

Descendents of Abraham Best & Ann Bennetts

Abraham and Ann

Abraham Best was born March 18, 1804, in St Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England. He was the son of Abraham Best and Jane (Jenefer) Snell. Chances are, that as a young boy, Abraham would have received a basic education, being fortunate to learn some reading and writing skills. Abraham's occupation in 1820 was "farmer of High Downs". *IGI*. On August 4, 1823, 19-year old Abraham, married **Ann Bennetts**, in the St. Stephens in Brannel Parish church. Ann was the daughter of Edward Bennetts and Dorothy Key. Ann may have been born February 4, 1807. Her tombstone inscription suggests December of 1806. There is some dispute over Ann's date of birth. Michael A. Toff from England, suggests that it is about 1805. Snell family lore in Canada says 1807. The Spargo family in England says 1811. The 1811 date is supported by the 1841 Cornish Census, in which Ann, Abraham and their young family are listed. In any case, the marriage in 1823, would have made Ann a very young bride indeed, being anywhere from 12 to 18 years of age. There is no argument about her being born in St. Stephens. Witnesses to the marriage, were William Spargo and George Pinch. William was Abraham's sister Harriet's husband. Ann, as a girl, would have even less opportunity for any education, and most likely did not read nor write.

In the family tradition, Abraham, like his father and his grandfather, was a farmer. Abraham, like many men in the area, was also a china clay worker. Around 1838, Abraham inherited an interest in the family farm- Menmunday (Main Monday). Because of poor conditions at home, and the promise of new beginning elsewhere in the British Empire, the Bests, like many other residents of Cornwall made the hard decision to emigrate. Perhaps following earlier stories of promise from earlier Best immigrants, Abraham and Ann Best arrived in Upper Canada in late 1848. They travelled with their children and other families from St. Stephens in Brannel, including William Snell and his two brothers. William had married Abraham's daughter Ann, in St. Stephens in 1847 prior to leaving for Canada. In England, the Bests and the Snells, were Bible Christians. After their arrival in Canada, they assumed the Methodist faith.

The first records in Canada of Abraham, was the early, Hope Township Census of 1850, which outlines considerable information about the Best family. There were seven (7) persons plus the proprietor living at Concession 5 Lot 25, of the recently founded township. Although we don't know for sure who the individuals were, some reasoning can be made in order to make some assumptions. There was of course, *Abraham*. There were one male (*Joshua?*) and one female (*Evalina?*) over age two and under age five. There was one male single (*Amos?*) over age 14 and under age 18. There was one male single (*James?*) over age 21 but under age 30. There was one female married over age 30 but under age 40. This must have been *Ann*. If so, this would also substantiate her birth being 1811, as it would put her at 39 years of age, within the category. There is also listed one male single age 30-40. As no other family members fit within this category, this person may have been a relative or farmhand. It is my belief, that the young sons identified in earlier Cornwall documents, including the 1841 Cornish Census, *David* (*Edwin?*) and *Isaac*, most likely died prior to 1848. There is no account of them in 1850, or beyond. Daughter *Selena* married and remained in Cornwall. Also, older daughters *Ann* and *Myra* would be counted in the census with their husbands, William Snell and James Tabb, at their own farms.

As agriculture was quite significant during early pioneer times, the 1850 census also counted farm production. Taxation was also based upon farm wealth. It must be assumed that during this time,

Abraham was struggling for a living. The family had only recently arrived a year or two earlier. They had only acquired a 25-acre parcel of land in Hope Township. This was not much land with so many mouths to feed, and during a time when farms averaged 100 acres, and land was relatively cheap and plentiful. Only four acres were “under crop”, with 21 acres still being “woods and wild land”. There was one acre of Indian corn- 20 bushels and ½ acre of potatoes- 50 bushels. Not much production to sustain the family and obtain an income. Abraham’s land was valued at 3 pounds per acre cleared and 1.1 pounds per acre wild.

By next year 1851, five persons were accounted for on the Best farm, Abraham, Ann, Amos, Joshua and Evalina. Their house was of “log”. By this time, James may have left to seek employment and livelihood elsewhere, but we don’t know for sure. Certainly at some point during this time, James in his early 20’s, married Anna Hambly.

The 1861 Census reports that Abraham, Ann and Joshua were home. Evalina at age 14, would not have been married yet. Her absence from the census may merely have been that she was visiting or working elsewhere. By 1865 and 1866, only Abraham and Ann still lived in Hope Township. Sometime after this, with the children grown and with the exception of daughter Myra and son Amos, all had moved to southwestern Ontario, Abraham and Ann must have decided to spend their old age in Huron County. Abraham is listed in the 1871 Ontario Census, with the occupation of farmer in East Wawanosh Township. It is unknown for sure if Abraham owned or rented his own farm. It may be more probable that he and Ann lived with relatives, such as married daughters Ann or Evalina.

Abraham died May 8, 1877 (*death registration 095318*), at age 73 from apparently asthma, and is buried in Westfield Methodist Cemetery, also known as “Sandhill Cemetery”, East Wawanosh Township, Huron County, Ontario. After Abraham’s death Ann lived with daughter Evalina and her growing family. The 1881 Census identified her with them, at age 74. Again, the age only adds confusion to her birthdate, but supports the 1807 theory. Ann died ten years after Abraham, on August 11, 1887 and is buried with her husband. The grave is located in the back right portion of the cemetery, with the tall limestone obelisk being mostly illegible, from time and erosion. (*The Ontario Cemeteries Finding Aid -OCFA , lists the burials*). The Huron County Genealogical Society did a survey of the cemetery in 1981 and fortunately recorded the inscriptions at that time. Ann must have been close to her daughter, Evalina’s mother-in-law, Lovina Edwards, as they are buried together, and have a common inscription. The Best’s and Edwards’ families would have known each other in Hope Township. Lovina had been widowed in 1872, with the death of her husband John Edwards, in Hope Township. At some point, Lovina would have moved in with son Henry and daughter-in-law Evalina, and most likely Ann also.

The inscription reads-

In memory of

<p style="text-align: center;"> Lovina Culver Relict of John Edwards Died Nov29 1896 AE 87 yrs 11mos Ann Bennett Relict of Abram Best Died Aug 11 1887 AE 80YRS 9MS </p>

A further inscription which is now totally eroded, was recorded in the Westfield Cemetery Study as

*“Jesus called our mother home
This flesh lies mouldering in the tomb.
God grant their offspring may be blest
And meet them in eternal rest.”*

Abraham and Ann’s children:

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| + i | Mira (Myra/ Miriam/ Mary/ Mary Ann) Best | b. 1824, christened
June 28, 1824 |
| + ii | James Best | b. Oct 21, 1826 |
| + iii | Ann Best | b. Jan. 11, 1828 |
| + iv | Selina Best | b.???, St. Austell, christened 16 May 1831 |
| + v | Amos Best | b. Mar. 1 Bap. June 1, 1835, St Austell, Cornwall |
| vi | *David (Edwin?) Best | b. May 13, 1838, St Austell, Cornwall., d. Unkn,
Unkn, buried: Unkn, Unkn. DOB from Snell Family in Ontario |
| vii | Isaac Best | b. 1840 d. ??? |
| + viii | Joshua Best | b. 1845, St. Austell, Cornwall. |
| + ix | Evalina Best | b. June 5, 1847, St. Austell, Cornwall |

** There is a Durham County Court record of a David Best in Hope
Township who died July 3, 1857- “ Burnt to death in his home by his own
hand. Alcohol related.”*

Second Generation –The Pioneer Children

Mira (Myra/ Mariam/Mary) Best (Abraham¹) was christened in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England, on June 28, 1824. Myra, the oldest of Abraham and Ann's children came to Upper Canada with the family in 1848. Myra married **James Tabb**, also from Cornwall, born December 28, 1822 (*tombstone suggests 1823, Squire family records state December 19, 1823, also the 1901 Census states December 5, 1823*). They most likely were married in Cornwall, perhaps St. Stephens in Brannel, prior to leaving for Upper Canada, but further research is required. The 1901 Census states that James came to Canada in 1848. The Tabbs and the Cowling family apparently emigrated from Cornwall together. The 1851 Hope Township Census lists James "Tab" age 28, Mariam Tab age 28, James age 3, born in Canada, Isaac age 1. James, being age 3 in 1851 and born in Canada, suggests that Mariam may have with child, during their Atlantic crossing. The 1861 Census lists James and Miriam, along with five children: James, Isaac, Mary, Eliza and John. The 1871 Census lists James and Myra farming next to her younger brother Amos and his family, in Hope Township, Durham County, Ontario. The 1878 Durham County atlas shows them owning 31 acres of Concession 5 Lot 25, immediately adjacent to Amos and family. The children of both families, being cousins of roughly the same age and neighbours, would have been close and good friends. The Census notes that neither James nor Myra, could read or write.

Myra or Mariam died at age 54, on January 26, 1879 (*death registration 009843*). Her cause of death was "apoplexy", an apparent rupture of a blood vessel in her brain. Myra was buried in nearby Zion Cemetery, Hope Township. A notation in the Zion Cemetery transcription lists Myra as a known burial, however no stone remains, it reads "*Tabb, Mrs. James (nee Best) and 8 (?) infant children*". Myra, is believed to have been buried either in the southeast corner or near her brother, Amos Best. Nothing is known regarding the unfortunate burial of the eight infant children, mentioned. Infant mortality although common in pioneer Upper Canada, was nonetheless painful. Losing eight, perhaps involving multiple births (?) would no doubt, been traumatic for the Myra and James.

By the 1881 Census, James age 57 has a new wife **Mary ???**. Mary was listed as aged 44, born in England and a Bible Christian. Along with them are listed son John age 20 and daughter Eliza, age 22. Eliza's occupation is identified as "servant". Also identified with them in the census is a Minnie Boulton, aged 2. More research is required to determine who she was. Perhaps a grand daughter of new wife Mary. By the 1891 Census, James was 69 years of age and Mary was age 55, with no children living with them by that time. It is probable that most of the children moved as adults to Huron County, however son Isaac stayed. The 1901 Census for the Town of Bowmanville, Durham County, lists James, now aged 78 as living with his son Isaac and his family. It is certain that 2nd wife Mary has died by this time, because James Tabb was married August 21, 1901 to 3rd wife **Grace George**. Grace was described in the marriage registration (*012508*) as being age 65, a widow and born in England. James was described as being only 70 (?), born in England and a widower. They were married by the army Chaplain, Staff Captain T. Taylor. The marriage was witnessed by Eileen and Fletcher Gordon, of Bowmanville.

James, in his later years, perhaps upon the death of Grace, moved to Colborne Township to live with his grown children. James sr. finally passed away, at the ripe old age of 95 years and 9 days, on January 6, 1918, after a one-week bout of bronchitis (*death registration 020085*) and is buried in

lot 156d of Colborne Cemetery, with his descendents. The elder James most likely had been living with grandson Thomas and his family, at the time of his death, as son James jr., Thomas' father, had died 12 years earlier, in 1906. The partial inscription on the large, dark red marble family stone reads-

JAMES TABB SR. 1823-1918

James Tabb sr. had been the son of Robert Tabb and Betsy Johns of Cornwall, England.

Children of Myra and James:

+	i	James Tabb	b. June 10, 1849	
+	ii	Isaac Tabb	b. Feb. 6, 1851	
	iii	??? Tabb	b. ???	died in infancy
	iv	??? Tabb	b. ???	died in infancy
	v	??? Tabb	b. ???	died in infancy
	vi	??? Tabb	b. ???	died in infancy
+	viii	Mary Ann Tabb	b. 1856	
+	ix	Eliza Jane Tabb	b. 1857	
	x	??? Tabb	b. ???	died in infancy
+	xi	John Wesley Tabb	b. Aug. 10, 1859	
	xii	??? Tabb	b. ???	died in infancy
	xiii	??? Tabb	b. ???	died in infancy
	xiv	??? Tabb	b. ???	died in infancy

James Best (Abraham¹) was born October 21, 1826 in St Stephens in Brannel, (*Kearney family records suggest July 25, 1825, in Bodmin*) Cornwall. James married **Anna Hambly**. Anna was born in 1825 and baptized September 12, 1825 in Bodmin Cornwall, England. James, at age 22, came to Upper Canada in 1848 with his parents Abraham and Ann, along with most of his siblings. From census information, Ann and her family came to Upper Canada in 1850. It is probable that James married Ann in Ontario from 1851 to 1855. In 1865 James is listed as living at Concession 5 Lot 27 in Hope Township, Durham County, adjacent to his parent's farm. At some point, shortly after this timeframe, James and family moved to western Ontario, and settled in Minto Township just immediately west of the village of Palmerston. There, James and Anna farmed 50 acres of Concession 1 Lot 24 and the adjacent 100 acres of Lot 25. Anna's family, the Hambly's had been settled in Wellington County, immediately prior to the 1851 Census. James and his family, including Anna's 82 year-old widow mother Ann Hambly (Sturtridge), are listed as living there in the 1871 Ontario Census. James still owned the farm as shown on the 1877 Wellington County Atlas.

Sadly for the family, daughter Emily or "Emma" (015256) died at age 12 years, 8 months, 10 days, of a "sore throat", on June 1, 1878. Only 5 weeks later six year old Louisa died, most likely from the same affliction. Son Reuben (015750) aged 11 years, 8 months, also later died of a "sore throat", only six months later, on January 10, 1879. Dr. Stewart had been in attendance. The loss of three children would have been devastating for James and Ann. The children are all buried in Victoria Cemetery, Drayton. The 1881 Census indicates that James age 55 and Ann age 52 (?) lived in the Town of Palmerston, Ontario. This is probable because the adjacent Town, no longer a village, had grown and annexed James' property. Son, William John age 24, a school-teacher, is also listed in the census. Also listed are Elizabeth age 22, Joseph J. age 19, Mary age 20 and son Sam age 16 are all listed.

James died November 10, 1887 and was buried with his children. After James' death, the 1891 Census shows that son Samuel age 23, took over the farm, with his mother Ann, 64, living with him and his new wife, Margaret age 26. Also included sister "Gaigie" a milliner, age 28, and a 17- year old John Stacy, listed as a servant. By the 1901 Census, Ann 76, was living on her own in a little house in Palmerston. There is no sign of family, however they were probably farming nearby. Anna finally passed away at the old age of 95, on December 16, 1920. She was also buried at Victoria Cemetery, Section A, Drayton, Maryborough Township. There is a rectangular white limestone pillar about 4 feet tall with inscriptions on all four sides that reads-

<p>EMMA J. DIED June 1, 1878 AGED 12YRS 8MS 10DYS Also LOUISA C. DIED July 7, 1878 AGED 6YRS 6 MS 28 DYS (south)</p>	<p>CHARLES H. Died SEPT 2, 1870 AGED 14 DYS CHILDREN OF JAMES, ANN BEST Just as the morning of his life was opening into day, The young and lovely spirit passed from earth and grief away. (west)</p>	<p>JAMES BEST BORN July 26, 1823 DIED Nov 10, 1887 ANN HAMBLY BEST BORN SEPT 12, 1825 DIED DEC 16, 1920 NATIVES OF CORNWALL, ENG (north)</p>	<p>REUBAN R.S. DIED JAN 10, 1879 AGED 11YRS 8MS 23DYS BEST (east)</p>
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As a note for researchers of the Hambly family- Anna's parents: William Hambly (b.1787 tombstone suggests 1797, however that would only make him age 16 at the time of their wedding and quite a bit younger than wife Ann. d. June 2, 1864) and Ann Sturtridge (b. 1789 d. Nov. 26, 1872). They were married December 30, 1813, Luxalyn, Cornwall. They are also buried in Victoria Cemetery, Drayton, Wellington County, Ontario, along with many Hambly descendents. Their stone is inscribed-

<p style="text-align:center"> WILLIAM HAMBLY DIED JUNE 2 1864 – AGED 67 YR ANN HAMBLY DIED NOV 26 1872 – AGED 83 YRS WALTER P. SORTER 1861 – 1953 HIS BELOVED WIFE JENNIE HAMBLY 1863 – 1955 EMMA E. HAMBLY 1877 – 1958 </p>

Children of James and Ann:

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| + | i | William John Hambly Best | b. 1857 |
| + | ii | Elizabeth Ann Gaigie Best | b. 1858 |
| + | iii | Mary Levina Best | b. 1859 |
| | iv | Joseph James Best | b. 1862 d. June 10, 1935 |
| | v | Emily “Emma” Jane Best | b. Sept. 22, 1865 bap. Mar. 6, 1866
died June 1, 1878 |
| | vi | Reuben Richard Sturtridge Best | b. May, 1867 died Jan. 10, 1879 |
| + | vii | Samuel Thomas Best | b. Dec. 12, 1865 |
| | viii | Charles Hagar Best | b. Aug. 18, 1870 bap. Aug. 28, 1870
d. Sept. 2, 1870 in infancy |
| | ix | Louisa Caroline Best | b. Sept. 12, 1871 bap. Apr. 29, 1872
d. July 7, 1878 |

(Hambly family information link – Ancestry.com)

Note- The fact that James was listed as a farmer in 1865 in Hope Township, Durham County is problematic and contradicts the birth of their children during the late 1850's in Minto and Palmerston.

Ann Best (Abraham¹) was born January 11, 1828 (*Mar.9, 1829? Conflicting date sources*), in St Austell, Cornwall. Ann was married in 1847, in St. Stephens in Brannel, to **William Snell**, born August 5, 1821, St Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall. Ann sailed to Upper Canada in 1848 with her new husband William, her parents Abraham and Ann (Bennetts) and other family members. They arrived at Port Hope on Lake Ontario, Durham County. At least one Snell brother, assumed to be John 22, also went there with them. William's other siblings appear to have stayed in Whitemoor, Cornwall, according to the 1851 Cornish Census. William and Ann also settled on Concession 5, in nearby Hamilton Township, Northumberland County, living near Abraham and Ann Best, where over the next several years, they bore at least three of their children. *"William and Ann remained in Northumberland County for some years, while her father, Abraham Best (and Ann Bennetts), and several other members of the family, probably settled in Durham County. The whole clan finally moved to East Wawanosh Township where Will and Ann settled on the south half of Lot 34, Conc.6 to raise a family of eight children."* (pg.89, *Wilderness to Wawanosh: 1992*)

The 1861 Census lists William, Ann, David and Jemima living in a log house, in Northumberland County. Third child William Russell was born after the census, in June. About 1862, William and Ann moved and began homesteading on Concession 6 Lot 34, of East Wawanosh Township, Huron County. There may have been a year or two where some travel was required back and forth between Durham, Northumberland and Huron Counties. Like Ann's parents, Ann and Will were Bible Christians and attended Westfield Methodist Church. Ann and Will's children all attended nearby school at United School Section 13E. The original log school was built in 1863 and was replaced in 1914 by a brick structure, which still stands, although abandoned. The 1881 Census from East Wawanosh Township shows William 60, Ann 52, William 19, Jemima 21, Joshua 17, Evolina 15, Amos 10 and Isaac 11. Eldest son David age 24, his wife "Eliza" (Louisa) 27, and their baby son Charles age 1 lived on their own, next door.

William died July 25, 1890 and Ann died much later, April 4, 1912. Both died in East Wawanosh Township and are buried in Westfield Methodist Cemetery, East Wawanosh Township, Huron County, Ontario. Unfortunately, due to time and vandalism, William's headstone has been relocated to a central grouping, it reads-*To the memory of Wm. Snell. Died July 25, 1890. Aged 73 years* Ann's stone is lost although the burial records indicate that it once read-"SNELL -Mrs. Wm. b. 1828, England Died 04/04/1912. 84yrs. 9 mons." The exact location of their graves is now unknown.

William's parents in Cornwall: William Snell (b.1791 d.) and Thamason Phillips (b.1796 d.). They were married November 25, 1820 in St. Stephens in Brannel. The 1851 Cornish Census lists them living in "Whitemoor"-William 62 tin streamer, Thamson 68 (most likely 58), Jane 20, daughter milliner, George 17 unmarried son china clay-labourer.

Also in 1851, William's brother Thomas 28 china clay-labourer, is listed separately living nearby at "Adalta". His wife Johanna 31, daughter Mary Jane 4, son Thomas 3, and baby daughter Hanna, one month old.

Also younger brother Joseph 22, a cordwinder, was living at nearby "America" at the time, along with his new wife Mary 23, who was a milliner.

Ann and William's Children:

- + i **David William Snell** b. July 30, 1858.
- + ii **Jemima Snell** b. 1859.
- + iii **William Russell Snell** b. June 28, 1861
- + iv **Joshua Snell** b. Aug. 30, 1863.
- + v **Evolina Snell** b. 1865
- + vi **Amos Snell** b. 1867
- vii **Abraham Snell** b. 1869 *Abraham is unknown. He may not have existed. He may have died as an infant. Abraham may be Isaac or Amos' second name. Further research is required.*
- + viii **Isaac "Ike" Snell** b. Jan. 20, 1870

Selina Best (Abraham¹) was born late 1828 to early 1831 and was christened May 16, 1831 as a Bible Christian by the Luxulyan Curcuit, of Cornwall. The 1841 Cornish Census has Selina listed with her family, living at "Adalta", and her being 10 years old. Although little is known of Selina, there is some speculation and assumption that she was the Selina Best that married **Absolom Hore**, (*Marriage Regulation St. Austell Vol. IX page 25*) August 3, 1848 in St. Stephens in Brannel, and stayed in England, prior to her parents leaving for Canada.

The March 1851 Cornish Census lists Absalom Hore age 27, clay labourer from Endor, married to Selina age 23. (This would put her birth about 1828). They have a son "R. C. B." (?) age 2, and Alfred, a son age seven months. Also living with them at "Currian", is a lodger, Abraham Prout, a blacksmith age 61 from St. Agnes.

There is further documentation of Selina later marrying a **Richard Wherry**, June 19, 1858, also in St. Stephens in Brannel. It is not known if this Selina is the same or not. It is not known when Selina or Absolom died or where she was buried, however St. Stephen's in Brannel would seem reasonable. Absolom's parents:

Children:

- i **R.C.B. Hore** b. 1849
- ii **Alfred Hore** b. Aug. , 1850

(Note: Further research is required to substantiate these assumptions.)

Amos Best (Abraham¹) was born March 1 and baptized later on June 1, 1835, in St. Austell, Cornwall, England. As a young teen, Amos immigrated to Upper Canada with his parents in 1848. Amos is believed to have worked in mines in Michigan for a while before he returned to Ontario. Amos married 1st wife, **Mary B. ???** about 1856, probably in Hope Township. Mary would have been very young as her age in the township Census' of 1861 and 1871 indicated a birth year of 1841. Mary was born in England, and like many women of her time, could neither read nor write. In the 1861 Hope Township Census, only Mary age 20 is listed, indicating that Amos was elsewhere, probably working, perhaps Michigan. During his work experience Amos learned the trade of carpentry and building construction. In 1865, Amos is listed as living at Concession 5 Lot 26 of Hope Township. The Census of 1871, lists Amos along with Mary, and five children-Margaret, James H., Martha, Amos jr., and Evaline. It also lists him at age 36, occupation carpenter, and all Bible Christians. The 1878 Durham County Atlas has 43- year old Amos owning 60 acres of Concession 5 Lot 25, immediately south of older sister Myra, her husband James Tabb and their family. As mentioned earlier, the children of both families, being cousins of roughly the same age and neighbours, would have been close and good friends.

At some point however, Mary died and was most likely buried in Zion Cemetery, however there appears to be no record of her. Amos was left to raise the family, run the small farm and to operate his carpentry business. Amos eventually remarried. The 1881 Census shows Amos age 47, new wife **Mary Fitzmartin** age 47, James H. age 22 farmer, Amos jr. age 16 and Evaline age 12 scholar. Daughters Margaret and Martha had married by that time and moved out.

The more precise 1891 Census (*Dist 58 Durham East, Township of Hope Division 2, sub-div.B, page 14*), lists Amos as age 55, and occupation as framer/ carpenter. At this time two children continued to live at home. Amos jr. age 26, was also a framer/ carpenter, and Eva, age 22, a "tailoress". It could be assumed that Amos and his son, may have their own business together, and may have even milled their own lumber. In 1891, 2nd wife Mary was age 55 and reportedly, born in Ireland, from Irish born Roman Catholic parents. Amos would have been required to become Catholic prior to his marriage to Mary. In their retirement years, Amos and Mary moved into Port Hope. At the time of Amos' death, at age 76 on April 4, 1911, the local Port Hope newspaper, the "Evening Star" reported "Funeral from the family residence on Yeoville Street and service from St. Mary's Church". Amos' death registration (022869) states his death being caused by old age and debility. He also suffered from a six-day bout of bronchitis. Amos had been attended by Dr. Powers, from Port Hope. Burial, according to the Zion Cemetery transcription was listed under other known burials with no headstone remaining- "**Best, Amos Sr. (brother of Mrs. Tabb)**" And also in the vicinity of sister Myra Tabb (nee Best), as mentioned previously, "was near the southeast corner".

Mary, an elderly widow, lived on at Yeoville Street in Port Hope and finally passed away several years later at the age of 82, on October 31, 1915. From her death registration (023546), Mary died from a long-standing heart condition. Her service was conducted at Our Lady of Mercy Church, with burial at Port Hope Union Cemetery. Mary's parents: Fitzmartin

Children:

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| | i | Margaret Ann Best | b. 1857 |
| + | ii | James Henry Best | b. Feb. 15, 1859 |
| + | iii | Martha Best | b. 1862 |
| + | iv | Amos Best jr. | b. June 5, 1864 |
| + | v | Evaline Maud Best | b. 1869 |

Joshua Best (Abraham¹) was born in 1845, in St. Austell, Cornwall, England. Joshua also travelled to Upper Canada with his parents in 1848, as a young boy. The Durham County Marriage Register lists Joshua, age 22, marrying **Lidia /Lydia Jane Pethwick**, age 18, September 26, 1867. Lydia was born May 5, 1849, in Upper Canada. The 1871 Ontario Census has Joshua, Lydia and new son Richard, farming in East Wawanosh Township. His father, Abraham may have moved with him to settle in East Wawanosh Township. Joshua's daughter Eliza was baptized in late 1872 in East Wawanosh. Joshua and family moved to Cass County, Michigan in 1879, according to one account. Joshua most likely had been working in Michigan since 1875. The family is listed in the 1880 Census of Michigan, for Silver Creek Township. Thirty-five year-old Joshua is listed as working in a sawmill and 31 year-old Lydia was keeping house. Richard Charles was 10 and attending school. Eliza A. was 8 and born in Canada. Six year-old Joshua jr. was also listed as being born in Canada. There was also a Dora Lewis, age 20, living with them as a domestic servant.

Lydia died May 28, 1889. As baby Philip died only 2 weeks later, on June 14th, perhaps there was a connection between the two terrible events. This would have certainly been a bad time for Joshua and the teenage children. Lydia would have been buried in Michigan, as the next year, in 1890, the family moved to Missouri. Nothing much is known of the family during the 1890's, but by 1900, Joshua was living in Richland Township, Scott County, Missouri. Joshua was enumerated as a widower, in the 1900 Census. He was living with his daughter Anne and her husband, Samuel Gossett. Joshua died February 6, 1910, and was buried in Missouri. Lydia's parents were Philip and Elizabeth Pethwick *or Pethick*.

For those who may be interested in following the Pethick family line, Lydia's parents are buried in Zion Cemetery, Hope Township, near the south east corner, beside John Best's tombstone (*no immediate relation*), where the author happened by chance upon their nearly sodded over flattened forgotten tombstones. Elizabeth, Lidia's mother, had apparently died at 35 years of age, when Lidia was only three years old, in 1852. Phillip married again to Margaret ???, who also died at age 35, in 1865 and is buried beside Phillip and Elizabeth. Other Pethick families were homesteading in Durham County at the time. After some minor excavation and cleaning, the stones were mostly legible-

PHILLIP PETHICK DIED Feb 7, 1867 AGED 55 years	ELIZA <i>Wife of</i> PHILLIP PETHICK DIED July 1852 AGED 35 years	MARGARET <i>Wife of</i> PHILLIP PETHICK <i>Died</i> MARCH 1865 Aged 35 yrs
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A further inscription was on the bottom of Phillip and Eliza's stone:

*A faithful wife and husband dear
 Two loving parents lieth here
 The loss is great which we sustain
 But hope in Heaven to meet again*

Children of Joshua and Lydia:

+	i	Richard Charles Best	b. Sept. 4, 1870
+	ii	Elizabeth Annetta Best	b. Jan. 21, 1872
+	iii	Joshua Daniel Best jr.	b. June 15, 1874
+	iv	Eva Best	b. Sept. 9, 1884
	v	Philip Best	b. ? d. June 14, 1889 died in infancy

Evalina Best (Abraham¹) was born June 5, 1847 in Cornwall. She was married about 1865 +/- in Northumberland or Durham Counties, Upper Canada to **Henry Edwards**. Henry was born July 1, 1842 in Hope Township, Durham County, Upper Canada. As a baby, Evalina settled with her parents Abraham and Ann (Bennetts) and other family members in Durham County near Port Hope. Evalina eventually married neighbour Henry Edwards about 1865+/-, and eventually moved to western Ontario, settling on a 50- acre land parcel on the northeast part of Concession 6 Lot 36, East Wawanosh Township. Evalina and Henry were adjacent neighbours to Will and older sister Ann. There, Henry had built a log cabin across the road from the log one-room school, SS #13. *“Henry (and Evalina) farmed the land, which was good bottom land, traversed by Belgrave Creek. A large hill in bush left only about 25 acres tillable”* (pg.94, *Wilderness to Wawanosh; 1992*). On December 2, 1870, after already being the mother of two children, Evalina age 23, was baptized into the Wesleyan Methodist Church, at Westfield.

The years between 1873 and 1880 were difficult for the family, as baby after baby struggled to survive, yet sadly died from common afflictions of the day. First, baby Joseph died after a brief bout of the “croup” (003699). Next, Maria survived, but George, in 1877, died as a two month old baby, that suffered from “diarrhea” (005246). Joshua was stillborn in 1878. Another George came along in 1880, only to die after 15 months from a ten-week battle with “bilious fever” (006456). Hester was the next baby to be taken early, in 1881, with a three-week fight of the croup, again (007732).

About 1877, around the time of Evalina’s father –Abraham Best’s death, Henry built a small brick house on the property to replace the log house, which had burned, thereby only adding to their misery. To help the struggling family, mother-in-law, Ann Best, recently widowed, moved in with them. It is probable that Henry’s mother Lovina, from Durham County, also lived with them at some point. (see notation from Abraham/ Ann Best). The 1881 Census clearly lists Henry, Evalina and children along with 74 year-old Ann Best “widow”. No mention of Lovina, however. The 1901 Ontario Census lists Henry as owning the NE quarter of Concession 6 Lot 36, with 150 acres, 2 houses (1 vacant), 5 barns and outbuildings. Photographs taken, perhaps by daughter Lizzie, from about 1911, show Henry as being rugged, patriarchal and somewhat stern, yet handsome, with whitish-gray beard and longer hair and dark clothing. Evalina was also somewhat stern looking, with gray tidy hair, and a “grandmotherly-look” about her.

Again, about this time, in their “retirement years”, about 1910 or 1911, Henry and Evalina sold the property to the John Scott family and moved to a small brick house on the east side of the road between lots 36 and 37, across the road from daughter Laura and her husband, Bob Moore. Snells were also living in this area, although further west of the sideroad. During this time, Henry was the “postmaster” for the area when the Marnoch Post Office closed December 1, 1913. Every day over the winter, Henry would gather the mail and distribute it from his and Evalina’s home, until rural delivery started from Belgrave in the spring of 1914.

Henry died at home August 26, 1914 and was buried in Westfield Cemetery. The death certificate (016360) stated that Henry “dropped dead instantaneously from heart failure”. Although the tombstone has disappeared, the burial records state “EDWARDS – Henry B 07/ 1842, Hope Durham Co. Ont. Died 27/08/ 1914 Aged 72”. Evalina died (017464) November 14, 1926 and is most likely buried with Henry, near the Edward’s gray stone obelisk. She died at her daughter Maria Seguss’ family home in the Nile, from pneumonia, a complication that had developed from the broken leg that she had sustained ten days earlier. She had been living in Auburn at the time.

As a note for researchers of the Edward's family, Henry's parents were John Edwards (b. 1793 England d. 1872) and Lovina Culver (b. 1808 d. Nov. 29, 1896). John is buried in Zion Cemetery, Hope Township, Durham County. A more recent tombstone, placed by John's grand- daughter Lucy, at the time of her death in 1966 is inscribed - **JOHN EDWARDS grandfather 1793-1872**. As mentioned previously, Lovina is buried in Westfield Methodist Cemetery.

Children of Evalina and Henry:

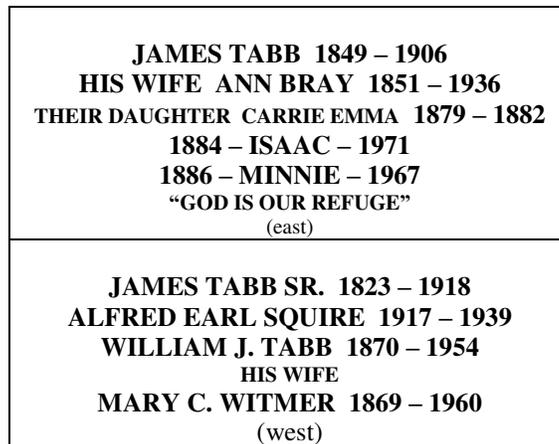
+i	Elizabeth Edwards	b. Oct.18, 1866	d. July 26, 1953
+ ii	John "Ken"neth Edwards	b. May 23, 1868	d. Apr. 13, 1957
+ iii	Thomas Henry Edwards	b. Aug. 9 1871	d. Oct. 6, 1953
iv	Joseph Joshua Edwards	b. Nov.15, 1872	d. Feb. 26, 1873 in infancy
+ v	Maria (pr. Mariah) Edwards	b. Dec23, 1875	d. Aug11, 1944
vi	George Edwards	b. July 1, 1877	d. Sept. 21, 1877 in infancy
vii	Joshua Edwards	b. Aug.6, 1878	d.Aug.6, 1878 stillborn?
viii	George Edwards	b. Aug. 15, 1879	d. Nov. 15 1880 in infancy
ix	Hester Edwards	b. July 9, 1880	d. May 5, 1881 in infancy.
	<i>The 1881 Census was taken about late April and before May 5th as baby Hester, age 9 months, was alive at the time.</i>		
+ x	Annie Edwards	b. Sept 11, 1882	d. Jan 11, 1958
+ xi	Laura May Edwards	b. Mar. 16, 1884	d. Apr. 14, 1957

Third Generation – The Grandchildren

James Tabb jr. (Myra², Abraham¹) was born June 10, 1849 in Hope Township, Durham County and grew up on the family farm. James was married March 26, 1870 to **Annie Bray**, aged 19, in Port Hope, Ontario, by the Reverend John B. Tapp. (*lib 8 folio 88*) Witnesses to the marriage were Isaac Tabb and Ann Tapp. Ann was born June 18, 1851, in England and immigrated to Upper Canada with her family, at the age of two. As a young girl, the Bray's lived in Pt. Hope. James and Ann homesteaded in nearby Cartwright Township. In the 1871 Ontario Census, the young couple along with a 4 month- old "James", are listed as farmers and Bible Christians. At some point, around 1877, James, Ann and family moved to East Wawanosh Township. In the 1881 Census they are listed there- James 31, Ann 29, William 10 scholar, Thomas 8 scholar, Mary 7, Charles 5, Eliza 3, Carolina 1.

Tragically, young Carrie, aged only two, died of "scarlet fever", after 6 days, in January of 1882 (007077) in East Wawanosh Township. Carrie had been attended by Dr. Carden of Blyth. Her service was officiated by Rev. A.E. Smith, of Auburn. Carrie was buried in Colborne Township Cemetery, however, probably not until early spring. This may have been the time when the family would have moved, in order to prepare for planting. The Colborne Township 1901 Census lists James 51, Ann 49, Eliza A. 23, Robert J. 18, Isaac 16 and "Mary 14" (more probably Minnie, as Mary would have been married and gone by this time).

James died relatively young at age 57, August 27, 1906, and is buried in Colborne Cemetery, plot 156d. Ann died many years later, in her home after a brief illness on March 12, 1936 at age 85, and is buried with James. There is a large red marble family stone, near the front center east portion of the well-groomed cemetery. The stone looks like it may have been placed in recent years, perhaps at the passing of Minnie and/ or Isaac, and is inscribed as indicated below.. Ann's parents were John Bray and Mary Luxon (b. 1826 d. 1872) They are buried in Dungannon Cemetery, Ashfield Township, Huron County.



Children of James and Ann:

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|---|-----|----------------------------|------------------|
| + | i | William James Tabb | b. Dec. 21, 1870 |
| + | ii | Thomas Henry Tabb | b. May 5, 1872 |
| + | iii | Mary "Jane" Tabb | b. Dec. 5, 1873 |
| + | iv | Charles "Fred" Tabb | b. Aug. 19, 1875 |

+	v	Eliza Ann Tabb	b. Feb. 20, 1878
	vi	Carolina “Carrie” Emma Tabb	b. Dec. 24, 1879 d. Jan. 6, 1882
+	vii	Robert John Tabb	b. Apr. 9, 1882
+	viii	Isaac Tabb	b. Dec. 11, 1884
+	ix	Minnie Tabb	b. Nov. 13, 1886

Isaac Tabb (Myra², Abraham¹) was born February 6, 1851 in Hope Township, Durham County and grew up on the family farm. Isaac was married February 2, 1871, in Canton, Ontario by the Reverend Wm J. Hewitt, to **Frances “Fanny” Selena Ashby**. Witnesses to the marriage were John and Martha Bate. Fanny was born September 2, 1852 in Hope Township. Soon after marriage, Isaac and Frances took up farming next to his brother James, in Cartwright Township. In the 1871 Ontario Census, they were also listed as farmers and Bible Christians. The 1891 Census for the Town of Bowmanville, in West Durham, lists Isaac 40, Fanny 41 and four children living with them and farming. Isaac was a very talented wood carver and, in the winter time would carve museum quality pieces, such as basswood “cow chains”, from single pieces of wood. The 1891 census indicates that Fanny’s parents were born in England.

By the 1901, town of Bowmanville Census, Isaac was 50 and still farming, and had 96 acres on Waverley Road. “Francis S.” was his wife. Son John was 29 and still at home as a farm labourer. Daughters Mary Emma 27, Alice Eva 21, Ethel 13 and Hilda 8 were all identified, however it is unknown about the older daughter’s livelihoods. Isaac’s father James, was also living with them at that time. Isaac died at age 76, in 1927. Fanny continued to live on the farm with her bachelor son, John. Grandniece Velma (Collacutt) Griffin, remembers fondly about her mother’s elderly aunt Fanny and how they all looked forward to her visits, during the late 1930’s. During her stays of a week or more, Fanny would help Emily and her daughters with chores and cooking around the house. She was a lovable, but “spunky” lady, who wasn’t afraid to speak her mind. By and by, at age 88 Frances passed away in 1940, when Velma was still quite young. Frances was buried with Isaac in Bowmanville Cemetery, in Section P. Frances’ parents: Thomas and Frances Ashby.

Children:

+	i	John A. Tabb	b. Nov. 25, 1871
+	ii	Mary “Emma” Tabb	b. Dec. 1, 1873
+	iii	Alice “Eva” Tabb	b. Mar. 29, 1880
+	iv	Ethel Victoria Tabb	b. Apr. 30, 1888
+	v	Hilda May Tabb	b. Oct. 22, 1892

Mary Ann Tabb (Myra², Abraham¹) was born in 1856. She was married ??? to **William Bissett**. William was born ???. Mary Ann died ??? and was buried in ??? Cemetery, ??? County. William died ??? and was buried with Mary Ann. William’s parents:

Children:

i	George Bissett	b.	
ii	Mary Ann Bissett	b.	
iii	Maud Bissett	b.	m. ??? Graham from Port Huron, Michigan

Further research is required along this line of descent.

Elizabeth “Eliza” Jane Tabb (Myra², Abraham¹) was born in 1857 in Hope Township, Durham County. Not much is known about Eliza. She and her cousin Martha were no doubt good friends, as Eliza was a witness to Martha’s marriage in 1879. She evidently never married nor had children. She moved to Huron County at some point. It is not known how or where she lived. She died at age

86, in 1943 and is buried in the family plot near her relatives in Goderich Maitland Cemetery Section B #514. Her stone reads-

<p style="text-align: center;">TABB Eliza Jane Tabb 1857 – 1943 <i>at rest</i></p>

John Wesley Tabb (Myra², Abraham¹) was born August 10, 1859 in Hope Township, Durham County. John was married January 14, 1891 to **Lovinia Cowling**. The marriage registration (008457) lists John as a farmer and a Methodist, and married by Rev. L. Phelps. Lovinia was born October 16, 1858 (*Tabb family suggests 1860*) in Durham County. As mentioned earlier, James Tabb sr. had come to Canada in 1848 with the Cowlings and Luxons from either Devon or Cornwall. Lovinia was the oldest of seven children of James' friend, William Cowling jr. The Cowlings and Luxons settled in Durham County, where their descendants still live today. The 1901 Census for the Township of Cartwright identifies John Tabb as a labourer. It also lists wife Lovinia and their children; John 9, Thomas 8, Emily 6, Charles 4, George 2 and baby Fred eight months. Another daughter, Lily was born a couple of years later. John died in 1938 and Lovinia died shortly after in 1940. They were buried near the northwest corner in Bethesda Cemetery, north of Bowmanville. Their small flat red granite stone reads as below. After they died, son John who had lived and worked the farm all his adult life, continued there alone. Lovinia's parents: William Cowling jr. and Jane Luxon.

<p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORY OF JOHN TABB 1859-1938 HIS WIFE LAVINIA COWLING 1958-1940</p>

Children:

+	i	William "John" Tabb	b. Oct. 5, 1891
+	ii	Thomas Henry Tabb	b. Dec. 6, 1892
+	iii	Emily Alberta Tabb	b. Sept. 12, 1894
+	iv	Charles Edward Tabb	b. May 10, 1896
+	v	George Francis Tabb	b. July 10, 1898
+	vi	Fred Tabb	b. July 29, 1900
+	vii	Lily May Tabb	b. 1902

William John Hambly Best (James², Abraham¹) was born in 1857 in the village of Palmerston, Wellington County. The 1881 Palmerston Census lists William age 24, living at home with his parents and siblings. He was a school-teacher at the time. Prior to the next census in 1891, William had moved west. It is not known if he married or had children. He died in 1932 and is buried in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.

Elizabeth Ann Gaigie Best (James², Abraham¹) was born in 1858 in Minto Township, Wellington County. Elizabeth or "Gaigie", was a milliner and lived at home with her parents and then her brother Samuel and his family. As a spinster at age 40, she married **George N. Hawkins**. They were married May 17, 1899 in Palmerston, by Reverend J.H. Robinson. Witnesses were J.J. Best and Jennie S. Hawkins, from Drayton, Ontario. (016433) George was age 38 and a widower.

George was born in 1861 and was living in Mannington West Virginia, U.S.A. His occupation was listed as a labourer for the Standard Oil Company. It is not known if Elizabeth and George had children of their own. Elizabeth and George did take in her brother Samuel's son James, for several years from 1903 to 1907, in Mannington. Elizabeth died in 1934 and is buried ??? George died ??? and is buried probably in Mannington, West Virginia. George's parents: Napoleon Hawkins and Margaret Kroon

Mary Levina Best (James², Abraham¹) was born in 1859 in Minto Township, Wellington County. The 1881 Census for The Town of Palmerston, lists "May L." age 20, still living at home with the family. Mary was married ??? to **Franklin Millson**. Frank was born April 1863. Not much is known about Frank and Mary. Frank died January 5, 1911. Mary died many years later at age 79, November 23, 1938. They are buried in Victoria Cemetery-Sec A, Drayton, Ontario. Their tombstone is inscribed as noted below. Frank's parents: Children: ???

<p>FRANKLIN MILLSON Died Jan 5, 1911 Aged 47 yrs. 8 mos. His wife MARY L. MILLSON 1859 – 1938 Not my will but thine be done</p>

Samuel Thomas Best (James², Abraham¹) was born December 12, 1865 in, Minto Township, Wellington County. He was married in 1890 to **Margaret "Maggie" Wilcott**. Maggie was born in 1865, in Trowbridge, Perth County, Ontario. The 1891 Census for Palmerston shows that Samuel age 23, took over the farm after his father's death in 1887. The census had his mother Ann, 64, living with him and his new wife, Margaret age 26. Also included sister "Gaigie" a milliner, age 28, and a 17- year old John Stacy, listed as a servant. In 1897, Sam and Maggie moved from Palmerston to farm at Mamiota, Manitoba. Mother Ann stayed on alone in Palmerston. In 1902, they lost the farm and returned to Palmerston to operate a livery business. This venture didn't last long, because from 1903-1904, the Best family resided in Kenton, Manitoba. In 1920, they moved to Appledale, British Columbia, where they operated a fruit farm. They lived there until the time of Samuel's death on July 12, 1930. Samuel was buried in Nelson, British Columbia.

After Sam died, Maggie made her home in Nelson until her marriage in 1935, to **Joseph Stenson**. At that time, she and Joseph lived in Winlow B.C., until his death in 1937. She then returned to Nelson, and maintained her home until 1958, when she became a patient at Mount St. Francis Hospital. On July 1, 1967, Maggie received a pioneer Centennial medal at a presentation ceremony at the hospital. Maggie lived on to a ripe old age and finally passed away later that year, December 19, 1967. She was buried with Sam. Margaret's parents: Charles Wilcott and Elizabeth Egleston.

Children:

- + i **Charles Milton Best** b. June 17, 1891
- + ii **James Clayton Best** b. July 1, 1894
- + iii **Anna Elizabeth Best** b. Feb. 5, 1902

David William Snell (Ann², Abraham¹) was born July 30, 1858, in Cavan Township, Durham County, Ontario, Canada, and raised in East Wawanosh Township. David was married in 1880 to **Louisa Elizabeth Cook**. Louisa was born June 8, 1856, in West Flamborough Township, Wellington County. The 1881 East Wawanosh Census lists David age 24, wife Eliza age 27, and

baby Charles age 1, as living next to his father William Snell's farm. From 1880 onward David worked a 50- acre farm on the west half of Concession 6 Lot 35, East Wawanosh. Most of David and Louisa's children went to SS#13. The family attended Westfield Methodist Church, in East Wawanosh Township. The 1891 Census for East Wawanosh, lists David 32, wife Louisa 36, Charles 11, William 8, Lizzie 5, Gordon 3, Edward and Edmund, both one year old.

"David decided that the homesteads being offered to settlers in Alberta represented a chance of advancement for his family, so he and several of his sons went west to look the situation over. After taking up a homestead in the Wenham Valley near Breton, Alberta, David returned home in 1915 to sell his farm in East Wawanosh. Shortly afterwards, he left with Louisa for a new life in the west. Four of their five sons, Charles, William, Edmund and Edward, moved west between 1909 and 1913 as well, leaving Gordon as the only Snell son remaining in Huron County." (pg. 90, Wilderness to Wawanosh – 1992). David only returned once more to Ontario in about 1935 to visit his family. Louisa died August 22, 1922 and is buried at (Bunker Hill Cemetery) also known as Knob Hill Cemetery, south of Breton, Alberta, near Winfield. David died later in 1937 at Breton, and was also buried at Knob Hill Cemetery with Louisa. Louisa's parents: Jasper Cook and (Elizabeth Crow?) Ann Jane Hongye. Louisa had four sisters and five brothers.

Children:

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|---|-----|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| + | i | Charles Joshua Snell | b. Oct. 28, 1879 |
| + | ii | David William "Bill" Snell | b. July 13, 1882 |
| + | iii | Elizabeth Jane Snell | b. 18 Aug 1885 |
| + | iv | Gordon Russell Snell | b. 1 Aug 1887 |
| + | v | Edward (Ward) Snell | b. 23 Sep 1889, twin of Edmund.. |
| + | vi | Edmund (Ed) Snell | b. 23 Sep 1889, twin of Edward. |
| + | vii | Annie Snell | b. 23 Jun 1892 |

Jemima Snell (Ann², Abraham¹) was born in 1859, probably in Durham County. In the 1881 East Wawanosh Census, Jemima is still listed as living at home with her parents, Will and Ann, at that time. Jemima, at age 24, was married May 26, 1884, in Wingham, Ontario, to **Patrick Greenan**. Patrick was born in 1843 in Upper Canada (*Division 4, pg.71, 1871 Hullett Township Census*). The marriage registration (005046), suggests he was born in 1849. Witnesses to the marriage were Joshua Snell and L. (?) Greenan. They were married by Rev. Robert McCash. Patrick was the older brother of William Russell Snell's wife, Catherine. Patrick was Catholic and of Irish descent. Patrick, Jemima and most likely several others of the Greenan family, moved to the Flint/ Bay County area of Michigan, U.S.A. at some point. Jemima probably died in Michigan and was buried there. Patrick's parents: Thomas and Mary Ellen Greenan.

Children:

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| i | Male Greenan | b. |
| ii | Male Greenan | b. |

(Note: Further research is required to trace this line of descent. A contact given by Frank Snell is Larry Carlisle in Michigan at (989) 846-6996).

William Russell Snell (Ann², Abraham¹) was born June 28, 1861, in Durham County, Ontario, Canada. William was married April 6, 1885, in Blyth, Ontario, to **Catherine Greenan** (*Marriage reg. 004897*). Witnesses to the wedding were William's sister Jemima, and her new husband, Catherine's brother, Patrick Greenan. Catherine was born September 3, 1857. At the time of their marriage, Catherine was denounced by her father Thomas, and most likely the Catholic Church, for marrying outside of her faith. During their married lives, William and Catherine raised their six children in several homes/ farms in East Wawanosh Township. William generally hired out as a

farm worker. He was also a hunter and trapper. The 1891 Ontario Census lists William, Catherine, Beulah and Ruby living in East Wawanosh. It also lists Catherine's sister May (Mary), as living with them as a house servant.

At some point, during WW1, Catherine apparently split with William, and moved to Blyth. Around November 1, 1916, she moved to Paris, Ontario, where she lived with her daughter Ruby and her family. By April of 1919, Catherine traveled west to Hannah, Alberta to live and work with her daughter Myrtle, on her homestead. It was around this time that Myrtle was splitting from her husband Archie Peters, so life was probably difficult for her and her mother, Catherine. After 1921, Catherine's son Maitland was living nearby, to help provide. Catherine and Myrtle worked hard at the Snell's logging camp, cooking meals for the men. Catherine died tragically August 27, 1927 from burns received while using cleaning fluids at Maitland's ranch. She is buried in Wetaskiwin Cemetery, Sec. D, bk 25, lot 2B, Alberta. William in his later years lived in turn with several of his adult children. He died March 2, 1936, and is buried without a tombstone, in Wingham Cemetery, Huron County Ontario, Canada.

For those who may be interested in tracing the Greenan family history, Catherine and her brother Patrick, along with other siblings, were raised in Hullett Township by their parents. Thomas was born in 1806 (1812?). His wife Mary Ellen, was born in 1815. Thomas and Mary were both born in Ireland. It is not known where they were married. The family was Roman Catholic. The 1861 Hullett Township Census (*Ward 5, page 49*) lists Thomas 48, wife Mary 45, oldest son John, a labourer 22, son Patrick 19 also a labourer, daughters Mary 16, Matilda 13, Sarah Ann 11, and son Michael J. (There was no mention of 4 year-old Catherine). All of Thomas' children were born in Upper Canada, possibly Pickering Township.

Thomas' daughter, Mary Jane Greenan, was 2nd wife to farmer, Thomas J. Gibbons of Concession 11 Lot 29, East Wawanosh. Mary Jane age 27 and Thomas age 42, were listed in the 1871 Census, along with Patrick 12, Mary 10, John 8, Bridget 5, Ann 3, William 2, and baby Thomas 6 months. She sadly died March 13, 1880, (*death reg. 006463*) after birth of eighth child, Myles. She was only 35 years old. Mary Jane and Thomas J. both rest in St. Augustine R.C. Cemetery, West Wawanosh.

Thomas died September 12, 1883 (*006913*) and is also buried in St. Augustine Cemetery. Mary died Dec. 9, 1893 (*007642*) and was described as a "farmer's widow" and lived in Morris Twp. at the time. Between 1882 and 1888, Catherine's brother, John H. Greenan, owned a log cabin on Concession 11, which he bought from his brother in law, Thomas Gibbons, after Mary Jane had died. Vague ruins of the cabin exist today (2001).

Children of William and Catherine:

+	i	Beulah "Pearl" Snell	b. April 15, 1886	d. Oct. 1965
+	ii	Ruby May Snell	b. Jan. 13, 1891	d. Jan. 8, 1980
+	iii	Russell Greenan Snell	b. June 26, 1892	d. Jan. 13, 1972
+	iv	Myrtle Dahlia Snell	b. May 9, 1894	d. Dec. 24, 1977
+	v	Stanley John Snell	b. Sept 26, 1895	d. Sept. 16, 1984
+	vi	William Maitland Snell	b. May 10, 1898	d. Oct 7, 1970

Joshua Snell (Ann², Abraham¹) was born August 30, 1863, probably in Hope Township, Durham County, Ontario, Canada. Joshua met and married (1) Unkn, in Unkn, Unkn female 1, b. Unkn, Unkn, m. (2) **Christina Allen**. b. 1887. As a young man, Joshua moved to Michigan,

married and had several children and at some point, split with his unknown wife. Unfortunately, nothing is known of this wife and son William's two (?) siblings. This happened after the birth of Fred with second partner, Christina. Joshua apparently would travel back and forth from Ontario to Michigan for 2-3 months at a time. "No one will give details of what happened." (*This info from Joshua's descendents*). At some point, Christina and Joshua also split, leaving Christina to start a new life with a James Allen. Christina and James ultimately had four children in Michigan. Christina died September 8, 1950 and is buried in or near Flint Michigan. After these marriages, and during a portion of WW1, Joshua was a civilian cook at Camp Borden, near Barrie, Ontario. Joshua's son, William was stationed there at the time. Joshua acquired a knowledge of horses and worked them, doing work such as hauling logs during winter. Joshua lived with son Bill and his family at various times throughout his life. About 1929, Joshua helped Bill operate a small bakery on Barker Street in London. He also lived with them during the 1930's on their farm near Dorchester. Joshua was living in a rooming house on Horton Street in London when he died April 11, 1940. He is buried in Woodland Cemetery in London, Ontario.

Children by 1st wife:

- i **Unkn Snell** b.
- ii **Unkn Snell** b.
- + iii **William "Bill" Joshua Snell** b. 6 Jul (1897) 1898.

Children by Christina:

- iv **Fred Snell** b.

Evolina (Avelina) Snell (Ann², Abraham¹) was born 1865, in Hope Township, Huron County, Ontario. She married at age 16 to **Abraham Wesley Davies**, on June 21, 1882 in East Wawanosh Township by Rev. William Birks. Witnesses to the marriage were William Snell and Jemima Snell (*Marriage registration 004897*). Abraham was born December 21, 1859 in McGillvray Township, Middlesex County. Abraham was a carpenter. At some point, Evolina and Abraham moved to the Bay County, Michigan, U.S.A. area. Family lore suggests that brother Joshua's son "Bill" was raised by Evolina. Abraham died in 1923. Evolina died August 8, 1938. They are buried in or near Flint, Michigan. Abraham's parents: Abraham and Hannah Davies

Children:

- +i **Wesley Davies** b. Sept. 26, 1884
- +ii **Abraham Davies jr.** b. 1889
- +iii **William Davies** b. July 23, 1893
- +iv **Emerson Davies** b. June 17, 1905

Amos Snell (Ann², Abraham¹) was born in 1867, in East Wawanosh Township, Huron County, Ontario. Amos never married, nor had children. Amos apparently was a farm worker and gardener most of his life. He had lived at the nursing home in Clinton for a while in the late 1930's and enjoyed tending their gardens. He had also lived with brother Joshua's son Bill and family for a while at their farm near Dorchester. He died about 1942 or 1943 and is believed to have been buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in London, Ontario.

Isaac "Ike" Snell (Ann², Abraham¹) was born January 20, 1870, in East Wawanosh Township, Huron County, Ontario. He married **Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jane Cook**, December 6, 1911. Lizzie was born July???, 1878. It is thought that Ike worked in stores in Blyth and/or perhaps on nearby farms. For a while they lived in a house at Con#5 Lot#32 East Wawanosh Township, across the road from "Biggarstaff Farm". Ike and Lizzie, for some time lived in a small apartment over a store in Blyth, Ontario. Isaac died December 13, 1948, and is buried Section C lot 377

north 1/2 of Blyth Union Cemetery. Lizzie spent her later years at Huronview Nursing home in Clinton. Elizabeth died March 4, 1966, at 87 years of age and is buried with Isaac. They had no children. Lizzie's parents: John Cook and Janet Rodger

James Henry Best (Amos², Abraham¹) was born February 15, 1859 in Hope Township, Durham County. The 1881 Hope Township Census shows James age 22 living with his father Amos and farming. James was married December 22, 1887, in Bowmanville, to **Mariam Milicia "Millie" Bye** of Newton Hill, today known as Oshawa, Ontario (008605). The wedding was conducted by H.L. Matthews and witnessed by Nellie Jones of Darlington. Millie was born March 9, 1869. Her father James Bye, was born in England and her mother Matilda, was born in Ontario. The 1891 Census (*Durham East, Hope Township, Div. 1, page 62*) lists James as 32 years of age, a farmer, a Methodist. He and Millie were still in Hope when son, Lloyd was born in 1894. The 1901 Hope Township Census lists James Best as a "toll gatekeeper" and married to Mariam. Tabb family records, has her going by her middle name "Millie". Mariam died March 13, 1903, at their home or Amos' home on Yeoville Street, Port Hope. She died at age 33 from a four-day bout of diptheria (019665). Mariam had been attended by Dr. Powers. It is not known where Mariam was buried, although there is a "Bye" monument near their son, little William Frederick's small gray tombstone, in Welcome Cemetery.

At some point after 1903, James married 2nd wife, **Euphemia Clark**. Euphemia was born in 1855. She died January 5, 1925. James, who died a few years later, on June 7, 1928, had his funeral service at St. Paul's Church in Bowmanville, and was buried with Euphemia, in the southwest corner of Newtonville Cemetery, east of Bowmanville. Their tombstone is inscribed as below. Euphemia's parents:

- Children:
- i **William Frederick Henry Best** b. March 1891 d. Aug. 28, 1891 *in infancy and is buried in the southeast corner of Welcome Cemetery.*
 - + ii **Lloyd Best** b. Jan. 12, 1894
- other children?*

<p>B Euphemia Clark Beloved wife of JAMES H. BEST Died Jan 5 1925 AGED 80 YEARS JAMES H. BEST BORN Feb 1859 Died June 7 1928 BEST</p>

<p>WILLIAM FREDERICK HENRY son of Jas. H. & Mariam M. BEST Died Aug 28, 1891 Aged 5Ms 15Ds</p>
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Martha Best (Amos², Abraham¹) was born in 1862 in Hope Township, Durham County. Martha was married March 18, 1879 in Port Hope, Ontario, to **Job Moore**. (*Marriage reg. 007266*) Job was born in 1858 in Darlington Township, Durham County. Martha and Job were married by Rev. R.J. Beattie. Witnesses to the wedding were Henry Perkins and cousin Eliza Jane Tabb. Their's was an unfortunate story that we may never know. Martha died only a year after they were married, on April 25, 1880. And sadly, Job died shortly after that, on April 13, 1881. They are buried side by side in Zion Cemetery, Hope Township. A transcription description of their

tombstone writings, are as outlined below. It is not believed that Martha and Job had children.
Job's parents: Thomas and Lois Moore

<p>Martha Wife of Job Moore Died Apr. 25, 1880</p> <p>(marker- M.M.)</p>	<p>In memory of Job Moore Died Apr. 13, 18— Aged 23 yrs & 6mo's</p> <p><i>They were parted but two years</i> <i>When he bowed his head and died</i> <i>We brought him here with sighs and tears</i> <i>And laid him by her side</i></p>
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Amos Best jr (Amos², Abraham¹) was born in June 5, 1864 (some sources state 1865) in Hope Township, Durham County, Upper Canada. Like his father, Amos learned the trade of carpentry. In the 1891 Ontario Census, 26- year old Amos, lived at home on Concession 5 Lot 26 with father Amos, his stepmother Mary, and sister Evaline, and was a carpenter. Chances are that father and son had a business.

Amos jr. was married May 3, 1898, in Orono, Ontario, to **Lucinda “Lucy” Floto (010415)**. The marriage was conducted by Rev. W. Adams and witnessed by W.H. Clarke and M.B. Adams. Lucy was born May 10, 1855 and therefore somewhat older than Amos, by about ten years. She had been a widow, marrying quite young at age 14 or 15, to a German labourer in Hope Township by the name of Christian Floto. Lucy, at age 15 had a baby, “William J.” by C. Floto. Lucy's maiden name was Clarke. Like Amos' stepmother Mary, Lucy was of Irish origin and Catholic. The 1901 Hope Township Census lists only Amos, a carpenter, and his wife “Lucinda”. It is unknown if Amos and Lucinda had children, however it would be unlikely.

According to the Port Hope “Evening Guide” Amos died June 27, 1916 at age 52. Amos' death certificate (024649) outlined that Amos died from a kidney disease called Nephritis. This is a condition that is addressed today with antibiotics. The certificate suggests that he was buried in Welcome Cemetery. Welcome being a small hamlet in the area, with the cemetery located halfway to Port Hope. It is not known when or where Lucinda died and was buried, however Welcome Cemetery would be likely. Her death was after Amos, as he was identified as being married at the time of his death. Lucy's parents: Rachel Connelly and Thomas Clarke

Evaline Maud Best (Amos², Abraham¹) was born in 1869. Eva was married June 28, 1895 in Toronto, Ontario to **Lorenzo John Seaman. (014623)** The marriage was conducted by Rev. Galbraith. Eva had been living and presumably working as a seamstress or “tailoress” in Toronto, during this time. Lorenzo was born in 1868, in the United States. Lorenzo was a manufacturer of medical supplies. It is not known if Eva had children. It is not known when Evaline died or where she is buried. There is a Maude E. Seaman buried in Stoney Creek Cemetery, however more research is required. Lorenzo's parents: Clarke and Martha Seaman Children: ???

Richard Charles Best (Joshua², Abraham¹) was born September 4, 1870, most likely in East Wawanosh Township, Huron County, Ontario. When he was a small boy, young Richard, father Joshua and mother Lydia settled in Cass County, Michigan, U.S.A. At age 23, on July 11, 1894, Richard married **Katie Bick. (Marriage records Book D, pg. 96, entry 1367, Cass County)**. Katie was born in 1872, in Dowagiac City, Cass County, Michigan. Richard was a Lodgeman and took an

active part of civic and social affairs. Richard was also an active member in John Philip Sousa's Marching Band. It is not believed that Katie and Richard had any children. Richard died at home on Division Street, from pneumonia, at age 49, on February 23, 1920. Richard was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, in Dowagiac City, by Father O'Neill. Katie most likely remarried after Richard's death, however nothing is known of her. Katie's parents: Benedict Bick and Pheobe Koof, immigrants from Germany.

Elizabeth Annetta "Anne" Best (Joshua², Abraham¹) was born January 21, 1872 in East Wawanosh Township, Huron County. (*birth reg. 010877*) She was baptized November 3rd of the same year, and is recorded in the Ontario Wesleyan Baptismal Records. As a little girl, in 1879, Anne went with her parents Joshua and Lydia, and her brothers Richard and young Josh jr. to settle in Silver Creek Township, Cass County, Michigan. At some point during the 1890's, Anne and her family moved to Richland Township, Scott County, Missouri. She was married April 17, 1892 to **Samuel B. Gossett**. Samuel was also born in Indiana, September 12, 1871. Samuel was a sawyer by occupation. As her father Joshua had been a sawyer in Michigan, it may be probable the he and Samuel had worked together. By the 1900 Missouri Census, Anne's mother had died and her father Joshua, was living with her and Samuel. They had no children after eight years of marriage.

In the 1910 Missouri Census for the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Anne and Samuel are listed with one child, and 19 years of marriage. In the 1920 Census, Anne and Samuel had moved to Galveston, Texas, where Samuel was a wharf labourer. Samuel died at age 57, November 30, 1928, in Delta, Missouri and was buried in the Sikeston City Cemetery. An excerpt from his obituary reads, "*Sam Gossett, a one-time farmer and citizen of Sikeston for 12 or 14 years, but who later moved to Delta, died at his home last Thursday night... Mr. Gossett lived near this city for many years and then moved to Galveston, where he resided for about 12 years. Two years ago he moved to Delta where he engaged in business.*" By the 1930 Census, Anne was back in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, widowed and living with her sister Eva's family. She is listed as a sister-in-law and working as a servant for the Leslie family. The 1930 Census lists William Leslie 52, as the head of the family. Eva Leslie, wife 45 and born in Indiana. Anne Gossett, sister in law, 58, widowed. Bullie Oliver, grand-daughter, 8 years and born in Missouri. Anne died in 1942 and was buried
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Children:
i ??? Gossett b. died in infancy

Joshua Daniel Best jr. (Joshua², Abraham¹) was born June 15, 1874, in the village of Belgrave, East Wawanosh Township, Huron County. As a young boy, young Josh along with his family settled in Cass County, Michigan. Later he moved to Missouri with the family, settling, as mentioned previously, in Richland Township, Scott County, in 1890. Joshua jr. was married September 30, 1897, in Benton, Scott County, to **Georgia Mae Smith**. Georgia was born March 26, 1879 in Sikeston, Missouri. Joshua and Georgia were farmers in Missouri. Joshua was also a lumber inspector for a while. The 1910 Missouri Census lists Joshua and Georgia. Joshua is identified as working in a box factory. In 1917, the family moved to Holland, Missouri, where Joshua operated a drug store for several years. The 1920 Census lists the family living in Holland, Pemiscot County, Missouri. Joshua died August 7, 1939, from an abscess of the liver and post-operative bronchial-pneumonia, at St. Francis Hospital, in Cape Girardeau. He was buried in Sikeston City Cemetery, Missouri. An excerpt from his obituary states "*Mr. Best always had taken an active part in the improvement of that city, and at the time of his death was mayor. He was a member of the Methodist Church and of the Masonic Order of Steele*".

Georgia moved to St. Louis, Missouri and was a member of Tower Grove Baptist Church. Like Joshua, Georgia was also a Masonic member in the Order of the Eastern Star, chapter 330. Georgia died November 24, 1958, in St. Louis, Missouri, from myocardial infarction. She was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sikeston City, Missouri. Georgia's parents:

Children:

+	i	Opal Lillian Best	b. Aug. 28, 1898
+	ii	Richard Charles Best	b. June 8, 1901
+	iii	Ruth Best	b. Feb. 16, 1903
+	iv	Fern Lydia Best	b. Oct. 19, 1905
+	v	Millie Best	b. Sept, 1909
+	vi	Georgia Mae Best	b. Feb. 19, 1914
+	vii	Geneva Maxine Best	b. Feb. 21, 1920
+	viii	Wanda Louise Best	b. Aug. 27, 1922

Eva Best (Joshua², Abraham¹) was born September 9, 1884 in Indiana, U.S.A. She was married at age 15, May 19, 1900 in Scott County, Missouri to **William H. Leslie**. William was born about 1877 in Indiana. (*from 1930 census*) Eva's father, Joshua D. Best, was required to give consent for her underage marriage. Eva and William lived in Richland Township, Scott County, Missouri. Eva's widowed sister Anne lived with the family for a number of years after 1928. Eva died ??? and was buried ???. William died ??? and was buried ??? William's parents:

Children:

+	i	Stewart Leslie	b. 1901
+	ii	Katherine "Kate" Leslie	b. 1903
	iii	Joseph "Joe" Leslie	b. 1904
	iv	Lucille Leslie	b. 1913
	v	Vincent Leslie	b. 1915
	vi	Cora Leslie	b. 1917
	vii	Louise Leslie	b. 1919

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Edwards (Evalina², Abraham¹) was born October 18, 1866 in Hope Township, Durham County. As a toddler, Lizzie, her parents Evalina and Henry along with her baby brother, Kenneth, moved to East Wawanosh Township in Huron County. She was raised in Henry's new log cabin on Concession 6 and went to school across the road at S.S. #13. As a young girl, Lizzie would have helped with the household chores. Somewhere along the line, Elizabeth charted new ground for a woman in Huron County and learned to be a photographer. At 36, Lizzie eventually married a much younger **Arthur Kingsbury**, Dec. 4, 1902, in Wingham. Arthur was born in 1877 in Camberwell, Surrey, England (*1881 British Census*) and emigrated to Canada in 1894, with friends, Ernest Seguss and Charles Keating. At some point however, Lizzie lost most of her eyesight and was unable to continue with her career. Arthur was a painter/ paperhanger by trade. Lizzie and Arthur apparently liked to camp, and spent time camping and fishing in riverside areas of Huron County. They first lived in "the Nile", near sister Maria and Ernest, and then moved to London, Blyth and Goderich. Lizzie died July 26, 1953. Arthur died May 4, 1961 in Wingham. They are buried ????? He lived in a room over a store at the time. They had no children. Arthur's parents: Elizabeth Kingsbury (cab driver) and father ?

John "Ken" Kenneth Edwards (Evalina², Abraham¹) was born May 23, 1868, in Hope Township, Durham County. It is not known when nor why Ken decided to move west, nor when he

met Lillie. He married **Margaret “Lillie” Edmeston** date/ location unknown, although likely she was from the west. Lillie was born in 1887. Ken and Lillie were farmers outside of Maple Creek Saskatchewan. Many relatives from Aunt Myra Tabb’s family also went to this area to settle. Upon retirement from the farm, Ken had their house moved to the middle of town, where they lived out their days. They had had no children. Ken died April 14, 1957. Lillie died several years later in 1963. They are buried in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan.

Thomas “Tom” Henry Edwards (Evalina², Abraham¹) was born August 9, 1871, in Dungannon, Huron County, Ontario. . During his younger years, Tom was a streetcar operator in London and lived on Adelaide St. south. He was somewhat of a good- looking man. This, along with a certain amount of charm, blessed Tom with a way with the ladies. He married 1st wife **Lynetta “Violet” Ashton**, June 1, 1898 in London, Ontario. Violet was born April 13, 1882. Tom also learned carpentry skills and worked for the Canadian National Railway, repairing cars. Violet died at an early age in 1915 and was buried in Colborne Cemetery, Huron County. He married 2nd wife **Ida (Grace?) May**, date/ location unknown. Ida was born October 7, 1869. He lived in Blyth with Ida during his early retirement years. They lived in a little house, second from the right end, on North Street. According to some memories, they were always fun to visit. Tom was a very religious Presbyterian and always observed the Sabbath. He didn’t even attend his only daughter Velma’s wedding, because she married an Anglican. Ida died September 14, 1939 and was buried in Sec. 18, a narrow strip west of Gesthsemane Gardens, row 2, at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, in London, Ontario.

After Ida died, Tom met an old childhood friend, whom he went to school with in East Wawanosh, **Alberta “Bertie” (Amy?) Mason**. Tom and Alberta were married ????. Alberta was born ??? (d. 1948? Buried ? Blyth?). In his later years, Thomas lived with daughter Velma and her family, on Ashland Ave. in London. He suffered from colon cancer that required surgery/ colostomy. Thomas died October 6, 1953 and was buried with Ida at Forest Lawn, in London, Ontario. Their memorial plaque reads –

<p style="text-align:center"> EDWARDS Thomas H. Aug 9 1871- Oct 6 1953 EDWARDS, Ida Wife of Thomas H Edwards Oct 7 1869 – Sept 14 1939 Asleep in Jesus </p>
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Child by 1st wife:
+ i **Velma Lynetta Edwards** b. Aug. 3, 1902

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Maria “Mariah” Edwards (Evalina², Abraham¹) was born December 23, 1877, in East Wawanosh Twp., Huron County, Ontario. She was married September 10, 1902 at Londesborough, Ontario to **Ernest Seguss**. Ernest, one of thirteen children, was born April 7, 1878 in Woolwich, Kent, England. Ernest emigrated to Canada, as a teenager in 1894, with his friends, Charles Keating and Arthur Kingsbury. The 1901 Ontario Census lists Ernest as working on the farm of William Scott, Con#14 Lot 41 of Hullet Township, Huron County. Ernest and Maria married and lived in the village of Dungannon, Huron County. Dungannon was a thriving rural

community at the turn of the century. Ernest was a blacksmith by trade and ran his own shop there. During WW1, Ernest enlisted in 1915 at age 36, and eventually became a sargeant in the Engineer's corp. and saw action in France and Belgium. At some point after the war, Ernest and Maria moved to the hamlet of Nile (known as "the" Nile). Ernest, with an easy-going personality, had a keen interest in music, and was a composer of music and verse. He played an assortment of instruments including the organ, flute and guitar. He played in the local brass band. Maria, although not being able to read music, also had a musical ability with the organ. In his later years, Ernest suffered from breathing difficulties resultant from being gassed on the front during the war. Ernest would often require "rest in the parlour". Maria was reportedly not shy about expressing opinions. She would sit on the porch of their small house, and keep an eye on village activities. Maria and Ernest were quite active in local activities. He was an Orangeman. They both were involved in the church. Maria was a Sunday school teacher and Ernest was a caretaker. Ernest read the Bible aloud each day, usually before breakfast. Maria was an avid quilter. He eventually died of pneumonia, November 24, 1940, and is buried in Dungannon Cemetery, Section B-54 about midway back, with a military headstone # 166189. Maria died several years later, August 11, 1944 and is also buried there. Ernest's parents: Richard Seguss (gas stoker) and Sarah Evans

Children:

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| + i | Lionel Seguss | b. Jan. 25, 1904 |
| + ii | Gladys Seguss | b. Oct. 15, 1905 |
| + iii | Florence May Seguss | b. Feb. 28, 1907 |
| + iv | Sylvia Seguss | b. July 22, 1908 |
| v | Carl Seguss | b. died in infancy of typhoid. |
| vi | Roy (Raymond?) Seguss | b. twin of Mabel, died in infancy |
| vii | Mabel Seguss | b. twin of Roy, died in infancy |

Annie Edwards (Evalina², Abraham¹) was born September 11, 1882, in East Wawanosh Township, Huron County, Ontario, Canada. She married September 22, 1904 to **Charles John Keating**, born February 20, 1878 in London, England. Charles emigrated from England in 1894, at the young age of 16, with his two friends, Arthur Kingsbury and Ernest Seguss, on the S.S.Labrador. The boys left Liverpool April 12th and arrived at Halifax April 21st. They then took the CPR to Toronto. (*Charles and Ernest are listed in Canada Archives documents microfilm C-4516, as "home children". It is probable that Charles and siblings were orphaned after 1887, or this status may have been merely for the purpose of passage*). The friends also ended up marrying two of Annie's sisters, Elizabeth and Maria, respectively. Early photographs, again probably taken by sister, Lizzie, shows the sisters in their early twenties, as being quite attractive. Annie had large, most likely blue eyes, and long brown hair. Charles also, in early photos was quite handsome with a good physique, dark hair and groomed mustache.

Charles and future brother-in-law Ernest, for the first number of years in Canada, worked as hired hands on farms in Huron County. Even after marrying Annie in 1904, Charles worked for William Hill at Concession 2 Lot 9 of Colborne Township, in 1908. Charles and Annie moved around frequently, and lived in Benmiller, Auburn and Westfield. Charles was a hired farmhand for years, primarily in East Wawanosh, prior to him and Annie settling on a 100-acre farm in Morris Township, east of the village of Belgrave, in 1928. Charles, like his friend and brother-in-law Ernest, was an avid Orangeman. He always celebrated the traditional defeat of the Irish Catholics at the "Battle of the Boyne", annually July 12th. He played the flute, wore ribbons and marched in their parades. Charles took life somewhat casually, and was certainly able to enjoy himself. Charles was also somewhat of an actor and had a sense of humour. With this sense of showmanship

he was able to do such things as link his fingers and jump through his own arms, like a hoop. Charles passed this attitude toward life down to his sons Norman and Mel.

Annie apparently didn't appreciate Charles' abilities and was frequently at odds with Charles. Perhaps because of domestic problems, Charles was also remembered as being somewhat moody, and even cross with the younger children and grandchildren. Annie was raised as a Methodist and saw life more seriously than Charles did. As an indication of her upbringing, there was a framed pledge with 80 names, that once hung in the main vestibule of Westfield Methodist church, that stated "*We, the undersigned, do solemnly promise, by the Help of God, to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors, tobacco and profanity.*" Annie's name along with sister Lizzie, cousins Edmund and Edward Snell, Susy (Kernick) Tabb and Mildred McLarty, were all proudly displayed. (*These names are all found within this document*)

Charles died on April 8, 1939. He apparently had gotten sick with a bad cough. He was sent to the hospital in Wingham and eventually ended up in the sanitarium in London, where he died of tuberculosis, better known to the Huron County rurals, as "galloping consumption", because the sickness had claimed him so quickly. Annie continued to live and work on the farm with her youngest son Harold, after Charles' death. Annie enjoyed and took pride in maintaining a wonderful garden, and made a little money from her chickens. The garden was always stocked with many varieties of fruit and vegetables including raspberries, red/ black currants, rhubarb, and herbs. They also had a small apple orchard, which yielded several types of delicious apples. She was very conscious about keeping records about financial matters and things that were important to her.

Annie died many years later, at 75 years of age, January 11, 1958 at Wingham General Hospital, from a blood clot. Annie and Charles are buried at Brandon Cemetery, Belgrave, Ontario. As an interest to note, also buried with them is Charles' younger sister, Isabella "Bella" Frances Keating. Bella was born October 30, 1887 in London, England and followed Charles to Canada in 1903, prior to Charles' marriage to Annie. Bella was a very tiny, quiet and demure woman, being only about four foot tall. She was much loved by the several families where she had worked as a domestic. The family of a "Mr. Robinson" from Toronto, even cared and provided for Bella when she was destitute and ill, living in Blyth, probably in the early 1950's. It is not known why the family didn't care for her at this critical time. She was moved to the Brookhaven Nursing Home in Wingham, where she lived and prospered with her many friends for about 30 years. Bella eventually passed away April 17, 1983. Charles' parents were John Keating and Mary Mitchell, of London England.

Children:

- + i **Hazel Laura Keating** b. Apr. 30, 1905
- + ii **Norman Keating** b. June 27, 1908
- + iii **Melborne "Mel" Emerson Keating** b. Sept. 18, 1911
- + iv **Harold Leslie Keating** b. Apr. 5, 1924

Laura May Edwards (Evalina², Abraham¹) was born March 16, 1884 in East Wawanosh Township, Huron County, Ontario. She married **Robert "Bob" Albert Moore**, November 21, 1905, in Auburn, Ontario, by Rev. Fallis. The marriage was witnessed by Mrs. Fallis and her daughter Irene. Bob was born in 1875 in Belfast Ireland. Bob had emigrated from Ireland as a young man, presumably in 1894, at the same time as Charles, Arthur and Ernest. Bob was a veteran of WW1. Bob worked on farms in the Dungannon area, near where they lived. In later years, Bob

and Laura maintained a small house on the east edge of the village. Bob had several cows in the small barn and sold milk to his neighbours. Laura has been described as being “somewhat loud”, however as Bob was hard of hearing, so it may have been justified.

Bob died in 1955. Laura died shortly after, April 18, 1957, coincidentally only several days after her brother Ken had died out in Maple Creek. Bob and Laura are buried in Dungannon Cemetery, just behind the chapel in the front of the cemetery. The house still stands, however the white picket fence, large tidy garden and fruit trees are all gone. Bob’s parents: James and Annie Moore.

Children:

+	i	Mildred Moore	b. May 27, 1908	
	ii	George Moore	b. Aug. 6, 1910	d. 1963 m. Alberta M. Currie