

MC SHEA

MICHAEL MC SHEA

b. 1819c Ireland
d.

ISABELLA KEMP

m.
b.
d.

Mary McShea Pagett
Royal
THOMAS B.

b. 1845 Marmora, ONT
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b. 1849 Marmora, ONT

THOMAS B. MC SHEA

b. 1849 Marmora, ONT
d. 1930c Indianapolis, IN

(ALICE) JOSEPHINE EARLE

m. 21 Oct 1875 Shannonville, ONT
b. 1854c
d. 1889c

EMMA BELLE M. KNIGHT
(George) Earle
Percy
Jenny

b. 19 Oct 1877 Belleville, ONT
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Michael was 52 years of age when the 1871 census of Hastings and Prince Edwards Counties was taken. We learned his wife's maiden name from the COUNTY OF HASTINGS MARRIAGE REGISTER "Wm. Pagett 27 yrs of Marmora s/of Wm. Pagett & Catherine Parnham married 24 Dec. 1867 to Mary McShea age 22 of Marmora born Ontario dau. of Michael McShea and Isabella Kemp.

Thomas B. was born at Marmora but lived in Trenton, Ontario at the time of his marriage to Josephine, only daughter of George R. and Susan Jane Maxim Earle, at the Earle home by the Rev. L. A. Betts.

By 1882 the family was in Flint, Michigan where T. B. had a bakery and confectioner shop at 714 Saginaw Street. Three years later he was a teacher at Wolverine Business College and lived on Liberty Street between Third and Fourth Streets. In the 1888/9 combined city directory, the time of Josephine's death from typhoid fever, Thomas was again listed as a baker at 112 East First Street and resided at 213 Kearsley Street along with a boarder - Anna McShea. Could she have been an unmarried sister? There is no listing in the 1892/3 city directory, so Thomas had probably left Flint by then.

Searches of the Genesee County Clerk's Office and the vital statistics department of the State of Michigan as well as the Archives in Ontario have produced no death certificate for Josephine. When she died, T. B. placed the children to be raised by other couples.

Earle lived with T. B.'s brother, Royal McShea, in Kansas City before moving to California. Harriett Henderson Knight Mulock remembered Earle's visits to Michigan. Emma (whose first name

was Sarah) lived with Nell and Sam Randall, probably at 629 Garland - just north of downtown Flint, from the time she was

twelve until she married Alfred Henderson Knight in 1903. At that time, she was employed as secretary and clerk at Flint High School, Central High on Crapo Street in 1986, east of downtown Saginaw Street. Harriett was afraid as a child that when she turned twelve her mother would die also.

SOURCES: Recollections of Harriett Henderson Knight Mulock and Elizabeth Earle Knight Restruck; "Daily Intelligencer", 27 October 1875, Belleville, Ontario; Marriage Record, Office of Registrar General, Toronto; County of Hastings Marriage Register 1858-1869, Vol. 5; Flint, Michigan city directories of 1882, 1885, 1888/9, 1892/3, and 1897-99