

The Thomas Bye family...

...from the [International Genealogical Index](#) (M145071)...

Thomas Bye married Sarah Holdaway (d/o John and Mary Holdaway, and br/o Henry, christened 1813 & married Sarah Batt , 19 July 1834:Stoke Charity; and George) 19 May 1836 at Stoke Charity, Hampshire, England. They emigrated to Canada in 1842 with their three sons.

Other Bye families - Charles, William, Alexander (London, 1844), Whitney, John, Henery & James - followed from England, relationship undetermined, but likely related as at least :

James (1807: s/o Thomas/Anna Maria):

William (1810: s/o Thomas/Maria); and

Charles (07 Jan 1812-03 Aug 1898): s/o Thomas/Maria)

were christened at Stoke Charity (C145071).

Thomas Bye (christened 29 Apr 1781 at Stoke Charity; s/o James and Mary – C145071) and Anna Maria Simms (christened 10 Jul 1785 at Stoke Charity; d/o John Sims/Simms/Symes and Ann Cole - C145071) were married 17 Jun 1807 at Stoke Charity (M145071).

John Sims/Simms/Symes and Ann Cole were married on 09 Nov 1765 in Stoke Charity. Anna Maria Simms' siblings included: John (1766), Elizabeth (1768), Mary (1769), Sarah (1771), Thomas (1774), Mary Ann (1781) and Richard (1787).

Charles Bye (07 Jan 1812:Hampshire, Eng.-1898) was the h/o Mary Brown (1813-1884). They emigrated to Canada in 1842. Their five daughters included: Sarah (1846-1907), Matilda (1851-1925) and Louisa (1854-1859). All are buried at Welcome Cemetery. From Thomas' obituary and cemetery records, we can be reasonably confident that Thomas was also the s/o Thomas and Anna Maria.

...[Hope/1845](#)...(first record of a Bye in the township)

Bye, Thomas - Lot 19, Con. 4

...[Hope/1847](#)...

Bye, Thomas - Lot 19, Concession 2

...[Hope/1851](#) (Div 2, p. 27)...

Bye, Thomas (36) b. Eng., English Church, farmer

Sarah (33) b Eng.

Henry (15) b Eng.

James (13) b Eng.

George (11) b Eng.

Anna (8) b Canada

Arthur (4) b Canada

...[Hope/1861](#) (p. 26)...

Bye, Thomas (44) b Eng., Bible Christian, farmer (unable to read or write), living in one-story frame house

Sarah (42) b Eng.

James (21) b Eng.

George (19) b Eng.

Ann M. (17) b Upper Canada

Arthur (12) b UC

Mary E. (8) b UC

(There is no further sign of Thomas & Sarah in the census returns nor the cemetery database. This is explained by Thomas' obit that appeared in the 12 Apr 1895 "Port Hope Weekly Guide".

Bye, Thomas (d21 Mar 1895 aged 79 in Sydenham, Grey County, Ontario...born England 18 Dec 1815...emigrated with his wife (18 Dec 1873) and 3 sons to Hope Twp. 1842; then to Grey County 1875...br/o Charles of Port Britain. There was an item in the 18 Dec 1886 Port Hope Weekly guide about Arthur Bye of Woodford, Grey Co. and formerly of Hope Twp., born Hampshire, Eng. who died 18 Dec after taking liniment instead of medicine. He left a widow and 5 children.

...[Port Hope/1861](#)...

James Austin (48) b Eng., Church of England, butcher

Margaret (53) b Eng., Bible Christian
William (21) b Upper Canada, BC, butcher
Margaret (19) b UC, BC
Susannah (17) b UC, BC ("Girl born 31 Jan 1845, d/o James & Miriam Austin" - Marriage Records of UC/CW)
Sarah (12) b UC, BC ("Girl born 31 Jul 1849, d/o James & Miriam Austin" - Marriage Records of UC/CW)
Mary (11) b UC, BC
James (8) b UC, BC

...from the Durham County Marriage Registers (1859-1869)...

Bye, James, 24, Hope, England, s/o Thomas & Sarah married 19 May 1864 Susanna Matilda Austin, 19, Hope, Hope, d/o James & Marian

(James had a brother, Henry, mentioned in the Northumberland County Marriage Register. Bye, Henry, 22, Hope, England, s/o Thomas & Sarah m. 08 Nov 1858 Louise Knight, Hope, England, d/o Cashel & Emily.)

...Hope/1881...

Bye, James (42) b Eng, toll keeper
Susan Matilda (35) wife, b Ont.
William Frederick (16) son, b Ont., labourer
Melissa (13) dau., b Ont.
William (9) son, b Ont.

...Hope/1891...

Bye, James (53) b Eng, Hope Gravelroad tollgate keeper
Susan M. (46) wife, b Ont
William (18) son, b Ont
Lilly E. (6) dau., b Ont

James died 12 Jun 1896, aged 58 and is buried in Welcome Cemetery.

...Port Hope/1901...

Bye, Matilda (53) widow, b 31 Jan 1848
A. William (29) son, b 27 Aug 1872, labourer
L. Ethel (17) dau., b 06 Nov 1884 (L. Ethel/Lillie E....same person?)
(Birth dates are questionable.)

Family plot at Welcome United Cemetery...

James Bye (d 12 Jun 1896@58)...Ross records claim 25 Sep 1896@63...
William Frederick Bye (d 25 Aug 1882@17)
Grandfather Austin? (Likely James)
Grandmother Austin? (Likely Miriam)
Henry Arthur Workman (1906-23 Aug 1985)
Mabel Pearl (Bye) Workman (1909-1991)
James Austin (-1895)
Mariam M. Austin (-25 Aug 1882)

Also buried at Welcome. but not shown...

* Susan Matilda Austin, w/o James Bye (Obit: Port Hope Weekly Guide; d 30 Dec 1915)
* William Austin Bye (bHopeTwp.-d13 Jun 1936@63y9m16d; grocer...Allison funeral record)
* Elizabeth Mabel (McCombe) Bye (Ross records: died at the age of 37 in Toronto of influenza; shipped to Port Hope via the Grand Trunk Railway on 16 Nov 1918. William Austin Bye's first wife.

6725 – Elizabeth Mabel Bye, 37, died 14 Nov 1918:Toronto of influenza (immediate COD - bronchopneumonia). D/o Alex. McComb. Informant: W.A. Bye, 64 Papae Avenue, Toronto.

The John McComb family...

...Hope/1845...(first record in the township)

McComb, John - Lot 8, Con. 7...family of 6

...Hope/1851...

| Name, Age, Birthplace, Religion, Occupation | | | |
|---|---------|------|--------|
| McComb, John (30) | Ireland | CofS | Farmer |
| Mary (30) | Ireland | | |
| M. (12) | Ireland | | |
| E. (6) | Canada | | |
| James (4) | | | |
| Alex. (2) | | | |

Based on the Matthew's (M.) and Elizabeth's (E.) ages given above, the family arrived in Hope Twp. around 1839-1845.

...Darlington/1861...

| Name, Age next birthday, Birthplace, Religion, Occupation, Residence if out of Limits | | | | |
|---|--------------|------|---------------|---------|
| McComb, John (45) | Scotland | CofS | Agriculturist | |
| Mary (44) | Ireland | | | |
| Matthew (19) | Ireland | | Labourer | Manvers |
| Elizabeth (15) | Upper Canada | | | |
| James (14) | | | Labourer | |
| Alexander (12) | | | Labourer | |
| Margaret (10) | | | | |
| John (8) | | | Labourer | |
| Mary (6) | | | | |
| William (2) | | | Labourer (?!) | |

007219 – Alexander McComb, 23, Bachelor, Canada, Hope Twp., Farmer, s/o John & Mary married 01 Dec 1874:Clarke Elizabeth Mckinly, 18, Spinster, Canada, Clarke Twp., d/o Donald & Elizabeth. Presbyterian.

...Hope/1881...

| Name, Age, Birthplace, Origin, Religion, Occupation | | | | |
|---|----------|--------|--------------|--------|
| McCombe, John (67) | Scotland | Scotch | Presbyterian | Farmer |
| Mary (60) | Ireland | Irish | | |
| William (20) | Ontario | Scotch | | Farmer |
| Mary Jane (18) | Ontario | Scotch | | |

While unable locate John/Mary in the 1891 Ontario census returns, there is a couple in Quebec who fit the time frame, although they're now listed as Methodists. Unable to prove whether or not they're 'ours'.

...Hochelaga, Quebec/1891...

| Name, Age, Birthplace, Birthplace of father/mother, Religion | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| McComb, John (76) | Ireland | Ireland/Ireland | Methodist |
| Mary (71) | Ireland | Ireland/Ireland | Methodist |

...Darlington/1881...

McComb, Alexander (25)
Elizabeth (21)
Alexander (5)

...Clarke/1891...

| Name, Age, Relation of Head of Household, Birthplace, Birthplace of Father/Mother, Religion, Occupation | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------|-------------|---------|-----------------------|
| McComb, Alexander (39) | Head | Ontario | Free Church | Ireland | Teamster Presbyterian |
| Elizabeth (30) | Wife | Ontario | | Ontario | |
| Wallace (14) | Son | | | | |
| Mabel (9) | Daughter | | | | |
| Wibert (8) | Son | | | | |

018138 - Elizabeth McKinley McComb, 38, died 05 Mar 1897:Elizabeth St., Port Hope, of tuberculosis. Informant: A. McComb. Burial site unknown. No re-marriage nor death registration for Alexander has yet been located.

014845 – William Austin Bye, 34, Carpenter, Bachelor, Hope Twp., Port Hope, s/o James Bye & Susan Matilda Austin, married 11 Oct 1906:Port Hope Elizabeth Mable McCombe, 25, Spinster, Hope Twp., Port Hope, d/o Alexander McCombe & Elizabeth Jane McKinley.

020447 – William Austin Bye, 37, Merchant, Widower, Hope Twp., Port Hope, s/o James Bye & Susan Matilda Austin, married 01 Apr 1920:Port Hope Melicca Maud Wilkinson, 45, Widow, Hope Twp., Port Hope, d/o John Trew &

Johannah Prouse Williams.

009154 – Arthur Victor Wilkinson, 26, Farmer, Bachelor, Newcastle, Ont., Clarke Twp., s/o Richard Thomas Wilkinson & Fanny Hodge, married 15 Jan 1896:Port Hope Maud Melicca Trew, 21, Spinster, Elizabethville, Port Hope, d/o John Trew & Johanna Williams.

To date, I have checked the Hope Township census and assessment records (1801-1851), Northumberland County cemetery database (CemSearch), Durham East census reports (1861-1911), Ross and Allison funeral homes' records (1860-), marriage/birth/death records and probates (Ancestry.ca).

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