

Our Nelson Ancestors

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Nelson

David Nelson	About 1752 - 1788
Samuel Nelson	1778 - 1875
Robert John Nelson	1810 - 1887
Rebecca Nelson	1841 – 1924 Married James Clifford

Nelson Surname

The surname Nelson comes from ‘son of Nel’ where Nel may have been short for Neill but was much more likely ‘son oghelen or Eleanor according to Issue 13 of the magazine Your Family History

David Nelson Abt 1752 - 1788

The origin of David Nelson are uncertain. Campbell and Smith claim that “Lancaster MA or Northern Ireland are equally viable but seem flawed and lack documentmentation”[Campbell & Smith (2011)] p 773.I tentatively will use the approxinmate date of 1752 and Northern Ireland, the location.

On 24 March 1768 a list of persons are to have lts laid out for them on the North side of Minas Bason between Londonderry. on 21 June 1770 he purchased 500 acres and 100 acres in Derry Village in Truro. NS. A map entitled “David Nelsons Fram Containing 500 Acres Survey’d for him Oct 1 1771 by Samuel Archibald shows nNelson’s land in Truro Township with various topographical features such as Salmon River, The Black Rock, The Black Rock Hole, very high bans and McNutts House [Campbell & Smirh (2011) p774 citing NSARM Maps F/230-11771 Colchester

On 13 September 1770 David Nelson was one of 50 Subscribers Elders Freeholdewrs and Other Inhabitants of the Township of Truro and Members of the Presbyterian Congregation who signed a Call to Rev. Daniel Cock to come to Truro. At one time the Author owned to communion tokens of this Reverent.

He married Margaret Archibald 28 November 1775 at Truro Nova Scotia.
[Campbell & Smith (2011) p 774 citing Register of Marriages , Births, Truro]

In 1777 the local government in Nova Scotia sent two magistrates to Truro and the surrounding Townships of Onslow and Londonderry to administer the oath of allegiance to the inhabitants. All but 4 male inhabitants refused. David Nelson

was one of only four who swore allegiance.[For further information see entry entitled Cobequid Recusants in Campbell & Smith (2011) v. 1 p.175 6 See Campbell & Smith for addition information concerning his estate and property transactions]

Children of David Nelson and Margaret Archibald include,

Robert Nelson b. 24 Aug 1776

Samuel Nelson 15 March 1778 (See below)

Martha Nelson 8 Dec 1779

John Nelson 12 Mar 1782 Truro Township; m. Margaret Archibald (b. 1785 Musquodoboit, Halifax County, NS daughter of John Archibald 1st and Alice Moore)

David Nelson 22 January 1785

Elizabeth Nelson 6 Mar 1787

This data was recorded as a unit by John Harris [Campbell & Smith citing NSARMMG\$ v. 150A]

On 3 Januray 1776 he was one of 64 signatiries of a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Truro op- posed to new Provincial Militia Acts. On 5 May 1777 his name appears on a list of names who refused to swaer an oath of Allegiance. Hooever a noatation in a different hand indicated that David Nelson took the oath along with three William Logan, Luke Upham and Nathan Upham. No action was ever taken against those who re- fused to take oath of Allegiance.⁵

David Nelson died intestate 28 August 1788 at Truro Nova Scotia.⁶ His wife Margaret (Archibald) Nelson remarried within a year to Jeremiah Murphy by who she had further is- sue.

Samuel Nelson 1778 - 1875

Samuel Nelson, son of David and Margaret Nelson was born 15 March 1778 in Truro Township. Possibly same as Samuel Nelson and Mary Wilson who were issued Marriage bond on July 19 1809. His occupation was Cordwainer / saddler. He died on 7 May 1875 in Onslow, Colchester County. He is buried in Crossroad Cemetery Valley Nova Scotia, Colchester County. Samuel was blind the last years of his life and lived with his daughter Malinda Blackmore and her husband Richard.

Their children include,

Robert John Nelson, born 22 Jun 1810 (see below); m. Agnes (a.k.a.Nancy) Hoar (daughter of David Hoar and Rebecca Smith) on 9 Jan 1831; d.10 August 1887.

Mary Ann Nelson b. 1818; m. Christopher Patriquin (b. May 1812 in Tatamagouche son of David Patriquin and Catherine Perrin) 13 Apr 1853 d.

14 Jan 1895 buried in Crossroad Cemetery, Valley Colchester County For descendents see previous foot note reference.

Margaret Malinda Nelson b. 25 Apr 1819 m. Richard Blackmore 20 Apr 1848 in Onslow, Colchester County. For descendents see previous foot note reference.

Unknown Nelson

Elizabeth Jane Nelson b. bat 1825; m. James Albert DeBrisey Cove 13 Jul 1850, buried in River Philip United Cemetery, Cumberland; d. 19 May 1879. For descendents see previous foot note reference.

Robert John Nelson 1810 - 1887

Robert John Nelson, son of Samuel and Mary Nelson, was born 22 June 1810 .probably in Colchetser County Nova Scotia. He married Agnes (AKA Nancy) Hoar (daughter of David Hoar and Rebecca Smith) on 9 Jan 1831. They resided in East Mountain, Colchester County. His occupation was merchant/ Farmer/ Saddler. He died 10 August 1887. He is buried in Crossroad Cemetery Valley, Colchester County

Their children include,

Samuel Scott Nelson b. 7 Feb 1831 m. (1) Mary May Bailey 12 Jun 1853; m. (2) Melissa Archibald, 3 April, 1870; d. 1908 in Yazoo, MS, USA For descendents see previous foot note reference.

Mary Nelson b. 24 Sep 1832; m. Jacob Slack; d. 28 May 1888 . For descendents see previous foot note ref- erence

David Nelson b.16 Nov 1834; m. Eliza Jane Bailey; d.18 June 1912. For descendents see previous foot note reference

Robert Nelson, Jr. B. 20 Nov 1836; m. Frances Harriet Lynds; d. 21 April 1913. For descendents see previ- ous foot note reference.

John Nelson b. 17 Feb 1839; m. Elizabeth Slack; d. 10 February, 1893. For descendents see previous foot note reference.

Rebecca Nelson b. 4 Apr 1840 See below; m. James Clifford 27 May 1863; d. 18 March 1924.

Rebecca Nelson 1841 - 1924

Rebecca Nelson, daughter of Robert John and Agnes Nelson, was born in Truro, Colchester County, Nova Scotia on 4 April 1841 . She married James Clifford on 27 May 1863 in Truro . Their children include,

Infant Clifford , a stillborn, evidence for the existence of this child is sketchy

Mary Alice Clifford b. 1863, m. John Henry Archibald d. 15 April 1899 David L. Clifford b. 1868, d. 1878 died of Diphtheria

Nanetta known as Nettie Clifford b. 1868 or 1869, Married Howard Mills (b. 1854), d. 1896 buried Acadia Mines

Benjamin Scott Clifford b.13 Aug 1871, m. Lilly Taylor 27 Dec 1899 d. 3 Jul 1965

James William Clifford b. 1873, East Mountain Colchester County, NS; m Ethel May McNutt (b. Feb 3 1884) Brookside (daughter of William McNutt and Mary B. McNutt known as May, moved off to Chase BC. died. 21 May 1946

Noble Clifford b.1876, d.1878 died of Diphtheria d. 26 May 1878 age 1 Yr 10 Months Lena M. Clifford b.1879, d 1901 died of TB 27 Feb 1901 age 21 yrs

Sarah Pearl Clifford (a.k.a. Sadie) b. 25 June 1882 , d. 20 Jan 1902 died of TB age 19 yrs

Beatrice Clifford b. 16 February 1887, m. William Rankin Retson, 25 December 1905, d 16 Sep 1958 Only 4, Mary, Nettie, Benjamin Scott, and Beatrice lived long enough to marry and leave offspring. The family faced one tragedy after another. 1878 brought the death of David and Noble of diphtheria. Two girls who looked after others with TB also succumbed in 1901-02. Another child was born stillborn.

Rebecca, on her mother's side came from a long line of puritans known for their great purity or strictness of life and religious principles. On her father's side, her great Grandfather, David Nelson in 1777 was one of only 4 residence of Truro, Nova Scotia who swore allegiance to George III. She lived with her daughter Beatrice (Clifford) Retson the last few years of her life on the campus of the Nova Scotia Agriculture College Campus. She died 18 March 1924. She is buried at the Crossroads cemetery Valley, Colchester County

Sources of Information on Nelson Family

Campbell, Carol and James F. Smith (2011) Planters and Grantees of Cobequid, Nova Scotia, 1761-1780, Volume (I-Z) p

Nova Scotia Archives and Record Management, Halifax, NS formerly PANS (currently abbreviated NSARM)

Wile, Jane The Descendants of Samuel & Eleanor Taylor
Longworth, Israel History of Colchester County, Nova Scotia (circa)

Descendants of David Nelson

Generation 1

1. **DAVID¹ NELSON** was born about 1752 in Northern Ireland. He died on Aug 28, 1788 in Truro Township, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. He married Margaret Archibald, daughter of Samuel Archibald and Eleanor Taylor, on Nov 28, 1775 in Truro Township, NS, Canada. She was born in 1759 in Londonderry, New Hampshire, New England, USA. She died on Jan 24, 1823 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada.

Notes for David Nelson:

Appointed Constable in Truro Township January 1778

14 April 1777 Halifax In his Majesty's Council, given the threat of a second attempt on Fort Cumberland by American revolutionaries, it was Resolved that the Inhabitants of Truro, Onslow, and Londonderry be call'd to take the Oaths of Allegiance Supremacy & Abjuration at a Special Sessions of the Peace to be held forthwith for that purpose in the Township of Onslow ...In a different handwriting notation that David Nelson and 4 others took the oath (See Planters and Grantees of Cobequid, Nova Scotia 1761-1780 for more information

An inventory of his estate includes 500 acres up Salmon River , about 300 acres of second division land , assorted livestock including one horse, a mare and colt, household goods, spinning wheels, farming utensils , 1 large Bible & 2 Small Sermon Books [NSARM HfxCRP RG48 N12]

David Nelson and Margaret Archibald had the following children:

- i. **ROBERT² NELSON** was born on Aug 24, 1776 in Truro Township, Colchester, NS.
2. ii. **SAMUEL NELSON** was born on Mar 15, 1778 in Truro Township, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. He died on May 07, 1875 in Onslow, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. He married Mary Wilson in 1809 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She was born about 1786. She died on Jul 18, 1845 in Onslow, Colchester, N.S. Canada.
- iii. **MARTHA NELSON** was born on Dec 08, 1779 in Truro Township, Colchester, NS.
3. iv. **JOHN NELSON** was born on Mar 12, 1782 in Truro Township, Colchester, NS. He married **MARGARET ARCHIBALD**. She was born in 1785 in Musquodoboit, Halifax County, NS.
- v. **DAVID NELSON** was born on Jan 22, 1785 in Truro Township, Colchester County, N.S. Canada.
- vi. **ELIZABETH NELSON** was born on Mar 06, 1787 in Truro Township, Colchester, NS.

Generation 2

2. **SAMUEL² NELSON** (David¹) was born on Mar 15, 1778 in Truro Township, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. He died on May 07, 1875 in Onslow, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. He married Mary Wilson in 1809 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She was born about 1786. She died on Jul 18, 1845 in Onslow, Colchester, N.S. Canada.

Samuel Nelson and Mary Wilson had the following children:

4. i. **ROBERT JOHN³ NELSON** was born on Jun 22, 1810 in Colchester County. He died on Aug 10, 1887 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He married Agnes "Nancy Nelson" Hoar, daughter of David Hoar and Rebecca Smith, on Jan 09, 1831 in Onslow, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. She was born on Jul 28, 1812 in Onslow Township, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on Feb 13, 1896 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia.
- ii. **MARY ANN NELSON** was born in 1818 in Onslow Township, Colchester County, NS, Canada.

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 - iii. MARGARET MALINDA NELSON was born on Apr 25, 1819. She died on Mar 26, 1904. She married Richard Blackmore on Apr 20, 1848 in Onslow Township, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He was born on May 15, 1817.
 - iv. ELIZABETH JANE NELSON was born about 1825.
3. **JOHN² NELSON** (David¹) was born on Mar 12, 1782 in Truro Township, Colchester, NS. He married **MARGARET ARCHIBALD**. She was born in 1785 in Musquodoboit, Halifax County, NS.
John Nelson and Margaret Archibald had the following children:
 - i. DAVID³ NELSON was born about 1803 in Musquodoboit, Halifax, NS. He died on Feb 14, 1839 in Waugh's River, Colchester, NS. He married Ellen Hayman in 1827. She was born on Jan 13, 1810 in Tatamagouche, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on Jan 17, 1887.
 - ii. JOHN NELSON was born on Feb 12, 1805 in Musquodoboit, Halifax, NS. He died on Apr 08, 1872 in Balfon, Colchester.
 - iii. NANCY NELSON was born in 1808 in Musquodoboit, Halifax, NS. She died on Oct 09, 1877 in Balfon, Colchester. She married GEORGE MACLEOD. He was born in 1798.
 - iv. MARGARET ARCHIBALD NELSON was born in 1814 in Musquodoboit, Halifax, NS. She died on Jul 10, 1895 in Waugh's River, Colchester, NS. She married DANIEL G. HYNDMAN. He was born in 1807 in Tatamagouche, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He died on Jun 27, 1878 in Waugh's River, Colchester, NS.

Generation 3

4. **ROBERT JOHN³ NELSON** (Samuel², David¹) was born on Jun 22, 1810 in Colchester County. He died on Aug 10, 1887 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He married Agnes "Nancy Nelson" Hoar, daughter of David Hoar and Rebecca Smith, on Jan 09, 1831 in Onslow, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. She was born on Jul 28, 1812 in Onslow Township, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on Feb 13, 1896 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia.

Notes for Robert John Nelson:

1838 Census Records - Colchester County

Robert NELSON

Occupation : Saddler

2 - Male(s) under 6 years

1 - Female(s) under 6 years

3 - Male(s) over 6 and under 14 years :

1 - Female(s) over 6 and under 14 years :

1 - Male(s) above 14 years of age not a head of family :

1 - Female(s) above 14 years of age not a head of family :

District : Onslow

1871 Census Records - Colchester County ROBERT NELSON Age : 61 District: TRURO A
Family # : 252

1881 Census Records - Colchester County ROBERT NELSON Age : 70 Status: M District:
TRURO
Family # : 440

Notes for Agnes Hoar:

Email from Jane Wile of genejane.com July 12 2011: Hi Jim - as I was researching Nancy last night I began to remember going through the same records a number of years ago.....

The Onslow Township book does record the wife of Robert John Nelson as being Mary Hoar and

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that they married January 9 1831 and also the marriage record of her son Samuel records his mothers first name as Mary. These are both believed to be transcription errors by myself and others who have researched this couple.

The Onslow Township book that exists today is a typed transcription prepared in the 1920's - we have found a number of errors in this and there are also pages missing. Same thing for the marriage register we work from - the entries were completed by a clerk from the submitted marriage forms and mistakes were made.

The records that support the wife of Robert John Nelson as being Agnes/Nancy Hoar are: the marriage record of her son John, the death certificate of her daughter Rebecca, cemetery records, newspaper death notice of Nancy and the census records of 1871, 1881 & 1891. I was convinced at this point and did not search for any other evidence beyond these.

Robert John Nelson and Agnes Hoar had the following children:

6.
 - i. SAMUEL SCOTT⁴ NELSON was born on Feb 07, 1831 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died in 1908 in Yazoo, MS, USA. He married (1) MARY MAY BAILEY on Jun 12, 1853. She was born in 1833 in North Carolina. She died on May 22, 1869. He married (2) MELISSA ARCHIBALD, daughter of Robert Barnhill Archibald and Margery Lynds, on Apr 03, 1870 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She was born on Apr 12, 1841 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on Jan 23, 1923 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada.
 - ii. MARY NELSON was born on Sep 24, 1832 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. She died on May 28, 1888 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. She married JACOB SLACK. He was born on Aug 13, 1827.
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 - iii. DAVID NELSON was born on Nov 16, 1834 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died on Jun 18, 1912. He married ELIZA JANE BAILEY. She was born on Jun 22, 1828. She died on Feb 18, 1900 in Leadville, Colorado.
 - iv. JOHN NELSON was born on Feb 17, 1839 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died on Feb 10, 1893. He married Elizabeth Slack on Apr 28, 1865 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She was born on Jun 17, 1840 in Londonderry, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. She died in 1909.
8.
 - v. REBECCA NELSON was born on Apr 04, 1841 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on Mar 18, 1924 in Salmon River, Colchester County, N.S., Canada (age 82 years, 11 months, 14 days father Robert Nelson, Mother Nancy Hoare). She married James Clifford, son of John Clifford and Alice C. Kennedy, on May 27, 1863 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He was born on Oct 31, 1838 in Nova Scotia, Canada. He died on Jun 25, 1905 in Bible Hill, Colchester County, N.S. Canada.
9.
 - vi. ROBERT NELSON was born on Nov 20, 1836 in Nova Scotia, Canada. He died on Apr 21, 1913 in North River, Colchester County, NS. He married Frances Harriet Lynds on Dec 22, 1864. She was born on Jul 30, 1846 in East Mountain, Colchester County, NS. She died on Apr 06, 1906 in East Mountain, Colchester County, NS.
5. **MARGARET MALINDA³ NELSON** (Samuel², David¹) was born on Apr 25, 1819. She died on Mar 26, 1904. She married Richard Blackmore on Apr 20, 1848 in Onslow Township, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He was born on May 15, 1817.

Richard Blackmore and Margaret Malinda Nelson had the following children:

- i. JOST J⁴ BLACKMORE was born in 1850 in Onslow Township, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He died in 1919.
- ii. MARIA F. BLACKMORE was born in 1855. She died on Mar 25, 1879 in Onslow Township, Colchester County, NS, Canada.
- iii. HANNAH JANE BLACKMORE was born on Apr 03, 1860. She died in 1921.
- iv. WILLIAM DAVISON BLACKMORE was born on Jun 24, 1866 in Truro, Colchester

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County, NS, Canada. He died on Jun 09, 1944 in Onslow, Colchester County, N.S. Canada.

- v. ISABELLE SLADE BLACKMORE was born on Jan 07, 1863 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on Jan 03, 1942 in Salem, Yarmouth, N.S..
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Generation 4

6. **SAMUEL SCOTT⁴ NELSON** (Robert John³, Samuel², David¹) was born on Feb 07, 1831 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died in 1908 in Yazoo, MS, USA. He married (1) **MARY MAY BAILEY** on Jun 12, 1853. She was born in 1833 in North Carolina. She died on May 22, 1869. He married (2) **MELISSA ARCHIBALD**, daughter of Robert Barnhill Archibald and Margery Lynds, on Apr 03, 1870 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She was born on Apr 12, 1841 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on Jan 23, 1923 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada.

Samuel Scott Nelson and Mary May Bailey had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH J⁵ NELSON was born on Apr 18, 1855 in US. She died about 1930. She married LOUIS LANPHEIR.
- ii. ROBERT BURNELL NELSON was born on Aug 16, 1857 in US. He died on Nov 19, 1858.
- iii. MARY KATHERINE NELSON was born on Nov 15, 1859.
- iv. CHARLES SAMUEL NELSON was born on Dec 15, 1863 in US. He died in 1898 in Mississippi, USA.
- v. JOHN FORD NELSON was born on Apr 23, 1865 in US. He died in 1933 in California, USA. He married MARY HIGGINS.
- vi. LEONIDAS EDWARD NELSON NELSON was born on Jul 30, 1867 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He died in 1868.

Samuel Scott Nelson and Melissa Archibald had the following children:

- vii. JAMES SIMON EDGAR NELSON was born on Feb 14, 1871 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada.
- viii. LILLIAN MAY NELSON was born in 1872.

7. **DAVID⁴ NELSON** (Robert John³, Samuel², David¹) was born on Nov 16, 1834 in East Mountain, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died on Jun 18, 1912. He married **ELIZA JANE BAILEY**. She was born on Jun 22, 1828. She died on Feb 18, 1900 in Leadville, Colorado.

Notes for David Nelson:

1871 Census Records - Colchester County

DAVID NELSON

Age : 36

District: TRURO A

Family # : 55

Notes for Eliza Jane Bailey:

1871 Census Records - Colchester County

JANE NELSON

Age : 39

District: TRURO A

Family # : 55

David Nelson and Eliza Jane Bailey had the following children:

- i. ONSLOW⁵ NELSON was born in 1859 in US.
 - ii. BAILEY NELSON was born in 1864 in NS.
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iii. IDA MAY NELSON was born in 1866 in NS.

8. **REBECCA⁴ NELSON** (Robert John³, Samuel², David¹) was born on Apr 04, 1841 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on Mar 18, 1924 in Salmon River, Colchester County, N.S., Canada (age 82 years, 11 months, 14 days father Robert Nelson, Mother Nancy Hoare). She married James Clifford, son of John Clifford and Alice C. Kennedy, on May 27, 1863 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He was born on Oct 31, 1838 in Nova Scotia, Canada. He died on Jun 25, 1905 in Bible Hill, Colchester County, N.S. Canada.

Notes for Rebecca Nelson:

Rebeca Clifford 1871 Upper Onslow District poling Div 5

1891 Census Records - Colchester County REBECCA CLIFFORD Age : 50 Status: M
District: NORTH RIVER Family # : 229

Death Index - Colchester County (various sources)

REBECCA NELSON CLIFFORD Age : 82 Spouse : JAMES Place of Death: BIBLE HILL, N.S.
Death Date : 03/18/1924 Buried: VALLEY C.
Cause : " Source : E. SEAMAN COLL. Ref # : PG. 19 & 20

Records for Onslow Township on GANS have Rebecca Nelson born April 4 1841 being child of Robert John Nelson and Mary Hoar - not Agnes or Nancy Hoar as reported by Jane Currie

Notes for James Clifford:

His Grandson, Cliff Retson indicates that he was highly regarded by people who had known him. He reports that his funeral was heavily attended. Someone referred to him as "nature's nobleman."
Gravestone Inscription

Side 1

Sacred Memory of James Clifford

Died
June 25 1905

Aged 66 y'rs

His Wife Rebecca Nelson

Died
Mar 18 1924
Aged 83 years

Second Side

Noble	Lena M
Died	Died
May 26 1878	Feb 27 1901
Aged 1 yr, 10 mo	Aged 21 yrs

David L.	Sadie P.
Died	Died
May 29 1878	Jan 20 1902
Aged 12 y'rs	Aged 19 Y'rs

Children of Kames

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& Rebecca Clifford

excerpts from Ray Johnson's A Glance Backward

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"The Cliffords were probably the only Catholics in the area , and there was no church of their denomination within traveling distance. However, Mrs Clifford did not neglect the religious training of her children. Each day she read the Bible with them, a custom which was not usual in Catholic families at that time.. Thus the Christian faith was maintained in the family, but the children were lost to the Catholic Church. The census of 1871 lists their son James as a Baptist, Timothy as a Methodist, and daughter Elizabeth as a Presbyterian! James Clifford was a highly respected member of the community and an Elder in the Baptist Church"

He had been raised a catholic but became a deacon of the baptist church on the Brookside Road. Age 42 on 1881 census

Obituary Published, June 29 in Truro Daily News: Death June 25 at Home in Bible Hill, left Widow, one daughter Beatrice at home, Two Sons Scott at Brookside, William at Onslow3 sisters, Mrs J.A McCabe Amherst, Mrs J.K. Carlyle, East Mountain, Mrs Wall Truro and one brother John Bath Maine

James Clifford and Rebecca Nelson had the following children:

- i. INFANT⁵ CLIFFORD.
Notes for Infant Clifford:
Died stillborn
10. ii. MARY ALICE CLIFFORD was born in 1864 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. She died on Apr 15, 1899 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. She married John Henry Archibald, son of Samuel Matthew Archibald and Rebecca Shepherd McDonald, on Sep 02, 1889 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He was born on Feb 22, 1864 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died on Feb 09, 1925 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, Nova Scotia.
11. iii. DAVID LORENZO CLIFFORD was born in 1866. He died on May 29, 1878 in East Mountain, Colchester County, NS, Age 12.
11. iv. NANETTA CLIFFORD was born in 1869 in Nova Scotia. She died on May 25, 1896 in Acadia Mines. She married HOWARD MILLS. He was born on Sep 01, 1854 in Mapleton, Nova Scotia. He died on Jan 14, 1942 in Londonderry, Colchester County, Nova Scotia.
12. v. BENJAMIN SCOTT CLIFFORD was born on Aug 13, 1871 in Brookside, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died on Jul 03, 1965 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He married Lillie "Lilly" Mae Taylor, daughter of Matthew Taylor and Esther Archibald, on Dec 27, 1899 in Home of Bride, Brookside. She was born on Jun 30, 1874 in Brookside, Colchester County, NS. She died on Jan 17, 1939 in Brookside, Colchester County, NS.
- vi. JAMES WILLIAM CLIFFORD was born in 1874 in East Mountain, Colchester County Nova Scotia. He died on May 21, 1946 in Chase, B.C.. He married Ethel May McNutt, daughter of William B McNutt and Mary B ?, on Sep 22, 1904. She was born on Feb 03, 1884 in Brookside, Colchester County, NS.

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Notes for James William Clifford:
Age 7 in 1881

Obituary

bible Hill, June 4

Word has been received by re;relatives here of the sudden passing at Chase, British Columbia , on May 21, of James William Clifford, age 73. Mr Clifford was in his usual health until a month ago, when he entered kamloops Hospital for observation and treatment. He returned home, apparent his old self again, but passed away in his sleep that night.

Mr Clifford was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Clifford of Manganese Mines and later of Brookside, so was a brother of R. Scott Clifford of Brookside and of Mrs W.R. Retson of Ryland Avenue, Bible Hill. He learned the trade of Blacksmith with the late Charles Dickson at Central Onslow, then went West for a short time. Returning, he conducted his own business on the site of the present McLellan Garage, Central Onslow.

Over 30 years ago , he went to British Columbia to make his permanent home and carried on trade there until he retired. Hls wife, the former Maie McNutt of Brookside, predeceased him a number of years ago,. They had no family.

Funeral services was held from the church, in which for many years he had served as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

possessed of a particularly genial disposition , Mr Clifford made friends everywhere he went.. those in the East were looking forward to renewing that fellowship this summer, as he had made plans to visit Nova Scotia in June, his last visit home having been made in 1920.

- vii. NOBLE CLIFFORD was born in 1876. He died on May 26, 1878 (age 1 Yr 10 Months).
- viii. LENA M. CLIFFORD was born in 1880. She died on Feb 27, 1901 (age 21 yrs).
- ix. SARAH PEARL CLIFFORD was born on Jun 25, 1882. She died on Jan 20, 1902 (age 19 yrs).
- 13. x. BEATRICE MARY CLIFFORD was born on Feb 16, 1887 in Brookside, Colchester County, N.S.. She died on Sep 16, 1958 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She married William Rankin "Bill" Retson, son of George Retson and Mary McManus, on Dec 25, 1907 in Onslow, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He was born on Feb 22, 1884 in Townhead, Fenwick, Ayrshire, Scotland. He died on Jul 14, 1975 in Bible Hill, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 9. **ROBERT⁴ NELSON** (Robert John³, Samuel², David¹) was born on Nov 20, 1836 in Nova Scotia,

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Canada. He died on Apr 21, 1913 in North River, Colchester County, NS. He married Frances Harriet Lynds on Dec 22, 1864. She was born on Jul 30, 1846 in East Mountain, Colchester County, NS. She died on Apr 06, 1906 in East Mountain, Colchester County, NS.

Robert Nelson and Frances Harriet Lynds had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH JANE⁵ NELSON was born on Dec 11, 1865. She died on Dec 14, 1913. She married GEORGE R. SHELLNUTT.
14. ii. AGNES NELSON was born on Aug 18, 1867 in East Mountain, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Jun 06, 1927. She married (1) BENJAMIN MCNUTT on Nov 10, 1887 in Truro, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada. He was born on Apr 20, 1863 in Nuttby, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died on Feb 15, 1926. She married (2) JOHN CLIFFORD, son of John Clifford and Alice C. Kennedy, on Apr 26, 1905 in Bath, Maine, USA (Age at Marriage John 65 Agnes 37, Johns second Marriage). He was born about 1840.
- iii. MINNIE ETTA NELSON was born on Oct 03, 1869.
- iv. JULIA ELLEN NELSON was born on Jan 02, 1872. She died on Jun 05, 1894.
- v. ANNIE MAY NELSON was born on May 15, 1874. She died on Jan 02, 1927. She married HARRY FORSELL.
- vi. FANNIE EVA NELSON was born on Sep 06, 1876. She died on Jul 25, 1894.
- vii. FLORENCE PRIMROSE NELSON was born on Mar 13, 1878.
15. viii. LEMUEL ERNEST NELSON was born on Jan 29, 1882 in East Mountain, Colchester County, NS. He died on Jun 19, 1956 in Kingston, On, Canada. He married Nellie Augusta Gilroy on Jan 01, 1913. She was born on Feb 22, 1882 in Leamington, Cumberland, NS. She died on Sep 19, 1943.
- ix. REBECCA MAUD NELSON was born on Aug 15, 1884. She died on Apr 15, 1967. She married Walter Crosby Hoare, son of Robert Archibald Hoar and Ruth Amelia Totten, on Nov 20, 1907. He was born on Sep 03, 1873. He died on Nov 14, 1952 in Bible Hill, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- x. ROBERT ALVIN NELSON was born on Jan 05, 1886.
- xi. ADA SNOW NELSON was born on May 15, 1891.

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10. **MARY ALICE⁵ CLIFFORD** (Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born in 1864 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. She died on Apr 15, 1899 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. She married John Henry Archibald, son of Samuel Matthew Archibald and Rebecca Shepherd McDonald, on Sep 02, 1889 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He was born on Feb 22, 1864 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died on Feb 09, 1925 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, Nova Scotia.

Notes for John Henry Archibald:

"John Henry" was generally referred to as such. He picked up milk and drove it to the Borden Milk factory

John Henry Archibald and Mary Alice Clifford had the following children:

16. i. MAYNARD BROWN⁶ ARCHIBALD was born on Jan 26, 1891 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. He died on Jul 09, 1953 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Helen McGregor Dustan on Dec 21, 1921 in Windsor. She was born on Mar 17, 1890 in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Nov 04, 1985 in Windsor Elms, Windsor, Hants County, N.S..
17. ii. REBECCA DELL ARCHIBALD was born on Apr 09, 1892 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on May 02, 1957. She married Frederick "Fred" Johnson, son of James Smith Johnson and Elizabeth Johnson, on Dec 15, 1915 in Valley Station, Colchester County, NS. He was born on Sep 07, 1885 in

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Upper Stewiacke, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He died on Dec 07, 1978 in Halifax Infirmary, Halifax.

11. **NANETTA⁵ CLIFFORD** (Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born in 1869 in Nova Scotia. She died on May 25, 1896 in Acadia Mines. She married **HOWARD MILLS**. He was born on Sep 01, 1854 in Mapleton, Nova Scotia. He died on Jan 14, 1942 in Londonderry, Colchester County, Nova Scotia.

Howard Mills and Nanetta Clifford had the following children:

- i. FAYE CHRISTINE⁶ MILLS.
- ii. MAX H. MILLS.

12. **BENJAMIN SCOTT⁵ CLIFFORD** (Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born on Aug 13, 1871 in Brookside, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died on Jul 03, 1965 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He married Lillie "Lilly" Mae Taylor, daughter of Matthew Taylor and Esther Archibald, on Dec 27, 1899 in Home of Bride, Brookside. She was born on Jun 30, 1874 in Brookside, Colchester County, NS. She died on Jan 17, 1939 in Brookside, Colchester County, NS.

Notes for Benjamin Scott Clifford:

Age 9 on 881 census

Benjamin Scott Clifford and Lillie Mae Taylor had the following children:

- i. MRYTLE MAE⁶ CLIFFORD was born on Sep 23, 1900. She died before Nov 1991. She married ROY VANCE. He was born in Masstown, Colchester County, N.S.. He died in Nov 1991 in Hillcrest Manor, Truro, N.S..
- ii. LLOYD CLIFFORD. He died after Jul 08, 1965.

13. **BEATRICE MARY⁵ CLIFFORD** (Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born on Feb 16, 1887 in Brookside, Colchester County, N.S.. She died on Sep 16, 1958 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She married William Rankin "Bill" Retson, son of George Retson and Mary McManus, on Dec 25, 1907 in Onslow, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He was born on Feb 22, 1884 in Townhead, Fenwick, Ayrshire, Scotland. He died on Jul 14, 1975 in Bible Hill, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Notes for Beatrice Mary Clifford:

Beatrice Clifford came from a cultured family. When her family would write letters they would write them in the form of poetry. Beatrice Clifford had a love of poetry. She had graduated from Colchester Academy. Cliff Retson, her son believed she had been a school teacher in Valley and maybe Bible Hill as well. She was a very religious. She was a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in Truro for many years.

She had rheumatoid Arthritis before the end of the twenties. She had a stroke in February 1947 and was bed ridden thereafter. They took Margaret Jennings from the NS Training School to help in the home.

Age at census 4, daughter of James Clifford

Notes for William Rankin Retson:

William commonly known as Bill immigrated to Canada, preceded by brother George and John and followed by brother James (Jim) and later sister Margaret Armour Retson. The brothers had decide between Canada and Australia and flipped a coin to decide. George came first, followed by John, Bill (William) and finally Jim (James) although Jim subsequent returned to Scotland.

William arrived in Halifax, N.S. Canada on board the Mongolian from Glasgow, Scotland, arriving on May 6 1903 at the age of 19. Subsequent trips included 1920 Passenger from Liverpool England to St John New Brunswick

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For the last few years before coming to Canada he worked in a butcher shop. Bill was quite a livestock man. He had a Canadian Championship cow at Toronto Royal Fair named Princess Beatrice. He was the farm manger of the Nova Scotia Dairy farm for the NSAC. He was let go with a change government the job being picked by brother John.

He and his wife Beatrice had their honey moon in Scotland.

He was a trustee of the College Road School.

In 1948 was presented with a gold pocket watch:" Presented to W.R.Retson In appreciation of efforts on behalf of NS Ayrshire Breeders Amherst NS"

Clipping from Truro Daily News Undated:

Truro: A Life membership in the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders Association was presented to W.R. Retson, Bible Hill, at a meeting of the N.S. Ayrshire Club. Archie MacMillan, Truro, made the presentation. Mr Retson, who recently celebrated his 85th birthday, became provincial secretary of the Ayrshire organization in 1931 and served for 25 years. From 1929 to 1933 he was an Ayrshire field man for the Maritime Provinces. He also served twice as a director of the national association.

He worked in the garden all day, the day before he died. He died at age 91.

Inscription on gravestone Retson

William Rankin
1884-1975
His Wife
Beatrice Clifford
1887-1958

William Rankin Retson and Beatrice Mary Clifford had the following children:

18. i. MARY DORIS⁶ RETSON was born on Aug 19, 1909 in Bible Hill, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Oct 31, 2008 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She married Lawrence Thomas Hancock, son of Thomas Hancock and Amy Charlotte Rebecca Bushey, on Jun 29, 1933 in 101 Ryland Ave. Bible Hill, N.S.. He was born on Apr 20, 1907 in Shawbridge, Quebec. He died on Sep 05, 2004 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada.
 19. ii. GEORGE CLIFFORD RETSON was born on Dec 19, 1912 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He died on Feb 17, 1997 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He married Grace Elizabeth Atkinson, daughter of Edward Elbert Atkinson and Esther Jane Burns, on Jul 26, 1941 in Ottawa, Ontario. She was born on Dec 11, 1916 in Waskada, Manitoba. She died on Jun 04, 2008 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada.
 20. iii. REBECCA JEAN RETSON was born on Nov 18, 1917 in Bible Hill, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Sep 23, 2015 in Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada. She married William Angus "Bill" Jenkins, son of Hugh Alexander Jenkins and Florence Anne MacInnis, on Jul 01, 1943 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He was born on Oct 17, 1916 in Bellevue Hospital, New York, NY, USA. He died on Nov 02, 2009 in Truro, Nova Scotia.
 21. iv. LIVING RETSON. He married (1) LIVING PARLEE. He married (2) LIVING DORA X.
14. **AGNES⁵ NELSON** (Robert⁴, Robert John³, Samuel², David¹) was born on Aug 18, 1867 in East Mountain, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Jun 06, 1927. She married (1) **BENJAMIN MCNUTT** on

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Nov 10, 1887 in Truro, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada. He was born on Apr 20, 1863 in Nuttby, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He died on Feb 15, 1926. She married (2) **JOHN CLIFFORD**, son of John Clifford and Alice C. Kennedy, on Apr 26, 1905 in Bath, Maine, USA (Age at Marriage John 65 Agnes 37, Johns second Marriage). He was born about 1840.

Benjamin McNutt and Agnes Nelson had the following children:

- i. **MINNIE E.⁶ MCNUTT** was born on Mar 07, 1890. She married **ARTHUR PAINE**. He died on Oct 07, 1938.
 - ii. **HARRY MCNUTT** was born on Jun 17, 1891. He died in May 1949.
15. **LEMUEL ERNEST⁵ NELSON** (Robert⁴, Robert John³, Samuel², David¹) was born on Jan 29, 1882 in East Mountain, Colchester County, NS. He died on Jun 19, 1956 in Kingston, On, Canada. He married Nellie Augusta Gilroy on Jan 01, 1913. She was born on Feb 22, 1882 in Leamington, Cumberland, NS. She died on Sep 19, 1943.

Lemuel Ernest Nelson and Nellie Augusta Gilroy had the following children:

- i. **LIVING NELSON**.
22. ii. **LIVING NELSON**. She married **LIVING WEATHERBY**.

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16. **MAYNARD BROWN⁶ ARCHIBALD** (Mary Alice⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born on Jan 26, 1891 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. He died on Jul 09, 1953 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Helen McGregor Dustan on Dec 21, 1921 in Windsor. She was born on Mar 17, 1890 in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Nov 04, 1985 in Windsor Elms, Windsor, Hants County, N.S..

Maynard Brown Archibald and Helen McGregor Dustan had the following children:

23. i. **JOAN DUSTAN⁷ ARCHIBALD** was born on Oct 10, 1922 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Mar 17, 2006 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. She married Blair Baker Colborne on Dec 30, 1948. He was born on Oct 09, 1924 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada. He died on Jan 14, 1980 in Saint John, NB, Canada.
 - ii. **LIVING ARCHIBALD**.
17. **REBECCA DELL⁶ ARCHIBALD** (Mary Alice⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born on Apr 09, 1892 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She died on May 02, 1957. She married Frederick "Fred" Johnson, son of James Smith Johnson and Elizabeth Johnson, on Dec 15, 1915 in Valley Station, Colchester County, NS. He was born on Sep 07, 1885 in Upper Stewiacke, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He died on Dec 07, 1978 in Halifax Infirmary, Halifax.
- Frederick Johnson and Rebecca Dell Archibald had the following children:
- i. **DONALD SMITH⁷ JOHNSON** was born on Nov 19, 1916 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, N.S. Canada. He died before Jun 02, 2006.
 24. ii. **HENRY ARCHIBALD JOHNSON** was born on Dec 23, 1918 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He died on Jun 02, 2006 in Mira Nursing Home, Truro, Colchester County, NS. He married **LIVING KENNEDY**.
 - iii. **MARY LOIS JOHNSON**. She married **BEHRING EUGENE MACDOWELL**.
 25. iv. **RAYMOND BROWN JOHNSON**. He married **IRENE PETT**.
 - v. **LIVING JOHNSON**.
 26. vi. **LIVING JOHNSON**. He married **LIVING MILLICAN**.
18. **MARY DORIS⁶ RETSON** (Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born on Aug 19, 1909 in Bible Hill, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Oct 31, 2008 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. She married Lawrence Thomas Hancock, son of Thomas Hancock and Amy Charlotte Rebecca Bushey, on Jun

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29, 1933 in 101 Ryland Ave. Bible Hill, N.S.. He was born on Apr 20, 1907 in Shawbridge, Quebec. He died on Sep 05, 2004 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada.

Lawrence Thomas Hancock and Mary Doris Retson had the following child:

27. i. LIVING HANCOCK. She married HILTON HARVEY. He was born on Jan 01, 1931 in Sommerville, Nova Scotia. He died on Feb 24, 1992 in Texas.

19. **GEORGE CLIFFORD⁶ RETSON** (Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born on Dec 19, 1912 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He died on Feb 17, 1997 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He married Grace Elizabeth Atkinson, daughter of Edward Elbert Atkinson and Esther Jane Burns, on Jul 26, 1941 in Ottawa, Ontario. She was born on Dec 11, 1916 in Waskada, Manitoba. She died on Jun 04, 2008 in Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada.

Notes for George Clifford Retson:

Cliff Retson was born on the campus of the Nova Scotia Agriculture College, Bible Hill, Colchester County, Nova Scotia and lived in a small house on the campus until 1928 when the family moved to 101 Ryland Ave. He attended school at College Road School until Grade 9 and Colchester County Academy. He graduated from the Academy in 1929 and entered Acadia University where he studied in economics. He was a skilled athlete excelling in Basket Ball and Track and field. He graduated with a B.A. in 1933 (diploma dated May 24 1933) He attended NSAC 1933 - 1934.

He commenced work with the Department of Agriculture in 1934. He worked with the department in Newfoundland 1934 and 1935. He went to Ottawa in August 1936 and worked with the Department of Agriculture Canada until the advent of the war, 1939.

He served in the army stationed first at Pettawawa, Officer training program in Brockville, Ontario, Shilo, Manitoba and Esquimalt B.C.

Cliff married Grace Atkinson on 26 July 1941 in Ottawa. Cliff was called up from the reserve to the active army in September 1942 and was transferred to Nova Scotia. Grace followed on October 10. Grace stayed at 101 Ryland Ave. that winter. In spring of 1943 Cliff left for a 6 week stay in Trois Riviere and then on to Brockville for four months. Grace went to Peg Embree on Collin Ave off Eglinton. She worked for Underwood who provided office help. On her last job she worked at Plaxton law firm.

Cliff was transferred to Shilo October 1943 and Grace moved to Ottawa. They visit each other at Portage La Prairie for Christmas with sister Jean. After Grace moved to Brandon for the winter at a family called McGills. Cliff would come in from Shilo on week ends. Cliff took off for Prince Ruppert (Japanese threat) in spring of 1944 and was then sent on a 6 week course in Esquimalt. Grace went to Victoria to stay with friend from Kerrobert, Muriel Gardener who had rented a bungalow house in Victoria. Ted was born a day latter at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. In fall of 1944 Cliff was then transferred to Prince George until the end of January 1945 and then to Pettawawa, Ontario. Grace moved to Pembroke. Following the war, he entered the Department of Labour in Ottawa until he transferred back to the Department of Agriculture. He moved back to Bible Hill in 1947 (July 1) to take charge of the federal agriculture economic branch, first located on the NSAC campus. July and August 1947 was spent at 101 Ryland. In September 1947 they rented an apartment from Arleigh Burgess on 112 Main St. Bible Hill. On November 11 1948 they moved to Queen St. Truro. They moved to 2020 Prince St. Salmon River on November 11 1949. The municipal address latter changed to 2031.

He attended Cornell University in 1949 spring term. Cliff went back to Cornell at the end of January 1950 and came home for July and August. He went back for the fall term and came home for Christmas. He received his M.Sc. during Spring convocation 1951. Diploma dated January 31 1951

For his masters he produced

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Commercial poultry farming in Nova Scotia
Canada. Department of Agriculture. Marketing Service. Economics Division
Authors George Clifford Retson, Canada. Dept. of Agriculture. Marketing Service
Publisher Dept. of Agriculture, Marketing Service, Economics Division, 1952
Original from Cornell University
Digitized Dec 15, 2008
Length 49 pages

He was an ardent curler adult Sunday school teacher and gardener. He retired in 1977.

Notes for Grace Elizabeth Atkinson:

Grace Elizabeth Retson (nee Atkinson) born 11 December 1916, "10 to 6 P.M. - she had supper and never stopped eating (according to her mother) third child of Ed and Jean Atkinson. She moved from Wascada to Kerrobert when she 6 weeks old. She attended schools in Kerrobert. She was almost always first in her class. She sang in the Junior choir where she sang solos in the Junior choir and quartets with Alexa Baxter, Gladis Hanbidge and a fourth. She started to play the violin in Grade 10. and played in an orchestra for all the church suppers within 20 miles. The Minister, Benson Summers would go to sing solos and Grace would accompany him on the Piano. She sang in the Senior choir her last year or two at home. She graduated from grade 12 in 1934 and then attended business college in Saskatoon. She went to Success Business college (Typing and Shorthand) from July 15 until she got a job at Ashdown's Hardware in January and subsequently for W. H. Hellofs in Kerrobert. She worked for 6 weeks before being laid off. She went back to Success Business college to pick up some courses and then in June commenced work for MacDonald's Consolidated, a wholesale for Safeway for the summer.

She passed Civil Service Exams (stenographic) in 1935 and got a job in the Federal seed branch for six months. She next had a job as head stenographer of a group of 12 with Massey Harris at Regina for \$60. She had written the Civil Service Clerical exams in Saskatoon before leaving for the Regina job and came fourth in Canada. She was offered a job with the 1936 census at \$75.00 a month where she worked for 13 months with the Bureau of Statistics. September 1 1937 she transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Economics division on the promise of her getting a Grade two at \$90. month after 6 months or so. After two years at \$60 a month she accepted a position with the Ottawa Journal for \$80 where she worked 6 months or so. She then became secretary to the chief of the legal division of the Department of Munitions and Supply for \$90. In 1940 she joined the Senate staff. She met Cliff Retson in January 1938 and in June 1938 they started going out nightly until he left for a road trip on his job. She would date Cliff when he was in Ottawa 6 months each year. They were married on 26 July 1941. She followed her husband who served as a 1st Lieut in the Canadian Artillery across Canada. On November 11, 1949 they moved to 2020 Prince St. Colchester county which was latter renumbered 2031 Prince. She was employed as a Court Stenographer in Truro and has the distinction of being appointed the first female Justice of the Peace in Nova Scotia

Grace took an active interest in music, home and school. She was an avid bridge player. She took university courses over the years and graduated with her B.A. from St. Mary University at age 64. (Diploma dated May 11 1981) Grace also took an avid interest in multiculturalism. She joined the Multicultural Association of Colchester at its inception in 1975, served as a Board member for many years. She served as secretary and then vice-president of the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia. On November 4th 2000 at their 25th Anniversary she received an award presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Myra A Freeman, where she received a standing ovation. In 2001 she was nominated for an Order of Nova Scotia. Later in life she became an avid traveler. When Cliff and Grace retired in 1977 they traveled to visit son Donald to London, England for a week and then took a 2 week European trip taking in Paris, Munich, Heidelberg, Lucerne, Switzerland, Venice, Florence, and Rome and then returned to France by Hydroplane from Calais to Dover. After another week in London they took a train to Annan to visit Scottish relatives. On another trip in 1991-2 they flew to San Francisco, then Hong Kong for 4 days, then a 3 week cruise on the Queen Elizabeth II taking in Xiamen, Tangin and the Great Wall of China, Osaka,

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Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan. When she was 84 she traveled to Portugal for two weeks, California for a week, Moosonee, Ontario for eleven days and just after her 85th birthday traveled to Kenora, Ontario for Christmas and then on to Edmonton to visit her children outside Nova Scotia.

Stories told by Grace When she was young she and her brother Donald played house where she would be the mother and nurse and he the father and doctor. On one occasion he was the postman and on a shoe box he wrote poste bocks. She was so mad at him that she wouldn't play with him for the rest of the day. The next day he had an operation, got an infection and died.

Obituary appearing in Halifax Chronical Herald June 6 2008

RETSON, Grace Elizabeth - 91, Truro, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, June 4, 2008, in the Mira Long Term Care Facility, Truro. Grace was born in Waskada, Man., a daughter of the late Edward and Jean (Burns) Atkinson, and grew up in Kerrobert, Sask. She attended secretarial school in Saskatoon and after retiring, received her Bachelor of Arts (cum laude, 1981) from St. Mary's University. She met Cliff Retson, her husband of 56 years, while working at the Senate in Ottawa. They wed on July 26, 1941 and moved to Truro in 1947 where Grace worked as a provincial court reporter. She was appointed Nova Scotia's first female justice of the peace in 1969. Grace was a member of First Baptist Church and Truro Duplicate Bridge Club. She was a founding member of the Colchester County Multicultural Association and served on the executive of the provincial association, which honoured her with a special award for her outstanding contributions. She is survived by her children, Ted (Beverly), Jane (Gordon) Earle, Jim (Roberta), Mavis (Marc) Yorke, Donald (Joscelyn), Bob (Carol); "foster" sons, Charles Agobia and Manassah M'khabela; grandchildren, Donna Lee, Kathy, Lynda, James, Jillie, Julia, Nicholas, Katherine, Andrew, Etienne, Serena, Colin, Craig and Christina, and nine great-grandchildren. Husband, Cliff; sister, Jean MacRae; brothers, Donald and William Atkinson, and grandson, Daniel Retson, predeceased her. Visitation will be held at the Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young St., Truro, Saturday 7-9 p.m. The funeral will be in First Baptist Church on Sunday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Andy Crowell officiating. A reception will follow in the church hall. Interment will then be held in Crossroads Cemetery, Valley. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Grace's memory to the Clifford Retson Memorial Bursary at the NSAC, First Baptist Church, Truro, or the charity of your choice. Private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting the guest book at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

George Clifford Retson and Grace Elizabeth Atkinson had the following children:

28. i. LIVING RETSON. He married LIVING TORBIAK.
 29. ii. LIVING RETSON. She married LIVING EARLE.
 30. iii. LIVING RETSON. He married LIVING GILI.
 31. iv. LIVING RETSON. She married LIVING YORKE.
 32. v. LIVING RETSON. He married (1) LIVING PROBY. He met (2) LIVING BRISSON.
 33. vi. LIVING RETSON. He married LIVING CRAIG.
20. **REBECCA JEAN⁶ RETSON** (Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born on Nov 18, 1917 in Bible Hill, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Sep 23, 2015 in Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada. She married William Angus "Bill" Jenkins, son of Hugh Alexander Jenkins and Florence Anne MacInnis, on Jul 01, 1943 in

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Truro, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He was born on Oct 17, 1916 in Bellevue Hospital, New York, NY, USA. He died on Nov 02, 2009 in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Notes for William Angus Jenkins:

William Angus (Bill) Jenkins was born in Bellevue Hospital, New York. Early life was spent in Bronx, New York and attended Webster School. He went to airport one night in June to welcome Charles A Lindberg and his Spirit of Saint Louis. He moved with his mother to Big Baddeck in 1929. There he attended South Side Baddeck School. The next spring they moved to Bible Hill and in the Fall he moved to live with Fred MacInnis in Sydney Later he rejoined his mother who had moved to Sackville New Brunswick where he lived for 3 years. Upon the death of his mother in fall of 1934 he moved in with his uncle Daniel MacInnis on College Road, Bible Hill

He attended the Nova Scotia Agriculture College in Bible Hill and then Macdonald College in Quebec. He graduated with a Masters in Public Administration at Cornell University and a PHD in Public Administration at Harvard.

He served as Principal of the Nova Scotia Agriculture and then was employed by the Council of Maritime Premiers as chairman of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

William Angus Jenkins and Rebecca Jean Retson had the following children:

- 34. i. LIVING JENKINS. She married LIVING LANGTRY.
 - ii. LIVING JENKINS. She married LIVING MACDONALD.
21. **LIVING RETSON** (Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). He married (1) **LIVING PARLEE**. He married (2) **LIVING DORA X**.

Living Retson and Living Parlee had the following children:

- i. LIVING RETSON. She married LIVING CORMIER.
- 35. ii. LIVING RETSON. He married LIVING MACDOUGALL.
- 36. iii. LIVING RETSON. She married LIVING HOLLERAN.
- 37. iv. LIVING RETSON. He married LIVING FLOOD.

Living Retson and Living Dora X had the following children:

- v. LIVING RETSON. She married LIVING GANGLOFF.
 - vi. LIVING RETSON.
22. **LIVING NELSON** (Lemuel Ernest⁵, Robert⁴, Robert John³, Samuel², David¹). She married **LIVING WEATHERBY**.

Living Weatherby and Living Nelson had the following children:

- i. LIVING WEATHERBY.
- ii. LIVING WEATHERBY.
- iii. LIVING WEATHERBY.
- 38. iv. LIVING WEATHERBY. She married LIVING STEIDEL.

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23. **JOAN DUSTAN⁷ ARCHIBALD** (Maynard Brown⁶, Mary Alice⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born on Oct 10, 1922 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died on Mar 17, 2006 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. She married Blair Baker Colborne on Dec 30, 1948. He was born on Oct 09, 1924 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada. He died on Jan 14, 1980 in Saint John, NB, Canada.

Blair Baker Colborne and Joan Dustan Archibald had the following children:

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- i. LIVING COLBORNE.
 - ii. LIVING COLBORNE.
 - iii. LIVING COLBORNE.
 - iv. LIVING COLBORNE.
 - v. LIVING COLBORNE.
24. **HENRY ARCHIBALD⁷ JOHNSON** (Rebecca Dell⁶ Archibald, Mary Alice⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson) was born on Dec 23, 1918 in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, NS, Canada. He died on Jun 02, 2006 in Mira Nursing Home, Truro, Colchester County, NS. He married **LIVING KENNEDY**.

Notes for Henry Archibald Johnson:

Founded Colchester County Credit Bureau, and served as Chief Deputy Sherrif For Colchester County untill retirement in 1984

Henry Archibald Johnson and Living Kennedy had the following children:

- i. LIVING JOHNSON.
 - ii. LIVING JOHNSON.
 - iii. LIVING JOHNSON.
 - iv. LIVING JOHNSON.
 - v. LIVING JOHNSON.
 - vi. LIVING JOHNSON.
25. **RAYMOND BROWN⁷ JOHNSON** (Rebecca Dell⁶ Archibald, Mary Alice⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Frederick, James Smith, Samuel, James Fulton, John, James). He married **IRENE PETT**.

Raymond Brown Johnson and Irene Pett had the following children:

- 39. i. LIVING JOHNSON. She married LIVING NEWTON.
 - 40. ii. LIVING JOHNSON. She married LIVING BOLES.
 - 41. iii. LIVING JOHNSON. He married LIVING TRUSLER.
 - iv. LIVING JOHNSON. He married LIVING WILLSON.
26. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Rebecca Dell⁶ Archibald, Mary Alice⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Frederick, James Smith, Samuel, James Fulton, John, James). He married **LIVING MILLICAN**.

Living Johnson and Living Millican had the following child:

- i. LIVING JOHNSON.
27. **LIVING HANCOCK** (Mary Doris⁶ Retson, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Lawrence Thomas, Thomas). She married **HILTON HARVEY**. He was born on Jan 01, 1931 in Sommerville, Nova Scotia. He died on Feb 24, 1992 in Texas.

Hilton Harvey and Living Hancock had the following children:

- 42. i. LIVING HARVEY. She married LIVING TALERICO.
 - 43. ii. LIVING HARVEY. She married LIVING WESTBY.
 - 44. iii. LIVING HARVEY. He married LIVING SEXSMITH.
28. **LIVING RETSON** (George Clifford⁶, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, George Clifford⁶, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). He married **LIVING TORBIAK**.

Living Retson and Living Torbiak had the following child:

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45. i. LIVING RETSON. She married LIVING DOUCET.
29. **LIVING RETSON** (George Clifford⁶, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, George Clifford⁶, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). She married **LIVING EARLE**.
Living Earle and Living Retson had the following children:
46. i. LIVING EARLE. She married LIVING HUSTON.
47. ii. LIVING EARLE. She married LIVING BLACKADAR.
- iii. LIVING EARLE.
30. **LIVING RETSON** (George Clifford⁶, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, George Clifford⁶, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). He married **LIVING GILI**.
Living Retson and Living Gili had the following children:
48. i. LIVING RETSON. She married LIVING JOUBERT.
49. ii. LIVING RETSON. She married LIVING LOADER.
31. **LIVING RETSON** (George Clifford⁶, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, George Clifford⁶, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). She married **LIVING YORKE**.
Living Yorke and Living Retson had the following children:
- i. LIVING YORKE.
- ii. LIVING YORKE.
32. **LIVING RETSON** (George Clifford⁶, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, George Clifford⁶, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). He married (1) **LIVING PROBY**. He met (2) **LIVING BRISSON**.
Living Retson had the following child:
50. i. LIVING DYKEMAN. He married LIVING THURBER.
- Living Retson and Living Proby had the following children:
- ii. LIVING RETSON.
- iii. DANIEL HAMILTON RETSON was born on Mar 03, 1994 in Edmonton, Alberta. He died on Mar 12, 1994 in Edmonton, Alberta.
- Living Retson and Living Brisson had the following child:
- iv. LIVING RETSON BRISSON.
33. **LIVING RETSON** (George Clifford⁶, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, George Clifford⁶, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). He married **LIVING CRAIG**.
Living Retson and Living Craig had the following children:
- i. LIVING RETSON.
- ii. LIVING RETSON.
- iii. LIVING RETSON.
34. **LIVING JENKINS** (Rebecca Jean⁶ Retson, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, William Angus, Hugh Alexander, Alexander). She married **LIVING LANGTRY**.
Living Langtry and Living Jenkins had the following children:
- i. LIVING LANGTRY. He married LIVING WATSON.
- ii. LIVING LANGTRY.
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35. **LIVING RETSON** (Living, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). He married **LIVING MACDOUGALL**.
Living Retson and Living MacDougall had the following children:
- i. LIVING RETSON.
 - ii. LIVING RETSON.
36. **LIVING RETSON** (Living, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). She married **LIVING HOLLERAN**.
Living Holleran and Living Retson had the following children:
- i. LIVING HOLLERAN.
 - ii. LIVING HOLLERAN.
37. **LIVING RETSON** (Living, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). He married **LIVING FLOOD**.
Living Retson and Living Flood had the following children:
- i. LIVING RETSON.
 - ii. LIVING JUSTIN.
38. **LIVING WEATHERBY** (Living Nelson, Lemuel Ernest⁵ Nelson, Robert⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living). She married **LIVING STEIDEL**.
Living Steidel and Living Weatherby had the following children:
- i. LIVING STEIDEL.
 - ii. LIVING STEIDEL.

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39. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Raymond Brown⁷, Rebecca Dell⁶ Archibald, Mary Alice⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Raymond Brown⁷, Frederick, James Smith, Samuel, James Fulton, John, James). She married **LIVING NEWTON**.
Living Newton and Living Johnson had the following children:
- i. LIVING NEWTON.
 - ii. LIVING NEWTON.
 - iii. LIVING NEWTON.
40. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Raymond Brown⁷, Rebecca Dell⁶ Archibald, Mary Alice⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Raymond Brown⁷, Frederick, James Smith, Samuel, James Fulton, John, James). She married **LIVING BOLES**.
Living Boles and Living Johnson had the following children:
- i. LIVING BOLES.
 - ii. LIVING BOLES.
41. **LIVING JOHNSON** (Raymond Brown⁷, Rebecca Dell⁶ Archibald, Mary Alice⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Raymond Brown⁷, Frederick, James Smith, Samuel, James Fulton, John, James). He married **LIVING TRUSLER**.
Living Johnson and Living Trusler had the following children:
- i. LIVING JOHNSON.
 - ii. LIVING JOHNSON.
42. **LIVING HARVEY** (Living Hancock, Mary Doris⁶ Retson, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson,

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Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Hilton, William Narroway). She married **LIVING TALERICO**.

Living Talerico and Living Harvey had the following children:

51. i. LIVING TALERICO. She married LIVING KEYLOCK.
- ii. LIVING TALERICO.

43. **LIVING HARVEY** (Living Hancock, Mary Doris⁶ Retson, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Hilton, William Narroway). She married **LIVING WESTBY**.

Living Westby and Living Harvey had the following children:

- i. LIVING WESTBY.
- ii. LIVING WESTBY.
- iii. LIVING WESTBY.
- iv. LIVING WESTBY.

44. **LIVING HARVEY** (Living Hancock, Mary Doris⁶ Retson, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Hilton, William Narroway). He married **LIVING SEXSMITH**.

Living Harvey and Living Sexsmith had the following children:

- i. LIVING HARVEY.
- ii. LIVING HARVEY.
- iii. LIVING HARVEY.
- iv. LIVING HARVEY.

45. **LIVING RETSON** (Living, George Clifford⁶, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living, George Clifford⁶, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). She married **LIVING DOUCET**.

Living Doucet and Living Retson had the following children:

- i. LIVING DOUCET.
- ii. LIVING DOUCET.

46. **LIVING EARLE** (Living Retson, George Clifford⁶ Retson, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living, Maurice). She married **LIVING HUSTON**.

Living Huston and Living Earle had the following children:

- i. LIVING EARLE.
- ii. LIVING EARLE.
- iii. LIVING EARLE.

47. **LIVING EARLE** (Living Retson, George Clifford⁶ Retson, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living, Maurice). She married **LIVING BLACKADAR**.

Living Blackadar and Living Earle had the following children:

- i. LIVING BLACKADAR.
- ii. LIVING BLACKADAR.

48. **LIVING RETSON** (Living, George Clifford⁶, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living, George Clifford⁶, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). She married **LIVING JOUBERT**.

Living Joubert and Living Retson had the following children:

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- i. LIVING JOUBERT.
 - ii. LIVING JOUBERT.
49. **LIVING RETSON** (Living, George Clifford⁶, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living, George Clifford⁶, William Rankin, George, John, John, Richard, Richd. Rattson). She married **LIVING LOADER**.
Living Loader and Living Retson had the following children:
- i. LIVING LOADER.
 - ii. LIVING LOADER.
50. **LIVING DYKEMAN** (Living Retson, George Clifford⁶ Retson, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living Retson, George Clifford⁶ Retson, William Rankin Retson, George Retson, John Retson, John Retson, Richard Retson, Richd. Rattson). He married **LIVING THURBER**.
Living Dykeman and Living Thurber had the following children:
- i. LIVING DYKEMAN.
 - ii. LIVING DYKEMAN.

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51. **LIVING TALERICO** (Living Harvey, Living Hancock, Mary Doris⁶ Retson, Beatrice Mary⁵ Clifford, Rebecca⁴ Nelson, Robert John³ Nelson, Samuel² Nelson, David¹ Nelson, Living). She married **LIVING KEYLOCK**.
Living Keylock and Living Talerico had the following children:
- i. LIVING KEYLOCK.
 - ii. LIVING KEYLOCK.