

the Farmer Family

Memoir of the Farmer Family as told by Pearl (Farmer)

Lillico

From whence cometh this Family of Farmers?

Grandmother Pearl was very certain they were surely of the "Old Green Sod" of Ireland. Out of curiosity a trace was placed at the "genealogical desk" in the duty free shop at Shannon Airport. There was no trace to be found of the name Farmer so they recommended to find the Keltic word equivalent and then present it. However a search was made in Scotland that was more successful. "Scots Kith and Kin" by Albyn Press Ltd. for "Clan House" 117 Grove St. Edinburgh, the Farmer name appeared in Fife County in the 14th century and in Perth County in the 15th century.

Scot or Not, Irish they profess to be.

On a year, some time between 1843 and 1848, **three brothers of the Farmer family of Tipperary County Ireland, namely Samuel with his wife and four or five children, Robert and John, left their home and sailed from Ireland and settled on a land grant close to Richmond, Ontario.**

A few years later Samuel Farmer and family relocated to a farm on the Russell Road about eight miles from the center of Ottawa This farm was later known as the Raymond Kemp farm. John Farmer moved to a farm on the Russell Road just east of Taylorville (now known as Ramsayville). Samuel would be another couple of miles east of John on the same road. Robert remained on the original grant at Richmond.

A great deal of research is required to properly document this family or should I say - these families. From various and numerous inquiries it appears there was very limited communication between the three branches of this family.

As there is no record found to establish the names of the parents of these three they will be Identified as:-

Samuel and descendants from :- "1a"

John and descendants from :- "1b"

Robert and descendants from :- "1c"

1a Samuel Farmer

son of

Born -

Died -

Married - "Lady" Susan Dudley, on, at
daughter of

Born -

Died -

Children:-

- 1 Margaret Farmer - 09 Sep 1831
- 2 Frances Farmer - 01 Jul 1833
- 3 John Farmer - 24 Jun 1835
- 4 Mary Ellen Farmer - 11 Aug 1837
- 5 Robert Farmer 07 Apr 1943
- 6 William Farmer - 04 Nov 1948

Samuel and "Lady" Dudley were immigrants therefore birth/marriage records would be in their country of origin. The statistics of the children would be in Ireland for those born before migration occurred. And in Ontario for the balance. (Robery? & William).

1a1 Margaret Farmer
daughter of Samuel Farmer and "Lady" Susan Dudley

Born - 09 Sep 1831
Died -
Married - Patrick Casey, on , at
son of
Born -
Died -
Children:- unknown

Margaret was almost ostracised from her family for marrying a Roman Catholic. This couple lived quite happily on aa farm just off the highway at East Tempelton.(east of Gatineau) PQ.

1a2 Frances Farmer
daughter of Samuel Farmer and "Lady" Susan Dudley

Born - 01 Jul 1833
Died -
Married - Samuel FitzSimmons, on , at
son of
Born -
Died -
Children:-
1 George FitzSimmons -
2 John FitzSimmons
3 Samuel Jr. FitzSimmons
4 Susan FitzSimmons
5 Margaret FitzSimmons
6 Robert A. FitzSimmons
7 Thomas FitzSimmons
8 Bella FitzSimmons

Frances and Samuel farmed at Blacckburn. Following Samuels' death in 1903, the family moved to a house on Chamberlain Street in Ottawa. It is not known what became of George. He was never heard from after this move. John and Samuel Jr. found work with the Department of Works in the City of Ottawa. Susan and Margaret found work with a Bank Note Company in Ottawa. These four children never married. After Fraances died the four continued to live in the house and belonged to the evangelical Holyness Movement Church on the corner of 5th Ave. and Monk Street. The ladies were always dresssed in total black, Wide brimed hat, long cloak, long ankle length skirts and mid-calf length boots. The men also wore total black, with hat, shirt, jacket, trousers, boots and coats similar to the members of the Mennonite faith. It was quite a contrast to other folk as they walked to and from church every Sunday regardless of weather.

1a21 George FitzSimmons
son of Frances Farmer and Samuel FitzSimmons
Born -
Died -
Nothing more known of this gentleman.

1a22 John FitzSimmons

son of Frances Farmer and Samuel FitzSimmons

Born -

Died -

Bachelor, worked for the City of Ottawa, Public Works Dept.

1a23 Samuel FitzSimmons Jr.

son of Frances Farmer and Samuel FitzSimmons

Born -

Died -

Bachelor, worked for the City of Ottawa, Public Works Dept.

OBITUARY - The Ottawa Citizen - Tuesday 16 Jun 1936

At his late residence, 42 Chamberlain Avenue on Saturday June 13th 1936 Samuel Fitzsimons in his 74th year. Funeral service at the above address on Tuesday June 16th at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Blackburn Cemetery.

OBITUARY

The Ottawa Citizen -

Samuel Fitzsimons

Many friends and sympathizers attended the funeral yesterday afternoon of Samuel Fitzsimons, well known resident of Ottawa who died on Saturday, which was held from his home at 29 Chamberlain Avenue. The service was conducted by the Rev. W.A. McCracken, and the body was taken to Blackburn Cemetery where Rev. C. Maxwell of St. Mary's Anglican Church conducted the committal service.

Chief mourners were one brother Robert A. Fitzsimons and two sisters Misses Susan and Margaret Fitzsimons, also of Ottawa. Also surviving is an other sister Mrs. Bella Baskerville of Boissevain, Man.

Manifesting the esteem in which he was held, many floral offerings and messages of regret were received.

1a24 Susan FitzSimmons

daughter of Frances Farmer and Samuel FitzSimmons

Born -

Died -

Spinster, worked for a Bank Note Company in Ottawa.

1a25 Margaret FitzSimmons

daughter of Frances Farmer and Samuel FitzSimmons

Born -

Died -

Spinster, worked for a Bank Note Company in Ottawa.

1a26 Robert FitzSimmons

son of Frances Farmer and Samuel FitzSimmons

Born -

Died -

Married - McNab, on, at

daughter off.....

Born -

Died -

Children:-

1 Nellie FitzSimmons

2 Maymie FitzSimmons

Robert owned a duplex on the corner of Argyle Avenue and Cartier Street. His family occupied the lower apartment in the building.

1a261 Nellie FitzSimmons

daughter of Robert FitzSimmons and McNab

Born -

Died -

Married - Carl Anderson. on , at
son of

Born -

Died -

After they married, Nellie and Carl occupied the upper apartment in Samuel's duplex.

1a262 Maymie FitzSimmons

daughter of Robert FitzSimmons and McNab

Born -

Died -

Married - Walter Herbst, on , t
son of

Born -

Died -

Father Samuel had died before the wedding of Maymie and Walter so they moved in with Frances in the lower apartment of the duplex.

1a27 Thomas FitzSimmons

son of Frances Farmer and Samuel FitzSimmons

Born -

Died -

Married - Woods, on , at
daughter of

Born -

Died -

Children:- unknown

Thomas and family located in the State of Montana, USA. There was no communication with the rest of the family

1a28 Bella FitzSimmons

daughter of Frances Farmer and Samuel FitzSimmons

Born -

Died -

Married - Baskerville, on , at
son of

Born -

Died -

1a3 **John Farmer**

son of Samuel Farmer and "Lady" Susan Dudley

Born - 24 Jun 1835

Died - 20 Feb 1907

Married - Mary Ann Morrow, on , at
daughter of Lt. Col. Morrow, UEL. and

Born - 1830

Died - 11 May 1920

Children:-

- 1 **William John Farmer** -
- 2 Thomas David Farmer -
- 3 Robert Wellington Farmer -
- 4 Robena Farmer -

John Farmer, known as "Black John" as there were more Farmers with the name "JOHN" living in close proximity. (eg; - 1b - Robert Farmer was known as "RED JOHN")

OBITUARY - The Ottawa Citizen

The Late Mrs. Farmer

The death of **Mary Ann Morrow**, relict of the late John. Farmer who predeceased her in 1907, occurred at the residence of her son, David Farmer, Cumberland Ont. She had always known almost perfect health and up to a very few weeks previous to her death, was bright and alert, mentally and physically, notwithstanding her advanced age of over 90 years.

The late Mrs. Farmer was born in Lachute, Quebec, a daughter of the late Lieut. Colonel and Mrs Morrow, who were U.E. Loyalists and came to Canada in 1784. Strong patriotism, a religious life, to her an every day blessing, and a memory of keen accuracy, served but to increase the wonder of all who knew the remarkable old lady..

She leaves three sons and one daughter; William J. Farmer, Dillon, Montana; T. David Farmer, Cumberland; Robert W. Farmer, Ottawa, and Mrs Jno Hunton, Ottawa, also 27 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

The funeral took place from her son's residence in Cumberland, to St. Mary's Church, Blackburn, the service being conducted by Rev. A. Lett, and interment being made beside her husband in Blackburn's Church of England cemetery.

1a31 **William John Farmer**

son of John Farmer and Mary Ann Morrow

Born - Dec 1860

Died - 18 May 1938 at Long Beach, CA.

Married - Frances Agness Hood, on , at

daughter of William Hood and Ellen Braden

Born - 18 Jan 1864 at Cyrville ON.

Died - 28 Feb 1947 at San Gabriel, CA.

Children: -

- 1 "Myrtle" Farmer -
- 2 John "Howard" Farmer - 14 Dec 1892
- 3 Infant
- 4 "Alpha" R. Farmer - 08 Mar 1899
- 5 "Claytus" Farmer -
- 6 "Laila" Farmer -
- 7 "Kenneth" Farmer -
- 8 "Vella" Farmer -

The Masonic Lodge officiated at Wm. John's Funeral.

1a31-1 **Myrtle Farmer**

daughter of William Farmer and F. Agnes Hood

Born -

Died -

Married - Warren Churchill, on , at

son of

Born -

Died -

Children:-

- 1 William (Billie) Churchill -
- 2 Dorothy Churchill -
- 3 Helen Churchill -

4 Neil Churchill -
5 Elizabeth (Betty) Churchill -
6 Robert (Bobby) Churchill -
7 Edith Churchill

NOTE - The name Warren is that given by Mrs. Pearl Sproule. Could be this man's name was - say - Warren Oliver - or - Oliver Warren, or perhaps Warren was an error and the name should be only Oliver.??

1a31-11 William 'Billie/Audrey' Churchill, daughter of Myrtle Farmer and Warren Churchill
Born -
Died -
Married - Vance, on, at

1a31-12 Dorothy Churchill
daughter of Myrtle Farmer and Warren Churchill
Born -
Died -
Married - . . . ?? . . . Vance, on, at
son of
Born -
Died -
Children:-
1 Burl Vance

Dates unknown at this time but it was known Burl was older than his Aunt Edith Churchill.

1a31-13 Helen Churchill
daughter of Myrtle Farmer and Warren Churchill
Born -
Died -

1a31-14 Neil Churchill
son of Myrtle Farmer and Warren Churchill
Born -
Died -

1a31-15 Elizabeth Churchill
daughter of Myrtle Farmer and Warren Churchill
Born -
Died -

1a31-16 Robert Churchill
son of Myrtle Farmer and Warren Churchill
Born -
Died -
Married – Betty Marie Leutschaft -

1a31-17 Edith Churchill
daughter of Myrtle Farmer and Warren Churchill
Born -
Died -

**1a31-2 John William "Howard" Farmer
son of Wm. John Farmer and F. Agnes Hood**

Born - 14 Dec 1892 Butte, Montana

Died - 07 May 1983 San Clemente, CA.

Howard never married.

OBITUARY - FARMER, - John William Howard Farmer, age 90, a resident of San Clemente, passed away Saturday morning. He is survived by two sisters, Laila Cliffe and Vella Fortine, San Clemente, CA. He is also survived by nieces and nephews. MR Farmer was a Member of the Taft Midway Lodge No. 426, F & AM. He was a past High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons, Krn Valley Chapter No. 75 and a Past Commander of the Knights Templar, Bakersfield Commandery No.

39. He also belonged to Bakersfield Council Nn. 28 Cryptic Masons, Central California Research Lodge F & AM Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine and the High Twelve Club of Taft No. 216.

Visitation Sunday and Monday in Lesneski Colonial Chapel, Graveside services under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge, Tuesday May 10th 1983 11 am. Monetecito Memorial Park, Waterman Ave. at Barton Rd. Colton, CA. Those who wish may make contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, c/o the family.

Lesneski Mortuary, 640 South El Camino Real, San Clemente CA. Directors 492-1717.

1a31-3 Infant.

1a31-4 Alpha R. Farmer

daughter of Wm. John Farmer and F. Agnes Hood

Born - 08 Mar 1899

Died - 01 Aug 1958

Married - Frank Aspinwall, on, at

son of

Born -

Died -

Children:-

None

1a31-5 Claytus Farmer

son of Wm. John Farmer and F. Agnes Hood.

Born -

Died -

Married -

daughter of

Born -

Died -

1a31-6 Laila Farmer

daughter of Wm. John Farmr and F. Agnes Hood

Born -

Died -

Married - Clifford, on

son of

Born -

Died -

1a31-7 Kenneth Farmer
son of Wm. John Farmer and F. Agnes Hood
Born -
Died -
Married -
daughter of
Born -
Died -

Kenneth died of a heart attack while on the ferry crossing San Fransisco Bay on his way home from work.

1a31-8 Vella Farmer
daughter of Wm. John Farmer and F. Agnes Hood
Born -
Died -
Married - Douglas Fortine, on , at
son of
Born - 07 Dec 1909 Santa Maria, CA.
Died - 23 Sep 1981 San Clemente, CA.
Children:
1 Bruce Duane Fortine 15 Dec 1937
2 Rita Fortine

1a32 Thomas "David" Farmer
son of (Black) John Farmer and Mary Ann Morrow
Born - 09 Aug 1863
Died - 20 Jun 1937
Married - Jane Bickerton, on , at
dughter of
Born - 09 Sep 1865
Died -
Children:
1 Robena Eva Farmer 25 Sep 1894
2 Catherine Mary Consula Farmer 22 Nov 1895
3 Stella Lydia Jane Farmer 26 Dec 1897
4 David John "Walter" Farmer, MD. 22 Dec 1899
5 "Carleton" Richard Farmer 22 Apr 1902
6 "Olive" Myrtle Agnes Farmer
7 "Opal" Annie Osborne Farmer 03 Oct 1909

When Daviv arrived in this world the family was living on a farm in Blackburn. Later they moved to a farm at Taylorville on the Russell road. It is assumed the family was in Blackburn again when David and Jane were married in 1893. In the flil of '97, David and family moved to Bute, Montana. They returned home, unannounced, in 1903 and took posession of title to the family farm. In 1905 David sold the Blackburn farm and purchased the Petrie frm, located east of Ottawa on the Montreal Road along the river. A few years later he sold the Petrie farm and purchased a fgfrm on the Montreal Road about 1 mile west of Cumberlans. This farm had a beautiful huge stone house. This farm was handed down to Carleton and his fmily.

1a32-1 Robena "Eva" Farmer
daughter of T. David Farmer and Jane Bickerton
Born - 25 Sep 1894
Died - 08 Oct 1978

Married - "Robert" James Kennedy, on , at
son of

Born -1892

Died - 24 Jun 1970

Children:-

1 Alvin Kennedy

2 Irving (Bus) Kennedy

3 Carleton Kennedy

4 Evelyn Kennedy

5 Laurie Kennedy

6 Joyce Kennedy