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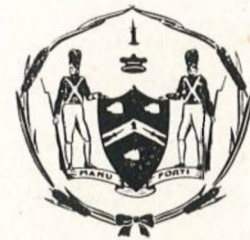
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THE HOME DREAM

By Peter McArthur

In all the world of dreams but one is worth the heart's desire,
A sheltering roof, a table spread, a place beside the fire;
A home where little children play, where age in love may cease,
And down the years the soul of man has dreamed this dream of peace.

The oldest dream in all the world in every age is new—
The old dream, the home dream, the little dream come true.

Where toiled our fathers without hope, this dream before them passed,
They rose and followed where it led, in faith that held them fast.
And Ocean could not stay their march, nor storms that guard the shore,
Nor Death that took such cruel toll, while marched this dream before.

And to the wilderness they came, where rested in their view,
The old dream, the home dream, the little dream come true.

With cold and hunger for their part, through years of bitter toil,
They swept the forest from the earth and tilled the kingly soil.
They builded humbly as was fit, a homeland richly blessed,
And on the field that they had won they laid them down to rest.

And here beside a sunlit wall I dream the long day through,
The old dream, the home dream, the little dream come true.

So take no heed of Time or Fate, or evils that befall;
The little dream of Peace and Love will conquer over all.
Empires may rise and pass away and thrones to dust be hurled,
But until God recalls His dream its light will light the world.

As old as Time, as fresh as dawn, to every mortal new—
The old dream, the home dream, the little dream come true.

FOREWORD !

As the years that separate the Canada of today from the Canada of the early settlers pass by, Canadians are becoming more and more aware of the fact that a heritage of history is being handed down from generation to generation. This is recorded in the cemeteries of the country, on the cairns which are appearing in ever increasing numbers on our highways, in old buildings which are being preserved and in the records compiled by Historical Societies in many communities. In most families cherished memories of the pioneer ancestors were handed down for a few generations. But as the descendants become more numerous and more scattered, these memories will be lost if they are not written down.

The descendants of John Mackay and Christena Munro, who settled on the "Homestead" on the twelfth concession of East Nissouri, in 1832, are proud of these ancestors, and of the less remote ancestors who were their children and grandchildren. True, one never heard of a Mackay being premier of a province, or even a millionaire. But they have woven a tiny thread in the History of Canada.

By their perseverance these first Canadian ancestors have hewn homes out of the forest and made gardens in the wilderness. They brought from the land which they left forever those habits of industry and thrift which have carried them over all depressions and enabled them to help their less fortunate neighbors. While they were busy with their home making, they had in their hearts a thankfulness to which they gave expression daily, at the family altar, and in deeds of kindness toward their neighbors. Each succeeding genera-

tion has produced those who have carried on these traits, and have made the common life richer for having lived in it; and sons and daughters have gone to the ends of the earth to teach black and white that life is a big thing and that it is worth while.

In these times of depression and oppression, it would be well if the younger generation were able to turn back the pages of history and see why their forefathers left the heather clad hills and the glens which were especially beautiful in their sight because of their childhood association with them; why they left the old home and the loved ones.

With some such thoughts as these in mind, a number of the members of the clan expressed their desire to see in print, some of the history of their people. Accordingly, a few of them began to make a family tree, starting to work on a piece of paper one yard square. At the end of the first evening it was found that it would not begin to hold all the names. In the meantime, their interest in this work grew, and, as they went to others of the family for information, the interest spread. Then a number of people said, "Why not print the tree in a book and add to it all the family history that can be dug up, so that there might be a copy in each home?"

On July 1st, 1934, this plan was submitted to the clan, assembled at its annual picnic, and approved. Those appointed to the Book Committee were: George Mackay, George Matheson, Mrs. J. Reith, Anabel Mackay and John D. Lawrence.

The members of the Committee wish to thank all those who have assisted in the preparation of the book, by writing the history of their own branch of the family.

THE PICNICS

The summer of 1831 saw our ancestors, John Mackay and Christena Munro, on their 13-week ocean journey from Scotland to Canada. In 1903, seventy-two years after, their youngest son, Alexander, and his wife, celebrated their golden wedding at their home on the Governor's Road near Thamesford, which is within a mile of the old homestead. It is possible that this party suggested the desirability of having an annual gathering. Accordingly, under the leadership of John G. Mackay and George McKenzie, then cheesemaker at Dunn's factory, near Ingersoll, the first picnic was held on July 1st, 1904. At that time Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mackay lived on the Homestead. From then until the present time, 1936, with the exception of the seven years from 1909 to 1915, inclusive, a reunion has been held on each July first.

For the next four years the clan enjoyed the hospitality of Jno. G. Mackay, who was regarded as Chief, and his gracious wife, at the homestead. Then when the picnics were resumed in 1916, after missing the seven years, the meeting places have been the homes of William M. Mackay, Half Concession of East Nissouri; John Mackay, Thamesford; John M. Mackay, Town Line; George Mackay, Governor's Road (twice); R. A. McDonald, 11th Concession, near Kintore; Calvin Mackay, Kintore (twice); John Matheson, 12th Line; John G. Mackay, the homestead (three times, making seven times in all); Dr. Weir, Thamesford; William J. Mackay, Thamesford; John Lawrence and his mother, Thamesford; Mrs. William Sutherland, Dorchester; John Reith, Governor's Road; Bruce Mackay, Half Concession, and Alex. Lawrence, near Embro. One picnic was held at Springbank, near London, and one at Adam's school, about a mile north of the homestead.

A register has been kept at each picnic and an effort has been made to have all those present sign the book. According to these records, the smallest number present at any picnic was fifty-nine, in the year

1905, and the largest number was one hundred and seventy-six, in 1922. The average for the twenty-five picnics that have been held is one hundred and thirty-nine.

The guests usually arrive about noon, the ladies bringing baskets of good things to eat. If the meeting place is a farm, as is usually the case, the people gather in the orchard. When the tea is made and the baskets are all opened up, the company is seated on benches under the trees. Then, after all have joined in singing the blessing, a number of the younger people pass around the food. Dinner over, those interested in sports go to a near-by field where different contests are put through. The rest sit in the shade of the trees and visit.

The program at these gatherings varies but certain features are always present. As long as he lived, John G. Mackay repeated for the benefit of the rising generation the story of the migration of our ancestors to Canada, and he sometimes recounted, also, some items in connection with the history of the Mackays in the Old Land.

Always the whole company joins in the singing of what is called the clan paraphrase, "Oh, God of Bethel," to the tune "Salzburg." Sometimes bagpipe music has formed part of the program, W. A. Ross of Harrington and Calvin Sutherland officiating and also Pipe Major Johnston of Ingersoll. The pipers in their bright tartans, walking back and forth under the orchard trees, not only add a picturesque feature, but they also form a link between the Canadian farm homes and the old country.

At the 1917 picnic, a quartette, composed of John G. Mackay, Mrs. William Sutherland, Mrs. D. Lawrence and her brother John Mackay sang the twenty-third psalm in Gaelic.

In 1918 there was an absence of "pies with sugar coating and rich cakes" in accordance with the war-time food con-

troller's rules. But bran bread and potato and nut cakes were thoroughly enjoyed.

In 1920 Rev. Wm. Mackay of Weston donated a silver cup to be awarded each year to the boy or girl making the most points at the games. Any one winning this cup for three consecutive years was to have it for his or her own. So far no one has qualified for this honor.

At different times since 1922 there has been Scotch dancing on the program, those participating being, Barbara Crotty, Marjorie Maxwell, Helen Weir and Ruth Sutherland.

In 1923 John G. Mackay placed on exhibition the Gaelic bible which was presented to our ancestors by their minister, Rev. Mr. Allen, on the morning of their sailing from Cromarty to Canada. The following inscription was written in this book by the minister:

Do' Ian MacAoidh agus do a' thearlach, na h'uile maith! agus le deadh dhochus gu'm be an leabhran beannicht so, a treorachadh an ceum, agus a toirst comhfhurtachd dhoibh anns an tir a rhoghainn iad mar aite comhnuidh.

To John Mackay and family with best wishes in the earnest hope that this blessed book may be their guide and solace in the land of their adoption.

Those present at the 1927 picnic heard, over a radio installed for the occasion by George Matheson and Mr. Bowman of Ingersoll, the program of the Jubilee Celebration at Ottawa, commemorating the sixtieth birthday of the Dominion of Canada.

At the 1929 picnic the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: (1) That the home of some member of the clan always be chosen as the place of meeting. (2) That new members coming into the clan by marriage or birth be presented and received and our pleasure expressed and acknowledged by the chairman. (3) That mention be made of the death of any member and sympathy expressed to the bereaved. (4) That we, the descendants of John and Christena Mackay, do something for the uplift and help of our fellowmen that will honor their memory and perpetuate the name Mackay. Number four was left to be thought over and be presented again at next year's meeting.

At the 1931 picnic the one hundredth anniversary of the coming to Canada of our ancestors was celebrated. The sixth generation was present in the person of John Pierson Matheson, infant son of Lyle Matheson of Akron, Ohio. At the close of the dinner, a three storey cake made by two great-granddaughters, Anabel and Agnes Mackay, was cut by Mrs. Alex Weir who was the oldest member present.

In the morning a decoration service was held in the cemetery at Thamesford where John and Christena Mackay and most of their children are buried. Mrs. D. Lawrence laid a wreath of flowers on each of the graves of our two first Canadian ancestors.

It was in the year 1931 that a picnic snap-shot album was started. In this are kept the following pictures: one of the home at which each picnic is held, a group of the family belonging to that home, a group of all those present and a group of the small children present.

In 1932 the clan suffered a great loss owing to the death of its chief, John G. Mackay. He had spent most of his life on the old homestead and he had distinct memories of his grandparents who established the clan in Canada. With his passing the Mackays felt that a very definite link with the past was broken. His son, another John Mackay, carries on at the old farm.

At the 1934 picnic William M. Mackay was installed as the new chief.

The following items, culled from the book in which the picnic records are kept, show the gradual passing of two generations since the first picnic was held, in 1904. Only 3 of the 9 children of John Mackay and Christena Munro were alive to attend the first picnic, George, William and Alex. There were present, at this picnic, 43 grandchildren. By 1935 there were only 10 of them present and they, in turn, were the old people. In 1904 there were 69 great-grand children in attendance. By 1935 there were only 27. In the thirty-one intervening years, these great-grandchildren had grown up and many of them had moved far away. At the 1935 picnic there were 14 great-great-grandchildren present.

THE HOMESTEAD IN SCOTLAND

Loch Shin stretches in a long, thin line from north-west to south-east in the heart of Sutherlandshire. At its foot stands the town of Lairg, with a population of 1046. About twelve years ago, Sir Edgar Horne, President of the Prudential Insurance Company, bought this town and a piece of the surrounding country, from the Duke of Sutherland. The new landlord set about to modernize his property. Now, the town has wide streets and fine, comfortable homes. It boasts of a new Post Office which would do credit to a place of a much larger size.

Let us, in imagination, take a little trip into the country. We go south in the direction of Bonar Bridge, which is ten miles away. We pass by many crofts, their buildings seeming to form the street of a scattered village. The places seem to be kept in good repair and there seems to be an air of comfort and prosperity.

We ascend a grade which rises from Loch Shin. When we have gone about a mile and a half, we leave the road with stone fences on either side, which we have been following, and turn right, on a trail which cuts across the hillside. We stop our car behind a stone house with a slate roof. We pass through a little gate and set our feet on soil which is sacred to every Mackay whose name is recorded in this book. To this place we can look as the first homestead of which we have knowledge. The homestead on the 12th concession of East Nissouri, in Canada, dates back to 1832; but we cannot tell how far the history of this one goes. On this croft there are evidences of four different dwellings in which our forefathers have lived. Here, our first Canadian ancestor, John Mackay, was born in the year 1785, and here his father, who was called "John Mackay, Catechist," first saw the light of day, in 1755. This croft is now designated, "92 Torroble."

We receive a warm welcome from Maggie Mackay, and her brother Alex. and his wife. The former two are grandchildren of Alex Mackay, brother of John Mackay who founded the homestead in

East Nissouri. They take us over their croft of eight acres. It is pleasantly situated on an open hillside looking toward Lairg, but from this spot one cannot see the town because it is built in a glen. Behind the house there is moorland covered with heather which is in bloom, for it is early September. Here they have pasturing rights for their sheep and their cattle. The land lying in front of the house is divided into six parks (fields) separated by stone walls. In the second park from the house is the spring, from which the supply of water is drawn; and not far from it is a little hollow with some stones, half embedded in the soil. This marks the location of the earliest of the four houses.

On one side of the house is the rick yard, enclosed by a low stone wall. Each rick, or stack of grain, is built on a wooden platform, over a wooden frame which allows air to circulate among the sheaves. It is the custom to thatch these ricks with reeds.

On our way to the steading (barn) we pass by a large pile of peat, the supply of fuel for the coming winter. The steading is constructed entirely of stone and is lit by electricity, as is also the house. In one end of this building is the stable and in the other end there is a little threshing machine which used to be run by hand but is now run by a petrol (gasoline) engine.

In the house we are given refreshments. As we say good-by we turn for a last look at the old place which is so full of significance for us, and then make our way southward. On the road to Bonar Bridge, we pass by Culrain, where John Mackay and Christena Munro lived for seven years before they came to Canada.

And now, our imaginary journey is over and we are back again—in Canada.

Rev. Angus Mackay, of Kingussie, Scotland, relates that, about forty years ago, he talked with an old man from Lairg, one George Macdonald, who remembered his great-grandfather, John Mackay,

Catechist. He was a little over five feet in height. He had long hair and he wore knickerbockers. His wife was Betsy Matheson, whose parents had come to Lairg from Dornoch.

For the following picturesque description of the old home, in succeeding generations, we are indebted to our cousin, Maggie Mackay, whose grandfather was the youngest son of John Mackay, Catechist, and whose immediate family have occupied the place ever since his death in 1835.

Of her great-grandfather, John Mackay, Catechist, she says that he lived on a croft of 8 acres at 92 Torroble which has been occupied by his descendants ever since. He did not work much of the croft, as most of it was covered with a birch wood, and he did not have much pasture. He was trenching a bit and a bit of it. He had one cow and one horse and with these he ploughed the bits of cleared land.

His small, low house was built of rough stone from the land and had a roof thatched with divots (pieces of turf). Wood from the fir tree was used for a light or candle.

We know that his son, Alex, who was the next holder of the land, kept only six or eight sheep, besides a cow and horse. He lived in a stone house with a roof thatched with a mixture of straw and clay. There were two rooms, each with a closet. There was a low hearth on the ground, for a fire, with a crook built in the chimney, for pots and the kettle.

In the next generation, the uncle and the father of the present occupants of the croft, cleared more land, cutting down the trees and digging out the stones. Their house still stands and is used to house some of the animals.



BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE EAST NISSOURI PIONEERS

JOHN MACKAY (Catechist) — BETSY MATHESON

John 1785-1869 m Christena Munro 1788-1867	Margaret m Wm. McDonald	Euphemia m Alex. Leslie	Alexander m Margaret Ross
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JOHN MACKAY, who came to Canada in 1831, was the eldest of a family of four, two sons and two daughters.

MARGARET, his elder sister, married William Macdonald and they had five daughters and three sons. One of these daughters was Euphemia, who came to Canada, and, as Mrs. John McKenzie, lived for many years in Thamesford. Another was Janet, who married Mr. Gunn. Their youngest son is now in business in Lairg.

EUPHEMIA, the younger sister, married Alex Leslie. They had four sons and three daughters. Three of the sons, Alex, John and James, went to Australia.

ALEX, the youngest of the family, was the grandfather of Alex and Maggie who are living on the homestead at 92 Torroble.



JOHN MUNRO — CHRISTENA MACKAY

Christena, 1788-1867 m Jno. Mackay, 1785-1869	Isobel m Wm. Mackay	John 1803-1866	Rainey 1810-1869	Ann m Geo. Mackay
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CHRISTENA MACKAY MUNRO
Mother of Christena Munro Mackay.

CHRISTENA MUNRO, wife of John Mackay, of East Nissouri, Canada, was the eldest daughter of John Munro, farmer, of Balblair, in the parish of Creich. She was born in 1788 and died on the homestead in East Nissouri, in 1867. She had two sisters and two brothers.

ISOBEL, the elder sister, married William Mackay. Their eldest son, Donald, was at one time in the employ of Hudson's Bay Co., Canada. He had two sons and two daughters, all of whom were living in Vancouver, B. C., a short time ago.

ANN was the other sister. She became the wife of George Mackay, and they emigrated to New South Wales, Australia. They had three daughters and three sons. Margaret, the only daughter who lived to womanhood, married John Macinnes of New South Wales, Australia.

JOHN, the elder brother, was born in 1803 and died in 1886. He succeeded his father, who was also John Munro, on the farm at Balblair, in the parish of Creich. He had one son, Patrick, who went to live in the County of Essex, England. Patrick had four sons and four daughters. The eldest son, William, emigrated to Johannesburg in South Africa. Another son, Patrick, was at one time Governor of Khar-toum, Lower Egypt. The four daughters, Mary, Grace, Margaret and Christina, were all living in Essex, England, some few years ago.

RAINEY, the younger brother, was named for Rev. Mr. Rainey, Minister of Creich. He was a merchant and ship-owner of Inverness. He died unmarried.

THE QUEST FOR A NEW HOMESTEAD

(In order to give an idea of the circumstances which led to the emigration of our ancestors to Canada, the writer of this chapter begins by describing an imaginary scene in the Parish of Kincardine, in Ross-shire, in the year 1831).

It is early spring in 1831. The immediate scene is the unpretentious study of the Rev. Hugh Allen, Presbyterian minister in the parish of Kincardine, Ross shire, Scotland. He is engaged in earnest conversation with one of his parishioners, who has called to get his advice on a matter which is of tremendous importance to him.

"Oh, John, surely you cannot think of taking Christena and all those little ones of yours away out to Canada. It is so far away and we know so little about the country."

"Yes, Mr. Allen, we have almost made up our minds to go. Christena and I have talked the matter over a good deal. We had a letter yesterday from a cousin who is still at Torroble, where we used to live. He has heard from an old neighbor, Alexander Murray, who went to Canada two years ago. He is at a place which he calls Zorra. He says that they had a pretty hard time getting through the first winter. The country is solid bush, and the winters are very cold, with lots of snow. All last summer, and through the winter, the Murrays have been clearing. Now they have a few acres ready for crop and they expect that things will be easier in the future. Besides, Mr. Allen, I have nothing else to turn to. I suppose you know that I have had notice that I must give up the croft that we have been working for the last seven years. The same thing that happened to us at Torroble is happening here. The Duke is wanting more land for sheep raising and for his deer park."

"No, John, I had not heard that. Oh, it is too bad that so many of our people have to be scattered to the four winds just for the sake of adding a little pleasure and profit to the life of those whose whole time seems already taken up with their

own pleasure. Would to God that their hearts might be changed, so that they might value human happiness more, and the getting of a few acres, less."

"Well, Mr. Allen, you may be sure that we will be very sorry to leave you and all the good friends we have here, but I can see nothing ahead but migrating. It is quite true, as you say, that we do not know a great deal of this Canada, except that it is a wilderness of bush. But the bush can be cleared, and the Murrays say that there is an abundance of land for everyone. The government is anxious for settlers. Each one gets his title direct from the government, so it is not likely that we will lose the land after we are once settled. Then I have to think not only for myself, but for my boys and girls. Betsy is grown up and married. Her husband, John Matheson, like many another young man here, sees nothing in the future by staying in Scotland. Our own son, John, is getting to be a big boy and will soon have to be looking out for himself. We are all well and strong and so, depending on the help of an all wise Providence, we can perhaps make a home for ourselves. Others are doing it. Why not I?"

"Well John, you seem to have your mind pretty well made up and I will not put anything in your way. I admire your courage and I know that if you have to meet hardships, you will not shrink from them. You have as good a wife as man ever had. She will not shirk her share of the responsibilities and will make friends for you wherever you go. You will have my best wishes and prayers and the good wishes of us all."

And thus, John Mackay had his talk with the minister and, following that inspiring interview, he and Christena his wife, began to make serious preparations for departure from the land of their birth. A word might be said here of the earlier years of these two, who left such a wonderful legacy of strong character to us their descendants.

John Mackay spent his young manhood in the usual pursuits of that northern part of Scotland, where the average man is

either a fisherman or a shepherd, often both, for both occupations are sometimes necessary in that rigorous land where Nature has not provided for man in any lavish manner. In his early twenties, during a visit to the neighboring parish of Creich to hear one of the noted preachers of the time, he met and fell in love with Christena Munro, described as the "sweetest girl in the parish." She had wavy black hair and brown eyes, and the sweetness of her face was a true reflection of her disposition. Her popularity with everyone was easily explained when we say that consideration for others was her ruling characteristic. In the years to come, although little did she know it then, this same consideration for others, came as a very great beneficence to scores of homesick, troubled settlers in far off Canada.

For some years they lived happily in the little house on the small holding of land that had been tilled for generations by John's ancestors. But the place became too small for the growing family. Some of his neighbors and relatives emigrated to Australia. Branches of the family are still to be found in New South Wales. John, however, was not yet ready for emigration, and, on the advice of friends, he moved to Culrain in Ross shire, where he was able to rent a small farm. He, his wife and family, lived here for seven years and that brings us to the time of the opening of our story.

The sailing ship, Cleopatra, under Captain Morrison, had for two days been plowing her way through the waters of the North Sea. On board, among many others, seeking like they, a home in the new world, we find John and Christena Mackay and their brood of eight. Betsy and her husband, John Matheson, and their two children, followed next year. Sandy, the youngest, is in his mother's arms. He is scarcely three years old yet. William, the next, six years old, is standing near his mother, watching the gulls circle the ship. The four girls, Kate, Marion Grace and Christena, have made friends with some fellow-passengers and are comparing home experiences. George and John are with their father who is telling them what must be undertaken when they reach Canada.

Two days ago they had boarded ship and sailed from Cromarty. The several days before that had been spent in rather sorrowful leave taking of friends in Culrain. Those of us today who have been accustomed to rapid trips across continents and oceans, can scarcely grasp what those leave-takings meant.

Christena and the girls had prepared a good supply of provisions for the long journey, more perhaps than they would actually need. But when remonstrated with by her daughters for the quantity they were taking, she replied, quite characteristically: "It may seem a lot, but then some other poor souls may not be able to take enough and then we can divide up with them." Unfortunately, her words became too true. On this, the morning of the third day out, the sun had risen gloriously, gilding the crests of the waves and making the whole ocean a sight worth getting up early to see. There was not a cloud in the sky. A favorable wind was filling the sails and some one had heard Captain Morrison remark that, if this weather held, they would make the voyage in record time. And so it seemed for the whole of the first week on the ocean. Then the favorable conditions changed. First, a falling wind, when for twenty-four hours the ship did not seem to make any headway at all. Then the wind changed and by the end of the second week, the Cleopatra was facing a head wind that soon developed into a gale, and a little later, into a furious storm. And we are sorry to say that this was the fortune of the good ship Cleopatra for the greater part of the way across the Atlantic. Long delay by frequent head winds and storms, caused the provisions of the passengers and of the crew to run short, indeed so short, that Captain Morrison was forced to commandeer all provisions on board and ration them out to both passengers and crew. The latter were put on half rations and became very discontented in consequence. To make matters worse, scurvy broke out among the sailors and there was a great deal of sickness among the passengers, and many deaths. In the years following their settlement in Canada, the Mackay family had many sad tales to tell of this tragic voyage. Let it be enough to say, that, instead of

the record time hoped for by Captain Morrison, and all on board, thirteen weeks and three days of terribly trying voyage was experienced before the Cleopatra finally cast anchor in the harbor at Quebec. Nor were the perils of our voyagers yet ended.

The journey from Quebec to Montreal was made by what were known as drag boats. No such modern aids to navigation as canals and locks, at that time avoided the rapids of the St. Lawrence. These drag boats were drawn by horses and on four occasions, when the current was likely to prove too much for the horses, the drivers cut the tow lines and let the boats drift. On one such occasion, one boat, containing a great deal of the luggage belonging to the passengers, was lost. One can scarcely grasp what this must have meant to those people, who may have had on board that boat, nearly, if not all, their worldly possessions.

At Montreal, a steamer took all our passengers on board, but through a misunderstanding in the pronunciation of the words 'Thoro' and 'Zorra,' the Mackay family was landed at Toronto instead of at Hamilton. Mackay courage and resourcefulness came again into play, however, to help them over this unfortunate circumstance which had landed the family fifty or sixty miles farther away from their destination than need be. On leaving Scotland, John Mackay had provided himself with the axle and the wheels for a good, stout cart. Now a box was made, and an ox purchased. Their luggage was placed in the box and those of the children who found it too difficult to walk, were placed on top of the luggage; the rest walked. And thus they made the last lap of their journey, one hundred miles or more, and landed at their destination, just east of what is now Harris street, Ingersoll, in October, 1831.

The writers of this history cannot leave that ox cart without further mention. During the years in which Zorra and Nissouri were filling up with settlers from Scotland, perhaps a score of Mackay families had come into the district. It became absolutely necessary to distinguish them

in some way. So, because John Mackay had brought his family and possessions into the district by ox cart, his distinguishing title became, "John Mackay, ox." On examination, the title was really one of considerable distinction. It revealed a wealth of courage, ingenuity and determination, but the boys and girls of succeeding generations had lost sight of this. To them, the term was odious, foolishly of course, and many a school battle was staged on account of its indiscriminate application.

In the neighborhood of Ingersoll, our new comers found that considerable land had been cleared. Colonel Ingersoll, after whom the town was named, had been a very early settler; so early, in fact, that on his farm, apple trees were in bearing. He was a large hearted man, and treated all new settlers with consideration. Picking apples for him, was the first work engaged in, in Canada, by members of the family.

Money was conspicuous by its almost entire absence. John Mackay had landed at his destination with a York shilling (12 ½¢) in his pocket and for years after his coming, money was an almost unknown quantity. These early settlers made their first money by making potash and maple sugar. Up to a few years ago, at least, the location of one of the potash pits was discernible in the field just east of the barn, on the old Homestead. In the late fall and through the winter of the year in which they arrived in the country, John Mackay and John, his eldest son, went out threshing with the flail, their pay being every tenth bushel. One may gather from a recital of these incidents, that the family menu would be neither varied nor too plentiful, and also that the resourcefulness of Christena would be taxed to the limit in providing for her large family.

In March, 1832, they settled on what, for the next hundred years, was to be the home of some member of the Mackay family, viz., Lot 2, in the 13th concession of what came to be known as the Township of East Nissouri. A clearing was at once begun and a log house was soon built. The nearest neighbors were, Benjamin Titus, a U. E. Loyalist, to the west, and

Robert Cameron, to the north. The latter had lately moved from Glengarry county. The history of the family for the next few years would contain an account of hardship and long hours of work, clearing the bush and getting the clearing into shape to grow some food. A good deal of the grain was prepared for food by pounding with a stone in the top of a hollowed-out stump. The nearest mill for grinding was located at Brantford, 40 miles away and many trips were made there with a bag of wheat or oats, slung over the horse's back. The life of the family was not without its thrilling incident. Wolves were plentiful and were to be heard howling in the swamps at night. On one occasion, when George had located on his farm on the Town Line, his mother had gone to see how he was faring. She had stayed rather late and on the way home, she was overtaken by darkness and lost her way. After wandering about for some time and only becoming more confused, she seated herself down on a log to wait either for some one to come to meet her, or for morning. And so she spent, what we may well believe to have been a very uncomfortable night, walking into the house next morning just as the family were gathering for breakfast, with the remark: "Oh, you heathens!" All night she had been fondly expecting that a search party would be organized to find her. The family, however, had been quite easy in their minds, thinking that she was spending the night with George.

With the coming of additional settlers, plenty of scope was given for the human interest of the Mackay family. Food was not plentiful and medical services were unavailable. Where help was needed help was always forthcoming from this home, up to the limit of their ability. At any hour of the day or night, they were ready to start out to the scene of sickness or other trouble. John would place Christena in the saddle and he would trudge along on foot and it is a matter of record that neither was ever heard to complain.

Their home was the scene of the first gathering for public worship held in the neighborhood and young ministers from the old land, perhaps homesick and discouraged, found in the cordial welcome,

the serene countenance and hopeful word of Christena Mackay, the very antidote needed for these troubles. But, like Christ, whose gospel she lived, to her saint and sinner were on an equal footing when help was needed. She was too fine, too broad-minded to cavil over sect or belief or deserts.

We have told of hardship, hard work and adventure in this family history, but although Scottish reticence has denied us the details, who can doubt that a good deal of romance too, wove itself through the lives of those nine young people, growing into manhood and womanhood. Each of them found a mate. All were blessed with families. But the histories of these families will be told in later chapters of this book. Suffice it is to say here that these parents lived to see each of their nine children settled on a farm of one hundred acres, or more, within five miles of their own home, the Homestead. And now, one hundred and four years after the family first reached their Canadian home, six of these farms are being worked by descendants of the original Mackay settlers—one by a son and five by grandsons. There are now 540 descendants.

After years of usefulness and unselfish service to those around them, this hero and heroine of our story were gathered to their fathers. John Mackay died in 1869; Christena Munro, still the "sweetest girl in all the parish," for she had carried all through her life the characteristic of consideration for others, passed peacefully away on March 9th, 1867, mourned by all those who had known and loved her: for knowing her was loving her.

The "Home and Foreign Record" of the Presbyterian Church, June 1867 issue, carried the following article concerning her life and peaceful passing:

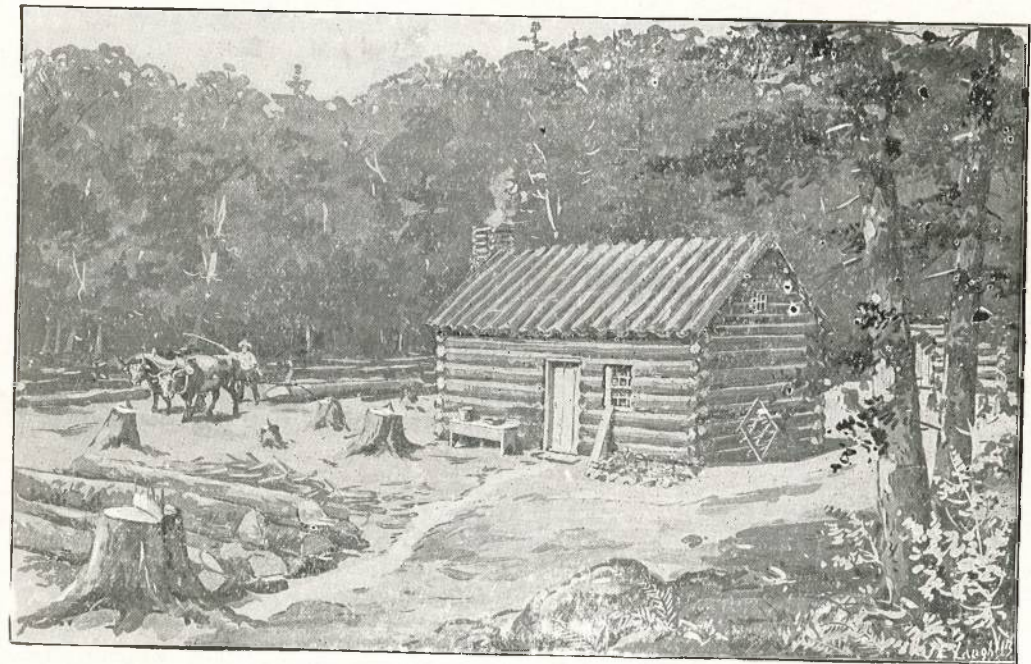
"Died in Nissouri, Canada West, on March 9th, aged 79 years, Christena Munro, the wife of John Mackay, elder in the congregation of Thamesford. The deceased was born in Balblair, in the parish of Creich, Sutherlandshire and emigrated from the parish of Kincardine, Ross shire, with her husband and children in 1831.

She had eighty grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren, born in Canada, of whom sixty-nine are still alive to mourn the loss of a relative who was greatly beloved and highly esteemed by all. Up to within a few months of her last illness she was able to attend the public worship of God, in which she took great delight from her youth. Her passing was perfectly peaceful. Not only over her own family did she exert a happy influence, but also over a large circle of acquaintances by whom she is now much missed and will long be remembered with love and affection. The religion of our departed friend was eminently practical. She delighted to

do good to all men. She was remarkable for her sympathy with the poor and afflicted. She was courteous, kind and dignified in her deportment and showed undoubted sincerity for the welfare of others. It was pleasant to see the homage that was paid to the memory of our departed friend, in the crowds that gathered in the house of mourning and the large procession which followed the remains to their last resting place. We hope and believe that the teachings and example of this "mother in Israel" so prolonged, so consistent and so devoted to God, will prove a lasting blessing to many; to her children and children's children."



1852 "THE HOMESTEAD" 1936



A "PIONEER HOUSE" 1832



CHRISTENA MUNRO and JOHN MACKAY

JOHN MACKAY

Born 1785. Died 1869

Catherine 1807-1884 m Robt. McDonald 1804-1881	Betsy 1809-1897 m John Matheson 1809-1861	Christena 1812-1892 m Wm. McNee 1800-1882	Grace 1814-1874 m Donald Mackay 1815-1904
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CHRISTENA MUNRO

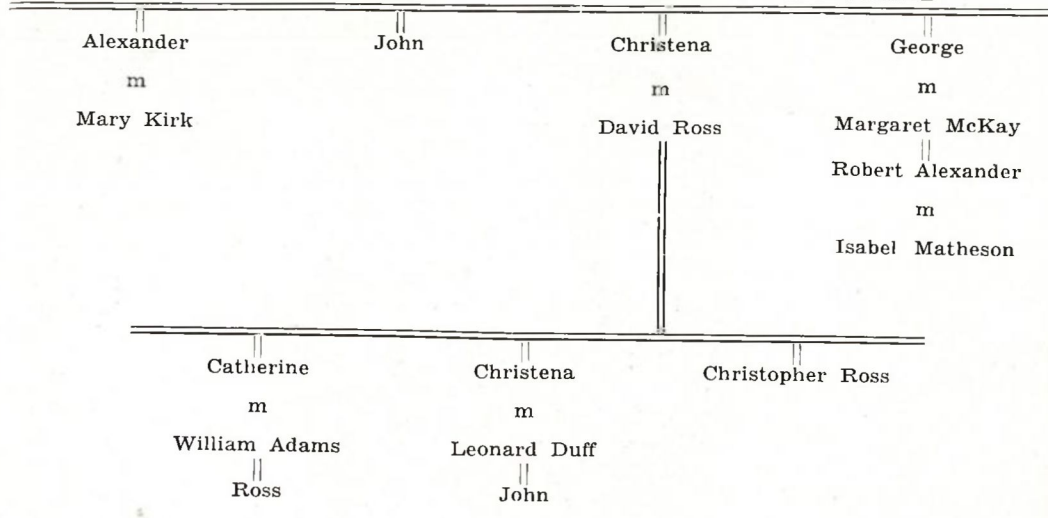
Born 1788. Died 1867

John 1817-1904 m Marion Munro 1821-1837	Marion 1819-1858 m John McKenzie 1822-1878	George 1823-1909 m Isabella McDonald 1827-1900
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William 1826-1911 m Anabella Gordon 1831-1911	Alexander 1827-1909 m Jane Sutherland 1831-1916
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CATHARINE MACKAY

ROBERT McDONALD



CATHERINE, THE ELDEST DAUGHTER

CATHERINE, the eldest daughter, married Robert McDonald in the year 1840. They settled on Lot 18, Concession 12, of East Nissouri in Oxford County. They toiled hard to hew out a home for their family of one daughter and three sons.

ALEXANDER, their eldest son, when he was a young man, went north to the Township of Kinloss, in Bruce county, where he married Mary Kirk. There was no family. He and his wife farmed for a number of years in Kinloss and then moved to the Town of Kincardine, where he died in September, 1925.

CHRISTENA, the only daughter, married David Ross. For the most of their lives, they lived near Ripley. They had a family of two daughters and one son.

CATHERINE, the eldest daughter, married William Adams. At present she is living in Hamilton, Ontario. There is one son, Ross, who is a student, preparing for the Presbyterian ministry. At the time of writing he is on a mission field at Cochrane, Northern Ontario.

CHRISTENA, the second daughter, who

married Leonard Duff of Buffalo, U. S. A., passed away on May 14, 1933. She left one son, John Duff, a teacher who lives in Buffalo.

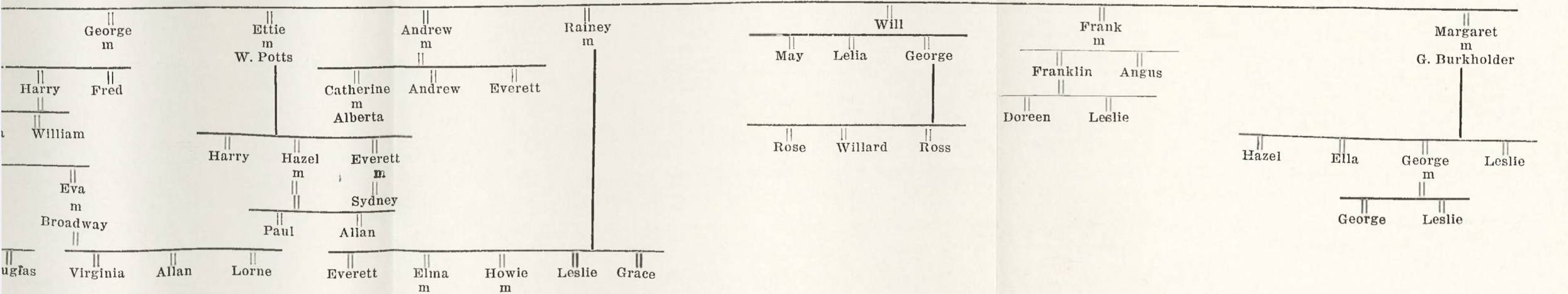
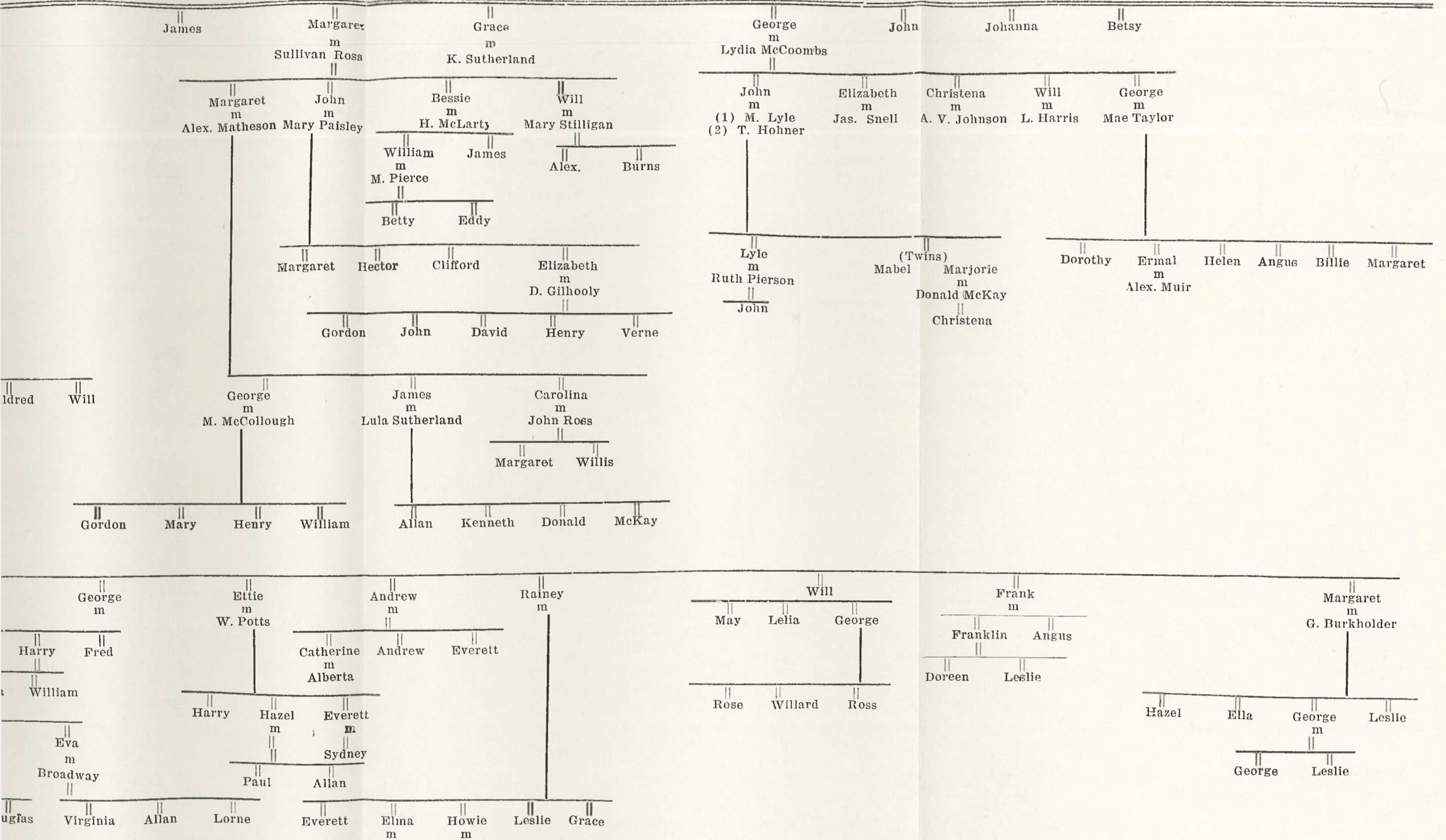
CHRISTOPHER, the only son, is unmarried. He is living in New Westminster, B. C.

JOHN, the second son, lived as a bachelor all his life in Kintore. He passed away in February, 1901.

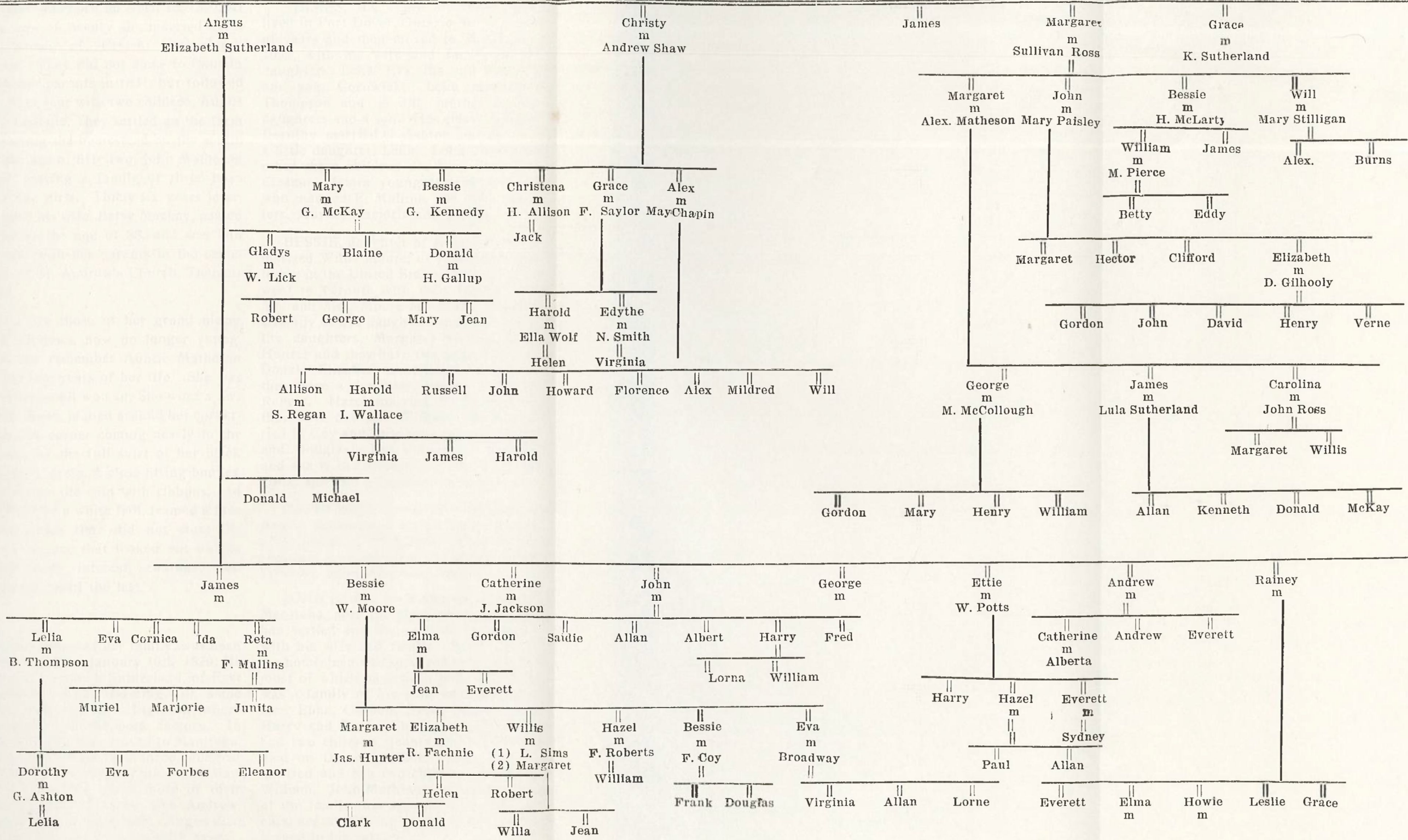
GEORGE, the third son, married Margaret Mackay in the year 1875. They farmed on his father's farm until 1912 when they retired to Kintore. On May 7th, 1931, he was laid to rest. He had served on the board of managers in the Presbyterian Church in Kintore for thirty years.

ROBERT A., his only son, married Isabel Matheson, of West Zorra, on December 25th, 1912. He succeeded his father on the homestead on Lot 18, Concession 12 of East Nissouri. But his interests have not been confined to farming alone. He followed his father on the board of managers in his church; he has been a member of the township council for four years; he held the position of assessor for fourteen years; he has served as a director on the Nissouri Telephone Board for seventeen years, and he has been an auctioneer for twenty-three years.

Betsy Mackay---John Matheson



Betsy Mackay---John Matheson



BETSY, THE SECOND DAUGHTER

BETSY was born on April 18, 1809. At the age of twenty she married John Matheson, of Creich, Sutherlandshire. They did not come to Canada with her parents in 1831, but followed the next year with two children, Angus and Christie. They settled on the farm adjoining the homestead on the south. At the age of fifty-two, John Matheson died, leaving a family of three boys and five girls. Thirty-six years later, in 1897, his wife, Betsy Mackay, passed away at the age of 88, and was laid to rest with her parents in the cemetery of St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford.

There are those of her grand nieces and nephews, now no longer young, who can remember Auntie Matheson in the late years of her life. She was a rather small woman. She wore a fine black shawl, pinned around her corner-wise, the corner coming nearly to the bottom of the full skirt of her black cashmere dress. A close fitting bonnet, tied under the chin with ribbons, and outlined by a white frill, framed a face from which time did not steal the roses—a face that looked out on the world with interest, courage, and kindness, until the last.

ANGUS, the eldest of her family, was born in Scotland, on January 10th, 1829. He married Elizabeth Sutherland, of East Nissouri. After farming for some years, they moved to Ingersoll, where he worked in the pork factory. In August, 1883, they moved to Manitoba, taking with them their three youngest children, William, Frank and Margaret. In 1884, three more of their family, John, George and Andrew, joined them in Manitoba. Angus died March 26th, 1919, in his 90th year.

JAMES, the eldest of their family, lived in Port Dover, Ontario, for a number of years and then moved to Manitoba, in 1902, with his wife and family of four daughters, Lelia, Eva, Ida and Reta, and one son, Cornwick. Lelia married B. Thompson and is the mother of three daughters and a son. Her eldest daughter, Dorothy, married G. Ashton and they have a little daughter, Lelia. Lelia Thompson's other three children are Eva, Forbis and Eleanor. James' youngest daughter, Reta, who married F. Mullins, has three daughters, Muriel, Marjorie and Junita.

BESSIE, daughter of Angus Matheson, married Willis Moore, of Ingersoll. After living in the United States for a time, they went to Toronto with their family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore are dead. They left a family of five daughters and one son. Of the daughters, Margaret married James Hunter and they have two sons, Clark and Donald. Elizabeth married R. Fachnie and they have a daughter, Helen, and a son, Robert. Hazel married F. Roberts and they have one son, William. Bessie married F. Coy and they have two sons, Frank and Douglas. Eva married C. Boadway and she is the mother of a daughter, Virginia, and two sons, Allan and Lorne.

CATHERINE, another daughter of Angus Matheson, married James Jackson of Ingersoll, a bricklayer. They lived in Ingersoll for some time and then moved to Toronto, where they now reside.

JOHN farmed for a number of years in Manitoba, near the place where his father had settled and then retired to Binscarth with his wife and family. Sixty acres of the homestead was surveyed into town lots, most of which have been built on. There was a family of five sons and two daughters, Elma, Gordon, Sadie, Allan, Albert, Harry and Fred. Elma was married and had two children, Jean and Everett. She died on December 25th, 1918. Harry is married and has two children, Lorna and William. John Matheson and the members of the family that are still with their parents, are now living in the house that belonged to his parents.

GEORGE died in 1887.

ANDREW is farming three miles north of Binscarth with his wife and two sons, Andrew and Everett. Catherine, their daughter, is married and lives in Binscarth. She has one daughter, Alberta.

WILLIAM is farming near Millwood. He has two daughters, May and Lelia, and one son, George, who has a daughter, Rose, and two sons, Willard and Ross.

FRANK and his wife and two sons, Franklin and Angus, live in Russell, Manitoba. Franklin is married and has two children, Doreen and Leslie.

ETTIE married William Potts. They are living in Wadena, Sask. They have a family of two boys, Harry and Everett, and one girl, Hazel. Harry died in 1918. Hazel, who is married, lives in Winnipeg. She has two sons, Paul and Allan. Everett lives in Prince Albert, Sask. He is married and has a son, Sydney.

MARGARET is the wife of George Burkholder. They are living at Shoal Lake, Manitoba. Their family consists of two daughters, Hazel and Ella, and two sons, George and Leslie. George is married and is the father of two sons, George and Leslie.

RAINEY has five children, Everett, Elma, Howie, Leslie and Grace. All except Everett are married.

CHRISTIE, eldest daughter of Betsy Mackay and John Matheson, was one year old when she came to Canada with her parents. She married Andrew Shaw of East Nissouri. They farmed for some years on the first lot north of Adam's cheese factory. Later they moved to Ingersoll where they died, leaving a family of one son and four daughters.

MARY, one of their daughters, who married G. Mackay, has a family of one daughter, Gladys, and two sons, Blain and Donald. Gladys married W. Lick and they have two sons, Robert and George, and two daughters, Mary and Jean. Donald married H. Gallup.

BESSIE married G. Kennedy.

CHRISTINA married H. Allison and they have one son, Jack.

GRACE married F. Saylor. They had one daughter, Edythe and one son, Harold. For a number of years Mr. Saylor was connected with the electric light plant in Strathroy. Later they moved to London. Edythe married Norman Smith of Strathroy and went to live in Edmonton, Alberta. They have one daughter, Virginia. Harold married Ella Wolf and they have a daughter, Helen.

ALEX, the only son of Christie Matheson and Andrew Shaw, married Mary Chapin, and they have nine children. Two of them are married. Allison married S. Regan and they have two children, Donald and Michael. Harold, who married I. Wallace, is the father of a daughter, Virginia, and two sons, James and Harold. The other seven of the family are: Russell, John, Howard, Florence, Alex, Mildred and Will. Alex, their father, is Superintendent of the Berry Bros. Paint Company.

JAMES, son of Betsy Mackay and John Matheson, never married. In 1909 he died at the age of 76, on the farm where he had been born and brought up and where he had spent his whole life.

MARGARET married Sullivan Ross and lived on a farm at Harrington. Their family consisted of two sons, John and Will, and two daughters, Margaret and Bessie.

MARGARET married Alex Matheson and had two sons, George and James and one daughter Caroline, all of whom are married. George married M. McCullough and is the father of four children, Gordon, Mary, Henry and William. James, who married Lulu Sutherland, has four children, Allan, Kenneth, Donald and Mackay. Caroline, who is the wife of John Ross, has two children, Margaret and Willis.

JOHN married Mary Paisley. Their family consists of two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, and two sons, Hector and

Clifford. Elizabeth, who married D. Gilhooly, has five children, Gordon, John, David, Henry and Verne.

BESSIE married H. McLarty and they have two sons, William and James. William married M. Pierce and there are two children, Betty and Eddy.

WILL, the younger son of Margaret Matheson and Sullivan Ross, married Mary Stilligan. They have two sons, Alex and Burns.

GRACE, daughter of Betsy Mackay and John Matheson, married Kenneth Sutherland. They farmed for a great many years east of Campbell's Corners. Then they retired to Woodstock, where they died. They had no family. Grace died March 6th, 1916, at the age of 70.

GEORGE married Lydia McCoombs, of Brant County. They farmed for the greater part of their lives on the place where their eldest son John now lives. Lydia McCoombs died at the age of forty-nine and George at the age of sixty-nine. Their family consists of three sons, John, Will and George, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Christina.

JOHN married M. Lyle and they had a family of one son, Lyle, and two daughters, Mabel and Marjorie. Lyle graduated as an Electrical Engineer from Ann Arbor University, Michigan and is now living at Akron, Ohio. He married R. Pierson and they have a son, John. Marjorie married D. S. Mackay and they live on a farm on the Town Line about three miles from her father's home. They have one daughter, Christena. Mabel taught school in Woodstock for a number of years. During the year 1935-1936 she is an exchange teacher in Wanstead, England.

ELIZABETH married James Snell. They farmed for a short time on the farm just north of the old Homestead. Then her husband died and she went to Woodstock, where she still resides.

CHRISTENA, the younger daughter married A. M. Johnson. They have been living in London for a number of years.

WILL married Lena Harris and is living in Prince George, B. C. He is an accountant.

GEORGE married Mae Taylor. They live on the farm where George's grandmother settled when she came to the country in 1832. Their family consists of four daughters and two sons, Dorothy, Ermal, Helen, Angus, Billie and Margaret. Dorothy died at the age of fourteen. Ermal, who is a brilliant student, graduated from London Normal School. On June 3, 1936 she was married to Alex Muir of East Zorra, 10th Line. He is a graduate of O. A. C. Margaret is attending the Continuation School in Thamesford and also studying music. The other three are at home with their parents.

JOHN, while playing, accidentally hanged himself. He was only four years old when the tragic accident happened.

JOHANNA and BETSY never married and they are still living on the farm on which their parents settled in 1832. Among a very wide circle of relatives and friends, their home is proverbial for its hospitality. While Johanna (Hanna) had her health and strength, she was known as a good neighbor. Where there was sickness or trouble, there she was with her help and her smile. Of her hospitality, one of her nieces says: "Her spirit of generosity and kindly welcome will be remembered by everyone who entered her home."

CHRISTENA, THE THIRD DAUGHTER

EARLIEST RECOLLECTIONS of the Mc-Nee Home are of sand-scrubbed, pine floors, high feather beds and an over-indulgence toward the grandchildren. Thrift and economy characterized the home where William McNee and his wife, Christena Mackay raised a family of eight children, all of whom were loyally devoted to their parents. Their home was a happy one and the writer of this article cannot recall a single day when the Bible was not read by one of the family. The Sabbath was strictly kept and church attendance was never neglected. The family suffered a great financial loss when their house and all its contents, representing the work of a life time, were destroyed by fire. After some time a new brick house was erected, and it was here, on Lot 5, Concession 11, of East Nissouri, where they had begun their life together, that the parents passed away, after having lived long and useful lives. The children are as follows:

JOHN, the eldest, helped his father on the farm. In his youth he was killed while felling a tree.

JANE was a woman of rare tact and kindness. Whether her friends were sorrowing or rejoicing, she was with them to give her sympathy and assistance. She married Andrew Shaw and went to Ingersoll to live.

ANNIE married James McMurray and spent all her married life in the Village of Thamesford. Although she was very busy with home duties, she often found time to do little kindly services for others. She was a very devoted wife and mother and her children rose up and called her blessed. There were eight of them.

CHRISTENA MUNRO taught school for some years and afterwards she held a position in the Post Office in Thamesford. For a number of years she was secre-

tary at the flour mill, in the same village. Because of her qualities of heart and mind, she has been for many years, an asset to the community in which she lives.

JAMES EDWARD carried on a butcher business in the village and, later, engaged in business as a drover. He was of a particularly cheerful disposition and his merry whistle usually announced his presence. He died in 1932. He was married to Christena Kennedy and they had three sons and one daughter. John Edward holds an executive position with a hardware company in Detroit; George Cameron is a mechanic and has a position in Ingersoll; James Willard is employed with the Telegraph and Telephone Company in Detroit; Marjorie Loretta holds a position in the London Life Insurance Company.

WILLIE died in childhood.

AGNES JANE died at the age of fifteen, after a short illness.

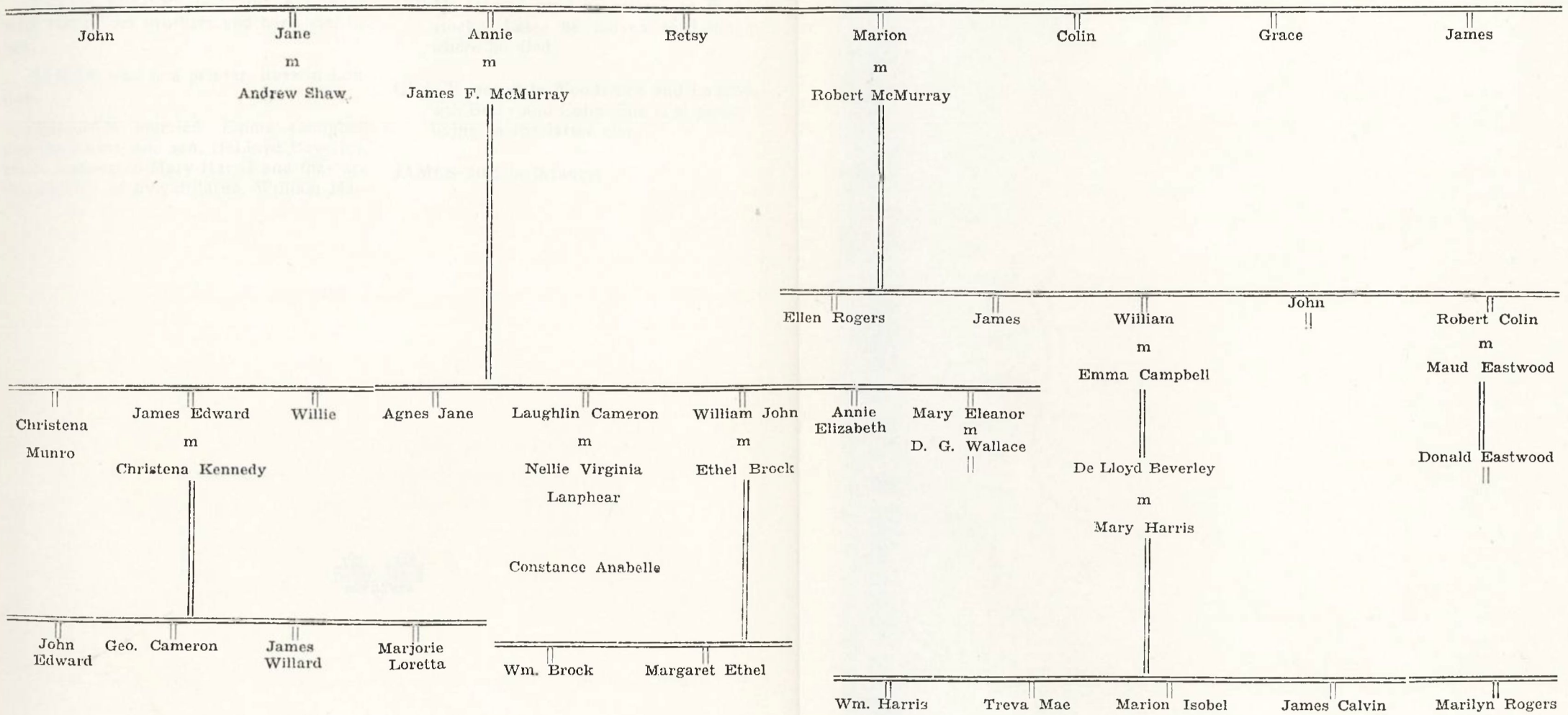
LAUGHLIN CAMERON taught school for a short time and then studied and graduated as a dentist. He practised his profession for some years in Chicago, where he died in 1926. He married Nellie Lanphear and they had one daughter, Constance Anabelle who married Arthur Gessler Kaderli.

WILLIAM JOHN also graduated as a dentist. He practised in Ingersoll, later moving to Toronto, where he is still practising. He married Mary Ethel Brock, an accomplished musician. They have one son William Brock, who teaches in the Collegiate Institute in Weston, and one daughter, Margaret Ethel, who lives with her parents.

ANNIE ELIZABETH spent her childhood and young womanhood in her grandmother's home, and with her aunts. At present she resides in London.

MARY ELEANOR was, for some years, organist and choir leader in St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford. She married D. G. Wallace and she lives on a farm near the village.

Christena MacKay--William McNee



BETSY spent all her early years on the farm, later moving, with her brother and sisters to Woodstock, then to London, where she died.

MARION married Robert McMurray. She and her family lived for a long time in Ingersoll, and then in Woodstock, where she died. They had a family of one daughter and four sons.

ELLEN ROGERS is living in London with two of her brothers and her sister-in-law.

JAMES, who is a printer, lives in London.

WILLIAM married Emma Campbell and they have one son, DeLloyd Beverley. He is married to Mary Harris and they are the parents of five children, William Har-

ris, Treva Mac, Marion Isobel, James Calvin and Marilyn Rogers.

JOHN is a telegraph operator in the Grand Trunk station in London.

ROBERT COLIN graduated as a dentist. He married Maud Eastwood. Their only child, Donald Eastwood, died in infancy.

COLIN farmed until he retired to Woodstock. Later he moved to London, where he died.

GRACE moved to Woodstock and London, with Betsy and Colin. She is at present living in the latter city.

JAMES died in infancy.



GRACE, THE FOURTH DAUGHTER

IN 1840, Donald Mackay, who had emigrated from Dornoch, Scotland, with his parents in 1830, purchased Lots 13 and 14 in the Thirteenth Concession of East Nissouri. After clearing some land and erecting a log house, he said to his friend and neighbor, Hugh Sutherland, "I will not light a fire on this hearth until I bring my wife here." His friend replied, "While I have a loaf you will have the half." The next year he married Grace Mackay and they started a new home. She was born in 1814. We are told that she was a little woman, with brown hair and brown eyes, and that she was a very particular housekeeper.

Since their house, probably, was typical of pioneer homes in this part of the country, let us look at it as it is described by Rev. Angus Mackay of Kingussie, Scotland, who is the only surviving member of the family of eight who were born there. He says:

"I cannot tell the length or breadth of the old log house, but there was a window and a door at the side, and that door led into the kitchen, sitting-room and dining-room—one big room, with a large chimney at the west end. There was a big bed in one corner and a little trundle bed that could be run under the big one during the day. A door led into a bed-room at the east end where there was also a window, but no outside door. The upstairs was one apartment. One of the Saturday evening chores was to bring in a new back-log—a green log which, put at the back of the fire, would last all week. Nineteen years after Grace Mackay began housekeeping in the log house, the family moved into a new, white brick house that stood a few yards north of the old one. This dwelling was laid out in a way similar to many houses built about that time in the adjoining township of Zorra. But the most of the Zorra houses, many of which are still in good condition, were built of field stone.

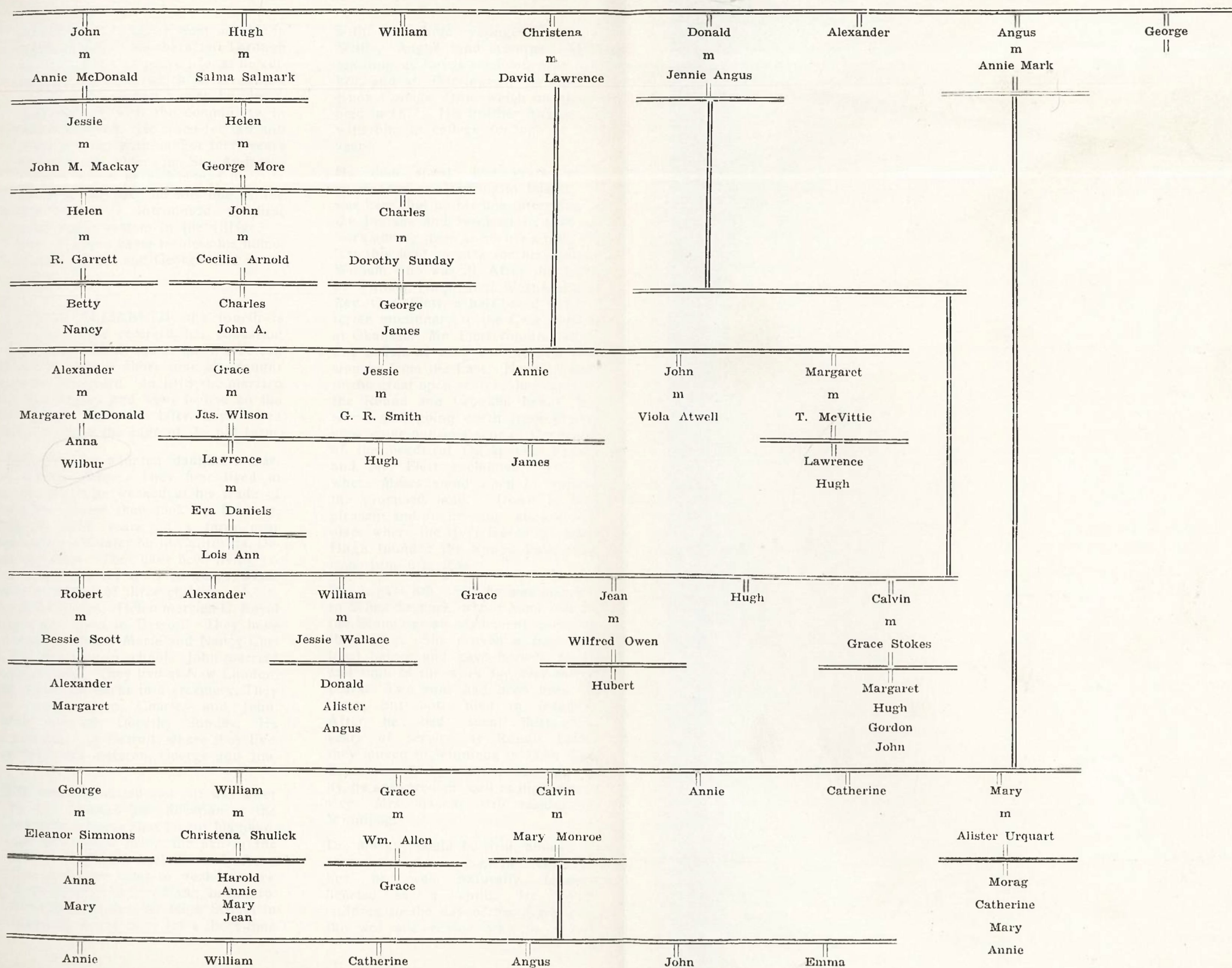
There were seven rooms downstairs, including four small bed-rooms, one of which was reserved for wayfarers. Upstairs there were four bed-rooms. This house was occupied for seventy-seven years, during which time another generation of Mackays were born there, grew up, and went out to take their places in the world. Then it was torn down to make way for a more modern edifice. Now, Grace Mackay's great-grandchildren are growing up there.

Mr. Mackay of Kingussie says that, from his earliest recollection, a Gaelic prayer meeting was held in that district each Friday morning at eleven o'clock, one week at his father's home, the next at William McKenzie's, and the next at McCorquodale's. This gathering was continued until recent years. It was a godly home and it is small wonder that four of the sons planned to give their lives to the Christian ministry, and that the other three members of the family who grew to maturity were faithful members of the churches with which they were connected.

In December, 1874, after two or three days' illness Grace Mackay passed away in her sixtieth year. It is many long years since she was laid to rest on a slope facing the morning, in the Kintore cemetery; but in the hearts of her many grandchildren, now scattered far over the earth, memory of her, handed down from their parents, holds a place, tender and revered. She was so kind.

JOHN, the eldest, was born in 1842. In 1871 he married Annie McDonald and they settled on a farm near Thamesford. After many years of farming he retired in 1912 and lived in a house that had been built on the front of the old place. In 1927, at the age of eighty-four, he passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John M. Mackay. The words common-sense,

Grace McKay -- Donald MacKay



stability and integrity seem suitable in a description of his character. Through his long years of active life, as he cultivated the acres which he loved and of which he seemed a part, he identified himself with the community in which he lived. He stood for law and order and uprightness. For forty years he was an elder in St. Andrew's Church, which he had helped to build in 1875. In 1925 he was one of the five men who introduced the first waterworks system in the village. Four children came to bless his home. Donald, Grace and George died in infancy.

JESSIE ELIZABETH, the fourth is still living. She received her education at the village school, and at the Woodstock Collegiate. For a short time she taught school at Nilestown. In 1918 she married John M. Mackay and went to live on the Town Line. Ten years later they retired to the house on the edge of the old farm.

NELLIE, an adopted daughter, married George More. They first lived in London where he worked at his trade of moulding. Later they took up farming, living for some years on a farm near Thamesford and later on in California, Detroit and Ohio. They have been living retired in Detroit for the past year. Their family consisted of three children, Helen, John and Charles. Helen married C. Royal Garrett and lives in Detroit. They have two children, Betty Marie and Nancy Carol, who are both in school. John married Cecilia Arnold. They live at New London, Ohio, where he works in a creamery. They have two children, Charles and John. Charlie married Dorothy Sunday. He is a policeman in Detroit, where they live. They have two children, George and Jim.

HUGH was the second son. It was after he had finished his education at the log school house that he cut his hand, one day, while using the axe in the woods. He went back to study for a time and then went to work as clerk in the store of Robert Mann, in Embro. Then he attended the High School in Ingersoll, being there for a short time

with his three younger brothers, Willie, Angus and George. After teaching at Bayne's school, near Embro, and at Harrington, he entered Knox College, from which he graduated in 1877. His brother Angus was with him in college for one or two years.

He then spent five years as a missionary on Manitoulin Island. It was here that he became interested in the Indians and resolved to take up work among them as his life's task. He left this field to care for his brother William who was ill. After the death of William, Hugh went West and met Rev. Geo. Flett, a half-breed Presbyterian missionary to the Cree Indians at Okanase. Mr. Flett volunteered to find a field of work for the new missionary from the East. Heading west to the great open spaces, they came to the Round and Crooked Lakes' Reserve, and, going north from Broadview, came out on a spur of the banks of the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley, and Mr. Flett exclaimed, "This is where Moses stood when he viewed the promised land." Down in this pleasant and picturesque valley, at the place where the river leaves the lake, Hugh founded the Round Lake Mission, June 6th, 1884.

On August 8th, 1890, he was married to Selma Salmark, whose home was in the Scandinavian settlement north of the valley. She proved a true and loyal helper and gave herself, heart and soul, to the work for over thirty years. Two sons had been born to them, but both died in infancy. After he had seen thirty-nine years of service at Round Lake, they moved to Winnipeg in 1923. On September 20th, 1928, at the age of 84, he answered the call to higher service. Mrs. Mackay still resides in Winnipeg.

Dr. Mackay could be firm, almost to sternness when occasion required, but he was naturally tender-hearted as a child. He loved children to the day of his death and this was one reason why he never

seemed to grow old. How we loved to have him visit the old parental home on the Half Concession. One of the first things he would say to us youngsters would be, "Can't we have some fun?" To the last he kept a saving sense of humor. An old Indian once came to him on a very cold day begging for a cap. Failing to find one, Dr. Mackay sent him away with an old, soiled tea cosy, as proud as could be. Imagine his hearty laugh a week later when the Indian returned the improvised cap and said, "Good for warm, but too much laugh." He was a great missionary, a christian gentleman and one of the noblest and kindest of men. Whether in the pulpit or on the floor of Synod or of the General Assembly, few men have been gifted with such magnetic power to electrify their hearers and move them to the very depths. His musical voice, Highland fire, marvellous descriptive powers and great, compassionate heart made an irresistible appeal. In 1907 Knox College bestowed on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

WILLIAM, born 1846, lived with his father's father for a few years and then taught school for some time. He attended Knox College from which he graduated. In his last year he took a severe cold. After being licensed he and Hugh spent a winter in California. On their return, Hugh cared for him at the home of their brother John at Thamesford until his death in 1882.

CHRISTENA, the only daughter, was born in 1847. In 1874 she married David Lawrence of Brechin, Scotland. She went to live on a farm at the north end of the village of Thamesford, which was to be her home until her death on November 7th, 1932, fifty-eight years later. Here in a little, low, wooden house in the orchard which sloped down to a branch of the River Thames, her six children were born. In 1891 the family moved across the road to a new stone house.

In her family life and in the larger life of the community she carried on the tradition of kindness which she had inherited. There went out from her home two sons and four daughters; two farmers, two nurses and two teachers.

ALEXANDER settled on a farm near Lakeside in 1900. In 1906 he married Margaret McDonald in Detroit. In 1931 they moved to another farm home on the fourth concession of West Zorra. Mrs. Lawrence was president of the Lakeside Women's Institute for two years and her husband is an elder of Knox Church, Embro. They have a daughter, Anna, and a son, Wilbur. Anna attended the Continuation School at Embro and later took a business course at Woodstock. At present she is at home with her parents. Wilbur studied at the Collegiate Institute at Woodstock and at the Technical School in London and then took up farming with his father. In 1935 he was President of the Young People's Association of the United Church, Embro.

GRACE graduated from the Methodist Deaconess Training School in Toronto in 1900, later from the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. She took post-graduate work at General Memorial Hospital, New York. For a time she had a position in the N. E. D. Hospital in Boston. In 1904 she married James D. Wilson and went to live on a farm near Drumbo where she still resides. They have three sons: Lawrence attended London Normal School and taught for four and a half years. He married Eva Daniels of Paris in 1929. Their home is blessed with one daughter, Lois Anne. At present Lawrence is manager of a chain grocery store in Chatham. Hugh graduated in Medicine from Western University in June of this year (1936). He is entering Victoria Hospital, London, as an Intern. He has had a good deal of experience in orchestral work. James is at present studying music at Galt. In 1936 he was the representative for North Oxford in the Boys' Parliament in Toronto.

JESSIE graduated from University College, University of Toronto, in 1911. After some years spent in teaching, she

married G. R. Smith who is at present Master of Mathematics in Ottawa Normal School.

ANNIE is a graduate of the Woodstock General Hospital. She took post-graduate work at General Memorial Hospital in New York and a course in Public Health in the School of Civics, Chicago, also a course at Harvard, in Orthopedics. At present she is in Osceola County, Michigan, engaged in a Health Education Program under the direction of the Children's Fund of Michigan.

JOHN married Viola Atwell in 1913. They farm the homestead at Thamesford and keep the latch string out for the rest of the family. In 1925 Gordon Griffin, a lad of eleven years, joined the family circle. He is still with them, a joy and a comfort.

MARGARET, an undergraduate of the University of Toronto, taught school for a number of years. In 1920 she married Thomas J. McVittie, M. A., of McGill University, who served in the Great War as Lieutenant in Canadian Siege Artillery. Since 1919 he has been a High School teacher in Montreal. Two sons enliven their home, John Lawrence, aged nine, and Hugh Donald, aged six.

DONALD remained on the old homestead and married Jennie Angus of Dover in 1876. Their family consisted of five sons and two daughters.

ROBERT is minister of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, the pioneer Presbyterian church in Saskatchewan. He has recently been appointed as Chaplain of the Saskatchewan Penitentiary at Prince Albert. He married Bessie Scott of Cromarty, Ontario in 1912 and they have two children, Alex Scott and Margaret Jean.

ALEX died February 3rd, 1907, two months before graduating in Knox College, Toronto. He had a singularly sunny and winsome disposition and gave promise of efficiency and distinction in the noble calling of the christian ministry.

WILLIAM is living on the farm at

Thamesford, that formerly belonged to his Uncle John. He married Jessie Wallace and they have three sons, Donald, Alister and Angus, all of whom are still at school.

GRACE also resides in Thamesford. She cared for her father in his declining years.

JEAN, who was a teacher, is married to Wilfred Owen of Electric, Ontario. They have one son, Hubert.

HUGH died of the "flu" on Jan. 2nd, 1919, respected and beloved.

CALVIN resides on the old home place. He married Grace Stokes and their family consists of Margaret, Hugh, Gordon and John.

The mother of the above seven children died in the Woodstock Hospital on Feb. 26th, 1917, as the result of an accident when stepping off a train at Thamesford. The father died at the old homestead on December 6th, 1929. Their children and grandchildren rise up and call them blessed.

SANDY was killed in an accident on the farm, in his 13th year.

ANGUS married Annie Mark, a teacher in Toronto, in 1882. After graduating from Knox College, he was ordained in Eramosa congregation where he remained for five years. Since then he was minister in the Presbyterian church in Lucknow for sixteen years and in the Free Church of Scotland in Kingussie, Scotland, for thirty-one years. He is still in this charge. There are three sons and four daughters in his family.

A. G. (GEORGE) is a civil engineer. For a few years he was in the wilderness surveying for the Canadian Northern Railway. At present he is assistant to the general manager of The Foundation Company of Canada. He is engaged on large contracts in different places extending from Halifax to Vancouver, controlling at times 1000 men or more. In 1913 he married Eleanor Simmons and they now have two bright daughters, Anna Grace and Mary Eleanor, aged 14 and 12.

WILLIAM is managing a grocery shop in Saskatoon. In 1911 he married Christina Shulick. Their home is enlivened by one son, Harold, aged 23, and three daughters, Annie Grace, Mary Margaret, aged 7 and Jean Sona, aged 5. Mary Margaret takes first place in her class at school.

GRACE BARRON kept house for her father from the death of her mother in 1908 till her marriage with William Allen, M. B. E., Civil Service, Ministry of Labor, Belfast, in 1924. Their home is brightened by Grace Daphne Anna, aged 5, who has a wonderful vocabulary and is quite capable of entertaining, profitably, all classes. Mr. Allen is a church elder and the superintendent of a large Sabbath School.

JOHN CALVIN, M. A., was ordained to the ministry at Nairn, Scotland, in 1915. In 1917 he married Mary Rachel Munro, M. A., teacher. In 1919, with their first child, Annie Henrietta (Anita) they went as missionaries to Peru and after assisting for two years in the college at Lima, they began pioneer evangelistic work at Cajamarca. Now, after 14 years' service, there is a well organized congregation there with several branches in the surrounding districts. There was born to them, at Lima, William Martyn, and in Cajamarca, Catherine Naomi, John Calvin and Emma Rachel Munro. Angus David Hope was born at Kingussie in 1925 during furlough. After a bright, happy life, full of promise, he was taken home on June 27th, 1931. The five remaining children are pursuing their studies at Dundee. As

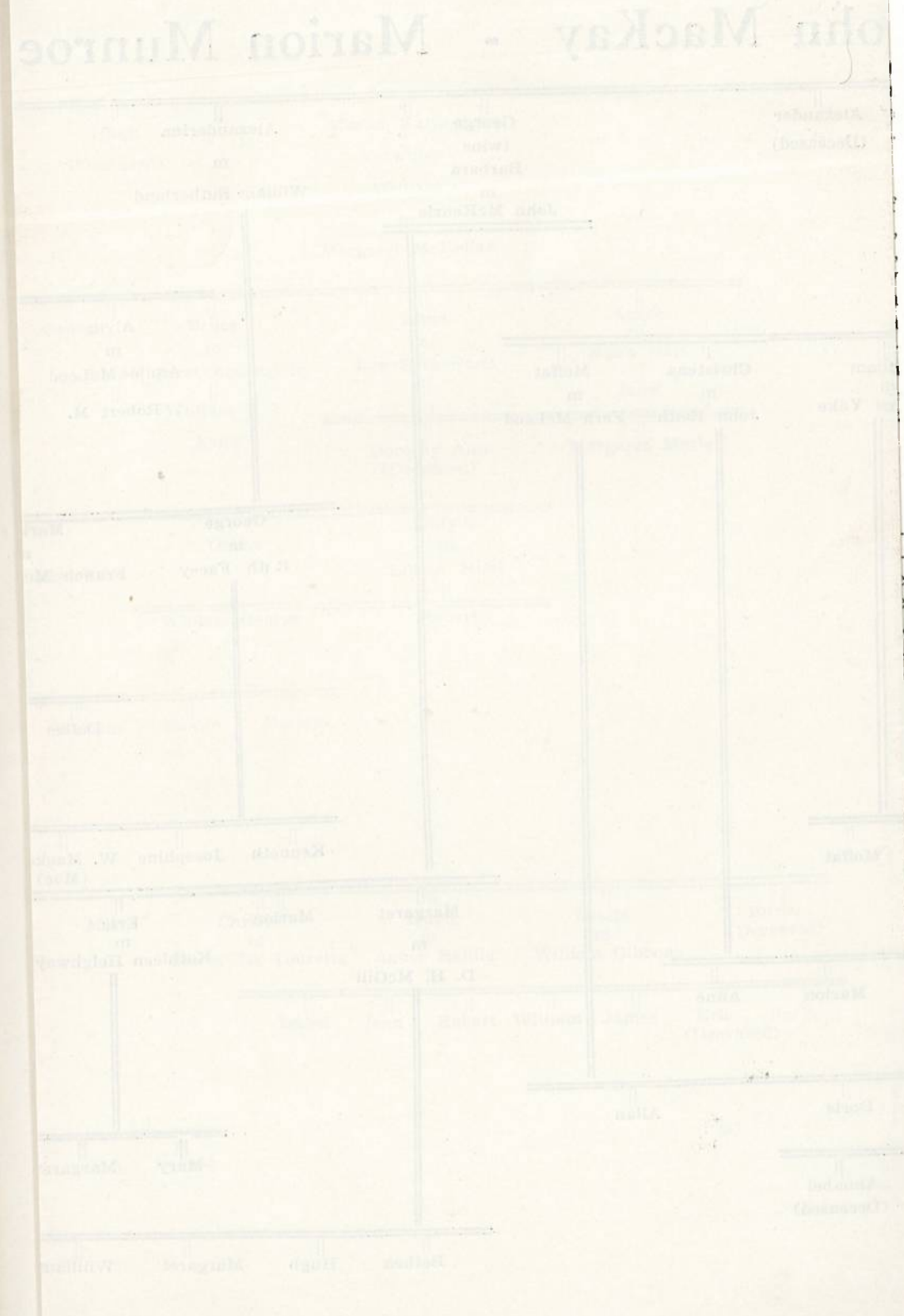
the result of an accident on December 19th, 1934, Calvin was obliged to return to Scotland.

ANNIE MARK, after graduating M.B., Ch.B. at Edinburgh University, spent two or three years in gaining valuable hospital experience in Scotland and England, and in attending a special course of lectures in Tropical Medicine, in London. Then she went out to India as a Medical Missionary. After some preliminary work, Dr. Annie and Miss Elizabeth McLeod opened a mission station in the town of Chhapara, in Seoni District, Central Provinces.

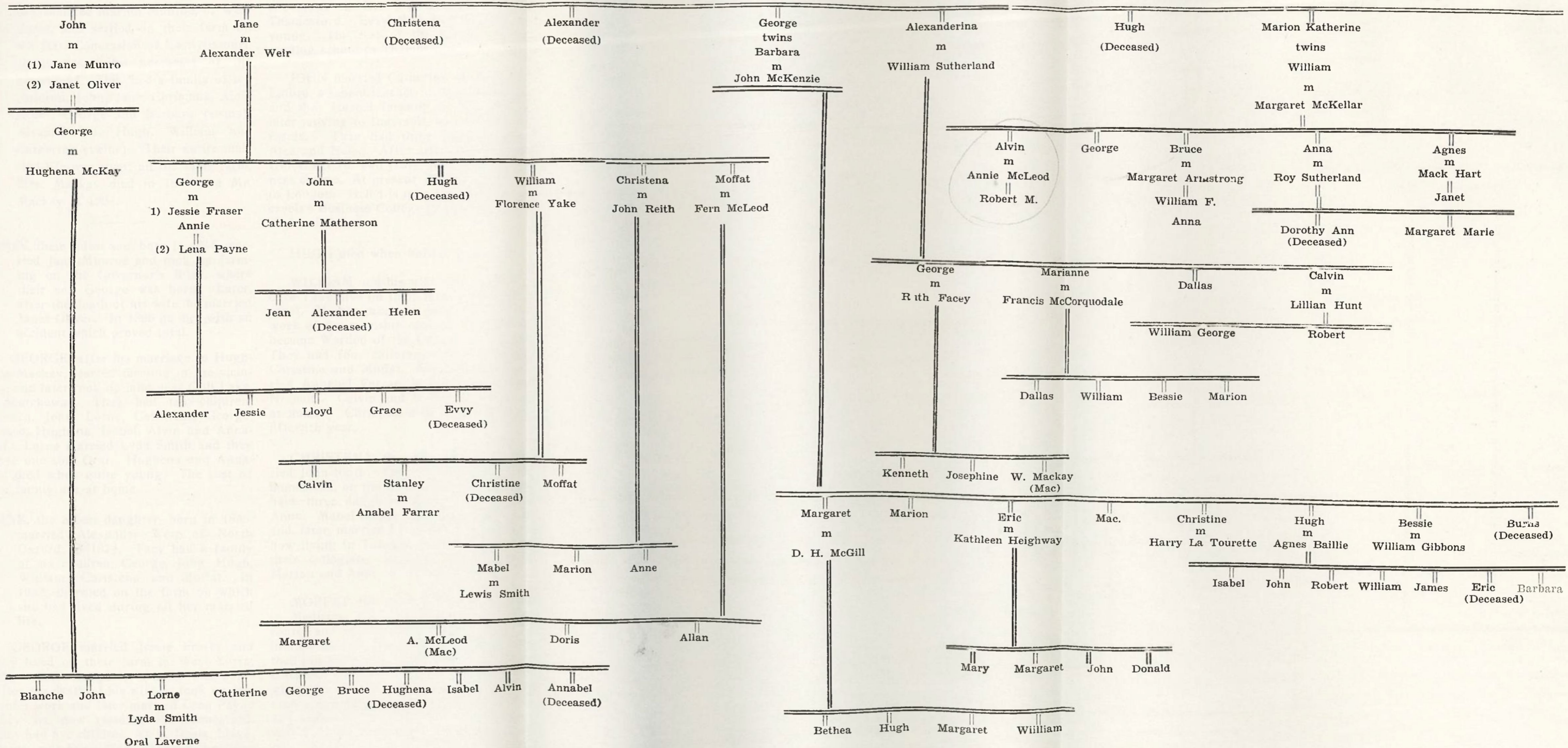
CATHERINE CHRISTENA, M.A., Edinburgh University, after completing a short secretarial course, accompanied her brother Calvin and his wife to Peru where she spent almost five years. During the past eleven years she has been house-keeper at home.

MARY HAVERGAL, M.A., Edinburgh University, taught in Deerness, Orkney, for about three years. In 1928 she married Alister Colin Urquhart, M. R. C. V. S. They are living in Exeter, England and they are blessed with four thriving little girls, Morag Finlayson, Catherine Agnes, Mary Mackay and Annie Mark, aged 6, 4, 2 and three months, respectively.

GEORGE, born 1856, died 1876, after completing one year's study at University College, University of Toronto.



John MacKay - Marion Munroe



JOHN, THE ELDEST SON

ON MARCH 10, 1844, John, the eldest son, married Marion Munroe, of West Zorra, and settled on their farm on the Half Concession of East Nissouri, about two miles northeast of the homestead. They had a family of ten children, John, Jane, Christena, Alexander, George and Barbara (twins), Alexanderina, Hugh, William and Catherine (twins). Their entire married life was spent on the same farm. Mrs. Mackay died in 1887 and Mr. Mackay in 1904.

JOHN, their eldest son, born in 1844, married Jane Munroe and took up farming on the Governor's Road, where their son George was born. Later, after the death of his wife, he married Janet Oliver. In 1896 he met with an accident which proved fatal.

GEORGE, after his marriage to Hughena Mackay, started farming in the vicinity, and later took up land near Gull Lake, Saskatchewan. They had ten children, Blanch, John, Lorne, Catherine, George, Bruce, Hughena, Isobel, Alvin and Annabel. Lorne married Lyda Smith and they have one son, Oral. Hughena and Annabel died when quite young. The rest of the family are at home.

JANE, the eldest daughter, born in 1846, married Alexander Weir of North Oxford, in 1874. They had a family of six children, George, John, Hugh, William, Christena and Moffat. In 1933, she died on the farm on which she had lived during all her married life.

GEORGE married Jessie Fraser and they lived on their farm in West Zorra, where their daughter, Annie, was born. After the death of his wife he took up carpenter work and later married Lena Payne. They are now residing in Thamesford. They had five children, Alex., Jessie, Lloyd, Grace, and Evvy Mae. After completing

her Collegiate education, Annie has taken a position in Dr. Weir's drug store in Thamesford. Evvy Mae died when quite young. The rest of the family are attending school in Thamesford.

JOHN married Catherine Matheson of Embro, a school teacher in the community, and they started farming in West Zorra, later moving to Ingersoll, where they now reside. They had three children, Jean Alex and Helen. After attending Western University for two years, Jean took a business course. At present she has a position in London. Helen is now attending Westervelt's Business College in London. Alex died in infancy.

HUGH died when only a month old.

WILLIAM and his wife who was Florence Yake, live on their farm in East Nissouri. He has taken an active part in the work of the township council. In 1926 he became Warden of the County of Oxford. They had four children, Stanley, Christine and Moffat. Stanley, who married Annabel Farrar, is farming in East Nissouri. Calvin and Moffat are farming at home. Christine died in 1926 in her fifteenth year.

CHRISTENA, the only daughter, married John Reith. They reside on the Weir homestead, on the Governor's Road. They have three daughters, Mabel, Marion and Anne. Mabel taught school for some time and, later, married Lewis Smith. They are now living in Toronto. After completing their collegiate education in Ingersoll, Marion and Anne are living at home.

MOFFAT, the youngest son, graduated in Medicine from the University of Toronto, and then took post-graduate work in Erie County Hospital, in Buffalo. He then practised for a short time in Langton, Ontario. Later, he came to Thamesford, where he is still practising. In 1920 he took a specialist course in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, in New York. In 1912 he married Fern McLeod. They have four children, Margaret, Mac, Doris and Allan.

Margaret graduated from MacDonald Hall, Guelph, in Dietetics and is now taking post-graduate work in New York. Mac is completing his Collegiate work at Albert College, Belleville. Doris and Allan are attending school in Thamesford.

CHRISTENA, the second daughter, was born in 1848 and died in 1866.

ALEXANDER was born in 1849 and died in 1851.

GEORGE was born in 1852, and farmed until his death in 1897.

BARBARA married John McKenzie and farmed for a number of years on the Governor's Road. Later she moved to London where she resided until her death in 1931. They had a family of eight children, Margaret, Marion, Eric, Mac, Christine, Hugh, Bessie and Burns.

MARGARET, after teaching for a number of years, married D. H. McGill, M. A., Principal of Orillia Collegiate Institute. They have four children, Bethea, Hugh, Margaret and William. Bethea is taking an honor English and History course at Western University in London. Hugh, who is in his last year at Collegiate, intends to continue his studies at Queen's University. He is interested in sports, being a star rugby and hockey player. Margaret and William are attending school in Orillia.

MARION is on the teaching staff of Chesley Avenue Public School in London.

ERIC, who married Kathleen Highway, is living in Windsor, where he is in the real estate business. They have four children, Mary, Margaret, John and Donald, all of whom are attending school.

MAC is in the printing business in Detroit. During the Great War he served overseas.

CHRISTINE graduated as a nurse from a New York hospital in which she continued her work for a number of years. During the Great War she served overseas

as a nurse. Later she married Harry La Tourette of Norwich, Connecticut.

HUGH also served in the Great War and then married Agnes Baillie, of Scotland. They took up land in the West and lived there for a number of years but are now living near Leamington, Ontario. They had seven children, Isobel, John, Robert, William, James, Eric and Barbara. Isobel died while they were living in the West. The rest of the family are attending school.

BESSIE (Mrs. W. G. Gibbon), who is in London, has a position with the School Dental Clinic.

BURNS died in 1930.

ALEXANDERINA, born in 1855, married William Sutherland and went to live on a farm in Dorchester Township. They had four children, George, Marianne, Dallas and Calvin. She is still living on the same farm, with her youngest son.

GEORGE and **DALLAS** are partners in a feed and coal business and chopping mill, at Putnam, Ontario. George married Ruth Facey, a school teacher in the community, and they have three children, Kenneth, Josephine and Mac. The first two are attending school in Putnam and Mac is at home.

MARIANNE, who married Frank McCorquodale, lives on their farm in East Nissouri. They have four children, Dallas, William, Bessie and Marion. Dallas is farming at home. William is attending Continuation School in Embro and Bessie and Marion are attending Public School.

CALVIN, who married Lillian Hunt, R. N., of Dorchester, lives on the Sutherland homestead. They have two sons, William and Robert.

HUGH was born in 1856 and died when only two years of age.

CATHERINE was born in 1860 and died in 1866.

WILLIAM, twin brother of Catherine, married Margaret McKellar and lived on the home place until a few years ago,

when they moved to the farm on which his brother George had lived. They have five children, Alvin, George, Bruce, Anna and Agnes.

ALVIN married Annie McLeod, a teacher of Embro, and they live on their farm in West Zorra. They have one son, Robert.

GEORGE is farming at home with his parents.

BRUCE, who is farming on the old

home place, is married to Margaret Armstrong. They have one son, William, and a daughter Anna.

ANNA married Roy Sutherland. They live on their farm near Lakeside, Ontario. They had two children, Dorothy and Margaret. Dorothy died in 1934 when only three years of age.

AGNES and her husband, Mack Hart, are farming near Woodstock. They have a baby daughter, Janet.



MARION, THE FIFTH DAUGHTER

MARION married John McKenzie. Their first home was on the Governor's Road in North Oxford Township. From there they moved to Lot 9, Concession 11, of East Nissouri, where they resided for the remainder of their lives. To them were born five sons and two daughters.

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DONALD, the eldest, worked at his trade, plastering, in various places in the country surrounding the home where he was brought up. The last part of his life was spent in Ingersoll, where he died in 1925, at the age of eighty. His wife was Annie Nixon, and they had one son and three daughters.

MARION is the wife of Wm. MacCrae of Kitchener.

MINNIE married Frank Smith, who is with the C. N. R. She died some time ago.

WILLIAM is living in Alberta. He has one son.

JESSIE is the wife of Frank Smith and they live in Ingersoll.

JOHN was a carpenter and farmer. He lived on the 11th Concession of East Nissouri for years. He then retired to Ingersoll, but died soon after. While helping his son on the old farm, he was killed on June 12th, 1912. His wife was Kate Mackay and they had a family of two sons and two daughters.

JOHN, the eldest, carried on farming for some time and then moved to Woodstock, where he is living at the present time. He married Blanche Pearson. They have three sons and four daughters. The eldest, Lola, is Mrs. Kew, who lives, with her husband and daughter, Marvena, near Kintore. The other six, Beatrice, Verna, Burns, Jean, Harvey and Stuart, are all still at school.

CHRISTENA lives at Okotocks, Alberta where her husband, Thomas Mackay, has a butcher business. Their son, Neil, is in

business with his father. Of their two daughters, Jessie and Jean, one has a position and the other is at home.

MARION and her husband, Fred Lea, live on a farm in Alberta, not far from her sister, Christena.

CALVIN died two years ago.

BURNS also lives in Alberta.

CHRISTENA was married to Charles Mackay. They spent the years of their active life on a farm on the 9th Concession of East Nissouri. After the death of her husband, she and her family of one son and four daughters, moved to Ingersoll, where she passed away in 1919.

MARION, the eldest, is Mrs. James Mackay of Ingersoll. She has two sons, Burns, who married M. Foster, and Gordon who is working on a farm near Banner.

JOHN died in infancy.

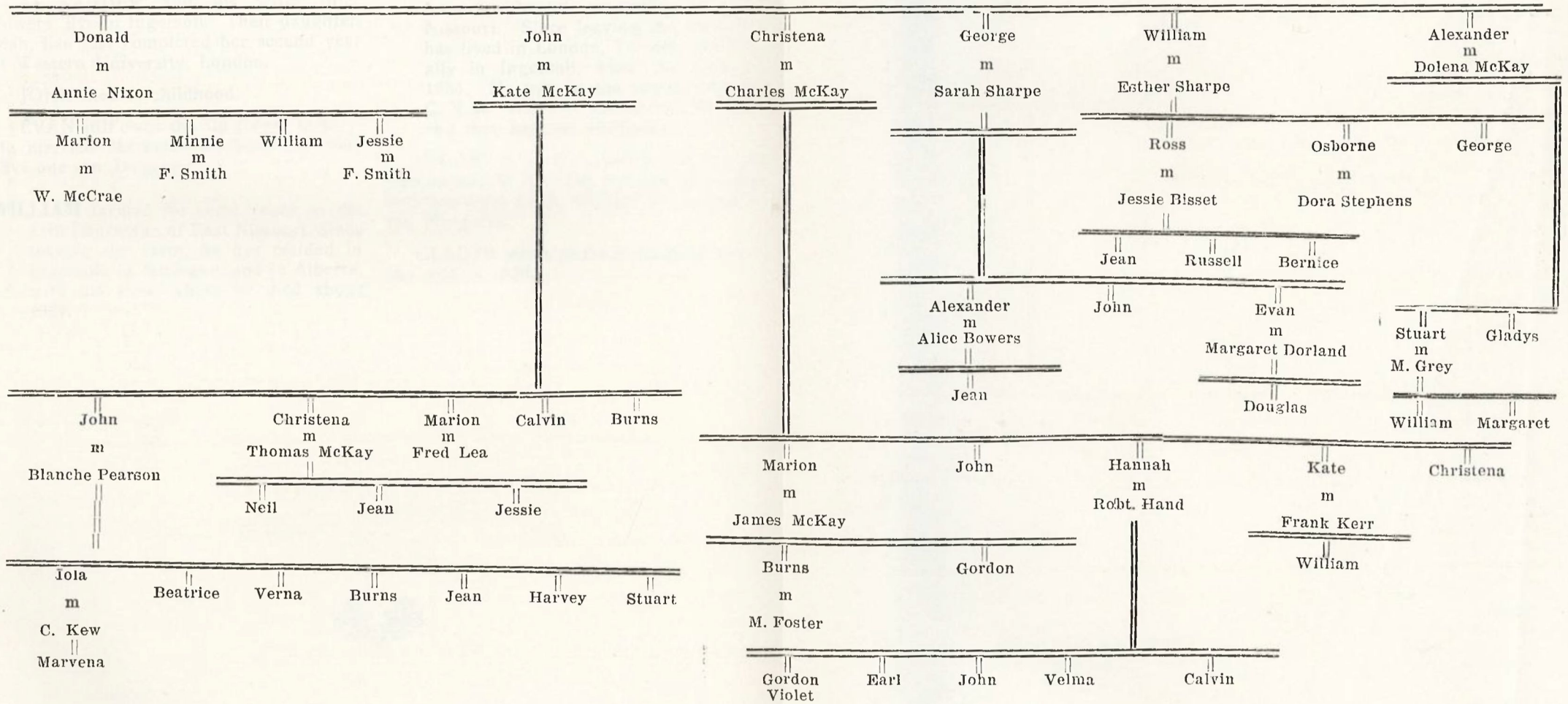
HANNAH, who was a school teacher, married Robert Hand, and they live on a farm near Aberfeldy, in Kent County. Their eldest son, Gordon, runs an egg-grading station at Ridgetown. He is married and has a little daughter, Violet Ilene. Earl is at home farming with his father. Another son, Johnny, died in infancy. Velma and Calvin are still in school.

KATE'S husband, Frank Kerr, is in the meat business in Ingersoll. Their son, William, is a High School student.

CHRISTENA died young.

GEORGE farmed the old homestead for some years. In 1894 he sold the farm and took up cheese-making. For twenty-one years he operated what was called Dunn's factory in the Township of North Oxford. It was during part of this time, and later, that he was a Dairy Instructor and Inspector. He continued in this work until his death in 1923. Of his service in these different capacities, an old friend of

Marion MacKay---John MacKenzie



his writes: "Mr. McKenzie was a man who was always liked by his factory patrons, both as owner and cheesemaker. As Instructor for other cheesemakers and patrons, he was appreciated for his courteous and affable manner in dealing with them. As Inspector, he had no favorites." He married Sarah Sharp and they had three sons.

ALEXANDER and his wife, Alice Bowers, live in Ingersoll. Their daughter, Jean, has just completed her second year at Western University, London.

JOHN died in childhood.

EVAN still owns the old cheese factory. He married Margaret Dorland and they have one son, Douglas.

WILLIAM farmed for some years on the 11th Concession of East Nissouri. Since leaving the farm, he has resided in Ingersoll, in Michigan, and in Alberta, with his sons, where he died about 1927.

ROSS married Jessie Bisset. Their family consists of Jean, Russell and Bernice.

OSBORNE, husband of Dora Stephens, is a C. P. R. carpenter in Calgary. He was overseas with the C. E. F.

GEORGE died in 1919 when he was about eighteen years of age.

ALEXANDER farmed on the 11th, and later on the 9th concession of East Nissouri. Since leaving the farm he has lived in London, Toronto and finally in Ingersoll, where he died in 1933. He was in the service of the C. N. R. His wife was Dolena Mackay and they had two children.

STUART is in the lumber business in Vancouver, B. C. He married M. Grey and they have a son, William and a daughter, Margaret.

GLADYS was a nurse-in-training when she died in 1920.



GEORGE, THE SECOND SON

IN 1823 George Mackay, second son of John Mackay and Christena Munro, was born and so he was a lad of 8 when his parents emigrated to Canada. On his birthday, December 25, 1846, he was married to Isabelia McDonald, whose home was on the southeast corner at Rayside. For a short time the young couple lived with his parents but they soon went to their own home on Lot 2, Concession 14, East Nissouri. When their children were young they moved to Ingersoll so that they might be nearer to a school. After seven years in Ingersoll they moved back to their farm where they lived until their deaths, hers in 1900 and his in 1909. He was a man of a particularly happy disposition and his ability to see the humorous side of a situation carried him over many of the difficulties of pioneer life. Ten children were born in this home.

CHRISTENA lived all her life in the old home where she served faithfully until her death in 1922.

GEORGE died in infancy. Another son, who was given the same name, died at the age of three years.

JANETT ANN died at the age of seven years.

JOHANNA married Walter Walker and lived for some years on the farm south of Walker's school. They lived in London for a time, then in Toronto, and, later, in Regina where her husband died in 1917. After that she returned to Ontario and at the present time she is making her home in London. She had two children.

ROY married Ethel Asling and they had one daughter, Dorothy, who died in 1933, at the age of nineteen years. Her father, who moved to Toronto with his

parents, went into business as an accountant in the International Varnish Company and stayed in that company until his death a few weeks after that of his daughter.

GLADYS married Robert Paterson. They had one son, Harold, who lives at the present time in Windsor with his father. Gladys died in 1925.

GEORGE, the third son of this name, went to Manitoba at the age of twenty-one. Here he homesteaded and married Nellie Gosnell. After some years he moved to North Dakota where he again took up a homestead. Later on, he and his family moved again and this time they made their home in the State of Washington, where they are living at the present time. There are five children in this family.

WILLIAM married Ethel Milton and they live on a farm near Mabton. They have six children. Donald is married and has a baby daughter. Eleanor lives with her parents. Jeanetta married M. Dorsey, and they have a little daughter named Marlene. Jerry is living with his parents. Dorothy and Dale, who are twins, are still in school.

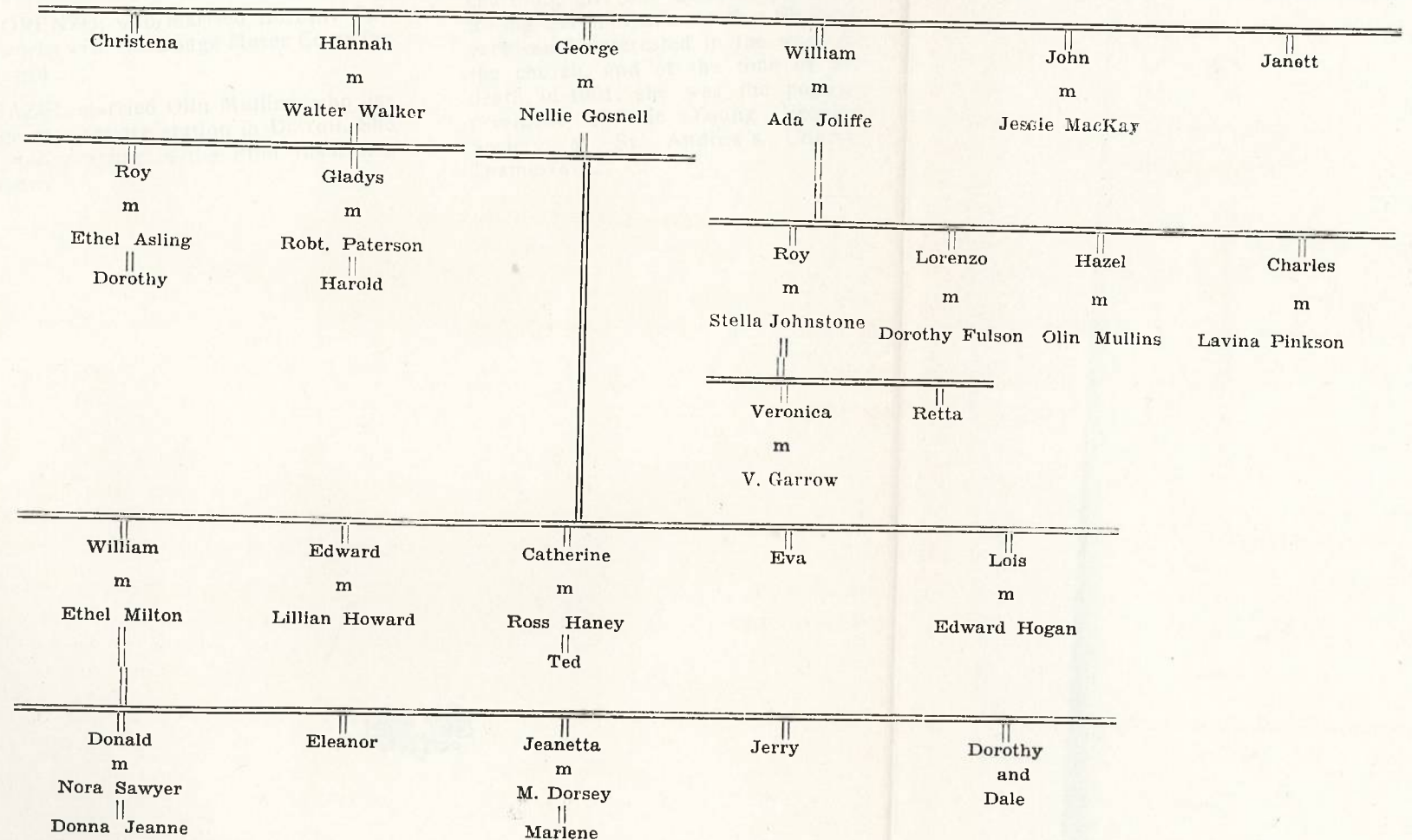
EDWARD J. married Lillian Howard. They live in Seattle in a home overlooking Lake Washington. He works on a dredging outfit. As he is musical, he spends a good deal of his spare time practising with the band to which he belongs.

CATHERINE taught school for some years and then married Ross Haney, a merchant in Sunnyside, Washington. They have one son, Ted, who attends school.

EVA is a medical doctor who practises in Mabton, Washington.

LOIS taught school before her marriage to Ed. Hogan, a passenger agent on the railroad. They live in Portland, Oregon.

George MacKay -- Isabelle McDonald



SECOND SON

WILLIAM went to Manitoba and after a few years he moved to Dakota where he settled on a farm. He married Ada Joliffe and they had a family of three sons and one daughter. He died in 1906.

ROY is an engineer in Detroit. He married Stella Johnston and their home is blessed with two daughters, Veronica and Retta. The former is married to Verne Garrow.

LORENZO, who married Dorothy Fulson, works with the Dodge Motor Company in Detroit.

HAZEL married Olin Mullins, who has charge of a service station in Detroit. She is a stenographer in the Pilot Insurance Company.

CHARLES married Lavina Pinkson. He works with the Dodge Motor Company in Detroit.

JOHN M. married Jessie Mackay. He carried on farming on his father's farm until 1928 when he retired. He is now living in Thamesford.

ALEXANDER ROBERT died in infancy.

JANETT ISABELLA was a winsome, charming girl who died the year following her mother's death. She was very much interested in the work of the church, and at the time of her death, in 1901, she was the popular president of the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford.



WILLIAM, THE THIRD SON

(This chapter was written by his youngest daughter, Eleanor.)

IN ONE OF THE earliest recollections which I have of my father and mother, we were driving in the round-backed cutter, over the snowy roads, to an Old New Year's dinner at the home of Uncle Donald Mackay. It was January twelfth, and on that day the Mackays and their husbands and wives and, usually, the youngest of the children, met to celebrate and to enjoy the delicious dinner of roast turkey or goose and all the good things which went with it. Each family of the Clan took its turn in entertaining the rest.

My father, Wm. Mackay, was born at Lairg, in the Highlands, and my mother, Anabella Gordon, in Muddy York, now Toronto, on the banks of the Don, very shortly after her parents had arrived in Canada from Scotland. Father, with his parents, settled on what is now the old homestead, in Oxford County, Township of East Nissouri, on land which was formerly part of the Clergy Reserves. Mother's people settled some two or three miles away. Mother was twenty and father, twenty-six when they married. They had a long life together, going to that better home within a few months of each other, in their eightieth and eighty-sixth year: sixty years of married life—what joy and sorrow, what hardship and happiness were experienced in those long years together.

Twelve children were born to them, of whom six girls and two boys lived to grow to manhood and womanhood. These were: John Gordon, Janet McPherson, Christena Munro, Marion, Margaret, Anabella Gordon, William Donald and Grace Eleanor; and what happy times we had together. We didn't need other company though we had many visitors at the old homestead.

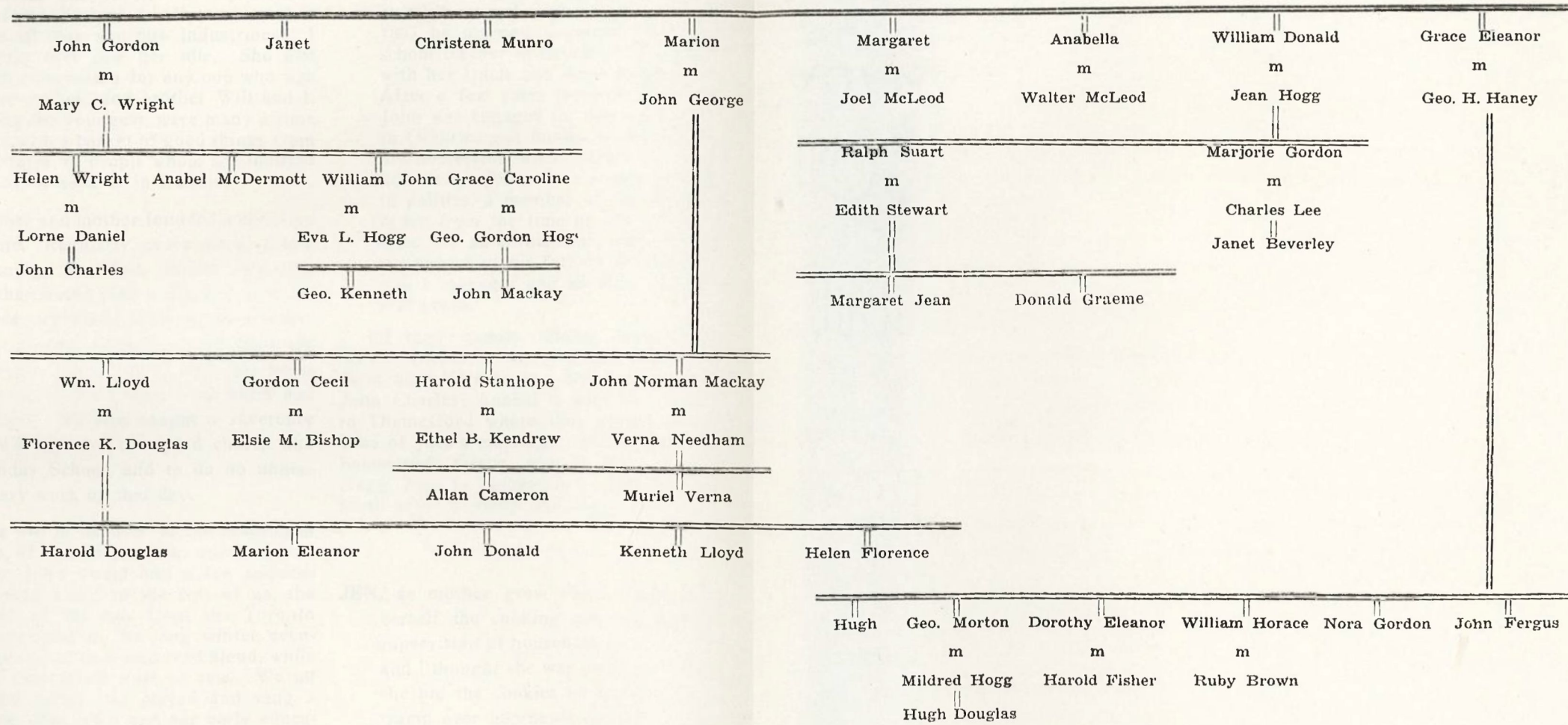
One can imagine what a busy life was led by the pioneers between 1850 and 1870, clearing the heavy hardwood

bush and attending to the many varied duties which fell to their lot. We think that we of the present day have enough work to occupy our time, but what about picking and carding wool, spinning the wool into yarn, knitting all the socks, stockings, and mittens for a large family, making suits for the men of the family, of heavy full cloth, weaving carpets, milking cows, making home-made cheese and sausage or "marags" and crocks of head-cheese and "crowdy" or, as we call it now, "cottage cheese," along with the every day duties, such as getting meals, washing dishes, washing and ironing, cooking, etc.

My father was a very stern man, often impatient of the foolish ways of youth, but oh, so high principled and honest. He could not rest easy when any payment had to be made on farm implements, or when taxes were due, until he had paid his debt. He had the Scotch characteristic of being a generous giver, but a poor receiver; for instance, when a cow or a pig was killed for the meat supply, a generous portion was sent to this or that uncle or aunt or neighbor. That was all right, quite as it should be. But when this same person returned a similar generous portion, it was quite different; "That is far too much, you are robbing yourself, you should not have sent it," and so on.

In spite of the fact that I stood in awe of my father, I loved to be with him as he went about his work out in the fields, and to carry the lantern for him as he did the winter chores, tagging around after him as he carried straw for bedding, and fed the horses and cows. We never said much to each other, but I think words were not necessary. One visit which father and I always took together was an annual winter evening visit across the road to Cousin George Matheson's home.

William MacKay -- Anabella Gordon



One of the fine things about father was his deep love and respect for my mother. No wonder that he passed away a few months after mother was taken; he could not live without her. My mother—what can I say that would adequately express what we children thought of her. I considered her just about perfect when I was a girl at home, and, looking back, from a mature age, through a mist of tears, I think the same. Quiet, refined, patient, cheerful, kindly; my mother was all that, and how industrious! I hardly ever saw her idle. She had such compassion for any one who was poor or sick, and brother Will and I, being the youngest, were many a time sent with a basket of good things from the farm, to people whom she thought to be in need or in trouble.

Father and mother founded a christian home. Regularly, every morning and evening, we had family worship. Father would read a chapter from the Bible; we would all sing; then father would pray in Gaelic; and I think the prayers offered up in that old home kept us many a time from harm and danger. We were taught to reverence God's day and to attend church and Sunday School, and to do no unnecessary work on that day.

The life in summer at the homestead was, of necessity, a busy one, but even then John would find a few minutes to read aloud to the rest of us, the news of the day from the Toronto Globe; and in the long winter evenings one of us would read aloud, while the rest would knit or sew. We all loved music and played and sang a great deal. We had our early education at Adam's School under such teachers as Miss Maggie Ross, now Mrs. Hull, Mr. Cody, Mr. Chisholm who afterward became Assistant Chief Public School Inspector for Ontario, Miss McWilliams and others. One of the red letter days was that on which the school picnic was held in Aunty McNee's woods.

JOHN was the eldest of the large family, so we stood in awe of his opinions and criticisms. He was away from home a great deal, his first venture being a trip to Manitoba. Some years later, he was superintending the construction of waterworks systems in Ingersoll, Woodstock, Port Colborne and in many towns in New York State. While engaged in this work, he often sent for me, the lucky youngest, to come and visit him. Mother and I together enjoyed several trips to see him. In 1897 he married Caroline Wright, a school teacher in Brooklyn, who lived with her Uncle and Aunt McDermott. After a few years more at the work John was engaged in, they came back to Ontario, and finally settled on the old homestead where their son, Jack, now lives. John was a strong Liberal, in politics, a member of the Masonic order from the time he was a young man, and an enthusiastic supporter of the church of his fathers, in which he was a manager and an elder for several years.

Of their family, Helen, who was a school teacher, is married and lives on a farm near Verschoyle. She has one son, John Charles; Anabel is with her mother in Thamesford where they moved at the time of Jack's marriage. He lives on the homestead; Grace, who is Mrs. Gordon Hogg, lives in Thamesford. She has two small sons, Kenneth and Mac.

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JEN, as mother grew older, took upon herself the cooking and the general supervision of household matters. Will and I thought she was very cruel when she hid the cookies or forbade us to tramp over her newly scrubbed floor, but I am sure we must have been little pests, trying her patience twenty times a day. Jen was a lovely cook, and I can still taste her delicious bread, buns and pies.

TENA was the retiring, quiet member of the family, who did not like to accept responsibility as Jen did, but worked

quietly in the background; but we who lived with her loved her for her cheerful, patient helpfulness.

MARION and Maggie were away a great deal, since they were both teachers. But it was one of the bright spots of our life when they came home for vacations. Marion was lovely to Will and me, and would tell us stories without number and rub our little legs when they ached with "growing pains" as we called them. She would talk to us in French, which we thought very mystifying and delightful.

MAGGIE and **ANNIE** were great chums and went every place together. They had a keen sense of humor and could see the funny side of everything. As they grew up they became interested in church and mission work and brightened many a sad, poverty-stricken life. When she lived in London, Maggie took an active part in the work of her church. Hers was indeed a sunny christian character and her life was a blessing to many outside her home. As in a garden there are flowers that excel in sweetness and beauty, so in families there are personalities that are outstanding for the beauty and fragrance of their lives; in my family Maggie's life and influence outshone that of all the others.

Marion was the first to leave the old home, marrying John George, a young farmer in the section where she taught. Then John married Caroline Wright of Brooklyn and the next year I was married to George Haney of Thamesford. A year or so later, Maggie married Joel McLeod of the same village and Will married Jean Hogg who lived several miles north of Thamesford.

We were living in Thamesford then, as father was unable to work the farm and the boys were in the States working at waterworks construction. Then father and mother finally moved to London where

Annie married Walter McLeod of Thamesford. Tena and Jen were living at home when father and mother died. They sold the house at the north end of the city, and had another built in the east end on Hale street, where Jen still lives.

Mother, Father, John, Tena, Maggie and Annie are all gone now, and the others of us who still live are scattered far from the old homestead.

Marion is on a farm near Delisle, Sask. Her four boys are all living on farms of their own around her. Lloyd and his wife who was Florence Douglas, have five children, Harold, Marion, John, Kenneth and Helen. Gordon married Elsie Bishop. Harold, who served for four years in the Great War, is married to Ethel Kendrew. Norman and his wife, who was Vera Needham, have two children, Allan and Muriel.

WILL lives in Prince Albert, Sask. For some years he and his family lived in British Columbia, where he was engaged in the lumbering business. Then he farmed near Delisle, Sask., leaving that to become Provincial President of the Co-operative Livestock Producers in Regina and Saskatoon. He has two children, Ralph and Marjorie. Ralph travels in the interests of the C. C. F. He married Edith Stewart and they have two children, Margaret and Donald. Marjorie, who received a nurse's training in a Winnipeg hospital, is married to Charles Lee, a High School teacher in Prince Albert. They have a daughter, Janet.

ELEANOR. After my marriage we lived in Thamesford, where my husband worked in Young and Kester's general store. Moving to London, he travelled for the Pedlar Metal Roofing Co., becoming manager of their branch in that city. Finally we moved to Kelvington, Sask., where, three years ago my dear husband passed away. We had six children. The eldest, Hugh Mackay, died when a baby and is buried at St. Andrew's church, Thamesford. George Morton, who

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ALEXANDER, THE YOUNGEST SON

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As soon as possible, a frame house was built to more adequately meet the needs of the increasing family. This forms the kitchen part of the newer house which was erected in 1868, and which was raised and improved by the third son, George, who took over the farm after his father's death, and who also built the present barn.

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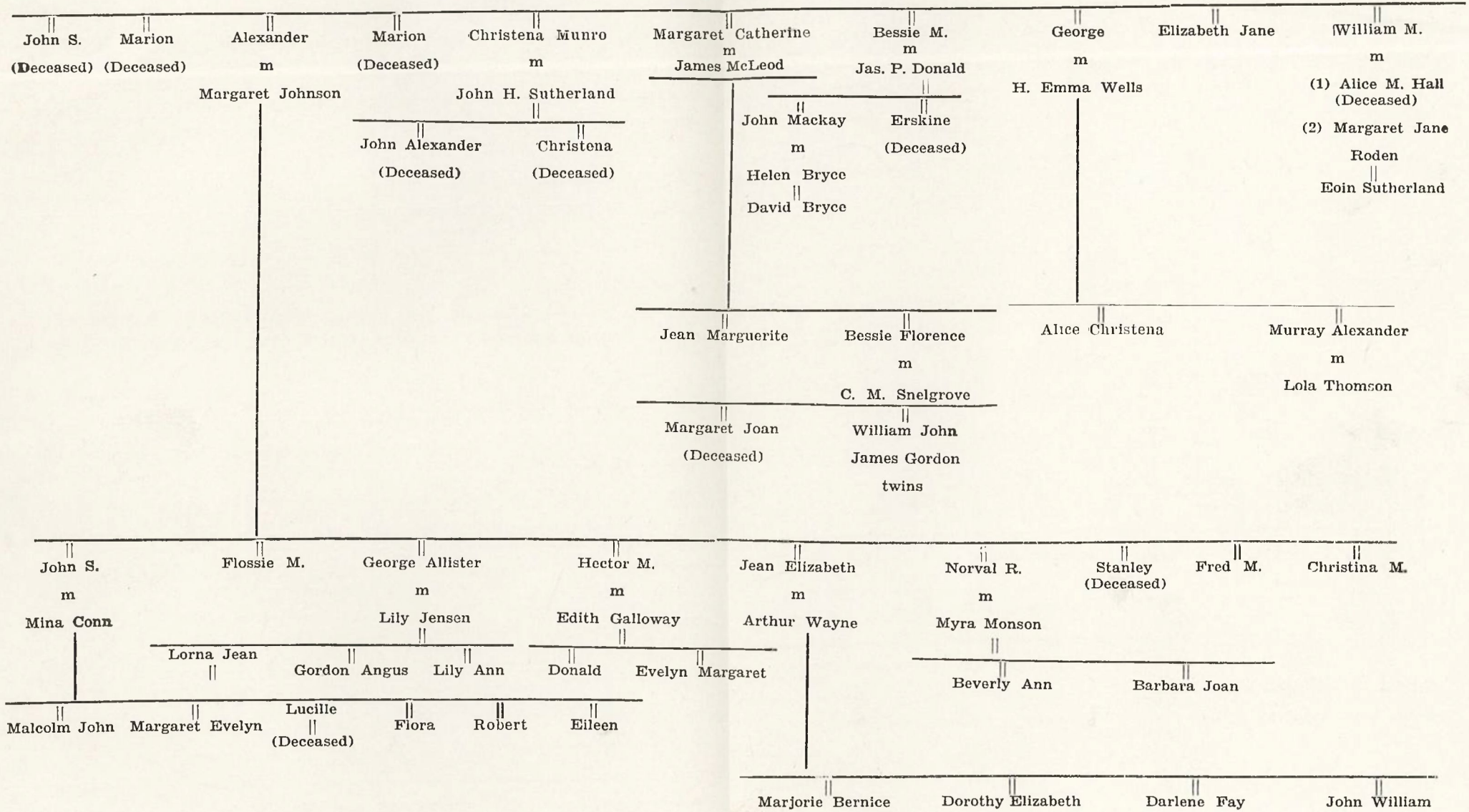
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obtained his B. A. degree in 1904 and graduated from Knox in 1905. At the time of Union he remained in the Presbyterian Church, and is now Superintendent of Missions for Northern Ontario and Manitoba. During his ministry he has had appointments in Peterborough, Harriston, Weston and Sault Ste. Marie, and now makes his home in Weston. His first wife was Alice Hall, daughter of the late Sheriff Hall of Peterborough, and his second, Margaret Roden, daughter of the late E. P. Roden, of Toronto. Their only son, Eoin, is now attending University College, Toronto, with the aim of graduating from Knox.

ALEX, the second son, as a young man, went West, taking up land, first in South Dakota, later in North Dakota, near Rolla, at which town he and his wife, who was Margaret Johnson, of Acton, are at present living, retired. They had nine children.

JOHN S., their eldest son, married Mina Conn, and they had six children, one of whom, Lucille, is not living. The other five are, Malcolm John, Margaret Evelyn, Flora, Robert and Eileen. Margaret and Flora are graduating from High School this year.

FLOSSIE was for some time deputy registrar in Rolla.

ALLISTER has filled the position of county treasurer. His wife, Lily Jensen, died shortly after the birth of her third child, Lily Anne. The other two children are, Lorna Jean and Gordon Angus. Lily Anne is being brought up by his parents.

HECTOR is a bank manager in Spokane. He married Edith Galloway and they are the parents of a son, Donald, and a daughter, Evelyn Margaret.

JEAN E. was a teacher before her marriage to Arthur Wayne. They live on a farm and their home is cheered by four children, Marjorie Bernice, Dorothy Elizabeth, Darlene Fay and John William. The two elder girls are graduating from High School this year.

NORVAL and his wife, Myra Monson, farm on the homestead. They have two daughters, Beverly Ann and Barbara Joan.

STANLEY, the next son, is not living.

FRED graduated as a teacher. At present he is running a dairy farm near Spokane.

ENA teaches at Rolla, where she lives with her parents and her niece, Lily Anne.

CHRISTENA, the eldest daughter, already mentioned, married John H. Sutherland and settled on a farm in the neighborhood. They had two children, John Alexander and Christena, both of whom died in infancy.

MARGARET, the second daughter, after her marriage to James McLeod, lived for a while in Thamesford. Then they moved to London where they kept a grocery store; but they have now retired. They have two daughters. Jean the elder one, is at home with her parents. After obtaining a business and a musical education, Bessie, the younger one, became the wife of C. W. Snelgrove, of London. They have twin boys, Billie and Jimmie, born in August, 1934.

GEORGE, the third son, lives on the home farm. He married Helen Emma, daughter of the late Capt. William Wells, of Ryckman's Corners. Their family are both graduates of the University of Toronto, Alice from University College, in Arts, and Murray from S. P. S., in Electrical Engineering. The former is now a High School teacher. The latter was married recently to Lola Thompson, of Lamar, Quebec.

ELIZABETH, the youngest daughter, looked after her parents in their declining years. When her father died she and her mother moved to London. After the death of the latter she took a nurse's training in New York, and has worked at her profession in that city and also in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

BESSIE, the third daughter, after teaching for some years, married James P. Donald, of Toronto, and devoted her life to the care of his young family of boys. Of these, Alex and Charles are now United Church ministers, the latter having spent two terms as a missionary in India. Alex, Bruce and

Leslie served in the Great War, the youngest, Leslie, paying the supreme sacrifice. Her own son, John M., is now with the Royal Bank in Toronto, after being stationed for some years in Nassau, Bahamas, and in Santo Domingo. He married Helen Bryce of Nassau and they have a son, David Bryce. Bessie died in 1925.

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