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#### Editor's ramblings (by Jeannie Smith)

The Honourable Don Boudria shared some of his family history with over 80 people at the AGM dinner meeting in Maple Hall on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It didn't take long for CTHS's prime researcher Bob Serré to dig up Don's family tree and send him this response: Dès mon retour de la belle soirée organisée par la Société historique du canton de Cumberland, à laquelle vous avez prononcé une allocution que j'ai beaucoup appréciée, j'ai fouillé dans mes fiches pour voir s'il y avait des liens entre les familles Foubert et Lavergne. Or j'ai constaté que le premier pionnier canadien-français du canton de Cumberland, Amable Foubert, avait une sœur, nommée Véronique, qui a épousé François-Xavier Rochbrune (Larocquebrune) le 16 octobre 1815 à Rigaud. Véronique et François-Xavier ont eu une fille nommée Marie-Julie qui a épousé Alexandre Lebuis dit Lavergne le 3 novem bre 1835 à Rigaud. Alexandre et Marie-Julie étaient grands-parents de Trefflé Lavergne, époux d'Émilie Martin. Les familles Foubert et Larocquebrune étaient

#### **Our Society**

The Cumberland Township Historical Society (CTHS) was founded in 1986. We are a non-profit, volunteer and community-based organization whose goal is to preserve Cumberland Township history.

#### Our newsletter

The Caboose is published six times each year by the Cumberland Township Historical Society.

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bien enracinées dans la région de Vaudreuil-Rigaud-Oka. Amable Foubert de Cumberland était le fils de Gabriel <u>Foubert</u> et de Marie Houde, et Gabriel Foubert était le fils de Jean-Baptiste <u>Faubert</u>, soldat de la région de Paris qui a épousé Geneviève Durocher à l'église L'Annonciation d'Oka le 8 novembre 1753.

Merci d'avoir encouragé vos auditeurs à rédiger leurs mémoires, pour les générations qui nous suivront. J'espère que les renseignements ci-dessus vous seront utiles.

I endorse Bob's sentiments and hope that all of you continue to research your family histories and share them with the CTHS.



R.J. Kennedy and his wife Eva (Farmer) on their first trip to England to visit their son Carleton's grave in the RCAF cemetery in Yorkshire. They also visited their daughter-in-law Ruth's parents in Essex.

## Next meeting of the CTHS

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 pm at the Ottawa Regional Police Station on St. Joseph Blvd & Tenth Line. Guest speaker will be Randy McConnell who will tell about the Dunning Family.

## Society calendar

For more information on these and other upcoming 2006 events, please contact a member of the executive committee or visit our website at www.cths.ca.



Sunday July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Firefighter's Day. Cumberland Museum 10:00-4:00 pm
Sunday July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Garden Tour and CTHS History Walk, Cumberland Village, 1:00 pm
Sunday August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Dale's Cemetery Walk with Jeannie Smith 1:00-2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Fee includes admission to the Museum and refreshments served following the talk.
August 9-13	Navan Fair.
Saturday August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Grant Picnic in Larose Forest 12:00-4:00 pm. <a href="https://www.ghosttownpix.com">www.ghosttownpix.com</a>
Wednesday Sept. 6th	CTHS General Meeting, Police Boardroom, Tenth Line, Orleans: The Dunnings: Cumberland's Founding Family, Guest Speaker: Randy McConnell

The Cumberland Museum has Sunday programmes. Check

www.ottawa.ca/residents/heritage/museums/cumb erland/events

#### Contact us

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#### **Collection preservation**

We asked for your help and we got it! The CTHS is fortunate to have members such as Gilles Chartrand, Michelle Muir, Edel Schmitz and Jean Francois Beaulieu who have given up numerous Tuesday evenings to put CTHS materials into archival acid free

plastic sleeves. Well done fellow members. Your hard work is appreciated.

## CTHS pins

The following CTHS members received complimentary 20th Anniversary CTHS pins for bringing in new members by April 30, 2006. Verna Cotton, Jean Francois Beaulieu, Diane Young, Verna Kinsella, Isobel Hodges, Gilles Chartrand, Joy Morin, Joan Stoker, Gilda Birch, and Jeannie Smith.

#### CTHS AGM winners

Michelle Belliveau, from Vars, won the door prize, a copy of Don Boudria's autobiography, 'Busboy-From Kitchen to Cabinet'at the AGM dinner on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Winners of the draw for note cards were Angus Wilson, Helen Deavy, Lynda Rivington, and Ethel Findlay.

#### Census returns

contributed by Robert Serré

There are census returns for Ontario before 1871, but the first truly useful one for genealogists is the socalled 1851 Census, because it enumerated all the members of each household, instead of just naming the head of the household and giving the number of people in the household as had been done previously. The 1851 Census was actually taken in January 1852, but there are no returns for Cumberland Township, so the first available census returns for Cumberland Township are dated 1861, and can be found at Library and Archives Canada (Wellington Street in Ottawa) on microfilm C-1071. The 1871 Census for Cumberland is on microfilm C-10012, the 1881 Census on microfilm C-13229, the 1891 Census on microfilm T-6366, and the 1901 Census on microfilm T-6494.

#### We've got mail!

(Regarding the wedding photo of Mildred & Ed Smith, May issue)
Mildred Cameron was my mother's (Dorothy) sister. The background was my grandmother's house on Wilton Crescent where I grew up. Amanda Chamberlin who married William Dale was

Chamberlin who married William Dale was my father's sister. They moved west early on. I still have contact with their son Bill Dale who in the 80's compiled a family tree for both the Dales and the Chamberlins. (A copy is in the CTHS history room.)

Dave Chamberlin



CTHS 20th anniversary books will be available for sale in August.

## **Precious Memories**, **Unseen Angels**

I got a call from the Archbishop of Canterbury the other day! He was exuberant in seeing his picture in the March issue of The Caboose and he praised the CTHS for preserving the history of Cumberland Township.

Robert Alvin Kennedy, 86 years young, eldest child of Robert James Kennedy (1892-1970) and Eva Farmer (1894-1978) now lives in Pennsylvania, but as a young lad growing in Cumberland, he was part of the mock coronation of George V that paraded through the village in 1937. Nearly ten years later, Robert (known as Al by Cumberland pals) and his English bride Ruth, moved into the little cottage down the lane from Old Montreal Road at the east end of Cumberland. The Tucker Family renovated their old garage/shed into an apartment and the newly weds were the first to take up residence.

Chestnut Cottage, the home of my grandparents J.D. and Nettie Ferguson, was adjacent to the Tucker's and I asked Robert if he had any recollections of my Uncle Fred (1902-1966), who was notorious for being the 'black sheep' of the family. Once, during the 1930's, in winter, Robert recalled his uncle Carleton Farmer drove a sleigh load of Cumberland youths back from a hockey game in Buckingham. Lo and behold, there at the bottom of the long Buckingham hill was my Uncle Fred and his overturned car! The gang helped Fred, who was as strong as Samson, set the vehicle aright, aimed it

towards Cumberland, and my uncle continued on his way. My grandfather, John (1875-1958) was an evangelist with the Plymouth Brethern and he travelled to gospel halls and schools all over eastern Canada and the United States trying to save souls. My sister-in-law Betty (Smith) Mills remembers attending Sunday School at Chestnut Cottage and picnics on the lawn, and Grandma (Nettie Helmer 1874-1957) would invite the faithful to sing "Will your anchor hold to the sea of life?" more fervently when she heard Fred stumbling up the back stairs after returning from a night of revelry at Rockland's Russell House on the border of Taro.

So it was nice chatting with Robert. His parents Robert and Eva, purchased the building on Old Montreal Road from my

Grandpa in 1919 and in this home they raised four sons and two daughters. Joyce, who now owns this house, wrote "Distant Thunder" the story of her father's WWI experiences. Joyce is now writing the story of her mother's life.

'Hap' (Dr. Irving Farmer Kennedy), another son, wrote "Black Crosses Off My Wingtip" in which he recounts flying Spitfires over England, Malta, Sicily, France and Italy in WWII. He was awarded the DFC and Bar for gallantry in pressing home his attacks, often in the face of superior odds. 'Bus' Kennedy shot down 14 enemy aircraft. He, himself, was shot down but managed to escape capture.

Eva Kennedy was an exceptional woman. She trained as a nurse at the Metropolitan Hospital in New York City from 1915-1919 and assisted my great grandfather, Dr. James Ferguson (1838-1921) when he performed surgery in the stone house, 'Clearview'. Eva was the maternity nurse for over five hundred babies, many of whom were born in the maternity home that she operated out of her residence. Ena (McCormick) Hayes noted that Eva brought her into this world the same day that Eva's precious son, Carleton Kennedy RCAF was killed in action, August 30, 1944.

I was always in awe of Eva. Each Sunday morning at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Eva would bellow out the hymns, her hatted head swaying in praise of God's glory and her hands hitting the keys of the organ. Another vision portrayed Eva down by the Cumberland ferry on a hot summer's evening. My friends Marian Watson, Danielle and Joelle Leguerrier, Pat LaSalle and I thrilled in jumping off the

> top wharf, only to be pushed back again into the cold water by the guys. Our tender flesh was scraped on the pink scratchy stone but we laughed at the fun of it all! We were amazed to watch Mrs. Kennedy, adorned in bathing cap, slender and sleek although in her seventies, as she dipped in and out of the water rhythmically. We teens couldn't keep up with this lady. Eva did not loose a chance to admonish us for puffing on cigarettes. She was quite furious with her great nephews Glen, Ray and Don Robertson and Rich Lagimonière and Jimmy Levesque because they chanced to jump off Lamarche's ferry into the oily waters of the Ottawa River. Often, clumps of excrement tangled with weeds and sawdust from McLaren's Mills would float by as we swam over to the long line of



John and Nettie Ferguson (1925)

yellow lilies that ran parallel to the shore.

It's unbelievable how one memory can spark another but that's what happened when I answered Robert Kennedy's telephone call.

Oddly enough, the day after Robert's call, eightyyear-old Ken Smith, paralyzed after a recent fall from the roof of his house on Old Montreal Road, phoned to reminisce about the good old days in Cumberland.. Ken's mother was Julia McGonigle, youngest sister of the two little girls who were murdered on Cameron's hill in October 1890. Ken longed for the days gone by, the mud roads of the village and Watter's blacksmith shop.

Our storehouses of memory hold treasures of joy and sadness. You'll read more of the precious memories and hear more about unseen angels in future issues of The Caboose.

## Canadian Northern Ontario Railway at Cumberland

contributed by Bill Edwards

(An abstract from Colin Churcher's Railway Pages www.railways.incanada.net)

1909, December 3 - The Canadian Northern Ontario Railway line from Hawkesbury to Ottawa passes inspection and through service between Montreal and Ottawa commences December 5. The official first train ran on 12 Dec 1909. It was hauled by locomotive No. 180. A temporary station at

Henderson Avenue, adjacent to the Ottawa and New York Railway depot, had to be built because the company was unable to obtain agreement to cross Hurdman Road and run into Central Depot. This line was originally incorporated as the James Bay Railway in 1895. It became the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway in 1906. Hawkesbury was reached from Montréal via the Carillon and Grenville Railway and a bridge over the Ottawa River at Hawkesbury. The line was opened in sections as follows:

Hawkesbury to South Nation River - June 8, 1909, (following an inspection by special train on 31 May).

South Nation River to Rockland - July 10, 1909.

Rockland to Ottawa, Hurdman's

Bridge - December 3, 1909, (following an inspection 30 November).

There was a delay in bridging the South Nation River because the contractor used inferior concrete. The original piers had to be removed and new piers constructed on a slightly different location.

Atlantic Railroad Company at Vars: from articles contributed by Verna Kinsella

Around 1824, the interior of Cumberland Township drew settlers such as the MacRae, Lowe and Armstrong families who came from Ireland. In the Vars/Bearbrook area, John Rogers was the first general merchant, John Kearns the first blacksmith and George Chamberlain the first carriage builder. Lemuel Calvin, and the Orton, Golightly, Hicks and Welsh families settled nearby. Jack Lalonde, riding horseback in summer and on snowshoes in winter, brought the mail before it came by railroad. The Atlantic Railroad Company built a track in the region of Bearbrook in 1883 and four miles north of the village, they built the station, Bearbrook Station. Steve Lalonde was the first station master and he was succeeded by Patrice Asselin. The railroad provided revenue for the settlers. Matthew Collins, married to Elizabeth Mckenna, earned \$4.00 a day to direct the work. Peter Cameron with his horse team earned \$3.00 daily. Raphael Gervais made \$3.00 a day watching the cattle so that they would not be hit by trains. A fence was later constructed!

Bearbrook Station became Vars, a name derived from the initials of early settlers McVeighs, Armstrongs, Ronans, and Smiths. John McVeigh and the five

Armstrongs were good farmers. One of the Armstrongs was a blacksmith. John and William Ronan owned 1000 acres. Smith worked for the Atlantic Railway. Father Casimir Guillaume, retired priest at Bearbrook, formerly parish priest at Embrun, could also have named the village after his native province of Vars in France.

Mr. Hamilton and his wife lived in one of the two log houses in Vars. Being a heavy smoker, he would sit close to the stove to light his pipe. If by accident the fire went out, he would scurry to a neighbour's with a pail for fire and bring back some fire-brand (half-burned logs) to start his stove again. In the summer he would use his cedar splinter from the oil lamp. Matches were scarce!

Two Algonquin squaws, Old Kitty



and her sister Marie-Anne, lived in the second log shanty. They had moved up from the Gatineau River and wove baskets to sell for their livelihood. In the fall of 1891, Kitty was burned in the fire of her cabin, supposedly lighted by one of her numerous cats that had knocked over the oil lamp.

### **Calling All Doctors**

by Jeannie Smith

Dr. W.D.N. Bell, from Ottawa, was the first doctor in Vars. An interesting story about the second physician, Dr. Empey was given to me by Verna Kinsella who had received the written story from Agathe Robinson.

Agathe's father was brought into the world by Dr. Empey on December 5, 1909. The following spring, Dr. Empey met an untimely death. The good doctor lived in the big brick house next to the old bank in Vars. Albert Blondeau aged 63, his wife Yolande, aged 50, daughters Eva 23, Beatrice 19, Albertha 17, Florina 14, and Clara 11 rented a house near the Quesnel Store, (Farwel St). Albert Blondeau's (census has the name Blanedouil) family had come from France. He worked with dynamite and soon things would literally blow up in his face!

Dr. Empey was known to be a 'lady's man'. One of Blondeau's daughters was married, but not to Dr. Empey. She apparently was extra friendly with the doctor and the incensed Albert asked Dr. Empey to stop seeing his daughter. One day, Albert told his son-in-law that he was not feeling well and asked for Dr. Empey. After the son-in-law ran to fetch the doctor, Albert Blondeau went upstairs to his room, got a hunting rifle, and waited.

Dr. Empey arrived, proceeded upstairs to attend to the man who he supposed was ill in bed, but when he reached the upper floor, Albert Blondeau sent a

blast from the rifle and shot him! Dr. Empey did not die right away. He managed to get back onto the street and walk to Wilson Haney's place where he collapsed on the road. He was able to ask someone to get his wife and some medicine. The doctor tried as hard as he could to save himself. He had been hit in the chest and bled profusely from

internal wounds. A doctor from Russell could not save him. Dr. Empey, shot in the morning, was transported to Ottawa on the four o'clock train but he died in hospital during the night.

The next day Sheriff Angus MacDonald arrested Albert Blondeau for Dr. Empey's murder. A trial was held in Frank Tanner's general store. Blondeau confessed that the whole thing had been a terrible accident. He claimed that he was cleaning his gun and it accidentally went off killing Dr. Empey. Albert Blondeau was charged with murder but only served only two years in prison. No one could prove that it was not an accident.

About ten years later, when Agathe Robinson's father and grandfather were in Ottawa selling the fur pelts that they had trapped, they met Albert Blondeau at the Bytown Market and they recognized each other. Mr. Blondeau, worked for the city cleaning streets. Horse manure abounded, as you could imagine, with the presence of numerous horse-drawn vehicles in the city around 1920. Mr. Blondeau boasted, "I have been just about all over the world and done just about everything there is to be done. I even killed a man and nothing happened to me!"

During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Cumberland Township's medical men were faced with many adversities. My great grandfather Dr. James Ferguson practised medicine in Cumberland Village from 1861-1921 and, to my knowledge, was highly respected and well loved, being known for his pleasant manner and calming personality. Eva Hodges Carrier told me that Dr. Ferguson saved the fingers on her father's hand (Charlie Hodges) after it had been caught in a farm machine during haying. The doctor had to amputate fingers but performed the operation so skillfully that Charlie was able to play the piano and accompany his sons as they played the fiddle.Wes Hodges'

mother. Rachel, told Isobel Hodaes that when the family got up in the morning, the Dr. would be asleep on the couch in kitchen. The road in those days went through the farm and over the hill at John Hodges and down through Hector MacMillan's bush to the



J.D. Ferguson and children Bessie and Doug, and brother Cecil at Inglehyrst in Rockland, Ontario (1924)

highway.

My father, Doug Ferguson (1904-1965), loved to relate how his grandpa would return home on horseback from the wilds of Cumberland Township in the early days of his practice often followed by wolves. Dr. James Ferguson was the coroner at the inquest into the murders of Eliza and Mary McGonigle in October 1890. James and his eldest son, Dr. William Ferguson (1864-1912) who practised in Rockland, performed the autopsies. A few months later, on January 30th, 1891, James could not save his daughter, Maria Ida Hook Ferguson, 'Minnie', from death. She was engaged to marry Charles Wilson, older brother of Norman, but had caught pneumonia while gallivanting across to Buckingham. Her youngest

sister, Susie Rice Ferguson Kennedy lived to be 103 and always kept Minnie's opal engagement ring in her jewel box. Despite being a doctor, James could not save all of the children that his wife Susanna Rice McLaurin had borne. Five died as infants and five survived adulthood. Nor could he save his own son, Dr. Willie who died in Rockland in 1912 and his nephew, Dr. Percy Dunning (son of Maria Rice McLaurin and William Nelson Dunning), of Navan, who died in 1919. My uncle, William 'T', died in 1914, aged 9 from diphtheria. The medicine that his grandfather, Dr. James Ferguson, had prescribed was inadvertently sent to the wharf at Rockland rather than at Cumberland.

James took over the practice in Rockland after Willie's death. Peter Andersen lived in the stonehouse in Cumberland during the 1930's and was told by my great uncle Cecil that my great uncle Willie was known to entertain with lavish parties at his residence, Inglehyrst, on Laurier Street in Rockland. After a night of fine dining and lots of wining, Willie would take some concoction that he had developed to help him elude hangovers. Unfortunately, in May 1912, he overdosed on his own medication. When his body was found, he had turned black! William Dunlop Turner Ferguson had studied at McGill with Dr. William Osler but his medical experiments caused his own demise!

Dr. David Irwin, married to Stella Farmer, sister of Eva Kennedy, was well loved by his Navan patients. He could not save OPP Constable Harold Dent from



Cecil Ferguson, Dr. James and Susie Ferguson, and Ada (Forbes) Ferguson (1917, Rockland)

the gun shot wounds inflicted by John Mikki on June 20 1940, at the Navan train station, nor could he have known that his own life would be taken as he drove his car over the level crossing west of Navan in 1949 where he was hit and killed by a train.

What ever happened to Dr. Joyce? Jack Armstrong (son of Clint Armstrong and Florence Watson) told me that Dr. Joyce would burst into the high school classroom in Navan and haul Jack out so that he could drive the doctor on his rounds! The doctor was known to have a love of whiskey and was often not able to maneuver a vehicle!

Dr. James Ferguson died on February 10, 1921. A year later, Irving Kennedy was born. Cumberland Township once again was proud to have the care and dedication of a much-loved doctor. 'Bus' Kennedy opened up his clinic in Cumberland Village in 1961 and was a general practitioner until he retired in 1987. Many a time, Bus had to treat people who were injured in car wrecks along the treacherous 'killer strip'. Often he was awakened in the middle of the night by someone pounding on his door seeking medical help for local yokels who were hurt after partying too heartily. Broken bones had to be set after hockey games at the Navan and Cumberland arenas. Babies had to be delivered when and wherever. Dr. Kennedy is still fondly remembered by patients.

Progress, specialization, amalgamation...call it what you may...the country doctor is gone but many stories remain to be told. Care to tell any?

## The Hodges Family (Part 3)

by Isobel Hodges pictures from files

III - WILLIAM JAMES HODGES (1880-1957) did shanty work with a team of horses for years at Temiscaming, Quebec. He bought land across from the home farm. The El/2, Lot D, Con. 8, and part of Lot D, Con. 7, Cumberland Township, Ontario. WILLIAM married in 1914 to ELIZABETH 'LIZZIE' McNEIL (1895-1919). Children: 1. Fred Archibald Hodges (Feb. 16, 1916-Oct. 16, 2000), 2. Cassie Lizzie Hodges (Dec. 21, 1915), 3. Stella Hodges (1919-1920).

1. Fred Archie Hodges married on June 3, 1940 to Viola Elizabeth Holmes (July 16, 1917-Sept. 2, 2002). Children: i. Walter Lemuel Hodges (June 20, 1941), ii. Dorothea Jean Hodges (Sept. 1, 1942), iii. James Fredrick Hodges (Oct. 6, 1944), iv. Lynda Elizabeth Hodges (June 29, 1949), v. Harold Archibald Hodges (July 16, 1950), vi. Gordon Richard Hodges (Dec. 28, 1951), vii. Carl Douglas Thomas Hodges (Feb. 17, 1953), viii. David Edward Hodges (Jan. 6, 1955), ix. Marion Pearl Hodges (Feb. 19, 1957).

i. Walter Hodges married on June 20, 1969 to Donna Mary 'Marlene' Savoy (Oct. 13, 1951). Children: a) Judy Lynn Hodges (Dec. 4, 1969), b) William James



Sarah (Hodges) Atkins, Rachel (Smith) Hodges, Bill Hodges, Agnes Hodges (Newham), and Cassie Hodges September 11, 1923

Hodges (Jan. 1, 1971), c) Walter John Hodges (Oct. 1, 1973), d) Wayne Stanley Hodges (Sept. 29,1974). They live in Ottawa, Ont.

- a) Judy Hodges married on Aug. 28, 1999 to Peter Raymond Charlebois (June 2, 1966). No children.
- b) William Hodges married on July 11, 1998 to Julie Dianne Riel (Oct. 22, 1970). Children: i. William Timothy Hodges (Mar. 27, 1999), ii. Louise Magen Hodges (Oct. 2, 2003).
- c) Walter Jr. Hodges married on June 25, 1994 to Marsha-Lynn Kinsella (July 6, 1974). Children: i. Jacob Walter George Kinsella-Hodges (Nov. 24, 1994), ii. Gennifer Margret Dolorosa Kinsella-Hodges (Oct. 21, 1995).
- d) Wayne Hodges married on July 7, 2001 to Jennifer Laurie Bates (Oct. 25, 1977). Children: i. Bailey Alexander Hodges (Sept. 20, 1998), ii. Brooke Angelica Hodges (Dec. 15, 1999).
- ii. Dorothy Hodges married on Oct. 2, 1969 to John Robert McMillan (Dec. 23. 1935). Children: a) David Allen Craig (Nov. 25, 1959), b) Wallace James Fred McMillan (July 8, 1962), c) Scott John McMillan (Jan. 2, 1973).
- a) David Craig, Divorced. Children: i. Nolan Craig (Feb. 27, 1992), ii. Colton Craig (Sept. 9, 1993), iii. Karalee Craig (Dec. 23, 1995).
- b) Wallace 'Wally' McMillan married Debbie Ann Nolan. Divorced. Remarried on Dec. 20, 2002 to Linda Marie Frances Morin (Apr. 25, 1962). Children: i. Eric Joseph Denis Morin (Oct. 30, 1991), ii. Gael Michel Morin-Dupuis (July 30, 1998).
- c) Scott McMillan married on Apr. 2, 2000 to Shelley Elizabeth Lefebvre (Mar. 17, 1975). No children.
- ii. Dorothy and John live in Cumberland, Ont.
- iii. Jim Hodges married on Feb. 14, 1967 to Valerie Rosanne Stinson (Feb. 14, 1948). Divorced. Children: a) Tammy Ann Hodges (Oct. 1, 1974), b) James Andrew Hodges (June 22, 1976).
- a) Tammy married on June 29, 2002 to Daniel Luc Mayers (Oct. 19, 1968). Children: i. Jordan Arthur Mayers (Jan. 5, 1998), ii. Cameron James Mayers (Jan. 12, 2001), iii. Willow Elizabeth Ann Mayers (Feb. 17, 2003).
- b) James Andrew Hodges. Child: Amber Lee Ashton (July 15, 1996).
- iv. Lynda Hodges married on May 18, 1973 to Michael Sills (Feb. 14, 1948). Children: a) Jeremy Allen Michael Sills (Aug. 22, 1975), b) Julie Lynn Elizabeth Sills (Feb. 11, 1978).
- v. Harry Hodges married on Apr. 17, 1975 to Jane Elizabeth Wood (Nov. 26, 1954). Divorced. Children: a) Catherine Elizabeth Hodges (Dec. 27,1979), b) Christina Margaret Hodges (Sept. 26, 1986).
- vi. Gordon Hodges married on May 11, 1974 to Janice Helen Wood (Nov. 26,1954). Divorced 1979.

- Child: a) Jennifer Louise Hodges (June 11, 1974). Gordon and partner Darlene Lassard, separated. Children: b) Gordon Donald Hodges, c) Johnathan Hodges.
- vii. Carl Hodges married Kimberly (July 17, 1960). Divorced. Child: a) Thomas Hodges (Apr. 24, 1987).
- viii. David Hodges partner Karen Sheehan (Oct. 3, 1964).
- ix. Marion Hodges married on Oct. 21, 1978 to Peter James Clark (Sept. 5, 1955). Divorced 1984. Children: i. Jason Peter James Clark (Feb. 25, 1982), ii. Christopher Fred Joseph Clark (July 15, 1983).
- 1. Fred built their house in 1944, which still stands on Lot D, Con 8, Cumberland Township, Ontario. Fred had a sawmill on his Uncle's farm at the SW corner of S1/2, Lot D, Con. 7, Cumberland Township, Ontario.
- 2. Cassie Lizzie Hodges married on Dec. 22, 1934 to Alden Minogue (Jan. 25, abt. 1936) Children: i. Marjorie Rita Minogue (Mar. 28, 1935), ii. Garnet William Minogue (Nov. 1, 1939).
- i. Marjorie Minogue married on May 10, 1959 to Silas Michael Curran (Mar. 25, 1935). Divorced 1988. Children: a) Gordon Silas Curran (Dec. 12, 1959), b) Cameron Wallace Curran (Dec. 17, 1960), c) Susan Rosemary Curran (May 27, 1962-Nov. 2, 1985), d) Cathy Ann Curran (May 8, 1963), e) Lindsay Randall Curran (Apr. 12, 1964).
- a) Gordon Curran married abt. 1984 to Magdelina Vagus (Dec. 26, abt. 1962). Children: i. Shawn Curran (Jan. 7, 1986), ii. Ryan Curran (Jan. 7, 1986), iii. Craig Anthony Curran (Nov. 7, 1988), iv. Kayla Curran (July 16, abt. 1993).
- b) Cameron Curran married Annette Purdy. separated. Children: i. Tyler Curran (Mar. 17, 1987), ii. Nicholas Curran (Nov. 28, 1989), iii. Mackenzie Curran (Mar. 2, 1990)
- c) Susan Rosemary Curran deceased Nov. 2, 1985.
- d) Cathy Ann Curran married Syd Manning (Sept. 6 abt. 1961) Divorced. Children: i. Shanell Manning (July 23, 1991)
- e) Lindsay Curran married Tabatha. Divorced. Children: i. Willy Curran (May 5, 1987),

Stephen Curran (Aug. 1, 1988).

All this family live in Alberta. Marjorie lives in Smiths Falls, Ontario.

- ii. Garnet Minogue married in 1960 to Lisa Sumare. Divorced. Children: a) Brenda Minogue (Apr. 20 1962), b) Joyce Minogue (Apr. 17, 1964), c) Karen Minogue (May 2, 1966), d) Hal Minogue (Oct. 21, 1967).
- a) Brenda Minogue married in 1980 to Andy Lamarche. Divorced. Children: i. Glenda Lamarche (Apr. 25, 1981), ii. Garnet Lamarche. They live in Castlegar, B.C.

- b) Joyce Minogue has two children. c) Karen Minogue has two children. d) Hal Minogue has two children.
- 2. Cassie and Alden divorced in 1946. Cassie remarried in 1948 to George Jeror (abt.1910-Dec. 1, 1999). Child: i. Nancy Jeror (May 3, 1949).
- i.) Nancy married on June 21, 1975 to Bill Ford. Divorced. Child: a) William Anthony Ford (Aug, 11, 1977).
- a) William Ford married, one son i. Mason Ford.
- Cassie and George lived at Smiths Falls, Ontario.
   Cassie now lives at Lombardy Manor, Lombardy, Ontario.
- 3. Stella Elizabeth Hodges was born (Nov. 11, 1919-Mar., 1920). Stella was given to an Uncle on her mother's side, Bill York, to raise but she died in the flu epidemic.

III WILLIAM or BILL as he was known, had a steam engine, thrashing mill, hay press and grinder. He traveled the country doing custom work for the area farmers. BILL remarried on Sept. 26, 1921 to MARTHA HARRIET 'HATTIE' LANCASTER (Oct. 16, 1879-Dec. 3, 1966) daughter of David Lancaster (born Quebec Province) and Elizabeth Wilson (born Cote St. Henri, Ste. Marthe Parish, Quebec). HATTIE was a sister of Howard Lancaster, who later ran a store in Cumberland, Ontario. BILL and HATTIE had a dairy farm. When BILL's brother JOHN was left a widow, JOHN's son Stanley was raised and worked for BILL. Helen, JOHN's daughter, was at Annie and Oliver Scharf's when Annie died. Helen was nine years old when she went to live with BILL and HATTIE. When BILL died, HATTIE stayed two days on the farm, then she went to live with Cassie and George Jeror in Ottawa, Ontario. HATTIE died Dec. 3, 1966 at the home of her step daughter (Cassie) who had moved to Smiths Falls. She is buried at Capital Memorial Gardens, Ottawa, Ontario. The old home is still standing just NW of Fred and Viola's house on Frank Kenney Rd. This property was sold in 1983. WILLIAM and ELIZABETH are buried at Dales Cemetery, Cumberland, Ontario

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