

Chapter Two – The Canadian Immigrants

Over one hundred and sixty-five years ago, the English Bennett immigrants came to Canada. James Bennett, his wife Jane Gregor and their descendants were pioneers in Renfrew and Hastings Counties in Ontario and Pontiac County in Quebec. It is not the intent of this volume to follow each of the children in depth, however an outline of each of the children of James and Jane will be provided. Their eighth child George Bennett will be covered in greater detail in **Chapter Three**. It is the descendants of George's son Joseph that are the focus of the remainder of the family history.



Pic 8: James Bennett & Jane Gregor

James Bennett,¹¹ son of **William Bennett** and **Elizabeth Brewer**, was born about 1815 in St. Merryn, Co. Cornwall, England.^{8,9,10,16} He was christened on 14 Jan 1815 at St. Merryn¹¹. Details of his childhood are not known except that he grew up in St. Merryn Parish in a large family. He worked as a carpenter in England.⁶ James married **Jane Grigor (Gregor)**¹¹ on 12 Aug 1837 in St. Merryn, Co. Cornwall, England,¹¹ daughter of **Henry Gregor** and **Jane Jenefer Brenton**. Jane was born in 1815 in St. Merryn, Co. Cornwall, England.^{6,9,16} She was christened on 26 Dec 1815 at St. Merryn.¹¹ At the time of the 1841 Census¹², they were living at Waters Cottage, St. Merryn, Cornwall, England. Their first two sons were born in St. Merryn Parish, Thomas Henry in 1839 and James in 1842. According to the Bennett Family History¹⁰ written by Minnie (Bennett) Eady and her brother Joseph Bennett (children of George & Fannie Bennett of Ross Twp.), James at the age of 32 and Jane at the age of 29, packed up their belongings and with two young boys, Thomas Henry aged less than three and James several months old, set sail for America in 1842. They left Plymouth Harbour¹⁰ and arrived in the United States, settling at Philadelphia¹⁰. Unfortunately, records of this passage have not been located by this author. According to the Bennett History¹⁰ their first daughter Elizabeth was born here and she was nicknamed "The Little Yankee Girl". This author has not found evidence to support this. She is consistently listed as the fifth child in Canadian Census, born after two boys who were born in Canada. Church records for her

Ross Township christening also indicated that she was born in Ross Township in 1848. Perhaps there was a “Little Yankee Girl” who was born in USA and deceased by the time of the 1851 Canadian Census.

After about two years¹⁰, James and Jane again moved on, this time sailing to Canada, arriving in Montreal. They made their way to Litchfield Township, Pontiac County, Quebec and settled on a farm. The exact date of arrival there is not certain, but would be sometime between about 1844 and 1846. Their third and fourth sons were born in Litchfield Township. William was born in June 1845 or 1846 and John was born in 1846 or 1847.

James and Jane didn’t stay long in Litchfield Township. They moved to the Kerr Line in Ross Township, Renfrew County. Records indicate that Elizabeth was born in Ross Township in 1848; Joseph in 1851; and the 1851 Census also puts them in Ross Township. The next move would take them to their final destination at Concession 7, Lot 5 Ross Township. The actual date of this relocation is not known, however according to the Bennett History,¹⁰ son Andrew was born at the new location in September 1855. James purchased the 136 acres from the Crown on July 17, 1857¹⁷. This farm is located just east of the Howard Cemetery. According to the Bennett History,¹⁰ this property was bush. The land needed to be cleared and a log house and barns built. James certainly had the opportunity to put his carpenter skills to good use. One wonders how prepared this family was to take on this rugged land, harsh winters, logging, clearing and agriculture while raising a large young family. They came from a land where they were accustomed to established communities with ready access to goods and services; attending a church that was a centerpiece in their community for over 500 years; close contact with family and longstanding neighbours and friends. There is nothing to suggest that they came from affluent families and the economy in England was depressed, but one would doubt that the promises of the new land lived up to their expectations. We can only imagine the day to day struggles that these Bennett immigrants and every other early pioneer who ventured to Canada had to overcome. Their tenacity to carve out a home and living under difficult circumstances is to be admired. It is this appreciation and respect that drives this author to keep their memory alive by documenting our early pioneers.

James & Jane grew up attending the Church of England. However when they settled in Ross Township, there was limited access to a church or minister. In the 1851¹⁸, 1861¹⁹, 1871,²⁰ 1881,²¹ and 1891²² Census of Ross Township, their religion is listed as Church of England. Their children John & Elizabeth were christened by the Wesleyan Methodist minister in 1847, and 1848. He was likely the most accessible clergy at the time. Anglican clergy from Quebec City visited Portage du Fort and other communities in Pontiac County as early as 1832, however it wasn’t until the mid 1850’s that a resident minister was established. The pattern was similar in Ross and Westmeath

Townships but in a later timeframe. A Descendant Chart for James and Jane Bennett is provided on page 13.

Children of James Bennett and Jane Griggor were:

- i. **Thomas Henry Bennett** was born in 1839 in Shop, St Merryn, Cornwall, England – see p. 14.
- ii. **James Bennett** was born on 4 Jan 1842 in St Merryn, St. Merryn, Cornwall, England – see p. 16.
- iii. **William Bennett** was born on 22 Jun 1845 or 1846 in Litchfield Twp., Pontiac Co., Quebec – see p. 17.
- iv. **John Bennett** was born on 18 May 1846 or 1847 in Litchfield Twp., Quebec – see p. 19.
- v. **Elizabeth Jane Bennett** was born on 10 Apr 1848 in Ross Twp., Ontario – see p. 24.
- vi. **Joseph Bennett** was born on 16 Sep 1851 in Ross Twp., Ontario – see p. 28.
- vii. **Andrew Bennett** was born on 1 Sep 1855 in Ross Twp., Ontario – see p. 31.
- viii. **George Bennett** was born on 14 Sep 1858 in Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. George is the focus of *Chapter Three* – see p. 36.
- ix. **Mary Ann Bennett** was born in Dec 1862 in Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario – see p. 34.

James Bennett died on 10 Nov 1896 in Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario^{23,24,25,26} aged 81 of Old Age²³. He was buried not far from his home in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ Jane Bennett died almost 2 years later on 23 Oct 1898 in Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario^{26,28} aged 83 of Old Age²⁸. She was also buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²¹ Note the spelling of her surname as "Griggor".

Jas. Bennett, one of the county pioneers, died at his home in Ross, on the 10th, aged 84 years. He settled in the township in 1846. He carved out a comfortable competence through industry and economy. He leaves seven sons and one daughter.

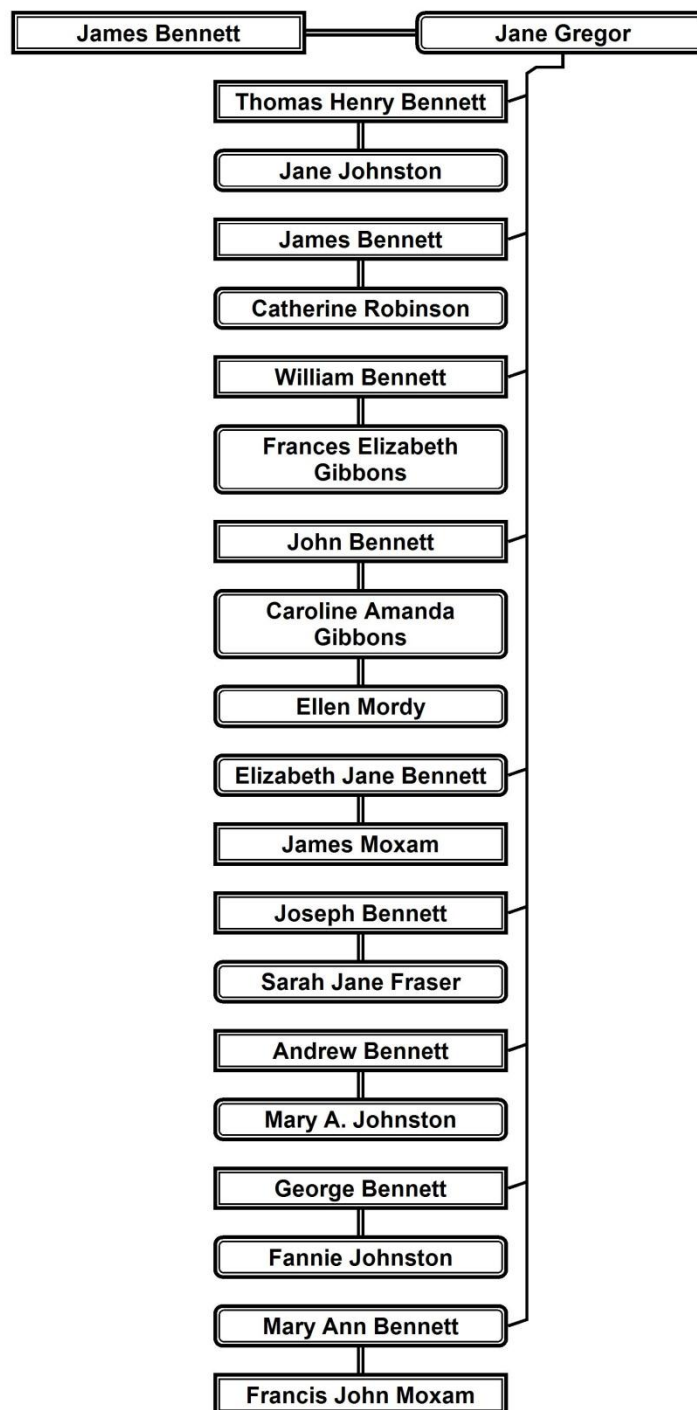
Pic 9: Death Notice of James Bennett
Renfrew Mercury, Nov 27 1896



Pic 10: Gravestone of James Bennett and Jane Gregor

The remainder of this chapter will focus on the children of James and Jane Griggor with the exception of George Bennett. He and his family will be the focus of *Chapter Three*.

Family of James Bennett and Jane Griggor

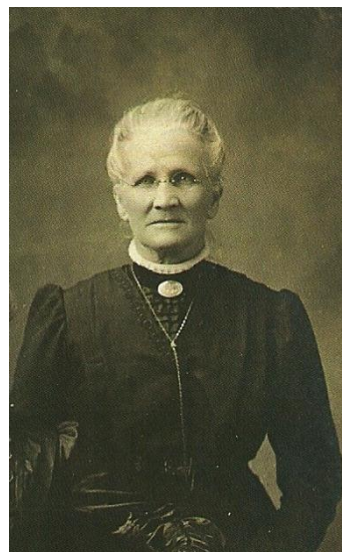


Pic 11: Descendant Chart for James Bennett and Jane Griggor

Child No. 1 – Thomas Henry Bennett



Pic 12: Thomas Henry Bennett



Pic 13: Jane Johnston

Thomas Henry Bennett was born in 1839 in Shop, St Merryn, Cornwall, England.¹¹ He was christened on 27 Oct 1839 in St Merryn, St. Merryn, Cornwall, England.¹¹ Thomas at age 32, married **Jane Johnston** aged 18, on 26 Dec 1872 in Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario.^{29, 30} She was the daughter of **John Johnston** and **Mary Brown** and was born on 13 May 1856 in Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario.^{30, 31} This Bennett family farmed in Ross Township. They are listed as Methodist in the 1891²² Ross Township Census.

Thomas Henry died on 22 Aug 1897 in Ross Twp., Ontario³² aged 58, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario²⁷. Jane continued to live with her son on the family farm for a number of years prior to moving to Cobden, residing on Meadow St³³. She died on 2 Aug 1936 in Cobden, Ontario^{33, 34} aged 80, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷

Children of Thomas Henry and Jane Bennett:

- i. **James Robert Bennett** was born on 9 Nov 1873 in Ross Twp., Ontario³⁵. He never married and died on 6 Jan 1947 in Pembroke, Renfrew Co., Ontario³⁶ aged 73, and was buried in Howard Cemetery Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷
- ii. **John Henry Bennett** was born on 17 Jul 1876 in Ross Twp., Ontario,³⁷ died on 11 Aug 1878 in Ross Twp., Ontario³⁸ aged 2, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷
- iii. **Jane Griggor Bennett** was born on 14 May 1879 in Ross Twp., Ontario,³⁹ died on 7 Sep 1958 at 6 George St. S., Smith's Falls, Lanark Co., Ontario³⁰ aged 79, and was buried on 10 Sep 1958 in Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario.³⁰ Jane married **Malcolm Blair Morrison**, son of **Malcolm Morrison** and **Mary Blair**, on 19 Jun 1900 in at Queen's Line Methodist Church, Ross Twp., Ontario.⁴⁰ Malcolm was born on 20 Feb 1872 in Ross Twp., Ontario,⁴¹ died on 8 Jan 1950 in Cobden, Ontario³⁰ aged 77, and was buried in Cobden

Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario. They had two children: **Esther 'Essie' Mary (Mrs. Harold Laidlaw)** of Cobden and **Jennie Elizabeth (Mrs. William Boyle)** of Cobden.

Descendants of Thomas Henry & Jane Bennett include the following surnames: Boyle, Cameron, Drynan, Laidlaw, Morrison, Rollins, Ryan. Descendant Helen Armstrong nee Laidlaw has been a faithful contributor to the Bennett collection of pictures and newspaper clippings over the years. Of national renown, Sheryl Boyle was a Canadian Olympian in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics in women's kayaking.

DEATH OF THOMAS H. BENNETT.

Truly, the Scriptural adage, "In the midst of life we are in death," is no expression of mere fiction. Its truthfulness is being constantly exemplified in every community, and the Township of Ross is no exception to the rule. It continues to add its quota to the great majority of those who have reached the other shore. Only on Thursday last Mr Thos. H. Bennett, of Queen's Line, Ross, was working at his harvest in his usual good health, when all of a sudden he became ill, he was hastily conveyed to his residence, and a messenger was despatched to Cobden for a Doctor. He rallied from that attack and eat a hearty supper that evening with his family consisting of a wife one son and one daughter. Subsequently he was seized with another attack and gradually sank until death relieved his sufferings on Sunday morning about three o'clock. Brain disease had accomplished its fatal mission. Deceased, together with his father and one brother emigrated from England to the Township of Ross about fifty years ago, and was at the time of his death in his 58th year. The funeral took place from his late residence on Monday afternoon last to the Methodist cemetery at Forester's Falls, and notwithstanding the very busy time, over sixty vehicles were in attendance. Rev. Dr. Lammour of Cobden and Rev. M. D. M. Blakely of Forester's Fall were the officiating clergymen. The family who are left to mourn his sudden translation have the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

When our sorrows seem the deepest,
And our tears unbidden flow ;
Yet there's hope again of meeting,
Over on the golden shore.

Pic 14: Obituary of Thomas H. Bennett

DEATHS

MRS. T. H. BENNETT

Another link with the past was broken on Sunday, August 2nd, in the passing of Mrs. Thos. H. Bennett at her home on Meadow street. Mrs. Bennett was in her 81st year. In indifferent health for some time, it was only on July 1st that her illness really became serious.

Born eighty-one years ago in Ross township, near Forester's Falls, she was the second daughter of the late John Johnston and his wife Mary Brown who were from Ireland.

On Dec. 25th, 1874 her marriage took place to the late Thos. H. Bennett. To them were born three children, Jas. H. Bennett, John Henry Bennett (who died in infancy) and Jane G. (Mrs. M. B. Morrison.) They lived for a number of years on the farm now owned by Mr. George Bennett, later moving to Queen's Line where they lived for many years. Her husband, the late Thos. H. Bennett, died suddenly on August 22nd, 1897. For about twenty-five years following his death she and her son, Jas. R. Bennett, continued to operate the farm, finally selling the home to a nephew, Mr. Jas. A. Bennett. They then moved to Cobden and purchased their home on Meadow street.

Of a kind and loving disposition Mrs. Bennett endeared herself to all who knew her and her many acts of kindness and help will be remembered by many. She was a member of Grace United Church, Cobden.

Of the surviving relatives, besides her children, there remain two sisters, namely (Mary) Mrs. Andrew Bennett and (Fanny) Mrs. Geo. Bennett, both of Forester's Falls; three brothers and one sister predeceased her, being Samuel of Cobden, John of Forester's Falls, Robert of Beachburg Road and (Ann) Mrs. E. M. Moxam, of Winnipeg. Two grandchildren, (Essie) Mrs. W. H. Laidlaw, of Almonte and (Jennie) Mrs. Wm. Boyle of Cobden; six great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews, also survive.

Pic 15: Obituary of Jane Bennett

The funeral was held on Tuesday,

August 4th, from her late residence to Grace United Church, where service was conducted by Rev. Geo. Robinson, of Lauder, Man., an old friend, who, after an absence of thirty years called to see her in her last hours of life. He was assisted by Rev. Dr. G. W. Conners of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The hymns sung during the service were "Safe in the arms of Jesus," "Asleep in Jesus" and Sweet Hour of Prayer." Solos were sung at the request of the departed by Mrs. Laurie McEwen, and Mr. Geo. Roberts of Queen's Line.

The church was filled with sorrowing relatives and friends and a lengthy cortage followed the remains to its last resting place in Forester's Falls Cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. Jno. Iveton, Val, O'Hara, Thos. Ross, Frank Sullivan, Walter Stitt and John Cochrane, all of Cobden.

Floral offerings were numerous and included, Pillow, the family; Sprays, Mr. Geo. Tripp and Mr. Jack Powers, and Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw and family.



Pic 16: Gravestone of Thomas Henry & Jane Bennett

Child No. 2 – James Bennett

James Bennett was born on 4 Jan 1842 in St Merryn, St. Merryn, Cornwall, England.¹¹
³¹ He was christened on 13 Feb 1842 in St Merryn, St. Merryn, Cornwall, England.¹¹ James aged 26, married **Catherine Robinson** aged 24 on 14 Oct 1869 in Ross Twp., Ontario,⁴² daughter of **James Robinson** and **Mary Margaret Good**. Catherine, known as Kate, was born on 24 Jun 1845 in Marlborough, Carleton Co., Ontario.³¹ This Bennett family farmed in Ross Township until the farm was sold to James' brother Andrew in 1888.⁴³ James and Kate were living in Westmeath Township at the time of the 1911 Canadian Census.⁴⁴

Kate died on 15 Nov 1913 at Lot 1, Con 6 EML, Westmeath Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario⁴⁵ aged 68. She was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ James died 9 years later of Old Age on 28 Oct 1922 in Ross Twp., Ontario at the home of his son George David,⁴⁶ aged 80. He was also buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ Unfortunately, a photographic image of this couple has not been located.

James and Kate had one son:

1. **George David Bennett** was born on 12 May 1870 in Ross Twp., Ontario,⁴⁷ died on 15 Jun 1929 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario⁴⁸ aged 59, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ He married **Mary Ellen Kenny** on 24 Dec 1895 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario,⁴⁹ daughter of **John Kenny Sr.** and **Jane Lafleur**. Mary Ellen was born on 29 Dec 1876 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario,⁵⁰ died on 15 Jul 1950 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario⁵¹ aged 73, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ They had nine children: **Charles Edwin**, **Thomas Henry**, **Mary Christena 'Tena' (Mrs. William Robinson)**, **Margaret Irene (Mrs. George Robinson)**, **John James**, **Pearl Delilia (Mrs. Henry Gordon Condie)**, **Baby**, **Stephen** and **Mildred Elizabeth (Mrs. Osborne Richardson)**.

Descendants of James & Kate Bennett include the following surnames: Condie, Davidson, Dougherty, Powers, Richardson, Robinson, Severin and Splaine.

The death of Mr. James Bennett occurred on Saturday last at the home of his son, Mr. Geo. D. Bennett, Town Line. Deceased had reached the advanced age of 81 years. He is survived by one son, George D. and two brothers, George and Andrew. His wife who before her marriage was Katherine Robinson, predeceased him some years. The funeral was held to the Howard cemetery.

Nov 3 1922 Renfrew Mercury

Pic 17: Death Notice of James Bennett



Pic 18: Gravestone of James & Catherine Bennett

Child No. 3 – William Bennett

William Bennett was born on 22 Jun 1845 or 1846 in Litchfield Twp., Pontiac Co., Quebec.^{52,53} William took up the trade of shoemaker^{53,54} and at about 23 years of age, married **Frances Elizabeth Gibbons** aged 24 on 18 May 1870 at St. George's Anglican Church, Portage Du Fort, Pontiac Co., Quebec⁵⁵. She was the daughter of **Thomas William Gibbons** and **Sarah Jane Norman** of Portage du Fort. Frances was born on 20 Feb 1846 in New York State, U.S.A.^{52,53} William was the only child of James & Jane Bennett who returned to Quebec to live, residing in Portage du Fort. William died on 6 Feb 1907, aged 60, in Portage Du Fort, Quebec^{52,56}, and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery, Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵⁶. Frances died 7 years later on 11 Sep 1914 in Bristol's Corners, Pontiac Co., Quebec,^{52,56} and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery, Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵⁶. Baptisms of the children were conducted by clergy from the Church of England and the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Unfortunately a photographic image of William and Frances has not been located.



Pic 19: Gravestone of William & Frances Bennett

William & Frances had six children:

- i. **Frances Eliza Jane Bennett** was born on 6 Mar 1871 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵², died on 6 Sep 1871 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵² aged 6 months, and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery, Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵⁶.
- ii. **Lottie Laura Bennett** was born on 17 Apr 1872 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵², died on 24 Aug 1872 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵² aged 4 months, and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery, Portage Du Fort, Quebec.⁵⁶
- iii. **Walter William Bennett** was born on 12 Apr 1874 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec^{52,57,58}, died on 22 Oct 1949 in Shawville, Quebec^{52,56} aged 75 years, and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery, Portage Du Fort, Quebec.⁵⁶ He married **Elizabeth Dupuis** on 30 Jun 1897 in Haley Station, Ontario,⁵⁹ daughter of **Peter Dupuis** and **Julia Preshan**. Elizabeth was born on 16 Apr 1872 in Thurso, Quebec,^{52,57,58} died in 1954 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵⁶ aged 82, and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery, Portage Du Fort, Quebec.⁵⁶ They had seven children: **Wilbert Ernest**, **Harvey Emerson**, **Florence (Mrs. Fred Groombridge)**, **William Arthur**, **Hazel Frances (Mrs. James Malette)**, **Mary Alice** and **Herbert Franklin Bennett**.
- iv. **Harold Arthur Bennett** was born on 6 Oct 1880 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵², died in Jan 1948 in Ottawa, Carleton Co., Ontario⁶⁰ aged 67 years, and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery, Portage Du Fort, Quebec.⁵⁶
- v. **Edna Jane Bennett** was born on 3 Jul 1884 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec^{52,53} and died on 18 May 1964⁵² aged 79 years. She married **John August Ellis Cowley** on 27 Jan 1909 in Portage

Du Fort, Quebec,⁵² son of **Mailes Cowley** and **Elizabeth Russell Eaton**. John was born on 23 Jul 1882 in Bristol Twp., Pontiac Co., Quebec⁵² and died on 24 Jul 1979⁵² aged 97. They had five children: **Dorothy (Mrs. Ross Nodwell), Daniel Keyworth, William M, Robert Henry** and **Frank Clarkson Cowley**.

- vi. **Norman James Bennett** was born on 28 Aug 1885 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵², died on 13 Sep 1885 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec⁵² aged 2 weeks, and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery, Portage Du Fort, Quebec.⁵²

Descendants of William & Frances Bennett include the following surnames: Cowley, Groombridge, Laird, Malette, McDougall. Of national renown, Bill Cowley was a NHL Boston Bruins player from 1935-1947. He won the Stanley Cup in 1939 and 1941.

Child No. 4 – John Bennett

John Bennett was born on 18 May 1846 in Litchfield Twp., Pontiac Co., Quebec.^{31,61} Further research is required to confirm his birthdate relative to his brother William's birthdate. William's birthdate is consistently listed as June 1846 which would make it impossible for John to be born in May 1846. John could not have been born May 1847 as he was baptized on 12 Apr 1847 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario.⁶¹ John was a shoemaker by trade, similar to his brother William. He is listed as residing in Ross Township in the Census until the time of the 1901 Census when he is living in Forester's Falls.

John married **Ellen Mordy**⁶² before Oct 1869 (her death date) but the actual marriage date is not known. She was the daughter of **Joseph Mordy** and **Hannah Metcalf** of Ross Township. Ellen was born on 24 Mar 1846 in Ross Twp., Ontario.^{62,63} Ellen died on 29 Oct 1869 in Ross Twp., Ontario⁶³ aged 23, and was buried in the Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Ontario.²⁷

John next married **Caroline Amanda Gibbons** two years later, on 8 Nov 1871 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec.⁶⁴ He was about 25 and she was 18 years of age. Caroline was the daughter of **Thomas William Gibbons** and **Sarah Jane Norman** of Portage du Fort, and younger sister of William's wife Frances. Caroline was born on 13 Nov 1853 in Portage Du Fort, Quebec.³¹

John died on 14 Feb 1912 in Forester's Falls, Ontario⁶⁵ aged 65, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ Caroline died nine years later on 9 Jun 1921 in Ross Twp., Ontario⁶⁶ aged 67, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ Unfortunately a photographic image of John and Caroline has not been located. Tragically, John and Caroline lost two children a day apart due to consumption.

John and Caroline had ten children:

- i. **Sarah Jane Bennett** was born on 16 Jun 1872 in Ross Twp., Ontario^{54,67} and died on 18 Nov 1891 in Forester's Falls, Ontario^{67,68} at age 19 years.

- ii. **William Henry Bennett** was born on 28 Mar 1874 in Ross Twp., Ontario,^{31,69} died

on 1 Mar 1958 aged 83 in Cobden, Ontario,²⁷ and was buried in Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Ontario.²⁷ He married **Jamesena Catherine McLaren** on 16 Dec 1903 in Ross Twp., Ontario.⁷⁰ Jamesena was born on 27 Aug 1871 in Ross Twp., Ontario,³¹ died in 1958 in Ross Twp., Ontario²⁷ aged 87, and was buried

On Monday last, Feb. 14th, there passed away at his home in Forester's Falls, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the community in the person of Mr John Bennett. Mr Bennett had been ill only a week and the end came with startling rapidity. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon at his late home at 2 p.m., the service being conducted by Rev. W. H. Prior, assisted by Rev. Rural Dean Fletcher of Cobden. A large concourse of friends and relatives were present to pay their last tribute of respect to one who was generally and highly esteemed and a long procession of vehicles followed the deceased to his last resting place.

Pic 20: Obituary of John Bennett

Mr John Bennett, of Forester's Falls, lost his 19 year old daughter Sarah, on the 18th ult., and his two-year-old son Harold, on the 19th. The two were buried together on Friday, the 20th.

Pic 21: Death Notice of Sarah and Harold Bennett

- in Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Ontario.²⁷ Daughter of **James McLaren** and **Mary Carmichael**. They had one daughter: **Annie Mary Sinclair (Mrs. Gordon Tripp)**.
- iii. **John Emerson Bennett** was born on 2 May 1876 in Forester's Falls, Ontario,^{71,72} died in Jan 1958 in Cobden, Ontario²⁷ aged 81 years, and was buried in Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario.²⁷ He married **Mary Elizabeth Greening**, daughter of **James Greening** and **Ann Randall**, on 3 Jun 1908 in Shawville, Pontiac Co., Quebec.^{73,74} Mary was born on 2 May 1877 in Weymouth, , Co. Dorset, England,⁷⁵ died on 8 Jan 1957 in Cobden, Ontario⁷⁶ aged 79, and was buried in Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario.²⁷ They had four children: **Verna Mae Gertrude (Mrs. Leland Johnston)**, **Harold Emerson Randall**, **Clarence Lloyd John** and **Ernest James Wellington Bennett**.
 - iv. **Mary Frances Bennett** was born on 2 Sep 1878 in Ross Twp., Ontario⁷⁷ and died between 1881-1891.
 - v. **George Edwin Bennett** was born on 27 May 1881 in Renfrew County, Ontario and died as an infant.
 - vi. **Clara Edith Bennett** was born on 20 Mar 1884 in Ross Twp., Ontario,⁷⁸ died in 1960 in Brockville, Grenville Co., Ontario aged 74, and was buried in Oakland Anglican Cemetery, Brockville, Ontario. Clara married **Frederick Lovesey**, son of **John Lovesey** and **Annie Mondo**, on 31 Aug 1914 in Forester's Falls, Ontario.⁷⁹ Frederick was born on 6 Dec 1889 in Wales,⁸⁰ died in 1956 in Brockville, Ontario⁸⁰ aged 67, and was buried in Oakland Anglican Cemetery, Brockville, Ontario. They had seven children: **Reginald Keith**, **Thelma Theodoris (Mrs. Gardner Morrison)**, **John Albert**, **Harry Wilfred**, **Frederick Harold**, **Norma Amanda (Mrs. Arlee Miller)** and **Herbert Oswald Lovesey**.
 - vii. **Norman Edgar Bennett** was born on 16 Sep 1886 in Ross Twp., Ontario,⁸¹ died on 25 Jul 1942⁸⁰ aged 55, and was buried in Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Ontario.²⁷ Norman married **Mary E. Carmichael Ferguson**, daughter of **Robert Carmichael Ferguson** and **Christina McLaren**, on 26 Apr 1916 in Ross Twp., Ontario.⁸⁰ Mary was born on 24 Apr 1890 in Ross Twp., Ontario,⁸² died on 27 Mar 1920 in Ottawa, Ontario⁸⁰ aged 29, and was buried in Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Ontario.²⁷ They had two children: **Robert Edwin** and **Christopher MacGregor F. Bennett**.
Norman next married **Hughena Price**, daughter of **Charles Price** and **Deborah Lewis**, on 25 May 1921 in Holiness Movement Parsonage, Cobden, Ontario.⁸³ Hughena was born on 24 Mar 1901 in Warren, Ontario,⁸⁰ died on 27 Apr 1985 in Pembroke, Ontario⁸⁰ aged 84, and was buried in Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario.²⁷
 - viii. **Harold Wellington Bennett** was born on 9 May 1890 in Ross Twp., Ontario^{80, 84} and died on 19 Nov 1891 in Forester's Falls, Ontario^{68, 84} aged 1.5 years.
 - ix. **Emily Laura Bennett** was born on 3 Sep 1893 in Renfrew Co., Ontario,⁸⁰ died on 15 Dec 1970 in Ottawa, Ontario⁸⁰ aged 77, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷
 - x. **Wilfred James Bennett** was born on 20 Aug 1895 in Forester's Falls, Ontario,⁸⁵ died on 8 May 1977⁸⁵ aged 81, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ Wilfred married **Mabel Elizabeth Price**, daughter of **Charles Price** and **Deborah Lewis**, sister of **Hughena Price**, on 1 Oct 1915 in Cobden, Ontario.⁸⁶ Mabel was born on 7 Jun 1897 in Warren, Ontario,⁸⁷ died on 7 May 1982⁸⁰ aged 84, and was buried in Beachburg Union

Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ They had three children: **Gordon John, Errol Ellard Bennett** and **Merrill Doris Agnes (Mrs. Daniel James Wallace)**.

A letter received by the Ross Township Bennett family follows. It was found in the Bible of John Bennett and Caroline Amanda Gibbons. Part of the letter is missing. During transcription, attempts were made to maintain the spacing, spelling and punctuation as written. The letter is presently in the possession of Merrill Wallace.

St. Merryn
Padstow
Cornwall
March 12th 1866

My dear Nephew,

*I have received your
welcome letter.*

*I went to Wadebridge to see
the lawyer about the money
left by my Uncle. The lawyer
says you must write to let
him know at what Post Office
in America it would be most
convenient for you to get the
order. If you write me again
I will do the business and*

(second page)

*have the Order forwarded to
you immediately.*

*I am sorry to have to inform
you of the death of sister Mary.
She died about 12 months
since of dropsy after a long
illness. She left 5 children who
are all in good health.*

*Wm Bennett your grandfather
is also dead, he died about a
month since and had been
a bedlier for some time. Luke
Bennett of Towan is also dead.
Our families I am thankful
to say are all growing away.
My eldest son is learning the*

Unfortunately we do not know the author but would surmise it to be a brother of John's father, James Bennett. It would appear that there was a money transfer related to an estate. We also do not know the intended recipient however the statement that "Wm Bennett your grandfather is also dead" would lead one to believe it was to one of James' sons, perhaps John.

A letter was written by John Bennett, son of James and Jane Bennett, to an Uncle in England. During transcription, attempts were made to keep the spacing, spelling and punctuation as written. The letter was never finished or mailed. It is presently in the possession of Merrill Wallace.

Foresters Falls July 7th 1896

Dear uncle

*it is with pleasure that I now
answer your kind and welcome
letter that I received from you
and was glad to here that you
are well as it leaves me and
family at present we have six
of a family four boys and two
girls I am working at the shoe
making living in the village
trade very dull at present
as for father and Mother they
are both living yet but very
feeble Mother is still confined
to her bed and no hopes of
getting better*

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*Thomas Henry is my eldest Brother
he is a farmer of one hundred
acres and well situated he has two
of a family one boy and girl
James is the next oldest he is
also a farmer he has one hundred
an fifty acres of land and is
very well off he has one boy
of family and married
and doing well William is*

next he is working farm work

*Just now he is a shoemaker by
trade he has three of a family
two boys and one girl Elizabeth Jane
is my only sister she is married
to a farmer and very well to do
and has ten of a family six boys
and four girls Joseph, Andrew
and George is all farming*

(page two, second column)

*George is on the homestead he
supports father and mother and
they are very well off, as for
farming here we have all kinds
of machienery Steam thrashing Mills
and Self Buinders and so on this
has been a very dry season with
us here the hay crop is very
light this year the grain crop
is promising Good times is
dull just now every kind of
Produce is cheap now wheat sells
at 10 cts per bushel butter is 13 cts
per lbs cheese 8 cts beefe is very
low*

This short letter is an interesting snapshot of the Bennett family from the perspective of one of its members. We do not know the intended uncle to whom John was writing but the date is about 54 years after John's parents came to Canada. To our knowledge, John or any of his siblings never met the relatives in their parents' homeland.



Pic 22: Gravestone of John & Caroline Bennett

Descendants of John & Caroline Bennett include the following surnames: Davidson, Brooks, Campbell, Gibeault, Ginter, Herbison, Lovesey, Morrison, Tripp, Wallace.

Child No. 5 – Elizabeth Jane Bennett

Elizabeth Jane Bennett, was born on 10 Apr 1848 in Ross Twp., Ontario,^{88,89,90,91,92} and was christened on 1 May 1848 in Wesleyan Methodist, Ross Twp., Ontario.^{88,92} As earlier mentioned, the records regarding Elizabeth indicates that her place of birth was Ontario. At the age of 16, she married **James Moxam** aged 28, on 1 Jan 1865 in Forester's Falls, Ontario,⁹³ son of **William Moxam** and **Susannah Herton**. James was born on 10 Jul 1836 in Quebec City, Quebec.^{89, 90, 91, 94, 95} James' father died when he was a child and his mother remarried to John McChesney. James is found with this family in 1851 Census for Westmeath Township.⁹⁵



Pic 23: Elizabeth Jane Moxam (nee Bennett)⁹⁶

James and Elizabeth farmed at Maynooth, Monteagle Twp., Hastings Co, Ontario. He died on 16 Mar 1902 in Maynooth, Ontario⁹⁶ aged 65, and was buried in Emmanuel United Cemetery, Maynooth, Ontario.⁹⁷ She died 16 years later on 31 May 1918 in Bancroft, Hastings Co., Ontario,^{98,99} aged 70, and was buried in Emmanuel United Cemetery, Maynooth, Ontario.⁹⁷ Interestingly, some of their children continued to live at Maynooth, some moved to Ross and Westmeath Townships where aunts and uncles still resided, and others lived in the Sudbury area.

Elizabeth and James Moxam had 11 children:

- i. **Sarah Ann Moxam** was born on 3 Jun 1866 in Ross Twp., Ontario,^{89,90,91} died on 30 Jan 1949 in Graphite, Hastings Co., Ontario¹⁰⁰ aged 82, and was buried in Emmanuel United Cemetery, Maynooth, Ontario.⁹⁷ Sarah married **Robert William Best** on 22 Aug 1884 in Maynooth, Ontario,¹⁰¹ son of **John Best** and **Mary Ann Collins**. Robert was born on 7 Feb 1856 in Madoc, Hastings Co., Ontario,^{91,102} died on 31 Jan 1938 in Graphite, Ontario¹⁰⁰ aged 81, and was buried in Emmanuel United Cemetery, Maynooth, Ontario.⁹⁷ They lived in Monteagle Twp., Hastings County and had seven children: **Mary Jane (Mrs. James Minnie), Elizabeth (Mrs. Bidwell Baragar), John, James Bennett, Robert William, Joseph Charles and Sarah Ann (Mrs. Joseph Musclow).**
- ii. **James Bennett Moxam** was born on 13 Jan 1868 in Forester's Falls, Renfrew, Ontario,^{89,90} died on 8 Jan 1949 in Walden, Ontario⁹³ aged 80, and was buried in Park Lawn Cemetery, Sudbury, Ontario.¹⁰³ James married **Hester Ann Grant** on 16 Jun 1891 in Wicklow Twp., Hastings Co., Ontario,¹⁰⁴ daughter of **Jonas Grant** and **Maria Weis**. Hester was born on 9 Mar 1873 in Abinger, Lennox & Addington Co., Ontario,¹⁰⁵ died on 21 Aug 1941 in Sudbury, Ontario⁹³ aged 68, and was buried in Park Lawn Cemetery, Sudbury, Ontario.¹⁰³ They lived in Walden, Ontario near Sudbury and had 15 children: **Maud Matilda, Ella Maria, Marshall Wesley, William Jonas, Harold Emerson, James Lawrence, Frank Ernest, Herbert Melvyn, Harry Leid, Gordon Cleveland, Elizabeth Mary (Mrs. Henry Lloyd), Bennett Weis, Russell Ashley, Violet Hester (Mrs. Thomas Moulton) and Sarah Iona Hazel (Mrs. Christopher Frantz).**

- iii. **Mary Jane Moxam** was born on 1 Jan 1870 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario,¹⁰⁶ died on 3 Aug 1964 in Beachburg, Ontario^{27,107} aged 94, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ Mary married **John B. Johnston** on 17 Jun 1891 in Monteagle Twp., Ontario,¹⁰⁸ son of **John Johnston** and **Mary Brown**. John was born on 3 Jun 1860 in Ross Twp., Ontario,^{21,22} died on 3 Dec 1898 in Renfrew Co., Ontario²⁷ aged 38, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ Three of John B's sisters – Ann, Jane and Fanny were married to Mary Jane's mother's brothers. They had four children: **Sarah Ann 'Sadie' (Mrs. Wm James Wilson)**, **Mary (Mrs. Hugh Wilson)**, **Elizabeth (Mrs. Roy Stephen Moore)** and **John Johnston**.

Following John's death, Mary married **Elias Curry** on 24 Jan 1900 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario,¹⁰⁹ son of **George Curry** and **Catherine Mathieson**. Elias was born on 14 Sep 1859 in Pembroke Twp., Ontario,¹¹⁰ was christened on 8 May 1860 in

Westmeath Twp., Ontario,¹¹¹ died on 13 Sep 1928 in Ross Twp., Ontario¹¹² aged 68, and was buried in Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario.²⁷

- iv. **William Dwire Moxam** was born on 22 Jan 1872 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario,^{89,91,113} died on 4 Dec 1940 in Bancroft, Ontario⁹³ aged 68, and was buried in Hillcrest Brethren Cemetery, Bancroft, Ontario.⁹⁷ William married **Mary Elizabeth Jardine** on 4 Jul 1900 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹¹⁴ daughter of **John Jardine** and **Ellen Kerr**. Mary was born on 10 Aug 1875 in Ross Twp., Ontario,^{91,93} died in 1961 in Bancroft, Ontario⁹³ aged 86, and was buried in Hillcrest Brethren Cemetery Bancroft, Ontario.⁹⁷ They had six children: **Eric Herton**, **Gerald Leslie**, **Baby**, **John Jardine**, **Esther Isabella (Mrs. Reginald Wiggins)** and **James Douglas Moxam**.
- v. **John Wesley Moxam** was born on 1 Jun 1874 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario,^{91,93} died on 6 Sep 1960 in Toronto, York Co., Ontario⁹³ aged 86, and was buried in Emmanuel United Cemetery, Maynooth, Ontario.⁹⁷ John married **Tena Elizabeth Twa** on 7 Mar 1900 in Maynooth, Ontario¹¹⁵ daughter of **Robert George Twa** and **Johanna Kelusky**. Tena was born on 10 Jun 1879 in Monteagle Twp., Ontario,^{91,93} died on 13 May 1907 in Monteagle Twp., Ontario⁹³ aged 27, and was buried in Emmanuel United Cemetery, Maynooth, Ontario.⁹⁷ They had three children: **Ethel Mary (Mrs. Leonard York)**, **Edna Pearl (Mrs. Donald Weeks)** and **William Dwire**.

John next married **Mary Ann E. Wilcox** on 24 Mar 1910 in Monteagle Twp., Ontario,¹¹⁶ daughter of **Matthew Wilcox** and **Mary Jane Keringham**. Mary was born on 19 Apr 1883 in Monteagle Twp., Ontario, died on 21 Dec 1936 in Moxam Homestead, Maynooth, Ontario⁹³ aged 53, and was buried in Emmanuel United Cemetery, Maynooth, Ontario.⁹⁷ They had seven children: **George Arnold**, **Myrtle Almira (Mrs. Clarence Charles Kruger)**, **Elizabeth**

MRS. JAMES MOXAM.

The death occurred in the late hours of May 31st, at her son's residence in Bancroft, of Mrs. James Moxam. The remains were taken to her home in Maynooth on June 1st, and were buried on June 3rd, the services taking place at the church at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Craig of Bancroft officiating. Mrs. Moxam's maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Bennett, and her four brothers are at present living in this community—Messrs. George and Andrew Bennett of Foresters Falls, James of Town Line and Joseph of Queen's Line. She is survived by six sons and four daughters—Jim and George of Copper Cliff, Willie of Bancroft, John and Robert and Mrs. Robert Best of Maynooth, and Tom, Mrs. Elias Curry, Mrs. Robt. Curry and Mrs. Andrew Pettigrew of Foresters Falls. Her husband predeceased her sixteen years. The deceased, who was 72 years of age, will be missed very much by friends and neighbors, as she always resided at Maynooth. The funeral was largely attended. The deepest sympathy is felt for the sorrowing relatives in their sad bereavement.

Pic 24: Obituary of Elizabeth Moxam

- Jane (Mrs. David Lloyd Ritchie), Matthew Henry, James, Sarah Ann (Mrs. Douglas McConnell) and Archibald Elwood Moxam.**
- vi. **Andrew Herton Moxam** was born on 11 Apr 1876 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario¹¹⁷ and died on 27 Jan 1877 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario¹¹⁸ aged 9 months.
- vii. **George Albert Moxam** was born on 5 Dec 1880 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario,¹¹⁹ died on 11 Jun 1951 in Sudbury, Ontario⁹³ aged 70, and was buried in Park Lawn Cemetery, Sudbury, Ontario.¹⁰³ George married **Jennie Jardine** on 4 Jul 1906 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹²⁰ daughter of **John Jardine** and **Ellen Kerr**. Jennie was born on 24 Jun 1883 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹²¹ died on 18 Aug 1953 in Sudbury, Ontario⁹³ aged 70, and was buried in Park Lawn Cemetery, Sudbury, Ontario.¹⁰³ They had 11 children: **John Herton, Mary Elizabeth (Mamie) (Mrs. David Earl Wilson), Herbert Bordon, George Finlay, Kenneth Clarence, Thomas Henry, Ellen Minerva (Mrs. Edgar Laframboise), Jardine Edward, Elmer William, Andrew James and Adeline Evelyn (Mrs. Albert Neufeld).**
- viii. **Thomas Henry Moxam** was born on 22 Mar 1880 in Monteagle Twp., Ontario,¹²² died on 19 Feb 1962 in Pembroke, Ontario⁹³ aged 81, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ Thomas married **Annie Edith Bell** on 30 Apr 1913 at the Bride's Mother's Home, Forester's Falls, Ontario,¹²³ daughter of **Alexander Bell** and **Ann Freeland**. Annie was born on 25 Feb 1880 in Ross Twp., Ontario,³¹ died on 26 Jan 1961⁹³ aged 80, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷
- ix. **Elizabeth Brinton Gregor Moxam** was born on 19 Sep 1882 in Monteagle Twp., Ontario,¹²⁴ died on 26 Dec 1970 in Pembroke, Ontario¹²⁵ aged 88 and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ Elizabeth married **Robert Thomas Curry** on 25 Oct 1905 in Emmanuel Church, Maynooth, Ontario,¹²⁶ son of **Thomas Curry** and **Jane Hannah**. Robert was born on 7 Feb 1876 in Pembroke Twp., Ontario,¹²⁷ died on 24 Sep 1963 in Kingston, Frontenac Co., Ontario¹²⁵ aged 87, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ They had five children: **Wesley Robert, Alvin Ralph Thomas, Melvin Vernon, Elva Matilda (Mrs. Henry MacNamara) and Esther Irene (Mrs. Kay Coleman).**
- x. **Robert Herbert Moxam** was born on 22 Feb 1885 in Monteagle Twp., Ontario,¹²⁸ died on 8 Aug 1954⁹³ aged 69, and was buried in Emmanuel United Cemetery, Maynooth, Ontario.⁹⁷ Robert married **Jessie Carmichael** on 31 May 1916 in Bancroft, Ontario,¹²⁹ daughter of **Alexander Carmichael** and **Catherine Fitzimmons**. Jessie was born on 29 Jan 1892 in Monteagle Twp., Ontario,¹³⁰ died on 28 Jan 1986 in Bancroft, Ontario⁹³ aged 93, and was buried in Emmanuel United Cemetery, Maynooth, Ontario.⁹⁷
- xi. **Martha Matilda Moxam** was born on 9 Aug 1887 in Maynooth, Ontario,¹³¹ died on 26 Mar 1974 in Forester's Falls, Ontario¹²⁵ aged 86, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.^{27,125} Martha married **George Andrew Pettigrew** on 22 Dec 1915 in Forester's Falls, Ontario,¹³² son of **William Pettigrew** and **Ellen Eckford**. George was born on 19 Nov 1893 in Queen's line, Ontario,¹³² died on 22 Feb 1956 in Forester's Falls, Ontario¹²⁵ aged 62, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷

Descendants of James and Elizabeth Moxam include many surnames with the most frequently occurring being: Andrews, Armstrong, Baragar, Best, Blair, Booker, Bronson, Castonguay, Charbonneau, Coleman, Collins, Coppens, Curry, Dagenais, Depencier, Easton, Frantz, Frederick, Grills, James, Laframboise, Lloyd, Loney, McKenzie, Melin, Minnie, Moore, Musclow, Neufeld, Okerhjelm, Pilatzke, Pilgrim, Price, Robinson, Sicker, Smith, White, Williams, Williamson, Wilson, and Xilon.



Pic 25: Gravestone of James Moxam and Elizabeth Bennett



Pic 26: Moxam Family
Back: Tilley Pettigrew, Lizzie or Mary, Sarah Moxam Best, Robert Moxam & his wife Jessie Carmichael

Front: Andrew Pettigrew, John Moxam, James Moxam, Robert Best.

Child No. 6 – Joseph Bennett



Pic 27: Joseph Bennett



Pic 28: Sarah Jane Fraser

Joseph Bennett was born on 16 Sep 1851 in Ross Twp., Ontario.¹³⁴ At the age of 24, Joseph married **Sarah Jane Fraser** aged 24, on 10 Nov 1875 in Beachburg, Ontario,¹³⁵ daughter of **Alexander Fraser** and **Ann Wallace**. Sarah was born on 6 Feb 1851 in Drummond Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario.^{31, 134} They farmed on the Queen's Line.

In the book "*Joseph Bennett Family History*"¹³⁴ written by Ruby Robertson Bennett, Joseph purchased Lot 9, Con 6, 100 acres of swamp and bush in 1873 from his father James for \$400.00. Joseph cleared the land and built a house and barns. In Dec 1896, Joseph was attending a school meeting when a fire started in a straw stack and all the outbuildings were burnt. Sarah ran into the barn and put her apron over the horses' heads to lead them out. No animals were lost but the grain was burnt. They built a stable that winter and built more to it in the spring.

Sarah died on 4 Mar 1914 in Beachburg, Ontario¹³⁶ aged 63, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ Joseph died 6 years later on 25 May 1920 in Ross Twp., Ontario¹³⁷ aged 68, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷

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After months of illness due to heart trouble and hardening of the arteries, death came to Mr. Joseph Bennett, a resident of this place for over ten years. About a year ago he returned to his old home on Queen's Line, now owned by his son James A. Bennett, where he passed away on May 25th. Mr. Bennett was born in Ross Twp., in 1851 and was all his life engaged in the pursuit of farming. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Ann Fraser, predeceased him about 6 years ago. A daughter, Mrs. John J Davidson of Beachburg survives him; also three sons: James A, Alexander of Ross Twp.; and George of Beachburg. The funeral took place on Thurs aft to Beachburg, the service being conducted by Rev J Hurst. The pall bearers were Messrs. Isaac Cowie, Thomas Guest, Jas Gilmour, John Ireton, John Rankin, and John Oattes.

Joseph and Sarah Jane had six children:

- i. **Sarah Jane Bennett** was born on 10 Oct 1876 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹³⁸ died on 7 Aug 1878 in Ross Twp., Ontario^{134, 139} aged 1 year, 10 months and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷

- ii. **Lorney Bennett** was born about 1879 in Ontario²¹. Note: Lorney is not listed in any of the family histories. He is found in the 1881 Census and a school record but unable to determine how he is connected and what happened to him.
- iii. **James Andrew Bennett** was born on 5 Jun 1881 in Queen's line, Ontario,^{31,134} died on 6 Dec 1964 in Renfrew Co., Ontario^{27, 134} aged 83, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ James married **Catherine Elizabeth Dunlop** on 24 Jun 1908 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario,¹⁴⁰ daughter of **Robert John Dunlop** and **Mary Agnes Laronde**. Catherine was born on 10 Jan 1882 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁴¹ died on 22 Jul 1914 in Ross Twp., Ontario¹⁴² aged 32 leaving a young family. She was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ They were farmers in Ross Township. They had four children: **Eric Derwood, Vera Agnes (Mrs. Albert Gibson),** and twins **Robert (Bob) Dunlop** and **Joseph Clarence Bennett**.
About 4 years later, James next married **Margaret Elizabeth Broome** on 19 Mar 1918 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹³⁴ daughter of **George Francis Broome** and **Elizabeth Malina Bryce**. Margaret was born on 7 May 1895 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁴³ died on 4 Oct 1944 in Pembroke, Ontario^{134, 27} aged 49, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ They had three children: **Baby, Jean Elizabeth (Mrs. Wilbert Crozier)** and **Marion Edna (Mrs. Bennett Lloyd Quaile)**.
- iv. **Rev. Joseph Alexander 'Alex' Bennett** was born on 17 Jul 1883 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁴⁴ died on 20 May 1959¹³⁴ aged 75, and was buried in Castleton Cemetery, Cramahel Twp., Northumberland Co., Ontario.¹⁴⁵ Alex married **Elizabeth Ritchie Condie** on 8 Dec 1909 in Renfrew, Ontario,¹⁴⁶ daughter of **Andrew Plain** and **Eliza Young**. Elizabeth was born on 7 Sep 1886 in Lanark, Scotland,^{134,147} died on 2 May 1965 in Coburg, , Ontario^{134,145} aged 78, and was buried in Castleton Cemetery, Cramahel Twp., Ontario.¹⁴⁵ Ruby Robertson Bennett¹³⁴ investigated the name of Elizabeth Condie who shows up as Lila Plaine and Lila Ritchie. Elizabeth and siblings were taken in by the Condie family when she was nine years old, coming from Scotland. Alex was a Free Methodist Minister. They had four children: **Gordon Delbert, Dorothy Eleanor (Mrs. Eric Slater), Grace Edith Margaret (Mrs. Gordon Ellis)** and **Gerald Mervin Fraser Bennett**.
- v. **Elizabeth Eleanor Bennett** was born on 31 Oct 1886 in Queen's line, Ontario,¹⁴⁸ died on 21 Dec 1945¹³⁴ aged 59, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ Elizabeth married **John 'Jack' James Davidson** on 16 Jun 1915 in Queen's line, Ontario,¹⁴⁹ son of **James Davidson** and **Eleanor Emily Hill**. John was born on 10 Aug 1872 in Beachburg, Ontario,¹⁵⁰ died on 21 Oct 1948¹³⁴ aged 76, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ They had three children: **John Henry, Lillian Patricia (Mrs. Conrad Loyer)** and **Eleanor Frances (Mrs. Leonard Edwards)**.
- vi. **George Stanley Bennett** was born on 1 Mar 1893 in Beachburg, Ontario,¹³⁴ died on 26 Oct 1980¹³⁴ aged 87, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ George married **Olive Jane Barrie** on 12 Jan 1916 in the Home of Alex Bennett, Queen's Line, Renfrew Co., Ontario,¹⁵¹ daughter of **John Barrie** and **Jessie Bandy**. Olive was born on 8 May 1892 in Darling Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario,¹⁵² died on 10 Aug 1947¹³⁴ aged 55, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ They had five children: **Doris Elizabeth, Norma Georgina (Mrs. Elwin Elliott), Stanley Alexander, Glenwood 'Glen' Royce** and **Richard 'Dick' Barrie Bennett**. George next married **Bertha MacAndrew** in Jan 1953.^{134,139} Bertha died on 5 Apr 1971.^{134,139} George next married **Elizabeth Cleroux** on 30 Jul 1971. Elizabeth was born in 1908^{134,139} and died on 29 Nov 1972 aged 64.^{134,139}



Pic 29: Gravestone of Joseph Bennett and Sarah Jane Fraser

Descendants of Joseph and Sarah Jane Bennett include the following surnames: Broome, Crozier, Davidson, Dorschner, Elliott, Hawthorne, Oattes, Quaile, Reid, Spencer.

Child No. 7 – Andrew Bennett

Andrew Bennett was born on 1 Sep 1855 in Ross Twp., Ontario.³¹ At age 26, he married **Mary A. Johnston** aged 22, on 6 Jul 1882 in Beachburg, Ontario¹⁵³ daughter of **John Johnston** and **Mary Brown**. Mary was born on 21 Oct 1859 in Ross Twp., Ontario.^{154,31}

As previously mentioned, there were strong family ties between the Johnston family and Bennett family who lived in the same region of Ross Township. Four Johnston siblings married into the Bennett family – three Johnston sisters married three Bennett brothers; and a Johnston brother married a daughter of a Bennett sister.

Andrew and Mary farmed in Ross Township. Andrew died on 17 Jan 1933 in Ross Twp., Ontario,^{155,156} aged 77, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ Mary died 9 years later, on 29 Dec 1942 in Forester's Falls, Ontario¹⁵⁷ aged 83, and was buried on 31 Dec 1942 in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷



Pic 30: Andrew and Mary Bennett

Andrew and Mary had five children:

- i. **Fannie Johnston Bennett** was born on 22 Jul 1883 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁵⁸ died on 25 Apr 1959 in Ross Twp., Ontario¹⁵⁹ aged 75, and was buried in Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Ontario.²⁷ Fannie married **Thomas Hatford May** on 22 Jun 1910 at the Bride's home, Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁶⁰ son of **Peter May** and **Ellen May**. Thomas was born on 12 Feb 1877 in Ontario,³¹ died on 10 Sep 1962 in Pembroke, Ontario¹⁶¹ aged 85, and was buried in Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Ontario.²⁷ They had one son: **Alden William**.
- ii. **Mary Griggor Bennett** was born on 2 Jul 1885 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario,¹⁶² died on 12 Aug 1964 in Renfrew Co., Ontario¹⁵⁴ aged 79, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ Mary married **John Caswell** on 28 Jun 1911 in Forester's Falls, Ontario,¹⁶³ son of **Nathaniel Caswell** and **Margaret Ann McCoy**. John was born on 8 Apr 1883 in Renfrew Co., Ontario,¹⁶⁴ died on 16 May 1965 in Pembroke, Ontario,¹⁵⁴ aged 82, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷ There were no children.
- iii. **John Bennett** was born on 2 Sep 1887 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁶⁵ died on 8 Sep 1976 in Cobden, Ontario¹⁶⁶ aged 89, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ John married **Charlotte Helena McLaughlin** on 11 Jun 1919 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario,¹⁶⁷ daughter of **William McLaughlin** and **Charlotte Mathieson**. Charlotte was born on 12 Sep 1898 in Westmeath Twp.,

Ontario,^{31,139} died on 25 Jun 1944 in Pembroke, Ontario,¹⁶⁸ aged 45, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ They had three children: **Hazel Verna (Mrs. Samuel James Young), Andrew Irvin** and **William McLaughlin**.

John next married **Jennie Belle Olmstead** on 17 May 1955 in the Standard Church Manse, Forester's Falls, Ontario¹⁶⁹, daughter of **William John Olmstead** and **Annie C. McLaren**. Jennie was born on 24 May 1894 in Ross Twp., Ontario^{31,139} and died in Apr 1956 aged 61.¹³⁹

- iv. **William Andrew Bennett** was born on 21 May 1896 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁷⁰ died on 19 May 1977 in Pembroke, Ontario¹⁵⁴ aged 81, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ William married **Beatrice Margaret Cowie** on 25 Jun 1919 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁷¹ daughter of **Isaac Cowie** and **Grace Galbraith Erskine**. Beatrice was born on 20 Aug 1899 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁷² died on 11 Sep 1975 in Pembroke, Ontario,¹⁵⁴ aged 76, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ They had ten children: **Muriel Erskine (Mrs. Russell Graham), Osborne Isaac, Mary Minnetta (Mrs. Clarence Pettigrew), Delmer William, John Mervin, Grace Eleanor Astella (Mrs. Harold Patterson), Reta Beatrice (Mrs. Wilfred Smith), Ray Sheldon Barrie, Harold** and **Violet Evelyn (Mrs. Dawson Welk)**.
- v. **Annie Ethel Florence Bennett** was born on 3 Jun 1898 in Forester's Falls, Ontario,¹⁷³ died on 15 Apr 1950 in Pembroke, Ontario¹⁷⁴ aged 51, and was buried in Wesley United Cemetery, Pembroke, Ontario.²⁷ Annie married **James Albert Pettigrew** on 13 Nov 1918 in Cobden, Ontario,¹⁷⁵ son of **James Benson Pettigrew** and **Frances Catherine Robinson**. James was born on 22 Jun 1900 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁷⁶ died on 5 Jul 1973 in Pembroke, Ontario,¹⁵⁴ aged 73, and was buried in Wesley United Cemetery, Pembroke, Ontario.²⁷ They had five children: **Clayton Albert Edwin, Andrew E., Joyce L. (Mrs. Elwin Clarke), John Harold** and **Roy**.

Pic 31: Gravestone of
Andrew and Mary Bennett



Descendants of Andrew and Mary Bennett include the following surnames: Bowes, Briscoe, Finan, Graham, Leroy, Martin, May, Patterson, Pettigrew, Welk, Witt.

FUNERAL OF A BENNETT

The death occurred of Mr. Andrew Bennett on Tuesday, the 17th of January at his late residence, and the funeral was held Thursday. Though he had been in poor health for a number of years, yet his sudden death came as a shock to his many friends.

Mr. Bennett was 77 years of age and life-long highly respected citizen of the vicinity of Forester's Falls.

He married Miss Mary Johnston fifty years ago July last. To them were born three daughters and two sons.

The funeral service was largely attended by friends and relatives and was conducted by Rev. Higgs, assisted by Rev. Kelly and Rev. Macklin, following which the cortege proceeded to the Forester's Falls Cemetery where interment was made.

Six nephews acted as pallbearers: William Bennett, Walter Bennett, Emerson Bennett, James A. Bennett, Joseph Bennett and Thos. Moxam.

Among the beautiful floral offerings was a wreath from the family.

The surviving relatives are, besides his widow, Mrs. Hatford May, Queen's Line, Mrs. John Caswell, Beachburg Road, John on the homestead, William of Beachburg Road and Mrs. Albert Pettigrew, Forester's Falls and fifteen grandchildren. Also one brother, Mr Geo. Bennett, the only surviving member of a large family of nine.

Much sympathy has been expressed for the family in their bereavement.

MRS. ANDREW BENNETT

There passed away Tuesday, Dec. 29th, one of Forester's Falls old residents in the person of Mrs. Andrew Bennett. Though ailing some time her sudden death came

as a shock to everyone who knew her. Mrs. Bennett was 83 years of age and a life-long resident of the vicinity of Forester's Falls. She was the former Mary Johnston. Sixty years ago last July she was wed to Mr. Andrew Bennett, who predeceased her by ten years.

The funeral was held Dec. 31st from the home of her son John Bennett. Rev. Mr. Cooke conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Patterson. During the service Rev. and Mrs. Patterson and Miss Naismith sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Interment was made in Forester's Falls cemetery.

Six grandsons acted as pallbearers: Alden May, Clayton Pettigrew, Irvin Bennett, Osborne Bennett, Delbert Bennett and Willie Bennett.

The flowerbearers were the granddaughters, Hazel Bennett, Mary Bennett and Joyce Pettigrew.

The surviving relatives are, Mr. Hatford May, Queen's Line; Mr. John Caswell, Beachburg Road; John on the homestead; William, Beachburg Road, and Mrs. Albert Pettigrew, of Pembroke; also one sister, Mrs. George Bennett, the only surviving member of their family. There are also eighteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. One grandson, Andrew E. Pettigrew, is serving the Canadian Army Overseas.

Much sympathy has been expressed for the family in their bereavement.

Pic 32: Obituary of Andrew Bennett

Pic 33: Obituary of Mary Bennett

Child No. 9 – Mary Ann Bennett



Pic 34: Home of Frank Moxam

Mary Ann Bennett was born in Dec 1862 in Ross Twp., Ontario.^{22, 30} Mary at the age of 20, married **Francis John Moxam** aged 24, on 4 Oct 1882 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁷⁷ son of **William Patton Moxam** and **Susannah Flood**. Frank was born on 15 Sep 1858 in Ross Twp., Ontario.^{30, 31} He worked as a farmer and pump maker.

Mary Ann died on 14 May 1889 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁷⁸ aged 26, of confinement and measles. Her newborn baby boy died several weeks later of measles. She was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷

Frank next married **Mary Jane Greene**, daughter of **William** and **Amelia Greene** on 19 Nov 1890 in Ross Twp., Ontario.¹⁷⁹ Mary was born on 22 Dec 1847 in Drummond Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario,¹⁸⁰ died on 11 Apr 1903 in Ross Twp., Ontario¹⁸¹ aged 55, and was buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario.²⁷

Frank next married **Anne Jane McCall** on 15 Mar 1905 in Ross Twp., Ontario.¹⁸² Anne was born on 16 Jun 1865 in Carleton Place, Lanark Co., Ontario,³¹ died in 1949 in Forester's Falls, Ontario aged 84, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷

Frank died on 13 Aug 1931 in Forester's Falls, Ontario,¹⁸³ aged 72, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷

Mary Ann and Frank had four children:

- i. **Elizabeth Jane 'Lizzie' Moxam** was born on 3 Jul 1883 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁸⁴ died on 14 Jan 1957 in Pembroke, Ontario¹⁶¹ aged 73, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ Elizabeth married **Archibald Ernest Eckford** on 17 Apr 1912 in Renfrew, Ontario,¹⁸⁵

- son of **William Eckford** and **Isabella Condie**. Archibald was born on 25 Feb 1885 in Renfrew Co., Ontario,^{31,161} died on 2 Mar 1969 in Renfrew Co., Ontario,¹⁶¹ aged 84, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ They had one son: **Kenneth Ernest**.
- ii. **Sarah Ann Moxam** was born on 6 Mar 1886 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁸⁶ died about October 1886 in Ross Twp., Ontario⁹³ aged 7 months and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷
- iii. **Matilda 'Mary' Dyer Moxam** was born on 20 Jun 1887 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁸⁷ died on 1 Oct 1979 in Pembroke, Ontario⁹³ aged 92 and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ Matilda married **James Edward Pettigrew** on 30 Jun 1905 in Ross Twp., Ontario,¹⁸⁸ son of **William Pettigrew** and **Mary Jane Williams**. James was born on 25 Feb 1882 in Forester's Falls, Ontario,³¹ died on 25 Mar 1944 in Ross Twp., Ontario,⁹³ aged 62, and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷ They had four children: **Cora Annie (Mrs. Clifford Thompson)**, **Elizabeth Erma (Mrs. Roy Sly)**, **Alice Mabel** and **Mary Edna**.
- iv. **Joseph Moxam** was born on 7 May 1889 in Forester's Falls, Ontario,¹⁸⁹ died on 4 Jun 1889 in Ross Twp., Ontario¹⁹⁰ aged 1 month and was buried in Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario.²⁷



Pic 35: Gravestone of Mary Ann Moxam

Descendants of Mary Ann Bennett and Frank Moxam include the following surnames: Agnew, Eckford, Mulvihill, Pettigrew, and Sly.