

"THE HERITAGE YEARS"
A HISTORY OF STIRLING & DISTRICT

International Hardware in Belleville and Nancy is a R.N. at Dr. Hipwell's office in Belleville.

Jacqueline Anne (b. March 23rd, 1951), married Harvey Leeman (b. March 5th, 1947), on August 29th, 1970. Jackie was educated at Stirling Public School and Centre Hastings High School. She was formerly with the Ontario Hydro and is now a homemaker and a competitive curler. Harvey is employed with Ontario Hydro at Stewartville. They have two children, Melissa Ann (b. February 5th, 1973) and Anita Marie (b. June 13th, 1975). Jackie and Harvey reside in Arnprior, Ontario.

Kathryn Helen (b. May 16th, 1961), married Gerald Foote (b. January 30th, 1960) on June 5th, 1982. Kathy was educated at Stirling Public School and Centennial Secondary School in Belleville. They now reside in Cornwall, Ontario.

WILLIAM E. AND PURSIS FITCHETT

Rosella (Fitchett) Clancy

William E. Fitchett, son of William Sr. and Annie E. (Sparrow) Fitchett, was born in Huntingdon Township.

William E., of United Empire Loyalist descent, was the great grandson of James Fitchett, who had served in the King's Royal Regiment of New York. James married Elizabeth Young on the 29th of August, 1796, and farmed on the south shore of Hay Bay, in South Fredericksburgh, County of Lennox and Addington, where their stone home still stands.

Several of James' and Elizabeth's children settled and farmed in the township of Huntingdon; among them William's grandfather, Moses, who married Jane Chapman on March 11th, 1845. (Jane was the daughter of Jeremiah and Margaret (Anderson) Chapman.) Moses later purchased a farm in Rawdon before retiring in the village of Stirling, where he resided in

his John Street home until his death in 1906.

The Sparrow family also settled in Huntingdon township. Robert (a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland) and Eliza Jane (Jeffery) Sparrow, parents of Annie E., resided first in Montreal before settling near West Huntingdon.

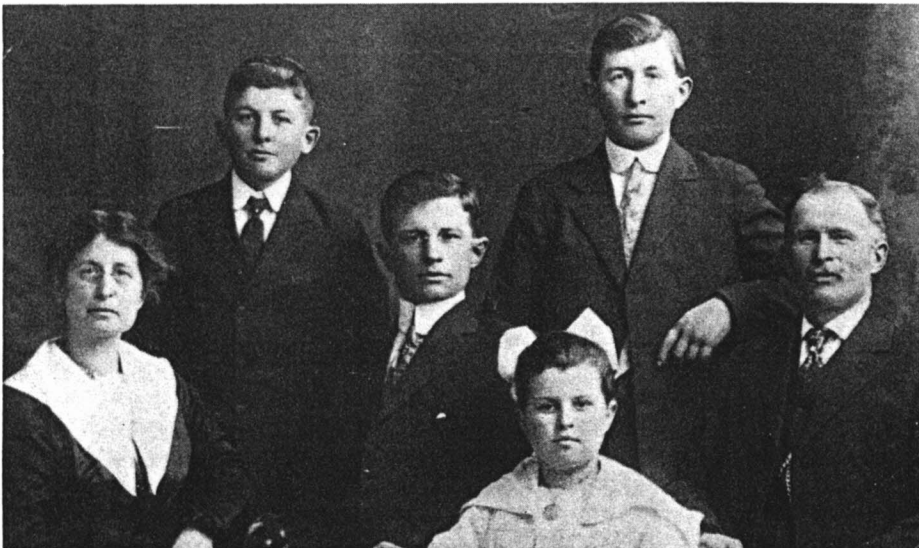
Records of 1861 reveal Solomon and Margaret Howe in Hungerford township. Their son Daniel, attended Ontario Business College and operated a Tweed general store prior to his death in 1875. Daniel and Eliza Jane (Spicer) Howe had two daughters, Pursis J. and Emma (Mrs. W. Irvin). Eliza then married Arthur Alexander of Bogart. They had four children, Will, Margaret (Mrs. M. Parks), Mary (Mrs. E. P. Strickland) and Thomas.

William Edward married Pursis Jane Howe on the 20th of December, 1893. They immediately established their home in Tweed, where William carried on a successful carriage and blacksmith business. He owned the former McGowan's blacksmith shop and built a carriage showroom. While in Tweed, William took an active part in municipal affairs, serving on the village council. He was also an official of St. John's Methodist Church.

In 1906, William and Pursis purchased their Rawdon farm and they and their three sons moved to Madoc Junction.

William's only sister, Jane Ann, her husband, William French and their son, Melville, resided on a nearby Sidney property.

The farm, located on Lot 2, Concession 1, had previously been owned by William's step-father, James Juby. Mr. Juby had earlier built a commodious brick farm home which enjoyed an orchard setting. It was a farm recognized for its abundant crops, and for its stately elm tree which grew midway along the lane. In 1916, a large barn was erected with the front L portion moved to its position by rollers.



James and Annie Juby

Pursis J. and William E. with their four children Standing—Carman H. (1902) and William J. (1897) Seated—Pursis, Clarence D. (1895), Mary O. (1906), and William E.

While residing at Madoc Junction, both William and Pursis were faithful in the work of Eggleton Methodist Church with William serving as trustee of Eggleton S.S. 24 and 25.

In 1927, the couple retired and moved to their Henry Street home. Here, William served as a Stirling Councillor and as a Director of the Agricultural Society. He was also a well known poultry fancier who frequently judged at district fairs. Both were active members of St. Paul's United Church with William serving as elder and choir member and Pursis enjoying the Women's Missionary Society. Fraternally, they were members of the I.O.O.F. No. 239 and the Laurel Rebekah Lodge No. 211.

In 1943, Pursis and William celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in their Emma Street home. All family members were present, this included their three sons, Clarence D., his wife Mabel and daughter, Rosella (Madoc Junction); William J., his wife Margaret and daughter, Marilyn (West Huntingdon); and Carman, his wife Elizabeth and children, Helen and Bill (4th Line, Rawdon), and their only daughter, Mary, her husband, Alfred Strickland (who owned Strickland's Drug Store from 1936-1945), and their sons, Roy and Ronald.

William, who died on the 5th of May, 1951, and Pursis, who passed away on December 2nd, 1953, are buried in the Stirling Cemetery.

Mary presently resides in Lindsay while Clarence D., Carman and William J. live in Stirling.

FITCHETT—CLANCY

Rosella (Fitchett) Clancy

Clarence D. Fitchett recalls summer holidays spent with Eliza Jane (Spicer) and Arthur Alexander, his grandmother and step-grandfather, in Prince Edward County. These vacations sometimes included a ride on Belleville's electric street railway system which served as a connecting link between the government docks and the Doctor's Hotel. Dad also enjoyed holidays with Ann Eliza (Sparrow) and James Juby, his other grandmother and step-grandfather, at Madoc Junction.

Clarence D. attended Tweed Public School and later Eggleton S.S. 24 and 25, after his parents, William E. and Pursis J. (Howe) Fitchett purchased their Rawdon farm in 1906. Dad prided himself in breaking, driving and owning well bred spirited horses.

On the 28th of August, 1917, Clarence Fitchett and Mabel Eggleton, daughter of Albert and Helen (Daws) Eggleton, married and began farming on Concession 9 in Thurlow Township. They enjoyed their Halloway association and attended the Methodist Church. Dad joined the L.O.L. while mother was a charter member and Past Mistress of Halloway L.O.B.A.

They benefited from their farm's pit, selling



Mabel and Clarence Fitchett—1917

gravel at 10¢ a yard. Dad received \$5.00 a day for both himself and his team, working from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. He also earned \$1.00 extra for management when gravelling on the Madoc Road in 1919.

In 1926 my parents purchased my grandparents' Rawdon farm on Lot 2, Concession 1. In quick succession, a gas powered milking machine, a Massey-Harris tractor, electricity, and a water pressure system with bathroom and individual cattle drinking bowls, made farm life more attractive.

I recall mother packing butter in crocks or moulding it as a commodity for exchange. She also placed fried pork in containers smothered in drippings and canned beef before Belleville's storage plant became available.

Happy times included neighbours visiting—Shirley Temple movies—12th Celebrations and Christmas at my grandparent's Stirling home.

In 1949 the farming became a shared operation with expansion continuing to include not only the Rawdon farm, where Maurice and I resided, and the Sidney acreage, where my parents lived after 1949, but also two additional Sidney farms. Our Oak Lake cottage and trips were diversions.

Dad was chairman of S.S. 24 and 25, on Eggleton and St. Paul's Official Board, a member of A.F.A.M. No. 69 and a Director of the Stirling Agricultural Society (being president when the Centennial gates were dedicated in 1958). In 1963-1964, he represented District 3, O.A.A.S. as director.

Mother, a long time Sunday School teacher and a past President of the Women's Missionary Society, was honoured by the Society in 1956 with a life membership. After amalgamation in 1967, she enjoyed membership in St. Paul's United and in Faith Unit until her death on January 31st, 1971. She was also a director in the Ladies Section of the Agricultural Society and a member of the Stirling L.O.B.A.

Dad married Helen (Coulter) Reid in 1972 and in 1974, built his Rodgers Drive home.



Maurice, Rosella and Lyle Clancy

I, Rosella J. Fitchett, only child of Mabel and Clarence D. Fitchett, married Maurice G. Clancy on the 25th of June, 1949, in Eggleton United Church.

Maurice's youth was spent on his parent's, Carl and Erma (Snarr) Clancy's, Rawdon farm, Lot 22, Concession 6, where he dragged the measuring board when the orchard was planted in 1933. He attended Wellman's United Church, S.S. No. 8 and King George High School.

I taught at Elzevir No. 6, prior to marriage, and during the 1960's, in two Sidney schools, Glen Ross and Turner's.

Community involvement began in a play entitled, "A Pair of Country Kids" and extended to include, for Maurice, the positions of Secretary Treasurer of S.S. 24 and 25 and Steward of Eggleton United, while I was President of the Women's Missionary Society and for many years a Sunday School teacher, church pianist and Mission Band Leader.

As members of St. Paul's we served on the Session. Maurice was A.O.T.S. Treasurer and I was the United Church Women's President.

In the Stirling Agricultural Society, Maurice was Treasurer, while I served as Ladies Section President and as Lady Representative District 3, O.A.A.S.

Fraternal organizations included the L.O.B.A., L.O.L., Masonic No. 69, Eastern Star Minerva Chapter and Bethlehem White Shrine.

In 1972, Maurice and I purchased our 149 Holly Drive home. In Stirling, we continued our community interest. I joined the Women's Institute, and Maurice, who had served on Rawdon council and been tax collector, became a member of the Planning Board and a village councillor.

That same year, on August 26th, 1972, Lloyd G., our eldest son, married Gina M. Petherick, daughter of Carlie D. and Sheila (Spry) Petherick. They and their two children, Betina L. and Brook L., reside at 226 Mill Street. (Our grandchildren are the seventh generation, of our family, to live in Stirling.)

Lyle E., our youngest son, who placed first in the Legion sponsored Public Speaking Contest for 1983,

enjoys music and scouting, attends Stirling Senior School and has seven years perfect Sunday School attendance.

WILLIAM J. AND MARGARET FITCHETT FAMILY

Margaret Fitchett

William J. Fitchett was born in Tweed in 1897 and moved with his parents and two brothers to Concession 1, Rawdon Township, in 1906. He completed his education in Eggleton Public School.

As a young man, William joined the 60th Canadian Reserve. He recalls ten destroyers giving escort prior to the docking in England. William returned from overseas duty in 1919.

On September 20th, 1922, William J., son of William E. and Pursis (Howe) Fitchett, married Margaret, youngest daughter of James and Elmira (Thompson) Hollinger.

Margaret's parents farmed at Fuller and were members of Fuller Methodist Church. Their seven children included Sarah (Mrs. Harry Dafoe), Joseph, Christina (Mrs. Herbert Burke), Martha (Mrs. Fred Gray), Bessie, David and Margaret.

Margaret and William J., after marriage, farmed some five years in the Minto community before purchasing their West half, Lot 1, Concession 5, Rawdon farm located in the West Huntingdon community.

They attended West Huntingdon United Church, where William J. served as Steward and Elder and where Margaret served as choir leader. Margaret was also a member of the Women's Missionary Society.

In 1967 they moved to Stirling after purchasing their 98 Mill Street home, which is shared with Margaret's sister, Bessie Hollinger.

William J., Margaret and Bessie are members of St. Paul's United Church. Margaret and Bessie are members of St. Paul's United Church Women's Faith Unit of which Bessie is treasurer.

William J., a member of Stirling Legion #228, and Margaret enjoyed their membership in the Stirling Senior Citizen's Club, with Margaret sharing her musical talent for instrumental numbers and community singing.



William J. and Margaret Fitchett