# The Tooles of Kenora

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The Tooles of Kenora an their descendents descendent from William John Toole from Ireland.

William John Toole or O'Toole was born about 1844 in Wexford County Ireland. He died in Curracloe House around 1928. On May 24, 1870, he married Magdalene Thompson, daughter of William Boxwell Thompson and Penella Jacob. She was born about 1845 in Madras India.

They had a large family including

Isabelle Penella or Pinella Toole born Jun 12 1872 in Crossabeg, Wexford, County, Ireland, married Kingsford Francis Arthur Graburn on April 12 1898 in Winnipeg, died in Kenora on December 21 1919

Catherine Margaret Toole born Jun 15 1873, Crossabeg, Wexford County, Ireland died May 8 1955 in Wexford Ireland.

George Archer Toole, born July 12 1874 in Crossabeg, Wexford Counjty, Ireland, married Elenor Cross August 7 1901 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, died in Kenora in 1957

Mary Eliza Toole born January 5 1876 in Crossabeg, Wexford County, Ireland, death unknown

Annie Letitia Toole born in 1877 in Crossabeg, Wexford County, Ireland, married Charles Roark November 5 1904 Fairfield, Lancashire, England, died in Ireland Buried in Camolin, Wexford County, Ireland

Magdalen Toole born April 2 1878 Wexford County Ireland, Married John Elgee September 1911, died November 13 1940 in Wexford County, Ireland

Captain Lawrence Henry Tool born September 14 1879, Wexford County, Ireland, died Mar 29 1967, buried Wexford Ireland

Henrietta Edith Toole born November 5 1880 died August 6 1968 Wexford

Victoria J.D. "Cassie" Toole born December 1881 died Apr 16 1963

Archer John Toole born December 17 1883, died 1963

Lt Cpl. Edward "Ned" Thomas Toole born April 1 1885 in Curracloe,

Wexford County, died September 15 1916, Courcelette, Somme, Picardie, France

David Frederick Jack Toole born December 1886 died September 29 1918, France

**George Archer Toole**, son of William John Toole and Magdalene Thompson, was born Crossabeg, Wexford County, Ireland, on July 12 1874. He arrived in Rat Portage in 1894. He worked as accountant for George Drewry. Subsequently he worked in the Insurance and Real Estate industry for a number of years incorporating Standard Realty in 1908 and served as its President.

George served on the cemetery Board, the Board of Education, 17 years on the General Hospital Board, the Rowing Club and the Golf Club.

He served as Kenora Mayor from 1919 to 1923. During his tern he persistently negotiated for a paper mill for Kenora. On DEcember 20 1920 the Bacus tender for the English River Pulpwood was accepted opening the way for the contruction of a mill. Mr Toole turned the first sod for the construction on June 6 1922.

He married Eleanor Cross on August 7 1901 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They had two chidren

Laurence Archer Toole born Febriary 7 1905

Eleanor Ducasse "Julianna" Toole born Mar 27 1912

George Archer Toole died in Kenora in 1957

**Laurence Archer Toole**, son of George Archer Toole and Eleanor Cross, was born February 7 1905 in Kenora. He married Donalda Margaret McLeod. They had two children,

Catherine Toole married Donald McLeod

Julianne Toole married a Mr. Langley

He succeeded his father at Standard and commanded a lot of respect and power in the town.

Laurence was active in several community clubs. He was a member of the rowing club, the curling club and the Golf and Country Club. He was Chairmen of the Hospital Board. He was extremely active in pursuing the new museum and served as its president for many years.

Laurence joined Rotary Februay 1 1938. He served as Rotary President in 1947-1948. He received an honourary Paul Harris award on June 9th 1980, on the 60th annivesary of Rotary in Kenora. Writing for the newslatter a week later Stu King told his personal story in tribute to Laurence <a href="ServiceToMyFellowMan.pdf">ServiceToMyFellowMan.pdf</a> and ended with,

Last Monday's presentation to Laurence of a Paul Harris award was an emotional moment for everyone in the room. Each had his own reasons for paying sincere tribute to an exceptional man. I surely had mine – for no one can enjoy the privilege of his friendship without some of his remarkable qualities of concern for others rubbing off on you.

Laurence Archer Toole died October 10 1982

Catherine "Tattie" Toole, daughter of Laurence Archer Toole and Donalda Margaret McLeod was born in Kenora. She married Donald Thomas McLeod. They had one child also named Donald

# **Descendants of William John Toole**

#### **Generation 1**

1. **WILLIAM JOHN<sup>1</sup> TOOLE** was born about 1844 in Wexford, Co. Wexford, Ireland (Curracloe House). He died in 1928. He married Magdalane Thompson, daughter of William Boxwell Thompson and Pennella Jacob, on May 24, 1870. She was born about 1845 in Madras, India.

William John Toole and Magdalane Thompson had the following children:

- i. ISABELLE PENELLA<sup>2</sup> TOOLE was born on Jun 12, 1872 in Crossabeg, Wexford County, Ireland (Birth registration Isabelle Pinella Toole). She died on Dec 21, 1919 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (: Age: 47, Burial: Calgary). She married Kingsforth Francis Arthur Graburn on Apr 12, 1898 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Isabella is sister of William "Barney" Toole, and great grand-daughter of Emily Letitia Bayly. KFA Graburn is great-grandson of Archer Bayly, Emily Letitia Bayly's brother. Both were children of Benjamin Neale Bayly.). He was born in 1869 in Quebec (Some sources say England). He died about 1927.
  - CATHERINE MARGARET TOOLE was born on Jun 15, 1873 in Wexford, Ireland (Likely named for her paternal great-grandmother Catherine Dorothea Bayly). She died on May 05, 1955 in Wexford, Ireland (Burial: Ardcolm Church of Ireland Co.Wexford Ireland).
- iii. George Archer Toole was born on Jul 12, 1874 in Crossabeg, Wexford, Ireland. He died in 1957 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (Age 84). He married (1) Eleanor Cross on Aug 07, 1901 in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Her family was in business with William Barney Toole, his brother). She was born on Feb 01, 1876 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She died on May 12, 1912 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (in childbirth with Eleanor Ducasse "Ju;lainna" Toole). He married (2) CATHERINE LILLIAN MACLELLAN.
  - iv. Mary Eliza Toole was born on Jan 05, 1876 in Wexford, Ireland.
  - v. Annie Letitia Toole was born in 1877 in Wexford, Ireland. She died in Ireland (Burial St. Catherine's Cemetery, Camolin, Wexford County). She married Charles Roark on Nov 05, 1904 in Fairfield, St John the Divine, Lancashire, England. He was born about 1868 in Ireland. He died in Ireland.
- 4. vi. MAGDALEN TOOLE was born on Apr 02, 1878 in St Margarets, Wexford, Ireland (Likely named for her mother Magdalene Thompson). She died on Nov 13, 1940 in Wexford, Wexford, Ireland (Death Age: 62). She married John Elgee in Sep 1911 in Wexford, Ireland. He was born on Dec 20, 1875 in Wexford, Ireland. He died on Dec 17, 1953 in Wexford, Wexford, Ireland (Death Age: 78).
  - vii. LAWRENCE HENRY TOOLE CAPTAIN was born on Sep 14, 1879 in Wexford, Wexford, Ireland. He died on Mar 29, 1967 in Wexford County, Ireland (Burial: Ardcolm Church of Ireland Co.Wexford Ireland).
  - viii. HENRIETTA EDITH TOOLE was born on Nov 05, 1880 in Wexford, Ireland. She died on Aug 06, 1968 in Wexford County, Ireland (Burial: Ardcolm Church of Ireland Co.Wexford Ireland).
  - ix. VICTORIA J.D. TOOLE was born in 1882 in Wexford County, Ireland. She died on Apr 16, 1963 in Wexford County, Ireland (Burial: Ardcolm Church of Ireland Co.Wexford Ireland). She married DUCASSE.
- 5. X. ARCHER JOHN TOOLE was born on Dec 17, 1883 in Wexford, Ireland. He died in 1963. He married Edith Pheobe Sanders in 1915 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Just before he was sent to war). She was born in 1890 in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. She died in 1980.
  - xi. EDWARD THOMAS TOOLE was born on Apr 01, 1885 in Curracloe, Wexford, Ireland. He died on Sep 15, 1916 in Courcelette, Somme, Picardie, France.
  - xii. David Frederick Jack Toole was born in 1887 in Wexford County, Ireland. He died on Sep 29, 1918 in France.

#### **Generation 2**

2. ISABELLE PENELLA<sup>2</sup> TOOLE (William John<sup>1</sup>) was born on Jun 12, 1872 in Crossabeg, Wexford County, Ireland (Birth registration Isabelle Pinella Toole). She died on Dec 21, 1919 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (: Age: 47, Burial: Calgary). She married Kingsforth Francis Arthur Graburn on Apr 12, 1898 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Isabella is sister of William "Barney" Toole, and great grand-daughter of Emily Letitia Bayly. KFA Graburn is great-grandson of Archer Bayly, Emily Letitia Bayly's brother. Both were children of Benjamin Neale Bayly.). He was born in 1869 in Quebec (Some sources say England). He died about 1927.

Kingsforth Francis Arthur Graburn and Isabelle Penella Toole had the following children:

- i. ARTHUR KINGSFORTH<sup>3</sup> GRABURN was born on Dec 14, 1901 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He died on Jun 04, 1964 in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- ii. LAURENCE MARMADUKE GRABURN was born on Oct 10, 1906 in York, Ontario, Canada. He died on Jan 24, 1979 in San Diego (Age: 72).
- iii. LIVING GRABURN.
- iv. LIVING GRABURN.
- 3. **GEORGE ARCHER**<sup>2</sup> **TOOLE** (William John<sup>1</sup>) was born on Jul 12, 1874 in Crossabeg, Wexford, Ireland. He died in 1957 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (Age 84). He married (1) **ELEANOR CROSS** on Aug 07, 1901 in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Her family was in business with William Barney Toole, his brother). She was born on Feb 01, 1876 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She died on May 12, 1912 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (in childbirth with Eleanor Ducasse "Ju;lainna" Toole). He married (2) **CATHERINE LILLIAN MACLELLAN**.

Notes for George Archer Toole:

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George Archer Toole and Eleanor Cross had the following children:

- 6. i. LAURENCE ARCHER<sup>3</sup> TOOLE was born on Feb 07, 1905 in Rat Portage, Ontario. He died on Oct 10, 1982 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He married DONALDA MARGARET MCLEOD. She was born on Jun 06, 1906 in Rat Portgae,Ontario. She died on Oct 18, 2002 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada.
- 7. ii. ELEANOR DUCASSE TOOLE was born on Mar 27, 1912 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. She died on Nov 13, 2003 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. She married Lawrence Phillips "Larry" Johnson, son of Lowry Johnson and Margaret May Phillips, on Jun 28, 1939 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He was born on Jul 30, 1912 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He died on Jun 22, 1997 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada.
  - iii. MICHAEL TOOLE.
- 4. MAGDALEN<sup>2</sup> TOOLE (William John<sup>1</sup>) was born on Apr 02, 1878 in St Margarets, Wexford, Ireland (Likely named for her mother Magdalene Thompson). She died on Nov 13, 1940 in Wexford, Wexford, Ireland (Death Age: 62). She married John Elgee in Sep 1911 in Wexford, Ireland. He was born on Dec 20, 1875 in Wexford, Ireland. He died on Dec 17, 1953 in Wexford, Wexford, Ireland (Death Age: 78).

John Elgee and Magdalen Toole had the following children:

- i. FRANCES<sup>3</sup> ELGEE was born on Aug 13, 1915. She died on Oct 25, 1975 in York, Yorkshire. England.
- ii. RICHARD JOHN ELGEE was born on Dec 15, 1916. He died on Aug 05, 1989 in Rosslare, Wexford, Ireland.
- iii. ARCHER ELGEE was born in 1918 in Wexford, Wexford, Ireland. He died on Mar 25, 1948 in At Sea.
- iv. PRIVATE.
- 5. **ARCHER JOHN**<sup>2</sup> **TOOLE** (William John<sup>1</sup>) was born on Dec 17, 1883 in Wexford, Ireland. He died in 1963. He married Edith Pheobe Sanders in 1915 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Just before he was sent to war). She was born in 1890 in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. She died in 1980. Archer John Toole and Edith Pheobe Sanders had the following child:

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i. LIVING TOOLE.

#### **Generation 3**

6. **LAURENCE ARCHER**<sup>3</sup> **TOOLE** (George Archer<sup>2</sup>, William John<sup>1</sup>) was born on Feb 07, 1905 in Rat Portage, Ontario. He died on Oct 10, 1982 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He married **DONALDA MARGARET MCLEOD**. She was born on Jun 06, 1906 in Rat Portgae, Ontario. She died on Oct 18, 2002 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada.

Notes for Laurence Archer Toole:

Laurence Archer Toole and Donalda Margaret McLeod had the following children:

- i. Julianne⁴ Toole was born in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. She married James Langley.
- 8. ii. CATHERINE TOOLE. She married Donald Thomas McLeod, son of Norman McLeod and Louise Florence Phillips, on Feb 03, 1968 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He was born on Jun 22, 1924 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. He died on Sep 30, 2009 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (Age: 85).
- 7. **ELEANOR DUCASSE**<sup>3</sup> **TOOLE** (George Archer<sup>2</sup>, William John<sup>1</sup>) was born on Mar 27, 1912 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. She died on Nov 13, 2003 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. She married Lawrence Phillips "Larry" Johnson, son of Lowry Johnson and Margaret May Phillips, on Jun 28, 1939 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He was born on Jul 30, 1912 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He died on Jun 22, 1997 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada.

Notes for Eleanor Ducasse Toole:

Her mother died in childbirth and name Eleanor Ducasse was given only 6 months later. The name was never used. She was called Julianna.

Notes for Lawrence Phillips Johnson:

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Lawrence Phillips Johnson and Eleanor Ducasse Toole had the following children:

- 9. i. GEORGE TERRANCE⁴ JOHNSON was born on Jul 16, 1940 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He died on Nov 24, 1996 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He married LIVING SCOTT.
- 10. ii. LIVING JOHNSON. He married (1) LIVING HAZELL. He married (2) LIVING RICHARDSON.
  - iii. JOSEPH PAUL JOHNSON was born on Oct 07, 1944 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He died on Jul 04, 1952 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada.
- 11. iv. LIVING JOHNSON. She married LIVING KYLE.
- 12. v. LIVING JOHNSON. She married LIVING DICKSON.
- 13. vi. LIVING JOHNSON. He married LIVING CHISHOLM.
- 14. vii. LIVING JOHNSON. She married LIVING JONES.
- 15. viii. LIVING JOHNSON. He married LIVING HOWE.

## **Generation 4**

8. **CATHERINE**<sup>4</sup> **TOOLE** (Laurence Archer<sup>3</sup>, George Archer<sup>2</sup>, William John<sup>1</sup>). She married Donald Thomas McLeod, son of Norman McLeod and Louise Florence Phillips, on Feb 03, 1968 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He was born on Jun 22, 1924 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. He died on Sep 30, 2009 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada (Age: 85).

Notes for Donald Thomas McLeod:

Donald "Don" Thomas McLeod, son of Norman McLeod and Louise was born June 22 1924 in Vancouver, BC. Don was youngest of four children Margaret Wilton McLeod, John "Jack" McLeod,

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and his twin sister Mary Lee.

He attended schools in West Vancouver and completed his education at the University of British Columbia. His studies were interupted by services in the Royal Canadian Airforce durring World War 2.

In 1946 while traveling to Kenora to spend a holiday vacation he was asked to "temporary" fill a position at the Kenora Town Hall and remained 43 years progressing to Clerk, Treasurer and Chied Administrative Officer.

Don married Catherine McLeod in Kenora. They had one child Donald in 1969.

Don was a community builder serving in many community services. He was President of the Rotary Club in 1983-84. He was president of the Kenora Thistles. He was secretary and president of the Kenora Golf and Country club. He was a member of the selection committee of the Northwestern Ontario Sports hall of Fame. He was a member of the vestry, Rectors Warden, and finance Committee of tyhe Diocese of Keewatin and St. Alban's Carhedral.

Don loved the Lake of the Woods spending the summer months at the family cottage on Isle Petite.He loved hunting in the Whiteshell. In retirement he enjoyed Alaskan cruises talking with fellow passengers and crewof diverse backgrounds.

Don was a friendly greeter at Rotary, at the Recreation Centre and around town and was fondly remembered long after his death on September 30 2009.

Donald Thomas McLeod and Catherine Toole had the following child:

- i. Donald<sup>5</sup> Mcleod. He married Krleen.
- 9. **GEORGE TERRANCE**<sup>4</sup> **JOHNSON** (Eleanor Ducasse<sup>3</sup> Toole, George Archer<sup>2</sup> Toole, William John<sup>1</sup> Toole) was born on Jul 16, 1940 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He died on Nov 24, 1996 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He married **Living Scott**.

George Terrance Johnson and Living Scott had the following children:

- i. LIVING JOHNSON. She married LIVING WAGENAAR.
- ii. LIVING JOHNSON. He married LIVING GALL.
- 10. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Eleanor Ducasse<sup>3</sup> Toole, George Archer<sup>2</sup> Toole, William John<sup>1</sup> Toole, Lawrence Phillips, Lowry, James, John). He married (1) **LIVING HAZELL**. He married (2) **LIVING RICHARDSON**. Living Johnson and Living Hazell had the following children:
  - i. Living Johnson.
  - ii. LIVING JOHNSON.
  - iii. LIVING JOHNSON.
  - iv. LIVING JOHNSON.
  - v. Living Johnson.

Living Johnson and Living Richardson had the following child:

- vi. Living Johnson.
- 11. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Eleanor Ducasse<sup>3</sup> Toole, George Archer<sup>2</sup> Toole, William John<sup>1</sup> Toole, Lawrence Phillips, Lowry, James, John). She married **LIVING KYLE**.

Living Kyle and Living Johnson had the following children:

- i. LIVING KYLE. He married LIVING OUELLETTE.
- ii. LIVING KYLE. He married LIVING STEWART.
- iii. LIVING KYLE.

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- iv. LIVING KYLE.
- 12. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Eleanor Ducasse<sup>3</sup> Toole, George Archer<sup>2</sup> Toole, William John<sup>1</sup> Toole, Lawrence Phillips, Lowry, James, John). She married **LIVING DICKSON**.

Living Dickson and Living Johnson had the following children:

- i. LIVING DICKSON.
- ii. LIVING DICKSON.
- iii. LIVING DICKSON.
- 13. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Eleanor Ducasse<sup>3</sup> Toole, George Archer<sup>2</sup> Toole, William John<sup>1</sup> Toole, Lawrence Phillips, Lowry, James, John). He married **LIVING CHISHOLM**.

Living Johnson and Living Chisholm had the following children:

- i. LIVING JOHNSON.
- ii. LIVING JOHNSON.
- 14. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Eleanor Ducasse<sup>3</sup> Toole, George Archer<sup>2</sup> Toole, William John<sup>1</sup> Toole, Lawrence Phillips, Lowry, James, John). She married **LIVING JONES**.

Living Jones and Living Johnson had the following children:

- i. LIVING JONES.
- ii. LIVING JONES.
- 15. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Eleanor Ducasse<sup>3</sup> Toole, George Archer<sup>2</sup> Toole, William John<sup>1</sup> Toole, Lawrence Phillips, Lowry, James, John). He married **LIVING HOWE**.

Living Johnson and Living Howe had the following children:

- i. LIVING JOHNSON.
- ii. LIVING JOHNSON.
- iii. LIVING JOHNSON.
- iv. Living Johnson.