

Singleton Family Genealogy

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THE SINGLETON FAMILY RECORD

In April of 1947 I visited the Records Office in Chancery Lane, London, to see if I could find anything about the Singleton Family. Previously I had visited Gloucester Cathedral and found on the wall of that Cathedral the names of two Singletons who had been honored for their services to that city. In the Records Office I found a Record which stated that one, William Singleton, mayor of Gloucester, and one, Lawrence Singleton, alderman of the same city, had given to Oliver Cromwell each a sum of money to aid in putting down the Rebellion in Ireland in 1641 with the understanding that they would each receive a grant of land in Ireland when the Rebellion had been crushed. (Land was offered in various parts of Ireland including Wexford and Ulster). In 1653-54 these names are connected with documents claiming land in Ireland in return for the gift of money previously given to Cromwell. But I could not find any record either in London or Dublin of them actually going there. A Thomas Pierce also subscribed at the same time. (Nor is there any Singleton name in the National Telephone Directory of Ireland when I was there in 1947) But we have good reason to believe that Singletons went to Ireland. My grandfather, John Singleton, told me stories when I was a young lad of some elder brothers of his father who had been killed by rebels in Ireland in the Rebellion of 1798.

Also another note which may have some connection and is of interest is that John Singleton Copley, Sr. (1741-1815, of Boston, Mass. went to England in 1774, (just before the American Revolution) and took his son of the same name with him. (This John Singleton Copley was a painter of note) John Singleton Copley, Jr. entered Trinity College, Ca, bridge, Eng. graduated with distinction, later became judge of the Midland Circuit 1804, sergeant at Arms, 1813, Chief Justice of Exeter 1818, knighted in 1819, M.P. for Ca, bridge 1826, and became Baron Lyndhurst, 1827. He was Lord Chancellor three times. It was about this time that the village where the Singletons had settled received the name of Lyndhurst.

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It would appear that three Singleton Brothers came from Ireland around 1817 or before. We know that many settlers came to Ontario following the Napoleonic Wars and received grants of land and other aids from the British Government. Among these settlers we believe that the Singletons could be included. These three brothers were, (1) William and (2) Richard and (3) Thomas. Apparently William and Richard settled in the vicinity of Lyndhurst while Thomas settled in vicinity of Singletons' Corners, (Crosby) Today we know very little about William Singleton except the following:- (I am using the symbol '**' indicating 'married to'). The three Singleton men were married in Ireland.

WILLIAM SINGLETON ** Mrs. Morriscann Tyndall. They had 7 children.

Sarah Ann ** John Atcheson,
Eliza Jane ** Robert Atcheson
Mary Geraldine -----

William Henry ** Priscilla Blake. They had 2 boys and 1 girl
Evangeline Elicia ** J.J. Bowland. They had 4 girls and 3 boys
Minerva Ann ** Fred Kohun (?) They had 2 girls
Lillian Victoria *****

Now I turn to the second of the three brothers who came to Ontario from Ireland on or before 1817. He married Patience Warren in Ireland. They are the ancestors of the Lyndhurst Singletons.

RICHARD SINGLETON ** PATIENCE WARREN. They had 8 children.

- 1, Infant died on trip over.
- 2, Patience, -----
- 3, Ellen, -----
- 4, Joseph ** Eliza Carley, 3 children
 - (A) Joseph -----
 - (B) Ann Eliza ** James Simmons. 4 children
 - (C) William Thomas ** Mary Ann Simmons. No children
- 5, Bessie ** Henry Wilson, 5 children
 - (A) Susan ** Anson Brown, 1 child
 - (a) Bennie ** Margaret James
 - (B) Patience ** Thomas Tye, 5 children
 - (a) John ** Zella DeVolve
 - (b) Joe ** Eliza McMillan, 3 children
Lorne, Vernon, Viola
 - (c) Frank ** Edith Murphy, 3 children
Omer, Thelma, Arnold
 - (d) Patience ** Jim Dillon, No children.

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(B) Patience ** Thomas Tye
 (e) Lizzie ** Ben Thurston, 2 children.
 Buelah, Dora.

(C) Mary Ann
 (D) John, (Bachelor)
 (E) Alice ** John Willis 8 children
 (a) Mary ** Jake Dormer, 2 children
 (b) Henry ** Margaret Chapman 2 children
 Susie ** Albert Davis 1 child
 Wellie ** Mamie Cockrill
 (e) Aussie ** Hazel Wiltsie
 (f) Geneva ** Arthur Rontree
 (g) Clella ** Henry Dean
 (h) Clifford

6, John Singleton ** Ellen Pierce (1st Wife) 4 children
 (A) Richard ** Eliza James, 4 children,
 Lloyd **
 (b) Eva ** Alf Graham
 (c) Heber ** Emma Goddan, 3 children
 Florence, William, Allan, Beatrice.

(B) Frank Singleton ** Charlotte Richards, 3 children,
 Jessie ** Bert Cole, 4 children
 Dorothy, Margery, Allan, Kenneth
 (b) Gladys, (Single)
 (c) Wilfred ** Martha Cameeron.

(C) John ** Ann Wiltsie 2 children
 (a) Omer ** Naomi----- 4 children
 Ruth, (single)
 Ross ** Beryl ----- 2 sons
 Ross ** Beryl, 2 sons
~~xxxx~~ John, Mark.
 Dick, ** -----5 sons.
 Pat **----- 3 children.
 (b) Mildred ** William Laurie, 2 children
 Betty ** Clifford, 2 children
 Betty Clifford, ~~2 children~~
 Lorna, Laurie
 Douglas ** Gertrude ~~2~~ children
 Douglas ** Gertrude, 2 children
 Douglas ** Richard.

Maggie ** Fred Morris. No children.
 6 John Singleton ** Patience Warren, (2nd wife) 2 children
 (A) Elizabeth ** Ab Austin.
 (B) Emma ** S.E. Maude, 2 children.
 Kathleen Kenneth.

- 7, Anna Singleton **Barry Pierce, 5 children
 - (A) Ellen ** Henry James
 - (B) William ** Elizabeth Singleton
 - (C) Barry * Catherine Helena Farnsworth, 5 children
 - (a) John Wesley Pierce ** Mabel Gourley, 3 children
 - Mabel Helena ** Don Thomson, 2 children.
 - Mary, Barry
 - Mary ** Dr. Laurence Wilson, 6 children
 - Barbara, Judy, Sandy,
 - Peter, Beth, Bruce
 - John Gourley ** Babs Sargeant 4 children
 - ~~Gordon~~ John, Catherine,
 - Douglas, Lorraine
 - (b) Gordon Barry Pierce ** Helen Jones, 2 children
 - Catherine ** George Ford, 4 children
 - Gordon, Margaret, Neal, Elizabeth
 - Barry ** Donna Thompson, 4 children
 - Donald, Helen, Gordon, Patricia
 - (c) Clifford Benjamin Pierce, (Killed in 1st War.)
 - (d) Mildred Helena Pierce, (Single) *Kingston*
 - Muriel Eleanor Pierce ** Horace Lyall Ames, 2 children
 - Lorne Milton ** Mary Sertich
 - Catherine
 - (D) Richard Pierce ** Miss McPhail
 - (E) John Pierce ** Lucinda Pierce *who was Lucinda Singleton* 6 children
 - (Gordon, Mabel, Elma, Lena, Anna, Harold)
 - (See Record under Singleton List)
 - (F) Edward Pierce ** Hattie Singleton, 2 children,
 - (Lorne, Sara) *our parents Delta*
 - (See Record under Singleton List)

- 8, Richard Singleton ** Elizabeth Tye. (Helena Singleton's Grandfather)
- 8, RICHARD SINGLETON ** Elizabeth Tye. 8 children.
 - (A) Thomas Singleton ** Florence Merrick, 2 children
 - (a) Maud ** Sam Code, 1 child
 - Phyllis
 - (b) Gerald ** Alice Vernon, (1st Wife)
 - ** Gertrude Banting
 - (B) Susanna ** Alex Sheldon, 3 children
 - (a) Sarah ** Wilmer Kenny, 2 children
 - (b) Sophia ** Ben Welsey, 4 children
 - (c) Irene ** Roy Hollister 3 children
 - (C) Anne Jane ** William Leadbeater, 6 children
 - (a) William Richard ** Ethel Jordan
 - (b) Philip ** May Steacy, 2 children
 - (c) Gordon ** Hazel Johnson, 1 child
 - (d) Ernest ** Leita Gamble, 3 children
 - Ernest Holmes ** Rita Sproule, 2 children
 - Sheryl Anne, Erna Marion.
 - William R ** Edna Peters, 2 girls
 - Linda Gladys, Donna Margaret
 - Cyril Gordon ** Mary Jean Stroud, 2 girls
 - Delorah Lynn, Brenda Rae
 - (e) Annie ** Gordon McPherson, 1 child
 - (f) Adella ** Richard Lane, 1 child
 - (D) Richard Singleton ** Mary Elizabeth Fair, 1 child
 - (a) Helena Singleton ** Ormond Green, 1 child
 - Ormond " (Dada) Queens*
 - (E) Alice ** Lewis Murphy, 3 children
 - (a) Harold,
 - (b) Geraldine ** Bill Hanks, 1 child
 - (c) Winniefred ** James Milne, 2 children
 - (F) John ** Mary Sly. No children
 - (G) Joseph ** Mary McKinley, No children
 - (H) Patience ** John Berry, 5 children
 - (a) Muriel,
 - (b) Dorothy ** Neil McMillan, 2 children
 - (c) Henrietta ** Wardell Knight, No children
 - (d) Giles ** Birdie Landon, 1 child
 - (e) Ormond ** Dorothy Alexander.

Most of this material about the the two older Singleton brothers I got from Helena Singleton Green) (This has been tabulated by John Milton Singleton.)

I have given the Record of the first two brothers, William and Richard, Now I turn to the third brother and youngest of the three, Thomas, 1781-1869. He is more directly the ancestor of the Singletons who lived at Singletons' Corners, (Crosby). He married Sarah Butler, daughter of Lord and Lady Butler in Ireland by whom he had been engaged as tutor and perhaps equestrian. It has been reported that he and Sarah eloped.

THOMAS SINGLETON ** SARAH BUTLER. They had 3 children.

- 1, WILLIAM SINGLETON ** Ann Kendrick, 6 children
 - (A) Edward, (Died young)
 - (B) Albert, (Died young)
 - (C) Mary Ann ** Wesley Preston, 3 children
 - (a) Lizzie, George, Annie.
 - (D) Sarah ** John Cavanagh, 1 child
 - (a) Ben.
 - (E) William Thomas ** Surfina Knapp, (Big Tommy) 1 child
 - (a) William Albert ** Hattie McDonald. 3 children
 - (F) Elizabeth 1 child
 - (G) Lucy A ** Richard Wakefield, 1 child
 - (a) Lucy A.B.
- 2, JOHN SINGLETON ** Mary A. Canning, (1st wife) 6 children
 - (A) Sarah Ann ** George Donahue, 9 children
 - Lottie, Jean, Sarah, Ada, Minnie, Francis, Artemisa, William John, George.
 - (B) Elizabeth Jane ** John Whitby, 7 children,
 - Fred, Rufus, Wesley, Chalmers, Alfred, Leason, Minnie
 - (C) Thomas C, (Little Tommy) ** Sarah Henderson, 4 children
 - (a) Lucy Ann, ** Wakefield Singleton, 1 child
 - Lou
 - (b) Armina ** Adelbert McGhie, 3 children
 - Bernard ** Myrtle Avery, 4 children
 - Ambrose ** Blanche McLean, No children
 - Mercie ** Charles Houghton, 2 children
 - (c) Ambrose ** Minnie Taber, 2 boys
 - Fred, ** -
 - (d) Maud ** H.C. Brown, No children
 - (D) Mary Anne ** Noah Waffle, 6 children
 - Homer, John, Sylvanus, Arlie, Nine, Hattie
 - (E) William George ** Vira Chipman, 1 son
 - (a) Chalmers ** Martha Jane Sheridan, 3 children
 - Florence Mae,
 - William Sheridan ** Norma Young, 1 girl
 - Josephine Ola ** John Hodgkinson, (Raised 3 boys, Howard, David and Richard Young)
 - Joseph George ** Laurine Burns 1 girl
 - Sandra ** 3 children

*Dr. McGhie deceased
Dr. McGhie
Hamilton
both deceased
Hamilton*

- 2, JOHN SINGLETON'S FIRST WIFE, Mary A Canning died. He married again. John Singleton ** Sarah Donahue (1826-1899) (2nd wife) 7 children.
 - (A) John Henry Singleton ** Anna Rae. 8 children
 - (a) Winnard ** ----- *was a general rep. in New Zealand* 3 children
 - Jack, Joan Ruth.
 - (b) Fred ** ----- *deceased in Sask. deceased* 4 children
 - Margaret, Joh, Herbert, Genevieve
 - (c) Frank ** ----- *Agri-culture Guelph deceased* 2 children
 - Hugh, Harry
 - (d) Lila ** Dr. Richards, Toronto 3 children
 - Alan, Stewart, Donald
 - (e) Eleda ***** -- Boyd, Ottawa 1 daughter
 - Rae
 - (f) Allan ** - - - - *deceased* 1 daughter
 - Lois,
 - (g) Hugh Rae, (Died young)
 - (h) Arthur ** - - - - *Dr. Toronto* 1 daughter
 - Flora Ann

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- (B) Charlotte Singleton ** William H. Harrison. 5 children.
- (a) Cora, (Single) *married late, deceased*
- (b) Gertrude, (Single) *deceased*
- (c) Chalmers Leonard ** Maude Scott, *deceased* 2 children
 William Worne ** ----- 1 child
 Worne
 Edith ** ----- 2 children
 Edith Yvonne ** Lee Webb 1 boy
 Karen ** Fred C. Likens, 1 girl
 Karyl
- (d) Homer Watts (Died Young)
- (e) Stanley Singleton Harrison ** Laura Greer, *(deceased)* 2 children
 Eleanor ** Oliver Cromwell Cester 8 children
 Stanley Vincent, Michael Cromwell,
 Oliver Greer,, Angus, David, Lorna, Leo, Ian.
 Hale Comright ** Carell Martell
- (C) Emma ** William Chipman 4 children
 Willard ** Mary ----- 5 children
- (D) Chalmers Milton ** Mary Ann Gallagher *navy* 5 children
 (a Florence) Died young. *cadman*
- who compiled this* (b) John Milton ** Edna Pearl DeWolfe, 4 children.
 Chalmers Melbourne ** Lorna Standish, 4 children
 (c) ~~William Egerton ** Verna Williamson,~~ *x2 boys*
 Myles, Garth, Karen, Ross.
- (c) Allan Egerton ** Verna Williamson, 2 boys
 Larry Bruce.
 Ethel Irene ** Guy Aidan Graham, 2 children
 Lesley Barbara, Aidan John
 Bruce Davis ** Madeleine Verrier; 3 girls.
 Heather Edna, *Charmaine Marie*, Roxanne
- (c) William Stewart ** Florence Hough, 2 children
 William Wallace ** Dorothy Eyre 1 child
 Joan.
 Margaret Rose ** Delmar Bresee
- (d) Cora Blanche (Died) *deceased*
- (e) Stanley Hanna ** Edith Price, 3 girls.
 Freda Marie ** Allison McElroy 4 children
 Patricia, David, Sam, Linda.
 Rae Edith ** Nelson Darling, 3 boys.
~~Jacalene ** James McRoberts,~~ *3 children*
 Gregory, Kim, Edward.
 Jacalene ** James McRoberts, 3 children
 Richard Gordon, Sally Marie, James Duncan.
- (E) Lucinda Singleton ** John Pierce. *(double relatives of David & Gene Pierce)* 6 children
 Mabel ** George Warren No children
 Gordon ** Ella Bracken No children
 Elma ** James Earl, 2 children
 Eleanor, (Single)
 James Allan Earl ** Marjorie Willows, 4 children
 Lena ** George Bracken 7 Children
 Harold Singleton ** Erma Cook 4 children
 Marilyn, Patsie, Linda, Sandra.
 Edith ** Percy Dormer. 1 son
 William
 William ** Miriam Robertson, *BAC Queen* 4 children
 Katherine, Brenda, Heather, Bonnie
 Fred ** Amy Boyce 4 children
 Bryn George, Donald, Eric, Allan.
 Barbara Adelaide ** Harold Raynham, No-children
 Lena Beryl (Single)
 Glenn Pierce ** Beverley McGuire 1 child
 Kimberley Ann
 George ** Margaret Allen *BAC Queen* 3 children
 Jane Elizabeth, Leslie Ann, Robert Allen
 Anna ** Charlie Bass. (No children)
 Harold ** Marjorie Brown. 2 children
 John Walter, Ronald Harold.

