

McGEE FAMILY HISTORY

John McGee

A unique feature of the name "McGee" is that, not one, but two, totally distinct pioneer families settled in Stirling and area. Over the years, the families have commonly been distinguished by the religions they followed. A family of Roman Catholics, who are said to have arrived in 1836, located themselves in the village and operated a variety of businesses over the years. Another couple and their children, who were of Presbyterian faith, settled east of the village as farmers. This article will concern itself with the latter, Presbyterian McGees.

In 1839, Archibald McGee and his wife, the former Katherine Mitchell, along with seven children, left County Antrim, in the northern part of Ireland. Their first year in Canada was spent in Picton, but in 1840, they moved to finally settle just east of Stirling, along the Ridge Road. Archie and Katherine were in their late 30's when they left the old country; while the children, Thomas, John, Andrew, Jane, Samuel, Elizabeth and Catherine, ranged from 16 years to three weeks old. A son, Archie, was born in Rawdon in 1846, while another son died in infancy although it is uncertain if this occurred before or after arriving in Upper Canada. Eventually, a nephew of Archie Sr., Daniel McGee, joined them. Little is known about his arrival, but as far as can be determined, he came to Canada (or at least to Rawdon) alone. It has been confirmed that he was here at the time of the 1861 Census.

Some information has been obtained concerning the early history, from an article published in the News Argus in 1938. According to this report, the McGees were among the Covenanters of Scotland of the 1600's. History books of Scotland document the story of these people. Two little boys of the family escaped to County Antrim, Ireland, along with other people, while apparently the rest of the family was murdered. They settled there occupying themselves as linen weavers and attended the old Scottish Church.

Registry Office records show that Archibald received his first deed on July 28th, 1845, in exchange for the sum of one hundred pounds. The parcel consisted of 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres, being the westerly $\frac{1}{3}$ of Lot 8, Concession 1, Rawdon Township. The vendors were Robert Rogers and Daniel McCaughen and this represented the first severance from the full 200 acre lot. Although boundaries have changed, it is noted that Gordon and Madeline Mitts now reside on a portion of the parcel. The first home was a log cabin located southeast of the present dwelling.

It is believed that the parents, Archie and Katherine, remained on the homestead until their deaths in the 1870's. In 1856, eldest son Tom acquired the 20 acre parcel lying north of the Ridge Road from his parents. The larger home parcel eventually passed from father to youngest son, Archie Jr. (1846-1910) and his wife Jane McCaw (1847-

1931). They retained the unit until 1896, when it passed out of the family, only to be repurchased in 1908 by Archie Jr.'s son, Fred, who retained the homestead until 1919. Six children were born to Archie and Jane, one of whom died as an infant.

Middle son, Andrew (1830-1889), and his wife Eliza McCaughen (1835-1894), who raised a family of six, are of particular note due to a considerable number of descendants, still living in the Stirling area. This couple at first owned a 6 1/2 acre property next to Andy's parents. However, in 1861 they traded their land with one John McCaw, and moved northward to a 50 acre farm, the east quarter of Lot 7, Concession 3. This move was of particular significance, as that parcel was to remain in the family for a 90 year period, while Andy and Eliza's children and grandchildren spread themselves up and down the third line. Youngest son, John E. took over his parents' property and eventually expanded it to 200 acres with another son, Andy Jr. occupying the 100 acre farm to the west. Ten children were born in each of the brothers' families. John E.'s home of 100 acres was passed to the youngest son, Laird, who sold in 1951, thus ending 90 years of family ownership of the eastern half of the property. Clarence McGee, son of Andy Jr. and his wife, Molly, who left in the 1960's, were the last of the family to live on the third line. When mentioning Andrew and Eliza's line of the family, one must also remember the supreme sacrifice of German McGee (son of Archy) who gave his life in action in World War I.

The story of the McGee family is shortened a little bit with the marriage of Elizabeth McGee (1839-1922) to her first cousin Daniel McGee (1838-1931). Although such an event appears shocking to us today, it was not an uncommon event in the 1800's. We do know that Daniel and Elizabeth farmed on the northeast quarter of Lot 29, Concession 9, Sidney Township from 1866 to 1875. It is believed at that point they moved to Stirling to spend the rest of their lives, with Daniel being employed as a railroad section hand. There were ten children in the family of Daniel and Betty, although three died during childhood.

Only limited information is known about eldest son, Thomas McGee (1822-1881), who married Winifred Costello (1824-1865). As mentioned before, he acquired 20 acres of his father's farm in 1856, which was sold to brother Samuel in 1865. We also know that they purchased the north half of Lot 29, Concession 9, Sidney Township in 1861. Half of this property was sold to cousin Daniel in 1866, as previously mentioned, with the remaining 50 acres being disposed of in 1868. At that point Thomas was a widower, and probably he moved to Stirling for the balance of his life, although this is not certain. Eight children were born in this family but three passed away in childhood. Mention should be made of daughter Jennie, who married Fred T. Ward, a Stirling tailor. The Ward tailor shop was a thriving business and several of Jennie's cousins

were employed there. Two sons of Daniel and Elizabeth apprenticed in this shop. John M., known as "Tailor Jack," later had his own tailoring business in Stirling, while his brother Sam set up shop in the village of Tweed.

Second son, John McGee (1825-1914), and wife Jane Thompson (1835-1915), raised seven children, six of whom were daughters. Again we have little information about this couple although we do know that they farmed on the 20 acres along the Ridge Road owned by brother Thomas and later, brother Samuel. The farm was expanded to 26 1/2 acres in 1878. This couple retired in Stirling, just down the road from sister Elizabeth.

Samuel McGee (1837-1910), followed the tradition of his father and brothers, Archie and Andrew, by acquiring a farm along Rawdon Creek. He started off with 50 acres in the east quarter of Lot 7, Concession 1 in 1870 and expanded this to 100 acres in 1878. Samuel married Isabella Brown (1836-1909), and raised six sons and one daughter. Son, Thomas J., farmed on the home unit for about 35 years, a term only exceeded by his tour of duty as Clerk of the Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Samuel established another son, John D., on a 75 acre farm along the Ridge Road in Lot 9. In order to distinguish him from several other John McGees in the area, he was nick-named "Johnny McGee by the tracks," which aptly described the location of his farm.

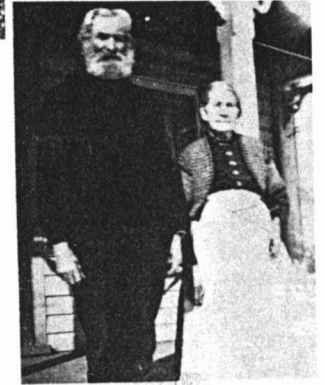
In the early days, while the McGees were spread out along the Ridge Road, the Montgomerys were people of the second line. It seems the Montgomery boys "came a-courtin'" as James Montgomery (1823-1886) married Jane McGee (1834-1876) while Archibald Montgomery (1836-1914) wed Catherine McGee (1839-1922). There were ten in James and Jennie's family only to be outdone by Archie and Catherine with eleven. Three members of the Montgomery family held positions on Rawdon Township Council.

Thomas, son of James and Jennie, served as Reeve from 1912 to 1918 and was selected as Warden of Hastings in 1918. However, this was not the end of his political career, as he retired in Stirling and became Reeve of the village from 1927-1931. It appears that brother, James, previously served as Reeve of Rawdon and father James, worked his way up to Deputy-Reeve. As there were several people by the name of James Montgomery in the area, absolute confirmation has not been obtained.

The history of the McGee family would not be complete without mentioning the "five Archies." This refers to a photograph taken of four first cousins and their uncle, all named Archie McGee. Actually, at one time there were six Archie McGees living in the Stirling area. The photograph did not include the original Archie who had passed away prior to the taking of the photo. In order to distinguish them, some were given descriptive nick-names such as, "Dakota Archie" (where he moved to), and "Dutch Archie" (speech defect).



L to R John E., Roy and Jennie McGee



Daniel and Elizabeth McGee



The "Five Archies" (McGee)

DANIEL MCGEE

Aleatha Duff

Daniel McGee, at the age of twenty, immigrated to Canada from Balley Bogey, 15 miles from Bushmills, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1859. He was a descendant of the Covenanters of Scotland. His sister and brothers remained in Ireland. His wife, Elizabeth, was also from County Antrim, Ireland, immigrating to Canada in 1839 at the age of two years with her parents, Archibald and Katherine (Mitchell) Magee.

Daniel was known as "Uncle Dan," and his wife

was known as "Aunt Bet" to both friends and relatives. They first lived along the Ridge Road before moving to Baker Street in Stirling. Their recollections were of a hamlet with few houses and trees aplenty. Daniel was a railroad section man for twenty years. Their ten children (with spouses) were: Rose (Levi Rupert); Tom (Blanche Gordon); Mary Jane (Thomas Spry); John (Agnes Tulloch); Samuel (Letty Spry); Kate died young and Archie never married; Harry, Andrew and Willie died in early childhood with diphtheria.

Grandchildren, Edna Fox, Gena and Rosa Spry live in Stirling today. Also, a sixth generation grandchild, Brian, son of Beth (great great granddaughter) and Paul Sharp, lives at Holly Drive. Other surviving grandchildren are: Elda (McGee) Bradley of Navan; Helena (McGee) Upshall of Toronto; and Aleatha (Spry) Duff, who now lives in Belleville. Deceased grandchildren are: Donald, Arthur, Harry, Bill McGee, and Pauline Rupert.

Daughter Kate died in early adulthood from cancer. She was a favourite and dearly loved by family and friends. She was a clerk in Mather's large department or general store, where everything was sold for the entire family as well as groceries, hardware and household supplies. The shelves and showcases were full; goods were piled on the counters, stacked on the floor and displays hung from the ceiling. For the children the most wonderful and fascinating department was the second floor where the toys were located.

Dan had cousins throughout the district. Elizabeth's sisters and brothers with spouses were: Thomas (Winnifred Costello); John (Jane Thompson); Andrew (Liza McCann); Jenny (James Montgomery); Sam (Isabel Brown); Katherine (Archibald Montgomery); and Archie (Jane McCaw).

The McGee home was a family gathering place, especially on Sunday afternoons; with Grandma in her long white apron with its fine tucks and hand crochet or knitted lace.

Dan's hobby of gardening resulted in "give aways" of apples, raspberries, currants, vegetables, etc. His hedge around the yard was typically Irish with sculptured figures on top. He liked carving and some of his leisure time was spent carving axe handles that he sold to a local hardware store for 25¢ each. With his pocket knife he would carve small objects for his grandchildren. A favourite was a basket from a peach pit. Another past-time was visiting friends at his son John's tailor shop. He always enjoyed a good joke. His handicap was deafness. His religion was Presbyterian and he was a member of the Orange Lodge.

Daniel returned to Ireland for a visit and while there, World War I broke out. He had many scary tales to tell of the return trip home in a darkened ship with the fear of being torpedoed.

Dan and Elizabeth lived to the ages of 93 and 83 respectively. At the age of 93, Dan walked daily downtown to the post office at a lively pace. Accompanying him was a big collie dog owned by

Mr. Harper Rollins. During his funeral service, the dog laid at the church door and followed the hearse to the cemetery.

On his obituary, Daniel was referred to as "the grand old man of the district."

JOHN CLINTON McGEE

B. Shannon

Sarah Murphy married Patrick McGee in Tyrone, Ireland. Patrick later drowned in a peat bog in Ireland and Sarah came to Canada and settled in Stirling. She brought with her three children, Peter, John and Sarah.

Elizabeth O'Neill Hughes, widow of John Hughes, married Patrick Sullivan. By the marriage to John Hughes, there was one child, Susan Hughes. Both of these widows, Sarah Murphy McGee and Elizabeth O'Neill Hughes Sullivan are buried in St. Francis' Parish Cemetery, Frankford, Ontario.

John McGee married Susan Hughes and there were five children: George and Clinton (died in infancy); James married Elizabeth Downs; Sarah Elizabeth married Michael Kirby (they built and lived in the home John Craighead lives in at the present time); and Mary Ann married Michael Gibson and they moved to Omaha, Nebraska.

Of the marriage between James McGee and Elizabeth Downs, there were three children: John Clinton, Thomas Felix and William Joseph.

John Clinton was born August 24th, 1876 and died October 28th, 1958. He married Mary Justina McGee on January 10th, 1906 and of this marriage there were five children: James Murray, John Clinton, Mary Helena Bernadette, Monica Elizabeth and William Joseph. James Murray married Ruth Devlin; John Clinton married Mabel McCarthy; Mary Helena Bernadette married Thomas Shannon; Monica Elizabeth never married; and William Joseph was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood on May 22, 1948. He is now Chaplain at the Kingston Penitentiary, Kingston, Ontario.



McGee's Hardware

Elizabeth Sullivan purchased the property in Stirling from the Crown, located from the present

McCaughen property up to the corner where the Public Library is located. This was all sold eventually except where our home was located (the Anderson property) and the hotel property to the east. Elizabeth Sullivan ran the hotel which was known as the Empire, then the Kirby House for many years. It was run by her son-in-law, John McGee, then Michael Kirby and then John Clinton McGee until J.C. McGee along with James Lagrow purchased the Warren Hardware business now occupied by Graham Mouck, in 1907.

McGee and Lagrow Hardware continued in business until 1939 when the business was purchased by John Clinton McGee and became known as McGee's Hardware.

THE FOREFATHERS AND FAMILY OF LILLIAN MCGOWAN

Shirley Lyford

Patrick Hagerty, a Captain in the First New Jersey Volunteers (1776-1784), had a grant of 600 acres of land. He had a contract to bring 300 loyal immigrants to what would be known as Canada. Liking what he saw, Hagerty decided to stay in the new land.

He lived at West Huntingdon for a number of years and finally settled in Peterborough. Patrick married a local girl who bore him a son, James. Her name was Anne Morley and together they had another son, Marmaduke.

When Marmaduke was of age he married Clarissa Reed. They had a daughter named Anne. Anne Hagerty married John McGowan who was born in 1823. They resided on the 2nd Concession, Lot 7 in Huntingdon Township, Ridge Road. They are my great grandparents.

In 1861, a son, William, was born and he married Anne Marie Benwell. They are my grandparents on the McGowan side. Mr. and Mrs. William McGowan lived in the Madoc area for a few years and they raised six children: John, Fred, Clara, Lillian (b. 1899), Emma and Cecil.

The family moved to Stockdale where Grandpa worked in the saw mill and later helped to build the Trent Canal (using his own team of horses and wagon). In 1914, Anne died; it was hard for mom to bear the loss as she was just a child of 15. Grandpa remarried Heddy Stickle and shortly after, took the first pleasure trip up the canal from Trenton to Peterborough. He died in 1935.

My mother, Lillian McGowan, was born on the 28th of September, 1899. While working as a housekeeper in Trenton, she met Harry Wallace. They were married on January 17th, 1917, on John Street in Stirling. They had a daughter, Gertrude May but she died in her eighth month. She passed away due to convulsions caused by a high fever while cutting teeth. It was like a nightmare, for two weeks before, Harry died of heart trouble.



Lillian (McGowan) Heasman

Mom was only 18 years of age when all these troubles came about. It seemed like the end of the world for her (as she told us her story). There was so much heartache. Little did she know that there was a whole new life ahead of her.

A family had come over from England on the boat that set sail the day before the "Titanic" in 1912. They were Clara and Charles Harrington (my grandparents). They had six children, one of which was Arthur (b. 1895). The Harringtons settled in Trenton.

During World War I, Arthur and his brother, George, were called to arms and served in the 155th Battalion. They were both wounded at Vimy Ridge. On December 21st, 1920, Lillian (my mother) and Arthur were married. They set up housekeeping in Trenton and had three children, Herbert, Grace and Ellen.

Dad had been working for the Canadian National Railway and soon became an engineer. The family moved to Toronto in 1926 where the rest of the family was born, Melba, Shirley (myself), and Marilyn.

Times were tough during the depression but Dad was able to work a little for the necessities. We were a close family; we went to church and there was always laughter in our home. Dad always had a treat for us.

It was in July of 1936 when I first came to Stirling. My uncle John McGowan had three cottages at Oak Lake. He wanted his sister's family to enjoy a vacation there and they could be together as well. I spent all my childhood summers there having great fun with our cousins, Stewart and Donnie. I have many good memories there especially listening to the music across the lake and also eating fresh bread from Johnson's Bakery. We all had great fun at Bird's Beach.

"THE HERITAGE YEARS" A HISTORY OF STIRLING + DISTRICT

In 1937, at the age of 81, Lindsay was forced to retire because of ill health, and when he died in 1938 his daughter and husband Marjorie and Clifford Hatton and son Bob (of Toronto) took over the business. Their daughter, Betty, remained in Toronto.

The business became known as Hatton Hardware and on the passing of Clifford in 1952, Bob assumed the management of the store. He married Jean Wallace in 1955 who, for many years, helped in the store as bookkeeper. In 1964 Bob's mother Marjorie died, and in 1968 the business became known as Hatton Dominion Hardware, until the sale of the company in October of 1980, one hundred years and one month after the origin of the hardware. It is now owned by Vernon and Elaine Salteski and operates under the chain of Home Hardware.

The ledger with the first entry of operation is in Bob's possession and is treasured as a vital piece of history.



Bob and Jean Hatton with Fred Bateman (Bateman's Ladies' Wear) during Stirling's 100th Anniversary Celebrations, 1958.



MOUCK'S PRO HARDWARE

Marguerite Mouck

On May 6, 1957, we started our first day in a new business, at a new location, dealing with new people. We had just purchased the hardware store at 32 Mill St., Stirling, from the owner and operator Mr. J. Clinton McGee. He was 85 at that time and had been in this same business for 49 years.

Let us now go back over 100 years. The following news item was recently found in an October 1889 issue of the *Stirling New Argus*, with the heading "A Fine Building". Quote: "The new brick building erected for Messrs. H. & J. Warren, of this village, and just completed, is one of the best in Stirling, in fact, taking it in every respect, it would not be too much to say that it is the best. The main building is 28 feet front by 55 feet in depth, and two stories in height; and a workshop at the rear 28x28 feet, is one story in height, with good basement under both. The roof is tin, and the cornices on the front are galvanized iron. The floors both in the main building and workshop, are hard maple.

The ground floor of the main building, which will be used as a store and wareroom has a plate glass front, the two large lights one on each side, being 84x113 inches; the two smaller lights, one on each side of door, 34x113 inches; the glass in door, two lights, 19x59, and the fan light 36x50. There is shelving fixed on both sides, but a counter only on one. The counter has a solid maple top. The painting, which was done by Wm. Mitchell and his son, Charles, reflects great credit on their taste and skill, the whole inside with the exception of the top of counter, being painted in fine imitation of walnut and ash. There is also an office in one corner at the rear end fitted up handsomely for comfort and convenience.

The whole of the second storey will be used as a storeroom, a large stairway leading up from the workshop.

The building will be heated by a furnace in the basement underneath the workshop.

Messrs. Warren expect to move into their new premises next week."

From earlier records, we find that the Warrens were in the village previous to 1878 and were carrying on business as "Tinsmiths" on the south side of Mill St., but the exact location is unknown. The brass letters W A R R E N implanted in the cement sidewalk in front of the store on the north side of Mill St. further identify the "Warrens" with this tinsmith and hardware business. A member of the Warren family told us when visiting here, that she recalls the older Warrens telling about the Indians sleeping in the second storey storeroom, referred to in the above news item, after they had traded some of their baskets, axe handles etc. and because they had imbibed too much, had to "sleep it off" before continuing on their way.

In 1907 the business was sold to Mr. J. Clinton McGee and Mr. James E. Lagrow and they carried



McGee and Lagrow's Hardware Store, on Mill Street

on business under the partnership of "McGee & Lagrow" until 1939. That year Mr. LaGrow retired and Mr. McGee purchased his interests and carried on the business with the assistance of his family, until, after nearly fifty years in the hardware retail, sold to my wife and me in 1957. Because our sons, Jeffrey then nine years of age and John three years, had serious allergy reactions to farm animals, dust and pollens, we decided to sell the farm two miles west of Tweed and moved to Stirling in May, along with my elderly father of 82 years.

The building at this time was very much the same as in the earlier description, although the business itself had changed from the days when, in the tinshop, cheese vats were made for the various local cheese factories, and heavy wood stoves were ordered perhaps once a year and stored in the upper storeroom and pulled up by block and tackle. A few changes were made in the store when we first assumed ownership, and in 1958 we made an apartment on the second floor over the store, and we lived there with our family for some 19 years.

In 1965 we joined the CREST franchise with our regular wholesaler at that time, taking advantages of the benefits from volume buying. Before we had our official opening as a "Crest Hardware" we did some refixturing, and added a more extensive line of hardware merchandise. Until this time we had carried on a heating and plumbing business on a limited scale, as well. In 1977, because the Crest Hardware franchise was withdrawn from Ontario, we joined the "PRO" group, whose head office is in London, Ontario and have carried on since then as "Mouck's Pro Hardware".

Over the years we have appreciated the assistance of our sons in off school hours, various casual helpers and especially Mrs. Kathleen (Molly) McGee, who was with us from 1957 until she retired in 1975 and Mrs. Eileen Barnard from 1975 who is still with us. We do appreciate their dedication and services.

From the first day of business in 1957, when a group of fellow business men came to the store to say farewell to Mr. McGee and present him with a gift, and extended to us a warm welcome and good

wishes, we have enjoyed the friendship of residents of this village and surrounding area. We are very grateful for your patronage and hope we warrant the trust you have put in us. THANK YOU.



Mouck's Pro Hardware

SHAW'S SHOE STORE

Edna Shaw

The only shoe store now operating in Stirling originated in 1908. The first owners were Mr. and



Ham Johnston, George Reynolds, Dennis Walsh, Ed Baker, 1932.



Nora (Reynolds) Wescott and Husband

1847

- Martin 6 January 14th Married Maria Martin Graham & Bridget Haney
 Witnesses Patrick Madarick & Mary Graham
 Mich^l Brennan P.B.
- John 7 January 19th Married John Synch & Jane M. O'Neil
 Witnesses Thomas Munn & Ann Gardner
 Mich^l Brennan P.B.
- Benjamin 8 January 19th Married Benjamin Madshaw & Margaret Haney
 Witnesses James May & Margaret Madden
 Mich^l Brennan P.B.
- John 9 January 20th Married John Carson & Catharine Tolin
 Witnesses Thomas Munn & Mary Carson
 Mich^l Brennan P.B.
- Patrick 10 January 20th Married Patrick Donough & Mary Downes
 Witnesses Michael Mahon & Mary Shea
 Mich^l Brennan P.B.
- James 11 January 26th Married James Gossell & Matilda Lewis
 Witnesses George Estlin & Ann Callary
 Mich^l Brennan P.B.
- James 12 Feb 15th Married Michael Downes & Margaret Kethan
 Witnesses James Downes & Margaret Kennedy
 Mich^l Brennan P.B.
- James 13 Feb 21st Married James Tully & Dora Tully
 Witnesses Hugh Mc Cormack & Bridget Haney
 Mich^l Brennan P.B.
- Patrick 14 Mar 22nd Married Patrick Donnell & Ellen T. Granville
 Witnesses Thomas Franklin & Mary Kehoe
 Mich^l Brennan P.B.
- John 15 June 8th Married John Munn & Mary Leonard
 Witnesses Patrick Munn & Mary Shannon

St. Michael's - Billeville

MARRIAGES

County of

Division of

No.	No.	No.	
1	1	1	
Name of Groom	DeVusha Charles	McGee Joshua Cleburn	Book Bruce
Age	22	30	24
Date of Marriage	March 5 th 1906	Jan 9 th 1906	July 26 th 1906
Place of Marriage	Marmora	Marmora	Marmora
Residence when Married	Marmora Township	Stirling	Marmora
Place of Birth	Lake Township	Stirling	Marmora
Bachelor or Widower	Bachelor	Bachelor	Bachelor
Occupation	Farmer 010080	Hotel Keeper 010081	Farmer 010082
Name of Father	Frank DeVusha	James McGee	John W Book
Maiden Name of Mother	Jane Ashley	Elizabeth Downs	Mary Anne Wells
Religious Denomination	Methodist	Roman Catholic	Roman Catholic
12	12	12	
Name of Bride	Whitney Mary Ethel	Murray Justina	Murphy Mary
Age	18	26	20
Residence when Married	Marmora Township	Marmora	Marmora
Place of Birth	Marmora Township	Marmora	Marmora
Spinster or Widow	Spinster	Spinster	Spinster
Occupation		Farmer	Farmer
Name of Father	Joshua Whitney	John Murray	Daniel Murphy
Maiden Name of Mother	Emma Vestenfelt	Mary O'Brien	Susan Auger
Religious Denomination	Roman Catholic	Roman Catholic	Roman Catholic
Name and Residence of Witnesses	Minnie Eastwood Marmora Agnes Malloch Marmora	Joseph Murray Marmora Helena Hegrow Stirling	Pierie Murphy Marmora Rosebook Marmora
By Whom Married	Rev. B. M. Harris	Rev. Thos. Murtagh	Rev. Thos. Murtagh
License or Banns	License	Banns	Banns
Date of Registration	March 2 nd 1906	March 21 st 1906	March 22 nd 1906
REMARKS			

Betty McGee (My Sister)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION was given to me by Dad and felt it best to endeavour to compile it in some manner for anyone interested.
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McGEE:

Sarah Murphy married Patrick McGee- Tyrone, Ireland. Patrick drowned in a bog in Ireland and Sarah Murphy McGee emigrated to Stirling, Ontario. Sarah Murphy McGee is buried in Frankfor cemetery. There were three children, Peter, John and Sarah.

Elizabeth O'Neil Hughes Sullivan: one child Susan Hughes.

PETER: married Ann Wright- widow with three children.

Mary Jane married Rodgers- grandmother of Maurice Bell
Royal Wright- frandfather of Roscoe Wright
Manuel Wright

Peter and Ann - seven children:

- EMMA - married James Searles
- ELIZABETH- married Joyce
- JAMES
- JOHN - married Emma Root
- VICTORIA - married Simmons
- MARY- Married McKenzie
- SARAH- married Whitmore

JOHN: married Susan Hughes: - five children

- GEO RGE * died in infancy
- CLINTON- died in infancy
- JAMES - married Elizabeth Downs
- Sarah Elizabeth - married Michael Kirby
- MARY ANN - married Michael Gibson - three children(Omaha)

SARAH- married Michael Dempsey- three children

- THOMAS - married Nan McHenry
- JOHN - married Mary Shannon - also Edith Johns
- MARY ELLEN - married Patrick Shannon

Mary and Patrick Shannon - unnt and uncle of Daniel Shannon and great uncle of Thomas Shannon.

KIRBY: This part added not because of blood relationship but of inter marriage:

- MICHAEL KIRBY bro of Mary Kirby (Downs)
m. PRISCILLA Laverety: 5 kids:
- MICHAEL m. Sarah ELIZABETH McGee (Aunt L.B.)
- THOS m. Katherine DORAN
- HONORA m. ~~Michael~~ Daniel COLLINS
- ELIZABETH m. WM. DORAN

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- Thomas Kirby: (DORAN)
- Ann Jane McGrath
- Theresa Ketcheson
- Michael Kirby (Stewart)
- Helen
- Tilly
- SR. Larogue
- SR. BARBARA

- Frances McAvooy (Honora Kirby)
- Dean - Francis - Geo - Joe - Phillip (Stella O'Brien)
- Thos, Dan, Jas, Mike, WM.
- Daniel Collins (Mary Kirby)
- PRISCILLA (Angus Farrell), Nell (Ross Turley),
- MARY (Thos McAvooy), ELIZABETH (Holland)
- WM DORAN (ELIZABETH Kirby)

DAN & MARY

Downs:

John Downs m. Mary Kirby - they lived in the small home across the street from the Church in Sterling. 8 children:

SARAH m. John Bucke

THOMAS m. Susan Hughes McGee - John McGee's widow, mother of Geo., ~~Clinton~~ Clinton, James, ELIZABETH & Mary Ann.

JOHN:

ROBT:

JM:

MARY: m. Patrick Foley, 3 kids: Alice, Sr. Mary Consili & John.

ELIZABETH: m. James McGee: 3 kids John Clinton, WM. Joseph & Thomas Felix.

MICHAEL: m. Mary Ellen Shea: 5 kids John, WM, ELIZABETH, ARTHUR & Ann.

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Bernie's father John Clinton McGee
GR. father James McGee son of John

Catherine Mueeny has chest
R.R. #3 GANANOGUE, Ont
K7G 2V5 (613) 382-3439

Mc Gee ** Downs :

JAMES Mc Gee & ELIZABETH Downs m¹⁵ ~~14~~ Sept 18

John Clinton b. ~~23~~ 24 Aug 1876 d 28 Oct 1958

m. MARY JUSTINA MURRAY (d. 27 May 1966)

on 10 JAN 1906 - 5 KIDS

① JAMES Murray d. 10 FEB 1973

② John Clinton d. 1 APR 1983

③ MARY Helena Bernadelle (wife of Thomas Shannon)

④ MONICA ELIZABETH (bro. of James)

⑤ WM. Joseph (d. 7 July 1989.

WM. Joseph b. 31 May 1879 (died)

Thos Felix b. 13 APR 1882 m. Mary

Green in 1908. Kids: Thos, Loretta, MARQUEITE & Helen.

- d. 4 Jan 1984

- d. 17 Aug 1977

MARQUEITE m. Ross Woodrow 1943

2 Kids Brian & Joan

ONT

Bernadette Shannon Box 214 Glenavon 509 142

MARY JUSTINA MURRAY b. 28 Sept 1882

m. John Clinton McGee 10 JAN 1906.

Kids: James^{Murray} John Clinton, Mary Helena Bernadette

Monica ELIZABETH & Wm. Joe. & she d. 27 May 19

OBITUARY

Faint, mostly illegible text in the lower half of the page, likely an obituary or a list of names.

Wedding Bells

CONLEY—MCGEE.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. McGee, Rawdon, on Wednesday, July 9th, at noon, when their daughter, Florence Mabel, was united in marriage to Raymond Conley, of Kingston. The Rev. R. Simpson, of Stirling, performed the ceremony, which took place on the verandah, the bride and groom standing beneath an arch of evergreens and wedding bells.

The bride looked lovely in a gown of peach crepe, with veil and orange blossoms, and carrying pink roses and sweet peas.

After the ceremony the guests, numbering about forty, sat down to a splendid dinner, after which the happy couple left on a motor trip, carrying with them the best wishes of their many friends.

The bride's going away dress was an ensemble suit of sand tricotine, with hat to match.

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SARAH ELIZABETH MCGEE

The death occurred, Tuesday, April 7th, of Sarah Elizabeth McGee, wife of Charles Demorest, after an illness of six weeks.

She was born in Sidney, on January the 9th, 1857, and was married June 21st, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Demorest first settled in Murray and they resided there for 28 years. Then moved with their family to Rawdon 21 years ago where they have made their home ever since. Mrs. Demorest was a kind wife and a good mother and was always ready to lend a helping hand. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and four sons, John, of Murray; Robert, of Queensland, Australia; Bruce and Burness, at home; also four daughters, Mrs. W. Rogers, Mrs. E. Thompson, Toronto, Mrs. H. Mack, Campbellford, Mrs. W. Sine, Rawdon.

Also one brother Robert McGee, of Lockwood, Sask., and four sisters Mrs. Frank Demorest, and Mary McGee, Stirling, Mrs. Edward Haggitt, Blythe, Ont., Mrs. Harry Wheeler, Cluffield, Sask. One son Arthur predeceased her 30 years ago. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. C. W. Barrett, assisted by Rev. F. G. Joblin, on Friday, April 10th, from the family residence, Rawdon. Interment was made at Stockdale Cemetery.

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MCGEE—MURRAY

The church of the Sacred Heart was the scene of a pretty event yesterday morning at 10 o'clock when the marriage of Miss Justina, daughter of Mr. J. Murray to Mr. Clinton McGee of Stirling was solemnized by Rev. Father Murtagh.

The bride was becomingly gowned in brown chiffon broadcloth, the blouse of brown silk and lace yoke and hat of

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