

Greenwood Cemetery Indigent Plot Narrative Project

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Greenwood Cemetery
190 1st Street S.W.
Owen Sound, ON
Former Derby Township, now Township of Georgian Bluffs
enter from 2nd Ave. SE
Latitude N44° 32' 52.01
Longitude W80° 56' 25.7''

Introduction

Welcome to the Greenwood Cemetery Indigent Plot Narratives Project! The project came into being after a small group of Owen Sound citizens came together to address the absence of a marker indicating the cemetery's indigent plot. To the unwitting passerby, it was simply a grassy area in the cemetery, a stone's throw from the row of monuments of what is colloquially known as "Abolitionists' Row". People buried in the indigent plot received burial rites, but no markers. Through a generous donation by John and Shirley Reaburn, the indigent plot is now graced with a fitting monument: all those buried there may be gone, but they are no longer forgotten. This project was intended to search out nominal information about people there interred and to offer it as a searchable database for anyone looking for ancestors or other people of historic interest. Thanks to an initial transcription of indigent plot burials, made available through the Bruce & Grey Branch, Ontario Geological Society (BGOGS), we were able to begin. The project was funded by a federal funding agency, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council through their Partnership Engage Grant program. Through this grant we partnered with Grey Roots Museum and Archives and have worked closely with archivist Karin Noble to see this to fruition. The grant came through just as the doors to all archives closed on account of the global pandemic! This pushed us into a totally on-line, digital environment.

Completeness of project:

Our intention was to write brief, respectful narratives about the lives of those interred based on the nominal information we gathered. The information included in each narrative is intended to be a place to start for more extensive historical or genealogical research.

Our approach to researching those buried in the indigent plot was dictated by the availability of sources: we were limited to what was available online. Because we relied heavily on census data and the 1931 census is not yet available, we tempered our focus to those who died before 1930. The research process began by culling the list of 1250 names down to the 992 who died before 1930.

Sources and Culling names:

Once our list of names was narrowed down, we decided to create a cross section of individuals based on decade of death, family members also interred in the indigent plot, age, gender and (where known) racial identity. (Although the BGOGS' transcription was in alphabetical order, we did not simply begin with last names beginning with A!) We worked first by decade, collecting data from the digitized census records for Grey County found on the Library and Archives Canada database.

This information was then supplemented with birth, marriage and death records made available through FamilySearch. The main challenge at this stage was the interpretative work of deciphering handwritten documents, with levels of legibility and scan quality varying greatly. Other sources included transcribed and digitized government registries, such as: the *Old Durham Road Register 1848-1851* and the *Directory of the Residents of Grey County, 1865-6*. We also accessed various local histories.

At this point we carefully reviewed the raw data and made attempts to verify whether or not the information from these vital records could be attributed to the individual buried in the indigent plot. To corroborate our findings, we compared vital data with other information we found about individuals and family members in primary and secondary sources.

In many cases there was either no data available, or only unreliable data available for those interred. This was especially true of infants and young children—which represent roughly 58% of the burials in the indigent plot.

There were many instances where within one township multiple people shared the same name and had a relatively similar date or year of birth. In order to distinguish which person was buried in the indigent plot, we tracked the names of family or household members and vital information across multiple censuses and records.

Where we could not reasonably confirm if a source provided evidence relative to the interred, we did not include this information within their narrative.

Closer to the end of our data gathering, we gained access to the actual Greenwood Cemetery Registry (kindly loaned to Grey Roots Museum and Archives for the purpose of taking photographs of each page!) The registry gave us vital information for deaths before 1869 which is when the province's death registry started.

The information gleaned from these vital sources allowed us to craft a preliminary chronology of a person's life and kinship network, data that included: age, place of birth, marital status, occupation, religion, origin, and ethnicity. Despite its partiality, this information made it easier for us to see patterns and establish relationships between people.

Because most of these narratives were based on institutional sources, information about people's lives was organized through their interactions with the state. This was of course shaped by imperial and patriarchal distortions—challenges that were magnified in the case of those deemed indigent because of race, gender and / or class. Our research process was therefore guided by a critical engagement with these records.

Overall, the digital environment augmented our interactions with the archival data both positively and negatively. On the one hand digital searches for a word or name enabled us to discover new data through linked records or files. On the other hand, in some cases this type of searching removed contextual information that emerges by combing through resources in a reading room.

Where available, information from local histories, land registries, and obituaries provided more complexity and nuance to census and vital data. One of the puzzles of this COVID era research was locating archives and collections useful to the project. This was a task of learning by doing, with success depending on a combination of system, common sense, and serendipity.

Beside this long list of online resources we also made great use of studies done by local historians such as Paul White, and Bonita Johnson-deMatteis, as well as *Northern Terminus: The African Canadian History Journal* which is a Grey Roots Museum and Archives publication. Transcribed obituaries from Owen Sound's newspapers, *The Advertiser*, *The Sun* and *The Times* provided additional information on some of those interred. Because we had access to these particular sources, we were able to situate individual family histories alongside broader historical events that occurred in Grey County. Overall, these local sources allowed us to craft richer narratives about those buried in the indigent plot.

Based on the information from these sources we were able to draft 507 narratives. The reopening of the Archives of Ontario and Grey Roots Museum & Archives brings the possibility of discovering new records on those interred, allowing for the enrichment of completed narratives and the drafting of additional ones.

Signalling race/origin/ethnicity:

Racial classifications on Canadian censuses are shaped by evolving ideas about race, ethnicity and migration; the beliefs of statisticians and census designers; domestic institutions involved in the administration of the census; and the judgements of enumerators in the field. Broadly speaking the intent of these categories appears to be to draw a distinction between white people and all others. In our narratives we are careful not to reinforce these racial categories, and therefore our terminology reflects contemporary understandings of inclusive language. We have used country of origin if the individual was born elsewhere, i.e., "born in Ireland". We have used the term "descent" to signal country of origin of the individual's forbears, i.e., "of Irish descent". We have used "of African descent" instead of the various terms the census used for Black people: "coloured", "mulatto", "negro" or "B" (for "Black").

Women:

Piecing together the lives of women buried in the indigent plot posed many challenges. In almost all cases the census and death registry limit what can be known about a woman's life to their relationship with men—whether their father or husband, or other male family member.

Historical research indicates that women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century performed a variety of paid and unpaid labour. However, only in very rare cases was this labour accounted for in the census and vital records. In some

instances, women are described as “housekeepers” or as working at “home”. In other instances, women have no occupation listed on the census, despite heading large families or living on farming plots.

Family narratives:

The entire document is ordered by family surname. Where we could establish relationships between people, we put family members together under one heading. In most cases we ordered family narratives chronologically, beginning with oldest members of the family (no matter when they died) and then included their descendants in order of date of death.

Disclaimer: Please note that readers will find people with the same surname not included in a family grouping, who may or may not be related. This was usually due to gaps in information needed to confirm relations between people. We welcome information that can work to establish family networks.

Names in italics:

Where a person’s narrative mentions another person interred in the indigent plot that name is italicized.

Age discrepancies:

When drafting the timelines necessary to construct a narrative of a subject’s life we often ran into significant discrepancies of age across multiple censuses and vital records. These variances could be a result of several factors: ignorance about age; miscommunication between enumerators and informants; distortion of age to meet social norms; or errors of recording or processing. The discrepancies are most prevalent among adults. The narratives reflect these discrepancies because in most cases, we were unable to determine the correct age.

The 1901 census was the first to collect information on both age at last birthday and date-of-birth. Therefore, the records produced from 1901 onward likely provide more accurate reporting of age (assuming that people knew their date-of-birth, something that might have become common amongst younger people, but not necessarily amongst the elderly).

Different spellings of names follow historic documents:

Similar to the discrepancies in age, people’s names often differed across multiple sources. At times spelling changed between records, at other times middle names were added or omitted. Also, what appear to be nicknames or short forms were sometimes used. These discrepancies are evident over time and they may have been due to errors of recording or miscommunication between enumerators and informants, or shifts in

name choice. For the most part, we have used names (and their spellings) as they appear in the documents cited.

Religion:

Most of those interred in the indigent plot were members of Protestant denominations (Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian). Large waves of immigration throughout the nineteenth century in Canada increased Christian religious diversity creating large communities of Lutherans, German Reformed Christians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Mennonites, Disciples, Eastern Orthodox, and Roman Catholics. Across censuses we found a common occurrence where stated religion changed (amongst the various Protestant denominations) from census to census and from document to document. We therefore have not included religion unless our sources on an individual were limited to the death registry and the Greenwood Cemetery Registry where we could gather only scant information of the person at time of death.

Informants:

On death and birth registries and in the Greenwood Cemetery Registry, the quality of information listed under the category of “Informant” varied from year to year. In the early years of these records this information included only the name of the immediate family member or co-worker that served as the witness to the death or birth. In some cases, the county doctor or coroner served as informant. By the turn of the century, in addition to the informant’s name, their occupation and residence is also listed. In the 1910s and 1920s it was typical of undertakers (Wilson; Breckinridge; Fulton) and private burial companies (Ould’s Burial) to serve as the informants to death. Only in rare cases did women serve as informants, typically this role was filled by men.

Cause of Death:

There are a large number of infants buried in the indigent plot. This reflects broader child mortality trends—the child mortality rate in Canada remained above 25 percent for the later half of the nineteenth century, before falling at a much faster rate throughout the 1900s.

During the nineteenth century the underlying causes of infant and child mortality were poor nutrition and sanitation, the absence of immunization from manifold childhood diseases, as well as the great nineteenth century killers — tuberculosis, cholera, and typhoid.

“Old age” and “debility” are common causes of death for adults over 50 years old buried in the indigent plot. This mirrors life expectancies during the nineteenth century: In 1851 life expectancy was only 43, rising to 50 years old in 1900, and by 1950, 68 years old.

According to sources in the Grey Roots Museum and Archives healthcare was difficult to access in nineteenth century Owen Sound, with doctors traveling long distances to reach their rural patients. Recurrent smallpox and typhoid epidemics were the impetus towards developing the Owen Sound General & Marine Hospital in 1893.

Disclaimer: The cause of death listed in each narrative is directly transcribed from death records. In some cases, the terminology used to describe the cause of death or health condition is outdated (i.e.: consumption; dropsy; marasmus; phthisis).

Purchased Plots:

Where a person has known family members interred in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery, this is noted at the end of the narrative in italics.

A note about indigent burials of members of Grey County's Black community:

There is a general belief that a majority of the burials in the indigent are people of African descent. Of the 507 people we researched, about 135 were people of African descent. This is certainly a high number, especially when considered as proportionate to the overall Black population. What is significant, however, is that it is often Black families whose members across generations are buried in the indigent plot. This, we believe, suggests the ways in which systemic forms of injustice, racialized barriers and anti-Black racism shaped these families' lives. It is therefore quite fitting that the new monument gestures to the Black community's BME church's original windows (a feature, also of the Cairn in Harrison Park.)

To conclude:

We invite descendants, historians, artists, writers, poets, teachers - cultural workers of all kinds - to use this resource. We will be adding to it from time to time. And more importantly, if you find something you know to be incorrect or have an additional piece of information, please get in touch (contact information below) and let us know.

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Achison, Christina, died 7 August 1892, 79 years

Christina Achison was born in Scotland. At the time of her death she was a widow. Christina died of epilepsy and old age.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Adams family

Adams, Hannah, died 6 May 1871, 52 years

Adams, William, died 12 September 1885, 73 years

William Adams was born in the United States.

Hannah was of Dutch descent.

In 1861 William (52) and Hana (38) lived in Sullivan Township with their children Philip (20), Adam (18), Wm. (16), Oliver (14), M.J. (22), L.A. (10), and L.J. (6). All of their children were born in Upper Canada. William worked as a farmer. His three eldest sons worked as labourers.

By 1871 William (66), Hana (52) and their children Lavinia A. (19), and James L. (15) were living in Owen Sound. William worked as a general labourer, and his son James L. worked as a farm labourer. Sons Adam and Oliver and their families were also living in Owen Sound. Son Philip and family were living in Derby Township. Hannah died after the census was taken that year. By 1881, William, widowed, was living beside Philip in Derby Township. His household included Mary A. Nicholson (19) a young woman of African descent and a 4-month-old boy named William.

Hannah died of consumption.

William died of heart disease.

Adams, Infant of Oliver, who was buried 19 April 1869, age unknown

Adams, Caroline Sophia, died 15 October 1886, 12 years 11 months

Adams, Mary Elizabeth, died 30 October 1886, 14 years 4 months

Infant of Oliver, Caroline, and Mary Elizabeth (Lilly) Adams were the children of Oliver and Mary (Stocker / Stalker) Adams, and the grandchildren of *William* and *Hannah Adams*. Their father Oliver was born in Ontario and their mother Mary Ann was born in

Scotland. Oliver (22) and Mary Ann (22) were included on the 1871 census for Owen Sound with their child Oliver Robert (11 months).

Caroline was born on 18 October 1873, and Mary Elizabeth (Lilly) was on born 16 June 1872. Lilly (8) and Caroline (7), their parents Oliver (32) and Mary A. (36) and their brother Robert (10) were listed on the 1881 census for Owen Sound. Their father Oliver worked as a farmer.

We are unsure of cause of death Infant Adams.

Caroline died of epistaxis, or bleeding of the nose.

Mary Elizabeth died of malarial fever and congestion of the lungs.

Adams, Lelva, died 2 April 1927, 6 months

Lelva Adams represents the fourth generation of Adams family members buried in the indigent plot. She was born on 18 September 1926 in Owen Sound to Oliver and Irene (Corbett) Adams of Sydenham Township. Her father Oliver was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Mary (Bruce) Adams, making Lelva the great-granddaughter of Oliver and Mary Adams, and the great-great-granddaughter of *William* and *Hannah* Adams.

Lelva died of malnutrition.

Other members of the Adams family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1861 census for Sullivan Township

1871 census for Derby Township

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Derby Township

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Adams, William, died 18 November 1862, 19 years

William Adams was born in Canada. According to *The Comet*, he was living in Owen Sound when he died.

William died of diabetes.

Sources:

The Owen Sound Comet, Friday November 21, 1862
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Adams, William, died 25 September 1867, 19 years

In 1861 William Adams (12) lived in Melancthon Township with his parents John (40) and Sarah (40), and his siblings Eliza (10), Ellen (8), Saul (4), and Margret (2). William's parents were born in Ireland, and he and his siblings were born in Canada West.

William died of dysentery.

Sources:

1861 census for Melancthon Township
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Alexander, James, died 30 April 1884, 56 years

John Alexander was born in Scotland. He worked as shoemaker.

John died of tuberculosis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Archer, George Ross, died 12 August 1889, 5 months

George Ross Archer was born on 14 March 1889 in Owen Sound to John and Eliza (Fleming) Archer. George's father, John, was a blacksmith.

George Ross died of cholera.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Armstrong, James, died 4 October 1899, 60 years

James Armstrong was born in Ontario and worked as a labourer.

James died in the local hospital from “mortification of thigh”. The informant for his death was Robert Armstrong, a labourer.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Armstrong, Kennedy, died 21 December 1860, 23 years

Kennedy Armstrong was born in Upper Canada to Lewis and Caroline Armstrong.

In 1851 Kennedy (16) lived with his parents Lewis (50) and Caroline (30), his brother William (15) and his sister Mary (8) in Holland Township. Kennedy’s father Lewis was born in South America, his mother Caroline in Maryland, U.S., and his siblings were born in Upper Canada. The Armstrongs were of African descent.

Kennedy married Margaret Deadman in Grey County around 1855 and they had two children, Catherine Elizabeth (born in 1856) and Madaline (born in 1858).

According to the listing for his wife Margaret (24) in the 1861 census for Owen Sound, Kennedy (24) died of consumption and liver complaint.

(Kennedy’s widow Margaret married Thomas Henry Miller Jr.)

Sources:

1851 census for Holland Township
1861 census for Owen Sound
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Aulph, Dexter, died 22 October 1906, 40 years

Dexter Aulph was born in St. Catharines, Ontario to Thomas and Delora Aulph.

In 1881 Dexter (8) lived in Wainfleet Township, Welland County with his parents Thomas (36) and Delora (34), and his siblings Ida (15), George (11), James (5), Christeen (4), and Francis (5 months). Dexter’s father Thomas worked as a labourer. The family was born in Ontario and was of English origin. Dexter married Mary Ellen Dobbing, daughter of Edward and Lily, on 26 July 1896 in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Dexter came to Owen Sound from St. Catharines in the summer of 1906. He worked as a sailor and was employed on the steamer *Manitoba*. At the time of his death Dexter was

described as single and residing with a relative, Mr. George Franklin, on Garafraxa Street.

Dexter died of typhoid.

Sources:

1881 census for Wainfleet Township, Monck District, Welland County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday October 23, 1906

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday October 26, 1906

Ballard, Henry, died 5 June 1871, 33 years

Henry Ballard was originally from England. He moved to Ontario and lived with his brother in Woodford, near Owen Sound.

The 1871 census for Sydenham Township includes Henry's brother Peter (41), his wife Ann (31) and their children Rachel (11), Daniel (9), Henry (7), Mary Jane (4), and Eliza Sarah (2). Peter is listed as a farmer.

Henry drowned in the river near the Poulett Street bridge in Owen Sound.

Sources:

1871 census for Sydenham Township

The Owen Sound Times, Friday June 9, 1871

Barclay, Mary, died 14 April 1865, 38 years

Mary Barclay was born in Scotland. In 1861 Mary (34) lived in Owen Sound with her husband William W. (33), their children Mary (7), James (5), Margret (3) and Walter (1), and her brother-in-law Walter (22). Mary's husband William W., and the elder Walter were also born in Scotland, and their eldest child, Mary, was born in the United States. James, Margret, and the younger Walter were born in Upper Canada.

Mary's cause of death is unknown.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Barnhart, James Booth, died 7 February 1899, 78 years

James Booth Barnhart was born in Ireland. In 1861 he (39) was widowed and lived on his own in a 2-storey frame house in Egremont Township. James worked as a carpenter.

The death registry lists James's place of birth as Ontario. At the time of his death he worked as a miner and explorer.

James died of Bright's disease and dropsy.

Sources:

1861 census for Egremont Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Barrett, James, died 15 July 1913, 64 years

James Barrett was born in Port Colborne, Ontario. He worked as a labourer. He was single at the time of his death.

James died of pancreatic cancer.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Batty, George, died 5 May 1889, 49 years

In 1861 George Batty (34) lived in Osprey Township with his wife Teresa (26) and their children Sarah (8), John (7), William (4), George (3), Jeanette (2), and Arthur (1). From the 1871 census for St. Vincent Township, we learn that George was born in England and worked as a Clerk.

By 1881, George (42) was living at the county gaol with Susan Clark (55), the gaoler, Margaret Miller (29), Amelia Walker (8) and *John Brazzil* (100). At the time of his death he worked as a cooper.

George died from an injury to his spine, from which he suffered for eleven years.

Members of the Batty family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1861 census for Osprey Township

1871 census for St. Vincent Township

1881 census for Owen Sound Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Batty, James, died 3 February 1918, 77 years

James Batty was born in Scotland to William and Jeanette Batty.

In 1851 James (3) lived in St. Vincent Township with his parents William (43) and Jeanette (33) and his siblings Robert (10), Mary J. (9), Margaret (5), Clementina (3) and Isabella (1). James' mother and his siblings were born in Scotland, and his father William, a farmer, was born in England.

By 1861 James' (11) family included his parents William (52) and Jeanette (42) and his siblings Robert (19), Margaret (15), Clementina (13), Elizabeth (9), Rachel (7), Sarah E. (5), Jonathan (2), and Jennet (1). Here James and his siblings' place of birth was listed as Canada West. His father continued to work as a farmer, and his brother Robert worked as a labourer.

In 1871 James (21) and his family still lived in St. Vincent Township. The household included his parents William (63) and Jeanette (52) and his siblings Robert (29), Margaret (25), Clementina (23), Isabella (19), Sarah (15), Jonathan (12), Jeanette (10), and Lelanha (8). James, along with his father, William and his brother, Robert worked as farmers, Margaret worked as a dressmaker, and Clementina worked as a schoolteacher.

Until the registry of this death, we were unable to find James in the historical record. The 1911 census for St. Vincent Township included James' brother Robert Batty (69) with his wife Catherine (61) and their children Margaret (33), Janet (32), William (25), and James (16). All of the men in the family worked as farmers.

At the time of his death James was single and he was listed as "indigent".

James died of jaundice at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound.

Sources:

1851 census for St. Vincent Township

1861 census for St. Vincent Township

1871 census for St. Vincent Township
1911 census for St. Vincent Township
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Beaton, Angus, died 27 April 1887, 76 years

Angus Beaton, his wife Janet and their children Archibald, Flora, Betsy, James, Jessy and John are included in the Old Durham Road Registry for Glenelg Township, registered on 21 September 1848. The family had emigrated from the Isle of Mull, Scotland.

In 1851 The family lived and farmed in Bentinck Township and included Angus (39), Janet (39) and their children Archibald (19), Elizabeth (13), James (10), Janet (7), and John (4). By 1861 the family had moved to Glenelg Township where they farmed. Ten years later in 1871 Angus (68) and Janet lived with their grown sons. All the men in the family worked as farmers. By the time the census was taken in 1881 Angus (71) was widowed and living with his son John's (32) family, which included John's wife MaryAnn (24) and their infant son William.

Angus was committed to the county gaol by Proton Township Authorities in February 1885. At the time of his death, he worked as a labourer.

Angus died from old age and general debility.

Sources:

1851 census for Bentinck Township
1861 census for Glenelg Township
1871 census for Glenelg Township
1881 census for Glenelg Township
1848 Old Durham Road Registry- Glenelg Township
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Owen Sound, The Advertiser, Thursday May 5, 1887

Beaumont, Robert, died December 4, 1893, 69 years

Robert Beaumont was born in the United Kingdom. He was a sailor for the British Navy from 1845 to 1854 and fought in the Crimean War. After he was injured and discharged, he immigrated to Canada and became a tailor. For a time, he worked in the same shop as Patrick James Whelan, the man who assassinated D'Arcy McGee.

Robert came to live in Owen Sound from Campbellford, Northumberland County. He worked locally for Waters & Co., a tailoring establishment. According to his entry in the death registry, the informant for Robert's death was David Waters, Robert's employer at the time of his death.

Robert died of bronchial pneumonia after having a cold for four weeks.

Sources:

United Kingdom, Merchant Navy Seamen Records, 1835-1941 Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound Times, Thursday December 7, 1893

Beevers, Joseph, died 21 December 1882, 42 years

Joseph Beevers was born in England. He worked as a copying clerk. At the time of his death James lived in the county gaol where he was committed for vagrancy.

Joseph died of congestion of brain due to epileptic convulsions.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Bell, Jennie (infant child of), 18 January 1910, died at birth

Infant Bell died during childbirth on 17 January 1910. He was the son of Jennie Bell of Neustadt, Normanby Township. Jennie was single and living with Harold Wilson.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Bell, Margaret, died 29 March 1907, 99 years

Margaret Bell was born in Ireland and immigrated to Canada with her daughter Mary J.

In 1901 Margaret (89) and Mary J. (42) lived in Owen Sound and were both widowed. Mary worked as a charwoman.

Margaret died of heart disease.

Sources:

1901 Census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Bernard, Charles, died 21 March 1886, 26 years

Charles Bernard was born in Canada. He worked as a labourer.

Charles died of dropsy.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Blackman family

Blackman, William H., died 14 October 1875, 68 years

William Blackman was born in Ontario, of German descent. He worked as a carpenter.

In 1861 William (46) lived in Owen Sound with his wife Adelle (34) and their children David (12), Emma Jane (10), Zy (4), Martha A. (2), and Candace (1). By 1871 William (57) and Adelle (40) lived in Sarawak Township with their children Zy (13), Martha (11), Candace (10), John (9), *Sarah* (6), Charles (4), and Francis (1).

William died of inflammation of the lungs.

Blackman, Sarah Adelaide, died 1 April 1876, 11 years

Sarah Adelaide Blackman was the daughter of *William* and Adelle Blackman.

Sarah Adelaide died from "natural decay".

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Sarawak Township

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Blackwell, James, died 10 January 1892, 85 years

James Blackwell was born in England and worked as a labourer in Owen Sound.

James died from senile decay.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Boddy, John, died 21 November 1858, 46 years

John Boddy was born in Ireland. After immigrating he first lived in Leeds County, part of the Johnstown District of Upper Canada.

John married Matilda Hunt on 6 March 1839 in Leeds Township. When the census was taken in 1851 for Kitley Township, John (35) and Matilda (34) lived with their children Albert (13), William (11), Frances (9), Maria Jane (7), John (5), and James (3). John worked as a wagon maker. The family moved to Sydenham Township in the 1850s. In his obituary John was described as a "peaceful and quiet" resident with a large circle of family and friends.

John died from intemperance and exposure to the cold, which was believed to be liquor related. He was the third person buried in the indigent plot.

Members of the Boddy family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1851 census for Kitley Township, Leeds County

1861 census for Holland Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Owen Sound Comet, Thursday November 25, 1858

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Border, Minnie, died 20 April 1888, 8 months

Minnie Border was the daughter of Phillip and Margaret Ann Border.

Minnie died of tubercular disease of the intestines.

(In 1891 Minnie's parents Philip (55) and Margaret Ann (45) lived in Owen Sound, with her sisters Ida M. (21) and Martha (12). Philip worked as a teamster. The family was of American and Irish descent.)

Members of the Border family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Bowie family (Booey)

Bowie, Caroline, died 29 March 1900, 88 years

Caroline (Campbell) Bowie was born in Baltimore, Maryland.

We are unsure when Caroline (40) immigrated to Canada, but she is listed in the 1871 census for Owen Sound with her husband Henry (45) and their children Irving/Irwin (21) and Caroline (12). Henry was also born in the United States, and their children were born in Ontario. Henry worked as a labourer. The Bowies were members of Owen Sound's Black community.

Caroline predeceased her husband, Henry. At the time of her death she was living at the Pleasure Grounds in Owen Sound.

Caroline died from senile decay. The informant for her death was her son Irving Bowie.

Bowie (Booey), Emily, died 11 September 1915, 60 years

Emily Ann Bowie was born in May 1859 in Owen Sound to *John* and *Esther* Hall.

In 1871 Emily (10) lived in Owen Sound with her parents *Esther* (52) and *John* (56) and her siblings Elizabeth (16), Victoria (13), John (9), and Louisa (8). Her mother *Esther* was born in England, and the rest of the family was Ontario born. Emily's father *John* worked as a labourer.

On 25 January 1881 Emily (20) married Erwin (Irwin) (25) Booey in Owen Sound. Their son, William, was born in January of that year. By 1891, the family had grown to include, Irwin (35), Emily (28), William (10), Olive (8), George (6) and Lilly (4). Irwin was working as a labourer. When the census was taken in 1911 for Owen Sound, Emily Ann (52) lived with husband Irwin (55), their son David John (13), their daughter Effie Victoria Esther (19) and her husband George E. Douglas (22), and their granddaughters Dorothy N. (3) and Edna P. Douglas (10 months). Irwin worked as a quarryman.

Emily Ann died of heart failure, diarrhea and cramps. The informant for Emily's death was her son William Bowie.

Sources:

1871 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

"Heritage Obituaries," *Northern Terminus: The African Canadian History Journal*/ Vol. 9/
2012

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Bowie, Infant, died 11 November 1928, 5 hours

Infant Bowie was the daughter of Evelyn Bowie of Williamsford. Evelyn was born in Holland Township in 1910 to Annie Bowie, daughter of William and Jemima (Earls) Bowie. Infant Bowie was of African descent.

Infant Bowie was born prematurely and survived only 5 hours. The informant for her death was her grandmother Mrs. Bowie.

We are unsure of the direct connection to the Bowie family.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Boyd, Thomas, died 17 April 1870, 18 years

Thomas Boyd was the son of John and Eliza Boyd. In 1861 Thomas (8) lived in Holland Township with his parents John (41) and Eliza (46) and siblings William (17), Charles (15), James (13), Robert (10), and John (3). Thomas and his siblings were born in Canada, their father John was born in Ireland and their mother Eliza was born in England. Thomas' father worked as a farmer.

Thomas died of bronchitis.

Members of the Boyd family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1851 census for Holland Township
1861 census for Holland Township
1871 census for Holland Township
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Brazil, John, died 10 March 1883, 109 years

John Brazil was born in Africa.

In 1851 he lived in Bentinck Township. By 1881 John (100) lived in Owen Sound at the county gaol with Susan Clark (55), the gaoler, Margaret Miller (29), *George Batty* (42), and Amelia Walker (8). John was a widower.

According to his obituary John was captured off the coast of Brazil and taken aboard a slave ship named *The Styre*. John worked as an assistant cook on the ship. The master and crew of *The Styre* were Portuguese, hence John acquired that language. He, along with many others were rescued by the British man-of-war *Northwood* which landed them on British territory. John then acted as first cook in a large hotel in Boston, where he saved his money and learned to speak English. Being advised to come to Canada he migrated north in the year 1835, where he took part in the rebellion of 1837. He then made his way to Grey County after hearing of a Black community residing there. Upon arrival he purchased fifty acres of land in the vicinity of Griffith's Corners and settled on it. When he got older, he gave his land to another on condition that he be taken care of. The conditions were violated, and John was committed to the county gaol for vagrancy.

The *Court News* for Owen Sound at the time of his death listed his age as "a hundred and four summers".

Brazil died from natural causes.

Sources:

1851 census for Bentinck Township
1881 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Court News Owen Sound, March 1883
Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Thursday March 15, 1883

Breen, Infant of Richard, died 23 February 1863, 16 days

Infant Breen was born on 7 February 1863. She was the daughter of Richard and Sarah Breen, of Keppel Township. Richard (24) married Sarah Barrat (24), the daughter of James and Sarah Barrat on 15 July 1862. Sarah had been born in London, England. Her family had also settled in Keppel Township.

The cause of Infant Breen's death is not known.

Members of the Breen family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

Ontario County Marriage Registers, 1858-1869

The Owen Sound Comet, Friday February 13, 1863

The Greenwood Cemetery Indigent Registry

Briggs, Eliza, died 1 February 1894, 83 years

Eliza Briggs was born in England and was a member of the Church of England. According to the death registry, she was a "spinster".

Eliza died from old age.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Brooks, Wm. (Infant child of), died 29 November 1915, died at birth

Infant Brooks was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brooks. He was stillborn.

Sources:

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday December 3, 1915

The Greenwood Cemetery Indigent Registry

Brown, Beverly, died 20 January 1927, 1 day old

Beverly Brown was the son of Joseph and Lillian (Shannon) Brown of Owen Sound. Joseph was born in Grey County, and Lillian in England. Joseph (26), son of Joseph and Sarah (Beattie) Brown, and Lillian (19), daughter of James and Lillian (Pender) Shannon,

were married on 24 November 1919 in Owen Sound. Joseph was of Irish decent, and Lillian was of English descent. Joseph worked as a craftsman.

In 1921 Beverly's parents Joseph (27) and Lillian (18), and his sister Phylis (9 months) lived in a household with the Jones family in Owen Sound. (William Jones (47) was the brother-in-law of Joseph Brown.)

Beverly died, having been born prematurely.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Indigent Registry

Brown, Infant, died 26 February 1920, stillborn

Infant Brown was the daughter of James and Wilhelmina (Walker) Brown of Owen Sound. Both James and Wilhelmina were born in Scotland. James worked as a moulder. James (38) and Wilhelmina (37) were married on 26 October 1918 in Owen Sound. James' parents were Joseph and Agnes (Hunter) Brown, and Wilhelmina's parents were Peter and Margaret (Smail) Walker.

(In 1921 James (37) and Wilhelmina (34) still lived in Owen Sound, where James worked as a moulder at the foundry.)

Members of the Brown family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Brown, Jackie, died 13 June 1926, 7 weeks

Jackie Brown was born on 2 May 1926 in Owen Sound to Maggie Lee. He was of English descent. The informant for his death was Mrs. Flossie Stevens of Owen Sound.

Jackie died of malnutrition.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Brown, James, died 8 August 1898, 53 years

James Brown was born in Ontario. He lived on Union St. in Owen Sound, where he worked as a labourer and lived with his wife and their five children—three sons and two daughters.

James died of complications from an opium habit and diabetes.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday August 12, 1898
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Brown, John, died 2 May 1893, 70 years

John Brown was born in Scotland. In 1891 John (76) was living alone in Priceville, Artemesia Township where he worked as a farm labourer.

John died in the county gaol of cancer of the lower lip.

Sources:

1891 census for Artemesia Township
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday May 2, 1893
The Owen Sound Times, Thursday May 11, 1893
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Brown, John, died 2 August 1905, 35 years

John Colston Brown was born in Wales and immigrated to Canada in September 1904. He moved to Owen Sound in the summer of 1905 and worked in the local marine industry and the Canadian Pacific Rail sheds. He had no relatives in Canada and was single at the time of his death.

John died in the Owen Sound Marine & General Hospital of typhoid.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Friday August 4, 1905
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Brown, John Martin, died 26 November 1884, 1 month

John Martin Brown was born in Owen Sound. The informant for his death was his father, John Brown, a carpenter.

John Martin died of marasmus.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Brown, Sarah Ann, died 30 August 1880, 7 months

Sarah Ann Brown was born in Owen Sound to Sarah Ann and James Brown. James (44) and Sarah (28) are listed in the 1881 Owen Sound census. They were both born in England. James worked as a sailor.

Sarah Ann died of dysentery and dentition.

Sources:

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Brownlee, Samuel, died 30 July 1898, 4 years

Samuel Brownlee was born in Owen Sound to Samuel and Christine Brownlee. Both were born in England. In 1891, Samuel's parents Samuel (25) and Christine (23) were living in Owen Sound where Samuel Sr. worked as a ship carpenter.

Samuel died of cerebral pneumonia.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday, August 9, 1898

Brownridge, Thomas, died 17 April 1900, 63 years

Thomas Brownridge was born in Sligo, Ireland. In Owen Sound, he worked as a moulder at Kennedy's foundry.

Thomas died from old age and inflammation of lungs in the county gaol where he had been committed as a vagrant.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Owen Sound Sun, Friday April 20, 1900

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Bryant, Mary, died 18 February 1904, 72 years

Mary Bryant was born in the United States and at the time of her death she was married and lived in Owen Sound.

Mary died of heart disease.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Buchanan family

Buchanan, Robert, died 10 December 1883, 1 hour

Buchanan, William John, died 31 December 1883, 3 weeks

Robert and William John Buchanan were the twin sons of Duncan and Martha Buchanan. The family is present in the 1881 census for Holland Township: Duncan (31), Martha (25) and two young daughters, Mary Ann (3) and Georgina (11 months). The family were all born in Ontario. Duncan worked as a farm labourer.

Robert died shortly after birth. William John died three weeks later from infantile convulsions.

Sources:

1881 census for Holland Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Burns, Elizabeth, died 11 January 1891, 56 years

Elizabeth Burns was born in Ireland. She was married to Alexander Burns, a labourer.

Elizabeth died of paralysis caused by a brain tumour.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Burton family

Burton, Charles, died 19 November 1910, 32 years

Burton, Charles Wm., died 26 April 1901, 4 months

Burton, Eva May, died 3 November 1904, 8 months

Charles Samuel Burton was born in London, England to Samuel Joseph and Mary Ann (Hanson) Burton. As a youth, he immigrated to Canada in 1896.

Charles (20) married Hannah Morrow (18), daughter of William Morrow and Hannah (Branson) Morrow, on 18 January 1900 in Owen Sound. Hannah was born in Ontario and was of Irish descent.

In 1901 Charles (20) and Hannah (17) lived in Owen Sound with their son Charles William (born on 31 December 1900). Charles was working as an artist. Their daughter, Eva May, was born on 24 March 1904.

Charles died of tuberculosis.

Charles William died of heart disease.

Eva May died of cerebral meningitis.

Members of the Morrow family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Cameron family

Cameron, Edith, died 24 January 1911, died at birth

Cameron, Samuel (Infant child of), died 30 September 1913, died at birth

Cameron, Infant son of, died 4 February 1920, died at birth

Samuel and Roberta/Bertha (Long) Cameron lost 3 infants between 1911 and 1918. The couple married on 5 January 1909 in Belfast, Ireland. Samuel was born in Banbridge, Ireland and Bertha was born in England. He worked in Owen Sound as a labourer, and she worked as a housekeeper.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Camp, Gerald, died 2 May 1928, 3 weeks

Gerald Camp was born on 9 April 1928 in Owen Sound to Herbert and Daisy May (Stopper) Camp. Both Herbert and Daisy May were born in England.

Gerald died of jaundice.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Campbell, Jean, died 15 April 1912, 7 months

Jean Campbell was born on 26 September 1911 to Margaret Campbell at the Children's Shelter in Owen Sound.

Jean died of indigestion at the General & Marine Hospital.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Campbell, Sarah, died 8 July 1888, 73 years

Sarah Campbell was born in Ireland. At the time of her death, she was widowed.

Sarah died from old age and general debility.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Campbell, Winny, died 11 March 1898, 7 months

Winny Campbell was born on 7 August 1897 in Owen Sound to Alexander and Mary Jane (Wise) Campbell. Her father Alexander worked as a labourer.

Winny died of whooping cough and bronchitis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Carlton family (Charlton)

Carlton, Samuel, died 16 July 1893, 35 years

Samuel Carlton was born in Toronto to William and Mary (Gillespie) Carlton. On 12 February 1880, Samuel (21), of Derby Township, married Maggie Barber (18), the daughter of Nathaniel and Margaret (Ross) Barber of the village of Chesley. He worked as a farmer. Their daughter, *Ethel*, was born later that year. By 1891, Samuel (32) and Margaret's (28) family had grown to include *Ethel* (10), Mabel (8), Samuel (2) and Edith (1 month). The family had moved to Owen Sound where Samuel worked as a labourer. The family was of Irish descent.

Samuel died of cirrhosis of the liver and kidneys.

Carlton, Ethel, died 9 July 1894, 14 years

Ethel Carlton was the daughter of *Samuel* and Margaret Carlton.

Ethel died of phthisis and consumption.

Carlton, Sedic, died 17 May 1890, 5 years

Although his short life fell in between the census years, we believe Sedic Carlton was the son of *Samuel* and Margaret Carlton. The informant for his death was *Samuel Carlton*.

Sedic died of croup.

Sources:

1881 census for Derby Township

1891 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Carnahan, Arthur, died 21 March 1891, 6 weeks

Arthur Carnahan was born in Owen Sound. His family is present in the 1891 census for Owen Sound, likely taken shortly after his death. Archie (David) (25) and Kate (25) Carnahan had two other small children, Mabel (3) and Percy (2). Archie worked as a labourer. The family were all born in Ontario, Archie of Irish descent and Kate of Scottish descent.

Arthur died of inflammation of the bowels.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Carpenter, George, died 21 June 1906, 54 years

George Carpenter (John) was born in Trois-Rivières, Quebec on 15 December 1853 to George and Adele (Descoteaux) Carpentier. He lived on Killarney St. in Owen Sound and worked on the steamer *The Manitou*.

George died of heart disease.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Quebec Births and Baptisms, 1662-1898
Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday June 22, 1906

Carter, Mary, died 10 October 1906, 18 years, 8 months

Mary Carter was born in Rosspport, Ontario. She lived in Owen Sound in the Dowsley block on Scrope Street with her husband Thomas Carter.

Mary died of tuberculosis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Castle, William, died 27 July 1912, 68 years

William Castle was born in Etobicoke Township to Robert Castle of England, and a mother from Pennsylvania.

In 1911 William Castle (69) was living in Owen Sound in the household of his son William (38) and daughter-in-law Alice (37), and his grandchildren, Alize (7), Lydia (4) and Mary (4 months), and eight lodgers. William Sr., a widower, worked as a labourer. The entire household was of English descent.

William died of heart disease at the home of his son in Owen Sound.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Caswell, Margaret, died 13 June 1892, 82 years

Margaret Caswell, also known as Peggy, was born in Scotland.

By 1851, Margaret (35) and her husband Robert (40) had settled in Glenelg Township where they farmed on 100 acres of land. Robert was also born in Scotland. In 1861, Margaret (42) and Robert (44), still farming in Glenelg Township, had a son, Samuel (8).

By 1871 Margaret (50) was living in Glenelg Township with her son Samuel (17) and Jeremiah Taylor (100), a widower. While Margaret's marital status was not listed, it is presumed she was widowed. Margaret's son Samuel worked as a farmer. Samuel (21) married Elizabeth Elliott (22), daughter of Robert and Mary (Ross) Elliott on 5 August 1874 in Meaford. The young couple resided in Markdale.

Ten years later in 1881 Margaret (62) was widowed and living alone, amongst tradespeople in the village of Markdale.

Margaret died from old age in the county gaol where she had been committed six months earlier for vagrancy.

Sources:

1851 census for Glenelg Township

1861 census for Glenelg Township

1871 census for Glenelg Township
1881 census for Glenelg Township
Canada, Ontario Tax Assessment Rolls, 1834-1899
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday June 14, 1892
The Owen Sound Times, Thursday June 16, 1892

Chestnut family

Chestnut, James, died 5 August 1884, 52 years

Chestnut, Infant child of James, died 29 August 1872, age unknown

James Chestnut was born in Ireland to Samuel and Nancy Chestnut. By 1871, James (34) was living in Owen Sound and working as a labourer. On 31 October of that year, James (36) married Sarah McDonald (28), the daughter of Hugh and Phemia (Campbell) McDonald, in Owen Sound. At the time, James was working as a bricklayer. Their infant child died less than a year later. By 1881 James (50) and Sarah (37) and their young son Samuel (7) were living in Sarawak Township, in the town plot of Brooke. James was farming. He died in Sarawak and the informant for his death was a farmer named Robert Walker.

James died of dyspepsia.

Infant child of James and Sarah Chestnut died of unknown causes.

Sources:

1871 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Chuckee family (Chuckel, Chukee, Cuekee)

The Chuckees were longstanding members of Owen Sound's Black community.

Chuckee, Catherine, died 11 September 1886, [57] 65 years

Catherine (Miller) Chuckee was born in Maryland around 1821 to Henry (c. 1791) and Priscilla Miller (c. 1786), who were also born in Maryland. Her family migrated to Sullivan Township sometime between 1840 and 1842. Catherine married Isaiah Chuckee on 20 April 1846 in Holland Township. Isaiah was born in Africa, was captured and enslaved and put on a slave ship headed for the Americas. He escaped in New York and

eventually settled in Grey County in 1843. Catherine and Isaiah lived on 50 acres of land on Concession 1, Division 2, Lot 21 in Holland Township. When the 1851 census was taken, Catherine (21), "Isia" (30) and their son John (5) were visiting the Miller family farm in Sullivan Township.

In 1855 Catherine served 155 days in the Grey County gaol on a manslaughter conviction. In 1858 Isaiah Chuckee sold his land, and there is no other record of him being in the county after this point.

By 1861, Catherine (28) ["Catrin Cuckee"] and her children were living with her parents in Sullivan Township. The Miller household included Catherine's parents, Henry (70), Priscilla (75), her nephews, Thomas (18) and Stephan (2), and her children William (16), John (14) and Clery (Clarissa) (8).

Catherine's father Henry died in 1869 leaving his property in Owen Sound, Park Lot #45, to Catherine and her son William. By 1871 Catherine was widowed and living in Owen Sound with her children, William (25), Clarissa (17), Sarah (16), Elizabeth (5) and a grandchild, Harriet (1). Living next door, were her son John's English-born wife, Harriet (25) and a young daughter, Mary (3).

By 1881, Catherine's (60) household included: Clarissa J. (20), Sarah A. (22), Mary (16), Adaeline (6), Sarah (4), Julia (2), Caleb (1), Barbara (1) and John W. (1 month). Catherine, Clarissa and Sarah were employed as washerwomen and Mary worked as a servant.

Catherine died of dysentery.

Chuckee, Harriet, died 2 April 1890, 43 years

Harriet (Mortley) Chuckee was born in July 1845 in Kent, England to Caroline (Saxby) and Charles Mortley, an agricultural labourer. The family arrived in Canada via New York on 12 November 1857 on the ship *American Congress*. The Mortleys settled in Sullivan Township on Concession 1, Lot 25 not far from Harriet's future husband John Isaiah Chuckee's maternal grandfather's farm.

Harriet married John Isaiah Chuckee, the son of *Catherine (Miller)* and Isaiah Chuckee on 1 October 1867. In September 1868, John Isaiah Chuckee was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to seven years in Kingston Penitentiary. He died there on 18 July 1871. We are unsure why the 1871 census for Owen Sound includes John (24) as living with Harriett (25) and Mary (3).

By the time the census was taken in 1881 Harriet was living as married with John's brother *William* (c. 1846), and her daughter Mary J. (12) (whom we presume to be William's child) and their son, Thomas (10).

Harriet died of cardiac arrest.

Chuckee, William, died 26 March 1901, 55 years

William Chuckee was born in Sullivan Township around 1846 to *Catherine (Miller)* and Isaiah Chuckee.

William lived in a common law union with his brother John's widow Harriet (Mortley) Chuckee after his brother's incarceration and subsequent death.

William's obituary mentions that he was "better known as Napoleon".

William died of pneumonia and La Grippe at his home in Owen Sound. The informant for his death was his uncle, *Thomas Miller*.

Chuckee, Thomas, died 21 May 1869, 2 years

We assume that Thomas was a member of the Chuckee family, although there are no extant records of his birth.

Thomas died of dropsy. The informant for his death was *Thomas Miller* of Owen Sound.

Chuckee, Harriet, died 23 March 1872, 2 years

Harriet Chuckee was born in Owen Sound around 1870 to *William* and *Harriet*.

In 1871, young Harriet was living with her grandmother, *Catherine*, her father, *William*, and other family members.

Harriet died of consumption.

Chuckee, Barbara, died 8 October 1881, 2 years

Barbara Chuckee was born in 1879. We are unsure of her parentage but assume she was the daughter of either Clarissa or Sarah Chuckee.

Barbara was listed in the 1881 census living in a household headed by her grandmother, *Catherine (Miller) Chuckee*.

Barbara died of consumption.

Chuckee, Caleb Alexander, died 14 August 1882, 2 years

Caleb Alexander Chuckee was born around 1880. Caleb appears on the 1881 census in a household headed by his grandmother, *Catherine (Miller) Chuckee*. We assume that Sarah Chuckee is Caleb's mother, as she is listed as the informant on his entry in the death registry with the notation "single woman".

Caleb's cause of death is listed as both teething and diarrhea.

Chuckee, Mabel, died 25 May 1895, 1 year

Mabel Chuckee was born in Owen Sound around 1893. We are unsure of her parentage but assume that her mother was likely either Sarah, Clarissa, or Elizabeth Chuckee. William Chuckee is listed as the informant for Mabel on the death registry.

Mabel died of consumption.

Chuckee, George, died 25 December 1882, 3 days

George Chuckee was born in Owen Sound on 22 December 1882 to Elizabeth Chuckee, the youngest daughter of *Catherine (Miller) Chuckee*.

We believe that George was born at home, as his grandmother *Catherine (Miller) Chuckee* is listed as the "Accoucheur" or midwife for his birth.

George died of infant debility.

Sources:

1851 census for Sullivan Township

1861 census for Sullivan Township

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

Court News [transcription, n.d.]

England and Wales Birth Registration Index, 1837-2008

England and Wales Census, 1851

Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952
New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1891
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
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The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Clark, Alex, died 11 May 1904, 52 years

Alexander Clark was born in Caithness, Scotland. Alexander came to Owen Sound in September 1903. He lived at the Pacific Hotel and worked as a stone mason and a mechanic. He had previously lived in Sault Saint Marie and Stratford, Ontario, and in Manitoba.

Alexander died "as a consequence of a disease".

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Owen Sound, The Advertiser, Friday May 3, 1904
Owen Sound, The Sun, Friday May 13, 1904
Owen Sound, The Times, Friday, May 13, 1904

Clark, David Elmer, died 2 July 1907, 3 months

David Elmer Clark was born on 28 March 1907 to John R. and Margaret (Williams) Clark. John (35) and Margaret Clark (33) are included in the 1901 census for Owen Sound. They were both of Scottish descent.

David Elmer died of acute indigestion and milk poisoning.

Other members of the Clark family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births, 1869-1912

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Clark, John Wesley, died 22 September 1914, 3 months

John Wesley Clark was born in Owen Sound to William Henry and Elizabeth May/Maud (Baker) Clark.

In 1911 John Wesley's parents William (30) and Maud (27) and siblings Harold (5) and Jean (11 months) lived in Owen Sound. William worked as a barber. Both of his parents were born in Ontario and were of English descent.

John Wesley died of malnutrition due to illness, and chronic indigestion. His obituary describes him as a "bright clever child."

Other members of the Clark family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday September 25, 1913

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Clarke, Nina (infant child of), died 22 April 1910, 3 hours

Infant Clarke died during birth on the steamer *Caribou* on Georgian Bay. His mother was Nina Clarke, and his father is unknown.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Clayton, Robert, died 11 November 1883, 43 years

Robert Clayton was born in England. He worked as a labourer.

Robert died of diabetes in the county gaol.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Cleary, Patrick, died 2 March 1875, 40 years

Patrick Clearly was born in Ireland. In 1861 Patrick (24) was living in Normanby Township with his widowed mother Mary (43) and his siblings Michael (20), Thos. (15), Robert (13), Bridget (11), and Ann (7). His mother was born in Ireland and Patrick and his siblings were born in Canada West. Though his family is included on the 1871 census for Normanby Township, Patrick is not.

At the time of his death Patrick worked as a labourer.

Patrick died from accidentally ingesting a poisonous substance.

Sources:

1861 census for Normanby

1871 census for Normanby

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Clemens / Muir family

Clemens, Albert, died 5 October 1886, 93 years

Muir, Ann, died 1 November 1881, 53 years

Albert Clemens was born in Ireland. In 1861 Albert (67) lived in Sarawak Township with his wife Mary (55) in a log house. Albert's wife was also born in Ireland. Albert worked as a farmer. By 1871 Albert (77) and Mary (68) were living in Keppel Township. At some point, thereafter, Mary died.

On 30 October 1874 Albert Clemens (81) married *Ann Muir* (46) in Owen Sound. Both were widowed. Ann was born in Ireland. She was the daughter of Barnabas and Elizabeth (English) Durnin. At the time of their marriage Albert worked as a farmer, still in Keppel Township, where they were residing in 1881; Albert was 87 and Ann, 53. Ann died of an unknown cause in November of that year.

In February 1885 Albert sought refuge in the county gaol. While living there, he worked as a labourer. Five years after Ann died, Albert died from old age.

Sources:

1861 census for Sarawak Township

1871 census for Keppel Township

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Keppel Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
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Codlin family

Codlin, Sarah, died 21 February 1877, 86 years

Codlin, Joseph, died 15 August 1879, 75 years

From at least 1851 to 1866, the Codlins lived and farmed on lot 19, Concession 2 in Sydenham Township. According to 1851 census, Joseph (48) was born in England and Sarah (56) was born in Ireland. They were married in 1843. At some point they moved to Owen Sound where Joseph worked as a labourer up until his death.

Both Joseph and Sarah died from natural causes.

Sources:

1851 census for Sydenham Township

1861 census for Sydenham Township

1865-66 Directory of Residence for Grey County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Cole, Stanley Albert, died 20 September 1921, 3 months

Stanley Albert Cole was born on 4 June 1921 in Owen Sound to Stanley Albert and Annie Maud (Morris) Cole. Stanley's parents are listed on the 1921 census for Owen Sound. Stanley Albert (20) and Annie Maud (18) lived in a household next door to Stanley's parents James A. (48) and Rebecca A. Cole (46). Both Stanley and Annie were born in Ontario, Stanley of English descent and Annie of Irish descent. Stanley worked as a chauffeur.

Stanley Albert died of indigestion.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Collister, John, died 19 February 1904, 80 years (Listed in GCR as "McAllister")

John Collister was born in England on the Isle of Man and immigrated to Upper Canada in 1837. By 1891 he was living in the village of Dundalk, Grey County where he resided with James (37) and Catherine McWilliams (28) and their two children, James B. (8) and Hodder M. (6). John (60) was then widowed and working as a servant. By 1901, John (68) was living alone and was a “dependent of the Municip’y”.

John died in hospital from “senile decay”.

Sources:

1891 census for Dundalk

1901 census for Dundalk

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Connelly, Samuel, died 8 November 1896, 4 years

Samuel Connelly was born in Ontario.

Samuel died from a brain injury and colitis. The informant for his death was John McNevins, a machinist from Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Connolly, John, died 2 December 1883, 45 years

John Connolly was born in Ireland and came to Canada, where he was employed at some point as a soldier.

John died in the gaol from chronic diarrhea.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Connor, David, died 24 March 1902, 70 years

David Connor was a long-time resident of Grey County. Born in Brockville, Canada West, David (23), his parents, William (80) and Mrs. Connor (57), and his brothers, Edward (16) and Robert (11) were farming in Glenelg Township when the 1851 census was taken. By 1861, David (30) was married and living in Bentinck Township on a farm

with his wife Margaret (28) and daughter Rebecca (2). His parents, William (90) and Easter (60) lived near by. Also close at hand were his brothers, Edward and Robert and their young families. In 1871 the family was farming in Sullivan Township and the household had grown to include David (39), Margaret (39) and Rebecca (11), David (9), Ester (7), William (5), John and James (3) and 3 months old Mary.

By 1881 the family was back in Glenelg Township where they continued to farm. The census lists David (51), Margaret (45), Becky (21), David (19) Ann (Ester) (17), William (15), John and James (13) and Mary (9).

David is absent in the 1891 census, but his wife, Margaret (56) is living in Glenelg Township with their twin sons John (22) and James (22). The 1901 census for Glenelg Township includes both David (69) and his wife Margaret (67) living with their grown sons, James (30) and John (30). The men of the family still worked as farmers.

At the time of his death, David was serving a term for vagrancy in the county gaol. He died from old age.

[Note: The 1911 census for Glenelg Township finds David's wife Margaret (83) and their sons John (42) and James (42) living with Henry (56) and Rebecca Edwards (56), Maggie Edwards (15), and Ethel Leslie (22). John and James still worked as farmers. Rebecca Edwards was David and Margaret's oldest child.]

Sources:

1851 census for Glenelg Township

1861 census for Bentinck Township

1871 census for Sullivan Township

1881 census for Glenelg Township

1891 census for Glenelg Township

1901 census for Glenelg Township

1911 census for Glenelg Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Cooke, Infant, died 16 June 1924, 7 hours

Infant Cooke was the daughter of James and Cassie (McComb) Cooke of Owen Sound. James was born in Belfast, Ireland, and Cassie was born in Galt, Ontario. James worked as a labourer. James (28) and Cassie Cooke (29) are included on the 1921 census for Owen Sound. Living next door were Cassie's parents Thomas (63) and Annie McComb (53).

Infant Cooke died from complications resulting from a premature birth.

Other members of the Cooke family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Cook, Mary, died 18 January 1911, 9 months

Mary Cook was born on 21 April 1910 in Sydenham Township to Lillian Cook.

Mary died of debility and imbecility at the Children's Shelter.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Couch family (Coutch)

Couch, James, died 20 January 1925, 77 years

James Couch was born in Ontario to Mark Bishop and Mary (Brennan) Couch.

James (26) married Janet McLeod (25) on 29 November 1882 in Owen Sound. Janet was the daughter of Donald and Betsy (Gilchrist) McLeod. By 1891, their family included *James* (30), Janet (29), John (6), *Hugh* (3) and *Donald* (1). James was working as a labourer. The family were all born in Ontario.

In 1901, James (35) and Janet (33) lived with their children John (16), James (11), Roy (6) and *Ruby J.* (1). James was still working as a labourer and John was working making furniture. By 1911 the household had three generations: James (50) and Janet (44), their sons John (23) and Roy (14) as well as son James (21) and his wife Mildred (19), and their daughter Margaret (2). James, John and James worked as labourers and Roy worked as a driver.

The 1921 census for Owen Sound finds James (65) living with his wife Jean (50), and their sons John (25) and Roy (21). James and his son John worked as labourers and Roy worked as a butcher.

James died of congestion of the lungs. The informant for his death was his son John.

Couch, Hugh, died 29 January 1895, 9 years

Hugh Alexander Couch was born on 20 September 1885 in Sydenham Township to *James* and Janet (McLeod) Couch.

Hugh died of bronchitis.

Couch, Donald, died 17 June 1898, 7 years

Donald Couch was born on 18 January 1890 in Owen Sound to *James* and Janet (McLeod) Couch. At the time of Donald's death, the Couches lived on Unison Street in Owen Sound.

He died as the result of an accidental drowning.

Couch, Ruby Jessie, died 27 June 1901, 1 year, 10 months

Ruby Jessie Couch was born on 1 August 1899 to *James* and Janet (McLeod) Couch.

Ruby died of cholera.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

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Courtney family

Courtney, Abraham, died 11 September 1897, 81 years

Abraham Courtney was born in North Carolina around 1816 and was of African descent. After escaping enslavement he migrated to Bentinck Township, Grey County where he worked as a farm hand. Abraham (25) first appears on the 1861 census for

Bentinck Township by himself. He is then listed in the 1865-66 Land Registry as a labourer living on the Market Reserve in Owen Sound.

Abraham married *Caroline* Miller sometime between 1861 and 1871, and they had ten children: Priscilla (also known as Harriet) (c. 1863); John (c. 1866); William (c. 1866); Esther C. (c. 1867); Mary J. (c. 1869); Abraham (c. 1876); Jacob (c. 1877); Caroline (c. 1878); *Lilly* (c. 1880); and Henry (c. 1883). The Courtneys are included in the 1871 census for Owen Sound, where they live beside *Catherine Chuckee* and family.

Abraham died of paralysis. The informant for his death was his son John, a labourer.

Courtney, Caroline, died 16 June 1891, 47 years

Caroline Courtney's place of birth has been recorded as both the United States and Canada. She was the daughter of *Thomas Miller*. She first appears in the Owen Sound census in 1861 where she is listed with her father, her stepmother and her siblings. She was a young woman of 19 years of age. By 1871 she was living with her husband *Abraham* and their five children Priscilla (8), *John* (6), William (5), Esther C. (4), and Mary J. (1).

Caroline appears on the census for 1881 with *Abraham* and eight of their children, and in the 1891 census with *Abraham* and five of their children.

Caroline died of heart disease and lung fever.

Courtney, Frances "Frankey", died 15 October 1881, 2 hours

Frances "Frankey" Courtney was born in Owen Sound and died shortly after her birth of an unknown cause. We assume that Frances was the daughter of *Abraham* and *Caroline*. Like *Lilly Courtney*, the informant for Frances' death was *Thomas Miller*.

Courtney, Lilly, died, 11 March 1887, 7 years

Lilly Courtney was born in Owen Sound in 1887 to *Abraham* and *Caroline*. She appears on the 1881 census with her parents and her siblings.

Lilly died of congestion of the lungs. The informant on her entry in the death registry was *Thomas Miller*, her grandfather and preacher at the local British Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sources:

1861 census for Bentinck Township

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1865-66 Land Registry Owen Sound Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Thursday, June 8, 1911

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday, June 9, 1911

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday, June 9, 1911

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Elizabeth Courtney, died 26 February 1899, 65 years

Elizabeth Courtney was born in Ireland and worked as a housekeeper.

Elizabeth died of heart disease and dropsy.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Cousby family (Cousley/ Crosby)

Cousby, Henry, died 4 September 1877, 80 years

Henry Cousby was born into slavery in Georgia in 1797. Henry eventually escaped enslavement and settled with his family in Toronto, Upper Canada before moving to Artemesia Township where they took up Lot 14, North side of the Durham Road.

The 1851 census for Artemesia lists Henry (56) and Mary Anne (39) and their children John (15), Jeremiah (14), James (17), Rebekah Jane (8), and *William* (2) on a 50- acre lot where they farmed. Like Henry, Mary Anne was born in the United States. Their children were all born in Canada.

By 1861 the family had moved to Owen Sound. Henry (46) and Mary Anne's (44) family had grown to include John H. (24), Jeremiah (22), Rebekah Jane (17), *William* (11) *Nicholas* (8), *Edward* (6), Richard (4) and Mary (1). Henry worked as a labourer.

Henry Cousby helped clear the land for the first British Methodist Episcopal (B.M.E.) church in the village of Sydenham, where he regularly preached. By 1867 he operated a popular local confectionary on Scrope St. (9th St. E.). His son, Jeremiah, also became a confectioner.

The 1871 census for Owen Sound lists Henry (74) and Mary Anne (54) with their children Rebekah Jane (26), *Nicholas* (18), *Edward* (16), Richard (14), and Marey (11).

Henry died from "old age and general decay". His son Jeremiah, by this time a "restaurant keeper", served as the informant for his death.

Cousby, Edward, died 29 September 1872, 16 years

Edward Cousby was born in Canada around 1856 to *Henry* and Mary Anne Cousby. When the census was taken for Owen Sound in both 1861 and 1871 Edward lived with his parents and siblings.

Edward died of consumption.

Cousby, William D. A., died 13 December 1879, 29 years

William D. A. Cousby was born around 1850 to *Henry* and Mary Anne Cousby.

He appears with his parents and siblings on the 1851 census for Artemesia Township and the 1861 and 1871 censuses for Owen Sound. William (29) married Cynthia Smoots (26) on 5 January 1879. Cynthia was the daughter of Eli and *Betsy Jane Smoots*. They had two daughters. Mildred Caroline (11) and Charlotte (6) are listed with their widowed mother, Cynthia (26) in the 1881 Owen Sound census.

William died of spinal disease.

Cousby, Nicholas, died 31 December 1903, 51 years

Nicholas Cousby was born in Artemesia Township around 1852 to *Henry* and *Mary Anne* Cousby. When the census was taken for Owen Sound in both 1861 and 1871 Nicholas lived with his parents and siblings.

By 1881 Nicholas (28) was working as a cook and lived in Owen Sound with his wife *Annie Elizabeth* (Watson) (28) and their children *Annie* (5), *Daisy* (4) and *George* (2).

Nicholas is recorded twice on the 1891 census for Owen Sound. On 6 April Nicholas (36) is listed with his wife *Annie* (24) and their children *Lilly* (9), and *Charles* (3). Nicholas worked as a steamboat cook and *Annie* worked as a washerwoman. In the census taken April 7, Nicholas (38) is listed with his widowed mother *Mary Ann* (74), and his children *Daisy May* (15), *George* (12) and *Lilly* (9).

Nicholas died of typhoid fever. His last place of residence given was the United States. His brother *Jeremiah* was the informant for his death.

Nicholas' wife Annie Elizabeth is buried in the indigent plot. She is listed as Annie Elizabeth Porter, as she married Albert E. Porter on 1 August 1895.

Cousby, Annie, died 2 May 1890, 15 years

Annie Cousby was born in Canada around 1875 and was the daughter of *Nicholas* and *Annie Elizabeth* (Watson / Porter) Cousby. When the census was taken in 1881 for Owen Sound *Annie* (5) lived with her parents and siblings.

Annie died of phthisis. The informant for her death was her uncle *Jeremiah* Cousby, a grocer.

Cousby, Aurelia, died 13 April 1895, 8 months

Aurelia Cousby was born on 11 August 1894 in Owen Sound to *Cassie* (Matilda Caroline) Cousby, daughter of *William* and *Cynthia*.

Aurelia died of natural causes. The informant for her death was *Jesse* Johnston, a cook.

Note: In 1901 *Cassie* (30) was lodging with *John* and *Elma* Courtney. And in 1911, she was living with *Jesse* (52) and *Mahala* (39) Johnson, their children *Clifford* (11) and *Viola* (15). *Mahala* was *Cassie's* aunt, the sister of her mother, *Cynthia*.) According to the death registry for Ohio, *Cassie* Cousby (69) died on 11 Jan 1940 in Cleveland. The

eldest daughter of William and Cynthia (Smoots) Cousby, she was single at the time of her death.

Members of the Cousby, Courtney, Porter, Johnson and Smoots families are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1851 census for Artemesia Township

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899 Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

NT, Vol. 2/ 2003-4, "From Slavery to Freedom: African Canadians in Grey County"

NT Vol 7/ 2010- "Black Pioneer Artifacts"

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Cousins, Charles Henry, died 20 September 1891, 6 years

Charles Henry Cousins was born in Ontario.

Charles Henry died of diphtheria. The informant for his death was John Cousins, a carpenter.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Cox, Elsie Elizabeth, died 6 April 1912, 1 year

Elsie Elizabeth Cox was born on 25 March 1911 in Owen Sound to Herbert and Mary Ann (Roberts) Cox. The 1911 Owen Sound census includes Elsie Elizabeth (1 month) with her parents Herbert (30) and Mary (31), her siblings Joseph (9), Ivy (7), Nellie Christina (5), Wm. Harry (3), and her uncle John (21). Elsie's siblings, Nellie Christina and Wm. Harry, were also born in Ontario, and the rest of the family was born in Leeds, England. Elsie's parents and eldest siblings came to Canada in 1906, followed by her

uncle in 1910. The family lived on 11th Street. Both her father and uncle worked for the C. P. R.

Elsie died of bronchitis. The informant for her death was W. M. Yule of Owen Sound.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday April 12, 1912

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Cox, Millicent, died 24 December 1879, 21 years

Millicent Cox was born in Ontario and was of British descent. She worked as a servant.

In 1871 Millicent (13) lived in London, Ontario in a household headed by Charlotte Wright (39), a married woman, and her daughter Florence M. Wright (10 months).

Millicent died of consumption from which she had suffered for 18 months.

Sources:

1871 census for London, Ontario

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Crane family

Crane, Edward, 28 September 1906, 1 day

Crane, (infant child of Richard), died 10 September 1907, 2 days

Both of these infants were the children of Richard and Annie (Kenny) Crane. The Cranes – Richard (45) and Annie (38) are included on the 1911 census for Owen Sound, with their sons Richard (16) and Joseph (14). The family was born in England and immigrated to Canada in 1906. Their father Richard's occupation is listed as "odd jobs".

Edward died of debility. A year later Infant Crane died after a pre-mature birth.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

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Crawford, William, died 2 February 1888, 19 years

William Crawford was the son of Robert and Margaret Crawford. According to the 1881 census for Sullivan Township William (13), his parents Robert (35) and Margaret (30) and his brothers Matthew (12), Thomas (10), George (8), and Joseph (6) were all born in Ontario and were of Irish descent. William's father Robert worked as a farm labourer. At the time of William also worked as a labourer.

William died of diphtheria.

Sources:

1881 census for Sullivan Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Croft, Beverly, died 19 January 1928, 7 months

Beverly Croft was born on 3 June 1927 in Owen Sound to Noble and Lillian (Byers) Croft.

The 1921 census for Owen Sound includes Beverly's family: his parents Noble (35) and Lillian (32), his older siblings Irene (14), Gordon (12), Ida (8) and Earl (9 months), and his grandmother Eleanor (89). With the exception of Eleanor, who was born in England, all members of the family were born in Ontario. Noble worked "odd jobs" as a labourer.

Beverly died from obstruction of the lungs.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Crowe, Maurice Alvin, died 5 December 1922, 6 weeks

Maurice Alvin Crowe was born in Owen Sound to Nelson Ross and Ilma (King) Crowe. Nelson was born in Markdale and Ilma in Meaford. Nelson (3) appears in the 1901 census for Markdale with his parents, George and Christina, and his nine siblings, Charles Henry (19), Amelia (17), Joseph (15), Ada (12), Alice (11), John (8), Mabel (6), George Wallace (5), and Zelpha Caroline (Carrie) (4).

By 1911 the Crowe family had moved to Owen Sound where George (63) worked as a labourer in an office. Charles (28) worked in a theatre, John (19) worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, (George) Wallace (15) worked in a factory and Carrie (14) and Nelson (10) were attending school.

Maurice Alvin's parents Nelson (23) and Ilma (17) are included on the 1921 census for Owen Sound. Nelson worked as a fisherman.

Maurice Alvin died of bronchitis.

Note: The collection of Grey Roots Museum and Archives includes four military medals that were awarded to Maurice Alvin's father Nelson for his military service during World War I. Nelson attested with the 147th Grey Overseas Battalion and was later drafted to the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles. He was with the 4th C.M.R. when he earned his decoration. It was issued to him for an action he undertook on 5 October 1918 in the Canal Du Nord and Cambrai operations of World War I.

Other members of the Crowe family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1901 census for Markdale Village

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Grey Roots Museum and Archives: "Nelson Ross Crowe"

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Cunningham, John, died 25 July 1904, 56 years

John Cunningham was born in Ontario. In 1871 John (24) lived in Glenelg Township where he worked as a tavern keeper in the village of Durham.

By 1901 John (52) was an inmate in the county gaol in Owen Sound. At the time of his death, he worked as a cooper.

John died in the county gaol of consumption.

Sources:

1871 census for Glenelg Township

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Currie Jr., Donald, died 23 June 1887, 8 years

Donald Currie Jr. was the son of Donald and Mary Currie. In 1881 Donald Jr. (1) lived in Derby Township with his parents Donald (26) and Mary (23), his siblings John (4), Barbara (3), and a boarder named John McDonald (16). The family was of Scottish descent. At the time Donald Sr. worked as a farmer.

Donald Jr. died instantly after being accidentally hit by a wagon loaded with gravel. The informant for his death was Simon Porter Jr., a farmer from Derby Township.

Sources:

1881 census of Sullivan Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Indigent Registry

Darby family

Darby, Stella Margarite, died 20 March 1909, 3 hours

Darby, Hilda Jane, died 30 July 1910, 13 days

Stella Margarite (b. 20 March 1909) and Hilda Jane Darby (b. 17 July 1910) were the daughters of Henry and Catherine Jane (Blackman) Darby. Their father Henry worked as a setter in a sawmill.

Henry (25) and Catherine (18) wed on 17 June 1908 in Keppel Township.

In 1909 Stella Margarite died as a result of a premature birth, sixteen months later Hilda Jane died of jaundice.

Note: The Darbys had four more children: William (b. 1911), Hazel (b. 1915), Leona (b. 1918) and Edna (b. 1920). They later emigrated to Michigan.

Sources:

1911 Census for Owen Sound

1921 Census for Perth County

Detroit Manifests of Arrivals at the Port of Detroit, 1906 - 1954

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Indigent Registry

Dayes, Frank, died 31 May 1909, 34 years

Frank Dayes was born in Poplar, East London, England. He worked in Grey County as a longshoreman. The death registry indicates that his surname was either "Davis or Dayes (tattoo on arm)".

Frank died by drowning.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Delaney, Gertie, died 18 September 1895, 11 years

Gertie Delaney was born in Canada. We are unsure of her parentage. However, the informant for her death was Hawtin Checkley, a labourer. Checkley was married to Lottie Louisa (Hall / McGillivray / Delaney), who was married to Robert Delaney from 1887 until his death in 1897. Gertie may have been the daughter of Louisa and Robert Delaney.

Gertie died of inflammation of the brain.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Delaney, John, died 10 August 1893, 35 years

John Delaney was born in the United States. Before moving to Owen Sound John lived in Boston with his mother and sister. He worked as a painter.

John and his wife Bella worked as caretakers for the Grange Insurance Building on Poulett St. in Owen Sound. The Delaneys had no children.

John died of pulmonary hemorrhaging.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, The Advertiser, Tuesday August 15, 1893

Owen Sound Times, Thursday August 17, 1893

Dew, John, died 4 June 1863, 33 years

John Dew was born in England. In 1861 John (31) lived in Sydenham Township with his wife Sarah (35), their children Mary A. (8), Elizabeth A. (5), as well as his father, William Dew (65) and housemaid Eliza Wilson (17). John's wife Sarah, their eldest daughter Mary, and his father William were born in England, and Elizabeth was born in Upper Canada. John was a farmer.

John died of inflammation.

Sources:

1861 census for Sydenham Township

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Dickie, Thomas, died 9 January 1903, 5 years

Thomas Dickie was born on 25 September 1897 in Bruce County to John and Elizabeth Dickie. In 1901 the Dickie family was living in Keppel Township. Like Thomas (3), his parents John (40) and Elizabeth (32) were also born in Ontario. They were of Irish descent. Thomas' father worked as a labourer.

At the time of his death Thomas lived at the Clifton House in Owen Sound.

Thomas died of diphtheria.

Sources:

1901 census for Keppel Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Diggs, Charlotte, died 25 May 1883, 75 years

Charlotte Diggs first appears in the written record for Grey County in the Old Durham Road Registry for Glenelg Township. For 24 November 1849, the registry lists Charlotte, (43) along with her husband Joseph (54). They were from Virginia, of African descent and had spent the 10 previous years in Wellesley Township, Canada West.

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry listed Charlotte's place of birth as Africa.

Charlotte (40) is listed in the 1861 census for Glenelg Township near Priceville, along with Joseph (55) who worked as a cooper. By 1871 Charlotte (49) was widowed and living alone in Priceville. According to the Agricultural Census for that year, she had a small farm. In the 1881 census Charlotte (60) was still farming.

Charlotte died from “exhaustion of vital powers”.

Sources:

1861 census for Glenelg Township
1871 census for Artemesia Township
1881 census for Artemesia Township
1848- Old Durham Road Registry for Glenelg Township
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Doherty, Mary, died 22 December 1909, 85 years

Mary Doherty lived in Owen Sound. At the time of her death, she was a widow, doing housework for a living. She is listed as the daughter of Michael Brennan, of Ireland.

Mary died from old age and heart failure.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Douglas family (Douglass)

Douglass, James, died 3 November 1893, 89 years

James Douglass was born in Maryland, USA and was of African descent. He and his family came to Upper Canada around 1840 where he worked as a brick maker and a teamster.

In 1851 James (46) lived in Holland Township with his wife Ellen (50), and their children, John (23), Benjamin (25), Louisa (21), Rosetta (18), Elizabeth (16), James (13), Daniel (12), Ellen (9), and William (7). James' wife Ellen was also born in Maryland, and their children John, Benjamin, Louisa, Rosetta, Elizabeth, and James were born in Philadelphia. Daniel, Ellen and William were born in Upper Canada.

By 1861 James (56) and his wife Ellen (56) were living with some of their grown children in Holland Township: James Jr. (23), Daniel (21), Ellen (18) and William (16). James is listed in the 1865-6 Directory of Residents of Grey County, living on Concession EGR lot 20, in Holland Township. In 1871, James (65) and Ellen (65) were still farming and living with 10 year-old Barbara, who is presumed to be their granddaughter. In 1881, James Sr. was widowed and living in Owen Sound with his daughter-in-law, Susan (44), also widowed, and two young children, Daniel (7) and Francis (5). James worked as a labourer, and Susan as a servant.

James died from debility. The informant for his death was J. Totters, a bookkeeper.

Douglass, Daniel Alfred, died 26 January 1909, 35 years

Daniel Alfred Douglas was born in Williamsford, Holland Township around 1874 to James and Susan (Mortley) Douglas. His father James Douglas Jr. was born in Philadelphia, and his mother Susan was born in England. Daniel Alfred is the grandson of *James Douglass*.

Daniel (22) married Fanny Boeoy (21) on 10 June 1896 in Chatsworth, Ontario. Fanny was the daughter of Abraham and Rebekah Boeoy. By 1901 Daniel (26) was working as a cook and living in Owen Sound with his wife Fannie (24), their daughter Georgina M. (4), and his mother Susan (57).

Daniel Alfred died of phthisis.

Sources:

1851 census for Holland Township

1861 census for Holland Township

1871 census for Holland Township

1881 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1865-6 Directory of Residents for Grey County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947 Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Douglass, Frederick Allan, died 13 September 1929, 4 months

Frederick Allan Douglas was born on 1 June 1929 in Owen Sound to Frank and Emma (Couture) Douglass.

Frederick Allan's mother Emma Couture (3) is listed on the 1911 census for Owen Sound in a household that included her parents Frank (45) and Sharlet (27), and her siblings Frankie (7), Myrtle (6) and Pearline (2). The Coutures were born in Ontario and were Catholic. Frank was of French descent, and Sharlet was of English descent.

Frederick Allan's father, Frank (17) is listed the 1921 Owen Sound census, living with his mother, Effie (59) and his brother Arthur (19). Frank was working as labourer. He and his family were of African descent.

Frederick Allan died of pneumonia.
We are unsure of his relationship to James Douglass

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Douglas, Infant, died 10 March 1923, stillborn

Infant Douglas was the son of William and Mabel (Daniels) Douglas of Owen Sound.

His parents William Henry (26) and Mabel (25) married on 2 January 1913 in Strathroy, Middlesex County. William was born in Listowel, Ontario. Mabel was the daughter of James and Ethel (Aylmer) Daniels and she was born in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Doupe family

Doupe, Harriet, died 27 March 1885, 1 day

Harriet Doupe was born on 11 April 1885 in Owen Sound to John and Harriet (Douglas) Doupe. John (25) and Harriet (23) were married on 12 November 1868 in Prince Edward County. John was the son of Adam and Elizabeth (Millar) Doupe, and Harriet was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Fix) Douglas.

Harriet's grandparents, Adam (86) and Eliza (81) Doupe, her parents John (40) and Harriet (35), and her siblings, William Albert (10), Thomas John (9), Mary Ann (7), Elizabeth (4), and Adam (2) are included in the 1881 census for Normanby Township. Her grandparents and her father were born in Ireland and her mother and siblings were born in Ontario. John worked as a storekeeper.

Harriet died of congestion of the lungs.

Doupe, Wm. (Infant daughter of), died 15 July 1897, 3 days

Infant Doupe was born in July 1897 in Owen Sound to William and Eliza Doupe, making her the niece of *Harriet Doupe*.

Infant Doupe died from complications due to a premature birth.

Other members of the Doupe family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1881 census for Normanby Township

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Dowkes, Thomas Henry, died 23 December 1878, 6 months

Thomas John Dowkes was born on 4 June 1878 in Owen Sound to George and Ellen (Steele) Dowkes.

Thomas' parents married on 23 January 1868 in Arran Township, Bruce County. George (21) was born in England to William and Elizabeth (Suggett) Dowkes. Ellen was born in Scotland to William and Isabell (Crow) Steele. The Dowkes and Steele families appear in the 1871 census for Arran Township, Bruce County, where they farmed.

Thomas died of inflammation of the lungs.

Members of the Dowkes family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1871 census for Arran Township, Bruce County
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899
Ontario, County Marriage Registers, 1858-1869

Edy, Caleb, died 2 May 1911, 63 years

Caleb Edy was born in Peel, Canada West to Benjamin and Margaret (Piper) Edy. In the 1861 census, Caleb (13) was listed with his parents Ben (38) and Mary (36), and his siblings Eliza (17), *Julia* (15), Nancy (11), Margaret (9), Mary (4), and Burnett (1). The family was of African descent.

Caleb (20) and Mary Roy (17) were married in Owen Sound on 11 December 1867, about 2 weeks after *Phillip Roy* and *Caleb's* sister *Julia Ann (Edy) Roy* were married.

In 1871 Caleb (23) lived in Owen Sound with his wife Mary (20) and their children Margaret A. (1) and John (3). Caleb worked as a labourer. By 1881 Caleb (32) and his wife Barbara (20) lived in Owen Sound, one household away from his parents Benjamin (61) and Eliza (62) "Ady". Their children Margaret and John are not listed as members of either household.

Caleb died of stricture. At the time of his death, Caleb was widowed and working as a labourer.

(See also, the Roy family narratives.)

Sources:

1861 census for Peel Township, Wellington County
1871 census for Owen Sound
1881 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario, County Marriage Registers, 1858-1869

Elliott, Osbert, died 7 May 1924, stillborn

Osbert Elliott was the son of Cecil Osbert and Violet Pearl Elliott of Owen Sound.

Cecil Osbert (23) married Violet Pearl (24) on 22 September 1922 in Owen Sound. Cecil Osbert was the son of Wm. Robert and Ellen (Sims) Elliott, and Violet Pearl was the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Mervyn) Flanagan.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario, County Marriage Registers, 1858-1869

Elliot, Patrick, died 22 June 1880, 45 years

Patrick Elliot was born in Ireland. He worked as a fireman on the steamer *Emerald*.

Patrick died after accidentally falling onto the dry dock and fracturing his skull.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Elliot, Robert, died 3 October 1876, 34 years

Robert Elliott was born in Ireland. According to the 1871 census for Holland Township, Robert (31) and Sarah (28) had four daughters, Margaret (10), Elizabeth Ann (7), Mary (4) and Maria Jane (2). Robert was a farmer. They lived beside another farming family which likely included Robert's two brothers. John (45) and his wife Margaret (31) Elliot had six young children. Another brother, Andrew Elliott (28) also resided there.

Robert died in Sydenham Township of liver disease and capillary apoplexy.

Sources:

1871 census for Holland Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, The Advertiser, Thursday, October 12, 1876

Ellison, Jeanette, died 17 June 1923, 6 months

Jeanette Mary Ellison was born on 8 January 1923 in Owen Sound to John and Jeanette (Bolton) Ellison. Jeanette's parents John (24) and Jeanette (19) were married on 18 March 1908 in Atwood, Perth County. John was the son of Henry John and Mary Ellison, and Jeanette was the daughter of Sheppard and Margaret M. (Sachlan) Bolton. John was born in England and Jeanette was born in Fordwich, Huron County.

The Ellisons are included on the 1911 census for Perth County. Jeannette Mary's parents John (26) and Jeanette (21) are listed with her older sister, Mary L. (1), and her grandmother Margaret Bolton (63).

Jeanette Mary died of pneumonia following measles.

Sources:

1911 census for Perth County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Emes, George, died 5 August 1878, 73 years

George Emes (47) appears in the 1851 census for North Guillimbury, York County with his wife Rebecca (39), and their children, Calvin (19), Martha (17), Marilla (13), Ezekial (8), Charles (7), Ellenor (5), George B. (3) and Walter S. (1). George and all his children were born in Upper Canada and his wife Rebecca was born in New York State, US. George was of German origin. George was a yeoman.

By 1861, George's family had grown. George (58) and Rebecca (45) had six children at home: Ezekial (18), Charles (16), Ellen (14), George Burk (10), Walter (8) and Victor (6). Rebecca Morton (80), likely George's mother-in-law, also lived with them. She was born in the US. Henry was farming. By 1871 George (71) was a widower and living in Owen Sound with his youngest son Victor (15).

George worked as a farmer at the time of his death. *James Douglass*, a farmer in Holland Township, is listed as the informant.

George died of consumption.

Sources:

1851 census for North Guillimbury, York County

1861 census for north Guillimbury, York County

1871 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Fauble, Adam, died 7 March 1897, 74 years

Adam Fauble was born in Germany. His occupation and family status are unknown. In 1881 Adam (59) lived in Normanby Township with Henry Eugler (20), who worked as a farmer and was also of German descent.

According to the death registry Adam worked as a labourer.

Adam died in the county gaol. His cause of death is variously listed as old age, rupture, and acute albuminuria.

Sources:

1881 census for Normanby Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday March 9, 1897

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Thursday March 11, 1897

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Flavelle, Henry, died 7 January 1924, 33 years

Henry Flavelle was born on 19 May 1893 in Sydenham Township to William and Rachel (Ferguson) Flavelle. Henry's family were listed in the 1891 census for Sydenham Township. They included his parents, William (36) and Rachel (31) and his older siblings Joseph (9), William (8), John (4) and Mary (2). The family were all born in Ontario and were of Scottish and Irish descent. Henry's father William worked as a farm labourer.

By 1901, William (46) was widowed and working as a day labourer, still living in Sydenham Township. Henry (7) is listed with his siblings, John (12), Mary (11), Jerry (9), Agnes (5) and Israel (3). In 1911, Henry (19) was boarding in a large household in Owen Sound where he worked at a quarry.

Henry (25) married Alice Cooke (24) on 9 October 1920 in Owen Sound. Alice was the daughter of John Cooke. On 23 October that same year, their 6 weeks old infant son, Gordon died of complications from a premature birth.

William Henry (28) and Alice (28) are listed in the 1921 census for Sydenham Township, living with William Henry's widowed father William (70) and his brother Ezra (Israel) (25). All the men of the household worked as labourers.

Henry died from sepsis and bed sores, after having suffered for a year with a fractured spine and resulting paraplegia.

Other members of the Flavelle family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1891 census for Sydenham Township
1901 census for Sydenham Township
1911 census for Owen Sound
1921 census for Sydenham Township
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births, 1869-1912
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Forbes, Victor, died 7 September 1905, 3 months

Victor Forbes was born on 24 May 1905 in Owen Sound to Alexander and Elizabeth Ann (Imlah) Forbes. Alexander worked as a labourer. The 1901 census for Sarawak Township lists Alexander (39), Elizabeth (38) and 8 children who were young Victor's older siblings: Alexander (17), Hellen (13), Mary Ann (10), John (8), Sharlott (5), Eleizabeth (3) and Margrit (2 months). Alexander and Elizabeth and their 2 oldest children were born in Scotland.

Victor died of bronchitis.

Sources:

1901 census for Sarawak Township
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births, 1869-1912
Owen Sound, *The Times*, Friday August 8, 1905

Frame, John, died 17 July 1876, 86 years

John Frame was born in Scotland and he was known as one of the Grey County's "oldest settlers".

In 1851 John (62) lived in Sydenham Township with his wife Elizabeth Ann (39) and their children John Jr. (16), Jane (14), Abraham (12), Charles (10), Martha (8), Levinia Ann (3), and Nancy (1). John's wife Elizabeth Ann was born in the United States and their children were born in Canada West. John worked as a carpenter.

By 1861 John (71) and Elizabeth (48) lived in St. Vincent Township with their children Charles (18), and Mary (7) in the household of their daughter Martha (30), her husband, Charles Brown (36) and their daughter, Elizabeth (5). By 1871, John Frame (80) was widowed and living with his 16 year-old daughter, Mary, in Derby Township. He was still working as a carpenter.

John was committed to gaol for protection from poverty.

John died in gaol of heart disease.

Sources:

1851 census for Sydenham Township

1861 census for St. Vincent Township

1871 census for Derby Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Thursday, July 20, 1876

Fraser, William Frederick, died 6 November 1922, 5 days

William Frederick Fraser was born on 1 November 1922 to Henry and Annie Fraser of Owen Sound. William Frederick's parents Henry Agnew (25) and Annie Violet (22) were married on 28 September 1922 in Owen Sound.

Henry Agnew (24) is listed with his parents William (53) and Elizabeth (46) and his sister Gladys (14) on the 1921 census for Owen Sound. The family was of Scottish descent. Henry worked as an electrician.

William Frederick died of a cerebral hemorrhaging and heart failure.

Members of the Fraser family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Frost, Baby, died 1 May 1918, 5 hours

Infant Frost died during birth in Owen Sound. Her mother was L. Frost.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Furneaux, Keasha, died 4 March 1901, 5 years 6 months

Keasha Furneaux was the daughter of John and Margaret Furneaux.

According to the 1901 census for Owen Sound, Keasha's parents John (32) and Margaret (30) were both born in Ontario, and of English descent. John worked as a day labourer.

Keasha died of a weak heart.

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Garneau, Mary C., died 2 December 1883, 5 months

Mary Celeste Garneau was born in Owen Sound.

The informant for her death was Francis Alexis Garneau, a shipwright. Mary Celeste died of convulsions.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Garvie, Peter, died 17 June 1894, 44 years

Peter Garvie was born in Nova Scotia. He worked as a sailor.

Peter died of cirrhosis of the liver.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Gibbons family

Gibbons, Merlin, died 17 April 1916, 8 years

Gibbons, Hazel, died 11 April 1916, 8 months

Merlin and Hazel Gibbons were the children of David and Rose (McAdams) Gibbons.

Merlin was born in Michigan, and Hazel was born in Town of Meaford.

In 1911 Merlin (3) lived in Meaford with his parents David (40) and Rose (36) and siblings Herbert (16), Bernie (14), Garfield (11), and Thelma (9). The Gibbons were of English and Scottish descent. Merlin and Hazel's father David worked as an ash gatherer.

Hazel and Merlin both died of pneumonia.

Note: By 1921, the family was living and farming in Sydenham Township.

Sources:

1911 census for the Town of Meaford

1921 census for Sydenham Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Gilbert family (Gilberds)

Gilbert, Sarah, died 29 April 1904, 60 years

Gilbert, Edward, died 14 October 1913, 76 years

Sarah (Whitmore) Gilbert was born in Ontario, and Edward Gilbert was born in the United States.

In 1881 Sarah (37) and Edward (43) were living in Normanby Township with their children William (18), Martha (14), Daniel (11), James (9), Hannah (6), Edward (5), Sarah Jane (3) and John (9 months), and Sarah's brother John Whitmore (25). Like Sarah, the rest of the family was born in Ontario. Both Edward and John worked as coopers.

By 1891 the family had moved to Owen Sound. Edward (54) and Sarah's (48) family had grown to include William (28), Martha (24), Daniel (22), James (20), Hannah (16), Edward (14), Sarah Jane (12), John (10), Lucinda (8), and Edith (6). Edward continued to work as a cooper, William and Daniel worked as labourers, Martha and Hannah worked as general servants, and young Edward worked as an errand boy.

By 1901, Sarah (56) and Edward (62) were in Keppel Township with their children Hannah (25) and Daniel (32).

When Sarah died of bronchitis in 1904, the Gilberts lived on Division St. in Owen Sound. In her obituary she was described as a "lady". The informant for her death was her eldest son, William.

In 1911 Edward (71) lived in Owen Sound with his daughter Sarah Jane (33) and son-in-law Augustus Rush (37), and his grandchildren Edward M. (14), Evaline L. M. (13) and Augustus H. (9).

Two years later in 1913 Edward died of heart failure after collapsing while picking apples. His obituary states that he conducted a cooper shop near Bognor. He was described as a widower and "a gentleman".

Other members of the Gilbert family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1881 census for Normanby Township

1901 census for Keppel Township

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday October 17, 1913

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Gillis, James Emory Anson, died 7 December 1895, 14 months

James Emory Anson Gillis was born in Owen Sound.

The informant for James' death was W. H. Gillis.

James died of meningitis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Glover, Frederick William, died 14 May 1873, 14 days

Frederick William Glover was born on 29 April 1873 in Owen Sound. He was the son of Frederick and Ellen R. (Ireland) Glover, who had married on 22 December 1871.

Frederick (25) was the son of William and Charlotte Glover. He was born in England and made his living in Owen Sound as a carriage maker. Ellen Reid (23) was the daughter of William and Ann (Innes) Ireland. Ellen was born in Scotland.

Frederick William died from infant convulsions.

Other members of the Glover family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912 Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Owen Sound Times, Friday December 29, 1871

Gordon, Don (infant child of), died 19 November 1902, 1 day

Infant Gordon was the child of Donald and Margaret (Phillips) Gordon.

Donald (27) and Margaret Gordon (24) are included on the 1901 census for Owen Sound along with their children, Kitty (6), Gauvas (5) John (4), Annie (2) and Christina (1).

Donald was of African descent, and Margaret was of Irish descent. The Gordons were all born in Ontario. Donald Gordon worked as a sailor.

Infant Gordon died after a pre-mature birth.

[Note: By 1911, the family had grown to include: Donald (36) and Margaret (32), Katherine R. (17), Gauvas (15), William John (14), Christina (11), Isabella (7), Hannah Margaret (5), Ida May (2) and Florence Harriett (4 months).]

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Gordon, Leonard, died 26 January 1902, 1 day

Leonard Gordon was the child of William and Alice (Holmes) Gordon. William Gordon worked as a labourer. In 1901, William (27), Alice (25) and their daughter Irene (1) were residing in the village of Chesley where William worked at the mill. They were of Scottish and Irish descent. The family moved to Owen Sound where Leonard was born.

Leonard died of convulsions.

[Note: By 1911, Leonard's family included his parents, William (35) and Alice (34) and his siblings Irene (11), Margaret (8), Murray (5) and Jean (3).]

Sources:

1901 census for Chesley Village, Bruce County

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947 Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Gordon, William Joseph, died 22 August 1909, 7 months

William Joseph Gordon was born on 16 January 1909 in the town of Simcoe to Richard and Mary (Shouldice) Gordon, who were also the grandparents of *Leonard Gordon*.

William Joseph's father Richard worked as a carpenter.

William Joseph died of convulsions. William Gordon, *Leonard Gordon's* father was the informant for his death.

Other members of the Gordon family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Gower, Eliza, died 25 March 1898, 43 years

Eliza (Burgess) Gower (17) from King County, married Levi Gower (21) from Scarborough in Stouffville, Ontario on 7 October 1873. Eliza was the daughter of John and Sarah Burgess, and Levi was the son of George and Margaret Gower. In 1881 Eliza (27) and Levi (30) lived in Uxbridge, Ontario with their children William (7), Sarah (5) and Thomas (3). Levi worked as a cooper.

By 1891 Eliza (35) and Levi (38) had moved to the Town of Meaford with their children William (16), Sarah (14), Thomas (13), Ethel (8), Ella (5), and Frank (2). Their son, Victor Elmer, was born 8 June 1891. Another son, James Arthur, was born 14 March 1898, eleven days before Eliza died.

Eliza died of acute pericarditis and mania.

Sources:

1881 census for Uxbridge, Ontario North

1891 census for the Town of Meaford

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912 Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Grant, James, died 16 October 1896, 51 years

James Grant was born in Scotland. He worked as a labourer.

James died in the county gaol from a blood clot.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday October 20, 1896

Gray, Alexander, died 4 March 1913, 2 hours

Alexander Gray was the son of Henry and Jennie (Flockhart) Gray.

Alexander's parents Henry (24) and Jennie (26), and sister Lillian (1) are included on the 1911 census for Owen Sound. The Grays were born in Scotland and came to Canada in 1910. Alexander's father Henry worked as a moulder at the foundry.

Alexander died from an injury to the skull during birth.

Other members of the Gray family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Gray, John W. (infant child of), died 26 February 1916, 1 day

Infant Gray was the son of John Wesley and Devina / Vera Jane (McDonald) Gray.

Infant Gray's father John Wesley was born in Listowel, Perth, Ontario to Wm. and Keziah (Cockwell) Gray. His mother Devina/ Vera Jane was the daughter of William and Margaret (Jordan) McDonald.

John Wesley (26) and Devina / Vera Jane McDonald (27) married on 22 October 1914 in Listowel.

Infant Gray died in Derby Township shortly after his birth "of weakness".

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Green family

Green, Earl Melvin, died 28 December 1916, 1 year

Green, Thomas Herman, died 26 February 1926, 30 hours

Earl Melvin and Thomas Herman Green were the sons of Thomas Russell and Gertrude Harriet Green.

The Green children's parents, Thomas Russell (22) and Gertrude Harriet (19) were married on 24 December 1913 in Owen Sound. Russell Green was the son of Thomas and Mary Ellen (Ringo) Green, and Gertrude Harriet was the daughter of Solomon Levi and Sarah Ann (Woods) Earll. Both families were members of Owen Sound's Black community.

Thomas Russell (29) and Gertrude Harriet (25) are included on the 1921 census for Owen Sound with their children Herbert R. (7), Norman S. (3), and Mary C. (1). Russell's parents, Thomas (58) and Mary (59), lived a few households down from them.

Earl Melvin died of meningitis.

Thomas Herman died of congenital heart disease and tuberculosis.

Other members of the Green, Ringo, and Earll families are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Green, Frederick (infant child of), died 5 November 1904, died at birth

Infant Green was the son of Frederick and Nellie (Banks) Green of Owen Sound. Frederick Green worked as a cook.

Infant Green died at birth.

We are unsure of Infant Gordon's relationship to the Green family.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Green, Hannah Maria, died 11 December 1881, 1 year 9 months

Hannah Maria Green was born in Owen Sound.

Hannah Maria died of whooping cough. The informant for her death was *Thomas Miller*.

We are unsure of Hannah Green's relationship to the Green family.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Green, Joshua, died 28 December 1903, 27 years

Joshua Green was born in Canada. He worked as a cook and was single at the time of his death.

Joshua died of pneumonia. The informant for his death was James Green, a labourer from Owen Sound.

We are unsure of Joshua green's relationship to the Green Family.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Green, Philemon, died 8 May 1875, 11 years

Philemon Green was born in Ontario to John and Mary Ann Green.

In 1871 Philemon (7) was living in Artemesia Township with his parents John (50) and Mary Ann (29) and his siblings Thomas (9), Rachel A. (5), and James W. (2). Philemon and his brother Thomas were attending school. Their father John worked as a labourer. John was born in the United States, the rest of the family was born in Ontario. The Greens were of African descent.

Philemon died by drowning.

[Note: James W. (2), may be the informant for Joshua Green's death (see *Joshua Green*). He is listed in the 1901 census for Owen Sound, as a 22 year old "boarder" and day labourer in the home of Daniel (27) and Emma (25) Green and their three young children. All were of African descent.]

Sources:

1871 census for Artemesia Township
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hahn, James (infant of), died 26 November 1915, died at birth

Infant Hahn was the daughter of James and Martha (McDonald) Hahn of Owen Sound.

Infant Hahn was born prematurely and died shortly after her birth.

Other members of the Hahn family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday December 3, 1915

Hall family

Hall, John, died 9 April 1900, 117 years

Hall, Esther, died 15 November 1907, 95 years

John "Daddy" Hall was one of Owen Sound's best known Black citizens. He and his wife Esther initially settled in Glenelg Township, and first appear on the census in 1851.

John is believed to have been born in Essex County in the 1780s. He is thought to have been a scout for Tecumseh in the War of 1812. Before the war was over, he returned to his home near Amherstburg, Ontario. Here, he and his family were captured by American troops and sold into slavery. Hall was sent to Kentucky to work on a plantation, but he escaped and made his way back to Upper Canada and eventually moved on to the Rocky Saugeen area north of Durham and eventually wound up in Owen Sound.

Esther Hall was born on 14 March 1819 in England. After John and Esther moved to Owen Sound, John took on the role of town crier for many years. The couple had at least ten children: *Henry*, Maria, James, Daniel/ David, *Hannah*, Elizabeth, Victoria, Emma, John, Leusinda / Louisa.

In 1851 John (45) and Esther (33) family were living in Glenelg Township with their children *Henry* (16), Maria (12), James (7), Daniel/David (2), and *Hannah* (5 months). By 1861 John (60) and Esther (38) were living in Owen Sound. Their household included their children Daniel/David (10), *Hannah* (9), Elizabeth (7), Victoria (5), and Leusinda (2). Ten years later in 1871, John (56) and Esther, (52) lived with their youngest children Elizabeth (16), Victoria (13), Emma (10), John (9) and Louisa (8). During this time John worked as a labourer.

By 1881 John (81) and Esther (63) were living in Owen Sound with their daughters Elizabeth (25) and Louisa McGilvary (18) and her young daughter Nellittia (6 months). John worked as the "town bell man". (Louisa's husband, Neil McGilvary, is not listed.) By 1891, John (107) and (H)esther (74) were living with their young granddaughter, Neletta McGilverly (10).

In 1900 John Hall died from "old age and a bad cold" at the Pleasure Grounds in Owen Sound. He had been working as a labourer before his death. The informant for his death was J. Cousby.

When the census was taken in 1901, Esther (82) was living beside her daughter, Maria (Hall) Hanson (55).

Seven years after John passed, Esther died from old age and bronchitis at the Pleasure Grounds in 1907. The informant for her death was her son-in-law George G. Harrison.

John and Esther's daughter Hannah is buried in the indigent plot as Hannah Harrison.

Hall, Infant of John, died 30 July 1861, stillborn

We assume that this is a child of *John and Esther Hall*.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hall, Henry, died 25 October 1864, 27 years

Henry Hall was born in Upper Canada and was the eldest child of *John* and *Esther Hall*.

In 1851 he (16) lived in Glenelg Township with his parents and siblings and worked as a labourer.

By 1861 Henry (25) was living in Glenelg Township with his wife Josephine (21), their son Richard (2). Henry worked as a farmer.

Henry died of cancer.

Sources:

1851 census for Glenelg Township

1861 census for Glenelg Township

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hall, William, died 25 August 1877, died at birth

William Hall died during childbirth as a consequence of debility. His parents are not listed on his entries in either the birth or the death registry.

We are unsure of William Hall's relationship to the Hall family.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Handy family

Handy, James [listed as William], died 6 June 1901, 96 years

James Handy was born in Maryland, United States, and immigrated to Canada around 1835. After settling in Albion Township, James and his family moved to Artemesia Township. In 1851 James (47) and his wife Charlotte (45) were living on the Durham Road with their children James (20), Charlotte (16), and *Susan* (15), Ellen (13), Mary (9), John (7), Charles (5), *William* (3), Hannah (1) and James's father, James Sr. (81). James Sr., James, Charlotte, and their 2 oldest children were born in the United States. The remaining children were all born in Upper Canada. The Handys were of African descent.

By 1861 the Handy family had grown and some of the children had set out on their own. James (55) and Charlotte (53) lived with: James N. (29), Mary (19), John (16), Charles G. (13), *William A.* (11), Hannah M. (10), Henry F. (8), and James (2).

Ten years later, James (65) and Charlotte (63) lived with their children *William A.* (21), Hannah (19), Harry (16), and James (11), as well as Mary Bell (9) and William Cook (3). James was still farming. By 1891, James (84) was widowed and living with his sons, Charles (42) and *William* (40), and his granddaughter, Hester Mason (20). By 1901, James (94) was living in Owen Sound with *William* (49), Hester M. (29) and Charlotte M. (5).

James died from old and debility.

Handy, Susan, died 28 January 1868, 30 years

Susan Handy was born in Upper Canada to *James* and Charlotte Handy. She is included on the 1851 census for Artemesia Township with her family. In October 1860, Susan (22) married a neighbour, Caesar Augustus Johnston (36), the son of *Christmas* and Rosannah (Parker) *Johnston*.

Susan died of lung disease.

Handy, William, died 15 October 1921, 62 years

William Handy was born in Upper Canada to *James* and Charlotte Handy. He is included in the 1851, 1861, 1871, and 1891 census for Artemesia Township.

In 1901 William (49) lived in Owen Sound with Hester M. (29), Charlotte M. (5), and his widowed father *James* (94). William worked as a day labourer at the quarry. By 1911 William (56) was living alone in Owen Sound. He did "odd jobs" for a living. In 1921, the year he died, William (65), widowed, was lodging with Marie Henson (109).

William died of pneumonia at the General & Marine Hospital.

Sources:

1851 census for Artemesia Township

1861 census for Artemesia Township

1871 census for Artemesia Township

1891 census for Artemesia Township

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario, County Marriage Registers, 1858-1869The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hannah, Andrew, died 20 March 1865, 32 years

Andrew Hannah was born in Ireland.

In 1861 Andrew (30) lived and farmed in Holland Township with his wife Eliza (27) and their children Edward (3) and Richard (11 months). Andrew and his family were born in Ireland. At the time of his death he lived in Derby Township.

Andrew's cause of death is unknown.

Sources:

1861 census for Holland Township

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hannah, Eliza Jane, died 1 March 1873, 4 years

Eliza Jane Hannah was born in Ontario to James and Elizabeth Hannah.

In 1871 Eliza Hannah (2) lived in Artemesia Township with her parents James (26) and Elizabeth (28) and her sister Sarah (4). Eliza's sister was born in the United States and her parents were born in Ireland.

Eliza Jane died of croup.

Sources:

1871 census for Artemesia Township

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hannah, William, died 18 April 1879, 11 years

William Hannah was the son of Richard and Jane Hannah. The Hannahs lived in Derby Township where they farmed. In the 1871 census, William (3) is listed with his parents, Richard (35) and Jane (30) and his siblings, John (13), Isabella (8), Margaret (5), Albert (1) and Maria (1 month). Richard's father was born in Ireland and the rest of the family in Ontario.

William died of bronchitis, from which he suffered for a week.

Sources:

1871 census for Derby Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Hansler, Infant, died 31 May 1927, 10 hours

Infant Hansler was the son of Christian and Heiltze (Visser) Hansler. The Hanslers are described as "Hollander" (meaning, Dutch).

Infant Hansler died of congenital weakness shortly after his birth.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Harrington, Clara Bell, died 6 December 1890, 5 years

Clara Bell Harrington's parents Forest (30) and Mary (28) and siblings, Frederick (14), Wilbur (11), Bert (9), Ernest (7), Julie (3) and George (2) are included on the 1891 census for Owen Sound. Forest and all the children, including Clara Bell, were born in the United States, and Mary was born in England. Clara Bell's father worked in shipping.

Clara Bell died of scarlet fever.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Harris, Ethel Maud, died 26 September 1884, 1 year

Ethel Maud Harris was born in England.

Ethel Maud died of marasmus. The informant for her death was Edward Harris, a labourer.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Harris, Richard, died 10 August 1890, 80 years

Richard Harris was born in England and had resided on a subdivision of the Rankin farm in Derby Township, where he worked as a farm labourer. He is listed in the 1881 census for Derby Township as neither married, widowed nor single. According to his obituary, his wife had remained in England.

Richard died in the county gaol of dropsy and old age.

Sources:

1881 census for Derby Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Thursday, August 14, 1890

The Owen Sound Times, Thursday, August 14, 1890

Harrison family

Harrison, Samuel, died 8 August 1876, 40 years

Samuel Harrison was born in Ontario and was of African descent.

In 1871 Samuel (30) lived in Owen Sound with his wife Eliza Ann (Douglas) (27), and their children Samuel (8), William H. (4), and *Hannah* (2), as well as Charles Smith (15). Samuel's wife Eliza was born in the United States. Their children were all born in Ontario. He worked on and off at the quarries near Owen Sound for roughly 15 years.

The Harrisons were prominent members of Grey County's Black community.

Samuel died of consumption.

Harrison, Infant of Samuel G., died 7 January 1872, 3 days

We are assuming that this infant is the child of Samuel and Eliza Ann Harrison. Their cause of death is unknown.

Harrison, Hannah, died 20 May 1877, 8 years

Hannah Maria Harrison was the daughter of *Samuel* and Eliza Ann Harrison.

Hannah accidentally drowned in a river while playing on a raft with other children. At the time of her death her mother Eliza had been widowed for about 10 months.

Harrison, Hannah, died 12 February 1906, 55 years

Hannah (Hall/Jackson) Harrison was born in Canada to *John* and *Esther Hall*.

In 1851 Hannah Hall (5 months) lived in Glenelg Township with her parents *John* (45) and *Esther* (33) and her siblings *Henry* (16), *Maria* (12), *James* (7), and *David* (2). Hannah's siblings were also born in Canada, her father was born in the United States and her mother was born in England. *John Hall* was of African descent and *Esther* of English descent.

When the census for Owen Sound was taken in 1861 Hannah Hall (9) lived with her parents *John* (60), *Esther* (38) and her siblings *Daniel* (10), *Elizabeth* (7), *John* (6), *Victoria* (5), and *Leusinda* (2). John worked as a labourer.

Hannah (19) married William Jackson (22), and the couple are included on the 1871 census for Owen Sound together with their son William (1). Hannah's husband William worked as a labourer.

By 1901 Hannah Jackson (49), was widowed, and lived in Owen Sound with her son William F. (31), and a boarder named Margaret Cullen (37). Hannah worked doing laundry.

On 13 August 1902 Hannah Jackson (38) married George A. Harrison (26) in Owen Sound. George was the son of *Samuel* and Eliza Ann (Douglas) Harrison.

Hannah died of breast cancer, from which she suffered for 2 years.

Harrison, Nancy Jane, died 1 September 1897, 12 years

Nancy Jane Harrison was born in Grey County and lived on Douglas Street in Owen Sound. She worked as a house servant.

Nancy Jane died of phthisis.

We are unsure if Nancy Jane was part of the Harrison family. However, the informant for her death was W. H. Harrison.

Children of William Henry Harrison and Martha (Douglas) Harrison

Robert William Harrison

Daniel Russell Harrison

Daniel Alfred Harrison

Infant of W. H. Harrison

William Henry Harrison was born on 6 April 1866 in Holland Township to *Samuel* and Eliza Ann (Douglas) Harrison. Martha Harrison was born on 18 January 1869 in Holland Township to *Daniel Douglas* and Mary Jane (Mortley) Douglas.

William H. (21) and Martha (17) wed on 9 August 1886 in Holland Township. At the time of their wedding William Henry worked as a labourer. The witnesses at their wedding were Dalton Johnson and Elizabeth Chuckee.

In 1901 William H. (36) and Martha (31) lived in Owen Sound with their children James (13), Mary (10), Eliza (6), William (3) and Margret (born September 1900). William worked as a labourer.

Ten years later in 1911, the household of William (45) and Martha (41) included their children James Henry (24), Eliza Ann (15), William George (13), Margaret S. (10), Martha Jane (7), and Frederick John (4). Both William and their son James Henry worked as labourers at the quarry.

By 1921 William (59) and Martha (55) were retired and they lived in Owen Sound with their children William George (23), Frederick (13), and Samuel A. (8). William George worked as a core maker.

Harrison, Daniel Russell, 31 July 1894, 17 months

Daniel Russell Harrison was born on 6 February 1893 in Owen Sound.

Daniel died of whooping cough.

Harrison, Robert Wm., died 24 December 1894, 5 years

Robert William Harrison was born on 10 February 1889 in Owen Sound. In 1891 Robert William lived in Owen Sound with his parents William Henry (25) and Martha (22), his siblings Ida (7), James Henry (4) and Mary Ellen (2 months), and his uncle George (14).

Robert died of diphtheria.

Harrison, W. H. (Infant child of), died 11 December 1905, died at birth

Harrison, Daniel Alfred, died 27 December 1905, 16 days

Twins Daniel Alfred Harrison and Infant Harrison were born on 11 December 1905 in Owen Sound.

The birth registry indicates that Infant Harrison died during childbirth.

Daniel Alfred died of convulsions at his home on Douglas St.

Other members of the Harrison family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1851 census for Glenelg Township

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Dundalk Guide (1877), May 31, 1877

NT 2020 v. 17, "Obituary from an Owen Sound Newspaper 1906"

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Harvey, William, died 28 April 1892, 66 years

In 1881 William Harvey (56) lived in Owen Sound with his wife Mary Ann (46), and their children John (20), Albert (19), William (16), Joanna (15), George (12), Henry (9), Emma (6), Maud (3), and Fred (10 months). William worked as a teamster, his son John

worked as a weaver, and son Albert worked as a cabinet maker. The family was of English descent.

By the time the census was taken for Owen Sound in 1891 William (64) lived alone and worked as a farmer.

William died of gangrene of the foot and leg. The informant for his death in the death registry was his son George, a painter. However, in the Greenwood Cemetery Registry his informant was John Carson, a carpenter from Owen Sound.

Sources:

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hazelton family

Hazelton, William Henry, died 2 July 1925, 57 years

William Henry Hazelton was born in Ontario to William and Mary Hazelton. In 1871 William Henry (4) lived in Holland Township with his parents William (29) and Mary (22) and his sister Saphrona Catherine (2). All of William Henry's family members were born in Ontario of British descent. William's father worked as a farmer.

When the census was taken in 1881, the family was living in Chesley Township in Bruce County, and had grown to include: William Henry (14), his parents William (38) and Mary (35), his siblings Catherine (12), Sarah (6), and two boarders, Margaret (17) and Mary (14) McDougall.

By 1891, William (28) was a farm hand for a farming family in Holland Township. In 1901 William (33), was married and living in Warton with his wife Sarah A. (25) and their two children, Clarissa (6) and Harry (4). William worked as a teamster.

By 1911 William (43) and Sarah Ann (36) were living in Owen Sound with their children Violet (9), Bertha (6), George (4) and William (2). William worked as a labourer at the stone quarry. In 1921, the household of William (54) and Sarah (45) included their grown son Harry (25), Bertha (16), William (11) and Reita (7). William was working as a general labourer.

William died of myocardial disease.

Hazelton, William (infant child of), died 17 June 1916, died at birth

Infant Hazelton died at birth at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound. He was the son of *William* and Sarah Ann (Lancaster) Hazelton.

Sources:

1871 census Holland Township

1881 census for Chesley Township, Bruce North

1891 census for Holland Township

1901 census for Wiarton

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Friday June 23, 1916

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hector family

Hector, Thomas, died 20 November 1861, 48 years

Thomas Hector was born in the West Indies and was of African descent.

In 1861 Thomas (41) lived in Owen Sound with his wife Olive (36) and their children Eugene (7), *Josephine* (5) and Frances (3), and one other person, Delida O'Shier (19). Thomas' wife Olive was born in the United States, and the children were born in Upper Canada. Thomas worked as a hairdresser.

Thomas died of consumption.

Hector, Josephine, died 10 March 1862, 6 years

Josephine Hector was born in Upper Canada to *Thomas* and Olive Hector.

She appears on the 1861 census for Owen Sound with her family.

Josephine died from a virus.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Heipel, Ira Jacob, died 8 September 1925, 11 months

Ira Jacob Heipel was born on 28 October 1924 in Owen Sound to Ira Martin and Vida (Logan) Heipel of Normanby Township.

Ira's parents, Ira Martin (21) and Vida Alexandra (18) were married on 12 June 1922 in Owen Sound. Ira was the son of Jacques and Mary (Dippel) Heipel and Vida the daughter of Gustus and Mary (Smith) Logan. Ira Jacob's father was of German descent and had been raised in Wellington County.

Ira Jacob died of acute dysentery.

Members of the Heipel family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1911 census for Wellington County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Henderson, Frances, died 3 February 1886, 80 years

Frances (Digges) Henderson was born in Niagara, Upper Canada. In 1851 Frances (48) lived in Simcoe, Norfolk County with her husband Reuben (62), her widowed mother Rose Digges (66) and their large family: Reuben (28), Cynthia (23), Martha (20), Zaccharia H. (18), Jethro M. (16), Jemima (14), Jeremiah E. (12), Elijah (8) and Rachel (5). Her husband Reuben worked as a teamster. The family was of African descent.

By 1861 Frances (56) was widowed and farming on the Durham Road in Artemesia along with her children Elijah (16), Rachel (14), and Amelia Jane (10). Ten years later, Frances (60) was still living on the farm on the Durham Road with her son Elijah (26). By 1881 she (73) lived with her daughter, Martha Johnson (43), and Martha's children Martha (16) and Hawkins (9).

The Johnsons, Jane Martha (49), Martha (17) and Hawkins (10), are also listed on the 1881 census for Owen Sound along with Martha's husband George Johnson (51) and two other children, Walter (20), and Henry (18). George and Walter worked as carpenters, and Henry worked as a cook.

We believe Martha's presence in Artemesia Township at the time of the census was to try to establish her right to the farm – which was being contested by her brother Elijah. She was also caring for her mother. That she is present in both the Artemesia and Owen Sound censuses suggests that her stay in Artemesia Township was strategic, rather than permanent.

We assume that when Frances became enfeebled, she moved to Owen Sound to live with Martha and George.

Frances died of heart disease and dropsy.

Sources:

1861 census for Artemesia Township

1871 census for Artemesia Township

1881 census for Artemesia Township

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Henderson, George M., died 13 August 1897, 61 years

George M. Henderson was born in Ontario. Before moving to Owen Sound George worked as a hotelkeeper in the town of Durham.

George died in the county gaol of throat cancer.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday August 17, 1897

Henderson, Jean, died 9 February 1923, 7 months

Jean Henderson was born on 4 July 1922 in Toronto to Jean W. Henderson of Sullivan Township.

Jean (19) is included on the 1921 census for Derby Township with her parents Wm. C. (62) and Elizabeth (56), and her siblings, Stanley A. (27), Kate (24), Melville D. (16), and Madaline (13). Jean's parents were born in Scotland and Jean and her siblings were born in Ontario. Her father Wm. C., and brothers Stanley A. and Melville D. worked as farmers.

At some point in her short life, infant Jean became a ward of the Children's Shelter where she died of pneumonia.

Sources:

1921 census for Derby Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Henderson, Margaret, died 16 December 1911, 66 years

According to her obituaries Margaret (McCarroll) Henderson was born in White River, Dunbar, Ireland and came to Canada around 1886. She married Henry Henderson in Stratford, Ontario. Henry was a long-time resident of Owen Sound.

In 1901 Margaret (60) lived in Owen Sound with her husband Henry (65) and lodgers Sean Thompson (28) and Jno. Smith (25).

When the census was taken in 1911 for Owen Sound, Henry (75) and Margaret (68) lived alone.

Margaret died of heart failure.

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday December 19, 1911

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Tuesday December 21, 1911

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday December 22, 1911

Henry, John, died 30 October 1897, 60 years

John Henry was born in Scotland. He lived in Egremont Township where he worked as a labourer.

John died of inflammation of the kidneys.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, The Sun, Tuesday November 2, 1897

Henson, Infant of James, 26 May 1861, stillborn

Infant Henson is likely the child of James and Maria Henson who were of African descent.

The story of James Henson is documented in detail in *Broken Shackles: Old Man Henson, From Slavery to Freedom*, edited by Peter Meyler. The book chronicles Henson's time enslaved in Maryland, his refuge in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and his settlement in Owen Sound.

Maria Henson and James Henson lived apart as early as 1871. Maria lived in Owen Sound for decades, working as a washerwoman and supporting others within Owen Sound's Black community. She spent her last days at the House of Refuge in Markdale where she died in 1929.

Sources:

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 Census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

Broken Shackles: Old Man Henson, From Slavery to Freedom

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hetherington, Emma, died 25 March 1866, 16 years

Emma Hetherington was the daughter of John and Ann Hetherington.

In 1861 Emma (11) lived in Owen Sound with her parents John (34) and Ann (31) and her sister Susan (4). Emma and her parents were born in England, and Susan was born in Upper Canada. Emma's father John was a painter.

Emma died of diphtheria.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hetherington, Sadie Elizabeth, died 28 December 1918, 2 weeks

Sadie Elizabeth Hetherington was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hetherington of Owen Sound.

Sadie Elizabeth died of heart failure.

Sources:

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Monday December 30, 1918

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hicks family

Hicks, William John, died 6 July 1904, 48 years

William John Hicks was born in Ontario and came to the Owen Sound area from Hanover around 1901. He worked as a farm labourer.

In 1901 William Hicks (39) lived in Keppel Township with his wife Marie (35), their children William T. (15), Mary (11), their nephew Myers Hewitt (18) and a boarder named Margaret Burns (56). William was of English descent, and Marie was of Irish descent.

According to his obituary, William left behind his wife Marie, and their five children: William, Thomas, May, Rossene, and Mrs. Cameron (a married daughter).

William died of chronic bronchitis.

Hicks, Clifford Melville, died 17 February 1928, 3 days

Hicks, Fred Arthur, died 13 December 1928, 2 days

Clifford Melville and Fred Arthur Hicks were the infant sons of William and Margaret (Trotter) Hicks of Owen Sound and the grandsons of *William John Hicks*.

Clifford and Fred's parents William (25) and Margaret E. H. (21) are included in the 1911 census for Owen Sound along with their older siblings Irine A. (4), and Wilbert C. (2). The family was Ontario born, and of Irish descent. William worked as a teamster at the quarry.

By 1921, the family had grown to include William (35) and Margaret (32), Irene (13), Wilbert (11), Ethel (9), Harold (9), Jean (7), Hazel (5), and John (2).

Clifford Melville was born on 15 February 1928 and died 3 days later from "congenital weakness".

Later that same year, Fred Arthur was born on 11 December and died 2 days later from “immaturity and weakness”.

Sources:

1901 census for Keppel Township

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday July 8, 1904

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

High, Richard, died 31 August 1891, 75 years

Richard High was born in Ireland. In 1871 Richard High (52) lived in Egremont Township with his wife Mary (52) and their children and possible grandchildren, Robert (26), John (23), Richard (19), Joseph (16), James (14), Edward (12), David (11), Charles (10), Anna Jane (7) and Mary E. (3). Richard was a farmer and the four eldest sons worked as labourers.

Richard died in the county gaol of natural causes.

Sources:

1871 census for Egremont Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Hindman, George, died 10 December 1880, 45 years

George Hindman was born in Ireland. In 1871 George (35) lived and farmed in Derby Township with his wife Isabella (35) and their children John (14), George (12), Margaret J. (10), William (9), Mary Ann (7) and Isabella (3). A son, Thomas, was born, circa 1872. George's wife Isabella was also born in Ireland. The children were all born in Ontario.

George died of dropsy.

Other members of the Hindman family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1871 census for Derby Township

1881 Census for Derby Township

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hinds, Thomas, died 20 December 1890, 76 years

Thomas Hinds was born in Ireland. In 1871 Thomas (51) lived in Owen Sound with his presumed wife Susan Hinds (63), who was also born in Ireland. Thomas worked as a farmer.

By 1881 Thomas (62) was widowed and living on his own. He was still working as a farmer. Living two households away from Thomas were James Hinds (50), his wife Mary (46) and their children Frank (17), William (17), Jane (19), Maria (16), and Margaret (12). We are unsure of Thomas' relation to James Hinds and family, however, like Thomas, James Hinds was of Irish descent.

His obituary describes Thomas as "one of the earliest settlers" in the region.

Thomas died in the county gaol from natural causes.

Sources:

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday December 23, 1890

Hiscox, Auguste Christena, died 14 May 1929, 43 years

Auguste Christena was born on 13 September 1885 in Sullivan Township to August Bluhm and Mary (Pomprene) Bluhm.

The Bluhms are listed as a farming family in the 1881 census for Sullivan Township. August (25), Mary (23) and their daughter Mary (1) were all Ontario born, and of German descent.

By 1891, the family had grown to include: August (44), Mary (34), Mary (11), Edith (9), Rudolph (7), Christina (5), Elsie (3) and Christian (1). By 1901, Christina's father had died. The household included Christina (15), her mother Mary (42), and her siblings Edith (19), Rudolf A. (17), Elsie (13), Christian (11), Godfred (9), Dora (6), Myrtle (3) and Ethel (1). Mary and her eldest son Rudolf worked as farmers.

At some point after 1901 Auguste Christena married to Kacy Hiscox.

Auguste Christena died of carcinoma of the cervix.

Sources:

1881 census for Sullivan Township

1891 census for Sullivan Township

1901 census for Sullivan Township

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Hiscock, Sarah, died 2 August 1925, 84 years

Sarah (Robins) Hiscock was born on 3 August 1832 in Markham Township, York County.

In 1871 Sarah (24) lived in Egremont Township with her husband John (34) and their children Isaac (5), Hannah (4), Elisabeth (2) and Martha (1). Sarah was of Dutch descent and John was of English descent. All family members were born in Ontario. Sarah's husband John worked as a farmer.

By 1881, the family has grown to include Sarah (32), John (44), Hannah (15), Elizabeth (13), Martha (11), Mary (9), Harriett (7), William J. (5), Fredrick (5) and Daniel (1).

The 1901 census for Egremont Township lists a widowed Sarah (52) living with her children Elizabeth (32), Martha (30), Frederick (22), Ace (21) and a young Samuel (8).

By 1911 Sarah (71) was living Keppel Township with her son Frederick (33). However, by 1921, we were unable to locate Sarah in the census. Frederick (40) was boarding with a family in Keppel Township, and her sons, William (41) and Samuel (38) were both living in Owen Sound. William and his wife Margret (France) 25 were living with her parents and Samuel and his wife Mary (38) lived with their two daughters, Sara A (17) and Elizabeth (15.)

Sarah died from old age.

Sources:

1871 census for Egremont Township

1881 census for Egremont Township

1901 census for Egremont Township

1911 census for Keppel Township

1921 census for Keppel Township

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Hollister, Clifford Gordon, died 22 March 1925, 5 days

Clifford Gordon Hollister was born in Owen Sound on 17 March 1925 to Ralph and Annie Lucinda (Mudford) Hollister.

In 1921 Clifford's father Ralph lived in Owen Sound and worked as a sailor. He was widowed and living alone. He was of English descent. Annie Lucinda was brought up in Charlottesville, Norfolk County. In 1921, Annie (26) lived there with her parents, Robert (54) and Rose (56) and her younger sister, Nellie (19). Her family was also of English descent.

Clifford Gordon's parents had married on 9 December 1922 in Port Rowan, Norfolk County.

Clifford Gordon died of meningitis.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Charlottesville, Norfolk County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Holmes family

Holmes, Clifford Murray, died 27 June 1911, 14 months

Holmes, Edward Winfield, died 14 February 1916, 7 hours

Holmes, Bruce Maitland, died 6 March 1916, 20 months

Clifford Murray, Edward Winfield and Bruce Maitland Holmes were the sons of Harvey and Mary Ann (McNab) Holmes. Their father Harvey was born in Owen Sound, their mother Mary Ann was born in Sarawak Township.

Clifford (1) is included in the 1911 census for Owen Sound with his parents Harvey (24) and Mary Ann (22) and his brothers Harvey (5), and Charles (3). The family was of English descent. Clifford's father Harvey worked as a labourer and Mary worked at home.

In 1911 Clifford died of measles. Five years later in 1916 Edward Winifield died from debility at birth. A few weeks later Bruce died of pneumonia. The informant for their deaths was their father, Harvey.

Other members of the Holmes family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1911 census of Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Holmes, Edward (infant child of), died 22 August 1913, 2 days

Infant Holmes was the son of John Edward and Josephine (Gilbert) Holmes.

Infant Holmes died as a consequence of being “delicate” after a premature birth.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Holmes, Myrtle Viola, died 1 September 1898, 7 months

Myrtle Viola Holmes was born in Owen Sound and lived on Marsh Street.

Myrtle died of tubercular meningitis. The informant for her death was Alice Holmes.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Holmes, Robert, died 11 January 1888, 1 year

Robert Holmes was born in Owen Sound.

Robert died from intestinal worms. The informant for his death was James Holmes, a labourer.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Hooper, Johanna, died 9 March 1871, 64 years

Johanna Hooper was born in Somerset County, Maryland and was of African descent. According to the census, Johanna married John Hooper, also from Maryland, in 1840. By 1851 they were farming in Bentinck Township. In 1861, Joanna (54) and John (64) shared their home with *John Brazill* (70). At some point they moved to Derby Township where they continued to share a household with *John Brazill*. John was still working as a farmer and Johanna was working as a charwoman.

Johanna died from fits.

Sources:

1851 census for Bentinck Township

1861 census for Bentinck Township

1871 census for Derby Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Horner, William Alexander, died 17 February 1876, 6 months

William Alexander was born in Owen Sound.

William Alexander died from convulsions induced by chronic diarrhea.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Horsell, John, died 3 February 1874, 5 years

John Horsell was Canadian born. His family were members of the Church of England. John died of spinal meningitis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Hunsberger, William, died 6 March 1927, 76 years

William Hunsberger was the son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Brown) Hunsberger.

In 1851, William's (2) family lived in Lincoln County. The household included his grandparents, Abraham (66) and Barbara (68) Huntsbergher, parents Abraham (34) and Elizabeth (31), sisters Mary (7), Barbara (7), and Susan (4) and uncle, William Huntsbergher (21). His grandparents were born in the U.S. and the rest of the family in Canada West. The family was of German descent. William's father Abraham worked as a farmer.

By 1861 the family had moved to Moulton & Sherbrooke Township in Haldimand County where they farmed. Abraham (48) and Elizabeth's (46) family had grown to include Mary and Barbara (15), Susan (12), William (10), John (6), Sarah (3) and Rebecca (1). The family moved again and by 1871 they were farming in Mulmer Township, Simcoe County. Abraham (52) and Elizabeth (49) lived with their four youngest children, William (20), John (17), Sarah (13) and Rebecca (10). Still farming in Mulmur Township in 1881, the family included: Abraham (62), Elizabeth (59), Mary (30), Barbara (30), William (27), John (24) and Sarah (22).

By 1901, William (50) was living in Sydenham Township with his sister Barbara (55) and a nephew, [unreadable] (25). William was working as a teamster. In 1911, the household included William (60), Hellen (65) [we believe this is Barbara, mis-named] and a nephew James (32). William was farming. Finally, in 1921 we find William (70) and Barbara (75) and a cousin, Bert (44) still farming in Sydenham Township.

William died from an enlarged heart at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound. The informant for his death was his brother John Hunsberger.

Sources:

1851 census for Lincoln County

1861 census for Haldimand County

1871 census for Simcoe County

1881 census for Simcoe County

1891 census for Haldimand County

1901 census for Sydenham Township

1911 census for Sydenham Township

1921 census for Sydenham Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Hunt family

Hunt, Simon Peter, died 2 April 1915, 68 years

Hunt, Thomas Henry, died 10 March 1884, 1 year 4 months

Hunt, Seymore, died 27 December 1894, 4 days

Hunt, Simon Peter Henry, died 7 April 1896, 9 years

Simon Peter Hunt was born in Grand River around 1845 to John and Felice Hunt. He was of African descent. By 1861, Peter Hunt (20) lived in Euphrasia Township, working as a labourer and living with James and Ann Kerr and young family. By the time the 1871 census was taken for Owen Sound, Simon P. (22) was living in the town and working as a labourer. On 4 September 1883, Simon Peter (31) married Louisa Bowie (20), the daughter of Henry and Caroline (Campbell) Bowie.

Six months later in March 1884 their son Thomas Henry died of a cold and teething.

Three years later another son, Simon Robert Henry, was born 23 January 1887 in Derby Township. By 1891, Peter S. (30), Louise (30) and their son, *Simon P. H.* (4) were back in Owen Sound. Peter still worked as a general labourer. In December 1894, the Hunts had a baby girl, Seymore, who died at 4 days old of "infant weakness". And sadly, on 7 April 1896, young Simon Peter Henry died from a relapse of La Grippe.

By 1901, Simon P. (54) was living alone, still working as a general labourer. By 1911, Simon P. (64), listed as widowed, continued to live alone and work as a labourer.

In his obituary Simon Peter is described as "one of the best known and oldest of the town's colored residents". His funeral service was held by Rev. L. Johnson, pastor of the BME Church of which he was a member.

Simon Peter died of dropsy and "old age". The informant for his death was his brother-in-law, Erwin Bowie.

Sources:

1861 census for Euphrasia Township

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday April 6, 1915

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Ireland family

Ireland, Stephen, died 31 August 1881, 67 years

Ireland, Andrew, died 14 July 1871, 24 years

Stephen Ireland was born in Scotland. By 1861 Stephen (45) was farming in Normanby Township and living with his wife Christiania (39) and their children Janet (18), *Andrew* (16), John (14), Christiania (9), Elizabeth (6), and Margaret (4). Stephen, Christiania and Janet were born in Scotland, and the other children were born in Canada West.

By 1871 Stephen (57) with Christina (50) were farming in Sarawak Township Their family had grown to include *Andrew* (24), John (22), Christina (19), Elizabeth (16), Margaret (13), Mary (9), Ellen (5), and Ann (1).

At the time of his death Stephen still worked as a farmer. He died of "exhaustion from overwork".

His son, Andrew, died ten years earlier, by drowning.

Other members of the Ireland family, including Stephen's wife, Christina, are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery. (Christina died in 1899.)

Sources:

1861 census for Normanby Township

1871 census for Sarawak Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Owen Sound Times, Thursday September 8, 1881 (p2, col8)

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Jackson family

Jackson, James, died 19 January 1875, 74 years

Jackson, Isabella, died 15 April 1879, 42 years

Jackson, Eliza, died 14 March 1883, 11 years

Jackson, Maria, died 31 January 1901, 88 years

James and Maria and their daughters *Isabella* (8), *Eliza Jane* (5) and Hannah Marie (1) were included in the Old Durham Road Registry for Glenelg Township in April of 1849. The family was "late of Peel, Canada West". Both James and Maria were from

Baltimore, Maryland, and their children were all born in Upper Canada. They were of African descent.

By 1851 James (40) and Maria (34) were living in Artemesia Township with their children *Isabella* (12), *Eliza* (9), Hannah (5), and William (2). James worked as a farmer. By 1861, the Jacksons had moved to Glenelg Township, where James (49) and Maria (38) resided with their children *Isabella* (20), Maria (10), William J. (9), Bertha (7) and Joseph H. (3). James was working as a labourer.

By 1871 the Jackson family was living in Owen Sound. James (58) and Mariah (50) lived with *Isabella* (30), Bertha (16), and Joseph (12), and *Eliza* (3). James worked as a labourer.

In 1875 James died of dropsy.

Four years later in 1879, their daughter, *Isabella* died having suffered from “insanity” for about twenty years. Her cause of death is also listed as consumption.

In 1881 Mariah (58) was widowed and making a living as a washerwoman in Owen Sound. She lived with her daughter Bertha (25), who worked as a servant, her son Joseph (22) who worked as a cook and her daughter Eliza J. (13). Two young children were also part of the household, Manda (6) and James H. (2). James was Bertha’s son but we are unsure who was Manda’s parent. The Owen Sound census for 1881 also lists James’ and Maria’s son William (31) with his wife *Hannah* (26), William (15), as well as *Eliza* (9) and Bertha (25).

Two years later in 1883, Maria’s granddaughter, Eliza died of cerebral meningitis and consumption.

By 1891, Maria (77) was living with her daughter Bertha (33), her husband George Hunt (42) and their son, James (10).

Ten years later, Maria died of old age in the county goal.

Sources:

1851 census for Artemesia Township

1861 census for Glenelg Township

1871 census for Owen Sound

1849 Old Durham Road Registry for Glenelg Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

“Heritage Obituaries.” *Northern Terminus: The African Canadian History Journal*. Vol 9 (2012)

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Jackson, Bertie, died 8 August 1897, 6 months

Bertie Jackson was born in Owen Sound and lived on Scrope Street.

We are unsure of Bertie's relationship to the prominent Jackson family but we think he may be the young son of William and *Hannah Jackson*.

Bertie died of dysentery. The informant for his death was William Courtney.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Jacques, Thomas, died 3 September 1858, 19 years

Thomas was born in Canada.

He died of consumption. He was the first person to be registered as buried in the indigent plot.

Sources:

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Jefferson Family

Jefferson, Amanda, died 2 June 1867, 22 years

Amanda was born in the United States. She lived in Owen Sound.

Amanda died during the birth of her child.

Jefferson, Amanda, died 18 August 1867, 3 months

We assume that this is the child of *Amanda Jefferson*.

Amanda died of inflammation.

Sources:

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Jenkins, Infant of May, died 20 October 1928, 36 hours

Infant Jenkins was the daughter of May Jenkins of Owen Sound. She was of Irish descent.

Infant Jenkins died after being born prematurely. The informant for her death was Mrs. W. Minard, her aunt.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Jenkins, John, died 7 May 1929, 9 days

John Jenkins was the son of Jackson and Ida May (Fraser) Jenkins of Owen Sound.

Jackson D.H. Jenkins (24) married Ida May Fraser (20) on 17 June 1924 in Tara, Bruce County. Jackson was the son of William and Sarah Jane (Halliday) Jenkins, and Ida May's parents were Jno. Alex and Emma V. (Phillips) Fraser.

John died after being born prematurely.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Johnson/ Johnston family

Johns(t)on, Christopher, died 3 September 1900, 84 years

Johnston, Alice, died 19 February 1871, 16 months

Johnston, Mary Jane, died 16 March 1871, 18 years

Johnston, Thomas, died 15 February 1876, 22 years

Johnston, Alice Maud, died 3 September 1881, 1 year

Johnston, Charles Arthur Augustus, died 1 September 1883, 3 months

Johnston, Claudius Fay, died 5 June 1904, 7 months

Christopher Johnson, the patriarch of this family, was born in the United States and was of African descent. He worked as a labourer throughout his life.

In 1861, Christopher (34), his wife Alice (32) and their children *Mary J.* (7), *Thomas* (6), *Josephine* (5), *Henry* (3), and *Jessie* (1) were living in Owen Sound. Christopher's wife Alice was also born in the United States, and their children were all born in Upper Canada.

By 1871 the Johnson family had grown to include Christopher (50) and Alice (39) and their children *Mary Jane* (17), *Thomas* (15), *Joseph* (14), *Josiah* (13), *William* (10), *Rosanna* (9), and *Alice* (1).

Shortly after the census was taken in 1871, baby Alice died of a cold. In March of the same year, Mary Jane died of consumption.

Five years later in 1876 Thomas died of pulmonary consumption. At the time of his death, he worked as a labourer.

In 1881 *Christopher* (61) and *Alice* (60) shared their home with their son *William* (22), their daughter *Rosanna* (19) and *Rosanna's* 8-month-old daughter, *Alice Maud*.

Alice Maud died later that year from inflammation. Two years later, another child of *Rosanna's*, *Charles Arthur Augustus* died from cerebral spinal meningitis.

By 1891, *Christopher* (73) and *Alice* (72) were living alone. Also living in Owen Sound were their son *William* (31) with his wife, *Matilda* (24) and their 5-year-old daughter, *Alice May*. *William's* brother, *Jesse* (33) [likely *Josiah*] was also a member of the household. *William* worked as a labourer and *Jesse* was a cook on a steamboat.

According to his obituary, *Christopher* was well-known. He apparently suffered from many ailments including rheumatism, and asthma. He worked as a white-washer in his later years.

Christopher died from "senile decay".

Claudius Fay Johnson was born on 19 December 1903 in Owen Sound to *Jesse* and *Mahalah (Smoots) Johnson*. *Jesse Johnston* was the son of *Christopher* and *Alice Johnston*, and *Mahala* was the daughter of *Eli* and *Betsey Smoots*.

Jesse (40) and Mahala (30) are included on the 1901 census for Owen Sound with their daughter Viola M. (4).

Claudius Fay died of dysentery.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Artemesia Township

1881 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Johnston, Christmas, died 17 July 1862, 75 years

Christmas and Rosanna Johnston came to Upper Canada from Pennsylvania, where their son Caesar Augustus was born, c. 1825. They were of African descent. They settled in Artemesia Township on the Durham Road. By 1861, Christmas had sought out work in Owen Sound and according to the 1861 census, he lived beside *Christopher* and Alice Johnson and their family. There is a good chance, Christopher was also a son.

Christmas' wife, Rosanna (62) and their son, Caesar Augustus (37), remained farming on the Durham Road in Artemesia Township.

Christmas died of mental debility.

Sources:

1851 census for Artemesia Township

1861 census for Artemesia Township

1861 census for Owen Sound

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Johnston, Jeremiah, died 10 February 1905, 67 years

Jeremiah Johnston was born in the United States and was of African descent. According to his obituary, at the time of his death Jeremiah F. Johnston was a winter refugee from Markdale in Artemesia Township.

We believe that Jeremiah may be related to the Johnston families who settled on the Durham Road in Artemesia Township. In 1851, there was a young Jeremiah Johnston (12) living with his parents or grandparents, Levi (50) and Sarah Johnston (55) on lot 7, north side of the Durham Road. He disappears from the census record after that, but his age at time of death and his residence in Markdale suggest a possible connection.

Jeremiah died in the county gaol of heart disease and dropsy.

Sources:

1851 census for Artemesia Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound Advertiser, Friday, February 17, 1905

Johnston, William Hawkins, 31 January 1908, 1 month

William Hawkins Johnston was born on 1 January 1908 in Owen Sound to Hawkins and Mary (Bartley) Johnston. William Hawkins' parents were married in November 1906. Hawkins (34) was the son of George and Martha (Henderson) Johnson, and Mary (24) was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Hillson) Bartley. Hawkins, born in Otterville, Oxford County, worked as a labourer. Mary, born in Holstein, Grey County, worked as a domestic.

William Hawkins' father Hawkins (10) is listed twice in the 1881 census: in Artemesia Township with his mother Martha Johnson (43) and sister Martha (16) and grandmother, *Frances Henderson* (70); and in Owen Sound with his parents George (51) and Martha (49) and siblings, Walter (20) and Henry (18). The family was Ontario born, and of African descent.

In 1901, Hawkins Johnson (23) was living with his widowed mother Martha Jane (50) in Owen Sound. He worked in "carriage iron work". Martha was employed as a hair worker.

William Hawkins died of bronchitis.

Other members of the Johnson and Smoots families are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1881 census for Artemesia Township
1881 census for Owen Sound
1901 census for Owen Sound
1911 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Johnston, Marie (possibly Martha), died 24 December 1913, 65 years

We believe that "Marie Johnston" is actually Martha Johnston, grandmother of *William Hawkins Johnston*.

Martha Johnston was the daughter of *Frances* and *Reuben Henderson*.

Maria Johnston died of malnutrition and heart disease in Owen Sound. The informant for her death was J. Chapman.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Johnston, Ettie, died 18 February 1907, 2 months

Ettie Johnston was born on 10 December 1906 to Ettie Johnson.

Her family lived on Baker St.

Ettie died from convulsions. The informant for her death was W.W. Johnston.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births, 1869-1912
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Johnston, Maggie, died 22 March 1901, 6 years

Maggie Johnston was born in Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island. Her family lived on Boyd Street.

Maggie died of diphtheria. The informant for her death was William Correille, a labourer from Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Johnston, Retta, died 14 November 1902, 3 months

Retta Johnston was the daughter of N.J. Johnston.

Retta died of meningitis. The informant for her death was J.R. Johnston.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Johnston, Walter Thomas (infant child of), died 9 February 1909, died at birth

Infant Johnston was born on Scrope Street in Owen Sound and was the son of Walter Thomas and Ida (Winfield) Johnston. Walter was born in Chicago and moved to Canada in 1885, and Ida was born in Sarawak Township. They were both of English descent. Walter worked as a labourer in a factory.

Infant Johnston died from complications due to a premature birth.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947 Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Johnson, Harold Delbert, died 10 February 1928, 4 days

Harold Delbert Johnson was born on 6 February 1928 in Owen Sound to Delbert and Lillian (McComb) Johnson.

Harold Delbert's father Delbert (26) is included on the 1921 census for Derby Township living as a "hired hand". He was born in Ontario, and of Irish descent.

Delbert Fernell Johnson (30) and Lillian McComb (23) married in Barrie on 19 May 1926. Delbert was the son of Joseph Edgar and Margaret Ellen (Fernell) Johnson, and Lillian was the daughter of John James and Mary Isabel (Brogan) McComb.

Harold Delbert died at the General & Marine Hospital of convulsions.

Sources:

1921 census for Derby Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Johnston, Infant of George, died 7 January 1922, stillborn

Infant Johnston was the stillborn son of Wm. George and Mary (Racon) Johnston.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Jones/ Edwards family

Jones, Martha, died 21 January 1866, 80 years

Edwards, Martha Emily, died 27 February 1860, 8 months

Martha Jones was born in the United States and was of African descent.

The 1861 census for Owen Sound finds Martha (67), widowed and living in a household with labourer John (28) and Charlotte Edwards (28), their children Mary A. (8) and Sanford (5). Like Martha, John and Charlotte were born in the United States. The household also included another family, *Kennedy Armstrong's* widow, Margaret Armstrong (24), her children Catherine Elizabeth (4), and Madalien (2), and his sister Mary C. Armstrong (19).

Martha died of natural decay.

We believe Martha Emily to be the namesake of Martha Jones, her grandmother. In the "Deaths in 1860" column of the 1861 census beside John Edward's name we learn that an 8-month-old daughter died of "disease of the lungs".

According to the Greenwood Cemetery Registry, Martha Emily died of inflammation of bowels.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Kennedy, Percilla, died 1 August 1861, 43 years

Percilla Kennedy was born in Newfoundland. She was married to Mr. Charles Kennedy.

Percilla died of inflammation.

Sources:

The Owen Sound Comet, Friday August 2, 1861

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Kennedy, Maud (Lizzie) Elizabeth, died 9 November 1891, 31 years

Maud Lizzie Kennedy was born in Montreal. She was married to Charles Kennedy.

Maud Lizzie died of pneumonia.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Kennie, Catherine, died 22 March 1900, 68 years

Catherine Kennie was born in Upper Canada. Before moving to Owen Sound she lived in Durham. At the time of her death she was single.

Catherine died from senile decay in the county gaol.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Owen Sound Times, Friday March 23, 1900

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Kozeyah family

Kozeyah, Elizabeth, died 5 August 1911, 44 years

Elizabeth (Elliot) Kozeyah was born in September 1864 to Peter and Mary Elliot.

According to the 1881 census for Albemarle Township in Bruce County, Elizabeth (18) lived with her parents Peter (47) and Mary (36) and her sister Julia (8). The family were members of the Chippewa nation. Her father Peter worked as a farmer.

By 1891, Elizabeth (31) was married and living with her husband Thomas Kozeyah (44) and their daughters Eva (8) and Alice (3) on the Cape Croker Reserve (Neyaashiinigiing), in Bruce County. Elizabeth's husband Thomas worked as a labourer.

Elizabeth's son William Albert Kozeyah was born in 1899.

By 1911 Elizabeth (47) and Thomas (67) continued to live and farm on Cape Croker Reserve with their growing family: Eva (30), Allan (20), Elmer (18), and William (12), Sharlott (10) and Elda (1).

Elizabeth died of dysentery.

Kozeyah, Marguerite, died 11 June 1919, 4 years 6 months

Marguerite was born on the Cape Croker Reserve. It is possible that Marguerite is the daughter of Elmer and Flossie Kozeyah. Elmer was the son of *Elizabeth Kozeyah*.

Marguerite died of tubercular meningitis.

Sources:

1891 census for Cape Croker Reserve, Bruce County

1911 census for Cape Croker Reserve, Bruce County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Canada Births and Baptisms, 1661-1959

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Lamont, John, died 2 June 1896, 67 years

John Lamont was born in Scotland. He lived in Osprey Township where a jury deemed him "insane" and sent him to the county goal.

John died of "debility as the result of insanity".

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Laycox, Martha Mary, died 3 September 1909, 19 years

Martha Mary was the daughter of William and Mary Smith.

In the 1901 census for Walkerton, Bruce County, Martha Mary (12) is listed with her parents William (43) and Mary (45) and her siblings, Charlotte Elizabeth (20), Susannah Matilda (17), Thomas (15), Blakney (14), Rebecca (10), William Robert (7), and Charles Edward (3). All family members were born in Ontario and were of Irish descent. Martha Mary's father William worked as a labourer.

Martha Mary (18) married Henry Laycox (21) on 30 December 1903 in Sullivan Township.

Martha Mary died of typhoid fever at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound. The informant for her death was her husband, Henry Laycox.

Sources:

1901 census for Walkerton, Bruce County
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Learnmont, John, died 28 July 1899, 87 years

John Learnmont was born in Scotland.

The 1881 census for Derby Township lists John (65), his wife Mary (54) and their daughter Jessie (14). Mary was born in Newfoundland, and Jessie was born in Ontario. By 1891, the family lived in Owen Sound and included John (74), Mary (63), and their children, John B. (24) and Jesse (25). John was a pensioner and his son worked as a farm labourer.

At the time of his death, he worked as a gardener. John died of dropsy.

Sources:

1881 census for Derby Township

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Leech, John Matthew, died 7 May 1885, 6 days

John Matthew Leech was born on 1 May 1885 in Owen Sound to William and Elizabeth (Annan) Leech. John Matthew's father as a labourer.

John Matthew died of hydrocephalus.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Legg, Infant of William, died 21 November 1889, died at birth

Infant Legg was the son of William and Jane (Atchison) Legg. His father, William, worked as a brick layer.

Infant Legg died at birth.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Lillie, Harvey [Harry Lilly], died 20 April 1904, 17 years

At the time of his death, Harvey / Harry was living at the children's shelter in Owen Sound. He had arrived in town just two weeks prior, seeking work. He had a neglected burn on his leg that worsened and caused his death. In the 1901 census, a farming family near the village of Beeton in South Simcoe by the name of Lilly had a son, Harold, aged 15 – the oldest of 6 children. The Lillys were Canadian born of Irish descent.

According to the death registry Harvey Lillie died of peritonitis. His residence, place of birth, and religion are all unknown. The informant for his death was James Ledard.

Sources:

1901 census for Beeton, Simcoe County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday April 22, 1904

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Livingstone family

Livingstone, Annie Alberta May, died 28 September 1908, 18 days

Livingstone, Margaret Elizabeth, died 15 November 1909, 8 years

Margaret Elizabeth and Annie Alberta May were the daughters of Manley and Mary Catherine (Clarke) Livingston(e).

Margaret Elizabeth was born on 12 February 1901 in Sydenham Township. Annie Alberta May was born on 9 September 1908 in Owen Sound.

Manley and Mary Catherine were married in Owen Sound on 7 October 1896. By 1901 the Livingstone family included Manley (29) and Mary Catherine (25) and their children Mary M. (4), William P (2) and newborn *Margaret Elizabeth*. At that time, they were living in Sydenham Township where Manley worked as a farmer. The Livingstones were all born in Ontario and were of German origin. By 1908, when *Annie Alberta May* was born, the family lived in Owen Sound.

Annie Alberta May died of indigestion.

A little more than a year later, Margaret died of dysentery.

Livingstone, Grace Marion, died 14 September 1929, 6 months

Grace Marion Livingstone was born on 19 March 1929 in Port Colborne to William and Alice May (Sensabaugh) Livingstone. Grace Marion's father William was the older brother of *Margaret Elizabeth* and *Annie Alberta May* Livingstone

William (23) and Alice May (22) were married on 4 September 1922 in Owen Sound. William was the son of Manley and Mary Kathleen (Clark) Livingstone and Alice May was the daughter of Clark and Mary (Schwartz) Sensabaugh.

Grace Marion died from dyspepsia.

Sources:

1901 census for Sydenham Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Locking, Ida May, died 14 March 1922, 1 day

Ida May Locking was the daughter of Wilfred Charles and Emma (McNab) Locking of Owen Sound. Wilfred (22) and Emma (19) were married in Owen Sound on 18 June 1921.

Wilfred Charles is included in both the 1911 and the 1921 census for Owen Sound. In 1911 Wilfred (12) lived with his father James (50) and mother Eliza (48), and his siblings Perce J. (10), Melvin (9), Gladys M. (7) and Violet (5). Wilfred's father James (Ida's grandfather) worked as an engineer for a cement company. By 1921, Wilfred (22), was working as a sailor and living with his parents, James (62) and Eliza (52), and siblings Melvin (18) and Violet (15). The family was Ontario born, and of English descent.

Ida May died after a premature birth at the General & Marine Hospital.

Other members of the Locking family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Longherd, Robert, died 17 September 1902, 50 years

Robert Longherd was a widower and a cabinet maker at the time of his death.

Robert died of dropsy and endocarditis at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound.

Note: He is recorded in the Greenwood Cemetery Registry as "Robert Locheed".

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Love, Charles Henry, died 27 May 1913, 45 years

In 1871 Charles Henry Love (3) lived in Artemesia Township with his parents William (47) and Elizabeth [age unknown], and his siblings Mary E. (17), Sarah C. (10), Joseph S. (8) and Lavina M. K. (6). Charles, his mother and siblings were born in Ontario, and his father William was born in England. William worked as a farmer.

Charles Henry married Hannah Priscilla Wells in 1890.

By 1901 Charles (32) lived with his wife Hannah (35), their children Bertha (14) and Charles Arnell (2), his widowed father William (84), and his sister Sadie (21). Charles worked as a well digger.

In 1911 Charles' (42) household included his wife Hannah (42) and their children Charles Arnell (13) and Bertha Adaline (24), who married William John Hindle, later that year.

Two years later, on 22 March 1913 Charles was convicted of murdering his wife, Hannah. He was executed by hanging at the Grey County Gaol at Owen Sound, Ontario.

In 1920, Charles and Hannah's son Charles Arnell confessed to the murder.

More information about the trial, including newspaper clippings and artifacts, can be found at Grey Roots Museum & Archives.

Sources:

1871 census for Artemesia Township

1901 census for Artemesia Township

1911 census for Artemesia Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Grey Roots Museum and Archives:

<https://greyroots.pastperfectonline.com/byperson?keyword=Love%2C+Charles+Henry>

Ludgate, Gertrude, 27 September 1888, 11 days

Gertrude Ludgate was born on 16 September 1888 in Owen Sound to Joseph and Nellie (Ryerson) Ludgate. Joseph was an officer in the Salvation Army. He was born in England, and Nellie was born in the United States. By 1891 the family had moved to Morrisburg, Dundas County, in eastern Ontario, where Joseph was a captain in the

Salvation Army. The family included Joseph (28), Nellie (26) Eva (6), Abbie (4) and Henry (6 months.) Ten years later, the family was living in The Bronx, New York, where Joseph continued to serve the Salvation Army.

Gertrude died from inflammation of the bowels.

Sources:

1891 census for Morrisburg, Dundas County

1900 census for The Bronx, New York.

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Mallory, Hugh, died 10 November 1890, 41 years

Hugh Mallory was born in Canada. He lived in the Town of Durham where he worked as a wood turner.

Hugh died in the county gaol of an unknown disease.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday November 11, 1890

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Markle, Daniel, died 17 August 1913, 63 years

Daniel Markle was born in Orangeville and was the son of Daniel John and Lydia (Boardman) Markle. He was of German descent.

Daniel died at the hospital in Owen Sound of heart disease.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday August 22, 1913

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Markle, Infant child of James, died 21 January 1905, died at birth

Baby Markle was the child of James and Bessie (Kay) Markle of Owen Sound. His father James worked as a labourer.

Baby Markle died at birth.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Marks, Thomas, died 13 April 1883, 76 years

Thomas Marks was born in Ireland. By 1851 Thomas (46) lived in Sydenham Township with the Hinds family, which included: Francis (36), Jane (40), Mary (13) and James (17). Francis Hinds was a farmer.

In 1861 Thomas (56) was living in Owen Sound with the Hinds family, Francis (60), Jane (60), and Jane (10). Francis was listed in the census as a gentleman but there is no occupation listed for Thomas. By 1871, Thomas (60) was living in Derby Township and working as a "servant" in a farming family which included, George (46) and Frances (40) Follis and their children, Jane (17), George (15), Elizabeth (13), William (7) and Fanney (6).

Ten years later, Thomas (75) was living alone in the Town Plot of Brooke and was working as a carpenter. According to his obituary Thomas was a well-known member of the community, having lived in Sydenham Township and vicinity for 30 years.

Thomas died in the county gaol from "old age".

Sources:

1851 census for Sydenham Township

1861 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, The Advertiser, Thursday March 17, 1883

Marsh, Walter, died 17 May 1902, 40 years

Walter Marsh was born in England and at the time of his death, worked in Owen Sound as a labourer.

Walter died of an obstruction of the bowel.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Marshall, Mary, died 6 February 1923, 3 hours

Mary Marshall was the daughter of Edward and Elva (Buckley) Marshall of Owen Sound. Mary's parents, Edwin (Edward) Marshall (21) and Elva Buckley (19) were married in Owen Sound on 23 December 1922. Edwin (Edward) worked as a butcher.

Mary died three hours after birth of heart failure.

[Note: Mary's mother, Elva (7) is listed in the 1911 census for Derby Township with her father William (59), mother Janet (43) and little sister Janet E. (5). William was from England and Janet from Scotland. Mary's father, Edwin (Edward) was the son on John and Phoebe (Caswell) Marshall. He is listed in the 1921 census for Owen Sound with his mother, Phoebe Ward (39), and his siblings, George (18), Gracie (14) and Lenora (11).]

Sources:

1911 census for Derby Township

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Martin, George, died 9 March 1876, 46 years

George Martin was born in England. Before coming to Owen Sound he had lived in Belleville, Ontario. He worked as a finisher.

George died of consumption.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

McArthur, Daniel, died 1 May 1885, 1 month

Daniel McArthur was born in Derby Township on 27 March 1885 to Gilbert and Euphemia (Hayes) McArthur.

Daniel's parents Gilbert (22) and Euphemia (19) married on 29 July 1884 in Chatsworth. Gilbert was of Scottish descent, and Euphemia was of English descent.

Daniel died from convulsions.

[Note: In 1891 Daniel's parents Gilbert (28) and Euphemia (26) and his brother John Harvey (1) lived in Owen Sound. All members of the family were born in Ontario. Daniel's father Gilbert worked as a labourer.]

Other members of the McArthur family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

McCullough, John, died 4 April 1904, 58 years

According to his obituary John McCullough worked as a farm labourer near the Village of Keady.

John died of hemorrhaging and exposure; his body having been discovered near the stables of the Queen's Hotel in Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday April 5, 1904

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Friday April 8, 1904

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

McDonald, Catherine Ann, died 7 June 1907, 37 years

Catherine Ann McDonald was born in the Township of Kincardine, Bruce County. She was married to Arch. McDonald and lived in Owen Sound.

Catherine Ann died of a malignant tumour. Her husband was the informant for her death.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

McDonald, Elizabeth, died 25 June 1895, 33 years

Elizabeth McDonald (Eliza Wilson) came to Owen Sound from Barrie in roughly 1880 and worked as a servant.

Elizabeth died of syphilis in the county gaol.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound Advertiser, Friday June 28, 1895

McDonald, John, died 18 May 1893, 53 years

John McDonald was born in Scotland. He had worked as a labourer. He resided in Markdale Village but had been committed to the county gaol for vagrancy.

John died there of Bright's disease.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound Times, Thursday May 18, 1893

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

McDonald, Nellie, died 28 May 1894, 22 years

Nellie McDonald was born in Scotland. She was married to Alexander McDonald.

Nellie died of an ovarian tumour.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

McDougall, Robert, died 22 January 1876, 49 years

Robert McDougall was born in Scotland. He worked as a bookbinder in Owen Sound. Two months before he died, he had been sent to the county gaol for two months of hard labour.

Robert died there of a constitutional ulcer.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Thursday January 27, 1976

McFadden, John, died 17 October 1888, 68 years

John McFadden was born in Ireland.

John died of paralysis in the county gaol.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound Times, Thursday, October 25, 1888

McGill, William, died 1 January 1892, 87 years

William McGill was born in Scotland. In 1881 William (76) was a widower living in Normanby Township in the Siegman household which included: Lewis (Ludwig) (32), Louisa (31), Sophia (6), Henry (5), Dorothea (4), George (2), Katharine (1), and Henry Ziegler (16). William was a weaver, Lewis Siegman was a spinner and Henry Ziegler was a carder.

William died of natural causes.

Sources:

1881 census for Normanby Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

McGillivray, Ida Ethel, died 22 July 1883, 3 months

Ida Ethel was born 4 May 1883 in Owen Sound. Ida Ethel's mother, (Lottie) Louisa Checkley, was born on 3 May 1864 in Owen Sound to *John* and *Esther Hall*. (Please see the Hall family narratives.) She married Neil McGillivray and they had two daughters, Nellittia (born in 1881) and Ida Ethel, (born in 1883). In 1881 for reasons unknown, Louisa (18), newly married, and Nellittia (6 months) were living with Louisa's parents, *John* (81) and *Esther* (63), in Owen Sound.

Ida Ethel died of marasmus.

Sources:

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Indigent Registry

McIntyre, Alexander, died 21 September 1904, 64 years

Alexander McIntyre was born in Scotland and came to Canada in 1892. He was single and worked as a labourer. At the time of his death he had been committed to the county gaol.

Alexander died of paralysis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Friday September 30, 1904

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

McLeod, Dugald Alexander, died 30 January 1874, 9 months

Dugald Alexander was from Sydenham Township.

Dugald died from a cold.

Sources:

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

McMillan, William Alfred, 9 January 1890, 15 years

William Alfred McMillan was born in Grey County to William John and Christina McMillan.

In 1881 William Alfred (7) lived in Euphrasia Township with his parents William John (45) and Christina (36), and his siblings Rachel (16), John (14), James (12), Albert (4) and Sarah (1). William's father was born in Ontario and was of Irish descent. His mother Christina was born in Scotland. William Alfred and his siblings were all born in Ontario. William Sr. worked as a farmer.

At the time of his death William worked as an errand boy in Owen Sound and his father worked as a labourer.

William died of acute peritonitis, from which he had suffered for about a week.

Sources:

1881 census for Euphrasia Township

The Owen Sound Times, Thursday January 16, 1890

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

McPherson, John, died 11 January 1902, 75 years

John McPherson arrived in Canada West from Scotland in 1851. By 1861, John (40) was farming in Glenelg Township, where he lived with his wife Mary (38) and their children Margret (9), Angus (8), Rachel (6), Catherine (4) and Casselles (2). The McPhersons shared their home with Catherine McPherson (52) who was widowed. John, Mary, their eldest children Margret and the elder Catherine were born in Scotland, and the rest of the family was born in Canada West.

By 1871 John (50) lived in Glenelg Township with his (possibly, second?) wife Ann (40) and children Margaret (19), Angus (17), Rachel (15), Catherine (13), Casselles (12), Marion (6), and Mary (3). He and his eldest son Angus worked as farmers.

In 1891 John (70) still lived in Glenelg Township with wife Hannah (60), their daughter Mary (23) and a young boy, (possibly Mary's son) John Scoffield (5). John was still farming. In 1901, John (82) and Hannah (70) were living alone and John was retired.

According to his obituary, John was working as a pedlar, selling medicine in the years before he died.

John was found dead at the Grand Central Hotel in Owen Sound, as the result of an accident, away from his home near Priceville.

Sources:

1861 census for Glenelg Township

1871 census for Glenelg Township

1891 census for Glenelg Township

1901 census for Glenelg Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Owen Sound Advertiser, Tuesday January 14, 1902

Meyers, Harry, died 21 October 1885, 23 years

Harry Meyers was born in Canada. He worked in Owen Sound as a moulder.

Harry died from typhoid fever and convulsions from which he had suffered for 16 days. The informant for his death was Jesse Gibbons, a hotel keeper.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Middlebro, Infant child of Charles, died 7 September 1926, stillborn

Infant Middlebro was the son of Charles and Mary (Barr) Middlebro of Owen Sound. The Middlebros were of English descent.

Other members of the Middlebro family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Middleborough, Margaret Ann, died 23 February 1863, 3 years

Margaret Ann Middleborough was born in Upper Canada to John and Margaret Middleborough.

In 1861 Margaret Ann (2) lived with her parents John (32) and Margaret (26), her brother John (4) and Elizabeth Cockerill (13) in Owen Sound. Margaret Ann and her brother were born in Upper Canada, and their parents were born in England. Her father John worked as a labourer.

Margaret Ann died from drowning.

Other members of the Middleborough family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Source:

1861 census for Owen Sound

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Miller family

The Miller family were long-time members of Owen Sound's Black community.

Miller, Hiram, died 3 June 1868, 77 years

Hiram Miller and his wife Priscilla were enslaved in Maryland by a man named Barnes. They fled to Upper Canada around 1838 with their children *Thomas Henry*, *Catherine* and *Rachel*, and by the 1850s they had settled in Grey County.

In 1851 Henry (Hiram) (60) worked as a farmer and lived in Sullivan Township with his wife Priscilla (63) and two children Henry (15) and William (7) who were likely the sons of *Thomas Henry*, their eldest. These two children were born in Upper Canada. In 1861, the Miller household included Henry (70) and Priscilla (75), their daughter *Catherine Chuckee* (28), Thomas (18) – visiting from Owen Sound, William (16), John (14), Clara ? (8) and Stephen (2). Henry was still farming.

Hiram died of Graves' disease.

Miller, Thomas Henry, died 17 October 1911, 99 years

Thomas Henry Miller was born in Washington County, in Maryland, the eldest child of *Henry* (Hiram) and Priscilla. Initially enslaved in Maryland, U.S., Thomas Henry and his mother were manumitted and worked as paid hands while his father remained enslaved. They fled to Upper Canada around 1838, along with Thomas Henry's two sisters.

In 1844, Thomas Henry received a location ticket for a 50 acre lot in Holland Township. In the 1851 census for Holland Township, Thomas Henry (29) is listed on Concession #2, lot #22 next to his sister Rachel (23) and brother-in-law Scott White (35) and their two children, Priscilla (3) and Wesley (1). Another child in the household, Caroline Parker (10) is listed as a servant and she may be Thomas Henry's daughter from an earlier marriage.

By 1861, Thomas Henry (39) had married and moved to Owen Sound where he lived with his wife, *Sarah Ann* (24), their children *Josephine* (5) *Percila* (5), *Bercilar* ?(5), Stephen (3), and Sharlott (1), and Thomas Henry's children from a previous marriage Thomas H.

(18), and Caroline (19). Both Thomas Henry and *Sarah Ann* were born in the United States and all of the children were born in Canada.

In 1871 Thomas Henry (49) lived in Owen Sound with his wife *Sarah Ann* (35) and their children *Josephine* (15), *Priscilla* (13), Stephen (12), Joshua (7), Julia (5), Mary (2), and Martha (5 months). Thomas Henry worked as a labourer, and his eldest daughter *Josephine* worked as a washerwoman.

Thirty years later in 1901 Thomas Henry (81) was widowed and living with his sons Frederick (24), William (29), George (19), his daughter Celeste Burton (27), his son-in-law William Burton (29), his grandson Lawrence (6) and a lodger named Charles Brown (19). Thomas and Frederick worked as whitewashers, William, George and William Burton as cooks, and Charles Brown was a buggy driver.

When the census was taken in 1911 for Owen Sound Thomas (101) was retired and living with his daughter Julia Brown (39) and her husband Charles (35). Julia worked as a housekeeper and Charles worked as a cook.

Thomas Henry was also known as “Father Miller” as he was a long-time elder and minister of the B.M.E. Church in Owen Sound.

Thomas Henry died at home of heart failure. The informant for his death was C. R. Miller.

Miller, Sarah Ann, died 9 November 1890, 52 years

Sarah Ann (Boardly) Miller was born in the United States. With her husband, *Thomas*, she raised a large family in Owen Sound.

Sarah Ann died of constipation of the bowels.

Miller, Josephine, 2 February 1873, 17 years

Josephine Miller was the eldest daughter of *Thomas* and *Sarah Ann Miller*.

The 1861 census for Owen Sound lists young Josephine (5) with her parents *Thomas* (39) and *Sarah Ann* (24), and her siblings. By 1871, Josephine (15) was working as a washerwoman.

Josephine died from inflammation of the lungs.

Miller, Priscilla, died 25 August 1874, 18 years

Priscilla Miller was the daughter of *Thomas* and *Sarah Ann Miller*.

The 1861 census for Owen Sound lists young Priscilla (5) with her parents *Thomas* (39) and *Sarah Ann* (24), and her siblings.

Priscilla died of consumption.

Miller, Irene, died 5 December 1893, 4 months

Miller, Wilfred, died 28 May 1901, 7 years

Miller, Ettie, died 20 January 1907, 12 years

Wilfred, Irene and Ettie Miller were born in Owen Sound and were the children of John Joshua and Nancy Alvina (White) Miller. Nancy Alvina was the daughter of Frank and Rachel White. John Joshua was the son of *Thomas Henry* and *Sarah Ann Miller*, making these children the third generation of Millers buried in the indigent plot.

John Joshua Miller (30) and Nancy Alvina White (30) married in Owen Sound on 5 September 1891.

Irene was born 8 August 1893, the first child in the family. She died four months later of bronchitis. The informant for her death was her father, Joshua.

In 1901 Joshua (40), Nancy A (41), Wilfred (8) and Ettie (6) lived in Owen Sound. Joshua worked as a cook and Nancy worked as a milliner. Ettie had been in school for 4 months that year.

Wilfred died of consumption in the late spring of 1901.

Less than six years later, Ettie, still attending school, also died of consumption.

Miller, William Thos (child of), died 18 August 1910, stillborn

Miller, Florence Doreen, died 27 May 1923, 1 year

Infant Miller [male] and Florence Doreen Miller were the children of William Thomas Miller and Queen Essie (Green) Miller. Their father William Thomas was the son of *Thomas and Sarah Ann Miller*. Queen Essie Green was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ellen (Ringo) Green.

William Thomas Henry (24) and Queen Essie Green (19) married on 25 December 1906 in Owen Sound. The 1911 census for Owen Sound lists William (28), Essie (24) and their two young sons, William George (4) and Earl Melvin (2).

In 1921 William (37) and Queen Essie (34) lived in Owen Sound with their children Ted (14), Earl (12), Gray (9), Hazel (8), Norma (6), Reta (4), Velva (3), and Howard (1). William worked as a mechanic, and Ted, Earl, Gray, Hazel and Norma were attending school.

Florence Doreen, born in the following year, died of whooping cough.

Other members of the Miller family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1851 Agricultural Census for Holland Township

1851 census for Sullivan Township

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

Owen Sound Advertiser, Tuesday, April 2, 1901

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Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday October 20, 1911

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NT, Vol. 7/ 2010, "Owen Sound BME Church Monument to Pioneer's Faith"

Bonita Johnson deMatteis, *Black Eyed Peas & Races: A Love Story of Memories and Recipes of the Emancipation Picnic* (pg. 14)

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Miller, Annie, died 15 February 1874, 2 days

Annie Miller was the daughter of a farmer, George Miller of Derby Township.

Annie died of an unknown cause.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Miller, David Thomas, died 25 November 1915, 2 days

David Thomas Miller was the son of Thomas and Mary (Ingles) Miller.

David Thomas died after being accidentally scalded by a hot stove.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday November 26, 1915
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Million, Robert, died 5 October 1895, 11 years

Robert Million was born in Ontario, the son of Robert and Maria Emma Million. Robert's mother, died from a pulmonary abscess in 1889. His father married Hannah Smith in 1890.

In 1891 Robert (7) lived in Owen Sound with his father Robert (35), step-mother Hannah (25), and siblings Mabel (13), John (11), James (9), Mary (3), George (1), and Ellen (2 months). His father Robert was raised in Colborne, Huron County in a large family of Irish descent. Hannah was raised in Flesherton, Artemesia Township, and was of English descent. Robert worked as a blacksmith.

Young Robert's death notice in *The Advertiser* describes him as the Millions' "crippled son".

Robert died of hip disease.

Other members of the Million family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday, October 8, 1895
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Mitchell, Ernest, died 5 August 1889, 5 months

Ernest Mitchell was born in Owen Sound.

Ernest died from diarrhea.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Mitchell, Mary, died 18 February 1929, 77 years

Mary Mitchell was born on 22 October 1851 in Pennsylvania. She was of German descent and her father's name was John Schatz. Mary was married to William R. Mitchell, and they lived in Owen Sound.

Mary died from complications caused by paraplegia of the legs.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Moffatt, Thomas, died 7 August 1898, 70 years

Thomas Moffatt was born in Canada. At the time of his death he was working as a labourer and living at the county gaol. *The Advertiser* notes that he was one of the inmates "who should be living in the House of Refuge rather than a gaol".

Thomas died of exhaustion and senile decay.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday August 12, 1898

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Morrison, Henry, 20 June 1904, 27 years

Henry Morrison was born in Ireland. At the time of his death, he was a single man, working in Owen Sound as a labourer.

Henry died in the hospital from valvular heart disease.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Owen Sound, *The Times*, Friday June 24, 1904

Muir, Ann, died 1 November 1881, 53 years

Please see the Clemens / Muir narrative.

Muldoon, Patrick, died 28 March 1883, 60 years

Patrick Muldoon was born in Ireland. In 1881 Patrick (60) and his wife Mary A. (60) lived in Owen Sound where Patrick worked as a labourer.

Within two years' time, Patrick was living in the county goal where he died suddenly of hemorrhaging of the lungs and general debility.

Sources:

1881 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Thursday March 29, 1883

Mullaney, David died 4 March 1893, 71 years

David Mullaney was born in Ireland. He worked in Owen Sound as a labourer, breaking stones on the street. He was described in *The Advertiser* as a "respectable old man, who has been round the town for at least several years".

David died of old age and general debility in the county gaol.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday March 7, 1893

Munro, Donald Herbert, died 13 September 1927, 6 months

Donald Herbert Munro was born on 19 March 1927 to Nellie Munroe of Owen Sound.

Donald died of marasmus and convulsions.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Mutart, Angus, died 28 August 1893, 60 years

Angus Mutart was born on Prince Edward Island and was of German descent.

In 1861 Angus (34) lived in Derby Township with his wife Jane (35) and their children Margaret (17), John (15), and Angus (13). Jane was of Scottish descent, and the children were born in Canada West. Angus worked as a farmer.

By 1871 Angus (47) and his wife Jane (46) lived in Sarawak Township, in a household that also included Duncan (7) and William McPherson (5). We assume that these were the children of a deceased daughter of Angus and Jane Mutart. Their son Angus (22), and his wife Bertha (21) and their infant daughter Lucy (1) lived nearby.

In 1881 Angus (60) and Jane (61) were living in the Town Plot of Brooke, farming. Living with them were Alexander (9) and Henry (4) Mutart. We assume these are the children of their son Angus (29) who died in 1877. In 1888, Jane (68) died, leaving Angus widowed.

By 1891 Angus (75), widowed, was living in Owen Sound with Birdie Carpenter (24), a "domestic". On 20 June 1891, Angus and Bertha Carpenter had a son, Frederick. A year later, on 11 July 1892, Angus and Bertha got married.

Angus died two years later from "general decay".

Other members of the Mutart family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1861 census for Derby Township

1871 census for Sarawak Township

1881 census for the Town Plot of Brooke

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947 Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Naylor family

Naylor, Albert Edward, died 20 September 1902, 3 months

Infant child of Albert Naylor, died 3 January 1904, stillborn

Albert Edward and Infant Naylor were the sons of Albert James and Elizabeth (Spiker) Naylor. Albert James worked as a moulder.

Albert Edward was born on 11 July 1902, and Infant Naylor was born on 3 January 1904.

In 1901 the Naylor family lived in Barrie, Simcoe County. The household included parents Albert (42) and Elizabeth (29) and older siblings Pearle (7), Melville (4), and Leonia (2). All members of the family were born in Ontario. Albert was of English descent, and Elizabeth was of Dutch descent.

Alfred Edward died of bronchitis.

Infant Nelson was stillborn.

Other members of the Naylor family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1901 census for Barrie, Simcoe County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

The Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday September 30, 1902

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Neirgarth, Jacob E., died 25 July 1885, 68 years

Jacob E. Neirgarth was born in Germany. At the time of his death, Jacob was working as a stonemason.

Jacob died of apoplexy.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Nelson, Alfred (infant child of), died 24 August 1904, died at birth

Infant Nelson was the son of Alfred and Emma (Lempke) Nelson. Alfred Nelson worked as a labourer.

Alfred (29) and Emma (20) married on 16 March 1904 in Owen Sound. Alfred, born in Norfolk, England, and Emma was born in Germany, and was widowed.

Note: The Nelsons had another son, Herald, born 7 August 1905.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Nelson, Violet, died 24 November 1894, 8 months

Violet Nelson was born in Owen Sound.

Violet died of scarlet fever. The informant for her death was Thomas Nelson, a teamster from Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Newton, James H. (infant child of), 29 September 1912, stillborn

Infant Newton was the son of James Herbert and Mazie Albert (Sudden) Newton. James was born in Tara, Bruce County and Mazie was born in Chatsworth, Grey County.

Infant Newton, stillborn, was delivered prematurely.

Other members of the Newton family were buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday October 1, 1912

Norton family

Norton, Harriet Ann, died 10 June 1906, 78 years

Harriet Ann (Waltonberg) Norton was born in Uxbridge Township. In 1871 Harriet (41) was living in Amabel Township, Bruce County with husband Levi (55) and their children Julia Ann (16), Wm. Thomas (14), Hannah (11), Robert (8) and Daniel (6). Harriet's husband Levi was born in Quebec and the rest of the family was born in

Ontario. Levi worked as a labourer.

In 1881 Harriet (50) and Levi (70) were living with their children William (23), Robert (19) and Donald [Daniel ?] (17). Ten years later, Harriet (63) and Levi (75) were living with their son, Donald (25), his wife Hannah (24) and their two sons, Thomas (7) and William (3). Donald was working as a farm labourer.

By 1901 Harriet (73), now widowed, was living with her daughter Rosetta J. (48) and son-in-law Elijah Williams (73) in Owen Sound. The household also included Elijah's step-son [name unknown] (23), Harriet's widowed son, Robert (40) and his daughter Mary M. (13). Another child, Laura Waltonberg (11) is listed as a niece of Elijah and Rosetta. Robert worked at the penitentiary.

In her obituary in *The Advertiser* Harriet is described as an "old pioneer" whose husband predeceased her some years before.

Harriet died of bronchitis and "old age" at her home on Scott St.

Norton, Catherine, died 26 October 1900, 39 years

Catherine (McCaskill) Norton was born in Scotland to Angus and Mary (McLeva) McCaskill.

In 1871 Catherine (9) lived in Sydenham Township with her parents Angus (32) and Mary McCaskill (37) and her siblings Mary (11), Donald (7), Hugh (6), Murdoch (3), and William (1). Catherine's parents and her older sister Mary were born in Scotland and the rest of the children were born in Ontario. Catherine's father Angus worked as a labourer.

Catherine married Robert Norton, the son of Levi and *Harriet Norton* in Amabel Township, Bruce County on 9 December 1886.

In 1891 Catherine (27) lived in Owen Sound with her husband Robert (28) and their children John (5) and Mary (3). Robert worked as a cooper.

Catherine died of pneumonia.

Other members of the Norton family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1871 census for Amabel Township, Bruce County

1871 census for Sydenham Township
1881 census for Amabel Township, Bruce County
1891 census for Amabel Township, Bruce County
1891 census for Owen Sound
1901 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday June 12, 1906

O'Brien, John, died 22 May 1890, 41 years

John O'Brien's country of birth was listed as the United States in the Death Registry and as Ireland in the Greenwood Cemetery Registry. He worked as a mariner.

John died of phthisis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

O'Brien, Mary Jane, died 18 November 1885, 47 years

Mary Jane O'Brien was born in Ireland. At the time of her death, she worked as a boardinghouse keeper in Owen Sound.

Mary Jane died of jaundice and dropsy.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Osborne, Elwood Nelson, died 26 March 1922, 10 months

Elwood Nelson Osborne was born on 1 June 1921 to Henry and Mary (Robinson) Osborne of Owen Sound.

The 1921 census of Owen Sound, taken on June 4th and 5th, includes Henry (33) and Mary (22) and their children Carl (4), Cecil (2), Willie (1) and an "unnamed" son (less than 1 month in age). The family was Ontario born and of Irish descent. At the time the census was taken, Henry was on a pension.

Elwood Nelson died of pneumonia.

Other members of the Osbourne family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1921 census of Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Owens family

Owens, Maria Alice, died 8 December 1863, 3 years

Owens, Agnes Orma, died 13 December 1863, 7 years

In 1861 Agnes Orma (5) and Maria Alice Owens (1) lived in Derby Township with their parents John (30) and Agnes (28), their siblings, Eliz. Jane (10), Wm. (8), Edwin (3), and their aunt, Maria Owens (16). Their mother was born in England and the rest of the family was born in Canada West. Their father was a farmer.

Agnes Orma and Maria Alice both died from scarlet fever.

Source:

1861 census for Derby Township

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Page, Samuel, died 7 July 1889, 28 years

Samuel Page was born in Ireland. He worked in Dyer's Bay as a labourer.

Samuel died after a log accidentally rolled over him.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Parker, Benjamin, died 7 June 1887, 63 years

Benjamin Parker's place of birth is unknown. At the time of his death he worked as a labourer.

Benjamin died suddenly of rheumatic periodontitis, while walking on the railroad tracks.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Thursday June 9, 1887

Paul, Sarah, died 4 November 1915, 6 months

Sarah Paul was born in Collingwood to Mary Paul.

Sarah died of spinal meningitis. The informant for her death was William Paul of Owen Sound.

Source:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Peake, Frank, died June 8, 1910, 38 years

Frank Peake came to Owen Sound from Leytonstone, England in May 1910 with his wife and their five children Frank, Nora, Lionel, Thomas and Rosie. Before finding their own home on 14th Street West, the family stayed with Frank's sister Mrs. George Brown at her home on 12th Street East in Owen Sound.

Frank died by drowning while at work at the C. P. R. docks. It was reported that he fell between the bow of a vessel and a poorly lit wharf. The informant for his death was Charles Webb.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Thursday June 9, 1910

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday June 10, 1910

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Pearson family

Pearson, Maud Beatrice, died 27 August 1893, 2 years

Pearson, Arthur George, died 7 November 1896, 13 months

Maud Beatrice and Arthur George Pearson were the children of William Oliver and Emily (Gardner) Pearson.

Maud Beatrice was born on 11 July 1891 in Toronto, and Arthur George was born in Owen Sound on 29 September 1895. At the time of Arthur's birth William Oliver worked as a sawyer.

Maud Beatrice died of enteritis, and Arthur George died of convulsions.

[Note: Maud Beatrice and Arthur George's family are included on the 1901 census for Owen Sound. The household included William O. (45), Emily (47), Emily J. (20), William (17), Mayers F. (15), Frederick J. (13), and a boarder named William J. Fessay (25). With the exception of Mayers and Frederick J., who were born in Ontario, the entire household was born in England. The family emigrated to Canada in 1885.]

Pearson, Dorothy Betty, died 10 May 1924, 9 months

Dorothy Betty Pearson was born on 9 July 1923 in Owen Sound to Frederick and Alice. L (Wilkinson) Pearson. Her father Frederick was the brother of *Maud Beatrice* and *Arthur George Pearson*. Her mother Alice was the daughter of Samuel and Maria (Bennett) Wilkinson. They had married on 16 August 1911 in Owen Sound.

In 1921 the family included Dorothy's parents Frederick (32) and Alice (29) and her siblings John (10), Thelma (8), Ollie (7), Ambrose (5), Lucille (2) and Fredda (5 months). Frederick and the children were born in Ontario, and Alice was born in England and came to Canada in 1910. Frederick worked as a driver for a bread maker. The Pearsons were all of English descent.

Dorothy Betty died from a nasal infection.

Other members of the Pearson family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Thursday September 26, 1895

Pearson, John Albert, died 20 December 1874, 2 years, 3 months

John Albert Pearson was born in 1872 in Ontario.

John died of blood poisoning precipitated by teething.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Peters family

Peters, Bridget, died 12 January 1896, 65 years

Bridget Peters was born in Ireland. At the time of her death, she was widowed. The informant for her death was *Abraham Peters*. We are not sure of the relationship between Bridget and Abraham and Margaret Peters. She may have been Abraham's sister-in-law.

Bridget died of old age.

Peters, Abraham, died 4 September 1906, 80 years

Peters, Margaret, died 17 February 1916, 80 years

Abraham Peters was born in the United States and had lived in Owen Sound for roughly 40 years. Margaret Peters was born in Tara, Bruce County and was the daughter of John Coventry.

According to the 1901 census for Owen Sound Abraham (65) was of German descent, and Margaret (54) was of Scottish descent. Abraham worked as a labourer.

In 1906 Abraham died of cystitis and old age.

Widowed for ten years, Margaret worked as a housekeeper.

Margaret died of pneumonia at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound. The informant for her death was James Scarrow.

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday September 7, 1906

Pickering, Agnes, died 1 December 1901, 74 years

Agnes Pickering and her family were born in England and immigrated to Canada in 1888.

In 1891 Agnes (43) lived in Owen Sound with her husband William (41) and their children Charles Henry (18) and John (15). Agnes' husband worked as a blacksmith and her eldest son Charles Henry worked on a locomotive.

By 1901 Agnes (52) and William (50) lived alone. William was working as a fisherman.

Agnes died from heart failure and pneumonia.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Pitts, George, died 13 September 1861, 69 years

George Pitts was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

In 1861 George (62) lived in Owen Sound with the Billings family who included George (35) who worked as a gardener, Ezabela (25), Ellen (7), George W. (5), Ellisa Jane (3) and Ezabele (1). It is likely that Ezabela was George's daughter as she was also born in Nova Scotia. George worked as a labourer.

George died of natural decay.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Playford, Infant, died 7 September 1926, 3 days

Infant Playford was the daughter of James Alexander and Ellen (Fraser) Playford, who married on 22 November 1915 in Owen Sound.

James (26) and Ellen Playford (23) are included in the 1921 census for Owen Sound with their children William (2) and George (7 months). The family was Ontario born, and of English descent. James worked as a moulder.

Infant Playford died after a premature birth.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Plummerfelt, Robert, died 25 March 1916, 46 years

In 1911, Robert Plummerfelt (44) was widowed and living in Owen Sound, boarding with *Mary Ringo* (55). He was Ontario born, of Irish descent. At the time of his death, he worked as a labourer.

Robert died of cystitis at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Porter family

Porter, Annie Elizabeth, died 2 January 1899, 43 years

Annie Elizabeth (Watson) Porter was born in Toronto around 1857 to Joseph and Elizabeth Watson. Her parents were Ontario born, and of African descent.

Annie Elizabeth (22) married *Nicholas Cousby* (22), son of *Henry* and *Mary Ann*, on 1 July 1874 in the Town of Collingwood, Ontario. In 1881 Annie Elizabeth (28) and *Nicholas* (28) lived in Owen Sound with their children Annie (5), Daisy (4), and George (2). Her husband *Nicholas* worked as a cook.

By 1891 Annie Elizabeth (24) lived with husband *Nicholas* (36) and their children Lilly (9) and Charles (3). Annie worked as a washerwoman, and *Nicholas* worked as a steamboat cook. This census data was recorded on 6 April 1891. A day later, on 7 April 1891, Annie's husband appears for a second time on the census, in the household that included his widowed mother *Mary Ann* (74). *Nicholas* and Annie Elizabeth's children Daisy May (15), George (12) and Lilly (9) are also listed here.

At some point, *Nicholas* moved to the United States. On 1 August 1895, Annie Elizabeth (38) married Albert E. Porter (36) at the Queen's Hotel in Tara Village, Bruce County. The witnesses for their marriage were Alice Slaughter and Annie Elizabeth's daughter, Daisy Cousby, both of Owen Sound.

Annie Elizabeth died of cancer.

Porter, Elmira, 9 January 1899, 88 years

Elmira Porter was born in the United States. We know very little about Elmira's early life.

In 1871 Elmira (58) was living in Sault Ste. Marie in the Algoma District in a household headed by the British-born John (73) and Mary Ann Savage (71). Elmira worked as a housekeeper, was widowed, and listed as of Scottish descent. John Savage (80) worked as a registrar and when he died in October 1876, he was a colonel in the Royal Artillery. His death may have precipitated Elmira's move to Grey County.

By 1881 Elmira (71) was living alone in Owen Sound, two households away from William (55) and Rebecca Porter (49) and family, including their children Albert E. (21), Sarah F. (10), and Hezekiah (8). We believe Elmira to be William Porter's mother.

Elmira died of old age.

Porter, Martha Maud, died 1 April 1915, 50 years

Martha Maud Porter was born around 1868 in Owen Sound to George and Martha Jane (Henderson) Johnston.

Martha Maud was twice married: she married William Courtney, son of *Abraham* and *Caroline*, on 19 October 1902 in Owen Sound. Martha Maud (23) appears with William (23) on the 1891 census for Owen Sound living with William's brother John Courtney (26) and his wife Emily (24). Martha Maud is listed as William's wife. Martha Maud's brother-in-law John worked as a miner, and her husband William worked as a cook in a hotel. Living two households down were Martha Maud's in-laws *Abraham* and *Caroline Courtney*.

The 1901 census for Owen Sound finds Martha Maud (31), William (28) and their son Harry (7) living as domestics in the Duncan family household that included over thirty residents – both family members and boarders.

Martha Maud's husband William died of convulsions on 20 April 1905 in Guelph, Wellington County. Four years later, on 26 May 1909 in Warton, Bruce County, Martha Maud (41) married Hezekiah Porter (36), son of William and Rebecca Porter.

In 1911 Martha Maud Porter (50) lived in Owen Sound with Martha Campbell (39). Both Maud and Martha are listed as married, and no occupation is listed for either woman. At the time the census was taken Maud's husband Hezekiah (37) was committed to the county gaol for vagrancy.

Martha Maud went missing in November of 1914. Her body was recovered from the Sydenham River harbour, east of the Grand Trunk Station in April 1915.

According to her obituary Martha Maud was "as a well-known and esteemed lady" and a long-standing member of the community. She was survived by her husband Hezekiah Porter and her children Harry Courtney and Alice Slaughter of Owen Sound, and Albert E. Porter of Flint, Mich. Martha Maud's funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Johnston of the B. M. E. Church.

Martha Maud died by drowning. The informant for her death was A. S. Patterson.

Porter, Claudy Augustus, died 16 December 1874, 9 years

Claudy Augustus Porter was born to William and Rebecca Porter.

In 1871 Claudius (6) lived in Owen Sound with his parents William (42) and Rebecca A. (39), and siblings Albert (12), Elmira (9), Alise (3) and Sarah (1).

Claudy Augustus died from an abscess. We were unable to locate him in the death registry.

Porter, Agnes Buchanan, died 13 August 1905, 39 years

Agnes Buchanan (Cullen) Porter was born in Ontario to William and Elizabeth (Lynch) Cullen.

When the census for Sydenham Township was taken in 1871 Agnes (4) lived with her parents William (37) and Elizabeth (37), and her siblings John (15), William (10), David (8), and Margaret (6). Agnes' mother Elizabeth was of Irish descent, and her father William was Scottish. William worked as a labourer. In 1881, Agnes (15), lived with her family in Owen Sound. Her father worked as a carpenter, and her older brother

William as a labourer.

On 30 September 1901, Agnes Buchanan (32) married Albert E. Porter (42), the widowed son of William and Rebecca (Allen) Porter of Owen Sound.

Agnes died from epilepsy from which she had suffered for 5 years.

Porter, William, died 27 January 1906, 21 years

William Porter was born in Owen Sound. He was the grandson of Rebecca and William Porter, but we are unsure of his parentage.

According to the 1891 census for Owen Sound Willis or Willie Porter (6) was living with his grandmother Rebecca (59) and her children, Albert E. (32), Alice (23), Florence (21), and H.K. (18). Rebecca worked as a pastry cook, Florence and H.K. worked as cooks, and Alice worked as a laundry maid. Rebecca was widowed.

William died from polio-myelitis.

Other members of the Porter family were buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1871 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Sault Ste. Marie in Algoma District

1871 census for Sydenham Township

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Potter, Muriel Enid, died 12 September 1905, 6 months

Muriel Enid Potter was born on 22 February 1905 in Owen Sound to Thomas David and Jessie (Hetherington) Potter. Her father worked as a labourer.

Muriel died of whooping cough. The informant for her death was William Legate, an agent from Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Friday September 15, 1905

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Powles, Thomas, died 1 May 1884, 25 years

Thomas Powles was born in England.

Thomas worked as a labourer aboard a steamship and died after accidentally falling into the hold. A fellow mariner, James Rowan, was the informant for his death. His last known place of residence was Toronto.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Pratt, Catherine, died 24 July 1921, 68 years

Catherine was born on 7 August 1852 in York County to Samuel and Catharine Baker.

On 14 April 1874 Catherine (20), married George Pratt (25), the son of John and Dorah Pratt of Bruce County. Catherine and George lived in Anabel Township for several years where George worked as a labourer.

By 1901, they were living in Keppel Township and by 1911 Catherine (59) and George (64) were living in Owen Sound where George worked as a fruit agent "selling trees". In 1921, Catherine (69) and George (72) still resided in Owen Sound where George worked as a labourer.

Catherine died at home of a stroke.

Sources:

1881 census for Amabel Township, Bruce County

1891 census for Amabel Township, Bruce County

1901 census for Keppel Township

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Prentiss, Reuben, died 19 March 1919, 67 years

Reuben Prentiss was the son of Jacob and Christiana Prentiss.

In 1851 Reuben (6) lived in Euphrasia Township with his parents Jacob (55) and Christiana (45) and his siblings Hiram (24), Solomon (22), Jane (16), William (14), Sarah (12), and Jacob (9). The family had first lived in Etobicoke and then Albion Township where Reuben, and some of his siblings were born. Reuben's father was born in the United States and his mother was born in Scotland.

By 1861 the family was farming in Collingwood Township where Reuben Prentice (15) lived with his parents Jacob (62) and Christiana (54), Oliver (39) and Margaret (35) Prentice, and a labourer named William Fife (22).

Reuben, diagnosed as a "lunatic", was committed to the county gaol in 1895 "for his own safety and good rather than for any offence." He lived at the gaol for the large part of twenty years.

Reuben died from gangrene, and the effects of old age.

Sources:

1851 census for Euphrasia Township

1861 census for Collingwood Township

1901 censuses for Owen Sound

1911 censuses for Owen Sound

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Thursday March 26, 1919

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Prentiss, Paschal Paoli, died 29 May 1888, 83 years

Paschal Paoli Prentiss was born on 16 October 1805 in Milton, Vermont to Johnathan and Hannah Prentiss. Military records indicate that Pascal's father Jonathan served in the War of 1812 in the Virginia Militia. Pascal followed a similar path to his father and enlisted in the United States Army on 5 January 1830 in Fort Niagara, New York.

By 1851, Pascal (45) was living in St. Vincent Township with his wife Jane (37), and two grown children, Pascal P. (24) and Sarah (22). Pascal Sr. worked as a farmer.

By 1871 Pascal (65) was widowed and living in Sydenham Township with a farming family, Thomas (41) and Margaret (20) Young, and their 6-month-old son, Thomas. The household included another boarder, John Boddy (22). We are unsure of Pascal's relationship to this family. Pascal worked as a labourer.

The death registry states that Pascal died of "senile decay". The informant for his death was William Wilson, a cabinet maker. We believe the informant to be Pascal's daughter, Sarah Wilson's stepson.

Sources:

1851 census for St. Vincent Township

1871 census for Sydenham Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

United States War of 1812 Index to Service Records, 1812-1815

Vermont Vital Records, 1760-1954

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Price, William, died 17 July 1895, 70 years

William Price was born in the United States. He was a long-time resident of Owen Sound. In 1861 William (27) lived with his wife Winnie (21) and their three children, Albert (6), Frances (4) and William (2). William's wife Winnie was also born in the U.S., their children in Canada West. The family was of African descent.

By 1871, William (44) was recently widowed and the father of 7 children: Albert (17), Frances (14), William (8), Louisa (6), Charles (5), Laurina (2) and Harvey (1). At this time, William had work as a teamster. By 1881 William (50) was living with just two children, Lena (13) and Harvey (12).

In 1891 William (63) lived with his son Harvey (21) and Albert Thompson (21). William still worked as a teamster.

William died of cirrhosis of the liver, from which he suffered for about 4 years.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Puckett, John (infant child of), died 30 October 1916, 1 day

Infant Puckett, a twin, was born on 29 October 1916 in Derby Township to John and Flora M. (Marfleet) Puckett.

Infant Puckett died due to complications from a premature birth. Her twin sister, Ivadell Patricia, died 15 months later in January 1918 of indigestion.

[Note: The Puckett family is listed in the 1921 census for Owen Sound: John (47), Flora (47), Reginald (19), May (15), Norman (11) and Wilfred (9). The family had come to Canada from England, sometime after May's birth. John worked as a plasterer.]

Ivadell and other members of the Puckett family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday October 31, 1916

Ramsay, Jennie (infant child of), died 17 December 1902, 3 weeks

An infant son was born 23 November 1902 to Jennie Ramsay in Owen Sound.

Infant Ramsay died of convulsions in the hospital.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ramsay, Lily, died 15 December 1892, 23 years

Lily Ramsay was born on 7 October 1869 in Grey County to Joseph and Magdalen (Grieg) Ramsay. She lived her entire life in Owen Sound where her father worked as a blacksmith.

In 1871 her family included: Lily (1), her parents Joseph (47) and Magdelene (47) and her siblings Joseph (16), Matilda (14), Barbra (11), Marey (9), John (7), and Thomas (4). Her parents and four eldest siblings were born in Scotland and Lily and her brothers John and Thomas were born in Ontario. By 1891 Lily (21) was living with her parents Joseph (67) and Magdalen (67), and two of her brothers, John (27) and Thomas (26).

Lily's father Joseph died in March 1892. In his obituary he is described as a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and a well-known resident of Owen Sound.

Lily died of acute mania. The informant for her death was her brother John Ramsay, a merchant clerk.

Lily's father and other members of the Ramsey family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947 Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday March 15, 1892

The Owen Sound Times, Thursday March 17, 1892 Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday, December 16, 1892

Randall, Mary, died 30 June 1899, 84 years

Mary Randall was born in Ireland and lived in Owen Sound for roughly twenty years.

At the time of her death she was a widow.

Mary died in the county gaol of feebleness aggravated by a fall.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday July 4, 1899

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Thursday July 6, 1899

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Rawson, Frear, died 10 December 1898, 80 years

Frear Rawson was born in England. He worked as an artist. At some point before he died, he became a resident of the county gaol.

Frear died from jaundice at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound.

Source:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Redfern, Thomas, died 21 October 1878, 11 years

Thomas Redfern was the son of William and Eliza Jane Redfern.

In 1871 Thomas (4) lived in Owen Sound with his parents William (29) and Eliza Jane (28) and siblings Watkin W. (7) and Emma S. (2). Thomas and his siblings were born in Ontario, his father William was born in England and his mother Eliza Jane in Ireland.

Thomas died of a malignant sore in his throat.

Other members of the Redfern family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1871 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Read family

Sarah Read, died 6 November 1862, 5 years

Rebecca Read, died 9 March 1863, 3 years

Eliza Read, died 12 March 1863, 10 years

Susanna Read, died 17 March 1863, 8 years

Eliza, Susanna, Sarah, and Rebecca Read were all under 11 years old when they died within four months of each other between November 1862 and March 1863.

These children—Eliza (7), Susanna (5), Sarah (3) and Rebecca (1), are included in the 1861 census for Owen Sound with their parents George (40) and Ann Reid (38) and their older siblings Jane (14), George (12) and Ann (10). Their parents were born in Ireland, and the eldest child, Jane, was born in Lower Canada. The rest of the children were born in Upper Canada. Their father George worked as a carpenter.

Sarah's cause of death is unknown. Rebecca, Eliza and Susanna died of scarlet fever.

[Note: In the years following the Read sisters' death the family left Grey County. The marriage certificate for the eldest Read daughter Jane indicates that by 1868 the family had moved to Toronto. The remaining family members are included on the 1871 census for West Toronto, living in the St. Andrew's Ward neighbourhood.]

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound
1871 census for West Toronto
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Reid, Charles Richard, died 13 February 1871, 7 months

Charles Richard Reid was born in Owen Sound, a “mechanic’s child”.

Charles Richard died of hydrocephalus.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Reid, James, died 21 September 1901, 16 years

James Reid was born in Warton, Ontario. He worked in Owen Sound as a shingle trimmer.

James died of a diseased thorax at the Owen Sound hospital.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Reid, Minnie, died 11 August 1884, 15 days

Minnie Reid was born in Owen Sound on 28 July 1884 to John and Leonie Reid. Minnie’s father John worked as an engineer.

Minnie died after suffering from convulsions.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Rigby, Aquilla, died 19 September 1868, 64 years

Before moving to Grey County, Aquilla Rigby lived in Harford, Maryland in the United States. In 1840 Aquilla lived with two women, a man, and a young boy. By the time the census was taken in 1850 for Harford, Aquilla (44) lived with Philis (50) and Otha Rigby (40), a young boy named William Rigby (4), and a man named Wesley Bono (23). All members of the household were Black, all were born in Maryland.

Perhaps due to the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, Aquilla immigrated to Canada West. In 1851 he was living on his own in Sydenham Township and working as a labourer. By 1861 Aquilla was living in Owen Sound, possibly working for his neighbour, Robert Holms, who was a lime burner.

Aquilla died of natural decay. According to the cemetery registry, Aquilla was a Quaker.

Sources:

1840 census Bush, Harford, Maryland, United States

1850 census Bush, Harford, Maryland, United States

1851 census for Sydenham Township

1861 census for Owen Sound

Registry for Grey County, 1865-66

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Ringo family

Ringo, Sarah, died 25 February 1904, 85 years

Ringo, William, died 13 March 1904, 81 years

The Ringo family were members of Owen Sound's Black community.

William was born on 25 May 1820 in Virginia. He and his family were enslaved in the Southern United States and in Maryland. In 1842 William came to Canada.

Sarah Ringo was born on 31 March 1830 in Maryland, she came to Canada in 1850.

By 1851 William (31) and Sarah (29) with their children *Richard* (3) and Joseph (1) were living in Hamilton, Ontario. William worked as a labourer, and Sarah worked doing "washing". In 1861 William (35) and Sarah (30) lived in Peel Township, Wellington County with their children *Richard* (11), James (9), Catherine (6) and Margaret (4).

By 1871, the Ringo family was living in Owen Sound. The family included William (45) and Sarah (48), Joseph (21), Catherine (17), Rosina (11), Mary E. (9), John (3), and William H. (1). William worked as a labourer, and their son Joseph was a barber.

In 1881 William (57) and Sarah (62) and their children Mary Ellen (20) and John (13) lived with Amos E. (49) and Agnes Barnard (28). William Ringo worked as a labourer. Amos E. worked as a carpenter.

By 1901, William (80) and Sarah (71) were living with their son *Richard* (52), their grandson Percy (13) and a boarder named Alice Johnson (76). William and Richard worked as labourers and Alice worked as a cook.

Sarah Ringo died of old age in their home on Bay St. in Owen Sound.

Two weeks after Sarah passed, William died of “organic heart disease”.

According to their obituaries William and Sarah’s funerals were held at the B.M.E. Church and were well attended by the community. William and Sarah were survived by 5 of their children.

Ringo, Richard, died 29 March 1908, 65 years

Ringo, Mary, died 4 April 1922, 70 years

Richard and Mary Ringo were the son and daughter-in-law of *William* and *Sarah Ringo*.

Richard was born on 19 January 1849 in Baltimore, and Mary was born around 1845 in Peel County to Wm. Lewis and Catherine Armstrong. Like the Ringos, the Armstrongs were members of Owen Sound’s Black community.

By 1851 the Armstrongs were living in Holland Township. Here Mary (8) is listed with her parents Lewis (50) and Caroline (30), and her brothers *Kennedy* (16) and William (15). Mary’s father Lewis was born in South America, and her mother Caroline was born in Maryland, U.S., Mary’s siblings were all born in Upper Canada.

On 31 December 1868 Richard (20) and Mary (25) wed in Brantford, Ontario. By 1871 the couple had moved to Owen Sound where Richard worked as a labourer. By 1891 the family included two sons, *William L.* (14) and George Westley (12). And in 1901, Richard (52) and his son Percy (13) lived with *William* (80) and *Sarah* (71), and Alice Johnson (76). (We assume Mary was also in the household.)

Seven years later, Richard died of liver trouble.

By 1911, Mary (55) was widowed and sharing her home with a boarder, *Robert Plummerfelt* (44), who was also widowed. Robert worked as a labourer at the quarry. In 1921, Mary (59) shared her home with another lodger, George Gifford (50) who worked also as a labourer at the quarry. Mary was working as a domestic.

Mary died of a pulmonary hemorrhage.

Ringo, Sarah Ann, died 16 May 1869, 4 years

We are unsure of Sarah Ann Ringo's connection to the Ringo family, as her short life fell in between the 1861 and 1871 censuses. We assume she was a daughter of *Sarah* and *William Ringo*.

Sarah Ann died of dropsy.

Ringo, William, died 14 May 1872, 2 years

William Ringo was the youngest child of *William* and *Sarah Ringo*.

William (1) appears on the 1871 census for Owen Sound with his parents and siblings.

William died from congestion of the lungs.

Ringo, William Louis, died 5 December 1895, 19 years

William Louis Ringo was the son of *Richard* and *Mary Ringo*. William (14) appears on the 1891 census for Owen Sound with his mother *Mary* (42) and his brother George Westley (12).

William died of phthisis in Owen Sound. At the time of his death he worked as a labourer. The informant for his death was his father, Richard.

Other members of the Ringo family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1851 census for Hamilton

1861 census for Wellington in the Township of Peel

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947 Ontario, County Marriage Registers, 1858-1869

“Heritage Obituaries,” *Northern Terminus: The African Canadian History Journal* /Vol.9/2012

“Heritage Obituaries,” *Northern Terminus: The African Canadian History Journal* /Vol.10/2013

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Robison, Marjory, died 4 April 1929, 14 years

Marjory Robison was born in Proton Township on 17 July 1915 to Walter and Laura Robison. In 1921 she (4) lived in Owen Sound with her parents Walter (28) and Laura (24) and her brother Lawrence (8). The Robisons were Ontario born, and of Irish descent. Walter worked as a labourer. The family lived in the Bay Ward.

About one month prior to her death, Marjory was admitted to at the Home of Incurable Children at 665 Spadina Ave. in Toronto. The informant for her death was C. Fleming a “Lady Support” worker at the home.

Marjory died from complications due to paralysis.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Rockey family

Rockey, Maud Edsall, died 13 April 1888, 3 months

Rockey, Charles Edsall, died 28 March 1892, 5 months

Maud and Charles Edsall Rockey were born in Owen Sound to Colin and Amelia Ann Edsall Rockey.

Maud and Charles’s parents Colin (35) and Amelia Ann (32) and their siblings Harry (7), Olivia (5) and Albert (1) are listed in the 1891 census for Owen Sound. Colin and the children were born in Ontario, and Amelia Ann was born in England. Colin worked as a hotel bartender.

Maud Edsall died of marasmus and debility, and Charles died of congestion of the lungs. At the time of Charles' death his father, Colin worked as a telegraph operator.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Roy family

Roy, Philip, died 24 June 1898, 53 years

Roy, Julia, died 15 June 1886, 39 years

Philip was born in Buffalo, N.Y. to Julia Ann and James Roy. Julia Ann was born in Peel, Canada West to Benjamin and Margaret Edy.

By 1851 the Roys had moved to Canada West. They were in Bentinck Township when the census was taken, where their household included: James (46), Mrs. Roy (27), John Thornton (9), James *Phillip* Frederick (7), Anna Maria (4) and Mary Elizabeth Martha (2). By 1861 the family included J.F.F. (55), Mrs. Roy (36), John (18), *Phillip* (15), Anne (13), Mary (11), *George* (9) and *Sharlet* (5). The Roy family lived beside a household consisting of John Hooper (64), Mrs. (*Joanna*) Hooper (51), John "*Brosill*" (*Brazil*) (70) and a young "*Georg*" Roy (6).

In 1861 Julia (15) lived in Peel Township, Wellington County with her parents Ben (38) and "*Mary*" Edy (36), and her siblings Eliza (17), *Caleb* (13) Nancy (11), Margaret (9), Mary (4), and Burnett (1). Both of Julia's parents were born in the United States, and she and her siblings were born in Upper Canada. Julia's father Ben worked as a labourer.

Julia and Philip married on 25 November 1867 in Owen Sound.

By 1871 Julia (24) and Philip (25) lived in Owen Sound with their children Elizabeth (5) and William (1). By 1881 Phillip (42) and Julia's (32) family included their children Lizzie (15), William (11), Emma (6), John (8), and Phillip (3). Phillip Sr. worked as a labourer.

Julia died during childbirth in 1886.

According to the death registry Philip's body was found at the "East rock on the east side of Owen Sound... he did not die of natural causes."

Phillip Roy was murdered after being thrown from “the cliff opposite the Keenan Woodenware Co.’s factory.” At the time of his death he worked as a labourer in Owen Sound.

Roy, Charlotte, died 11 November 1875, 20 years

Charlotte Roy was born in Ontario to Julia Ann and James Roy. She was *Phillip’s* and *George’s* younger sister. Charlotte (15) is included on the 1871 census for St. Vincent Township with her widowed mother Julia Ann (43) and her brothers *George* (16) and Joseph (6).

Charlotte’s cause of death is unknown.

Roy, George, died 8 March 1911, 55 years

George Roy was born in Bentinck Township to Julia Ann and James Roy.

In 1871 George (16) lived in St. Vincent Township with his widowed mother Julia (43) and his siblings *Charlotte* (15) and Joseph (6), as well as Lizzy Washington (5) and James H. Washington (3).

By 1901 George (47) lived in Glenelg Township with Henry Clayborn (80). Henry was born in the United States and came to Canada in 1857. He was also of African descent and a longtime resident of Grey County.

George died in the county gaol of tuberculosis.

According to his obituary George contracted the disease in Michigan where he had worked in the lumber camps.

Sources:

1861 census for Peel Township, Wellington County

1871 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for St. Vincent Township

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario, County Marriage Registers, 1858-1869

Markdale Standard, 11 Feb 1886

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday July 8, 1898

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, May 22, 1908

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday March 14, 1911

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday March 14, 1914

Rowe, Rose, died 26 October 1909, 33 years

Rose Rowe was born on 26 October 1876 in Epsom, London, England to Charles and Mary Ann (Smith) Ede. She was married to Joseph Rowe and the couple lived in Owen Sound.

She died of pneumonia at the Owen Sound hospital.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Sargeant, Jesse, died 30 December 1873, 50 years

Jesse Sargeant was born in England, sometime between 1826 and 1828. In 1859, Jesse married Elizabeth, daughter of William Barnes and Maria Barnes-Gordon in Owen Sound. The Sarjeants (Sergeants) lived in Derby Township. In 1861 their household included, Jesse (29), Elizabeth (20) and Hannah M. (1) By 1871 Jesse (45) and Elizabeth (30) had 6 children: Hannah (10), Harriet (8), William (7), George (5), Martha (4), and Henry (1). Jesse worked as a labourer.

Jesse died of empyema.

[Note: Jesse's family are listed in the 1881 census for Derby Township where his widowed wife Elizabeth (40) and their children, Hannah (20), Harriette (19), William (17), George (15), Martha (13), Henry (10), Daniel (9), and Arabella (7), lived with her new husband, Alexander Fraser (41) whom she had married in 1878.]

Other members of the Sargeant family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1871 census for Derby Township

1881 census for Derby Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Saunders, Harold (infant child of), died 19 November 1916, stillborn

Infant Saunders' birth took place in Toronto. He was the son of Harold and Nellie (Valet-Orr) Saunders. His remains were brought to Owen Sound for burial.

Other members of the Saunders family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday November 24, 1916

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Saunders, Thomas, died between 31 July and 3 August 1898, 45 years

Thomas Saunders was born in England. He moved to Ontario with his family who settled in Glenelg Township. Thomas (23) married Annabella McPhail (23), daughter of Alexander and Mary McPhail of Durham, Glenelg Township, on 19 January 1880. In 1881, Thomas and Annabella were living in Durham beside his parents, William (64) and Amelia (61), and his brothers, Pascoe (26) and James (38). Thomas was employed as a mail carrier.

By 1891 Thomas (33) and Anna B. (33) had a large family: Mary A. (9), William S. (6), Jessie (4), Alexander W. (2), and Albert (8 months). Anna and the children were all born in Ontario. Thomas worked as a labourer until he got a job as a stage driver on the old Coulson Line. He was later employed by David Stoddart and Dan Kenny. The death registry indicates that Thomas worked as a "hostler" at the time of his death.

Thomas died of an accidental drowning near Smith's dock in Owen Sound.

Sources:

1891 census for the Town of Durham, Glenelg Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser* Friday August 5, 1898

Scarrow family

Infant son of Thomas Scarrow, died 17 December 1900, 30 hours

Scarrow, James, died 28 December 1900, 2 weeks

Twins, Infant and James Scarrow were born on 16 December 1900 in Owen Sound to Thomas and Ada (Berridge) Scarrow. Thomas worked as a labourer at the time of their birth.

Their parents Thomas (23) and Ada (25) married on 29 September 1896 in Sydenham Township. Thomas was the son of James and Eliza Scarrow. Ada's parents were George and Harriet Berridge. The Scarrows were of Irish descent.

Infant Scarrow died of heart problems the day after his birth. Two weeks later James died of convulsions.

[Note: By 1906 Thomas (36) and Ada (38) relocated to Qu'Appelle Township, Saskatchewan with their children Arthur (9), Pearl (7), Ada (4) and James (1). In 1911 Thomas (40) and Ada (41) lived in Assiniboia County, Saskatchewan with their children Arthur (15), Pearl (13), Ada (9), James (7) and Elizabeth (4).]

Sources:

1906 census for Northwest Provinces

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Scarrow, Isabella (infant child of), died 16 June 1919, 2 days

According to the marriage registry George B. Woods (22) married Isabella Scarrow (21) on 13 May 1916 in Owen Sound. George was born in Shallow Lake and was the son of James Woods. George had enlisted as a soldier. Isabella's birthplace is not listed, but she was the daughter of James and Margaret (Wilson) Scarrow. The witnesses for their marriage were Lieu. C. S. Campbell and Pte. R. C. Pearce. They were married at "Camp Niagara", Lincoln Township.

The 1921 census for Owen Sound finds a widowed Isabella Woods (26) living in a household headed by her mother Margaret Scarrow (45) that included John (16), Viola (5) and Georgina (4). We conjecture that Isabella was better known by her maiden name and that George was killed overseas.

Infant Scarrow's cause of death is not known.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912 Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Scarf, Thomas, died 28 March 1879, 70 years

Thomas Scarf was born in England. He worked as a gardener in Owen Sound.

Thomas died of dropsy.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Scott, Dixon, died 13 August 1909, 66 years

Dixon Scott was born in Scotland. He lived in Neustadt and worked as a harness maker.

Dixon died of heart disease at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Scott, Mary, died in February 1863, 37 years

Mary Scott was born in Ireland. In 1861, Mary (36), widowed, was living in Owen Sound with her children Charlott (12), Eliza (10), William (8), Maryann (5), and Robert (2). Her daughters Charlott and Eliza were born in the United States and the remaining children were born in Upper Canada.

Mary's cause of death is unknown.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Segrew, John, died 8 January 1895, 31 years

John Segrew was born in England. He worked as a labourer in Owen Sound. He was imprisoned in the county gaol because of his drinking habits.

John died by hanging himself in his gaol cell.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday January 8, 1895

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday January 11, 1895

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Thursday January 10, 1895

Sharpe, John, died 4 December 1907, 24 years

John Sharpe was born in Glasgow, Scotland. His father was William Sharpe. John worked as a labourer in Owen Sound. At the time of his death he was single.

John died of typhoid at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Shea, Dennis, died 29 November 1896, 52 years

Dennis Shea was born in Ireland. He worked as a general servant.

Dennis died of acute meningitis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Sheffield, Abraham, died 19 March 1898, 86 years

Abraham Sheffield was of African descent. He worked as a labourer.

Abraham died from old age at the gaol.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Shiek, John, died 21 September 1905, 81 years

John Shiek was born in Germany. In 1881 John (53) lived in Sarawak Township (Town Plot of Brooke) with his wife Hannah(52) and their children, George (22), Samuel (18), Abraham (15) and Elizabeth (12). John 's wife Hannah was born in Ireland and the children were born in Ontario. John worked as a labourer.

By 1901 John (77) was living in Derby Township with the Freeston family and working as a farm labourer. At the time of his death, he was living in Owen Sound.

John died of apoplexy. The informant for his death was John Grumoldby.

[Note: His widowed wife, Hannah (71) is listed in the 1911 census for Keppel Township, living with their son, George (52).]

Other members of the Shiek family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery under the last name "Schieck".

Sources:

1881 census for Town Plot of Brooke

1901 census for Derby Township

1911 census for Keppel Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Sherlock, Flora Maude, died 14 June 1888, 15 months

Flora Maude Haldane Sherlock was born in Sarawak Township on 26 February 1887 to Robert and Eliza Anne Haldane (Peer) Sherlock. Maud's parents Robert (23) and Eliza Ann (21) married on 2 April 1877 in Waterdown, East Flamboro Township, Halton County. In 1881, the family, living in Etobicoke, York County, included Robert (27), Eliza A. (22), Frederick (2) and Melinda (1).

Flora Maude died from congestion of the lungs.

[Note: In 1891, 3 years after Flora Maud's death, the family lived in Guelph, Wellington County, and included Robert (39), Annie (31), Frederick (13), Melinda (11), Margery (9) and Oscar (7). Robert was employed in all these locations as a labourer.]

Sources:

1881 census for Etobicoke, York County

1891 census for Guelph, Wellington County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Simmons, George, died 20 March 1885, 40 years

George Simmons was born in England. At the time of his death he worked as a labourer in Owen Sound.

George died in the gaol of pulmonary phthisis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Simpson family

Simpson, Hiram, died 10 August 1902, 66 years

Simpson, Eliza, died 21 February 1904, 73 years

Hiram Simpson was born in Ontario and was of Irish descent, and Eliza was born in Ireland.

In 1881 Hiram (38) and Eliza Simpson (38) were farming in Keppel Township. Ten years later, Hiram (50) and Eliza (58), were still living and farming in Keppel Township. By 1901, the Simpsons, Hiram (57) and Eliza (68), were living in Owen Sound where Hiram worked as a day labourer. The death registry described Hiram as "a gentleman" and Eliza as "well known" and "the widow of Hiram Simpson".

Hiram and Eliza died from old age.

Sources:

1881 census for Keppel Township

1891 census for Keppel Township

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Friday February 26, 1904

Simpson, Jack Laverne, died 12 October 1929, 3 years

Jack Laverne Simpson was born on 25 May 1926 in Owen Sound to Harry and Isobel (Jones) Simpson. Harry was from Bruce County and Isobel from Shallow Lake, Derby Township.

Jack died of cholera at the General & Marine Hospital.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Simpson, Maggie, 27 September 1892, 19 years

According to immigration records Maggie Simpson (11) and her sisters Catherine (14) and Jane (8) came to Canada from Glasgow in 1881. The Simpsons migrated as part of Quarrier's Orphan Homes of Scotland program. Their destination was Miss Billbrough's school in Belleville, Ontario, a home devoted to housing and educating "indigent children".

Ten years after immigrating to Canada, Maggie (18) was living in Owen Sound, working as a domestic for Elizabeth Glen (65), a widow, who ran a boarding house. At the time of her death, one of her sisters lived in Rockford, Ontario and another was married and living in the Northwest.

Maggie drowned in the Sydenham River.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Home Children, 1869-1932

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday, October 7, 1892

Sloane, Florence Marie, died 30 March 1918, 3 months

Florence Marie Sloane was the daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Clarke) Sloane. Leonard and Elizabeth were married in Owen Sound in 1907. Elizabeth was a widow.

In 1911 Leonard (31) and Elizabeth (32) were living in Owen Sound with their children Ada E. (14), Miriam (11), David (7), Dorothea (3) and Beatrice (1). The age gap between David and Dorothea suggests that the three older children were from Elizabeth's first marriage. Leonard was born in England and Elizabeth and the children were born in Ontario. Leonard worked as a labourer.

Florence Marie died of heart disease.

Other members of the Sloane family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Smith family

Smith, Mary, died 5 June 1891, 42 years

Smith, John, died 23 April 1893, 46 years

In 1881, the Smith family were farming in Mulmur Township, Simcoe County. The family included John (34), Mary (33), Israel (7), La Anderson (5) and Rhuban (2). John was of West Indian descent and Mary was of German descent. All were born in Ontario. By 1891 they were living in Owen Sound where the household included John (46), his wife Jonas *[sic]* (40) and their three sons, Jonathan I. (16), Le Anderson (15) and Ruben (12).

In June of 1891 Mary died of heart disease.

During his years in Owen Sound John had worked as a general labourer, a porter and lamp cleaner for the Canadian Pacific Railroad (C. P. R.) yards. Before moving to Owen Sound, he had been in charge of the C. P. R. water tank near Shelburne. *The Owen Sound Times* describes John as being of West Indian origin, and the son of "American ex-slaves".

John was found dead in his bed.

[Note: By 1901, Israel (27) and Anderson (Andrew) (28) were still living in Owen Sound. Israel worked at a sawmill and Anderson was a cook.]

Smith, Carl Burton, died 11 November 1905, 2 years

Carl Burton Smith was born in Owen Sound on 12 April 1903 to (Jonathan) Israel and Charlotte (Payne) Smith. Israel (27) and Lottie (22) were married in Guelph, Ontario 19 March 1902. Israel was born in Amaranth Township, Wellington County, and Lottie, the daughter of Francis and Charlotte (Creek) Payne, was born in Brantford, Ontario. Both families were of African descent. Israel and Lottie were employed as cooks at the time of their marriage.

Carl Burton was the Smiths' firstborn. In his death notice in the Owen Sound *Sun* newspaper, Carl was described as "a favourite in the neighbourhood."

Carl Burton died of meningitis.

[Note: By 1911, the family in Owen Sound included Israel (37), Lottie (30), Reginald (6), Clarence (4), Lottie (2), Israel (8 months) and Lottie's widowed mother, Charlottie Payne (70).]

Sources:

1881 census for Mulmur Township, Simcoe County

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Thursday April 27, 1893

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday April 28, 1893

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday, November 14, 1905

Smith, Frank, died 12 July 1895, 5 weeks

Frank Smith was born in Owen Sound.

Frank died of dysentery. The informant for his death was Robert Smith, a gardener from Derby Township.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Smith, Hamilton, died 7 November 1871, 56 years

Hamilton Smith was born in the United States.

In 1861 Hamilton (45) lived in Owen Sound with William (27) and Jane Branson (30). William Branson worked as a cook. Hamilton's occupation was unknown. All members of the household were born in the United States and of African descent.

By 1871 Hamilton (56) lived with his wife Emily (46) and their son Randolph (14), who were also born in the United States. Hamilton worked as a labourer.

Hamilton died of pulmonary consumption.

[Note: In the 1881 census for Owen Sound, Emily (54) is listed as widowed and living with her son Randolph (24) who worked as a servant.]

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Smith, James A. (infant child of), died 20 February 1909, stillborn

Baby Smith was the son of James Allan and Mary Olive (Markle) Smith. The Smiths were married in Deseronto, Hastings County on 14 November 1898. James (22) was the son of Benjamin and Mary Ann Smith and Mary (19) was the daughter of Alfred and Margaret Ann Markle. By 1901, James (24) and Mary (18) were living in Owen Sound, lodging with Luke and Rhoda Graves and family. With them was Mary's 4-year-old nephew, Ross Markle. James was born in England and Mary was of German descent. James was working as a labourer.

Baby Smith was stillborn following a premature birth.

[Note: In 1911 Baby Smith's parents James (35) and Mary (28) lived in Owen Sound with his older siblings, Stanley (10), Clara (7), Carl (5) and his younger sibling Margaret (1). James was born in England and Mary was born in Ontario of German descent. Also in the household were James' widowed mother, Mary (67) and Mary's younger brothers, William (26) and Andrew (22). James worked at a sawmill.]

Other members of the Smith family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Smith, John, died 14 January 1927, 65 years

John Smith was born in England and worked in Owen Sound as a labourer. At the time of his death he was a widower.

John died of tuberculosis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Smith, William, died 5 February 1889, 1 month

William Smith was born in Owen Sound, the son of John Smith, a labourer.

William died of congestion of the lungs.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Smoots family (Smoot, Smuts)

Smoots, Eli, died 25 July 1869, 50 years

Smoots, Betsey Jane, died 4 February 1887, 55 years

Eli Smoots was born in Virginia around 1810. He was of African descent. After first settling in Tecumseh Township, Essex County, he moved to Oro Township, Simcoe County. In 1846 he married Maria St. Dennis and they had at least two children (Matilda, c. 1846; Mary Ann, c. 1848).

Betsey Jane (Munroe) Smoots was born in Ontario around 1830. On 30 July 1850 she married Eli Smoots in Oro Township. By the time the census for Oro Township was taken in 1861 Betsey (32) and Eli (41) lived in a log home with their four children (Cynthia, c. 1852; Anderson, c. 1854; Harriet, c. 1857, Eli Junior, c. 1858). Eli worked as a labourer. The family lived in Oro until at least 1865, before moving to Owen Sound.

Eli died of dropsy.

In 1871, Betsey Smoots (39), widowed, lived with her children Cynthia (20), Harriet (15), Joel (9), Emily (4), Mahala (2) and Caroline (6 months). By 1881, the family included Betsey (48), Harriet (23), Joseph (20), Emma (14), Mahala (12) and a young child named Marie Grace (5).

Betsey was well known in Owen Sound's Black community as Grannie Smoots and she was a faithful member of the B.M.E. church.

Betsey Jane died of dropsy.

Smoots, Margaret, died 10 January 1876, 5 years, 3 months

We assume that little Margaret was a member of the Smoots family who had migrated from Oro Township to Owen Sound. She may be "Caroline" who is listed in the 1871 census or she may have been the offspring of one of the Smoots children.

Margaret died of whooping cough.

Smoots, Millie, died 16 January 1875, 9 months

Young Millie is likely the offspring of one of the Smoots children.

She died from a cold.

Smoots, Joel, died 8 February 1886, 25 years

Joel married Elizabeth Roy on 14 August 1884. Elizabeth's parents were Philip and *Julia* (Edy) Roy. Joel was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway on one of their boats. A little less than a year before the death of his mother, Joel was murdered by Philip Roy during an argument said to have been fueled by liquor.

Smoots (infant child of Harriet), died April 18, 1882, 2 days

Infant Smoots, the child of Betsey and Eli's daughter, Harriet, died of fits.

Sources:

1861 census for Oro Township, Simcoe County

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Advertiser (Owen Sound, ON), Thursday February 11, 1886 (p2, col2)*Markdale Standard*, 11 Feb 1886, p. 5

Men of Colour, (Gary French, 1978, Orillia, Ontario: Kaste Books, Dyment-Stubley Printer, Orillia)

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Sparrow family

Sparrow, Robert, died 10 January 1882, 50 years

In 1871 Robert (40) lived in Owen Sound with his wife Betsey A. (34), and their children Newton R. (13), Nancy M. (12), Edward W. (11), Arthur J. (9), Ernest E. (4), and *Walter P.* (4 months). Excepting for Walter, the entire family had been born in England. In 1881 the household included Robert (50), Ann Betsey (40 / 46), Newton Robert (22), Nancy (20), Arthur (17), Ernest Alfred (13) and Harry Herbert (6). Robert worked as a labourer, Newton worked as a turner and Edward and Arthur worked as moulders.

Robert died by suicide in Windsor, Essex County. The informant for Robert's death was his son, Newton Robert Sparrow, a cabinet maker.

Sparrow, Adolphus Richard, died 5 May 1868, 3 years

We believe that Adolphus Richard was the son of *Robert* and Betsey, born between their sons, Arthur and Ernest. The cemetery registry confirms that he was born in England.

Adolphus Richard died of dropsy.

Sparrow, Walter Percival, died 21 March 1872, 15 months

Walter Percival was born to *Robert* and Betsey Sparrow.

The death registry described Walter Percival as a "Yeoman's child".

Walter died of congestion of the lungs and convulsions.

Sources:

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, The Advertiser, Thursday January 12, 1882

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Spilker, Laura, died 1 February 1923, 36 years

Laura Spilker was born in Ontario and was of Dutch descent.

In 1911 Laura (25) lived in Owen Sound with her husband John (27) and their son Arthur J. (1 month). Her husband John was from Hamilton, of Austrian descent and worked as a painter. Laura was born in Grand Bend and later lived in Tara, Bruce

County. By 1921 the family included Laura (45) and her husband John (50) and their children Henry (9), William (5) and Nellie (3).

Before the census was taken that year, the Spilkers lost their 2-month-old daughter, Julia Ann, who died 3 March 1921 of whooping cough. There is no listing for this child in Greenwood Cemetery's registry, but we assume she too was buried in the indigent plot.

Laura died of influenza.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Stapleton, John, died 15 March 1894, 64 years

John Stapleton, or "Joskins" as he was commonly known, was born in Ireland and was a soldier in the 48th Regiment of Infantry, British Army, for roughly 20 years. He was discharged in 1891. At the time of his death, he had a "soldier's pension" and worked as a labourer in a local hotel in Owen Sound.

John died of cirrhosis of the liver caused by alcoholism.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Owen Sound Times, Thursday March 15, 1894

Stockall, Phillip Edgar, died 11 April 1885, 4 months

Phillip Edgar Stockall was born on 2 December 1884 in Owen Sound to William and Rachel (Parkwood) Stockall. Both William and Rachel were from England.

Phillip died of hydrocephalus.

[Note: Ten months after Phillip Edgar's death, his mother Rachel (25) contracted a fever and died 8 February 1886. William remarried and in 1891, the census for Owen Sound lists, William (35), Christine (25), William (10), Jennet Mary (2) and Peter (1 month).]

Phillip's mother, Rachel, is buried in a purchased plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947 Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

Stratton, John, died 30 June 1910, 30 years

According to his obituaries John Stratton was born in Ireland to a “good family” and was a graduate of Queen’s College Dublin. He came to Canada around 1900 and settled in Owen Sound around 1907. Prior to his death he was committed to the gaol for vagrancy.

John Stratton died by suicide, after having been struck by a locomotive.

Sources:

Owen Sound, *The Times*, June 30, 1910

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday July 1, 1910

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Friday July 1, 1910

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Sturgeon family (Sturdgeon)

Sturgeon, John, died 20 July 1875, 82 years

John Sturgeon was born in Ireland. He worked as a farmer in Keppel Township.

In 1871 John (77) lived with his wife Eliza (76) and their children John (40), *Robert* (35) Eliza (32), and Rodger (30). All members of John’s family were born in Ireland.

In 1867, their youngest child, Annie (24), married Merritt Winchester (28) who was from New York City. They were married in Owen Sound and her brothers, *Robert* and Rodger were the witnesses. Annie was the only child born in Upper Canada, suggesting that the family immigrated as early as 1842 or 1843.

John died of cancer.

Sturgeon, Robert, died 27 August 1876, 40 years

Robert was born in Ireland to *John* and Eliza Sturgeon.

Robert (32) married Jane Coveney (21) on 1 April 1872 in Owen Sound. Robert worked as an agent. Their son, Robert Gooding Jr., was born 19 September 1874. By this time, Robert was working as a railroad contractor.

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry listed Robert's cause of death as "insanity". The Owen Sound *Advertiser* reported that there was an ongoing inquest into his death.

[Note: Three years after his death, Jane (27) married John Armstrong (28) of Owen Sound. In 1881, their household included John (29) and (Eliza) Jane (30), Robert G. Jr. (7) and Frederick (8) Sturgeon and Gwendolyn Armstrong (1).]

Sources:

1871 census for Keppel Township

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Owen Sound, The Advertiser, Thursday, August 31, 1876

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Sutherland, William, died 28 May 1877, 76 years

William Sutherland was born in Scotland.

In 1871 William (61), a widower, worked as a farm labourer in Sydenham Township. A few years later William was sent to the gaol for vagrancy, after being found "wandering the fields".

William died of natural causes "accelerated by want and exposure previous to his commitment to prison."

Sources:

1871 census for Sydenham Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, The Advertiser, Thursday May 31, 1877

Sutherland, Elizabeth, died 19 November 1877, stillborn

Elizabeth Sutherland was the stillborn daughter of Elizabeth Sutherland. In 1871 Elizabeth (16) lived in Sydenham Township with her parents John (60) and Isabella (55) and her brothers James (21), Hugh (15) and Hector (13). Elizabeth and her brothers were

born in Canada, and their parents were born in Scotland. Elizabeth's father John and her brother James worked as farmers.

Sources:

1871 census for Sydenham Township
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Sutton, William James, died 22 February 1910, 5 months

William James Sutton was born on 9 October 1909 in Owen Sound to Lockart Pearse and Essie (Hopps) Sutton. The Suttons were married on 15 May 1908 in Guelph, Ontario. Lockart Pearse worked in shipping.

William James died of acute indigestion.

[Note: The 1901 census for Sydenham Township lists Lockart (16) with his parents, James (53) and Mary Jane (46) and his siblings, Stanley (21), Theresa (18), William J. (13), Vina (11) and Florence (8). Lockhart's father James was born in England and the rest of the family in Ontario. James was a farmer. The 1901 census for Owen Sound lists Essie Hopps (11) with her parents William (42) and Mary Jane (35) and her sister Gerta (9). The family had all been born in Ontario. Essa's father William worked as a contractor.]

Sources:

1901 census for Sydenham Township
1901 census for Owen Sound
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
Ontario Births, 1869-1912
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday February 2, 1910
The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Taylor, Charles Benjamin, died 15 April 1901, 69 years

Charles was born in England and came to Canada with his family in 1885.

In 1891 Charles (54) lived in Owen Sound with his wife Susan (45) and their children Samuel (24), Harriet (22) and John (17). At the time, Charles worked as a labourer, Samuel was a fireman, Harriet a domestic servant and John a confectioner.

By 1901 Charles (68) was widowed and living in Owen Sound with his son Samuel (35)

and wife Agnes (30). Samuel worked as an engineer. Charles was described as a "gentleman".

Charles died of heart disease.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Taylor, Infant, died 19 April 1876, died at birth

"Infant child of Robert Taylor" died at birth. His father Robert is listed as an "agent".

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Taylor, John, died 11 April 1904, 63 years

John Taylor lived in Keppel Township and had no known relatives. He was committed to the county gaol for vagrancy at the time of his death.

John died of cancer of the bowels.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday April 12, 1904

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Friday April 15, 1904

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Taylor family

Taylor, James Harvey, died 2 November 1914, 2 months and 3 weeks

James Harvey Taylor was the son of William Henry and Charlotte (Newman) Taylor. William (22) and Charlotte (20) were married 22 August 1894 in Wyoming, Lambton County. William was the son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Loney) Taylor and Charlotte was the daughter of George and Fanny (Barfoot) Newman. The family moved to Owen Sound sometime after their son George Albert was born in 1912. James Harvey had some older siblings: Ernest Leroy (born in 1898), William Earl (born c. 1901), Pearl (born

in 1906), Melissa Jane (born in 1908) and George Albert (born 1912). The family was of English descent.

James Harvey died of convulsions.

Taylor, Infant, died 18 March 1925, stillborn

Infant Taylor was the stillborn daughter of Pearl Taylor. In 1921, Pearl (15) lived with her family in Owen Sound. They included: William (54), Charlotte (45), Melissa (13), George (9) and Lawrence (3). William worked as a labourer and Pearl, Melissa and George were in school. The informant for Infant Taylor's death was her grandfather, William.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

1921 census for Owen Sound

Taylor family

Taylor, John, died 5 April 1878, 70 years

Taylor, Mary, died 12 January 1878, 70 years

Mary was born into slavery around 1808 in the United States, where she laboured as a field hand. She eventually escaped enslavement and migrated to Canada, settling in Grey County around 1855. Mary established herself as a businesswoman in Owen Sound, running a popular restaurant on the market square that sold pies, fruits and oysters. We know comparatively less about John Taylor, who was born in the United States and worked locally as a Blacksmith.

In 1861, John (54) and Mary (48) lived in Owen Sound with their daughter Rogina (19), and a labourer named William Cook (31). John and Mary's daughter Rogina was also born in the United States. All members of the household were of African descent. An excerpt from the Owen Sound Town Council Minute Book from 1862 explains that William Cook, described as "sick and destitute", was taken in by Mary.

By 1871, John (55) and Mary (60) were living by themselves. Mary was well-known for both her entrepreneurialism but also her many contributions to the local B.M.E church. She worked hard to raise funds to erect Owen Sound's first Black church, known as "Little Zion".

Mary died of cardiac dropsy. Four months later, John died of dropsy.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound Town Council Minute Book from 1862

Daniel Hill's *The Freedom Seekers*

NT, Vol. 2/ 2003-4, "From Slavery to Freedom: African Canadians in Grey County"

William Wye Smith. *Recollections of a Nineteenth Century Scottish Canadian*. Toronto:

Natural Heritage Books, 2008.

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Teal family

Teal, Francis Allen, died 16 September 1892, 9 years

Teal, Nellie, died 10 October 1892, 8 years

Francis Allen (7) and Nellie (6) Teal lived in Collingwood, Simcoe County with their widowed mother Rheanna (28) and their brothers William (10) and Wesley (9). The family were all Ontario born.

Francis Allen and Nellie died of diphtheria.

Sources:

1891 census for Collingwood, Simcoe County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Tedford, George, died 5 September 1923, 3 months

George Tedford was born on 12 July 1923 in Shallow Lake Village in Grey County, to William and Florence (Harrison) Tedford.

George's parent William David (26) and Florence Irene (18) were married on 20 December 1920 in Shallow Lake Village. William was the son of Joseph and Mary (Forbes) Tedford and he was born in Ireland. Florence was the daughter of William James and Frances Melinda (Warner) Harrison and she was born in Ontario. In 1921, William (27) and Florence (18) lived in Owen Sound. William worked as an electrician.

George died of ingestion and diarrhea.

Other members of the Tedford family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Teeple, Elma May, died 21 August 1890, 4 months

Elma May Teeple was born in Wiarton, Bruce County to George and Laura A. (Logg) Teeple.

In 1881, George (19) was living in Woodstock, Oxford County, with his parents, William (50) and Mary (41) and his brother Clarke (24) and his wife, Martha (21). All were born in Ontario. George and his father and brother were "musical instrument agents".

By 1890, when Elma May was born, her father was an organ dealer.

Elma May died of lung disease.

[Note: In 1891 George (28) and Laura (21) lived in Owen Sound in a household that also included George's widowed mother, Mary (53), and a child, Wende (7). By this time, George was building organs. The Teeples had at least 4 more children: Russell, born in Owen Sound in 1891, Marion Loretta, born in Michigan in 1898, Ethel Lucille, born in Michigan in 1901 and Ralph Jerome, born in Toronto in 1905.]

Sources:

1881 census for Woodstock, Oxford County

1891 census for Owen Sound

Michigan Births and Christenings, 1775-1995

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Teets, Cook, died 5 December 1884, 55 years

Cook Teets was born in the United States. We are unsure of when Cook immigrated to Canada, but in 1861 he was living in Artemesia Township with James Teets (11) and the

Shell family. He was 29 years old.

By 1871 Cook (41) was working as a labourer and lived with Maynard Shell (67). Cook was blind. Next door were other members of the Teets family: John Teets (39) his wife Susannah (30), their children John (8), Ellen (4), and William (8 months), as well as Richard Jackson (21). Two households away, more family members: Jacob (48) and Eliza (34) Teets, and their children Jane (17) George (15), Mary (13), Adeline (11), Albert (6), Elizabeth (4) and Susan (2).

In 1883 Cook married Rose Ann Leppard in Toronto. In 1884, a year after his marriage, Cook was hanged in Owen Sound for the murder of his young wife. The details of Cook Teets' wrongful execution are described in several articles published in local Ontario newspapers of the time.

Sources:

1861 census for Artemesia Township

1871 census for Artemesia Township

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Flesherton Advance, 6 Nov 1884

Markdale Standard (Markdale, Ont.), 11 Dec 1884.

CanadasHistory.com

Thomson, Herbert M., died 19 May 1918, 14 months

Herbert M. Thomson was born in Collingwood, Ontario to Richard and Mary Devina (Morrow) Thomson. His parents Richard (22) and Mary Devina Isabel (19) were married on 6 October 1917 in Owen Sound, where the family was living when he died. Richard, the son of John and Sophia (Watkins) Thomson had been born in Owen Sound. Devina, daughter of William and Christina (Benney) Morrow had been born in Southampton, Bruce County.

Herbert died of acute gastritis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Monday May 20, 1918

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday May 21, 1918

Thompson family

Thompson, Alexander, died 3 August 1910, 48 years

Alexander was the son of James and Nancy (*Ady*) Thompson. Alexander (24) married Sarah Porter (21) on 10 November 1892 in Owen Sound where they both had been born and brought up. Sarah was the daughter of William and Rebecca (Allen) *Porter*. They were of African descent. ,

By 1901 Alex (32) lived in Owen Sound with Millie Wesley (19). Alexander, widowed for about 5 years, worked as a day labourer, and Millie worked as housekeeper and was single. Like Alexander, Millie was born in Ontario, and was of African descent.

At the time of his death, he was a performing musician and member of the local B.M.E. church. Alexander died of tuberculosis at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound.

Thompson, Sarah, died 18 April 1896, 25 years

Within three years of giving birth to *Alexander*, and less than two years after giving birth to *Leroy*, Sarah (*Porter*) Thompson died of peritonitis. The informants for her death were A. E. Porter and Bill Porter.

[Note: For more details of Sarah's life, please see the Porter family narratives.]

Thompson, Alexander, died 25 May 1893, 6 months

Alexander was the firstborn child of *Sarah* and *Alexander Thompson*.

Alexander died of lung disease.

Thompson, Leroy, died 27 July 1907, 14 years

Leroy or Lee Thompson was born in Owen Sound on 7 June 1894 to *Alexander* and *Sarah (Porter) Thompson*.

At some point after his mother died, Leroy went to live with his great aunt and uncle, Susannah and Edward Patterson. Susannah (Allen) Patterson was the sister of Leroy's grandmother Rebecca (Allen) Porter. The 1901 census for Owen Sound lists Leroy (6) living in the Patterson household with Susannah (62) and Edward Patterson (76) and their grown children Allen (23) and Ida (19). All were born in Ontario, excepting Edward who was born in the United States and came to Canada around 1855. Edward

worked as a bus driver, and Allen worked as a cook. Edward was also a lay preacher at the B.M.E. church in Owen Sound.

In 1907, Leroy had been sent to the Mimico Industrial School on account of "misbehaviour".

Leroy died of appendicitis at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. The informant for his death was Albert Porter.

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912 Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday, April 2, 1901

Owen Sound, *The Times*, Tuesday, July 30, 1907

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Friday August 2, 1907

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Thompson, Infant, died 9 February 1929, 10 hours

Infant Thompson was the son of Margaret Hilda Thompson. Margaret Hilda was born on 12 November 1911 in Owen Sound to James Lloyd and Mary Ann (Trafford) Thompson. The 1921 census for Owen Sound lists James Lloyd (35) and Mary Ann (25) Thompson and their children, Marguerite (9), Hector (6), Elgin (4) and Hammond (2). James Lloyd worked as a labourer. The Thompsons were all born in Ontario.

Infant Thompson died of atelectasis. The informant for Infant Thompson's his death was his grandmother, Mrs. Lloyd Thompson of Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Turcotte, Joseph A., died c. 15 October 1888, 45 years

It is believed that Joseph A. Turcotte was originally from Quebec where he worked for the Intercolonial Railway. He moved to Winnipeg in 1881, where he was employed as bookkeeper for Gilley & Company, contractors, and afterwards by H. Soncisse & Company.

Until August of 1888 he was an employee of the Government of Manitoba. Joseph was en route to the town of Redville, near Boston where his two children resided with his

sister-in-law, his wife having died. He arrived in Owen Sound aboard a steamship and was perhaps on a stopover, awaiting railroad transportation. His body was found on the shores of Georgian Bay in Sarawak Township.

Joseph died from exposure.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Owen Sound Times, Thursday, October 18, 1888

Owen Sound, The Advertiser: Thursday October 25, 1888; Thursday November 1, 1888

Turner, William H. A. F. Octavius, died 2 December 1889, 6 weeks

William H. A. F. Octavius Turner was born on 23 October 1889 in Owen Sound to John Wesley and Martha Jane (Wheeler) Turner. John Wesley was a carpenter and joiner.

William died of "debility".

[Note: The family later moved to York County where a daughter, Violet Victoria, was born in 1900.]

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Walker, John, died 17 June 1928, 81 years

John Walker was born in England and he came to Canada around 1869. At the time of his death, he had lived in Grey County for about 12 years. By 1921, John (72), widowed, was an inmate at the county goal. He worked as a farm hand. (The death registry listed his occupation as a fireman.)

John died of arteriosclerosis in the county gaol.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Walls family

Walls, Agnes, died 5 March 1895, 28 years

Walls, Richard T., died 23 July 1890, 3 months, 2 weeks

Agnes (Arnold) Walls was married to Richard Walls, a stableman. They lived in Owen Sound.

Agnes and Richard's son, Richard Thompson Walls was born on 6 April 1890 in Owen Sound.

Richard Thompson died from diarrhea.

Agnes died of chronic pulmonary consumption.

[Note: Agnes' husband, Richard, died 7 December 1896, also of pulmonary consumption and is buried in a purchased plot in Greenwood Cemetery.]

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Wannamaker, Thomas, died 26 May 1901, 2 months

Thomas Wannamaker was born on 17 March 1901 in Owen Sound to John (33) and Elizabeth (20) (Jones) Wannamaker. Other family members included his sister Violet (2), his grandfather Harmonas (74) and his uncle Thomas (19). Thomas' father's family were all born in Ontario and of German descent, and his mother was born in England and was of Irish descent. John Wannamaker and his father, Harmonas, were storekeepers.

Thomas died from an overdose of laudanum administered by a nurse.

Other members of the Wannamaker family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1901 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

The Owen Sound Advertiser, Friday June 7, 1901

Ward, Infant, died 5 March 1880, died at birth

Infant Ward's parents, William (21) and Martha (20) were married in Owen Sound, 22 November 1878. William was the son of William and Fanny Ward of Owen Sound and Martha was the daughter of *William* and Julia/ *Adelie Blackman* of Sarawak Township.

Infant Ward died at birth after a protracted delivery and infant debility.

[Note: The 1881 census for Owen Sound lists William (22) and Martha (20), living with William's parents, William (47), Fanny (37), his brother Amos (20) and their 2-month-old daughter, Frances. William was working as a plasterer.]

Sources:

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ward, Percy, died 30 June 1885, 1 week

Percy Ward's parents, Jesse and Martha (Corbett) Ward came to Canada from England in 1870 and settled, first in Collingwood Township, and then in Owen Sound. The Wards were long standing citizens of Owen Sound. Jesse Ward was a grocer, a dealer in livestock, and latterly, a merchant of fruits and groceries. Percy was one of 12 children born to the Wards between 1872 and 1894.

Percy died of suppression of urine.

Members of the Ward family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1871 Census for Collingwood Township

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Ward family

Ward, Helen, died 19 November 1922, 5 days

Ward, Frances, died 4 May 1927, stillborn

Helen and Frances Ward were the daughters of James Carl and Gladys Eva (Wyvill) Ward of Owen Sound. James Carl (18) and Gladys Eva (17) married in Owen Sound on 5 May 1920. James was the son of James and Mary (Johnson) Ward, and Gladys the daughter of Charles and Mary (Manning) Wyvill. In 1921, James (18) and Gladys (18) were living with James' parents, James (75) and Mary E. (60). Everyone in the household was born in Ontario and were of Irish or English descent. James and his father worked as laundrymen.

Helen died of bronchitis.

Frances died at birth.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Warner, Mosley, died 27 November 1900, 68 years

Mosley Warner (35) was born in England. In 1861 he lived in Owen Sound in a household that included John Pearson (32) and Alexander Kennedy (23). Mosley and Alexander worked as clerks and John was a merchant.

In 1871 Mosley, now employed as a labourer, was living with Frederick Stanford (19), a sailor. By 1881, Mosley (46) had migrated to Stratford, Ontario, where he lived with David Muter (16). Mosley was employed as a bill poster. In 1891, Mosley was living in a hotel in Listowel, Perth County run by John and Annie Putland and family. He was employed there as a general servant. At some point, he made his way back to Owen Sound, where, shortly before he died, he asked to be committed to the county goal on a charge of vagrancy.

Mosley, well known in Owen Sound, died there of a weak heart and general debility.

Sources:

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Stratford, Perth County

1891 census for Listowel, Perth County

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Owen Sound Advertiser, 27 November 1900

Washington, Francis, died 12 November 1890, 13 years

Francis Washington was born in Owen Sound. We believe he is the son of Francis and Susan Washington.

Francis died of an abscess of the liver from blood poisoning.

[Note: In the 1891 census for Owen Sound, Francis (41), Susan (47) and their son Daniel (17) are living in a household that includes Richard Mercer (45), a watchmaker, Annie Barber (25) and Samuel White (23). Francis Sr. was born in the United States and was of African descent, and Susan was born in England and was of English descent. Francis Sr. and Samuel were employed as cooks on steamboats.]

Other members of the Washington family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Waters, Bertha Jane, died 4 January 1880, 20 months

Bertha Jane Waters was born on 20 April 1878 in East Garafaxa, Wellington County to Jonathan and Susanna Waters. Jonathan (47) was widowed when he and Susanna (31) married on 25 January 1875. Jonathan had been born in South Wales to William and Ann Waters. At the time of the marriage, he was farming in Erin Township, Wellington County. Susanna was the daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Thompson. She had been born and raised in Arthur Township, Wellington County. By the time their daughter died, Jonathan was working as a labourer in Owen Sound.

Bertha Jane died of the croup.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

Weir, Alexander, died 10 August 1884, 46 years

Alexander Weir was born in Ireland. He worked as a labourer in Owen Sound.

Alexander died of apoplexy. The informant for his death was William Wilson, a cabinet maker from Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

West family

West, Sarah, died 5 October 1913, 52 years

Sarah (Wilson) West was born in Stony Creek, Wentworth County to Joseph and Sarah Wilson.

In 1891, Sarah West (40) and her two sons, William (10) and John (7) were sharing a household in Owen Sound with Mariah Henderson (Henson) (52). They were all born Ontario and of African descent. Ten years later in 1901, Sarah (49) and William (21) were living beside Marie Hanson (Henson) (55). By 1911, Sarah (51) and William (28) were boarding with Moriah Henson (80). William was working as a labourer.

At the time of her death, Sarah was working as a housekeeper.

Sarah died of endocarditis and gangrene of the limbs. The informant for her death was her son William.

West, Maria, died 28 October 1890, 8 months

Maria West was born in Owen Sound. We believe Maria West was the daughter of *Sarah West*.

Maria died of scrofula. The informant for her death was *William Price*, a teamster.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Weatherall, Nelson Venearey, died 11 February 1913, 37 years

Nelson Veneary Weatherall was born on 19 May 1874 in Lavender P. O., Dufferin County to James and Frances (Higgins) Weatherall.

In 1881 Nelson (7) lived in Mulmur Township, Simcoe County with his parents James (40) and Frances (39), and his siblings Hannah H. (19), Isabella C. (17), John R. (14), James H. (12), Elisabeth A. (9), Samuel H. (6), Mary Ann (2), and William A. (2 months). The family was Ontario born and of English and Irish descent. Nelson's father James worked as a farmer.

By 1891 Nelson's (17) family had moved to Melancthon Township. His family included his parents James (51) and Frances (49), and his siblings James (21), Alice (19), Samuel (14), Mary (12) and Frances (7). Nelson, along with his father James and brother James, worked as farmers.

Nelson (21) married Maggie Thompson (20), daughter of William and Matilda , on 9 October 1895 in Shelburne, Dufferin County. By 1901, Nelson (26) and Maggie (24) and their young daughters Irene (3) and Melissa (2) lived in Melancthon Township. Nelson still worked as a farmer.

By 1911 Nelson (37) and Maggie (36) live in Owen Sound with their daughters Irene V. (14), Hattie M. (11), Frances M. (8), Maggie (4), and Dora (4 months), and Robert Robertson (3), a nephew of Maggie's. Nelson worked as a labourer at the quarry.

Nelson died of pneumonia.

Other members of the Weatherall family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1881 census for Mulmur Township, Simcoe County

1891 census for Melancthon Township

1901 census for Melancthon Township

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

White family

White, Jacob, died 20 March 1872, 14 months

White, Annie, died 3 December 1879, 14 years

White, Samuel, died 8 August 1881, 18 years

White, Pembroke, died 12 September 1897, 21 years

Pembroke, Samuel, Annie and Jacob were the children of Elizabeth (Edy) and Jacob White. Elizabeth White was the daughter of *Benjamin* and Margaret Edy. The Whites were all Ontario born, and of African descent.

In 1871 Samuel B. (9), Annie W. (6) and Jacob (5 months) lived in Owen Sound with their parents Jacob (33) and Elizabeth (27) and their siblings Thomas G. (8), and Margaret H. (3). At the time, their father Jacob worked as a labourer. Living one household away were Elizabeth's parents *Benjamin* (56) and Margaret Edy (60).

Jacob of consumption.

Annie died of capillary apoplexy.

In 1881 census Samuel (20) was living with his parents, Jacob (44) and Elizabeth (35) and his siblings, Thomas (17), Margaret (12), David (8), Pembroke (4), Flora (2) and Julia (4 months). Samuel worked as a deckhand on the steamer *City of Owen Sound*.

Samuel died as a result of an altercation with William Jackson, a fireman. Samuel was thrown overboard and drowned near Collingwood.

In 1891 Pembroke White (14) lived in Owen Sound with his widowed mother Elizabeth (47), and his siblings David (16), Flora (12), Julia (10), and James (5). Elizabeth worked as a laundry woman, and David worked as a porter on a boat.

By 1897 Pembroke was working as a cook.

Pembroke died of tuberculosis.

Sources:

1871 census for Owen Sound

1881 census for Owen Sound

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, The Advertiser, Thursday, August 11, 1881

The Owen Sound Times, Thursday August 11, 1881

White, Jane, died 4 June 1891, 64 years

Jane White was born in England. In 1891 she (59) lived in Owen Sound with her husband John White (60), a ship carpenter. John was also born in England.

Jane died from asthma.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

White, Infant child of David G., died 5 November 1924, stillborn

Infant White was the son of David George and Eliza Ruth (Francis) White of Owen Sound. David was from Hepworth, Bruce County, and Eliza was from England.

Other members of the White family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Wiggand, Joseph, died 8 February 1876, 74 years

Joseph Wiggand was born in France. He worked as a basket-maker. His last place of residence before Owen Sound was Guelph, Ontario.

Joseph died of inflammation of the lungs.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Wilds, John, died 15 September 1900, 25 years

John Wilds was born in England. He worked out of Owen Sound as a sailor.

John died of typhoid at the General & Marine Hospital in Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Williams, John, died 18 March 1872, 13 months

John Williams was born in Canada and was living in Owen Sound at the time of his death.

John died of a cold.

Sources:

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Williamson, Mary Ruby, died 20 October 1925, 1 day

Mary Ruby was born at the General Marine Hospital in Owen Sound. She was the daughter of William Johnston and Henrietta (Margerum) Williamson. Mary Ruby had three older brothers, Matthew George (born in 1920), Christopher Alfred (born in 1922) and Edward John (born in 1922). The Williamsons had lived for some time with William's parents, George and Sarah, on their farm in Eastnor Township, Bruce County. The family lost their farm the year Mary Ruby was born and William and Henrietta and family moved to Owen Sound.

Mary Ruby died of atelectasis (collapsed lungs).

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Information provided by descendants of the Williamson family, David Pike and Wendy Karly Hannenberg, October 2022

Wilson, George, died 19 July 1861, 38 years

George Wilson was a farmer in Keppel Township, where he lived with his wife Elen (33), his children, John (13), Cristina (9), Margret (7), Jane (5), Elen (1) and Elen's widowed mother, Margert Nichols (67). All the family, excepting the two youngest were born in Scotland.

George died as the result of an accident.

Sources:

1861 census for Keppel Township

1861 census for Sarawak Township

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Wilson, Isaac, died 6 January 1884, 85 years

Isaac Wilson was born in the Virginia, United States, and was of African descent.

Isaac (24) married Isabella Howie (27) on 26 May 1848 at the Congregational Chapel in Guelph, Ontario. Isabella was born in Scotland.

In 1851 Isaac (32) and his wife Isabella W. (29) lived in Sydenham Township with their sons William (4) and Absolom (3), Philip Dixon (43) and Jacob Armstrong (48). Isaac worked as a teamster.

By 1861, Isaac (40) was living in Owen Sound and was widowed. He lived with David (41) and Francis Christie (36) and their children Barbra (7), Thomas (5), James (3), and Robert (1). David was an iron foundry worker. By 1871 Isaac (48) was living with his son Isaac (15) and working as a labourer.

Isaac died due to infirmity of age.

Sources:

1851 census for Sydenham Township

1861 census for Owen Sound

1871 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Wellington District Marriage Register

Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Wilson family

Wilson, John (infant child of), died 7 January 1906, died at birth

Wilson, Maud Mabel, died 20 January 1906, 3 years

Maud Mabel Wilson and Baby Wilson were the children of John G. and Jane E. (Gamble) Wilson of Owen Sound. Their father John worked as a labourer.

Maud Mabel was born on 27 March 1902 in Huron County, Ontario. She died of diphtheria.

Infant Wilson died at birth.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Owen Sound, *The Sun*, Tuesday January 23, 1906

Wilson, Margaret Jane, died 13 January 1892, 31 years

Margaret Jane Wilson was born in Ontario to George and Isabella Hindman. The Hindmans were of Irish descent. In 1885 she married Peter Wilson, the son of Robert and Sarah Wilson, of Owen Sound. In 1891 Margaret (28) lived with her husband, Peter (27), their daughter Hattie (born 5 November 1887), her widowed mother, Isabella Hindman (50) and her younger brother, Thomas (14). Margaret Jane's husband Peter was born in the United States and worked in Owen Sound as a schooner seaman.

Margaret Jane died of septicemia.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947 Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927

The Greenwood Cemetery Registry

Wilson, Infant, died 12 March 1927, 5 hours

Infant Wilson was born in Keppel Township, she was the daughter of Elva Wilson.

In 1921, Elva Wilson (10) lived in Shallow Lake Village with her parents David (43) and Mary (36), her siblings Mabel (15), Russell (13), Leslie, (6) Cecil (3), Irene (2 months), and her grandmother Ann Wilson (73). The family was Ontario born, of Irish descent.

Infant Wilson died of congenital weakness. The informant for this child's death was Mrs. W. K. Parsons of Shallow Lake Village.

Sources:

1921 census for Shallow Lake Village

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Wolfe, Mary Ann, died 8 May 1876, 18 days

Mary Ann Wolfe was born on 20 April 1876 in Owen Sound to William and Emma (Redfern) Wolfe. William and Emma were married 30 November 1872 in Mooretown, Lambton County. William was originally from Hamburgh, Germany, the son of William and Hannah Wolfe. Emma was from Point Edward, Lambton County, the daughter of Edward and Emma Redfern. The couple moved to Owen Sound where their first child Julia Louise was born in 1874.

Mary Ann died of congestion of the lungs.

[Note: Mary Ann's family is listed in the 1881 census for Owen Sound and included her parents William (32) and Emma (26), her siblings Louisa (7) and John (2), and a servant named Elizabeth Taylor (25). William worked as a sailor.]

Other members of the Wolfe family are buried in a family plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1881 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947 Ontario Births, 1869-1912

Ontario Marriages, 1869-19

Wood, Infant, died 14 February 1888, stillborn

Infant Wood was the stillborn son of Thomas Wood, a stone cutter from Owen Sound.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Woods family

Woods, Pearl Eveline, died 31 October 1922, 8 months

Woods, Loretta Ruth Capriola Adeline, died 12 December 1924, 3 months

Pearl Eveline and Loretta Ruth Capriola Adeline Woods were the daughters of Albert and Adeline (Dean) Woods of Owen Sound. Albert was originally from Shallow Lake Village and Adeline was from Allenford in Bruce County. The Woods were of English descent.

Pearl Eveline died of bronchitis.

Loretta died of acute meningitis.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Yahba, Clarence, died 24 April 1922, 8 years

Clarence Yahba was born around 1914 in Chippewa Hill, Bruce County, to John and Rebecca (Wahtizer) Yahba. The Yahbas were Chippewa.

By 1921, Clarence (9) and his family lived in Owen Sound. The household included his parents John (40) and Rebecca (42), and his brothers Edward (12), Herbert (9), and Johnnie (1). His father, John, worked as a labourer. Clarence, Edward and Herbert were attending school.

Clarence died of pneumonia.

Sources:

1921 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Young family

Young, Annie, died 29 February 1892, 33 years

Young, David Lee, died 13 February 1892, 7 days

Annie Young was born in Ontario and was of English descent.

In 1891 Annie Young (31) lived in Owen Sound with her husband David Lee (36), their sons George (10), and William (4), and David's younger brother, Albert (20). Annie's husband David worked as a painter.

Annie died of heart failure, 2 weeks after her seven-day old son, David Lee died from convulsions.

Other members of the Young family are buried in purchased plots in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sources:

1891 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Young, Ellen, died 16 February 1914, 86 years

Ellen Young was born in Scotland. By 1891 Ellen (61) lived in Owen Sound with her husband John (60) who worked as a carpenter. John was also born Scotland. In 1901 Ellen (73) and John (76) still resided in Owen Sound where John still worked as a carpenter. John died in 1902 from "senile decay" and is buried in a purchased plot in Greenwood Cemetery, perhaps purchased by T. Weatherhead, a mason, who reported his death. In 1911, Ellen (81), widowed and living alone, reported her birth year as 1829 and 1830 as the year she came to Canada.

Ellen died from "senile decay".

Sources:

1891 census for Sarawak Township

1901 census for Owen Sound

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Young, Mary (Amelia) Wilhelmina, died 3 June 1894, 1 day

Mary (Amelia) Wilhelmina Young was born on 2 June 1894 in Owen Sound to William and Laura (Dion) Young. Mary's father worked as a fireman on a boat.

Mary died of marasmus.

Sources:

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Ontario Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899

Zimmerman, George, died 28 December 1911, 77 years

George Zimmerman was born in Waterloo, Ontario and was of German descent. Before settling in the Township of Keppel, he lived for some time in Listowel and then Brooke Township where he had farmed for a number of years. He was twice married, the last time (twenty-three years before he died), to Susannah Muir, who survived him. At the time of his death, he lived in Owen Sound with his wife, Susannah (66) where he worked as a labourer at odd jobs. His four sons George, William, Daniel and Henry, were all living in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. Three brothers Philip, Henry, and John lived in the United States in Michigan, and one sister lived on Manitoulin Island.

George died of heart failure.

Sources:

1911 census for Owen Sound

Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

Owen Sound, *The Advertiser*, Tuesday January 2, 1912