

## Ross Township Pioneers

### Richard Oattes and Mary Westerman

(1836-1908)

(1832-1899)

**Emigrated From: Co. Wicklow, Ireland**  
**Date: early 1840's**

**Date of Settlement in Ross Twp: c1858**  
**Located: Lot 15, Concession 7**  
**Occupation: Farmer**  
**Religion: Church of England**

**1. Richard OATTES**,<sup>1</sup> son of **John OATTES**<sup>1</sup> and **Sarah APPLEBY**,<sup>1</sup> was born on 4 Jan 1836 in Coolkenna, County Wicklow, Ireland,<sup>2</sup> died on 29 Jun 1908 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>3</sup> and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario). Both parents were born in Co. Wicklow as well. John & Sarah's 5 oldest children were born in Ireland. A number of Richard's siblings & ½ siblings or nieces & nephews also lived in Whitewater Region at some point in their lifetime. They were sister Sarah m. James Drennan; nephew Robert Edwin Ireton; brother Thomas m. Ellen Louisa Peever; sister Elizabeth m. William John Peever; sister Sarah Matilda m. John McWade; and brother George W. m. Mary McWade.

Richard married **Mary WESTERMAN**. Mary was born in 1832 in Ontario, Canada, died on 22 Feb 1899 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

Richard purchased Lot 15, Con 7 Ross Twp., on Oct 25, 1858 from George Allan. They may have been living in Ross Twp prior to the date of purchase.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Mary OATTES** died as a child.
- ii. **Richard OATTES** died as a child.
- iii. **Harry OATTES** died as a child.
- iv. **Thomas OATTES** was born about 1858 and died as a child.
- v. **Robert CONDIE** (adopted son) was born in Jun 1859 in Ontario, Canada.<sup>4</sup>
- 7 vi. **William John OATTES** was born on 27 Apr 1870 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>5</sup> died on 25 Apr 1936 in Kingston, Frontenac, Ontario, Canada,<sup>6</sup> and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

Richard next married **Alice B SHEPPARD**,<sup>7</sup> daughter of **John SHEPPARD** and **Mary APPLEBY**,<sup>1</sup> on 27 Feb 1900 in St Johns Church Boyds, Lanark Co., Ontario. Alice was born on 10 Jun 1848 in Innisville, Lanark, Ontario, Canada<sup>2</sup> and died in Aug 1914 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.

### *Second Generation (Children)*

**7. William John OATTES** was born on 27 Apr 1870 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>5</sup> died on 25 Apr 1936 in Kingston, Frontenac, Ontario, Canada,<sup>6</sup> and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

William married **Mary Ellen Humphrey 'Nellie' McWADE**,<sup>8</sup> daughter of **Elias McWADE** and **Ann McCLELLAND**, on 24 May 1893 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.<sup>9</sup> Mary was born on 30 Mar 1869 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>5</sup> died on 29 Mar 1936 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>10</sup> and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Reuben Martin Richard OATTES** was born on 14 Feb 1893 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>11</sup> died on 14 May 1967 in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

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- Reuben married **Janet Carmichael FERGUSON**, daughter of **John FERGUSON** and **Jennie Hamilton McLAREN**, on 20 Aug 1916 in Queen's line, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.<sup>12</sup> Janet was born on 20 Aug 1893 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>13</sup> died on 12 Jan 1980 in Forester's Falls, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>14</sup> and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).
- ii. **Wilbert John OATES**<sup>7</sup> was born on 29 Apr 1894 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>15</sup> died on 6 Aug 1935 in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada,<sup>16</sup> and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).
- Wilbert married **Isabella WILSON**,<sup>7</sup> daughter of **Thomas WILSON** and **Mary Jane DUNFIELD**, on 15 Jul 1913 in Renfrew, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.<sup>17</sup> Isabella was born on 5 Jun 1892 in Admaston Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>18</sup> died on 30 Sep 1972 in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada (Pinecrest Cemetery, Ottawa, Ontario).
- iii. **Alfred Allan OATES**<sup>7</sup> was born on 7 Jan 1896 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>19</sup> died on 21 Oct 1971 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Forester's Falls, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario, Canada).
- Allan married **Mary Laughena CURRY**,<sup>20</sup> daughter of **Laughlin CURRY** and **Elizabeth ROSS**, on 4 Jan 1922 in Brule Lake, Ontario.<sup>17</sup> Mary was born on 5 Jul 1896 in Forester's Falls, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>21</sup> died on 30 Oct 1942 in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada,<sup>22</sup> and was buried in Forester's Falls, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Howard Cemetery, Forester's Falls, Ontario, Canada).
- Allan next married **Christina Loretta Bridget "Tena" DOOL**, daughter of **Francis Henry DOOL** and **Ellen O'BRIEN**, on 9 Oct 1971 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. Christina was born on 9 Jul 1907 in Grattan Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>23</sup> died on 24 Mar 1974 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>24</sup> and was buried in Pakenham Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada (St. Peter Celestine R. C. Cemetery, Pakenham Twp., Ontario Canada).
- iv. **Annie Mary OATTES** was born on 17 Mar 1898 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 9 Dec 1968 in Renfrew, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).
- Annie married **Pte. William Cameron McLaren FERGUSON**, son of **John FERGUSON** and **Jennie Hamilton McLAREN**, on 11 Oct 1922 in Queen's line, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.<sup>25</sup> William was born on 24 Jun 1897 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>26</sup> died on 6 Jul 1948 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>27</sup> and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).
- v. **Richard James OATTES** was born on 26 Jul 1899 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>28</sup> was christened on 9 Sep 1900 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 12 Feb 1957,<sup>22</sup> and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).
- Richard married **Mabel Sarah BULMER**,<sup>7</sup> daughter of **William Herbert BULMER** and **Janet Teresa BILSON**, on 12 Oct 1940 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. Mabel was born on 26 Oct 1921 in Forester's Falls, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 28 Mar 2004, and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).
- vi. **George Larmour OATTES** was born on 9 Nov 1901 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>29</sup> was christened on 30 Mar 1902 in Methodist Church, Queen's Line, Ontario, and died on 26 May 1979. George married **Anne WYLIE** on 17 Feb 1939. Anne was born on 17 Apr 1910.
- vii. **Ellen Viola OATES**<sup>7</sup> was born on 17 Mar 1904 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>29</sup> died on 19 Feb 1976, and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).
- Ellen married **James Emerson GOULD**, son of **James GOULD** and **Ellen GUEST**, on 18 Jun 1924 in Queen's line, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.<sup>30</sup> James was born on 15 Feb 1900 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>31</sup> died in 1988, and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union

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Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

- viii. **Archibald Daniel OATTES** was born on 26 Jan 1907 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>32</sup> was christened on 10 Feb 1910 in Methodist, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario, died on 8 Sep 1979,<sup>7</sup> and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

Archibald married **Norma Eleanor COLE**, daughter of **Christopher Joseph COLE** and **Mary Adeline ROLLINS**, on 22 Sep 1938 in Renfrew, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. Norma was born on 5 Jun 1923 in Ontario, Canada.

- ix. **Thomas Arnold OATTES** was born on 11 Nov 1908 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,<sup>33</sup> was christened on 10 Feb 1910 in Methodist, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario, died on 3 Aug 1987 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

Arnold married **Doreen Christina Isabella WHITE**, daughter of **Augustus James WHITE** and **Margaret Ethel HAWTHORNE**, on 29 Jan 1936 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. Doreen was born on 26 Feb 1910 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 12 Mar 1999 in Renfrew, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

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## SURNAMES

APPLEBY  
BILSON  
BULMER  
COLE  
CONDIE  
CURRY

DOOL  
FERGUSON  
GUEST  
HAWTHORNE  
MCWADE  
GOULD

OATES  
OATTES  
SHEPPARD  
WESTERMAN  
WHITE  
WILSON

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