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Editor's ramblings (by Jeannie Smith)

We've come a long way, baby! As a result of the hard work of a small but vibrant group of historians, the CTHS has grown in popularity and stature over the past 20 years. Celebrations for the 20th anniversary of the Cumberland Township Historical Society are planned throughout 2006. This year's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 4th will take the form of a dinner meeting at the Lion's Maple Hall. Don Boudria will speak about the changes he has witnessed in Cumberland Township over his life time. Also that evening we'll introduce our 20th anniversary 'CTHS pin.' To mark our anniversary the Society will publish a picture history of Cumberland Township, with the official launch of the book slated for August at the Navan Fair. The Executive bids farewell to its vice-president, Martin Rocque, who will stay on as a member of the Society. Thanks for your valuable contributions to the Society, Martin. The work of the CTHS will continue to flourish as long as volunteers come forward. We are calling on members to help with the scanning of materials. Please consider spending a few hours sifting through the material in the history room. You will be surprised at the wealth of information that has been gathered over the years by past executive members such as Pat Wright, Ann Blake, Kathleen O'Brien and Ruth Parsons. We want to preserve the history that these people worked so hard to document.

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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A drive in the country...

Grace, Sarah, Effie, Tom George, Ed and Victoria Atkins
(see The Hodges Family pg. 7 & 8)

Next meeting of the CTHS

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1st 7 pm in the boardroom of the Ottawa Regional Police Station on Old Montreal Road at 10th Line Road. Join us for a screening of the video titled "Logging on the Ottawa River" and share your memories of lumberman and shanty life. Be sure to bring a friend along. Light refreshments, as always, will be served.

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.



Friday March 17 and Saturday March 18	Ottawa Branch, OGS Gene-O-Rama, Orleans United Church
Thursday May 4	CTHS AGM, Dinner Meeting, Lions Maple Hall, Cumberland Village, Don Boudria will present "Memories of Cumberland Township." Tickets for the dinner will be sold.
Saturday April 1 and Sunday April 2	Maple Fest, Cumberland Lions Maple Hall. Annual pancakes and sausage all-you-can-eat meal starting at 8am.

Contact us

If you have questions or suggestions regarding any aspect of the Society including The Caboose, our local history room or anything else of interest to you or to the Society, you may contact any member of the executive by phone or by email:

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We need your help!

We need volunteers to help scan the binders of family/local history that are shelved in the CTHS History Room at the Cumberland Library. If you would like to learn more about Cumberland's history, why not spend a few hours sifting through the material to prepare it for scanning. This valuable history will soon be lost to deterioration unless it is digitalized. The CTHS Executive is undertaking this massive project but cannot do it alone.

The CTHS Executive is searching for members who have skills in computers and website development who are willing to serve on the Executive or to help out with special projects.

Please contact any member of the Executive if you would like to help.

Membership

Over the past few years, membership in our Society has grown from 30 members to more than 150! This increase is a result of renewed interest in local history and the desire of families to record their stories and to document their family trees. The Caboose also plays a large part in attracting and maintaining members. Included in the annual fee of \$15, due each March, are six issues of The Caboose that together total more than 50 pages of interesting and unique history each year. General meetings with guest speakers are free and open to anyone with an interest in Cumberland Township history. We also offer



walking tours of the villages and workshops on genealogy. The CTHS also keeps busy publishing books and initiating new projects. You can help us to continue to grow by bringing new members into the Society.

Note: if you see "03-06" on the label of the envelop containing the March 2006 edition of The Caboose, your annual membership fee is due.

To celebrate our 20th anniversary, we are holding a membership drive. Any member who renews his/her annual membership fee and brings in a new member by April 30th will receive a complimentary 20th anniversary pin. This pin, portraying the CTHS logo, will be available for a nominal fee at the May 4th annual general meeting.



This past year more members have contributed articles and pictures for The Caboose. The CTHS Executive appreciates these stories and encourages members to continue to share their family histories.

A Picture History of Cumberland Township

This 20th anniversary book, created by the CTHS Executive, describes the history of the Society, its roles and achievements in the community, and its visions for the future. Photos preserve memories and provide a visual accounting of the history of The Cumberland Township Historical Society.

Did you know...

The first CTHS meeting was held on February 12th 1986. On October 3rd of that year a group of people, who became the Founding Members, met to approve the CTHS Constitution. They included: Mrs. Verna Cotton, Mrs. Linda Dunn, Mrs. Pierrette Fuoco, Mrs. Ann (Gonneau) Blake, Mrs. Bev Laroque, Mrs. Hazel Macdonald, Mrs. Kathleen O'Brien, Mrs. Pat Wright, Mr. Jean-Noël Dessaint and Mr. Elmer Pilon. The CTHS was incorporated on November, 28th 1987.

Cumberland Coronation May 12, 1937

by Joan Lancaster



After reading an old newspaper write-up about a mock Coronation parade in Cumberland, Ontario on May 12, 1937, I was

interested enough to do some research. Teachers of Cumberland public and Continuation School, Lucy Allison, Florence Poitras, Mr. Collins and Mr. Percy arranged this parade to honour the Coronation of King George VI. It started at the school, proceeded through the village, and ended at the CNR station which is now the corner of Cameron Street and Highway 174.

About eighty-five students and teachers took part in it. Roles were played by the following students:

Archbishop of Canterbury...	Alvin Kennedy
Prime Ministers...	Bob Moffatt and Peter Harkness
Queen Mary...	Isobel Russell
King George VI...	John Dunning
Queen Elizabeth...	Marjorie Barnett
Princesses...	Corinne Morin and Evelyn MacEachern
Soldier...	Irving (Bus) Kennedy
Sailor...	Carleton (Tot) Kennedy
Bugler...	Bob Hayes

Other students acted the roles of dukes and duchesses. Richard Lacasse was Assistant to Roland (Zig) Ranger who drove the Victoria Carriage which carried the "acting" Royal Family. Richard's father and Roland worked on Norman Wilson's farm at that



John Dunning (King), Corinne Morin (Princess), Evelyn McEachern (Princess), Marjorie Barnett (Queen), Isabel Russell (Queen Mary)



"King" John Dunning

time. Bus Kennedy remembers well this parade and that he wore his father's World War I uniform. Bob Moffatt thinks that some of the clothing was borrowed from Minnie Hutton who lived across the street from McKeen's store which later became Lancaster's store. Isobel Russell remembers wearing a long plum-coloured dress and high-heeled shoes



which caused blisters after the long walk. Corinne (Morin) Butler remembers the excitement getting ready for the parade.

The regalia worn by John Dunning (the King) was likely borrowed from the elderly Dave Farmer who played the part of "King Billy" in the 12th of July parades.

The Victoria carriage that was used for this parade was the same one that had been used when the Duke and Duchess of York (later King George V and Queen Mary) visited Ottawa in 1901. At that time it



Coronation Day Official Party (1939)

'Tot' Kennedy, Richard Lacasse, Peter Harkness, Alvin Kennedy, Evelyn Kennedy, Isabel Russell, Lenore Morin, Evelyn Morin, Ken Hayes, Jeannie Lacasse, Dorothy Jones, Corinne Morin, Bus Kennedy, John Dunning, Earl Fitzpatrick, Marjorie Barnett, Evelyn McEachern, John Turner, Robert Hayes, Robert Moffat, Keith McEachern

was owned by Senator W.C. Edwards. At the time of the Coronation of King George VI, the Victoria Carriage belonged to Norman F. Wilson who was gracious enough to lend it for the parade. He owned the farm in Cumberland which his son, Angus, now owns.

The Victoria carriage was pre-eminent as a summer carriage for social occasions, and having no doors, it was ideal for ladies with voluminous dresses to enter. Thus it was most popular for driving through parks and an ideal vehicle for the rich and elegant to display themselves. The fashion in the actual shape of Victoria bodies seems to have been as fickle as that in the ladies' dresses. The Victoria was introduced from Paris to England by His Majesty the King, when he was Prince of Wales about the year 1869; but there is evidence to show that this deservedly popular carriage was designed by an English builder, Mr. J.C. Cooper.

Following numerous phone enquiries, several searches on the Internet for Antique museums etc., I am unable to locate this specific carriage. If any readers can offer suggestions, I will be pleased to accept them. Please e-mail me at djlancaster@sympatico.ca.

Special thanks to the people who helped with these enquiries: Sergeant-Major Bill Stewart of the RCMP who gave me much information on the Victoria carriage. Although the RCMP has a Victoria carriage in their possession it was built in Quebec in 1906 and therefore could not be the specific carriage used in this parade. He also indicated that many Victoria carriages were built and unless it had

distinguishing marks it would be very difficult to identify it as the one used that day; to Florence Edwards who gave me the newspaper article from 1937; to Glen Charron, the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum curator who took the time to bring boxes from storage and then to put the pictures on a disc for me; and especially to my sister Claire Brown in Burnaby, British Columbia, who spent hours on the Internet getting information that enabled me to contact knowledgeable people who gave me the above information..

The Coburn Family

by Verna Coburn Cotton



Francis Coburn and his wife, the former Mary Murphy, came to Canada around 1848 from Wexford, Ireland. Mary was born in 1824 and, according to the Baptismal Registers of the Parish of Kilmuckridge Diocese of Ferns in

Ireland, Francis was born February 5th, 1815 in Wexford to Francis and Anne Colebyrne of Wexford. Francis, the head of our Coburn family in Canada, had at least one brother, John Colborne, and an aunt Alice Kendrie Colborne who came to Canada also.

Alice Kendrie, born 1784 and died May 14, 1866 aged 82, was the wife of Francis' and John's paternal uncle, John Colborne. Francis and John had other brothers and a sister who had remarried in

Ireland. One brother died in 1895, his other brother William passed away in January of 1898.

In 1858, Francis and Mary purchased 100 acres of land south of Leonard, Ontario, the east ½ of Lot 16 in the Fifth Concession of Cumberland Township, from Robert Gillespie.

On March 29, 1853, a son was born to Francis and Mary at Leonard. He was named William Henry Coburn. William Henry married Esther Melvin on March 11, 1879, in Trinity Anglican Church at Metcalfe Ontario. Reverend J. Christie of Osgoode performed the ceremony and their witnesses were Joseph Walsh and Marie N. York. Before her marriage, Esther Melvin was a teacher at Blackburn Public School in 1866.

Esther was the daughter of Mary Serson and Patrick Melvin from the Metcalfe area and was born May 16, 1851. She was one of eight children born to Mary and Patrick. Her brothers and sisters were Margaret, Thomas, Sarah, John, Eliza, James, and Annie. Esther's mother, Mary Serson, was born in 1805 and died September 12, 1891, at the age of 86 years and two months. Patrick Melvin was born in 1803 and died in 1857.

William Henry and Esther settled on a portion of William's father Francis's farm, the south ½ of the east ½ of Lot 16. They had two children, daughter Mary (Manie) Coburn, born December 26, 1879 and son William Henry Francis, born July 10, 1881.

Tragedy struck the young family when William Henry passed away on February 18, 1881 at the young age of 27. According to a family story, he had been sitting with his uncle John Colborne who had contracted small pox. William Henry contracted the disease from John and died before the birth of his son, William Henry Francis. John Colborne died shortly after his nephew William Henry on May 9, 1881.

William Henry Francis, son of Ester Melvin and



The Melvin sisters: Eliza (married Thomas Stanley of Greely), Esther (married William Henry Coburn of Leonard) and Annie (married John Serson Martin of Cumberland).



Children of William Henry and Esther Coburn: Hayden, Francis, Mildred and Verna c. 1939

William Henry Coburn, married Louisa (Lulu) Taylor of Daniston, Ontario, on February 10, 1915 at the home of the bride's parents. Lulu was born June 27, 1888 to Issac Taylor and Caroline Fraser. Lulu was one of seven children born to Issac and Caroline: Ernest, Leslie, Hattie, Louisa (Lulu), Laura, Ethel and Mabel.

William Henry Francis and Lulu lived with Esther on the Coburn farm. Esther passed away April 21, 1942 at the age of 91. William Henry Francis and Lulu had four children, Mildred, Hayden, Francis and Verna. William Henry Francis died February 9, 1965 in his 84th years. His wife Lulu passed away May 7th, 1970 in her 82nd year.

Mildred Coburn married Edgar Wall and they had five children: Byron, Lyla, Elizabeth (Betty), Mary and David; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hayden Coburn married Wilma Rivington and had four sons: Brian, Daryl, William (Bill), and Lyall, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Hayden was killed in a tragic accident August 2nd, 1979.

Francis Coburn married Bertha Devine. Francis still lives on the original Coburn homestead at Lot 16, Concession 5.

Verna Coburn married Sydney Cotton. They had no family. Syd passed away in February 2001 and



Wedding photo of William Henry Coburn and Esther Melvin
Feb. 10, 1915.

Verna lives on the Cotton family farm. Verna is a founding member of The Cumberland Township Historical Society and she keeps very busy compiling history for the Navan Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History Book, as well as preserving stories for the CTHS. Her wealth of information about the history of the area is unsurpassed.

Dr. Ferguson's Medicine Wagon

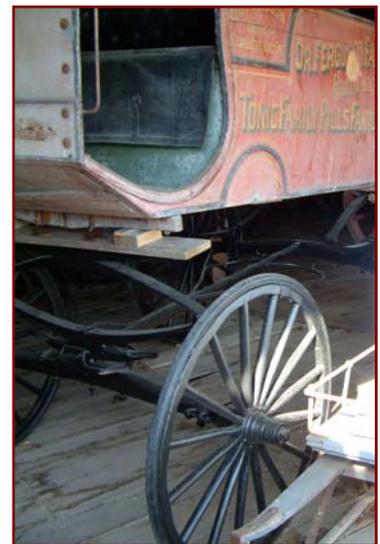
In June 2002, a retirement party for Jeannie Smith was held at The Cumberland Heritage Village Museum. Instead of a gift to honour 33 years teaching elementary school, Jeannie asked people to donate money to a fund to renovate the medicine wagon that her Grandfather John D. Ferguson and Great-Grandfather Dr. James Ferguson used to travel about the countryside to sell patent medicines. Over 350 people attended the party and \$2000 was raised. The City of Ottawa is in the process of drawing up a plan to refurbish this artefact and have it ready for exhibition.

Peter Andersen lived in the stone house (now the Heritage Restaurant) in the late 1930's and he chummed around with Bruce Ferguson, son of Dr.

James Abner Ferguson, oldest son of John Darby Ferguson, who practised medicine in Lancaster New Hampshire from 1926-1996.

"I remember the vehicle quite well but I never saw it on the road although I heard several people talk about the days when J. D. used to travel around selling Patent Medicines, Spices and Cordials and an assortment of teas. In fact some of the items were still stored under the summer kitchen (at Chestnut Cottage) along the basement entrance. Bruce and I got into them one time and caught Hell from Dr. James when we found a whole carton full of assorted pills. You know the type. They were guaranteed to cure everything from chilblains to pulmonary carcinoma. He told us to stay away from them as we had enough stuff to poison the entire village. I also remember a pill rolling board that belonged to J. D. I gather he used to concoct his own brand for liver and stomach problems as well as "female complaints". Unfortunately I cannot remember the brand name that he used but it may be recorded in some of his journals if they are extant. I also recall that old Dr. Ferguson's medical treatises were stored in the basement. They did not have pictures but were full of very detailed sketches. Of course Bruce and I again got into trouble for peeking into these books as they were considered far too mature for us."

"The wagon as you know was nicely painted in bright red and it had his name and calling done in gold, I believe on the sides. In the summer it was on wheels (similar to buckboard wheels) but in the winter there was a set of double truck runners (like those on a bobsled) onto which the body was moved for winter travel. All during my childhood it was in the barn but was moved to the back section when they had to make room for Aunt Susie's 1932 Airflow. I never saw the little cart on the road but it would have been a smart little vehicle with a snappy carriage horse. I am surprised you have not come across any pictures of J. D. on the road." (Photo: www.mikesteinhauer.com.)



The above paragraphs were emailed to Jeannie Smith by Peter Andersen.

The Hodges Family (Part 1)

by Isobel Hodges

This history contains the descendants of Isaiah and Rachel Hodges. The following is the legend to distinguish the generations:

Isaiah and Rachel - 1st generation

I, II, III, IV, V, - 2nd generation

1., 2., 3., 4., etc. - 3rd generation

i., ii., iii., iv., etc. - 4th generation

a), b), c), d), etc. - 5th generation

i., ii., iii., iv., etc. - 6th generation

The original Family History was written from information gathered from Hodges' kin and printed June 11, 1981 by Isobel Hodges. This update was undertaken in 2003 by Cathy Johnson and Isobel Hodges and was completed and printed in 2005

Isaiah and Rachel Hodges Family History

ISAIAH HODGES (Jan. 15, 1845-1933) was born in the Village of Ombersley, approximately twelve miles north of the City of Worcester, England. ISAIAH's parents, John Hodges (1823-1899) married on Mar. 27, 1848 to Sarah nee Glover (1828) were a peasant family with seven children. ISAIAH baptized (Mar. 25, 1849), GEORGE baptized (Jan. 5, 1851), HARRIET baptized (Mar. 20, 1853), WILLIAM baptized (Apr. 13, 1855), DAVID baptized (Jan. 30, 1859), HARRY baptized (May 29, 1862), FREDERICK baptized (1864).

ISAIAH's sister HARRIET came to Canada later and married MR. BARRY. She lived in Ottawa, Ont. They had two children, FRANK and PERCY BARRY. There

are no descendants.

The day ISAIAH's youngest sibling was born, he and his brother left for Canada. His brother GEORGE went to the States. It is not known how ISAIAH traveled to Green's Creek, Ontario. He worked for a Dr. Bell who lived on the



Isaiah and Rachel (Smith) Hodges
September 11, 1923

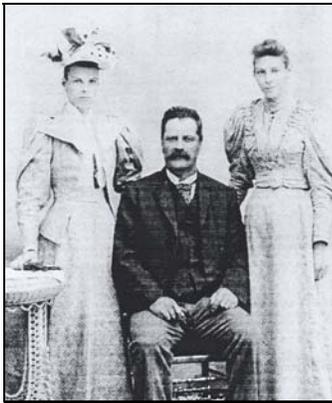
south side of the Montreal Road, near O'Conner's Hill (now known as 1510 St. Joseph Boulevard, Orleans, Ontario (St. Joseph Manor - Nursing Home) is on this property now). ISAIAH was a coachman for Dr. Bell and there he met his wife to be, RACHEL SMITH (Jan. 8, 1853-1938). RACHEL's father, Andrew Smith (was born abt. 1823 in Ireland) and mother, Jane (nee Cummings) (born abt. 1833 in Quebec), lived on Lot B, Con. 7, Cumberland Township, Ont.

ISAIAH HODGES married in Gloucester, Ont. on Dec. 31, 1873 to RACHEL SMITH. Dr. Bell didn't want them to leave his employ. He paid for RACHEL's dress and their honeymoon trip back to England. When they returned from England they continued to work for Dr. Bell until 1878 or 1880. They had one child while working there, SARAH (1874-1953). RACHEL's father told ISAIAH about a farm for sale at the N1/2 of Lot C, Con. 7, Cumberland, Ont. He purchased one hundred acres for \$605. on Dec. 24, 1875. They did not move right away. There is a story that there were squatters living in the house at the time ISAIAH bought the farm. He planted some potatoes and stored them in the house that winter in order to have legal right to put the squatters out.

ISAIAH and RACHEL HODGES had five children: I - SARAH HODGES (1874-1953), II - AGNES HODGES (Sept. 29, 1878-Sept. 5, 1968), III - WILLIAM JAMES HODGES (Nov. 6, 1881-May 23, 1957), IV - JOHN HODGES (June 8, 1884-May 14, 1973), V - CHARLES EDWARD HODGES (May 21, 1887-June 28, 1969). I - SARAH HODGES (1874-1953) left home at the age of seventeen to marry in 1891, THOMAS ATKINS (1854-1934). TOM ATKINS was a friend of ISAIAH's. For some favour he did for ISAIAH, he was promised one of ISAIAH's daughters. They were married in Victoria, B.C., where TOM opened a lime quarry on Atkins Road, named after TOM and is still called that today. Five years later they went to England for a visit. SARAH's sister AGNES went west to stay with SARAH, while she had her first baby. Their mother RACHEL obviously worried about her daughter being out west, among the Indians and wild animals. She sure had a right to be concerned. AGNES returned home to Cumberland, Ontario and later married WILLIAM NEWHAM.

I - SARAH and TOM ATKINS had six children: 1. George Atkins (1896-1964), 2. Grace Atkins (1898-1918), 3. Effie Atkins (1900-1989), 4. Edward Atkins (1902-1965), 5. Victoria Atkins (1905-1995), and adopted, 6. Iris Atkins (1921-1988).

1. George Atkins married in 1923 to Kate Mary Ann Pagnez (1901-1974). Children: i. Bernice Lillian Atkins (1927), ii. Irene Helen Atkins (1931), iii. Audrey June Atkins (1943-1994), iv. Russell George Atkins (1943).



Sarah (Hodges) and Tom Atkins with Agnes Hodges, circa 1895

i. Bernice Atkins married on August 23, 1948 to Ronald Phelps. Children: a) Wayne Phelps (Oct. 31, 1949), b) Greg Phelps (July 17, 1952), c) Colston Phelps (July, 1964).

a) Wayne Phelps married in 1973 to Bernadette Baranick. Child: *i.* Brendan Phelps (1989). They live in West Vancouver, B.C.

b) Greg Phelps married in 1980 to Lonja Miletich. Divorced. They lived in the interior of B.C. Children: *i.* Holly Phelps (1981), *ii.* Tanya Phelps (1983).

c) Colston Phelps married in 1990 to Annette Kykl. Child: *i.* Daniel Phelps (1991).

ii. Irene Atkins married in July 1952 to Arthur Alexander (Alex) Burgess (May 31, 1929). Child: a) Deborah Burgess (Sept. 21, 1953).

a) Deborah Burgess married in 1978 to Ronald Robillard (1957). Children: *i.* Jennifer Robillard (1979), *ii.* Kristena Robillard (1981). They live in Ottawa, Ont.
ii. Alex and Irene Burgess live on Quigley Hill Road in Cumberland, Ont.

iii. Audrey Atkins married in 1955 to Sadara Bains (1929). Children: a) Ricci Bains (1956), b) Gerry Bains (1958), c) Gina Bains (1960).

a) Ricci Bains married in 1978 to Bonnie Rushworth. Divorced. Children: *i.* Sarah Bains (1980), *ii.* Stephen Bains (1983).

b) Gerry Bains not married.

c) Gina Bains not married.

iii. This family all live in Victoria, B.C.



Sarah Hodges (sitting) and Aanes Hodaes (standing)

iv. Russell Atkins married in September 1966 to Jacqueline Russell. Separated. He lives in Campbell River, B.C. Child: a) Kirsten Atkins (1971).

a) Kirsten Atkins (1971) married in 1994 to Jamie Billings (1967). Children: *i.* Claire Billings (Oct. 1997), *ii.* Walker Billings (April, 1999).

2. Grace Atkins (1898-1918) died when she was nineteen. Not married.

3. Effie Atkins (1900-

1989) married in 1941 to Owen Lloyd (1883-1968). No children.

Effie raised racehorses. She also had her own exclusive millinery shop. In 1981 Effie still had two horses. She cut the hay and did all her own work. She lived in Victoria, B.C.

4. Edward Atkins (1902-1965), bachelor. Worked for a gravel company all his life.

5. Victoria Atkins (1905-1995) married Garnet Baker. Children: *i.* Orville Baker (1925-1978), *ii.* Ethel Baker (1926-1980).

i. Orville Baker married Edna Sutton. No children.

ii. Ethel Baker married Sidney Barnes. Children: a) Sylvia Barnes (1947), b) Robert Barnes (1949).

5. Victoria remarried Gerald Sutton (1900-). They lived in Victoria, B.C.

6. Iris married Ernest Durham (1925-1978). Children: *i.* Sara Durham (1945), *ii.* Vicki Durham (1955), *iii.* Thomas Durham (1958), *iv.* Elizabeth Durham (1962). Iris and family all live in the Los Angeles area of California, USA.

i. Sara Durham is married.

II - AGNES ANNIE HODGES (Sept. 29, 1878-Sept. 5, 1968) married in 1898 to WILLIAM HENRY NEWHAM (1875-1943). "WILLIAM's mother died soon after he was born and he was raised by his mother's best friend Mrs. Sayers. I believe this was at Billings Bridge, Ottawa, Ontario and I also believe when my mother married, she went there to live. I know she cared for Granny Sayers until she died. Fred and George were both born there." (Sent to me by AGNES' daughter Bessie.) NEWHAMS owned the farm next to ISALAH's (S1/2, Lot D, C.7), Cumberland Township, Ontario. Somewhere between 1906 and 1912 AGNES AND WILLIAM went west. WILLIAM worked for TOM ATKINS at the lime quarry. WILLIAM worked for TOM, then he worked for C.I.L. in charge of explosives, for twenty-five years.

Part II of The Hodges Family will appear in the next issue of The Caboose. The complete family history, with pictures, can be found in the CTHS History Room. For more information contact Isobel Hodges at 833-0385.



Agnes (22 years) and Bill Newham (26 years)