

Descendants of Richard Briggs

Generation No. 1

1. RICHARD⁴ BRIGGS (*JOHN SHELTON³, ROBERT², PATTMAN¹*) was born May 31, 1815 in Nottinghamshire, England, and died January 19, 1891 in Marmora Twp. Hastings Co. Ontario. He married MARY PAGETT August 21, 1838 in Hallowell, Prince Edward, Ont., daughter of WILLIAM PAGETT. She was born July 14, 1820 in Nottinghamshire, England, and died February 23, 1910 in Marmora, Hastings County, Ontario.

Notes for RICHARD BRIGGS:

Richard Briggs' parents were John Briggs and Mary Johnson who were married 15 August 1811 in Balderton Parish, Nottinghamshire with consent of her father, Thomas Johnson, of Southwell,

Richard was their second child. Richard Briggs was baptized 31 May 1815 at Balderton and just 2 months later his father John died and buried on the 11 July 1815 in Balderton. I don't have a cause of death or the exact date of his death but it is usually 2 days after death that they're buried.

His mother Mary Johnson had 3 children with John Briggs and then remarried 5 years later and had 3 more with Gorge Wells. It doesn't appear that the parents came to Canada . Of the 6 children that Mary Johnston had it looks like just Richard and John Wells (Richards half brother) came to this country.

Richard and Mary Pagett were married by Rev. John Black, a Wesleyan Methodist minister. Their witnesses were George Noah William Pagett

Exactly when Richard and Mary came from England, and exactly when they took up the land in Marmora twp. is unknown. 1877 Richard Briggs leased a portion of it to James Brown for 7 years at \$90.00 per year. The question comes up since Richard and Mary were married in Prince Edward County in 1838 and do not appear on the 1842 or 1851 census in that County. Possibly they may have 'squatted' (a very common practice) until they wanted to do something with the land in a legal way and then registered it.

The Brigg's family homestead in Marmora Twp., was located on Lot 19, in the 5th Concession, and consisted of 200 acres. Beaver Creek runs through this property,

and Richard and his sons Issac and John built and operated a large saw mill on the creek. In 1897 the Mill and Farm were sold to William Bonter and his family, and they operated the mill until it was struck by lightning and burned on 1918. There is still some of the foundation standing. In order to get to the actual spot where the mill stood, you have to go down to the 6th Concession which peters out at someone's gate, and then walk some distance through the woods and cross the creek on the bridge. If you enter from the 5th concession, you must pass up Bonters laneway, past the house that Richard Briggs built.

As well as serving the area as a Sawmill, the Briggs were well known for their quality Cheese boxes which were mostly taken down to Belleville to the larger cheese factory's there.

Richard Briggs was a Cabinetmaker by trade and it was stated that he was entitled to add "cabinetmaker to the Queen" to his trademark.

(As a special note on a census some of the girls (Mary Briggs and her daughter Elizabeth) are listed as Spinsters. They were so designated because they were skilled spinners and went from farm to farm or had the wool brought to them and spun it into fine yarn for other folk.)

Notes for MARY PAGETT:

Mary Pagett's father was William Pagett. Her mother was ?
Mary immigrated in 1835 from England.

More About MARY PAGETT:

Immigration: 1835

Children of RICHARD BRIGGS and MARY PAGETT are:

- i. ELIZABETH⁵ BRIGGS, b. 1841; m. CHARLES BARRONS; b. June 19, 1836, Ireland; d. January 02, 1910, Marmora Twp. Hastings Co. Ontario.

Notes for CHARLES BARRONS:

Charles was 74 years, 6 months when he died.

- ii. ISAAC BRIGGS, b. February 24, 1849, Hastings Co. Marmora, Ontario; d. March 22, 1921, Cordova Mines, Peterborough Co., Ontario; m. CAROLINE REID, July 03, 1882, Hastings County, Marmora. Ontario; b. November 22, 1862, Rawdon Twp, Hastings Co. Ontario; d. 1936, Cordova Mines.

Notes for ISAAC BRIGGS:

1891 census of Marmora & Lake Twps. Hastings Co. show Isaac 40 years and born Ontario. That would make his birth date 1851. Tombstone shows 1850.

Isaac's father was Richard Briggs born 1816. His mother Mary Pagett born 1820.

004239-82 (Hastings Co) Isaac BRIGGS, 32, farmer, Marmora, Marmora s/o Richard BRIGGS & Mary PAGET married Caroline REED, 18, Marmora, Marmora d/o Daniel REED & Barbara KEENE wtn: Jerome KEENE &

Emma REED both of Marmora, 3 July 1882 at Daniel Reed's residence in Marmora

More About ISAAC BRIGGS:

Burial: Marmora Town Cemetery, Hastings Co. Marmora Ontario

Occupation: farmer

Notes for CAROLINE REID:

According to 1891 census Caroline was 26 which makes her born in 1865 but baptism says 1864. Tombstone states 1862.

More About CAROLINE REID:

Baptism: October 05, 1864, Rawdon Twp. Hastings Co. Ontario

Burial: Marmora Twp Hastings Co.

- iii. JOHN THOMAS BRIGGS, b. 1852, Marmora Twp. Hastings Co. Ontario; d. December 23, 1898, Marmora Twp. Hastings Co. Ontario.

Notes for JOHN THOMAS BRIGGS:

Never married. He was ill 5 days then died of typhoid fever.

- iv. MARGARET ANN BRIGGS, b. 1859.
v. SARAH ANN BRIGGS, b. 1859.
vi. FANNY BRIGGS, b. July 13, 1863; d. April 1905, Marmora Twp. Hastings Co. Ontario.

Notes for FANNY BRIGGS:

Fanny died of complications of diabetes. She lived at Lot 23, Con. 3, Marmora Twp. Ontario

- vii. MARY JANE BRIGGS, b. December 24, 1864, Beaver Creek Hastings County, Ontario; d. May 04, 1947, St. Catharines, Lincoln County, Ontario; m. JOHN HUBERT YOUNG, January 02, 1893, Norwood, Peterborough County, Ontario; b. May 28, 1875, Madoc, Hastings County, Ontario; d. February 10, 1947, Thorold, Ontario.

Notes for MARY JANE BRIGGS:

Information on the Young family received from Martha Hedden. Daughter of Adelbert Young. Granddaughter of Mary Briggs sent to Hazel Petherick (Fisher)

#9934-93 John Herbert Young, 21, laborer, Madoc, Marmora, s/o John Young & Lucy Jane Bailey, married Mary Jane Briggs, 23, Marmora, same, d/o Richard Briggs & Mary Paget, witn: George Barron & Fannie Briggs, both of Marmora, 2 Jan. 1893 at Norwood.

More About MARY JANE BRIGGS:

Burial: Fairview Cemetery, Niagara Falls, Ontario Section 7 Plot 583

Notes for JOHN HUBERT YOUNG:

Johns parents were John Milton Young and Lucy Jane Bailey.

More About JOHN HUBERT YOUNG:

Burial: Fairview Cemetery, Niagara Falls, Ontario