fitch)

Parents Fitch was with the
Revolutionary Army in the Colonies
hence - prisoner

Sally Knight
Mrs. Jonathan (Sarah) Knight

(DOCUMENT - FITCH RELATIONSHIP TO KNIGHT)

The name of Margaret Butler, who now resides in Worcester, Mass. and who is about 74 years of age -

Although the title of Francis Fitch's will is a prisoner

Walter Spencer of Cooperstown, Otsego County, State of New York appeared and was sworn

and examined on oath in a Court and testified and swore to the date of the death of the said Francis Fitch in his will that he received in his life time at Deborah's will, County of Otsego that he died at Otsego, New York, 1837 and that James a Revolutionary Soldier at the time of his death. That he left no widow, that he left seven children to wit, Samuel Fitch, Peter Fitch, Mary, Fitch, Anna, Isaac James, Germany, Sally, Joseph and Peter. That the said James Fitch was the father of James Evans and also the father of the said Peter Fitch and the said Peter Fitch was the father of the said Peter Fitch and the said Peter Fitch was the father of the said Peter Fitch.

Declaration of Intention made by James Evans in open Court

Keeps by James Evans
Entered Feb 2, 1818-1844
Feb 1838

Mahlon Knight + family (from Martha Berto, N.B. 182
 arrived at Annapolis Oct 19, 1782. First fleet of Loyalists left
 New York on Oct. 5. Settled two years later in Cataragui (Kingston).

*Phy. W. S.
 C. S. H.*

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Return of Men, Women & Children arrived at Annapolis from New York 19th Octr. 1782
 (360 persons) (Submitted by J. S. Hughson)

(This was found among the papers of Amos Botsford, at the Public Archives of Canada.)

Mens Names	No. of Women	No. children above 8 years	who are under 8 years
William Harding	1	3	4
William Burnet	-	-	-
George Harding, Junr.	-	-	-
Doit Phillips	1	2	-
Henry Le Carre (barre?)	-	-	-
Alexr. McBride	-	-	-
Simon Persels (Purcel?)	-	-	-
John Mcquire	-	-	-
James Johnson	-	-	-
Mahlon Knight	1	2	-
Samel. Isaacs	-	4	-
Alexr. Sharp	1	-	-
Walter Anderson	1	-	-
Alexr. Bouchan	1	-	2
Alexr. Bourgar	1	3	1
James Carron	-	-	-
John Crosby	2	-	-
John Brandon	1	-	1
Patk. Mcguire	1	-	1
Alexr. McLinton	1	4	-
John Vitch	-	-	-
George Johnson	1	-	-
Henry Roberts	2	-	1
Simon Leroy	1	3	-
John Trusdell	2	3	3
Alpheus Trusdell	-	-	-
James Trusdell	-	-	-
Jonas Ward	-	-	-
Ebenr. Washburn	1	3 (5)	2
Benjn. Babcock	-	-	-
Andrew Vitch	2	1	-
Thos. Fowler	-	-	-
John Hatch	1	-	-
William Vitch	-	-	-
James Richards	1	1	-
Jeremiah Pemberton	2	3	-
Fredk. Robinson	1	1	-
John Lawson	1	3	1
Cornelius Hall	1	-	2
Austin Smith	1	5	-
Alexr. Graham	1	-	-
Thos. Weare	-	-	-
William Johnson	2	1	-
William Jenkins	2	4	-
John Jenkins	-	-	-
John Jones	-	-	-
John Bragg	1	-	-
James Edgar	-	-	-
Joseph Northrop	1	-	1
M. Shea	1	1	2
Anthony Flewel	1	-	2
Thos. Hutchinson	-	-	-
Mentor (Lesage)	-	-	-
Alexr. Russel	1	-	-
George Tucker	-	-	-
Gilbert Lownsberry	1	-	1
Joseph Crook	1	4	2
Jeremiah More	1	-	3
Wid. Johnson	-	2	1
James Twaddle	1	5	2
William McKinney	1	2	-
John McKown	1	1	1

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John Wigham	-	-	-
Dennis Dowlin	-	-	-
Simon Vanclick	1	2	-
Patrick Graham	-	1	-
Stephen Goldsmith	-	-	-
Richard Grogan	1	-	-
Timothy Langley	-	-	-
Reuben Green	-	-	-
James Houston	1	3	2
James Houston, Junr.	-	-	-
James Smith	-	-	-
Adam Belcher	-	-	-
Michel. Lownsberry	-	-	-
Samel. Abbot	-	-	-
John Mcpherson	-	-	-
Henry Nicholas	1	-	2
Muir Graham	-	-	-
John Gunning	1	-	-
William Harding	1	3	1
Majr. Ward	1	4	4
William Sanders	1	3	-
Jos. R(u)ggles	-	-	-
Jesse Hoyt	1	3	1
Martin Johnson	1	4	1
Henry Johnson	1	-	-
Jesse Hoit, Junr.	-	-	-
Joseph Patterson	-	-	-
Green Carrier	1	(1)	2
Elisha Jones	1	6	1
Solomon Bunnel	1	4	1
Amos Botsford, Esq.	1	4	1
Samel. Cummings, Esq.	1	4	1
Capt. Fredk. Hauser	1	3	-
Samel. Chandler	-	-	-
Elijah Williams, Esq.	-	-	-
Thos. Cummings	1	1	1
Josiah Jones	1	1	2
Enos Stevens	1	1	-
Nahum Haughton	1	-	1
Thos. Crain	-	-	-
Nathel. Procter	1	-	1
Simeon Parker	1	-	-
George Findle	-	-	-
Richd. Gordon	1	-	1
Stephen Fountain	1	-	-
James Parks	1	-	1
Adam Walker	1	1	1
Josiah Stone	1	-	-
Nicholas Power	-	-	-
William Howe	1	2	2
James Craiges	1	1	-
George (Kane)	-	-	-

Items in brackets are uncertain. JSH.

Many of the names on the foregoing list appear in New Brunswick land grants, etc. A careful check should be made to clear up the aparent conflicts in records as these names may be for the same people or people with similiar names. Many Loyalist did land in Nova Scotia and spend one or more winters before moving to New Brunswick.

Those moving to NB did so for various reasons, chief among them being --

- a) Family or friends settled in NB
- b) More or better land was available in NB **
- c) The harsh winters of 1782 - 83 caused a lost of deaths and people wanted to move further from the coast

** Nova Scotia was more heavily settled than NB at this time, and much of the good land was already granted in very large land grants which allowed for very few new grants being available.