



Our Spicer Ancestors

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Spicer Context

A relationship chart is located at the end of this article showing the relationship between these ancestors and the author. Children of specific ancestors are listed with small roman numerals and their grandchildren with capital roman numerals. A separate descendant outline may be founded at <http://www.retson.ca/spicerdescendants.pdf> As always I welcome corrections and additions which may be sent to jretson@shaw.ca

The Spicers first came to Canada as United Empire Loyalist and were believed to have settle in Southeastern Ontario (Johnstown District) sometime after 1783. In October 1792, the old district of Lunenburg (1788-1792) was renamed the Eastern District and included the present counties of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell Leeds, Grenville and Carleton. In the Act of 1798, proclaimed in 1800 the Counties of Leeds, Grenville and Carleton were separated out of the Eastern District to become Johnstown District. Johnstown District was created on 1st Jun 1800. Townships which have shown up as relevant to our ancestors include Edwardburg, Grenville; Elizabethtown, Leeds; Wolford, Grenville. In March of 1816, the Counties of Prescott and Russell became the Ottawa District.¹

Spicer Name Meaning

According to Oxford University Press's Dictionary of American Family Names, the derivation of the English name Spicer is an occupational name for a seller of spices, (Middle English spic(i)er (a reduced form of Old French spicier.

1. Gregory Spicer b. 1594 d. 1660

1. Gregory Spicer?

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-189>

<https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/m/i/1/Julie-A-Milan-1/GENE1-0001.html>

Gregory Spicer/Spycer (name may have been Edward Gregory Spicer) was born between 1694 and 1696 in England and died in Virginia. .He married UNKNOWN Abt. 1623 in Virginia.): **A Gregory Spycer was born November 14, 1594, in Billingham, Lincoln, England.** He was christened "Gregorie SPYCER" 14 Nov 1594 at Billingham, Lincoln, England, father: Gregorie SPYCER. The International Genealogical Index, shows a Gregory Spicer who may be the parent of this Gregory Spicer Event(s):Misc:24 Sep 1564 Bradwell-Near-The-Sea, Essex, England, Marriage: Spouse: Helen TAILOR

Gregory Spicer came to the New World in 1618 aboard the ship TRYALL. He came to America as a servant (probably an indentured slave) for the Captain Samuel Mathews Plantation in Virginia. He is the only passenger listed on the Tryall during that year who landed in Virginia. It is said that a William Spicer, captain of the Moonlight was the first to voyage to America and upon his return to England he told all of his uncles and cousins that England held nothing more for them, but he knew of a place they could go. The Spicer's began leaving England often bonding themselves out to servitude in exchange for passage.

Between 1618 and 1623, 20 males, the youngest being 6 the oldest 24, sailed on the Tryall to the Mathew's Plantation in Virginia all listed as Mathew servants. Gregory Spicer was among many white European indentured servants in Virginia arriving in 1618. His name appears in Ships to America Tryall, 1618 as this;

"Passengers from the Port of London on the Tryall to Virginia, 1618:
Spicer, Gregory . . .[age] 22 in Virginia Muster (census), February 4, 1624."

Hotten's " Original List " of the names of persons who emigrated to American plantations includes several Spicer names. " 1618. Gregory Spicer, aged 22, sailed from the port of London to Virginia in the " Triall " for James City. (See also Neill's " Virginia Carolorum," page 21.)

¹ The Marriage Registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Vol 12 Eastern District, 1801-1865, compiled by Dan Walker & Fawne Stratford-Devai

And on a Virginia Muster roll list of all ship passengers he was listed as this;
"Spicer, Gregory. 22 (Mathew servant) Arrived on the Tryall in 1618."²

1629 - Denbigh, best known of the Warwick Plantations was so named and was the seat of Capt. Mathews, who in 1626 is recorded as having taken up land in the Blunt Point area, calling his plantation "Mathew's Manor". He served as governor of Virginia from 1657-1660. A portion of the Denbigh plantation is now the Newport News City Farm. Denbigh still exists in Newport News, VA. The National Register of Historic Place, Denbigh Plantation Site [also known as Mathews Manor] Site - #70000873.

Among those of the name who emigrated at early dates to America but who left few records of themselves and their families were Gregory Spicer of Jamestown, Va., in 1618; Richard Spicer of Virginia in 1634; William, Edward, and Henry Spicer of Virginia in 1635; and Stephen Spicer, who came from Devonshire, England, to the Barbados sometime before the year 1663.

A Gregory Spicer is recorded to have owned 140 acres in Voluntown, [Virginia?] lot 108 date unknown at this time. I have not been able to verify if this is our Gregory.

Gregory's children included,

2. Edward Peter Spicer b. 1615 Marshfield, Gloucestershire. England, Alternatively 1623, Jamestown, Virginia probably on the Denbigh Plantation, Warwick County, Virginia; d. probably Virginia. d. 7 Dec 1678 Virginia

2. Edward Peter Spicer?

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-187>

3. Peter Spicer b. 1644 m. Mary M Busecot d. 13 Sep 1715

3. Peter Spicer 1644 - 1715 Mary Busecot

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-186>

Peter Spicer, son of Edward Spicer and Jane Darble was born in 1644 in Connecticut. He married Mary Busecot.

They had at least 11 children,

- i. Edward Spicer b. 22 Aug 1674 Ledyard, New London, Colony of Connecticut, British Colonial America, m. Katherine or Catherine Stone, abt. 1695 Connecticut, d. 1730, New London, Connecticut,
- ii. Peter Spicer b. 1673 or 1676, m. Patient Park 07 Jan 1736 Norwich, New London, Connecticut d. 1757 Norwich, New London, Connecticut
- iii. Ruth Spicer b. 1677, m. Samuel Newton, 22 Jan 1702 Groton, Connecticut, d. 1723
- iv. William Spicer b. 1678, m. Hannah Wroth 25 Nov 1703 Groton, Connecticut, d. 1770
- v. Samuel Newton Spicer b. Sep 1679, m. Susannah Ormsby 12 Dec 1715 Norwich, New London, Connecticut, United States, d. 12 Sep 1748 Norwich, New London, Connecticut, United States
4. vi. Jabez Spicer b. 1681 Poquetanuck, Connecticut, USA, m. Margaret Parke, d. 1751
- vii. Hannah Spicer b. 1681, d. 1686?
- viii. Abigail Spicer b. 1683, d. 1723?
- ix. Mary Spicer b. 1684, d. 1754?

² Sources Sterling LeRoy Spicer 1967, The Chronology and Genealogy of the Spicer Family; American Plantations and Colonies; Virginia Muster 1623; Larry A. Spicer, American Plantations and Colonies; Passenger aboard the TRYALL

- x. Jane Spicer b. 1687, m. Samuel Ralph 15 Mar 1711 d. 1754
- xi. Sarah Spicer b. 1691, m. Hugh Ralph 1710d. 1755 Rhode Island

Where Peter Spicer came from to New London has not been ascertained but tradition tells us that he came from Virginia to New England and was of English parentage. It is also so recorded in the family Bible of Abel Spicer.

We can imagine him in 1666 as a young man working with the customary Spicer energy and perseverance to clear a spot for cultivation in that then wild and desolate country; afterwards planting and harvesting and making ready the home to which four years later he brought his bride. The country thereabouts was heavily timbered, and abounding with wolves and other ferocious wild animals, and poisonous snakes were for many years a daily menace to the settlers; none but the bravest would have ventured to build a dwelling there or dared to ask a woman to share it with him when built. His white neighbors were few. George Geer owned land adjoining upon which he afterwards built and dwelt. In 1667 the Noank Indians, a remnant of the once warlike Pequot tribe, were ordered to settle on their reservation, called Mashantuckset, a mile or so west of our pioneer ancestor's farm. He evidently lived on amicable terms with them, for there are no complaints entered on the records of the town by either party. Indeed we have reason to be proud of our ancestor, inasmuch as his farm was not enlarged by land forcibly taken from or obtained by small valueless gifts to the Indians.

When the general uprising of the Indians, in 1675, led to King Philip's War, he was among the volunteers and received for his services one hundred and forty acres in Voluntown, lot 108 of the "Cedar Swamp Lots." This land was allotted in 1700, some years after his decease, and was sold by his son Edward in 1719, to Christopher Avery of Groton.

That Peter Spicer and his sons were men of Peaceable dispositions with no active enemies is evinced by the fact that no complaints against them, either by town or individual, is found on the early court records. In those days men seemed to have troubles times with one another; even those high in the affairs of the colony were not exempt from the malice of their neighbors and they were brought to be "examined" before the court on the least provocation. Once only did Peter actively appear at a meeting of the court; then he complained that a neighbor had unlawfully taken one of his hogs. The neighbor admitted that his dog had killed a small hog, and that he had put it up in a barrel and had eaten part thereof, "and ye remains were found with him in ye said barrel." The court ordered him to pay to Peter Spicer thirty shillings and to the county treasury ten shillings.

In an old book now kept in the county clerk's office at Norwich, Ct, is recorded the distribution of Peter Spicer's estate as follows: "At a Court of Probate held Sept. 18, 1694. The inventory of the estate of Peter Spicer deceased was exhibited in Court was proved accepted and ordered to be recorded and this Court grants power of administration to the widow and makes distribution as followeth for the widow thirty six pounds with her thirds of the movables. To the eldest son Edward double portion 15 pounds 10 shilling and to the rest of the children being ten in number 7 pounds 15 shilling apiece and if any of the children die before they come of age to receive their portion then their part to be equally divided amongst the survivors;" Capt. Brewster & Thomas Rose were appointed overseers.

The Probate Records of New London, Ct, furnish additional data. "Aug 10, 1714. Mary Spicer widow and relict of Peter Spicer late of New London deceased and administratrix of his Estate appeared at this Court and made an addition to the inventory of the said Estate of a lot of land in the plantation given the Volunteers and the other inventoried Estate having been already distributed this Court distributes the said lot as followeth viz: one third part thereof to the widow during her natural life, to the Eldest son a double portion thereof and to the other nine children & ye representatives of one that is deceased equal portions.

"Sept 13, 1715. Mary Spicer widow of Peter Spicer late of New London deceased having put the Estate into the hands of her eldest son Edward to pay his brothers and sisters as they come of age said Edward has this day

presented in Court Receipts under the hands of his s'd brothers and sisters for their portion to full satisfaction the Court does thereupon order a quietus off to the s'd administrator."

The marriage of Peter Spicer and Mary, daughter of Peter and Mary (___) Busecot, is recorded in Warwick, Rhode Island, as follows: "Peter Spicer of Mohegan or now Norridge in the Colony of Conticott and Mary Busecot of the town of Warwick in ye Collony of Rhode Island were married Dec. 15, 1670." Eleven children were born to them, whose names are recorded in a Bible formerly owned by Abel Spicer. The birth dates were not given and can only be conjectured from the dates of marriages known.

4. Jabez Spicer 1681 – 1751 Margaret Parke

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-453>

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Parke-252>

Jabez Spicer, son of Peter Spicer and Mary Busecot was born in 1681. He married Margaret Parke, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Geer) Parke) Aug 2, 1715.

They had the following children,

5. i. Ezekiel Spicer b. 19 Aug 1716 m. Luce Shepard 30 Aug 1738, in Pomfret. Connecticut d. abt 24 Apr 1760 Dutchess County, New York
 - ii. Jeremiah Spicer b. Jan 28, 1718
 - iii. Ebenezer Spicer b. Jan 5, 1722
 - iv. Desire Spicer b. Feb. 15, 1724; m. 1742, Nathaniel Holmes, Nov 11, 1742, son of Jehosaphat and Sarah (Waldo) Holmes; no children. found, d. June 21, 1750
 - v. Phebe Spicer b. 8 Aug 1730; m. Nathan Whiton, in Chatham, Conn. (Second Church, Middle Haddam).
 - vi. Nathan Spicer, b. Sept. 10, 1735; m. (1) Leah; m. (2) Abigail Mahew.

Susan Meech in the History of the ancestors of Peter Spicer provides the following information:³

On June 4, 1717, the town of Norwich granted him license to " set up and use the art and mystery of tanning leather."

On June 3, 1718, he purchased one hundred acres of land in Pomfret, Connecticut, of John Adams of Pomfret. This homestead was situated between Pomfret and Canterbury, Connecticut. In May 1721, his name appears among signers of a memorial praying for a separate parish or precinct, the churches of Pomfret and Canterbury being so distant.

From " Groton Land Records" is learned that April 1, 1727, Jabez Spicer of Pomfret, county of Windham and colony of Connecticut, in New England, cordwainer, in consideration of one pound eleven shillings, sold to Jacob Park of Groton, cordwainer, "all Right or Title in the common or undivided land in Groton (excepting the Right that may come by my Father Spicer's estate)".

From the "Land Records" of Promfret, Connecticut, is gleamed that he bought, April 19, 1731, from Henry Cobb of "Mortlaek," Windham County, yeoman, for two hundred and five pounds, two hundred and ten acres, (The above land situated in "Mortlaek)."

On April 26, 1731, he sold to Henry Bacon of Pomfret for thirty-one pounds, one shilling and ninepence, twenty-one acres and three-quarters and eleven perch, situated in Pomfret, being part of his home lot.

³ Pages 31 to 35

On May 1, 1731, he sold to Henry Bacon (both mark of Pomfret) for divers good causes eighty-two acres in Pomfret.

On July 2, 1731, he sold for 140 pounds, 100 acres of land in Mortlake, to William Earl of Mortlake, husbandman.

On Nov. 26, 1733, he redeemed the eighty two acres transferred to Henry Bacon for eight hundred Pounds.

On April 15, 1734, he redeemed the twenty-one acres and three-quarters and eleven perch from Henry Bacon.

On May 31, 1734, he sold to Thomas Smith of Pomfret, cordwainer, for ten pounds, five acres and five rods meadowland

On June 26, 1735, he purchased from Daniel Bemis for fifty pounds, thirty acres situated in Mortlake and Pomfret. He sold this land May 1, 1736, to Thomas Davenport of Mortlake, yeoman; deed mentions land of Benjamin Fasset, Samuel Shed, and of Perkin's heirs.

On March 15, 1735-6, he sold to William Darbe of Norwich, for five hundred and twenty pounds, the farm he was living on, containing eighty-two acres.

On Aug. 6, 1736, for love and affection he bears toward his son Ezekiel he deeds him a portion of land in "Mortlaek".

On Dec. 27, 1736, he transferred to Benjamin Belknap of "Mortlaek," clothier, four acres and a half and fifteen rods.

On Jan. 25, 1736-7, he for thirty-three pounds paid or secured to be paid by William Darbe of Norwich, bought of Thomas Davenport, thirty acres.

On May 1, 1735, he sold to John Moffit of Killingly, Connecticut, for one hundred pounds, fifty acres of land in Pomfret.

On Dec. 1, 1738, he (of Mortlake) sold to Daniel Cady of Pomfret, for eleven pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence, three and one-quarter acres in Mortlake.

On April 13, 1739, he sold twenty acres for sixty pounds to Daniel Cady, in Mortlake.

On Feb. 7, 1742-3, he sold five acres to Joseph Holland, for twenty pounds, meadowland.

On Jan. 22, 1742-3 John Woodward of Pomfret, yeoman, sold him three acres for nine pounds situated in Mortlake.

On Jan. 31, 1744-5, he sold to Joseph Holland for two hundred pound, thirty-two acres, lying partly in Mortlake and partly in Pomfret, which land he had purchased from Daniel Bemis, and that part of Pomfret where Jabez Spicer dwelt is now the town of Brooklyn.

5. Ezekiel Spicer 1716 Luce Shepard

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-2658>

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Shepard-3210>

Ezekiel Spicer, son of Jabez Spicer and Margaret Parke was born August 19, 1716, at Norwich, New London County, Connecticut.⁴ He married Luce Shepard August 30, 1738, in Pomfret, Connecticut. They had the following children,

- i. Jacob Spicer, b. 28 Aug 1739; d. same day, Pomfret, Connecticut
- ii. Jeremiah b. 5 Jan, 1740-1; d. same day, Pomfret, Connecticut
- 6. iii Ezekiel Spicer b. 1 March 1741/2, bp. April 4, 1742. Pomfret Connecticut. Elizabeth⁵, d. 1800
- iv. Daniel Spicer b. 3 March 1743 bp. March 25, 1744, Pomfret, Connecticut
- v. Samuel Spicer b. Sept. 3, 1746; bp. same day; Pomfret, Connecticut m. Molly Bennet
- vi Jabez Spicer b. Sept. 24, 1749, Middleton, Connecticut; d. Dec. 24, 1750.
- vii. Jabez Spicer b. Oct. 22, 1751, Middleton, Connecticut; m. Elizabeth Vandusen Dec 20, 1782, Amenia, N. Y.,
- viii. Susannah Spicer, b. Oct. 26, 1753, Middleton, Connecticut; m. Dec. 1, 1771, John Welch, Sharon, Conn.

Ezekiel probably left Pomfret in 1747 or 1748 and removed to Middletown Connecticut. In 1759 he bought land in Dutchess County New York from Jos Smith.

Lucy died soon after the birth of her daughter Susannah. Ezekiel remarried Martha Unknown and had one child;
ix By second wife Martha, Sarah Oct 23, 1759.

Ezekiel died April 24 1760 in Amenia, Dutchess, New York, USA. Letters of administration on the estate of Ezekiel Spicer “who died recently at Crum Mons Precinct was granted April 24, 1760, to Roswell Hopkins, a merchant of Amenia New York. His wife Lucy predeceased him in Amenia in 1753.

6. Ezekiel Spicer 1741- 1800 Elizabeth

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-2766>

Ezekiel Spicer was born March 1, 1741/42, and baptized April 4, 1742, in Pomfret, Windham, Connecticut. His family Several records give his origins as the Mohawk Valley area of what today is New York States.⁶

He served as a private in the Loyal Rangers^{7,8} Details given on Page 226 and in chart below

Surname	Given Name	Rank	Enlistment Date	Company	Service Details	Age	Ht	Place From & Trade	Family Details
		01Jan83		01Jan1783		01Jan1783			

⁴ Meech, Susan Spicer and Susan Billings, History of the Descendants of Peter Spicer, A Landholder in New London Connecticut, 1911, available at archives.org, page 57

⁵ Watt, Gavin, A Service History and Master Roll of Major Edward Jessup’s Loyal Rangers, Carleton Place: Global Heritage Press, 2017, page 226; 1794 sale of W1/2 Lot 9 Con 1 to Justus Sherwood -signature shown Ezekiel, Daniel and Elizabeth

⁶ Watt, Gavin, A Service History and Master Roll of Major Edward Jessup’s Loyal Rangers, Carleton Place: Global Heritage Press, 2017, page 226

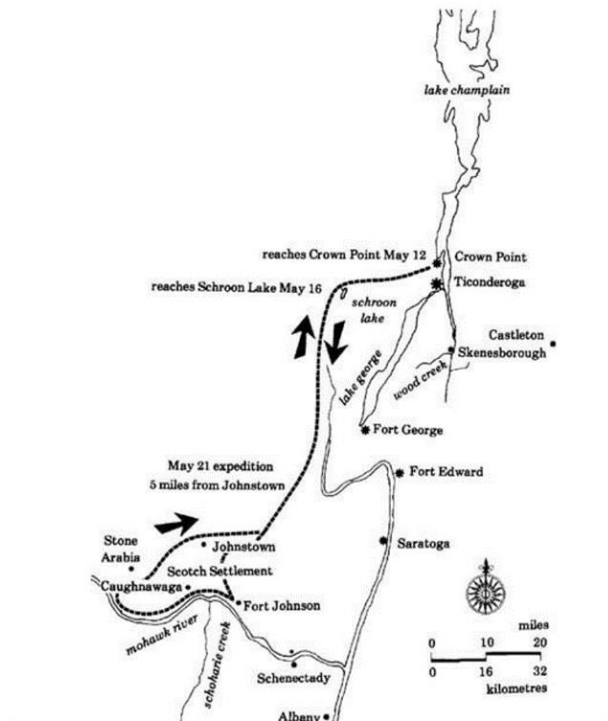
⁷ Gavin, 2017, “

⁸ Coldham, Peter Wilson. American Migrations 1765-1799: The lives, times, and families of colonial Americans who remained loyal to the British Crown before, during and aft accessed at <http://www.Ancestry.ca>

Spicer	Ezekiel SR. (T1)	PTE	1781 (T16) ⁹	John Jones'	In John Jones Coy, LR of 01Jan82, 01Jan83 -1Yr 5Mos Service T1	41(T1) ¹⁰	5 1 0 T 1	B.AM	Wife Elizabeth Childrn at Riviere Du Chene, Mar -Jul 83 & W/5 Children There Jan 84Ezekiel, Womn,3Boys at St. John, Sep84(S4) Ezekiel, Woman,3Boys settled RT7, 1784
Spicer	Daniel	PTE	1781(T16)	John Jones'	"	18(T1)	5 7 T 1	B.AM (T1)	Single, settled RT7 1784
Spicer	Ezekiel Jr. (T1, T18)	PTE	1781(&16)	John Jones'	In John Jones Coy, LR of 01Jan82, 01Jan83 -1Yr 1Mos Service T1	15(T1)	5 3 T 1	B.AM (T1)	Single, Settled RT71784

⁹ Return of the Country, Age, Size and time of the Non-Commissioned Officers, Drummers & Privates of Capt Jonatho Jones' Compy, Loyal Rangers for 1st Jan^y. 1782. Todd Braisted transcript. WO28/10/137

¹⁰ A Size roll & c of Major Edward Jessup's Ten Companies of Loyal Rangers, 1 st January 1783. Library and Archives Canada, War Office Records, MG13 (WO28/10, Part 4) pp459-65



The Mohawk Valley is a natural passageway connecting the Atlantic Ocean, by way of the Hudson Valley with the interior of North America. Colonists, including William Johnson, trading with the Iroquois set the stage for commercial and military competition between European nations, leading to the French and Indian Wars and the American Revolution. Almost 100 battles of the American Revolution were fought in New York State. A series of raids against valley residents took place during the war; led by John Johnson they were collectively known as the "Burning of the Valleys".

Johnstown New York was founded by William Johnson, a British military officer and colonial government official, in a region once known as "Kingsborough". Johnson named the settlement after his son, John Johnson. All of the holdings of the Johnson family were forfeited due to the family's allegiance to Britain.

Ezekiel Spicer was located at Fort Edwards. In late March 1780 one of John Johnson's agents returned from Johnstown

with information that the loyalist there were suffering severe persecution. They were also threatened with being forced to serve with the rebels in the coming May. Those who refused would be sent to Albany in irons, their houses confiscated, and their real and personal property sold for the use of Congress. Forced service meant acting against their fellow loyalist; bringing them in for examination, taking their cattle, sheep and hogs, and at times destroying their buildings. The loyalist asked for a pilot to be sent to lead them to Quebec, but Johnson instead proposed an expedition to Johnstown, which would collect the threatened loyalist and punish local rebels. Johnson's force set off from St. John's on May 3. His expedition was a marked success. Ezekiel Spicer and his two sons Daniel and Ezekiel Jr enlisted with the Major Edward Jessup's Loyal Rangers in the Company of John Jones.

The following chart gives some indication of the movement of Ezekiel's family

Surname	Given Name	Spouse Father/Mother	Children	Location Reported	Remarks	Rank & Regiment
Spicer	Ezekiel (T61, T62, T66) Elizabeth (P16)	Wife only Ret'd (T61, T62, T66) Wife (P29)	2M>6, 1<6, 1F>6 (T61, T62) 2M>6, 1<6, 2F>12, 1>6, (T66) 2M>6, 1<6, 2F>6 (P16) 2M>10, 1<10, (p29)	Riviere- Du-Chene, 24 Mar 83 (T61) 24 Jul 83 (T62) 24 Jul 84 (P16) RT 7, 12 Oct 84 (P29)	L. Rangers (T61, T62, P16) Infirm Girl of 15 Years, (P16)	Ezekiel Sr, PTE, LR, 1783, (T45)

In 1781, during the American Revolution, colonial forces, consisting of militia and Oneida allies, were victorious over a mixed force of Loyalists and Native allies.

On November 24, instructions were sent from headquarters in Quebec City to disband the regiments in lower Quebec on December 24, 1783 (including the Loyal Rangers). The veterans and their families were permitted lodging and provisions for the winter. Crowding, measles and smallpox became a problem. The preliminary articles of peace with the United States were signed November 30, 1783.¹¹

A copy of a rebel newspaper published in Fishkill; New York on April 17 arrived in Quebec making it clear the loyalist were not welcomed home¹²:

The article of giving the Renegadoes or Tories a temporary residence among us is a bitter ingredient in this cup of happiness, and I am confidant from the well known characters of our worthy commissioners they would never have consented to it had thee been any other mode to have avoided it but by the calamitous war, and even this, I doubt not would have been preferred by those Gentleman had they put entire confidence in your Spirit, Virtue and Patriotism believing that these would effectually prevent what they could not. Vizt. The Return of those abominable Wretches, those Robbers, Murderers and Incendiaries even to come near us, no method is left us to prevent this great Calamity but by a general Association to render their Situation by every means in our power so unhappy that they will prefer a voluntary Banishment to the proposed return, let it be a Crime abhorr'd by Nature to have any communication with them - -Like Cain of old they will carry their mark on their foreheads, let them be avoided like persons Contaminated by the most deadly contagion and remain as their just demerits as Vagabonds on The face of the Earth

A note from American (Loyalist) Migration provides the following note;

Spicer, Ezekiel of Albany Co. Memorial New Oswegatchie 1786. He served as a Pvt. in the Loyal Rangers. Claim for a house and 150 acres on a 21 lease; a loom etc. Evidences; Deposition 23 February 1786 New Oswegatchie by William Leahy, Sr. that the claim is jus. (12/28/268, 64/28, 109/284;13/15/449-450)

A transcript of his evidence was reported as follows¹³:

962 Ezekeel Spicer, Late of Charlotte Co. N.C.

Oct 3 Cliamt. Says he was at De Chine in '83.

(113) Is a nat. of A. lived at Fort Edw. Joined in '81, served 3 years, 2 Sons with him

Too little Had 1000 acres Lease for 21 near Fort Edward, bought it in
To allow '78 gave £5 York Mon. for it. Lot a little furniture & other
Articles, about £10.

Those who remained loyal to the crown were called Loyalists. During and after the war, the Loyalists were essentially pushed out of present-day America for their opposing views and left destitute with no where to go;

¹¹ Watt Gavin K. 2017, page 58-59

¹² Watt Gavin K. 2017 page 53-54 citing Cruikshank, Earnest & Watt, Gavin K. The History and Master Roll of The King's Royal Regiments of New York, Revised edition. Campbellsville; Global Heritage Press, 2006, page 103

¹³ Fraser, Alexander, United Empire Loyalists, Enquiry into the Losses and Services in Consequences of Their Loyalty, evidence in the Canadian Claims, Second Report of the Bureau of Archives for the Province of Ontario, Repository Ontario Archives Call letters 971.024 U56 vol.2; The Archives of Ontario, Loyalist Settlements 1783-1789, New Evidence of Canadian Loyalist Claims, Research and Transcription by W. Bruce Antliff

they then turned to the British for relief. Initially, the Loyalists were hopeful that Britain would be able to successfully negotiate with the rebelling colonies, and that their land, homes, and possessions would be returned to them. New laws were passed in New York state which allowed the Loyalists' property to be officially seized, and threats were made on the lives of Loyalists who may try to return.

Britain's solution to the widespread poverty and homelessness was to provide the Loyalists with land grants which could be used to build new settlements and start over. These grants were also looked at as a reward for the men's loyalty to the crown.

Mary Beacock Fryer in Chapter 12 of *King's Men – The Soldier Founders of Ontario*. Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1980 details the resettlement of the Loyalists after the war:

Eight townships were laid out beside the upper St. Lawrence. The lower five were the New Johnstown settlement, the upper three New Oswegatchie. The first five around the Bay of Quinte were the Cataraqui settlement. When they were named, #1 beside the St. Lawrence was Charlottenburgh, #2 Cornwall, #3 Osnabruck, #4 Williamsburgh, #5 Matilda, #6 Edwardsburgh, #7 Augusta, #8 Elizabethtown. Of the Bay of Quinte townships, #1 was Kingston, #2 Ernestown, #3 Fredericksburgh, #4 Adolphustown, #5 Marysburgh. Also shown are the first three townsites, Kingston (#1 Cataraqui), Johnstown (#6 New Oswegatchie,) New Johnstown (#2 New Johnstown)¹⁴

Fryer, Mary Beacock. *King's Men: The Soldier Founders of Ontario* (Kindle Locations 5744-5749). Dundurn. Kindle Edition.

A man named Sir John Johnson was instructed to inquire as to which lands belonged to the native communities, and to purchase any land that they claimed as theirs. Captain Justus Sherwood, who remained in the area, was employed to provide a detailed survey of Augusta and the surrounding townships. By the spring of 1784, supplies had been gathered and the land had been surveyed in detail and divided into lots to be drawn for. Batteaux and provisions were ready to be transported along with the Loyalist settlers to the new settlements. The area surrounding present-day Augusta township was divided into two ranges of townships, the first of which being called the Royal Townships. There are seven Royal Townships, Augusta being the seventh and titled Royal Township Number Seven (RT7). Eventually, the townships were named, Augusta was named for Princess Augusta after the third daughter of King George III. In June 1784, the Loyalists finally embarked from Quebec down the St. Lawrence River to their new settlements; Edward Jessup's Corps were to be the first settlers of the new Royal Township.

Ezekiel Spicer is documented as living in 1784 in Ontario.¹⁵ Ezek. Spicer is shown in Concession 1 on Chewett's map of Augusta 1787.

In the Index to the Upper Canada Land Books, Volume 2, Jan 1798 to December 1805 the following are listed

Ezekiel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 07 Dec 1802 Book E Page 167 Petition S30
Ezekiel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 07 Dec 1802 Book E Page 168 Petition S31
Ezekiel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 29 Mar 1803 Book E Page 221 Petition B34
Ezekiel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 31 May 1803 Book E Page 243 Petition B38

¹⁴ Fryer, Mary Beacock. *King's Men – The Soldier Founders of Ontario*. Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1980

¹⁵ Genealogical Research Library, Ontario, Canada, Canadian Genealogical Index with source E. Rae Stewart, *Jessop's Rangers as a Factor in Loyalist Settlement*, published under the auspices of the Ontario Department of Public Records and Archives, Toronto Ontario

Ezekiel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 06 Nov 1804 Book E Page 161 Petition S31

An Ezekiel Spicer received a 200 acre concession in Concession 9 Lot 1 on 2 Nov 1803 See also below under Daniel Spicer.

Ezekiel and his wife Elizabeth had several children¹⁶ of which the following are possible:

- x. Ezekiel Jr. b. 1757 New York, m.. Rachel Jackson 31 May 1803¹⁷
- xi. William Whelm Spicer 1759
- 7. xii. Daniel Spicer 1764 Mohawk Valley New York 1833 m. Phebe Martin
- xiii. Jeramiah Spicer
- xiv. Catherine Spicer b. d. 25 Jun 1817 Elizabethtown
- xv. Elizabeth Spicer m. John Bunker (misspelled Bowker
- xvi. Elijah Spicer¹⁸,
- xvii. Jabez Spicer indexed as a Son of a Loyalist 07 Dec Book E page 168 Petition S31
- xviii. Susannah Spicer¹⁹ b. 1787 m. John Bostwick, d. 25 Jun 1817, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ontario

Rachel Spicer is indexed residence Edwardburg 31 May 1803 Book E 240 Petition S37

He died in Johnstown, Ontario in 1800.

7. Daniel Spicer 1764 - 1833 Phoebe Martin 1767 – 1798

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-4468>

Daniel Spicer, son of Ezekiel Spicer and Elizabeth was born in? Mohawk Valley (Possibly Albany). He married Phoebe Martin²⁰. She was born in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess, New York in 1767.

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Daniel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 19 Jan 1802 Book C Page 342

Daniel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 06 Nov 1804 Book F Page 161 Petition I4

Ezekiel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 29 Mar 1803 Book E Page 221 Petition B34

Ezekiel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 31 May 1803 Book E Page 243 Petition B38

Ezekiel Spicer, United Empire Loyalist 06 Nov 1804 Book E Page 161 Petition S31²¹

¹⁶ William Reid, The Loyalist in Ontario, The Sons and Daughters of the American Loyalists in Upper Canada, Page 305 lists Elijah of Elizabethtown OC 7 Dec 1802, Jabez of Augusta OC 7 Dec 1802, Susannah, m. John Bostwick of Augusta OC 31 May 1803 and Catherine, m Stephen Todd Beach of Elizabethtown OC 29 Mar 1803

¹⁷ Ezekiel Spicer married Rachel Jackson OC 31 May 1803, William D. Reid, The Loyalist in Ontario page 162; See also Norman K. Crowder pages page 56, 164

¹⁸ indexed as a Son of a Loyalist 07 Dec Book E page 167 Petition S30; Reid page 305 lists under Ezekiel Spicer, Elijah of Elizabethtown OC 7 Dec 1802, Jabez of Augusta, OC 7 Dec 1802, Susannah, m. John Bostwick of Augusta, OC 31 May 1803; Catherine , m Stephan Todd Beach of Elizabethtown, OC 29 March 1803 (OC Order in Council)

¹⁹ See above footnote

²⁰ The Loyalist in Ontario page 218 Phoebe Martin daughter of William Martin m. Spicer of Augusta OC 18 Jun 1800

²¹ Canadian Immigrant Records, Part One, Name Daniel Spicer Year of Record 1783 Source/Event War Office Records: Returns of Detachments and Companies of the Kings Rangers and Loyal Rangers stationed in Lower Canada. Comments from America Age 1 8 Reference National Archives of Canada: Microfilm Reel No. B-2867 (MG 11, W.O. 28/10), page 185

Daniel Spicer was listed as a resident of Augusta in April 1796. Daniel Spicer²² received a grant of 100 acres in Concession 2 Lot 7 W1/2 on 10 Ag 1801. On 21 Feb 1803 he received 200 acres in Concession 7 Lot 20. On 3 Mar 1806 he received 200 acres in concession 6 Lot 20. (Other Patents show Daniel & Ezekiel Spicer).

They had three children¹:

8.
 - i. William Martin Spicer born 1787²³
 - ii. Phoebe Spicer 1800 possibly indexed as a Daughter of a loyalist 18 Jun 1800 Book D page 507
 - iii. Jabez Spicer 1804

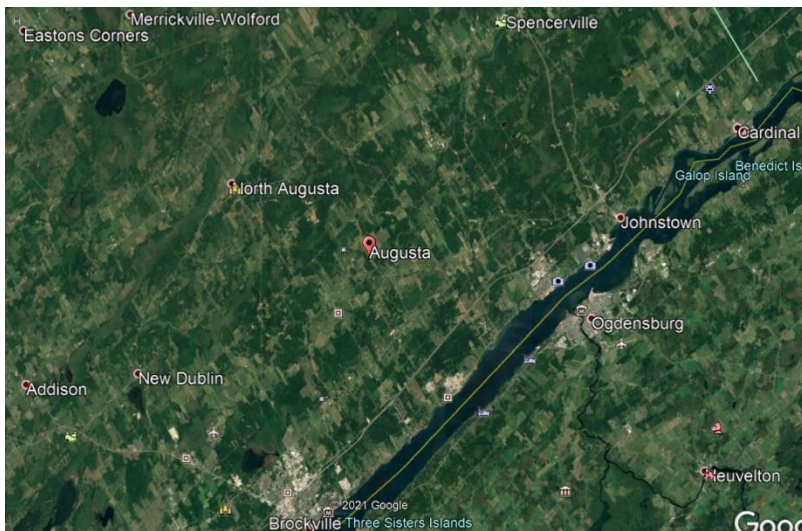
Augusta Township, Maynard and Merrick

Precis / Extracts from Augusta Township, Wikipedia (accessed June 1, 2018):

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augusta,_Ontario

The address of our ancestors includes Augusta Township, Maynard and Merrickville-Wolford

Augusta Township is a township in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; located in eastern Ontario, Canada. Augusta is situated along the Saint Lawrence River and extends back into rural hamlets. The township is located between the city of Brockville to the west, and the town of Prescott to the east. The township of Augusta was not fully settled until the late 1700s and into the early 1800s, when the Loyalists received their land grants throughout the area and began building homesteads. Most of the residents living in the township today are direct descendants of these Loyalists. Prior to 1834, Prescott was considered a part of Augusta township; the town became a police village in this year which severed its ties with Augusta. By 1849, Prescott officially became a separated town with its own mayor and council, as it remains today. Here only the communities in which some of our ancestors lived in are described. Others are described in the larger Wikipedia article.



²² Early Ontario Settlers, page 56 list a Danl and on Page 104 E115 settled at Augusta 1785 as disbanded from King Rangers settled in Township no 7 Augusta with 5 acres cleared

²³ At <https://www.wikitree.com>

Maynard, Ontario, is a small village located northwest of Prescott along County Road 26. Maynard was settled early in the township's history due to its proximity to the landing points at Johnstown and Blakey's point, located south of the village. Farming was the primary industry in the 1800s in Maynard. Maynard boasted its own saw and grist mill, tannery, blacksmith shop, churches, cemetery, two schoolhouses, a few cheese factories, temperance hall, post office, general store as well as an inn, located at Brundage's Corners.

Perrin's Corners, Ontario, is the name given to the small community once located at the intersection of the Sixth Concession and Charleville Road. According to nineteenth century maps, the community once had a temperance hall, cemetery and a schoolhouse. The community was named for the Perrin family, who first occupied the area; the community mostly consisted of farms. (For Perrin Ancestors see Perrin Ancestors).

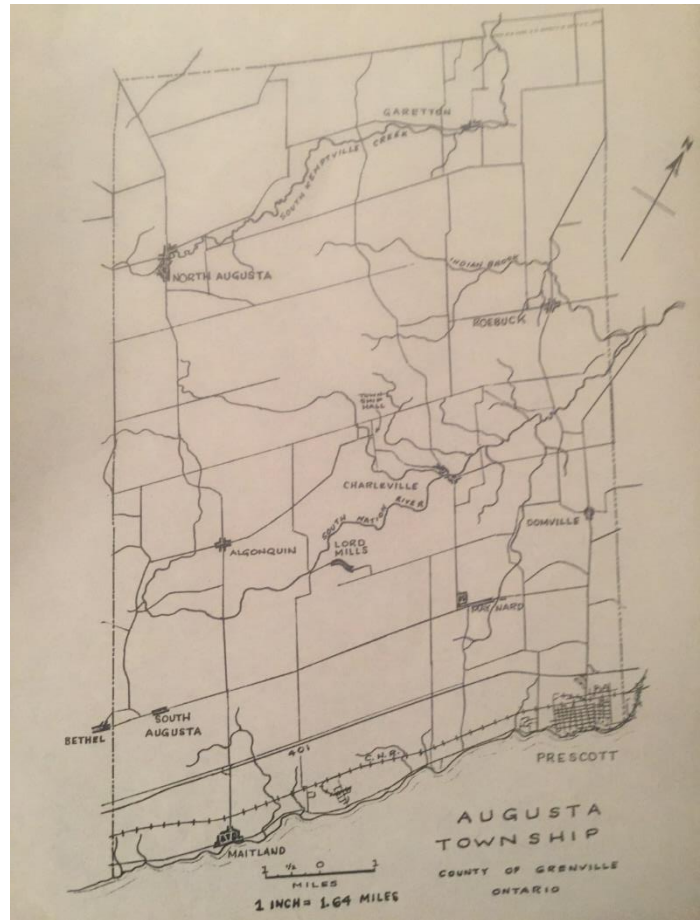
Merrickville–Wolford is a village-status municipality in Eastern Ontario, Canada, located in Leeds and Grenville United Counties. It spans both shores of the Rideau River. The current

municipality was incorporated on January 1, 1998, by amalgamating the former village of Merrickville with the former township of Wolford. The Rideau Canal locks at Merrickville with three locks have a total lift of twenty five feet. On the south side of the locks there is the old blockhouse, which has been restored by Parks Canada as a tourist site and museum operated by the Merrickville and District Historical Society.

In 1821, William Merrick built a stone house overlooking his mills. When the construction crews arrived in 1827 to build the Rideau Canal, the village of Merrick's Mills, as it was then known, was a thriving community of about 300. After the canal was completed, the excess water once again turned the wheels of the mills, and the improved transportation system caused a surge in commercial activity in the village. By 1851, Merrick's Mills continued to thrive into the mid-1860s. The end of the community's industrial growth is closely related to the decline of the commercial phase of the Rideau canal. The rise of the nearby town of Smiths Falls as a major railway hub displaced Merrick's Mills as an industrial leader in the region.

**8. William Martin Spicer 1787 - 1871 Sophia Mosher
1800 – 1880**

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-3475> William Martin Spicer



William Spicer, son of Daniel Spicer and Phoebe Martin was born about 1787 calculated from census data²⁴. He married Sophia Mosher in 1829 in Augusta, Ontario, Canada. She was born in Ontario on 18 Apr 1800 and died on her birthday on 18 May 1880 in Augusta, Ontario.

The family's religion is varyingly given as Episcopal Methodist and Methodist.

Their Children include

i. William Lester Spicer b. about 1821²⁵ m. Hannah Knapp 1876, d. 21 Mar 1864 in Augusta, Leeds and Grenville Counties, Ontario²⁶. They had six children

I. Robert Nicholson Spicer, b. 08 Sep 1847 Augusta²⁷, m. Olive Bishop, d. 09 Jan 1904 in Smith Falls²⁸

II. Mariam Sophia Spicer b. 03 Mar 1850 in Augusta, m. Joseph Wilson Scott, d. 17 Sep 1932 Augusta

III. Amos Knapp Spicer b. 22 May 1853 in Augusta, m. Anna "Annie" Irwin, d. 10 Apr 1934 Grand Forks, Grand Forks Co., North Dakota, U.S.A.

IV. Minerva Spicer b. 22 Nov 1855 Augusta, m. John Scott d. 1950

V. Charles William Spicer b. 19 Sep 1857 Skurnville, USA, m. Mary Lillian Peer, d. 07 Jan 1927 in Brockville, Leeds County, Ontario, Canada

VI. Wellington Addison Spicer b. 18 Feb 1860 Augusta, m. Miriam Louisa Carpenter, 17 Nov 1885 Augusta Township, d. 11 Jul 1946 Brockville,

ii. Phebe Harriet Spicer b. 1826 in Augusta, Leeds and Grenville Counties, Ontario, m. William Trenholm 05 May 1842 Augusta, d. 30 Jan 1883 Grenville County²⁹. They had 5 children

I. Jane Harriet Trenholm b. 16 Jan 1846 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, m. Ebison Brownbridge Fretwell, d. 1912 in Maynard

II. William James Trenholm b. 21 Sep 1851 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada,

III. Richard Trenholm b. 1854 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada,

IV. Hannah Celestia Trenholm b. 10 Aug 1857 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, m. Edwin Keeler 29 Sep 1875 in Leeds and Grenville, d. 15 Apr 1912 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario

V. Henry Ichabod Trenholm b. 1860 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario 03 Aug 1889

VI. Martha Victoria Trenholm b. 24 May 1867 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada, William Typhair m. 21 Nov 1885 Augusta, d. 07 May 1946 Colorado, US

iii. Hannah Maria Spicer b. 06 Feb 1829 in Augusta Twp, Grenville, Ontario, m. John Wesley Pyke, d. 23 Mar 1912 in Brockville, Leeds, Ontario. They had two children,

I. Alfred Charles Pyke b. Nov 1856

II. Hester Maria Pyke b. 10 May 1859 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada

²⁴ <http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/e/e095/e002350742.jpg> Library and Archives Canada, Census of 1851, Canada West (Ontario), Grenville, Augusta, digitized Page for image e002350742

²⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126784149/william-lester-spicer>

²⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126784149/william-lester-spicer>

²⁷ 1901 Canadian Census <http://data2.collectionscanada.ca/1901/z/z002/jpg/z000077608.jpg> accessed Dec 23, 2019

²⁸ [https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-](https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=8946&h=2033823&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=60527)

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²⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126784708/harriet-trenholm>

- iv. Charles Millard Spicer b. 05 Jul 1830 in Augusta Twp, Grenville, Ontario, Canada ³⁰ d. 17 Apr 1864 in Augusta Twp, Grenville, Ontario, appears to have had no issue
9. v. Robert Nicholson Spicer b. 11 Aug 1832, m. Elizabeth Jane Perrin on 2 Jun. 1857 in Maynard, Ontario, d. 29 Nov. 1904 in Smith Falls, Ontario³¹ [See below]
- vi. Daniel James "Henry" Spicer b. 06 May 1834 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, m. Maria(h) Youker, d. 1908 ³²
- I. William James Spicer b. 24 May 1857 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, m. Rosanne "Roxie" Pearsons, d. 02 Mar 1936 in Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ontario. They had 3 children.
- II. Charlotte Melissa Spicer b. 02 Jan 1859 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, d. 1860 Augusta, Ontario
- III. Ann Elizabeth Spicer b. 09 Oct 1860 in Augusta, Ontario, m. William Henry Robinson 13 Oct 1880 Augusta Tp., Grenville Co., Ontario, d. 07 Nov 1927 in Leeds, Ontario, They had 4 children.
- IV. Chester Almeron Spicer b. 17 Jul 1862 Augusta Twp, Grenville Co., Ont., m. Mary Hodges 16 Sep 1885, d. 1957 Augusta
- V. Laura Ellnora Spicer b. 10 May 1868 in Maynard, Grenville, Ontario, m. Joseph Elmer Hamilton 23 Feb 1887 in Augusta Twp, Grenville Co, Ontario, 24 May 1932 in Augusta Twp, Grenville Co, Ontario
- VI. Cynthia Phoebe Spicer b. 12 Jun 1870 in Augusta Twp, Grenville Co., Ontario, m. Delbert Charles Perrin d. 1957 Augusta Twp, Grenville Co., Ont., Canada
- vii. Hiram Francis Spicer b. Feb 1837, m. (1) Delilah Young, (2) Tibda, d. 30 Jun 1918 in Brockville, Leeds, Ontario, Canada³³
They had 5 children.
- I. Luthera Spicer b. Jul 1862, m. Robert Robinson
- II. Eva Spicer b. 1864
- III. Alvero Allen Spicer b. 09 Jan 1866, in North Augusta, Ontario, m. Hannah Elizabeth Hare, 1892, d. 03 Sep 1944 Brockville, Ontario, Canada
- IV. Orpha Spicer b. 1869 d. 20 Aug 1946 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, appears to have died unmarried without issue
- V. Daniel B. Spicer b. 01 Nov 1887 Merrickville, Ontario m. Annie Belle Pyke 09 Mar 1910 d.
- viii. Edward Holden Spicer b. 23 Sep 1839 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, m. Matilda Spicer, Abt 1868 d. 14 Oct 1919 Maynard, Ontario. ³⁴

In 1851 Census (actually taken in 1852), Canada West, Grenville County, Augusta Township the following are listed in his residence:

Hannah M. Pike Age 23 b. abt.1835
 Wesly Pike Age 36 b. abt.1826 {Hannah's husband}
 Chat Spicer Age 22 b. abt.1830 [Charles Spicer, see below]
 Robert Spicer Age 20 b. abt.1832 [Robert Nicholson Spicer b. 11 Aug 1832, see below]
 Henry Spicer Age 18 b.abt.1834 [Daniel James "Henry" Spicer b. 06 May 1834]

³⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132301571>

³¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101229848>

³² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/133095071/henry-spicer>

³³ The evidence for this son includes the 1851 census for the father and mother and Hiram's death record at https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=ontario_deaths&h=228908&indiv=try

³⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/134816456/e.-a. h.-spicer>

Hiram Spicer Age 15 b.abt.1837 [Hiram Francis Spicer b. Feb 1837,
Edward Spicer Age 13 b.abt.1839 [Edward Holden Spicer b. 23 Sep 1839]

In 1861 census William is living alone with his wife Sophia with Robert Nicholson Spicer and Charles Spicer as neighbours ³⁵

William Martin Spicer died January 11 1871³⁶. In 1871 Sophia age 72 is residing with son Henry is ³⁷

His wife Sophia Mosher died 18 May 1880.³⁸

9. Robert Nicholson Spicer 1832 - 1904 Elizabeth Jane Perrin 1840 – 1915

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-1423>



Photo Courtesy of Robert Ackney



Photo Courtesy of Robert Ackney

Robert Nicholson Spicer, son of William and Sophia Spicer was born on 11 Aug. 1832 in Maynard, Ontario. He married Elizabeth Jane Perrin on 2 Jun. 1857 in Maynard, Ontario. He died on 29 Nov. 1904 in Smith Falls, Ontario³⁹ at age 56. His wife died April 8, 1915

³⁵ https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?app=Census1861&op=&img&id=4391550_00656 William age 74 living with Wife Sophia age 62

³⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126785018/william-spicer> William Spicer, Death Date:11 Jan 1871, Cemetery: Maynard Cemetery, Augusta, Leeds and Grenville United Counties, Ontario, Canada, Spouse: Sophia Spicer, Children: Robert Nicholson Spicer, William Lester Spicer, Charles W. Spicer, Hannah Pyke, Henry Spicer, E. A. H. Spicer

³⁷ https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?app=Census1871&op=&img&id=4396625_00427

³⁸ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126785124/sophia-spicer> ; Ontario Deaths, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1375493:8946> accessed May 18, 2021

³⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101229848> Birth date calculated from age at time of death. Died at 72 years, 3 months and 15 days of age.

Their children included,

i. Annetta Jane Spicer b. 24 Sept. 1858 in Grenville, Ontario, m. George Henry Phillips on 01 May 1878 at Wolford, Grenville, Ontario, d. 06 Dec 1945 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. They had 9 children



Annetta Jane Spicer and George Henry Phillips

I. Robert Christopher Phillips b. 19 Mar 1879 in Merrickville, Grenville, Ontario, m. Frances Malvina Watt, 30 Aug 1910 in Moose Jaw, d. 12 Oct 1944 Creston, British Columbia, They had 6 children

II. George Howard Phillips b. 14 Oct 1880 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ont., Can. m. Annetta (Ettie) Bell Atkinson b. 07 Dec 1912 Canada, d. 10 Jul 1954 in Surrey, British Columbia, They had 8 children



III. John Elbert Phillips b. 02 Jul 1882 in Merrickville, m. Mary Janet (Jean) Watt in 1911, d. 15 Nov 1973 in Moose Jaw. They had 4 children

IV. Edith Elizabeth Phillips b. 29 Mar 1884 d. 29 May 1884 in Merrickville

V. Abigail Almeda Phillips b. 17 Mar 1885 in Wolford, Grenville, Ontario, Canada, d. 03 Jun 1957 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada

VI. Allan Edgar Phillips b. 11 Nov 1888 in Merrickville, Grenville, Ontario, m. Ethel McClary d. 1959 Saskatchewan

VII. William Case Phillips b. 13 Feb 1891 in Merrickville, Grenville, Ontario, m. Jean Britton 03 Jun 1913 Hastings, Ontario, d. 1965 Saskatchewan

VIII. Samuel Oswald Phillips b. 22 Mar 1894 Wolford, Grenville, Ontario, Canada, d. 04 Nov 1910, alternative sources give death as 1920

IX. Annetta "Edith" Adelia Phillips b. 14 Jan 1897 in Wolford, Grenville, Ontario, m. Alfred George Corbin d. 28 Mar 1975 in Aneroid, Saskatchewan, Canada

10. ii. Abigail Almeda Spicer b. 13 Sept. 1860 in Prescott, Ontario, m. Edward Atkinson on 3 December 1879 in Maynard, Ontario. d. 10 Jul. 1940 in Merrickville, Ontario, For children see below

iii. John Murney Spicer b. 16 Apr. 1862 Merrickville, Grenville, Ontario, m. Annie Jane Mussell 15 Nov 1882 Easton's Corners,

Grenville, Ontario, d. 12 Jun 1938 at Carleton, Ontario, Canada, Their children include,



- I. Annie Marie Mellvyern Spicer b. 27 Aug 1883 in Merrickville, Ontario, 1883, d. 28 Sep 1883
- II. Myrtle Ada Anna Spicer b. 09 Nov 1884 in Merrickville, Ontario m. J.R. Bourne, d. 1952 Deer Park, Saskatchewan, Canada
- III. Murney Spicer b. 1886, d. 1888 in Merrickville, Ontario
- IV. Hattie Almeda Spicer b. 20 Nov 1888 m. Arnold Boyd 25 Aug 1909 in Merrickville, Grenville, d. 1973 22 Mar 1973
- V. John Murney Mussel Spicer 24 Jul 1890 in Wolford Township, Grenville, Ontario
- VI. Winnifred Lundy Florence Perrin Spicer b. 19 Nov 1892, in Wolford Township, Grenville, Ontario, m. William James Higgins 28 Oct 1914 Grenville, Ontario, Canada d. 23 Feb 1965, Ottawa, Ontario
- VII. Stanley Spicer b. 1894 d. 1895 in Merrickville
- VIII. Birdie Spicer b. 1896 d. 1896 in Merrickville
- IX. Sibbie Aurellia Spicer b. 29 Oct 1898, m. Lewis Henry Heath 1941 d. 22 Feb 1985 in Ottawa
- X. Clifford Robert "Curley" Spicer b. 02 Jul 1901 in Merrickville, m. Violet Alexandra Gunderson 12 Oct 1923 Ottawa, d. 07 Aug 1973 in Ottawa
- XI. Annetta Coralie Spicer b. 04 Nov 1905 m. Francis Kelwin Kearney 05 Aug 1926 in Ottawa, Ontario, d. 07 Jul 2001 in Rochester, Oakland, Michigan, USA

iv. Robert Nicholson Spicer b. 30 Dec 1865 in Wolford, Grenville, Ontario, Canada m. Elizabeth Ellen Phillips 22 May 1889 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, d. 14 Mar 1951 Regina, Saskatchewan

v. Hannah Elizabeth Spicer b. 2 Mar 1871, m. Delbert Charles Newans. They had 8 children

- I. Edna L. Newans
- II. Madge Newans b. 25 Nov 1896 in Wolford Township, Grenville County, Ontario, m. (1) Logan Curtis Strayer, (2) Otis Victor Smith, d. 08 Oct 1955
- III. Katherine Mary Newans b. 03 Sep 1900 in Grenville County, Ontario, d. Jun 1901

IV. Ethel Newans b. Jun 1903 She appears in the 1906 and 1911 census but not the 1921 census, death unknown

V. Etta E Newans b. 25 Feb 1906 Ontario

VI. Roy Delbert Newans b. Jun 1909 Saskatchewan, m. Della Marie Junior 1934, d. 18 Sep 1954, Saskatchewan

VII. Florence Bricea Newans b. 28 Nov 1911 Saskatchewan, m. Robert Alexander Martin, d. 1985 Winnipeg, Manitoba, buried in Regina Saskatchewan

VIII. Stella Newans b. 1914 Cairns, Saskatchewan, m. William Beamish d. 1944

vi. Orrin W.P. Spicer b. 29 Jun. 1875 Merrickville, m. Frances L. Hutton 20 Nov 1897 in Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence, New York, d. Apr 1957 in Merrickville, Grenville, Ontario

I. Alma Elizabeth Spicer b. Feb 1899, Saint Lawrence, New York, m. James Henry Matice November 1, 1921, died 1991

II. Mary Irene Spicer b. 06 Oct 1908 in Grenville, Ontario, m. Lloyd Grant Burd, 10 Mar 1926 d. 23 Feb 1999 Grenville, Ontario

III. Lloyd Elwood Spicer b. 02 Jun 1921 Ontario, d. 12 Dec 2010 Ontario

vii. Edward Wellington Spicer b. 28 July 1879 m. Jane “Jenny” Hollister d. 29 Dec 1963 Vernon, British Columbia

I. Norma Elizabeth Spicer 19 Mar 1900 Wolford. Grenville, Ontario, Canada m. Hugh Weir 1927 Tilney, Saskatchewan, Canada died 1980 Vernon, British Columbia

II. Lillian Jane Spicer born 1903 and died 12 August 1905 ⁴⁰

viii. Fredrick Washington Spicer b. 28 July 1879 in Wolford, Grenville, Ontario⁴¹, married Mary Ethel Shields 24 Jan 1906 Grenville, Ontario, d. 18 Sep 1922 in York Regional Municipality, Ontario

I. Alfred Spicer b. Oct 1908

II. Rodney Spicer b. 1918 d. 2013 Toronto, Ontario

ix. Francis Spicer b. Abt. 1883 in Wolford, Grenville Ontario, d. Between 1891 and 1901

10. Abigail Almeda Spicer 1860 - 1940 Edward Atkinson 1858 – 1944

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Spicer-1412> Abigail Almeda (Abi) Atkinson formerly Spicer



⁴⁰ Listed on grave marker along with Robert Nicholson Spicer and his wife Elizabeth J. Perrin.

⁴¹ On the birth registration for Edward Wellington Spicer no 4 indicates that he was a twin and in the 1881 census both are indicated to be one year old. I have not found a birth registration for Frederick

Abigail Almeda Spicer, daughter of Robert Nicholson Spicer and Elizabeth Jane (Perrin) Spicer, was born 13 September 1860, in Prescott, Ontario, Canada. She married Edward Atkinson on 3 December 1879 in Maynard, Ontario. Her marriage record has Atkinson misspelled as Atkinson and Abigail's middle name as Alexander. Their children include,

i. Ethel Atkinson b. 9 Jan 1881 in Merrickville, Ontario, d. 22 Apr. 1884 in Merrickville, Ontario.

ii. William Thomas Atkinson b. 15 May 1882 WOLFORD Township, Ontario, m. Jane "Jennie" Elizabeth Otto 2 August 1909 in Ottawa, Ontario, d. 26 April 1978 in Ottawa, Ontario



iii. Annetta (Ettie) Bell Atkinson b. 29 Aug 1884 in Merrickville, Ontario, m. "George" Howard Phillip 7 Dec. 1912, d 07 Jun 1975. In Vancouver, British Columbia. Howard died July 11, 1954. They had 6 children

I. Howard Orville Phillips b. 1914 Saskatchewan, d. 8 Oct. 1933

II. Clare Phillips,

III. Cecil Phillips b. 01 Sep 1916 (m. Dorothy Britton 3 June 1946),

IV. Ethel May Phillips b. 06 Oct 1919 Kincaid, Saskatchewan, Canada (m. Jack Bailey, a test pilot who was killed on 28 June 1944 at Emma Lake, near Prince Albert. They had three children, Etta, Beverly and Jack. This last Etta married Al Richards). All of Howard and Etta Phillips children except Wilbert (Winnipeg) resided in Vancouver.

V. Wilbert Phillips (Served overseas in WW2 and was wounded in Holland),

VI. Freda Etta Almeda Phillips b. 03 Dec 1925, d. 04 Feb 1927 Kincaid, Saskatchewan

VII Fred Phillips, lived in Vancouver in 1975

11. iv. Edward Elbert Atkinson b. 26 February 1887. Married Esther Jane Burns in Waskada Manitoba. Died 14 Jan 1957 Vancouver BC. (See <http://www.retson.ca/atkinson.pdf>)

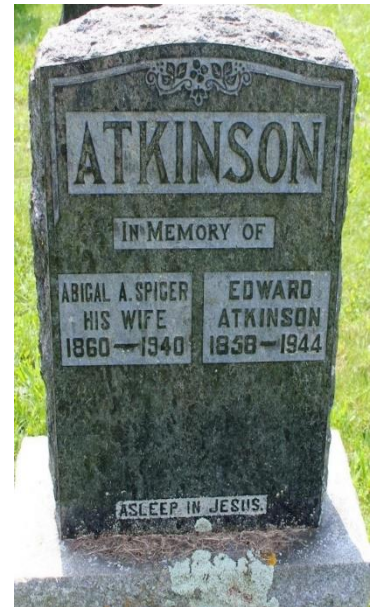
Abigail died 10 Jul. 1940 in Merrickville, Ontario, Canada. She is buried in

Merrickville Union Cemetery plot #510. Her husband, Edward Atkinson died 9 January 1944. He is buried in Merrickville Union Cemetery #510.

Appendices

Research on Spicers

Research on this family root was delayed several years due to my inability to move from the nickname of Abbie in Abigail Almeda Spicer to her formal name Abigail where many additional records were found. I appreciate the research and assistance of the Perrin sisters, Bonnie Gaylord and Patricia MacKay over the years, but in particular in breaking the brick wall of Abigail Spicer.



In 2023 I received valuable information from Jim Clark which also assisted greatly in correcting errors in my previous research especially with respect to 3 generation of Ezekiel Spicers.

We, who are the seed
Of buried creatures, if we turned and spat
Upon our antecedents, we were vile.
Bring violets rather. If these had not walked
Their furlong, could we hope to walk our mile?
Therefore bring violets. Yet if we self-baulked
Stand still, a-strewing violets all the while,
These moved in vain, of whom we have vainly talked.
So rise up henceforth with a cheerful smile,
And having strewn the violets reap the corn,
And having reaped and garnered bring the plow,
And draw new furrows 'neath the healthy morn,
And plant the great Hereafter in the Now."

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning

[copied from HISTORY OF THE Descendants of Peter Spicer A Landholder in NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT, As early as 1666, And Others of the Name. With Appendix Containing Short Accounts of Allied Families. Compiled by Mrs. SUSAN SPICER MEECH and Miss SUSAN BILLINGS MEECH.]

Numbering system

Small roman numerals for children of individual, Large Roman Numerals for grandchildren of individual

Abbreviations

abt about aft. After b. born bp baptized /christened m. married mm months d. died yrs. Years

Ezekiel Spicer Jr Petition 1789

Ezekiel Spicer
Petition

Crossed Out
Admitted, for two
Hundred Acres
No 58 – 200

To his Excellency the Governor in Canada
The petition of Ezekiel Spicer Junior of
Augusta humbly Sheweth
That your petitioner begs leave to inform
The honourable lord, that he has not received
The Two hundred Acres of land ordered by his Excellency Lord Dorchester as of another
Petition to his majesty's bounty for all
Deserving Loyalist and as your
Petitioner conceives him entitled to such land
By his Servitude in Major Johnson Core
As Piper he therefore humbly prays it may
Be granted him And in Duty bound shall Ever pray
Augusta 29th his

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Tentative Chart of Relationship of the Author to the Spicers

10th great grandfather

	Gregory Spicer
	b: 14 Nov 1594
	Billingham, Lincolnshire, England
	d: 1660 Jamestown, James, Virginia, Unit

9th great grandfather

	Edward Peter Spicer
	b: 1615
	d: 07 Dec 1678


8th great grandfather

	Peter Spicer
	b: 15 Dec 1644
	Mohegan, Collony of Conticott
	d: 18 Sep 1694 New London, New London, Conn

7th great grandfather

	Jabez Spicer
	b: 1681
	Poquetanuck, Connecticut, USA
	d: 1751 Brooklyn, Windham County, Conn

6th great grandfather

	Ezekiel Spicer
	b: 19 Aug 1716
	Pomfret, Windham, Connecticut,
	d: 24 Apr 1760 Amenia, Dutchess, New York, US

5th great grandfather

	Ezekiel Spicer
	b: 01 Mar 1742
	Pomfret, Windham, Connecticut,
	d: 1800 Johnstown, Canada


4th great grandfather

	Daniel Spicer
	b: 1764
	Washington County, New York
	d: 1833 Maynard, 1654301, Ontario, Can

3rd great grandfather

	William Martin Spicer
	b: 1787
	Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Cana
	d: 11 Jan 1871 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Cana


2nd great grandfather

	Robert Nicholson Spicer
	b: 11 Aug 1832
	Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Cana
	d: 26 Nov 1904 Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ont


Great grandmother

	Abigail Almeda Spicer
	b: 13 Sep 1860
	Prescott, Ontario, Canada
	d: 10 Jul 1940 Merrickville, Ontario, Canada

Maternal grandfather

	Edward Elbert Atkinson
	b: 26 Feb 1887
	Merrickville, Merrickville-Wolford,
	d: 14 Jan 1957 Vancouver, British Columbia

Mother

	Grace Elizabeth Atkinson
	b: 11 Dec 1916
	Waskada, Manitoba, Canada
	d: 04 Jun 2008 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S

Self

	James Clifford Retson
	b: 28 Jul 1948
	Truro, Colchester County, Nova S
	d:

ⁱ In 1796 census Daniel Spicer is shown with 2 sons and 1 daughter <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSVR-277F?cat=180359>