

O'NEIL FAMILY

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

The strangest victory in all history!

Herenon O'Neill racing a rival chieftain for possession of Ireland became the first man to touch its soil by cutting off his own hand and hurling it ashore! His sacrifice made Herenon THE FIRST KING OF ULSTER! 1015 B.C.

The Red Hand of Ulster is still the Province's Coat of Arms 2,000 years later!

The O'Neil family is descended from Milesius, King of Spain, through the line of his son Herenon. The founder of the family was Eogan, ancestor of the Northern Nialls, son of Neall of the Nine Hostages, King of Ireland, A.D. 379. The ancient name was Niall, and signifies "Champion". The surname was taken from Niell Glendubbh (Black Knees), King of Ireland A.D. 946, who was slain in a great battle A.D. 919, with the Danes in the vicinity of Dublin.

The titles of the chiefs of this line were Prince of Tyrone, Clanneboy and Tiroogan, King of Ulster and Lord of Aghert, and their possessions embraced the present County of Tyrone.

The O'Neills of Thomond were also of the Northern stock. They went south in the tenth century to assist in expelling the Danish invaders, and some of them settled in the Counties of Clare, Cork and Tipperary, where their descendants are numerous today.

The O'Neills were famous for their kings, chieftains and warriors. Niall met the Roman forces in Britain and Gaul successfully. It was from one of the warlike expeditions into Gaul that he brought to Ireland the captive youth, who afterwards became Ireland's Apostle - Saint Patrick.

Those of the descendants of Niall who settled in Ulster, the Northern Nialls. Both branches supplied many Ard-Righs, or Monarchs, to Ireland. From the time of Niall to that of Brian Boru, embracing a little more than five and a half centuries, forty-six O'Neills sat on the throne of Ireland's kings. The possessions of the northern branch were known as Tir-Owen, or the land of Owen from Eoghann, their ancestor, son of Niall.

(This information was copied off of a Coat-of-Arms in the possession of Mrs. Harry O'Neil, she had borrowed it from Mrs. Lionel (Florence Irene Webster) O'Neil.

FROM THE BOW
OF THE SHIP FAIR HEAD,
THE RED HAND MARKS ALL
SHIPS OF THE RED LINE

O'NEIL FAMILY IN HISTORY

MILESIUS - KING OF SPAIN

HEREMON - SON OF MILESIUS

NEAL OF THE NINE HOSTAGES - KING OF IRELAND A.D. 379

EOGAN -

NIEHL GLENNIUBH - BLACK KNEE - KING OF IRELAND A.D. 946

DONAL - KING OF ULSTER IN 1317. THREE SONS:

SORLEY BOY

JAMES

CON BACACH - CREATED EARL OF TYRONE 1542, DIED 1559.

SHANE - BEHEADED BY QUEEN ELIZABETH IN 1567.

HENRY MACSHANE -

SIR HENRY OGE - KILLED 1608

TIRLAGH -

SIR PHELM - REBEL OF 1641

EDWARD OF TYRONE

NEIL CONNELLY (NEPHEW OF CON BACACH)

SIR TIRLAGH LUINTERACH

SIR ART

SIR TIRLAGH MACART

CORMAC

FERDORAGH - LORD OF DUNGANNON - KILLED IN 1558

BRYAN - KILLED 1562

HUGH - EARL OF TYRONE - DIED IN ROME 1616

HUGH - LORD DUNGANNON - DIED ROME 1609

HENRY - KILLED IN SPAIN

JOHN - LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN SPAIN

BRYAN - KILLED IN 1617

CON - DIED IN TOWER.

MRS. HUGH POE O'DONNELL

MRS. HUGH MAGUIRE

MRS. DONNELL O'CAHAN

MRS. BRYAN MACMAHON

MRS. HUGH MACENNIS

MRS. LORD MOUNTGARRET.

MRS. RANDALL, MACDONNELL

SIR CORMAC MACBARON

BRYAN CROSSAGH - EXECUTED 1615

ART MACBARON (ILLEGITIMATE)

BRYAN MACART - SLAIN BY LORD MOUNTJOY IN 1601

OWEN ROE - THE ULSTER LEADER - DIED 1649

FERDORAGH'S WIFE JOAN MAGUIRE REMARRIED AND HAD:

HENRY MACPHELM ROE

SIR TIRLAGH MACHENRY - OF THE FEWS.

MATTHEW KELLY - 1ST BARON OF DUNGANNON

BRYAN - (ILLEGITIMATE) 2ND BARON OF DUNGANNON

HUGH -

HENRY -

OUR O'NEIL LINE

This research was done in the 1960-1992 period by Patricia May (Taylor) Smith.

SOURCES USED:

1. COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, COUNTY OF ESSEX, BY BEERS - PAGES 277-278 611-612.
2. 1880-81 ATLAS OF ESSEX AND KENT COUNTIES
3. Windsor Grove Cemetery records.
4. St. Stephens Anglican Church records.
Family interviews with the following persons.
5. MAMIE O'NEIL and JUSTUS O'NEIL, of Oldcastle, Ontario.
6. MRS. HARRY O'NEIL, of Oldcastle, Ontario.
7. MR. JOHN SHUEL, of Oldcastle, Ontario.
8. MR. & MRS. ELMAR O'NEIL of Oldcastle, Ontario.
9. ROXY O'NEIL, of Windsor, Ontario.
10. BARBARA BANWELL MITCHELL, of Windsor.
11. RUSSELL O'NEIL, of Oldcastle, Ontario.
12. St. John's Anglican Church records.
13. Mary Gilmour's Social Anthropology paper, HOW THE HOLDEN/O'NEIL FAMILY SEE ITSELF.
14. The Township of Sandwich South, pages 69-72 by Laura L. Langlois
15. Canadian Census, Sandwich East, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891.
16. Muriel Smith's original information to Pat Smith, later interviews.
17. Interview with Mr. & Mrs. Roy O'Neil.

ALEXANDER SR. O'NEIL passed his life in County Kerry, Ireland. He married and had six children: 1. - 6.

1. WILLIAM O'NEIL - 1780 - 1860 married Mary Charlie who died in 1863. They had a son.

(It was mentioned that possibly he lived Dungannon, Northern Ireland, per Russell O'Neil, this was a new location we had not heard previously) RFF. 11

William O'Neil born 1818-1912, married Ellen West and had eight children

They stayed in Ireland, but their children came to Canada.

Susan O'Neil 1864-1931 born Cronane, Co. Kerry, Ire. married John Hyland.

Susan and John are buried in St. Stephens Cemetery. Two children. John was born 1858 died 1900, buried St. Stephens Cemetery. Susan married 2nd to Reginald Weldon, born 1860 died 1914, buried St. Stephens Cemetery One child. She married the third time, husband's name unknown.

Ernie Hyland married Loretta Mooney.

Dolly Hyland married Hilliard Neice.

George Weldon.

Mary O'Neil married John Huggard. Eight children.

Violet Huggard

Sarah Huggard

Rosie Huggard

Reese Huggard

Bill Huggard

Laura Huggard

Nellie Huggard

Jack Huggard

John W. O'Neil married Jane McGoldrick. Three boys and one girl.

Charlie O'Neil married May Clark. Two girls.

Patricia O'Neil

Sheila O'Neil

James O'Neil married Edith Quinn.

William O'Neil married Annie Parkin. They had a son.

Dennis (M.D.) O'Neil a doctor.

Nora "Sis" O'Neil married Joe Bromley. Two children.

John Neil Bromley born 1914-1918.

Eileen Bromley born 1916.

William O'Neil married Lizzie Peevers.
 Kate O'Neil married William Peevers.
 James O'Neil born 1857 married Annie Huggard. Went western Canada.
 Ellen "Nellie" O'Neil married in Ireland to her 1st cousin Alex Thompson, her
 cousin. Eight daughters and two sons. They moved to S. Dakota.
 Nellie Thompson.
 Irene Thompson.
 Vida Thompson, a twin of Vera.
 Vera Thompson, a twin of Vida.
 four other daughters, names unknown.
 three sons, names unknown.
 Sarah O'Neil married Ben Carter.

2. ALEXANDER O'NEIL 1ST, born 1791 in County Kerry, Ireland. Shown in Canadian Census
 1851 as age 57, 1861 as age 67, age in 1871 Census as age 78. More info see Page 9.

3. JOHN O'NEIL - stayed in Ireland and married 1st, name unknown, and three children.
 Married 2nd Louise White. He raised Wm. O'Neil after his mother died. To Canada in 1840,
to Thorold, Ont. Three children 1st marriage, one child the 2nd marriage.
 Mary O'Neil married Mr. Craig. They had a large family.
 Reta Craig was one of them.
 William O'Neil
 George O'Neil
 Emily O'Neil child from 2nd marriage.

NOTE: RECORDS OF ST. STEPHENS CHURCH SHOW THE FOLLOWING:

a John O'Neil died on 6th May 1933, aged 80 years. (born 1853)
 a John O'Neil died 3 Feb. 1933, buried St. Stephens 6th Feb. 1933.

*Assumption Cemetery, on the back of the stone of Alexander 1st O'Neil is
 inscribed the following: John 2nd O'Neil, - 62 years 22/03/1895 (born about 1833).*

4. EDWARD O'NEIL - stayed in Ireland and married Joan Dunn. He became a Catholic.
To Canada in 1840. Six children:
 Edward O'Neil "Ned" went west. Known as "Ned Dunn"
 James O'Neil married Miss Higgins. One son.
 George O'Neil married. A son.
 Father O'Neil of Assumption High School.
 William O'Neil married Millie St. Louis. Wm known as "Bill Dunn".
 Mary Ann O'Neil married Mike Scully. Four children.
 Maggie May Scully
 William "Billy" Scully
 Michael Scully
 Agnes Scully
 Jenny O'Neil married Ed Sheehy. Three children.
 May Sheehy
 William Sheehy
 Eddy Sheehy
 Agnes O'Neil married Charlie McCloskey. Five children.
 Mary McCloskey
 Agnes McCloskey
 Ford McCloskey
 Eddy McCloskey
 Charlie McCloskey

NOTE: John and Edward while in Ireland went under the name of O'Neil, but when they came to
 Canada in 1840, during the Potato Famine, they went under the name of Neil, so they could get
 their mail easier. REF. 5.

5. JANE O'NEIL - married Walter Shuel. He was son of Margaret O'Neil and Mr Shuel. She was born 1799. Walter died in 1840. They had eight children. a. - h.

a. Edward Shuel -

b. Walter Shuel married Elizabeth Taylor.

c. Alexander Shuel married 3 times. 1 - Dorcia McKee. They had no family.

2 -

3 -

d. John Shuel married Sarah Thompson. They had seven children.

Robert Shuel

William Shuel

Jessie Shuel

Minnie Shuel

Sadie Shuel

Susie Shuel

Violet Shuel

e. Jane Shuel born 1862 and died 1940, buried St. Stephens. Married her cousin Anthony Shuel, a son of John Shuel and Mary (Langford) Shuel (Pg 15) and (a brother of Ann Shuel who married Alexander O'Neil 2nd.). Anthony died about 1894. They had five children.

John William Shuel. Married and four children.

Bertha Shuel

Norman Shuel

Anthony Shuel

Ellen Shuel

Alfred Shuel married twice. 1st marriage to a Miss Fox, and ne son 2nd marriage to Jane Curtis, and three children. Jane sister of Albert Curtis.

George Shuel

Evedena Shuel

Dalton Shuel

Lyle Shuel

Alexander James Shuel married Ida Roadhouse. Three children.

Pearl Shuel

Myrtle Shuel

Gretta Shuel adopted by Frank O'Neil. See page 13.

George Shuel never married.

Ned Shuel married and three children. Always lived in USA.

Margaret Shuel now Mrs. Rell.

Annie Shuel now Mrs. Hannah.

Ellie Shuel.

f. James Shuel - died unmarried 13 January 1908 age 76 years, 9 mos. Buried St. Stephens Cemetery, Oldcastle.

g. Richard Shuel - married Ellen White, daughter of Peter White and Matilda Gore. Six children.

Alwyn Shuel-1869-1944 buried St. Stephens Cemetery, Oldcastle.

Herbert Shuel

Maud Shuel married Charles Vollans.

Fanny Shuel married George Vollans.

Lena Shuel never married.

William Shuel married Jane Giles. They stayed in Ireland and had their family of six children.

James Shuel

William Shuel

Minnie Shuel married John O'Neil. Who is this John O'Neil son of in

Anne Shuel married John West.

Ireland?

Elizabeth Shuel in Ireland.

Cora Shuel in Ireland.

h. Robert Shuel married Sarah Jones. They had four children.

Bamford Shuel married Elsie O'Neil. See Page 14.

Robert Shuel married Ally Lonsborough. Robert is buried in Windsor Grove Cemetery. Born 1840 died 1928.

John R. Shuel born 1891 died 1977 married Florence O'Neil born 1889 died 1981. This John R. Shuel was in possession of two letters from Cahiriciveen, Ireland dated 2 April 1854 written by Milly Shuel in Ireland to Jane Shuel. No. 5. on pg 5. See page 13.

Erin Shuel married Russell Pettypiece.

6. JAMES 1st O'NEIL - born Ireland died 1894 age 82. He married three times. 1st to Eliza Shuel born 1858 died 1922. They had four children A. B. C. D. 2nd to Jane Stratton, children E. and F. and 3rd to Mary Thompson. Children G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. See page 10 for children of 2nd and 3rd marriages. Eliza was a sister to Ann Shuel who married Alexander O'Neil II. Both had large families and named their children alike. *To distinguish them the children of James O'Neil dropped the O' and added "Jim" to first their first names: Edward Jim, John Jim, Mary Jim etc.* This was mentioned by Muriel Smith in the write-up she made of her recollections of Alexander O'Neil. James was a fisherman and every year he left in April and was gone until winter, fishing in Lake Superior and probably Michigan. He worked for a Detroitier named Clarke, for whom Clarke Park in Detroit is named. James and Eliza walked across the ice to Detroit to be married, as there was no Church of England minister around here to marry them. DOES ANYONE HAVE MARRIAGE DATE? REF. 13.

A. Mary Jim Neil 1850-1914. Her father said she was born in 1849 and she is so entered in the family bible, but her grandmother said 1850. Mary was born in Sandwich South and her mother died when she was about six. She then lived with her grandmother Mary Langford Shuel, and her uncles until she was married to John Webster. He was born 1850 Woodville, Ontario, and died 1942. John was a miller. Came to Essex County when he was 23 years old in 1873. He said he didn't mean to come here at all—he was on his way to Milwaukee, but stopped off to visit some people who had moved from Fenelon Township to Gesto. He got off the train in Windsor and set off for Gesto on foot, with a compass, through the bush. Somewhere in the vicinity of Snake Lane he ran into Jim Dunn, and since he was a long way from Gesto and night was coming on, Jim invited him to stay the night. Jim Dunn was really Jim Neil, and a step brother of Mary Neil, whom John would later marry. The next day John went on and visited his friends at Gesto, but on the way back he stopped again at the Neils, found out there was a job for a miller at the "Pony Mill" on Snake Lane, owned by Alexander O'Neil and Johnny Shuel. From that job he went to the mill of Thomas Vollans on the Mill Rd., Sandwich West; later Sam Vollans bought this mill and John Webster worked for him. He married Mary Neil in 1879. They had three children, and Foster son.

Later he came to Windsor and worked in the flour mill of Thomas Vollans which was located at Aylmer and Tuscarora Streets. The Webster's lived in rented houses for a time; in one of these, on the west side of Howard Ave., the last house before Elliot St., Glen Webster was born. Later John bought a house on the corner of Howard and Niagara Streets. They had a big yard and kept cows and chickens. There was a pasture known as "The Commons" not far away, and there was a cowman who took the cows to this pasture every day and brought them back at night. The Websters sold their surplus milk to their neighbours, but actually bought their butter from their relatives in the country.

John's health began to be affected by the flour dust, and his doctor advised him to change his work; for 2 or 3 years he sold insurance in Detroit. Meantime, he had bought the farm on Walker Road. There came a depression 1894, business was bad, he moved his family to his farm in the country and stayed there the rest of his life.

He was keenly interested in municipal politics, was a member of Sandwich South Township Council, Reeve of same and member of Essex County Council. He founded the first Sunday School at St. Stephen's Church in 1871. He knew the name of every tree, weed and bird in the County. He was wonderfully bright and active in his old age and it was only in the last year of his life that his memory began to fail and he lost interest in world affairs. He had wonderful faith in Chamberlain and when Hitler broke the Munich agreement he was so disgusted that he stopped reading the papers. Until about three days before he died, he was up and around every day and ate three good meals with relish. He had no disease—his heart just gave out. He died about a month before the birth of his first great-grandchild, Mary Gilmour, which was too bad, because he was so looking forward to this event.

1) Garnet Webster 1881-1942 married Millie O'Neil b 1881, sister of Lionel O'Neil. No children. See pg 28. Garnet left the farm when a young man. He sold automobiles in Windsor in the very early days. He also lived in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, for some years, and traded for furs. He went out with dog sleds and bought the furs from the Indians. After that he came back to Windsor for a time, then to Toronto where he sold Lincolns. Eventually he had a car agency in Newcastle, where he died. He loved race horses and owned several.

2) Florence "Irene" Webster born March 6, 1886 died 8 July 1971. At age of 19 in Sandwich South, married 3 Jan 1906 at St. Stephens Church, Oldcastle, by Wm. H. Hartley to Lionel O'Neil, age 26. Son of Alexander O'Neil and Barbara Vollans. Witnesses at the wedding were Fred O'Neil and Gertrude Neil both of Oldcastle. Copy of Marriage Record received from St. Stephens Church and is filed with the family information. Four children. Irene distinguished by her talent for writing wonderful letters and for cooking, preserving and pickling.

3) Glen (Glenelg) Thomas Webster born 1889 married to Irene Holden. She was daughter of Willard Holden and Jane () Holden. (Pat and Chris Smith bought wagon wheels from Glen in 1960. Glen always farmed the home farm, although during the war he also worked at the Ford Motor Co. Glen and Irene had six children. See Holden information, and articles from the Windsor Star.

Maxwell John Webster, born 1918. Owned a Chevrolet agency in Hamilton, but lived in Brantford and bred race horses and trotters. He married Fay () Webster. Four children. Two of their own. Two adopted.

Brian Webster owns his own horses.

Billy Webster deceased.

Tommy Webster adopted.

Wendy Webster adopted.

Garnet Webster 1928-1951. He married Donna Herries R.N. Garnet died suddenly a couple of weeks before his daughter was born. One daughter. His widow married Dr Murray O'Neil in Essex. (Allergist). See page 9.

Debbie Webster born [redacted]

Neil Webster born 1924. Was in the Air Force in the 2nd World War. Dentist, practices in Hamilton. Married Freda Greenwood, R.N. Four children.

Garnet Webster born [redacted]

Joey Webster.

Lisa Webster.

Peter Webster.

Mary Janette Webster born 1915 married Joe Mensel. At one time Supervisor of Adult Education for Windsor. Five children.

Marilee Mensel [redacted]. Married Joey McLaren. Daughter.

Debbie McLaren.

Bobby Mensel born [redacted].

Paul Mensel born [redacted].

Janie Mensel a twin born [redacted].

Johnny Mensel a twin born [redacted].

Shirley Webster born 1922. Secretary at Ford Motor. She married Don Hedley. Three children.

Jim Hedley born [redacted].

Patricia Hedley born [redacted].

Charles Hedley born [redacted].

Glenna Webster born 1926. Married Stan Campbell. Worked for Ford Motor Co. Sent to South Africa, then Singapore. Now live near Toronto. Four children.

Janice Campbell born [redacted].

Susan Campbell born [redacted].

John Campbell born [redacted].

Scott Campbell born [redacted].

4) Norman McFadden - foster son

Kathleen O'Neil See page 25.

Helen O'Neil See Lionel O'Neil section page 25.

Marion O'Neil See page 27.

Patricia O'Neil. See page 27.

B. William J. Neil married Eddie Holden. Four children. Wm. J. born 1861 died 1937 buried in St. Stephens Cemetery, Oldcastle.

Gertrude Eva Neil married Fred O'Neil. (See page 23.)

Viola F. Neil married Thomas Libby, born 1874 and died 1948. Buried St. Stephens. They had a son.

Rev. Neil Libby born 1923 - Curate at All Saints Church, Windsor. Founder of St. Leonard's Halfway House for discharged prisoners, B.A., U. Western Ontario, M.Sc. Wayne State in Sociology. Received an award for being Man of the Year for Ontario, put up by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He married and had a daughter.

Ruth Libby married and lives Windsor, Ontario.

Clifford Neil married Isabel Black. Three children.

Gerald Neil

William Neil m Alta ().

Rita Neil married Mr. Reddam of Windsor.

Clyde Neil died Mar. 8, 1968, age 64. Married Mildred Holden. Two children. Lived R.R. 1, Oldcastle, Ontario.

Russell Neil born 1928 of Oldcastle, Ont. Married Lois Bodlack. Three children. REF. 11.

Michael O'Neil married Karen Howe. Two children.

James O'Neil

Matthew O'Neil

Richard O'Neil married K. Hill. Three children. Richard married 2nd to B. Hughes.

Robbie O'Neil

Lisa O'Neil

Kerry O'Neil

Gary Dennis O'Neil born 1930 of Clarkston, Ont. Married Two children.

Keith O'Neil

Martha O'Neil

C. Edward James O'Neil 1855-1918 married Alice Ann Holden 1864-1903. Edward was born 1855 and died 10 October 1919. He was Warden of Essex in 1908. He and Alice had six children. This line apparently went by O'Neil, as they are found in records. Ed known as "Ned Ned", "Uncle Ned" and "E.J."

1) Justus Collins O'Neil died 4 Nov. 1964, buried St. Stephens. He married Mamie O'Neil. She died 18 Oct. 1967 age 83. MAMIE HAD THE O'NEIL FAMILY BIBLE Three children. More information see Page 27. REF. 5

Avis O'Neil. Died young.

Edward O'Neil. Died young.

Freddy O'Neil. Born Nov. 1926 died Mar. 29, 1970 St. Thomas, Ont. Bur. St. Stephens Churchyard, Oldcastle, Ont.

2) Roy V. O'Neil born 1890 married Laura Tice. They lived 205 Salina Ave., Roseland, Windsor, Ontario. Three children.

Note: In 1916 Roy visited Ireland, looked up the family, and slept in the bed that his grandfather was born in. DOES ANYONE KNOW THE LOCATION IN IRELAND? REF. 17.

Murray R. O'Neil born 1927 - an Allergist. Married the Widow of Garnet Webster, Donna Herries Webster. He adopted Debbie, and Murray and Donna had son. See pg 7.

Debbie Webster O'Neil

David O'Neil

Marjorie Alice O'Neil born 1928.

Ejay Roy O'Neil born 1930 married to Donna Groombridge. Daughter of Leo George Groombridge of 1594 Felix Ave, and his wife Florence Marion who died in 1965. Five kids Ejay was an entertainer.

3) Wilfred Laurier O'Neil born 5 July 1895. Baptized at E. J. O'Neil's house on 5 Sept. 1903. He married Harriet Sparks. He died 21 Nov. 1980, buried Saint Stephen's Cemetery. Two sons.

Wilfred L. O'Neil born 1926.

Edward James O'Neil born 1935.

4) Janet "Nettie" O'Neil - born 1888 died 1959.

5) Violetta Elva O'Neil born 9 January 1892. Baptized in E. J. O'Neil's house on 5 Sept. 1903 by W. R. Hartley, Officiated. She died 2 Feb. 1934, buried St. Stephens Cemetery.

6) Rhoda Cordelia O'Neil, born 23 Nov. 1893, Baptized in E. J. O'Neil's home 5 Sept. 1903. She married George Barber. Live St, Petersburg, Florida. Two sons.

George Barber born 1924.

Justus Barber born 1925.

D. John Jim O'Neil, born 1853. Married Lizzie (). Seven children.

Arthur O'Neil born 1882 died 1952. Married Effie Graham. I think they married in the little Windfall Church on the way to Wheatley. He sold cars. Three sons. One of the sons had a son who was killed in a motorcycle accident. REF. 13.

Earl O'Neil

Gordon O'Neil died young.

Carl O'Neil

Maud O'Neil married Byron Dancy lived in Saskatchewan, had three children

Audrey Dancy was one of them.

Ernest O'Neil born 1885. Married Margaret Howe, a teacher. She married 2nd to Rev. Joseph Tully, minister at St. Stephens church. Seven children. (It wasn't clear if these were Neil or Tully children?) Note: I've put them in as O'Neils.

Lorne O'Neil

Jack O'Neil

Murray O'Neil

Robert O'Neil

Byron O'Neil

Wilmer O'Neil

David O'Neil

Noble O'Neil died unmarried.

Ida O'Neil born 1889. Married Forest Clark. Three children.

George Clark

Neil Clark killed in war.

Mary Clark.

Florry O'Neil married Gilbert O'Neil. See page 12.

Newton O'Neil deceased. Married Annie Howe, sister of Margaret Howe above. Two sons:

Lloyd John O'Neil

son O'Neil name unknown.

E. - F. ARE CHILDREN OF JAMES O'NEIL AND HIS SECOND WIFE JANE STRATTON. REF. 13.

..... O'Neil d.y.

..... O'Neil d.y.

G. - P. ARE CHILDREN OF JAMES O'NEIL AND HIS THIRD WIFE MARY THOMPSON. Her brother was at one time Mayor of Detroit.

G. Jimmy O'Neil died of T.B.

H. Danny O'Neil died of T.B.

I. Tommy O'Neil died of T.B.

J. Margaret O'Neil married. Died at birth of her 1st child.

K. Johanna O'Neil died of T.B.

L. Kitty O'Neil died as infant.

M. Susan O'Neil died as infant.

N. Lizzie O'Neil married Jim Renshaw.

O. Ellen O'Neil married Mr. Harper.

P. Alice O'Neil married Mr. Everingham.

Note: Lizzie, Ellen and Alice never went to school, because their mother decided that it was at school that the rest of them contracted T.B.

1. ALEXANDER O'NEIL 1ST born 1786-1791, County Kerry, Ireland, a Roman Catholic, married to Margaret Houlahan, born 1792, County Kerry, Ireland, also a Roman Catholic. In 1822, with his wife and two children (Alex and Mary) came to Canada, via New York. The trip on the ocean took nine weeks. Shipwrecked off the coast of New Brunswick and picked up by another ship and landed at New York. His first settlement was on the Talbot Road in Sandwich, on land given by Col. Talbot, by the English Government and lived in log home, but he later purchased land east of his first settlement and here he made a permanent home. There his wife died in 1873, and his death took place on 17 October, 1881. Both were among the earliest and most faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church in Oldcastle locality. They are buried in Assumption Cemetery, Windsor. Pat and Chris Smith located their graves there in 1960. Alexander and Margaret had eight children. a - h.

In 1991 when visiting the Assumption Cemetery with a visiting relative from Australia, we noted the stone of Alexander O'Neil and Margaret Hulihan and with the John O'Neil died 22 March 1895 age 62 years on the back, is now flat on the ground, making the writing on the back of the stone hidden to view. Inscription reads, Margaret beloved wife of Alexander O'Neil died March 3, 1874 aged 76 years. Verse reads "A faithful wife", remainder now not decipherable. Alexander's stone reads "Alex O'Neil, Died Oct. 10, 1880, aged 89 years." Verse is not decipherable.

NOTE: There appears to be a discrepancy regarding the death dates of Alexander and Margaret O'Neil.

CBR C OF E. RECORDS OF ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Her death 1873 or 03/03/1874

His death 8/10/1880 or 17 Oct. 1881

Records at Assumption Church: Parish of Assumption 1768 - 1985

C. P. 720, Succursale "B", Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5P8

Directrice: Carmen MacLeod.

O'Neil, Alex - b 1791 died age 89 yrs 08/10/1880 - m - Mgte (Marguerite) Houlahan

O'Neil, Mgte - died 03/03/1874 age 76 yrs.

O'Neil, John - 62 years 22/03/1895 (on back of Alex. stone).

Houlahan, James - died 16/10/1856 age 80 yrs.

Houlahan, Honora (nee Downey) died 27/09/1857 dau of Denis Downey

Houlahan, James - age 34 years, interred 22/05/1839

We PRESUME these Houlahan (Hulihan) persons are relations of Margaret Houlahan.

In the 1871 Canadian Census there is a Dennis Downey 58 yrs born Ire., RC, Irish farmer, in Section 002 D 1 29 Harwich, Kent Co. Ontario.

A letter from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Maidstone, Ontario, mentions that a friend of the Parish Secretary Linda Halford's, Mrs. JoAnne Rufford, Oldcastle, Ontario NCR 110 had done some

ancestor searching re the Houlahan's and Downey's. Contacting her turned up more information on some of our Houlahan's. Also, a suggestion that The Diocese of London, 1070 Waterloo St., London, Ontario N6A 3Y2 could be consulted.

- a ALEXANDER O'NEIL 2ND - b 1819 in Ireland. MORE LATER PAGE 12.
b MARY O'NEIL - born in Ireland, married Eugene Owen Sullivan of Minneapolis, MN.
c JAMES O'NEIL b February 1826, married October 1869 to Mary J. O'Neil born July 1845. She was born in July 1845 in New Brunswick, and was but a child when her parents brought her to Canada, where she was reared and educated. Her parents were Alexander (N.B.) O'Neil born Ireland, and died 1891. Wife was Mary A. Cropley O'Neil of New Brunswick. James O'Neil, a much respected retired farmer of the County of Essex, resides on his farm on the North Talbot Road, in Sandwich South. He grew to manhood on the old homestead, engaging in the various occupations of an agricultural life. After their marriage, our subject and his wife settled on the present home, which was then but wild land. The patience, energy and industry required to clear a farm and to bring to it a fine state of cultivation, can only be appreciated by one who, like Mr. O'Neil, has accomplished it. He now owns one of the first-class farms of the Township, and he erected here all the commodious and substantial buildings. This farm stands for years of industry and reflects credit upon its fortunate owner. Mr. O'Neil has always led the life of a farmer, and has lived to reap its generous rewards. He is much esteemed in his locality by all who know him, his kindly disposition and exemplary life commanding respect. Mr. O'Neil politically has always been identified with the Conservative Party. Religiously he is a devoted member of the Roman Catholic Church in which faith he has reared a most estimable family.

Ref: Commemorative Biographical Record, County of Essex, pages 277-278.

A family of nine children were born to James and his wife Mary J. O'Neil.

Alexander O'Neil, born July 1870.

John O'Neil born 1872

Cora O'Neil born 1874

James O'Neil born 1876

Maggie O'Neil born 1879

Charles O'Neil born 1881. Married and had seven children.

Shirley O'Neil

Jean O'Neil married John Bickley of Toronto.

Maureen O'Neil married Paul Gervais.

Gary O'Neil

Jim O'Neil

Patrick O'Neil of St. Thomas.

Richard O'Neil born

William O'Neil born

Herbert O'Neil born 1889

- d JANE O'NEIL b 1828 in Essex Co., married Daniel Flynn/O'Flinn of St. Paul, MN. Records of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Maidstone, Ontario show a marriage of Daniel O'Flinn and Jane O'Neil on May 9, 1850. Confirmed by letter from St. Mary's Church, Maidstone 24 March 1992.

- e CATHERINE O'NEIL b 1831 married John McCarthy of South Dakota, where she died leaving children.

f JOHN A. O'NEIL born 1833-1895 Died age 62 on March 22, 1895. On back of father's stone in Assumption Cemetery. (Note: There is also a record of a John born 1833, died in young manhood in Sandwich South.) Can anyone explain who he was?

- g MARGARET O'NEIL b 1836, married Patrick Lavin of Sandwich South, and they have a large family of children.

h WILLIAM O'NEIL b 1840, married Isabella Maloy of Port Huron and they settled for some time in Sandwich, and then moved to South Dakota. Some years later they went to live in Michigan.

NOTE: It was from Roxy O'Neil we learned that the early family were Catholics. Ministers travelled the country baptizing children, and the first minister to visit the settlements went ahead and baptized all the children, (Catholic or Protestant). That is how our line ended up Protestant. From Lionel O'Neil the story of his grandfather Alexander O'Neil, saying that "What was good enough for Nancy (Shuel) O'Neil was good enough for him." Nancy was member of Church of England, and Alex had been raised a Catholic. REF. 9, 13.

a ALEXANDER O'NEIL 2ND was born in 1819 and died 5 April 1891 at the age of 70. He is settled for a time on the old homestead where his parents died, but later moved to a farm which he purchased on the Talbot Road, Sandwich South, where he lived until the time of his death. He married Ann Shuel, born in 1821 in Ireland. Alexander is buried in Windsor Grove Cemetery, near the Shuel Plot. Alexander O'Neil 2nd and Anne Shuel had nine children. In the Canadian 1851 Census, Alex O'Neil is shown age 40 as b Ire, and religion RC. His wife is shown as Ann age 36 b Ire, and religion CE. i - ix.

From Lionel O'Neil we get the following information about his grandparents. Alexander O'Neil was of course a Catholic, but Ann Shuel was Anglican. They were married by a priest and as I remember the story, she was willing to bring the children up Catholic, but the priest hounded her so much to join the church that Alexander finally sort of stopped going to church, and the children were all brought up Anglican. Alexander refused to have a priest when he was dying, although he always called himself a Catholic. REF. 13.

i JAMES O'NEIL - married Nellie Brazil. James is shown as age 11 in the 1861 Canadian Census, as a RC, age 11. They had twelve children. James died prev. to 1909.

Bernard O'Neil 1888-1950

Onar O'Neil 1889, married lived Detroit, three children.

Ray O'Neil b 1880 d 1951 married Isobel (). 12 children.

Joe O'Neil b 1877 d 1907

Annie O'Neil b 1881 d 1897 T.B. age 16.

Florence O'Neil died age 4.

Jessie O'Neil - male twin. b 1882 married Abbie Graham. Two children.

Henry O'Neil - twin b 1882.

Gilbert Bernard O'Neil b 1886 married Florence O'Neil. 9 children.

Annie O'Neil married and had six children.

Cecilia O'Neil married with large family.

Paul O'Neil

Leonard O'Neil had large family.

Edward O'Neil

Dennis O'Neil

Alfred O'Neil

Virginia O'Neil

Margaret O'Neil

Alexander O'Neil 1890-1964.

Elonzo O'Neil 1893-1950.

Mary O'Neil b 1895.

Kitty O'Neil b 1897 married Norman Drouillard. Six children.

ii MARY O'NEIL - born 1845. Shown as age 13 and RC in the 1861 Canadian Census, and she is shown as living with her grandmother Mary Shuel, who is shown as age 64. Mary died prev. to 1909 at 29 is buried beside her father in Windsor Grove Cemetery.

iii MARGARET O'NEIL - born 1850 d 1869. Shown as age 9 RC in 1861 Canadian Census. She married Dan Charlie had one child, died soon after birth.

iv JOHN D. O'NEIL - Shown as age 15 RC in the 1861 Canadian Census. He married Lizzie Vollans. Sister of Barbara Vollans on page 15. They had six children:

Milton O'Neil - died 26 Sept. 1960. Married, several children.

Leslie O'Neil - b 1881, never married.

Laura H. O'Neil, born about 1879 died at 40 in 1927, was a Nurse.

Irene O'Neil - died young.

Amy O'Neil - born 1875 married Elliott She died before 1950.

Four children.

Minnie O'Neil - married a Mr. Cluff.

v WILLIAM S. O'NEIL - born 1854 died July 12, 1918. Shown as age 7 RC in the 1861 Canadian Census. He married Beatrice Whiteside, born Jan. 8, 1859 died June 19, 1938. They had eleven children.

Erlan Albert O'Neil b Oct. 27, 1879, d Oct. 3, 1947 - married Eleanor Irene and they had four children. Eleanor Irene "Neil" Forest died 80 years old, on 20 March 1961, at residence 221 Moy Ave. She was buried from Walter D. Kelly Funeral Home, 1969 Wyandotte St. E., at Devonshire Rd. officiating minister Rev. Charles Draper. Interment St. Stephens Anglican Churchyard, Oldcastle. Erlan died 1947.

Eleanor O'Neil - b 1904 married Russell Simpson, Leamington.

Harold O'Neil - b Nov. 14, 1908 of Toronto, Ontario.

Louise O'Neil - Mrs. Arthur Brouillette of Windsor.

"Jack" John Warren O'Neil - died 1943.

Lily O'Neil b Feb. 16, 1879, d.y. of spinal meningitis at age 10-12.

Mabel O'Neil b 1881 married Ben Libby a farmer of Sandwich South, brother of Robert Libby, husband of Maude Holden. Mabel died March 1954. Ben died when family was quite young. Six children.

William Libby b 1905. Worked for Purity Dairy. Married Elizabeth Collins. Had six children, 4 boys and two girls.

Albert Libby b 1908. Married with two daughters.

Edna Libby b 1911 d 1936. Married "Bucky" Milford Robinson. Had five children in less than 5 years and died.

Jack Libby b 1912 married. No children. Works Ford Motor Co.

Norman Libby b 1916 worked Greyhound Bus. Married with two girls.

Barbara Libby

Patricia Libby

Beatrice Libby b 1914 married Orville Farough. Had three or four children. Beatrice and Orville were killed in an auto accident.

Warren Stanley O'Neil born Feb. 1, 1885, died June 4, 1950 buried in St. Stephens Cemetery.

Louise O'Neil b Nov. 25, 1885 married J. B. McMichael lives in Detroit.

Three children.

Alice McMichael b 1910.

Florence McMichael b 1914.

Ralph McMichael b 1916.

Florence O'Neil born Feb. 18, 1888 also on page 6, married John R. Shuel her cousin. His father's mother was Margaret O'Neil, great aunt of Alexander O'Neil and William O'Neil. Chris and Pat Smith interviewed John Shuel about the family in 1961. REF. 7.

Reginald Shuel b 1917. PhD, on the staff of Guelph University.

Margaret "Peggy" Shuel R.N., unmarried, graduate of London Teacher's College, teaches in Etobicoke.

Warren Shuel deceased.

Bob Shuel lived and worked in Detroit.

Dorothy Shuel R.N. married, lives in Ottawa.

Jim Shuel Anglican clergyman, unmarried.

Maryanne Shuel R.N. married to Douglas Werner.

Edna O'Neil

Norman R. O'Neil - Pte. War 1914-1918 - buried St. Stephens Cem. Medical Corps of the 99th Canadian Regiment on a Red Cross ship "Landoverly Castle", a hospital ship, crossing from England to Halifax when it was sunk by a German ship in 1917. Norman & Russell drowned. Reginald got T.B. and was sent home and died.

Alice O'Neil b 1896. Lived at home until after her mother died at a great age. Never married.

Reginald W. O'Neil - b 1897 Pte War 1914-1918 buried St. Stephens Cemetery.

Walter I. O'Neil - born 1903 died 7 March 1962, lived 3965 Audubon, Detroit. Husband of Marguerite () O'Neil. Funeral at Verhuyden Funeral Home, 6300 Mack, Grosse Pointe

vi EDWARD S. O'NEIL - born 1856 and died 1938 buried in St. Stephens. He is shown age 5 in 1861 Canadian Census. He married and had two children: Ref: 1, 14, 15.

Clarence E. O'Neil 1884-1932 buried in St. Stephens.

Elsie O'Neil who married Bamford Shuel. See Page 5.

vii ALBERT O'NEIL - born in 1868 and died 4 July 1904. Married Minnie Vollans, born 8 March 1873 and died 10 April 1936. They had five children: Albert, Minnie and Percival are buried in Windsor Grove Cemetery. Minnie (Vollans) O'Neil married 2nd to Mr. Lossing.

Hazel O'Neil

May O'Neil - married Edward Lounsbrough. He was born Sandwich South 1885, and died 7 Dec. 1965, age 80. Of RR 1 Oldcastle. He was born Sandwich South Township. Lived in the area for 65 years. Retired farmer. Member of Redeemer Anglican Church. His wife May O'Neil died in 1963. Survived by three daughters, then lists four names ? Four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral from Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, Essex, Ontario. Buried in St. Stephens Church, Oldcastle, service officiated by Rev. Peter Ralph-Roman.

Rosalind Lounsbrough - Mrs. Kenneth Knutson of Wheatley.

Margaret Lounsbrough - Mrs. Lloyd Tofflemire of Windsor.

Marjorie Lounsbrough - Mrs. Bert Bedford of Windsor.

Dorothy Lounsbrough - Mrs. Karl Mumby of London.

Garnet W. O'Neil - died 1969. Married Josephine Coatsworth, Flint, MI.

Son.

David O'Neil.

Percival O'Neil born 1896 died 1948

Wallace I. O'Neil married Marguerite () O'Neil.

viii HERBERT O'NEIL - married Jessie Herdman born 1872 died 1957 buried in St. Stephens Cemetery. They had five children.

Ona O'Neil b 1888 married William Noakes. Two sons. Live in NV.

Lorna O'Neil - married 1st. Then married 2nd to a Mr. Vancott. No children.

Roland O'Neil died May 1966 in Detroit. Married and had a daughter.

Blanche O'Neil married H. E. Cronin. Lived 18915 Woodmont, Detroit

They had a son.

Albert O'Neil

ix ALEXANDER O'NEIL 3RD - was born 9 November 1844 and died 11 July 1919. On 27 February 1868 at All Saints Church, Windsor he married to Barbara Vollans, born 6 March 1847, died 9 June 1922. She was listed as age 6 in 1851 Census of Sandwich East. Daughter of George Vollans, and Miriam Page. Both Alexander O'Neil and Barbara Vollans O'Neil are buried in St. Stephens Cemetery. Alexander was a well known farmer and stock dealer of Sandwich South, South Talbot Road, County of Essex. Son of Alexander O'Neil and Ann Shuel both of whom were born in Ireland, the father in 1819 and the mother in 1821. Ann was the daughter of John Shuel and Mary Langford Shuel who came to Canada at a very early date. Ann had a brother Anthony Shuel mentioned on page 4. The grandfather also bore the name of Alexander O'Neil and he came to Canada in 1822 and settled in Sandwich South, where he engaged in farming, and lived and died on his home. He left a family of four sons and four daughters. See the family photo of the O'Neil Homestead. REF. 1.

Alexander remained on the homestead farm, and in 1868 was married. Barbara was educated in the local schools and instructed in housewifely accomplishments by a careful and competent mother. After their marriage they settled on their present farm. His farm at that time was but a tract of wild land of 360 acres and included the original tract, and also an additional 250 acres which he purchased at a later date. In viewing the fine state of cultivation which the land displays, and the comfortable, appropriate and substantial buildings and improvements, it seems almost impossible that so few years ago this was but a wilderness. It shows conclusively what may be accomplished by the industry and energy of an enterprising man. He has not confined himself to the cultivation of his land, but has been also extensively engaged in the buying and selling of cattle, and also in butchering for the Windsor and Sandwich Markets. He has also dealt in lumber to a large extent, and has been interested in a sawmill business and in other enterprises. Mr. O'Neil leads a very busy life, and is a very prominent man in his locality. He fathered a family of ten children, and they are among the leading and representative citizens of the township, reflecting credit upon the locality and their parentage. Politically, Mr. O'Neil has always voted with the old Conservative Party and has been called upon to serve his fellow citizens in a number of local offices. He served one year as Assessor, and sixteen years as Trustee, Treasurer and Secretary of the School Board. Religiously, he is a member of the Church of England. He is a Master Mason of Lodge No. 47, a fraternity of which he has been a member for 38 years. He also belongs to the Maccabees of Windsor. Mr. O'Neil stands as one of the most substantial citizens of this township, although he began life with limited resources. His intelligent interest in the advancement of the agricultural interest of the township have been continual and all progressive movements have found in him a helper when they promised to be of a practical benefit. His careful animal husbandry and his intelligent handling of cattle have been examples to this locality, and many of his methods have been successfully adopted and followed by others. Although immersed in business, Mr. O'Neil finds time for recreation also, taking a month every autumn to indulge in his love of sport in the Rocky Mountains. Many trophies of his skill adorn his handsome residence in Sandwich South, while gifts to his friends have been numerous.

Mrs. Muriel Smith gave Alexander O'Neil 3rd's Masonic Scroll to Erle Jarvis Banwell in 1959.

The following 10 children were born to Alexander O'Neil³ and Barbara Vollans: 1) - 10)

1) GEORGE A. O'NEIL born 9 January 1869, died 18 June 1939 buried St. Stephens Cemetery, Oldcastle, Ontario. Married 19 February 1902 at St. Johns Anglican Church, Windsor to Ada Grace Webb. She was born 1 January 1885, and died 17 January 1943. Buried St. Stephens Church, Oldcastle, Ontario. Daughter of John H. Webb born 1857 died 1934. He had married 9 Aug. 1881 to Naomi Quick. Naomi was born 6 Aug. 1858 and died 17 Jan. 1909. Buried St. Stephens Church, Oldcastle, Ontario in a double grave, same time as her daughter. No stone marks the grave but it is near the back corner of the church. Naomi was the daughter of Alexander Quick and Julia Ann Richardson. In the 1923-4 Windsor City Directory, the George O'Neil family is shown at 191 Lincoln Road. He worked for the Government as a Agent at Hiram Walkers. Ada Grace O'Neil had a Scripture Birthday Book given to her in 1926. She recorded the family birthdays in it. Some of the relatives even signed in their own birthdays. Recently it was indexed. George O'Neil had signed in his own birthday. As his birth was too

early to be recorded in Ontario records, and to prove his birth George would have to make a trip out to Aunt Marnie O'Neil and have her write a letter for him testifying that his name did appear in the family bible, this information is being included here, should anyone else need to substantiate this information. A copy of information in the Scripture Birthday Book, and Index, along with Xerox of cover and page showing the entry for George's birth, were submitted to OGS, Essex County Chapter, when Chris Smith applied for a Centennial Certificate in 1992. George and "Grace" O'Neil had seven children of their own and adopted one. REF. 16. I - VIII.

I BEATRICE MURIEL O'NEIL born 9 April 1903, and baptized in St. Stephens Church on 17 May 1903 by W. H. Bartley. Married Robert Alexander Smith. He was born 1893 and died 23 Dec. 1950. They were married 23 December 1926 in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Walkerville. Muriel died 29 January 1979, cremated, and remains to Windsor Memorial Gardens. Robert was laid to rest in the Veterans Sections of Windsor Grove Cemetery. Muriel was a Licensed Practical Nurse and looked after elderly persons in many families in the Windsor area and also in Detroit, and California. Robert A. Smith was a veteran of W.W.I, and received the Military Medal. Bob O'Neil says "Bob Smith could tell stories about WWI that would make you feel that you were there." Robert enlisted in the World War I 28 Sept. 1916 in London, Ontario. Age 25, Height 5' 6". Pte. Alex Smith 1039652, War Service Badge 261792. Served 239th and 18th Battln. in England and France. Received the Military Medal. Enlisted in WWII 27 July 1940 London, Ontario. War Service Badge 140780. Pte. Robert Alexander Smith A-34717. 5' 6 1/4", Brown eyes, age 43, Hair greying.

Robert Smith was the developer of Bellecreft Beach Club and cottages in the Colchester area. The Smith family lived for a time in the Bellecreft Beach Club, Muriel did the cooking for the guests. He also built homes in Detroit as THE CONTINENTAL-BUILDING CO., Grand River at Monnier Rd. Phone Euclid 5902. Model home built on your lot for \$4,990. (In 1979 Muriel and Chris and Pat Smith drove to Woodmont Ave., Detroit just south of Grand River to see if any of the homes might still be lived in. There were several still looking quite sturdy and occupied. Five children. 1 - 5. See Muriel's Memories of Barbara Vollans page 31-32.

1 BARBARA JEAN SMITH born 17 Nov. 1927 married William Haddow in Windsor, June 21, 1951. Live 1204-80 Ridout St. S., London, Ontario N6C 5H7. They have six children.

Janet Haddow born [REDACTED] 1953. Married 5 Oct. 1976 to David Page. They live Winnipeg. Janet working towards Masters in Theology. A daughter. Janet was Ordained as United Church Minister, at Mt. Pleasant, near Brantford, Ont. June 1992.

Melissa Page born [REDACTED] 1980.

David Charteris Haddow born [REDACTED] 1955. Married 6 Oct. 1979 to Brenda Ann Rutherford. Two children.

Ryan Haddow born [REDACTED] 1985

Kyle Haddow born [REDACTED]

Robert Haddow born [REDACTED] 1957. Married Susan Sadick 10 Nov. 1979. Susan is a Doctor. Bob was awarded a fellowship by Smithsonian Inst. to work on his PhD. in Washington. Susan has a government contract in Minneapolis.

Bruce Haddow born [REDACTED] 1964. Married July 10, 1992 to Isabell Maria Hendricks in London, Ontario, Canada. She is an I.C.U. Cardiac Nurse.

Ann Elizabeth Haddow born [REDACTED] 1965. Is married and has a son [REDACTED] 1991. Living London, Ontario.

Amy Haddow born [REDACTED] 1965. Lives in Vancouver, B.C.

2 ROBERT NEIL SMITH born 8 Nov. 1929 married Alice Comstead Aug. 15, 1964. She had two boys ages of 7 and 9 by a previous marriage. They live in California.

Chris Comstead born November 16.

Michael Comstead born May 9.

3 JOHN PAUL ALEXANDER SMITH born 30 April 1935. Married Frances Johanna Verhoeven 4 July 1959. Fran was born Feb. 3. Three children.

William Anthony John Smith born 20 [REDACTED] 1964.

Carlene Smith born [REDACTED] 1964. Lives Arizona.

Paula Smith born [REDACTED] 1964. Lives Arizona.

4 CHRISTOPHER ROBERT GEORGE "KIT" SMITH born 20 December 1936. Married Patricia May Taylor (Genealogist). "Kit" was in a play "Prince and the Swineherd" while attending King Edward School. He attended Walkerville Collegiate for Grades 9-11 and quit school at 16 to join the R.C.A.F. After serving three years he was Honorably Discharged in Nov. 1956. Met his future wife at a Christmas Eve party 1956. May 1957 went to CA to seek work but returned home shortly afterwards. Became engaged on the corner of Erie St. and Ouellette Ave. in a 1950 Austin automobile. The wedding date was set by a celebration on 24 Dec. 1957 with persons who would be attendants at wedding. March 29, 1958 married by Rev. Harry Nobles in Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church, as Rev. Nobles had retired and his new church was not yet completed. 2 July 1959 bought home at 3780 Blackburn Court, Windsor. Members of Giles Blvd United Church, then transferred membership to Sandwich United in 1962. All children baptised at Sandwich United Church. Moved to Detroit in Oct 10 1964 and lived at 15365 Asbury Park; 15415 Piedmont, before moving to 2060 White Lake Road, Highland, MI. A few years later they moved to 4260 England Beach Road, Highland, MI. In May 1984 they made a trip to England to visit relatives there. June 1985 when they returned they moved to 27971 Quail Hollow Court, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Chris has been employed in the Mortgage business since 1957. Presently Manager of Comerica Mortgage Corporation, on Highland Road, in Waterford, MI. Chris and Pat enjoy car shows with their 1960 Mark IX Jaguar drawing lots of attention. Chris and Pat have three children, and now have four grandchildren.

Mark Robert Smith born 31 [REDACTED] 1964. Married Regina Robin Cline, 19 August 1979. "Robin" born [REDACTED] 1960. Daughter of Gerry Cline and Doris Black. They have four children, and are foster parents to two others. Joshua Duncan and Shannon Ofiara. Mark is employed by Arkin Industries in Novi, MI and is in charge of the maintenance of their fleet of trucks.

Michelle Ryan Smith born [REDACTED] 1981
Taran Nicole Smith born [REDACTED] 1982.
Derrick Eian Smith born [REDACTED] 1982
Allison Tori Smith born [REDACTED] 1985

Brian William Smith born [REDACTED] 1986. Presently employed by the Formidable Group, working at the Senior Citizens Complex in Walled Lake, MI.

Kathryn Ann Smith born [REDACTED] 1964. Graduated with a BA in Business from St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, MI in May 1989, as one of the 100th Graduating Class. Presently employed by the Salvation Army in Dearborn Heights, as a Caseworker.

5 ROBERT DAVID FRANCIS SMITH born 29 Dec. 1938 married Sherry Taylor 8 December 1960. They have four children. Divorced. Four grandchildren.

Robert Alexander Smith born [REDACTED] 1965. Robbie is living in Edmonton, and has two children.

Jessie Smith born [REDACTED] 1965
Simon Smith born [REDACTED] 1965

Robin Michelle Smith born [REDACTED] 1965. Lives in Colchester, Ontario, Canada with a son.

Delyn Smith born [REDACTED] 1966
Richard Smith (twin) born [REDACTED] 1966. Lives in England.
Richelle Smith (twin) born [REDACTED] 1966. Living in Windsor, with a son.
Keith Girard born [REDACTED] 1966

II RUTH MILDRED O'NEIL, born 10 Dec. 1905, Baptized in parent's home on 4th January 1906, W. H. Hartley, Officiated. She married September 1937 to William Martin of Chatham. One daughter.

Sheila Martin born [REDACTED] 1942. Married William Riggs 26 September 1970 Chatham. They have four daughters, and live Toronto, Ontario.

Amy Riggs born [REDACTED] 1971
Laura Riggs born [REDACTED] 1972
Jennifer Riggs born [REDACTED] 1973
Robin Ruth Riggs born [REDACTED] 1974

III ROXY MABEL O'NEIL, born 10 August 1907, Baptized at G. O'Neil's on 10th Nov. 1907, F. Whealen Officiated. - Lives in Windsor, Ontario.

IV CARL ALEXANDER O'NEIL, born 8th February 1909, Baptized at G. O'Neil's on 1st January 1910 J. C. Newell, Officiated. He married Beulah Fitch. Four children. Carl married again. His 2nd wife had a daughter.

Alexander Carl O'Neil born 13 Feb. 1933.

Patrick O'Neil

Nancy O'Neil born [REDACTED]

Kenneth O'Neil born Aug. 23, 1934. Is married and has three

children. We only have info on one.

Christopher Alan O'Neil born [REDACTED]

Angel O'Neil born [REDACTED]

V ELIA NAOMI O'NEIL, born 22 Sept. 1910. Baptized at G. O'Neil's on 13 Dec. 1913. She died 26 September 1968. Married Alexander Popeliski. No family. Buried Windsor Grove Cemetery, Windsor, Ontario.

VI GLADYS ALMA O'NEIL, born 21 April 1919 in the summer of 1937 married Chester Clark. He was born April 16, 1896, and died age 75 in May 1972. They had four children. Gladys married 2nd a Mr. Welch, and 3rd a Mr. Mahoney.

Penny Clark born [REDACTED] Married July 1960 in Florida a Mr. Westman and lived in Florida. Two children.

Steve Sean Westman born [REDACTED] in Florida.

Scott Westman born [REDACTED]

Wendy Clark born [REDACTED] married a Mr. Carroll.

Roxy Clark born [REDACTED] Married 1968 to Mr. Fitzsimmons.

Vern Clark born [REDACTED]

VII WILBERT GERALD O'NEIL, born 21 June 1913, and Baptized at G. O'Neil's on 13th Dec. 1913. He died 19 Nov. 1974 age 61. Worked for years at the Tunnel as a Customs Officer. Married in Reigate, England to Sarah "Sadie" Travers. She was born either May or July 1913, and died 1952 Windsor. Wilbert and daughter Margaret lived for a time on Brock Street, Windsor, Ontario. Two children.

Margaret O'Neil born [REDACTED] lives in Australia. Margaret travels to Ireland, and other countries. She would write very interesting letters home to her Aunt Muriel O'Neil and one of them was preserved for the history book. See page 30.

George O'Neil [REDACTED] - adopted by Wilbert's brother Robert O'Neil.

VIII ROBERT ARTHUR O'NEIL, born 20 Feb. 1924. Baptized in Saint Stephen's Church on 28th Sept. 1924. He married Elsie Hunter. Live Welland, Ontario. Bob is a Jeweller. They have three children, and adopted Wilbert's son George.

Gregory O'Neil born 7 Oct. Married to Lucy (). They had a daughter.

Briar Marie O'Neil born [REDACTED]

Gary O'Neil born [REDACTED]

Roberta "Bobby" O'Neil born [REDACTED]. Involved with Horse Shows training students for the Royal Horse Show. Married Len (). A daughter.

Ashley ().

George O'Neil, born [REDACTED] Married 30 Nov. 1974 to Marnie () O'Neil. They had a son.

Adam James O'Neil born [REDACTED]

2) FRANK O'NEIL, born 1871 died 1937 married Bertha Edith Church, who was born 13 Oct. 1875 and died 23 Feb. 1969 at Riverview Hospital, Windsor. Buried St. Stephens. Five children.

Greta O'Neil married Fred G. Harris of Oshawa, Ont.

Lilian Dorothy O'Neil, born 18 Oct. 1902, Baptized in Saint Stephen's Church on 4 Jan. 1903 by Wm. H. Hartley. - unmarried. SEE ALSO PG 612 COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD COUNTY OF ESSEX.

Agnes Florence O'Neil, born 26 April 1909. Baptized in St. Stephens

Church on 20th June 1909 J. C. Newell officiated, stenographer, age 35, married by License at St. Stephens Church, 14 June 1944 by Joseph Tully to Douglas Owen Ellis, toolmaker, age 29. Son of Griffith Douglas Ellis Heath and Edith Heath. Witnesses at the marriage were Dorothy O'Neil and Albert E. Thompson, both of Windsor. Copy of the marriage information received from St. Stephens Church and is filed with the family information. One son.

Richard Ellis born [REDACTED]

Hugh James O'Neil, born 3 March 1906. Baptized in the Church of the Redeemer on 29th July 1906 by William Hartley. married Ruby Emerson of Wheatley. See their Silver Wedding Anniv. write-up. Two sons.

William O'Neil Two daughters.

Nancy O'Neil

Janet O'Neil

Hugh James O'Neil born [REDACTED] married Nancy Jean Waldron 1965. Daughter of G. Wm. Waldron of Princess Ave. Windsor.

Norma Edith O'Neil born 16 Oct. 1913. Baptized in St. Stephens Church (first in the new church) on 16th Nov. 1913. She married Ted Thompson.

3) HARRY O'NEIL born Jan. 13 1873 died 13 Sept. 1956. Married Eunice Emily Ure. Eunice Emily died 12 March 1969 age 86 years, buried St. Stephens. Eight children.

James Douglas O'Neil born 21 March 1909, Baptized in Saint Stephen's Church on 20th June 1909, J. C. Newell Officiated. Lived Kingsville. Married Isobel Pigeon of Kingsville.

Bruce Allan O'Neil born 1st March 1910, Baptized at parent's home on 13th March 1912. J. C. Newell Officiated. Lived Oldcastle. Single.

Harold Arthur O'Neil born 10 April 1913, Baptized at parent's home on 13th June 1914. He died 16th Dec. 1949. Buried Saint Stephen's Cemetery.

Violet Lorna O'Neil born 23 Sept. 1917. Baptized in Church of the Redeemer on 28th April 1918. F. K. Hughes Officiated.

Ray O'Neil born 1919 of Detroit. Married Virginia () O'Neil from Kentucky.

William Reginald O'Neil born 21 Jan. 1922, Baptized at the home of Harry O'Neil on 1 July 1923. in Oldcastle. Married Elva Allen.

Adopted a child. 30 June 1961.

Florence Mildred O'Neil born 30 Dec. 1919, Baptized at home of Harry O'Neil on 1st July 1923, L. C. Harrison Officiated. She is now Mrs. Hugh Rae.

Barbara Eunice O'Neil born 8 Sept. 1926. Baptized in St. Stephens on 16th April 1939, Joseph Tully Officiated. She was a bank clerk, married by License M 73792 at age 20, on 21 Sept. 1946 to William Lawrence Burton. He was railroad clerk, age 23, son of Lawrence Burton and Mabel Bratt. Witnesses at the marriage were Florence O'Neil of Paquette Station, and George Carruthers of RR1 Roseland. Copy of the marriage information was received from St. Stephens Church and is filed with the family information. Two children.

Timmy Burton born [REDACTED]

Susan Burton born [REDACTED]

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4) MAGGIE O'NEIL born 27 January 1875 died 6 January 1940 married 21 Feb. 1900 Henry Alexander Kirkpatrick Banwell. He was born 1875 and died 1945. Seven children. Baptismal information on children was received from St. Stephens church and is filed with the family information. COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, COUNTY OF ESSEX, on page 133 gives Banwell information, on Henry and James E.

Erle Jarvis Banwell born 20th Dec. 1900, baptised in Saint Stephen's Church 28 April 1901, by Wm. H. Hartley. Residence of parents was Huron Line, Sandwich West. Erle married Jessie Isobel Stewardson. They had son.

Stewart Kilpatrick Banwell born [REDACTED], Baptised in Saint Stephen's Church [REDACTED]. He married Judith Joy Gaunt. Five children

Mark Erle Banwell born [REDACTED]

Trudy Lee Banwell twin born [REDACTED]

Tracey Lynne Banwell twin died [REDACTED] age 3 months.

Deborah Ann Banwell b 14 Apr. 1966, died same day.

David Stuart Banwell born [REDACTED]

Louis Alexander Banwell, born 3 Oct. 1904, baptised St. Stephens Church 12 November 1905, farmer, age 27 married 7 Dec. 1932 by Joseph Tully, at St. Stephens Rectory, Paquette, Ont. to Dorothy Scheff, age 18. Daughter of Francis Scheff and Ethel Ward. Witnesses at the marriage were G. W. Manery of Leamington, Ontario. and Marjorie Scheff of 610 Pierie Ave., Windsor. Copy of marriage information received from St. Stephens Church and is filed with the family information. Louis died 18 July 1976. Two sons.

Frank Banwell.

Larry Banwell.

Lyle Norman Banwell born 11 Dec. 1909, Baptized 13th March 1910 in St. Stephens Church J. C. Newell officiated. He died 1961. Married Ruth Croft. Three daughters.

Janet Banwell married William G. Jackson. Twin girls.

Jill Jackson

Joy Jackson

Joan Banwell married Mr. Crozier.

Wendy Banwell.

Herbert Ross Banwell born 3 Nov. 1907, baptised Saint Stephen's Church 24 May 1908 by F. Whealen, and married Hazel Jessop. Herbert died 1928. Three girls.

Margaret Banwell.

Mary Lou Banwell.

Susan Banwell.

Myrtle Jean Banwell, born 5 March 1904, baptised Saint Stephen's Church 24 April 1904. She died 18 Dec. 1965. Married age 31, listed as "Maid", to George William Nantau, of Buffalo, N.Y. His age listed on marriage record as 32. Son of Charles Edward Nantau and Edith Henrietta Schuchard. License LG 41616, Marriage took place 6 April 1935, Joseph Tully officiating. Witnesses at the wedding were Marjorie Banwell of RR1 Windsor, and Kenneth C. Nantau of 1247 Dufferin Place, Windsor, Ontario. Copy of the marriage record received from St. Stephens Church, and is filed with the family information. George died 19 Jan. 1966. Two girls.

Edith Jean Nantau married a Mr. Rasch. They have a daughter..

Laurie L. Rasch.

Nancy Nantau married a Mr. A. Griffin.

Marjorie Barbara Banwell, born 9th Jan. 1914, Baptised in St. Stephens Church on 23 June 1914. At age 27 married by License KK17528 to David Mitchell, railroad clerk, age 30, son of David Brodie Mitchell and Margaret Miller. Witnesses at the marriage were Mary Banwell of RR1, Windsor, and Peter Mitchell of 707 Huron Line. Married at St. Stephens Church, Sandwich S. the 1 Feb. 1941 by Joseph Tully, assisted by D. L. Gordon. Copy of the marriage record received from St. Stephens Church, and is filed with the family information. Marjorie died 7 Jan. 1965. Two children.

Paul Mitchell

Barbara Mitchell.

Mary Eileen Banwell, born 8th Nov. 1917, baptised at Alex O'Neil's home on 27 Feb. 1918, F. K. Hughes officiated. She was a stenographer, at age 23 married under License KK21560, to Garnet Elmer Queen, a machinist, age 23. Son of Elmer John Queen and Ella Wilcox. Witnesses at Marriage on 15 March 1941 by Joseph Tully, were Edith Rose Banwell

of Windsor, and Garnet Reginald Gunn of London, Ontario. Three sons.

Gay Queen
Douglas Queen
Ejay Queen.

5) FRED O'NEIL born 1878 died 10 March 1932. Married 30 March 1910 Church of the Redeemer to Gertrude Eva O'Neil (see page 8). She was born 1884 died 1 Dec. 1951; (his second cousin).

6) LIONEL O'NEIL born 1879, married 3 Jan. 1906 to Irene Webster (his second cousin). She was born May 6, and died July 8, 1971, daughter of John Webster and Mary J. O'Neil. Lionel died 19 May 1956 buried St. Stephens. Four children. (See also under Irene Webster, page 7.) a - d

Taken from Mary Gilmour's Anthropology Paper. Memories of Helen O'Neil of her father, Lionel O'Neil. REF. 13.

Lionel O'Neil was born 1879-died 1956. Born on the South Talbot Road, where Elmar now lives. The house has been changed very little. Lionel was very bright at school, although he didn't like it, due to having a very mean old teacher, who was known to tramp on the bare feet of little boys who did not get their sums right. He finished school at the age of 11 (nobody in this family went past Grade 8 because it was unthinkable), and was put to work on the farm. He worked for his father without wages until he was married--this was the pattern in this family and probably in many others of the district. He was almost 27 when he was married, at which time he was given his farm, house (furnished), barn (some stock, at least a team of horses and I think Glen Webster's father came through with some cows) but no money. The rest of the O'Neil boys got 100 acres each but for some reason Lionel got only 50; later he bought another 25 from brother Frank, whose farm was next to the east.

I can give you my ideas of how they lived, pieced together from things he told me over the years. His father, Alexander, ruled the family with an iron hand and they prospered, with seven boys hard at work. They owned over 1000 acres of good land; I don't know if any of it was really cleared when they purchased it but they certainly cleared a lot of it. The really good timber had been cut by lumbering interests, but there were still white oaks, which they cut and used for the frames of barns. They ran a lot of cattle in the wood lots and my father told me about riding bare back to round up cattle on what was later his own farm. Deer used to run through the yard when he was small. They butchered and sold meat wholesale and they did not like to go on the meat wagon--brother Fred mostly did that job. They had over 20 huge barns and there came a day when these barns were full of grain and cattle that lightning struck and burned nearly all of them, cattle and all. I don't think they ever really recovered from this staggering, uninsured loss. But they were far from poor.

My grandmother, Barbara (Vollans) O'Neil was always considered to be frail, but she bore and raised 10 healthy children. She always had lots of help--I mean good hired girls.

They smoked their own bacon and ham in a smoke house, which I can remember; it looked like a teepee made out of a lot of small poles. They made enormous quantities of bread, of course, and when my father, Lionel was young, they regularly took wheat over to the Vollans Mill on the Mill Road, where I suppose my Grandfather Webster ground it into flour for them. This flour didn't keep very long in warm weather, so they didn't get too much at a time. In the summer time they cooked in the "summer kitchen", which was a separate building, across a covered, brick-paved area way. It was still used when I was a little girl--wood fire and boy, was it a hot place. Next to it was a stone milk house, with a stone floor, where the pans of milk were set for the cream to rise and to be skimmed and churned into butter. I don't remember this part, because they had a cream separator by the time I remember things and the milk house was used to keep food as cold as possible. They could keep it really cool when they had ice, which they cut in big blocks from Lake Erie and stored in an ice house in saw dust for the summer. George Holden was still doing this when I was a little girl, but they no longer did it at Grandpa O'Neil's.

In the hot weather they churned every day and fed the buttermilk to the pigs. It was wonderful buttermilk. I think I was the only O'Neil who ever liked buttermilk. They stored the butter in crocks and it was readily saleable if they had a surplus. Over the winter they kept a lot of vegetables in pits and I'll tell you how that was done when we get to Grandpa Webster, because he knows exactly how he did it, but I am not so sure how Grandpa O'Neil did it, although I can remember watching him get turnips out of such a pit. Under the kitchen, reached by a sort of trap door, they had a small cellar for ready-use stuff, such as apples, potatoes, canned fruit. Small girls like me were lowered into this place by the arms and told to hand up this or that. It was just dug into the earth, and since the house was heated by stoves, it was good and cold down there. They had a sink in the kitchen which they called a "zinc", with a pump; this was rain water, for washing people and dishes. Drinking water came from another pump outside the back door. Sanitary facilities consisted of what was called a "back-house", and you know about those from your own childhood and what you called "smelly toilets" at summer places.

Grandpa O'Neil never went to church, although he supported the Anglican Church of St. Stephens and the children all went to church. Grandma O'Neil went to church too, but she never did when I knew her. They had a reed organ and the girls all "took" music lessons from somebody and Aunt Millie even played the church organ.

This was a very sociable neighbourhood and they had a pretty good time. They had a baseball team called the "Shamrocks", all O'Neil boys except the catcher, on which my father Lionel played short stop. They had a lot of dances, in people's houses mostly; it was at one of these dances that Glen Webster and Irene O'Neil fell in love, I seem to remember. In the summer they had "lawn socials" and for these they made ice cream in hand-turned freezers—there is no ice cream in the world so good, either. Most of the O'Neil boys liked to hunt and they all had guns. Lionel did not like hunting or guns and he was a poor shot, although he had the most amazing eye sight, so I think it was lack of practice. He did like to read and so did his brother George. Lionel read all of Scott and Dickens. There were lots of books around, for Grandma O'Neil also liked to read, but she liked sickly love stories. This still surprises me, because they did and do seem so foreign to her character.

It is difficult to tell you how my father Lionel lived unless I tell you what kind of a person he was, and I keep getting psychological rather than anthropological. I expect you have this difficulty too. He was the brightest of the family and a very good farmer. He was the first in the district to try out new methods, new plant varieties, new machinery; all of his brothers consulted him. He was the one who won the field competitions for the best field of corn or whatever, in the township. He was one of the first to grow tobacco. He was a very good man and everybody trusted him, so that he got stuck with a lot of responsible jobs. He was church warden when the new church was built, school trustee when the new school was built; he audited the township books; he was the poll clerk who counted the votes in all elections. Even the Catholics trusted him and he was repeatedly asked to be pall bearer at Catholic funerals, which was a great honour if you know about Irish Catholic funerals. He did not smoke, he did not drink, he looked after his family. He sounds like an awful stuffed shirt, but you remember that he was not—he had a wonderful sense of humour and people liked him because he was so nice. He loved baseball and hockey and he liked to play cards. He also liked track and field and used to go to the track meets when we were in High School. He was a hard-shell Conservative and took a lively interest in political matters, but not an active part. His father Alexander laid it down as a rule that they were all to keep out of politics. However, my father could and did organize more than one election when he wanted a particular man "in" and could "haul" enough votes to do it—particularly in municipal elections. In his manners, tastes and ethics, he was far more British than Irish; he admired the British and he approved of close ties with England. He was a tremendously hard and very skilled worker. He had unbelievable resistance to cold. He liked simple food and ate very lightly. He could go to sleep anywhere, sitting straight up if necessary. He was very formal in dress—we had an awful time to get him into a sport shirt for a picnic.

a. Kathleen Mary O'Neil born 6 Dec. 1906. Baptized in Church of the Redeemer on 24th March 1907. F. Whealen officiating. She married Garfield Edwin Downing, who died September 1960. Kathleen died January 1961. One daughter. See page 8.

Marion Barbara Jean Downing born [REDACTED]
b. Helen Barbara O'Neil born 30 Dec. 1909. Baptized in Church of the Redeemer on 9th June 1910, J. C. Newell officiated. She was a secretary, married by License KK 13820 to James Albert Holden, age 29 son of Edward Page Holden and Mary Esther Curtis. Witnesses at the marriage 30 Dec. 1940 by Rev. Joseph Tully were Jack Douglas of 1190 Hall Ave., Windsor, and Kathleen M. Downing of 1390 Wyandotte E., Windsor. Copy of marriage information received from St. Stephens Church and is filed with the family information. Helen's death notice reads died in hospital on January 9, 1989. Nee O'Neil. B.A. University of Western Ontario. M.A. Wayne State, (formerly a lecturer at the University of Windsor. Daughter of the late Lionel O'Neil and Irene O'Neil of Oldcastle, Ont. Wife of James A. Holden, Q.C. of 4 Floral Place, Napanee, Ont. K2H 6N7 formerly of Windsor. Tullman Funeral Home, Ottawa in charge of arrangements. One daughter. See page 27.

Memories of Helen O'Neil, of the way the Lionel O'Neil family lived. REF. 13.

I first remember our house before the kitchen and bathroom part was built. We, too had a milk house. It was made out of logs, but I cannot remember what it looked like inside. I was 3 1/2 when the new kitchen went on and of course after that we had the basement, where the cream separator was kept. But in the early days they skimmed the cream off pans.

We had two churns. One was big—a wooden barrel thing, that must have held ten gallons of cream; it was on a farm arrangement, with a handle that caused it to turn around and around, end over end. There was a glass window in the lid, through which you could see if the butter was "coming". The cream got so thick that it stuck all in one end and then you had to turn very slowly, to let it fall from end to end with a thump! Finally the butter separated out and was lifted with a wooden ladle into a huge wooden butter bowl. It was then "worked" to get as much buttermilk as possible out, salted, and made into pound prints with a wooden press, or packed in crocks. In winter it was coloured with butter colour; in spring, when the cows were turned out on the grass, it was so yellow that some people wouldn't eat it. The other churn was like a big crock, with a wooden top with a hole in, through which the handle of the "dasher" protruded. This was for small quantities and you just plunked the dasher up and down. In the winter time the cream was so thick that you could just turn a pan of it upside down and it stuck there—almost like butter.

Until I was 15, we had no electric power. The house was lighted by coal oil lamps, which had to be cleaned every day, the wicks trimmed and the glass "chimney" polished. We also had a hanging lamp, with crystal prisms to reflect the light. These fastened to the lamp with hooks and had to be regularly washed and polished by small girls. What a job! The cook stove heated the kitchen; it was fired by wood in mild weather and coal when it was cold. After the kitchen was built, there was a huge coal burning stove in the dining room, which was taken out in summer. In the living room, which we called the "parlor" was a wood burning stove, only lighted on state occasions or for company. In the parlor was a reed organ, but when I was about 7 we got a piano and then we too took music lessons.

After the kitchen was built, we had a hot water heater which heated water when the kitchen range was going. Water for it was pumped by hand into a tank in the attic. We had a bathroom with basin and tub and a sink in the kitchen, but still no water closet until after we got electric power, at which time electric pumps were installed and an electric hot water tank.

When I was small my father butchered his own pork. The ham and bacon were cured, but not in a smoke house. They were salted and then treated with "liquid smoke", which was painted on with a brush. They were finally sewed into factory cotton bags and buried in the oats bin for a time. They were delicious. The spare ribs we ate fresh (this was only done in cold weather) and some of the meat was cooked and then stored in lard in crocks.

This lard was quite good after the meat was used. Mother also made sausage, which was seasoned and stored raw in crocks; it was cooked in little round patties—never put in cases.

Mother, Florence Irene Webster O'Neil, did an awful lot of canning, pickling, preserving. We had a wonderful garden and a good orchard. She canned tomatoes, peaches, plums, pears, cherries; she pickled cucumbers, pears, peaches. She also made strawberry, apple, quince jelly and strawberry, cherry, gooseberry, and raspberry jam. Also black and red currants, and corn relish. She did not can corn, peas, beans, asparagus, although all these we had in the garden. She did not know about botulism but she did know it was dangerous. We made our own horseradish relish, since the plants grew all along the ditches, wild. In the spring we had dandelion greens and sour dock greens, just because we liked them. We also grew squash, pumpkins, citron, celery, but not melons because the land was not right for melons. We didn't grow the peaches, either. When I was small, they raised turkeys, but they were an awful lot of trouble and mostly I remember chickens and how good they were fried and roasted. I think we had every vegetable that would grow, but we did not store them in pit, but in the basement. One year we had so many apples that we got in a cider mill and made cider.

Mother made just about all of our clothes, but she did not make clothes for my father. She taught us to do some hand sewing, but we were never allowed to use the sewing machine. I never used one until I took domestic science in high school. My grandmother O'Neil tried hard to teach me to embroider, but I was hopeless.

We walked to school when it was good enough weather—two miles by the road, but shorter through the fields. When it was bad enough, the neighbours got together and took us in turn—in sleighs sometimes.

We got our first automobile when I was a baby. I do not remember when we got the telephone, but I was awfully small. I remember going to Windsor in the buggy, pulled by one horse, and it took a long time—over an hour. The horse was put up at Grandpa Holden's livery barn, and that is why I can remember him so well when I was so small. The children were seldom taken to the city—we were mostly left with Grandma O'Neil. But before Christmas we always sent to a movie with my father, and it was always either Charlie Chaplin or Mary Pickford, I am sure, because I can't remember anything else, except the Mack Sennett comics, which were shorts, and consisted of cops chasing robbers mostly. They never seemed to catch them. I also seem to remember an episode of a serial where the heroine was tied to the railway track and the villain stood by, twirling his mustache and saying, "Aha, my proud beauty! Now you are in my power." I may have imagined this!

We went to Sunday School, to church, to choir practice, to AYPA (Anglican Young People's Association) and anything else at the church. We sent to dances at the Orange Hall, to church socials and church picnics. After we got the car, we sent on picnics to Orley Beach, mostly, or Colchester. They were nice beaches then. The young people travelled in a large group, not paired off. We went swimming. We could all swim, but not well. We played softball—the girls played too. We wore what we called "sailor pants" and some people were shocked, but not very. I got my lovely curls cut off when I was 11, which enraged my father because, complete Victorian that he was, he liked curls on girls. I had to let it grow again, and then I got it cut again and he gave up, muttering that it was the only pretty thing about me, but I knew better.

In the winter we sent skating on the frozen gravel pits. I should tell you about the roads, too. The township did not employ a man or men to work on the roads as they do now. Each farmer contributed so many days to "road work" and he had to haul so many loads of gravel from the township gravel pit, or wherever they bought it. There are pockets of gravel all over Essex County. After a rain, somebody got ticked off by the "roadmaster" to get out and scrape the road. In the winter they all got out and shovelled the snow by hand. Spring and fall there were awful ruts in these gravel roads and people got stuck a

lot. In the summer clouds of white dust followed every car; there were no chemical dust inhibitors in use in those days.

We went to Fairs, too—the Essex Fair, the Leamington Fair. They really had good exhibits and harness racing and stuff. Fun! We also had a school fair when I went to Little No. 6 School. In the spring we were given seeds, from which we were supposed to raise stuff to exhibit at the School Fair. We also had to march in competition and sing, and exhibit art work, writing, sewing, hobbies. This took place in September, at each school in turn. The mothers got together and ran a lemonade and ice cream booth. I won second prize for beets. Big Moment. I also got a prize for a collection of bark, leaves and stuff; my Grandfather Webster helped me with that one and it was good.

At school the boys and girls all played together—a wild kind of baseball and in the winter we took our skates and skated on the ditches at noon hour. Maybe this was just because it was a country community, but the boys and girls got along better together than they do now. I never see boys and girls playing together as we did. Not when they are 11, 12 and 13 years old. We all walked to school together, too. Of course, all these boys were my cousins. That might have made a difference, I don't know.

Mary Holden married James B. Gilmour of Ottawa. Two daughters.
Katie Gilmour, of Cambridge University, England.
Wendy Gilmour, of Queens University at Kingston, Ont.

Mary wrote a paper for Anthropology class (56 pages) HOW THE HOLDEN/O'NEIL FAMILY SEES ITSELF. It contains many birth, and death dates of the O'Neil, Holden, Shuel, Vollans, Curtis, and Webster families. Pat Smith has abstracted many of the missing O'Neil dates from this paper. A tremendous amount of research went into Mary's paper, and I'm thankful to have been made aware that it existed. However, for genealogical purposes, it is a challenge to prove and document the information given verbally during personal interviews. Thanks Mary for all your efforts.

c. Marion Elinor O'Neil born 17 Dec. 1918. Baptized in St. Stephens Church on 18 July 1920 F. K. Hughes officiated. Unmarried and taught school in Windsor.

d. Patricia Anne O'Neil born 15 June 1923. Baptized in St. Stephens Church on 2 Sept. 1923. L. C. Harrison officiated. She married Douglas Beatty. They have three children. Live Hamilton, Ontario.

Barbara Beatty, now Mrs. David Fisher.
Richard Beatty
Robert Beatty

7) MILLIE O'NEIL born Oct. 30 1881, married 12 June 1907, both age 24, Garnet Webster (her second cousin, see page 4). Millie died 1957 age 66.

Note: Pat Smith was given 7 spoons which belonged to Millie O'Neil. The spoons were given to her when she got married about 1907. When she gave up housekeeping she gave eleven spoons to Christopher Smith's mother, who in turn, when she came from CA in 1962, gave the spoons to Pat. Pat had them resilvered, and they look good as new. Mrs. Smith also gave Pat two spoons that were of her (Muriel Smith's) good set.

8) MARY ELLEN "MAMIE" O'NEIL born 1883, died 18 Oct. 1967 married 9 Jan. 1918 at St. Stephens Rectory to Justus Collins O'Neil, (her second cousin, see page 8.). Justus was born 1886 and died 4 November 1964 age 78. Three children.

Avis Lorraine O'Neil, born 5th May 1919, Baptised in St. Stephens Church on 18th July 1920 by F. K. Hughes, died 11 Nov. 1930.

Edward Justus O'Neil, born 16 Nov. 1923, baptized in St. Stephens Church on 19th April 1924 L. C. Harrison officiated. He died 11th Sept. 1925. (Drowned in feeding trough on the farm.)

Fredrick Alexander O'Neil born 17th Oct. 1926, baptized in St. Stephens Church on 24th April 1927, Edgar W. McKegney officiated. Died March 29, 1970 St. Thomas, Ontario, buried St. Stephens, Oldcastle.

9) EUGENE O'NEIL born Dec. 2 1885, died 28 May 1947, age 62 years, buried 30 May 1947 St. Stephens Cemetery. He married May Little. Three children.

Vern O'Neil.

Kenneth O'Neil married Helen McLennan. Three children. Live 2131 Lincoln Rd., Windsor, Ontario.

Pam O'Neil

Jimmie O'Neil

Laura Lynn O'Neil born [REDACTED] in car on the way to the Metropolitan Hospital, Windsor.

Pauline O'Neil

10) ELMAR O'NEIL born 13 August 1886 died 31 Oct. 1967 age 80 years. Elmar of Sandwich South, Ont. married at age 30 by F. K. Hughes in the Church of the Redeemer, Colchester North, on 27 February 1918 to Mabel (Mable) Pettypiece, age 24, of Colchester N. Daughter of Thos. Pettypiece and Sarah Rustz. Witnesses at the marriage were Eugene O'Neil, residence Ottawa, and Frances Pettypiece, of Paquette Station. Copy of marriage information received from St. Stephens Church, Oldcastle and is filed with the family information. Mabel born 1893-94, died 21 Jan. 1968, buried St. Stephens Cemetery. Six children. Live at L 304 S. Talbot Rd., Sandwich South.

Norman Thomas O'Neil born 8 June 1919, Baptized in Church of the Redeemer on 6th June 1920 F. K. Hughes Officiated. He married Barbara Joan Coates. Two children.

Christopher O'Neil.

Thomas O'Neil died December 1966 in a tragic bus accident. Newspaper covering this horrible accident was saved with family papers.

Francis Evelyn O'Neil, born 4th March 1921. Baptized in Church of the Redeemer on 1st May 1921. At age 21, married License L 53308 to Dennis Joseph Fauteux, age 21, Roman Catholic, son of John Fauteux and Rose Rivard. Witnesses at marriage, Herbert E. Boggs or RRL Roseland, and Lenore O'Neil of Paquette Station. Marriage took place 3 Oct. 1942 at St. Stephens Church, Joseph Tully Officiating Minister. Copy of marriage information received from St. Stephens Church, and is filed with the family information. Three children. live Riverside.

Ronald Fauteux.

Gary Fauteux.

Barbara Fauteux.

Margaret Lenore O'Neil born 1st April 1924. Baptized in Church of the Redeemer on 8th June 1924. L. C. Harrison Officiated. She married Lyle Hogan of London, Ontario. Three children.

Rebecca Hogan.

Kay Ann Hogan.

Judy Hogan.

Donna Marie O'Neil born 24 June 1928, Baptized in Church of the Redeemer on 21 Oct. 1928, Edgar W. McKegney Officiated. She married Milton Hartley of Oldcastle. Three children.

Randy Hartley.

Jill Hartley.

Janice Hartley.

Elmar Allen O'Neil born 21 July 1930, Baptized at home on the 4 Aug. 1930. Died 4th Aug. 1930.

Elmira O'Neil died 1930, age 2 weeks.

THIS BRINGS TO AN END THE FAMILY HISTORY INFORMATION ON THE O'NEILS OF OLDCASTLE.

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OBITUARIES INCLUDED IN THE O'NEIL FAMILY HISTORY

| NAME | AGE |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| O'NEIL | |
| ADA GRACE WEBB | STONE |
| ALEXANDER | STONE |
| ALEXANDER 2ND | STONE |
| BERTHA | 93 |
| CLYDE W. | 64 |
| ELEANOR TRENE | 80 |
| ELLA NAOMI | 58 POPELESKI |
| ELMAN | 80 |
| EUGENE | |
| EMILY EMILY | 86 |
| FRANK | 63 |
| FRED | B. NOV. 1926 D. MAR. 22, 1970 |
| GEORGE A. | STONE |
| HAROLD ISAAC | 68 |
| JUSTUS | |
| LIONEL | |
| MABLE | 74 |
| MAMIE | 83 |
| MARGARET | STONE |
| THOMAS | 92 |
| ROY | 76 |
| WALLACE I | |
| WILBERT G. | |

OTHER THAN O'NEIL

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| BANWELL, LOUIS A. | |
| GROOMBRIDGE, LEO GEORGE | 62 |
| LIBBY, MRS. ETHEL (VIDA) | 78 |
| LOUNSBOUGH, EDUARDO | |
| POPELESKI, ELLA NAOMI | 58 |

ANNIVERSARIES

HUGH O'NEIL SILVER ANNIVERSARY.
ALEX & BARBARA O'NEIL 50TH ANNIV.
GORDON O'NEIL GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

LETTER FROM MARGARET O'NEIL TO HER AUNT MURIEL SMITH.

October 19, 1969

Dear Aunt Muriel:

I thought I would write you a note and tell you about my trip. I hope you had a good time on your trip to Welland with Dad. I'm glad he could go with you as he was by himself for most of the time I was gone.

Europe was really great. We saw 12 countries altogether - England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Italy, Monaco, France, Ireland, and Wales. That's 13 isn't it? I don't think Luxembourg is counted as a country.

I met Aunt Molly and Uncle John in Manchester, England and Aunt Bridget in Cork, Ireland. They were all very nice and I didn't feel strange with them. I took some pictures of them.

Holland was a very clean country. We had a boat trip down a canal in Amsterdam. Every window seemed to gleam in the sun. People hang their bedding out of the windows. There are no screens on the windows.

Belgium, we were in Brussels was O.K. but the people weren't very friendly and the city was very old.

Germany was very beautiful. In Heidelberg we attended a beer festival put on by the students from the University of Heidelberg. It was very enjoyable. We passed through the Black Forest on our way to Switzerland. It was lovely scenery.

In Lucerne I bought a watch for \$33.00 which I thought was a good buy. We went to the top of a mountain 7,000 ft high, Mount Pelatias. Air was so fresh but it was very cold up there.

We stayed at Innsbruck Austria where the 1964 Winter Olympics were held.

Liechtenstein, we passed right through a very, very small principality.

In Italy we visited Florence, Venice, Rome, and Pisa. We went to Naples and the Isle of Capri and saw the Blue Grotto which was very lovely. We had a gondola ride in Venice. We saw wuch beautiful art treasures. We were in Rome for 3 days. It's a beautiful city. Everywhere you look are ruins of some sort. They drive like maniacs in Rome. We saw St. Peter's Basilica in Rome which was just beautiful and also saw the Sistine Chapel.

We passed through Monte Carlo, Monaco on our way to France. We saw the Palace which Princess Grace lives in. It's a gambling city with two big casinos there. They have a beautiful harbour there filled with gorgeous yachts.

We stayed in Grenoble for one night but didn't see any of the city. We were in Paris for three nights. Paris is a really nice city. I'd heard so many people say they didn't like Paris, but I really did. We were only three blocks away from the Champs Elysie and the Arch of Triumph. A very good location. You wouldn't believe how many outdoor cafe's there are. Everyone seems to watch everybody else as they walk by. We sent to a section Montmartre where you can watch people paint and have a picture of yourself done. A painting can cost quite a lot. We saw the Louvre with so many beautiful paintings (Mona Lisa) and went to the top of the Eiffel Tower.

All through Europe everyone drinks wine - it's cheaper than water—you have to buy mineral water to drink.

When we were in London the weather was rainy and foggy. We flew from Amsterdam to London to Gatwick Airport about 25 miles from London. We passed through Reigate which was where Dad and my mother were married.

There were 31 people on our tour - 7 Canadians, and the rest American. Everyone was very nice. Our tour ended in Paris on Oct. 5th. Everyone flew home to New York but Sharon and I went on to Cork, Ireland via London. We were there for 3 days—1 day to visit my Aunt.

Were you told about our missing our charter flight back home?

Our flight out of Cork to London on Wednesday night at 7:15 p.m. was cancelled. They said there was a strike at the London Airport so no aircraft could land. We took a ferry from Cork to Swansea, Wales and then a train to London. Our flight home to Detroit left at 11:50 A.M. Thursday morning. We didn't arrive in London til 2:00 P.M. Thursday afternoon.

We were sent to the Airlines Office downtown London and they booked us on a Pan Am flight leaving the next morning at a cost of \$238.00 each. We only had \$170 each so we had to write an I.O.U.

We finally arrived home and Dad met us at the Airport.

That was the only thing that went wrong with the trip.

Dad and I are moving on Dec. 1 to a brand new Apartment on Brock Street.

Your loving niece Margaret.

THIS ACCOUNT WAS WRITTEN BY MURIEL SMITH, ABOUT HER GRANDMOTHER BARBARA VOLLANS, AND HER GRANDFATHER ALEXANDER O'NEIL.

"Before I get too forgetful I must try to remember some of the wonderful people I have known in my long life.

The first remarkable woman I knew was my father's mother Barbara (Vollans) O'Neil. Barbara was born March 6, 1847 to pioneers who farmed on the road now called Howard, near (the present) St. Stephens Church. She was one of five girls and as many boys. Her father was George Vollans, and her mother was Miriam Page of England. The mother had been a governess in England before marriage and emigrating to Canada. Barbara attended the local one room school of 8 grades.

She married Alexander O'Neil and they rode in a sleigh to All Saints Church in Windsor, where they were married by the Rector on 27 February 1868. They moved to a farm on South Talbot Road. Alexander's father had given him the farm, which had many acres of bush to be cleared.

Their home:

They lived for some years in four roomed white frame house. After several children, Alex O'Neil had the house raised and a stone foundation put under it, plus added a narrow closed stairway and finished the upstairs, so there was a small hall bedroom for overnight guests, and a long front bedroom that held three double beds. They had a pantry off the large kitchen-dining room. A separate kitchen with brick floor for summer cooking, and a milkhouse of stone.

Barbara worked hard for forty years. She had 12 pregnancies. Seven children without the help of a doctor, and three with doctor's assistance. They raised seven sons and three daughters. Barbara had two miscarriages. She only had hired help for a short time when she was pregnant.

She prepared and cooked lots of good food for her large family. She was a good cook. They had cows and chickens etc., so she had lots of milk, cream and eggs. Barbara was accustomed to domestic duties taught her by her English mother. She had to make water softener out of lye (made from ashes) as she had surface water wells on the farm and the water was hard. There was no pump and water had to be dipped from the well with a bucket and carried to the kitchen. Flour and sugar were bought in large quantities. Meat had to be cooked or smoked for future use. Clothing was made by hand until Barbara inherited \$50.00 at death of an Uncle; when she bought a sewing machine. She managed to buy each child one pair of shoes a year. The children were given good food always, but only oranges and candy at Christmas.

Barbara knitted socks and stockings, made clothes for the family. They had no telephone or electricity until their family were grown.

Barbara sewed carpet rags in spare time and rolled them into large balls. When she had the required number of balls, they were put into burlap sacks and Alex would take them to a French lady who did weaving. When the strips of carpet were brought home, the living room was emptied of furniture. The old carpet was lifted by carpet tack lifter. The walls were cleaned and the floor was cleaned, then fresh wheat straw was strewn thickly on the floor, and the new carpet was stretched and tacked to floor. I remember the colors always blended nicely in the carpet.

Barbara O'Neil worked hard for the first twenty-five years of her married life. By then she had girls old enough to help her in the house; and her health was not good. She taught her girls to keep house and cook and what was right and wrong. The three girls were given organ lessons and they attended the one room school a mile away to learn to read, write and do simple arithmetic.

Barbara and Alexander O'Neil were honored on their 50th Anniversary by a get together of their ten children (no grandchildren were present). The children gave their parents ten, ten-dollar gold pieces and the oldest son George O'Neil, made the presentation speech.

In her old age Barbara read books that her children would provide and she made pretty sofa cushions, etc. She could also make the best apple pie I ever tasted. She was good to my mother—as she was to everyone.

Grandfather O'Neil was written up in the Commemorative Biographical Record, County of Essex, and the following account is taken from there, with some additional information from my memory.

Alexander O'Neil was born 9 November 1844. Son of Alexander O'Neil and Ann Shuel. Alex remained on the homestead farm for a time. His farm was but a tract of wild land, including the original tract, and later he purchased an additional 250 acres, about 360 in all. He was involved in buying and selling of cattle, and butchering for the Windsor and Sandwich Markets, as well as in cultivating his land. His careful animal husbandry and his intelligent handling of cattle have been examples, and his methods have been successfully adopted and followed by others. He also dealt in lumber, and had an interest in a sawmill business and other enterprises. He led a very busy life, and was very prominent in his locality. He was a Conservative and served his fellow citizens in a number of local offices. One year as Assessor, and sixteen years as Trustee, Treasurer and Secretary of the School Board. Religiously, he was a member of the Church of England. He was a Master Mason of Lodge No. 47 for 38 years. Also a member of the Maccabees of Windsor. Although immersed in business, grandfather found time for recreation, taking a month every autumn to indulge in his love of sport in the Rocky Mountains.

Alexander taught his seven sons to be good farmers, and gave each one a farm when they married at about the age of 30 years. His whole life was spent trying to save money to put into more land. He gave the home farm to their youngest son Elmar O'Neil when he married Mabel Pettypiece. Alexander and Barbara rented a small house on the opposite side of the road, and moved from their home of 50 years.

I was sixteen when my grandfather Alex O'Neil died, 11 July 1919. Grandmother lived with her youngest daughter and her husband until she died from heart failure at the age of 75, on 9 June 1922. She always spoke quietly and liked to read as she got older and had time. I loved my grandmother Barbara Vollans O'Neil."

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE HOLDEN FAMILY

Taken from family information during family interviews, and also from information in Commemorative Biographical Record, County of Essex.

James Holden born 1804 in Bolton, England, and Elizabeth () Holden born 1815 in Ayrshire, Scotland had ten children.

John Holden - born Sept. 19, 1837, 1st married Rhoda C. Evans. They had 6 children.

1. Willard Holden - b 1861 - married June Thrasher. Six children.
 - Newton Holden - died 24 Apr. 1885 age 34.
 - Herbert Holden -
 - Harold Holden -
 - John Holden -
 - Irene Holden - married Glen Webster. See Page 4.
 - Clara Holden -
 - ~~Stan Holden~~
2. Alice Holden - b 1864 - married Edward J. O'Neil.
3. George Holden - b 1866 died 8-24-1947, married Laura Merrick. They had 8 children. Laura died Dec. 22, 1943, buried St. Stephens.
 - Clarice Holden - married Mr. Morrow, lives in Detroit.
 - Elsie Holden - lives in Detroit.
 - Theresa Holden -
 - Gladys Holden - married Ross Riddell.
 - Grace Holden - d.y.
 - Gordon Holden - is a Dentist.
 - Amber Holden -
 - Merrick Holden -
4. Arthur C. Holden born 1868 married Lizzie Merrick. They had 4 children.
 - Laura Holden.
 - Vera Holden.
 - Elaine Holden.
 - Catherine Holden.
5. Mary Holden born 1870 married Ernest Riggs. Had a son.
 - Newell Riggs.
6. Holden - married Betsy Taylor born 1848.
7. Thomas Holden - born 1839 - married Sarah Stonecipher, died 1-1-1923 age of 82. Thomas died 2-18-1929. Buried in St. Stephens Cemetery.
 - Albert Holden
 - Frank Holden
 - Rosetta Holden
 - Viola Holden
8. Charles Holden - born 1842 died Oct. 3, 1880 buried St. John's Cemetery. Married Emma Taylor who died Dec. 7, 1913 age 68, buried in St. John's Cemetery. 4 children.
 - Ida Holden
 - Annie Holden
 - Bertram Holden
 - Ernest Holden married Rose Vollans.
9. Mary Holden - married George Mason, and live in Detroit. 3 children.
 - Clarence Mason
 - Daniel Mason
 - Ethel Mason.
10. Joseph Holden - died 2 Mar. 1895 age 34y 6 m 14 d, buried with parents.

UPDATE ON THE HULIHAN FAMILY
from Mrs. JoAnne Burford, R.R. #1, Oldcastle, Ontario.
April 7, 1992.

James Hulihan was born in Ireland, and married around 1776 in County Kerry, Ireland to Mary () Hulihan. He died October 16, 1856 age 80 years. Records from Assumption Church, Windsor. He came to Maidstone, Ontario about 1824. See Page 6. James Hulihan and wife Mary had the following five children.

Catherine Hulihan, born 1796 County Kerry, Ireland.
Married 1 - John Halford I, Apr. 30, 1833.
2 - Patrick Flynn.

Margaret Hulihan, born 1798 in County Kerry, Ireland. Married about 1813 in Ireland to Alexander O'Neil. She died 3 March, 1874 age 76 years. He was born 1786 and died 1881. Both are buried in Assumption Cemetery, Windsor, Ontario. Their stone was located in front of the small mausoleum there, on the Huron Line side. The stone is now laid flat in the ground. You are no longer able to read the inscription on the back to son John A. O'Neil, 22 March 1895, 62 years. See pages 10,11,12.

Margaret and Alexander O'Neil had the following children:

Alexander² O'Neil - See Page 11,12.
Mary O'Neil - See Page 11.
James O'Neil - See Page 11.
Jane O'Neil - See Page 11.
Catherine O'Neil - See Page 11.
John A. O'Neil - See Page 11.
Margaret O'Neil - See Page 11.
William O'Neil - See Page 11.

Mary Hulihan, born 1800 County Kerry, Ireland, married Richard Sr. Barrett. He was born 1820. To Maidstone 1841. They had the following children:

James Barrett
Mary Barrett
Anthony Barrett
Ellen Barrett
Richard Jr. Barrett
Thomas Barrett

James Hulihan born 1805 County Kerry, Ireland. Died 22 May 1839, age 34. To Maidstone 1824. Married to Bridget Shawnessy. Four children.

Mary Hulihan
Catherine Hulihan
Honora Hulihan
James Hulihan

Honora Hulihan born 1811 County Kerry, Ireland. To Maidstone 1824. Married 1830 to Dennis Sr. Downey. She died Sept 27, 1857 age 47 years. They had ten children.

James Downey
John Downey
Mary Downey
Dennis Downey - d.y.
Alexander Downey
Cornelius Downey
Catherine Downey
Ellen Downey
Honora Downey
Dennis Downey

SHUEL FAMILY

REF: 1 O'Neil book pages 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15.

Parents were John Shuel and Mary Langford. They had large family.

Brothers and sisters:

Edward "Ned" Shuel - SEE PAGE 5, lived in the U.S.A. Three daughters.

Margaret Shuel - Mrs. Margaret Rill.

Annie Shuel - Mrs. Annie Hannah.

Ellie Shuel

Johnny Shuel - deaf - married to a Miss Todd from Todd Lane, Sandwich East.

George Shuel - never married. SEE PAGE 5.

Anthony Shuel - died 1894. married Jane Shuel, his cousin. SEE PAGES 5 AND 15.

William Shuel - never married. SEE PAGE 5.

Eliza Shuel - SEE PAGE 6.

Anne "Nancy" Shuel - married Alexander O'Neil². SEE PAGES 5, 12, 15.

NOTE: SEE O'NEIL FAMILY HISTORY INDEX FOR MORE SHUEL FAMILY MEMBERS.

VOLLANS FAMILY

See O'Neil book pages 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 23.

See Quick book pages 191, 455, 468.

See COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, COUNTY OF ESSEX, PAGES 194, 452.

See THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH, PAGES

George Vollans and his wife came to Sandwich, Ontario, from Yorkshire, England as early as 1835. The trip took 14 weeks on a vessel. They landed at New York, then went to Sandusky, Ohio and a short time later to Sandwich, Ontario. They were among the founders of the 1st English church in Sandwich.

Pioneers who farmed on the road now called Howard, near the present day St. Stephens Church. George Vollans married Miriam Page, who had been a governess in England before her marriage, which took place in Yorkshire, England. She was the daughter of Edmund Page.

George Vollans and Miriam (Page) Vollans were the parents of 11 children. Six boys, and five girls.

1. Thomas Vollans, b 1829, came to this county in 1838. A custom and merchant miller of Windsor. He also owned 200 acres of Lot 2, Conc 6, Sandwich West worth \$8,000. He was born in Ontario in 1829. Came to Essex County in 1838. Had a mill on the Mill Rd. (The first road past St. Stephen's Church on Howard Avenue).

REF: 1880-81 HISTORICAL ATLAS OF ESSEX AND KENT COUNTIES, COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, COUNTY OF ESSEX, PAGES 452-3, also See page 6 of the O'Neil Family History.

2. William Vollans, deceased farmer of Sandwich.

3. Edward Vollans, b U.S. 1833. Lived in Essex County since 1837. Hotel proprietor. Owned 33 acres of Lot 5, Conc. 5, Sandwich East. Deceased farmer of Sandwich.

REF: 1880-81 HISTORICAL ATLAS OF ESSEX AND KENT COUNTIES.

4. Mary A. Vollans, married to John Gunn. John a deceased farmer of Sandwich West.

5. Isaac Vollans, born Essex County 1840. A farmer of Sandwich West. Owned part of Lots 5 and 8, Conc 3 and 1. 116 1/2 acres valued at \$5,000. P. O. Windsor.

REF: 1880-81 HISTORICAL ATLAS OF ESSEX AND KENT COUNTIES.

6. Hannah Vollans, married George Gray of Sandwich.

7. Barbara Vollans, married Alexander O'Neil³ of Sandwich South, and had a family of 10 children. See pages 7, 13, 15 of the O'Neil Family History.

8. Jane Vollans, married James Holden of Sandwich South and had a family of 6 children.

9. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Vollans, married John D. O'Neil of Sandwich South. Son of Alexander O'Neil² and Anne Shuel. See page 13 of the O'Neil Family History. Six children.

Milton O'Neil - died 26 Sept. 1960. Married. Several children.

Leslie O'Neil - b 1881, never married.

Laura M. O'Neil born about 1879 died at 40 in 1927, was a Nurse.

Irene O'Neil, d.y.

Amy O'Neil - born 1875 married Elliott (). She died before 1950. Four children.

Minnie O'Neil - born 1875 married a Mr. Cluff.

10. Robert Vollans, unmarried.

11. Samuel Vollans b 26 July 1846 married Mary A. Herdman. She was born March 1849, daughter of Robert Herdman and Emma (). Samuel farmed Lot 2, Conc. 6, Sandwich West. See page 6 of the O'Neil Family History. They had a daughter.

Rose Vollans. According to page 80-81 of the book The Township of Sandwich South, Rose Vollans, the mother of Mildred O'Neil who resided in Sandwich South on Walker Road.

Other Vollans Family mentioned in references:

O'Neil Family History

page 5 Charles Vollans married Maud Shuel.

page 5 George Vollans married Fanny Shuel.

page 14 Minnie Vollans married Albert O'Neil.

Holden Family History

Ernest Holden, son of Charles Holden, married Rose Vollans

WEBSTER FAMILY

- REF: 1. MARY GILMOUR'S PAPER HOW THE HOLDEN/O'NEIL FAMILY SEES ITSELF.
2. THE O'NEIL FAMILY HISTORY.

Thomas Webster b 1814 Yorkshire, England near Leeds. He died 1874. To Canada 1848. He married Martha Cliff 1819-1901, who was born Yorkshire, England. They settled in Victoria Co., near Lindsey, first at Woodville, and later at Glenarm (closer to Fenelon Falls.) Children:

John Webster, miller, 1850-1942 born Woodville, Ontario. Married to Mary J. Neil 1850-1914. SEE PAGES 6, 7 AND 23 Five children of their own and 1 foster son.

Lottie Webster died young.

George Webster died young.

Florence Irene Webster b 1886 married Jan. 1906 to Lionel O'Neil.

Garnet Wolsley Webster b 1881-1942 married Millie O'Neil.

Glenn Thomas Webster b 1889 married Irene Holden in 1914.

Mary Janette Webster b 1915 married Joe Mensel.

Marilee Mensel married Joey McLaren. One daughter.

Debbie McLaren

Bobby Mensel b [REDACTED]

Paul Mensel b [REDACTED]

Janie Mensel b [REDACTED] twin.

Johnny Mensel b [REDACTED] twin.

Maxwell John Webster b 1918. Married Fay (). 4 children.

Brian Webster

Billy Webster

Tommy Webster adopted

Wendy Webster adopted.

Shirley Webster b 1922 married Don Hedley. Three children.

Jim Hedley b [REDACTED].

Patricia Hedley b [REDACTED].

Charles Hedley b [REDACTED].

Neil Webster b 1924 married Freda Greenwood, R.N. 4 children.

Garnet Webster b [REDACTED].

Joey Webster

Lisa Webster

Peter Webster

Glenna Webster b 1926 married Stan Campbell. 4 children

Janice Campbell

Susan Campbell

John Campbell

Scott Campbell

Garnet Webster b 1928 d 1951. Married Donna Herries, R.N. One dau Donna married 2nd to Dr. Murray O'Neil.

Norman McFadden (foster son).

Sarah Webster 1842-c1900 b in England married William Bonnie. 6 children.

Ruth Bonnie

Grace Bonnie

Clara Bonnie

Melissa Bonnie

Maggie Bonnie

John Bonnie

Margaret Webster b 1844 d 1930 b in England, married 1 - William Jewell, and 2nd to Mr Bond. No children.

Richard Webster b 1846 d 1941 born in England married Mary Thom. 6 children

John Webster, b 1877 married Fanny (). 6 children.

Alex Webster

Fred Webster

Victor Webster

Sarah Webster

Beth Webster

one we can't recall.

Robert Webster b 1879 lives in Elbow, Sask. He married and had family

Frances Webster died of T.B. age 21.

George Webster died young in Alberta.

Wesley Webster born 1886. Married 1 - Stella () 5 children. Married 2 - a son.

Percy Webster

Mary Webster, married Veterinary Surgeon named Dr. Naylor.

Garnet Webster

Glenn Webster

Lee Webster, works Fords.

Ruby Irene Webster.

William Webster born 1848 d 1939 born in Canada. Married Libbie (). Two children.

Frank Webster, married Annie () she was related to the Brocks. Two children.

Bernice Webster married to Hilliard Perrin. One dau.

Barbara Webster.

Ellsworth Webster married to Kathleen Kelly. One dau.

Frances Webster.

Edna Webster married Joe Jewell. One son.

Claude Jewell married to Ila (). Two sons.

Robert Jewell.

Ronnie Jewell.

Ruth Webster 1852-1943 born in Canada. Married Edwin Glaspell. Three children.

Hugh Glaspell. Married and two daughters. Lived Saskatchewan.

George Glaspell, deceased, never married.

Wilson Glaspell. lives in Galt. One son.

Oliver Glaspell. Married and a daughter.

daughter Glaspell.

Grace Webster 1854-d 1916 born in Canada. Married Mr. Gillis. Live in Saskatchewan. 7 children.

Eva Gillis.

Roy Gillis.

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O'NEIL

The O'Neil family is descended from Milesius, King of Spain, through the line his son Heremon. The founder of the family was Eogan, ancestor of the Northern Nials, son of Neal of the Nine Hostages, King of Ireland, A.D. 379. The ancient name was Nial, and signifies "Champion". The surname was taken from Niall Glenduff (Black Kneel), King of Ireland A.D. 946, who was slain in a great battle A.D. 919, with the Danes in the vicinity of Dublin.

The titles of the chiefs of this line were Prince of Tyrone, Olanneboy and Eogan, King of Ulster and Lord of Aghort, and their possessions embraced the present County of Tyrone.

The O'Neils of Thomond were also of the Northern stock. They went south in the tenth century to assist in expelling the Danish invaders, and some of them settled in the Counties of Clare, Cork and Tipperary, where their descendants are numerous to-day.

The O'Neils were famous for their kings, chieftains and warriors. Nial met the Roman forces in Britain and Gaul successfully. It was from one of his warlike expeditions into Gaul that he brought to Ireland the baptised youth, who afterwards became Ireland's Apostle - Saint Patrick.

Those of the descendants of Nial who settled in Ulster, the Northern Nialls, whose branches supplied many Ard-Righs, or Monarchs, to Ireland. From the time of Nial to that of Brian Boru, embracing a little more than five and a half centuries, thirty-six O'Neils sat on the thrones of Ireland's kings. The possessions of the Northern branch were known as Tír-Owen, or the land of Owen from Eogan, their ancestor, son of Nial.

The above was copied off of a Coat-of-Arms in the possession of Mrs. Harry O'Neil, and she had to return it to Mrs. Lionel O'Neil to whom it belonged.

Jim: I talked to my Mom & she said
that your great-grandfather & her grandfather
were brothers.

O'NEIL

ALEXANDER O'NEIL SR. - passed his life in Ireland. He married and had six children: William, John, Edward, Jane, James, and Alexander 1st.

William - 1780 - 1860, married Mary Charley who died in 1863. They had a son:

KERRY COUNTY IRELAND
William - 1818 - 1912 - married Ellen West and had eight children:

1864-1931 → Susan - married John Hyland 1858-1900

Mary - married John Huggard *NATIVE OF IRELAND DIED DEC 9, 1853 AGE 57*

John W. - married Jane McGoldrick. They had three boys and one girl.

Charlie - married May Clark. They had two girls:

Patricia

Sheila

James - married Edith Quinn

William - married Ammie Parkin. They had a son:

Dennis (M.D.)

Nora (Sis) - married Joe Bromley. They had two children:

Eileen - 1916

John Neil - 1914-1918

William - married Lizzie Peavers

Kate - married William Peavers

James - born 1857 married Ammie Huggard

Ellen - married Alex Thompson. They had two daughters:

Nellie

Irene

Sarah - married Ben Carter.

John - stayed in Ireland and married Louisa White.

Edward - stayed in Ireland and married Joan Dunn.

*** (Note: John and Edward while in Ireland went under the name of O'Neil, but when they came to Canada in 1840, during the Potato Famine, they went under the name Neil so they could get their mail easier.) *These dates don't make sense*

SHUELS
Jane - married Walter Shuel. *(She was born 1852 and died 1940. St. Stephens Cemetery)*
 1799-1874 Walter died in 1840. They had eight children:

Edward -

Walter - married Elizabeth Taylor (Jan 28, 1897 (53 yrs))

Alexander - married three times - 1 - Dorcia McKee. They had no family.

B. 1830 D. OCT 17, 1918 (87 yrs) 2 -

3 -

John - married Sarah Thompson. They had seven children:

Robert, William, Jessie, Mimmie, Sadie, Susie, and Violet.

Jane - married Anthony Shuel (a brother of Miss Shuel who married Alexander O'Neil)

They had three children: John William, Alfred, and Alexander James.

Shuels
 1831 James - died unmarried - January 13, 1908 - 76 years 9 mos. St. Stephens Cemetery

Richard - married Ellen White (daughter of Peter White and Matilda Gore). They

1834-1918 six children: 1846-1909

PRIVATE IN
 19 BATT'N CEF
 DEC 8/58? + 70

Alwyn - 1869-1944 - buried in St. Stephens Cemetery.
 1879-1947 Herbert E. MARR. LOUISE A. 1884-1944
 1872-1942 Maud M. married Charles Vollans, 1870-1938
 Fanny - married George Vollans, 1883-1959 Marr. FRANCIS E. (FANNY) 1882-1964
 Lena - never married 1877-1967
 William married Jane Giles. They stayed in Ireland and had their family of

six children:
 James,
 William,
 Minnie married John O'Neil
 Anne married John West,
 Elizabeth - in Ireland
 Cora in Ireland.

Shuel
 1840-1928

Robert - married Sarah Jones. They had four children:
 1896-1982 Banford - married Elsie O'Neil - HAD 2 KIDS - DAUGHTER KATHLEEN ANNE
 Robert E. married Ally Leasborough - Robert is buried in Windsor Grove Cemetery, born 1840 died 1981
 (Note: - John R. Shuel is in possession of two letters from Cahirciveen, April 2, 1854 written by Milly Shuel in Ireland to Jane Shuel.)

MARRIED
WILLIAM ERNEST
THURSTON +
had children
- she died in
a fire
HAD ONE CHILD

John R. - married Florence O'Neil. 1889-1981 (Buried Next to John R. + Florence is)
 1891-1977 (Note: - John R. Shuel is in possession of two letters from Warren St. died Sept 26, 1936 11 yrs 19 days)

Erin O. married Russel Pettypiece 1897-1973 (had kids)
 1900-1978

James - died 1894 - married Eliza Shuel, born 1858 died 1922. They had three children:

Mary J. O'Neil - married John Webster. They had three children: or 5 kids see Lottie & George
 Garnet - married Millie O'Neil. They had no children.

Glen - married Irene Holden. (daughter of Willard and June). We bought our wagon wheels from Glen in 1960.) They had six children:

Max - B. 1928-1951
 Garnet W. His widow married Dr. O'Neil in Essex.
 Neil -

Mary - married Joe Mencil. - WAS IN WWII, LATER TAUGHT AT PATTERSON HIGH SCHOOL
 Shirley -
 Glenna -

1890-1985 Irene - married Lionel O'Neil. They had four children:

Kathleen -
 Helen - M. J. Holden - (1 DAUGHTER MARY)
 Marion - TAUGHT SCHOOL
 Patricia - (WIDOWED MARY)

William J. O'Neil - married Eddie Holden. They had three children:
 born 1861 died 1937 buried in St. Stephens.

1894-1951 Gertrude E. married Fred O'Neil - No children 1877-1932 they were 2nd cousins

Edna Viola F. - married Thomas Libby. born 1874 and died 1946, buried at St. Stephens.
 1889-1967 They had a son: 1948?

Neil Libby (Asst. at All Saints Church) also St. Leonard's House

Clifford - married Isabel Black. They had four children:

2 Gerald -
 3 William -

4 Grace - married Mr. Redden of Windsor (RED HAWK)

5 Clyde - married Mildred Holden. They had two children:
 Russell - 1903-1968

3 John J. married Lizzy 1858-1922 seven children
 Eda (Clark) Maud (Denny) Florence (the Black) Arthur (3 sons)
 2 h. 19 4 2 1 son 1-2 sons

Neil O'Neil

39 yrs NOV 19 RESIDED IN SANDWICH S.

Edward J. O'Neil married Alice Holden 1864-1903. Edward was born 1855 and died October 10, 1919. He was Warden of Essex in 1908. He and Alice had six children:

Justus - married Mamie O'Neil. They had three children:
Avis *died at 16 yrs* → *she was his 2nd cousin*
Edward - *2 yrs*

Fredrick *d age 42* 1894-1974 OF OLDCASTLE

Roy married Laura Tice. They had three children. Roy was born in 1890.

Murray R. - 1927 (M.D.) *1915*

Marjorie Alice - 1928 *1914*

Ejay Roy - 1930

→ Married Peter Jeffery Wright in St. Stephen's Church Dec 24, 1942

L. VESON - GR. MARAS

(In 1916 Roy went to Ireland and slept in the bed that his grandfather was born in.)

Wilfred - born 1895 - married Harriet Sparks. They had two sons:

Wilfred L. - 1926

Edward James - 1935

Janet - (Nettie) - born 1888 died 1959 *St. Stephens*

Cordelia - married George Barber. They had two sons. They live in St. Petersburg, Florida.

George - 1924

Justus - 1925

Valetta - born 1892 died 1934. *St. Stephens*

Alexander 1st - born in 1786, County Kerry, Ireland, a Roman Catholic, married Margaret Hullivan, born 1792, County Kerry, Ireland, also a Roman Catholic. In 1822 with his wife and two children (Alex and Mary) came to Canada. The trip on the ice took nine weeks. His first settlement was on the Talbot Road, in Sandwich, on land given by Col. Talbot, by the English Government, but he later purchased land east of his first settlement and here he made a permanent home. There his wife died in 1873 his death took place on October 17, 1881. Both were among the earliest and most faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church in this locality. They are buried in Assumption Cemetery, Windsor. We found their graves there in 1960. They had eight children: Mary, Jane, Catherine, John, Margaret, William James and Alexander 2nd.

Mary - born in Ireland, married Eugene Owen Sullivan of Minneapolis Minnesota.

Jane - born 1828 in Essex Co. married Daniel Flynn of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Catherine - born 1831, married John McCarthy of South Dakota, where she died leaving children.

John - born 1833, died in young manhood in Sandwich South.

Margaret - born 1836, married Patriok Lavin of Sandwich South, and they have a family of children.

William - born 1840, married Isabella Maloy of Port Huron and they settled for some years in Sandwich and then moved to South Dakota. Some years later they went to Michigan where they now reside.

James - born Feb. 1826, married October 1869 to Mary J. O'Neil born July 1845. She was born in July 1845 in New Brunswick, and was but a child when brought by her parents to Canada, where she was reared and educated. James O'Neil, a much respected farmer of the County of Essex, resided on his farm on the north Talbot Road in Sandwich South. He grew to manhood on the old homestead, engaging in the various occupations of an agricultural life. After their marriage, our subject and wife set on the present home, which was then but wild land. The patience, energy and industry required to clear a farm and to bring to it a fine state of cultivation, can only be appreciated by one who, like Mr. O'Neil, has accomplished it. He now owns one of the

*How many
sons of
Alex O'Neil
Assumption
Record
Oct 8-1980
down age 89*

Hunter

1966

est-class farms of the township, and he erected here all the commodious and substantial buildings. This farm stands for years of industry, and reflects credit upon its owner. Mr. O'Neil has always led the life of a farmer, and has lived to reap generous rewards. He is much esteemed in his locality by all who know him, his kindly disposition and exemplary life commanding respect. Mr. O'Neil politically has always been identified with the Conservative Party. Religiously he is a devoted member of the Roman Catholic Church in which faith he has reared a most estimable family. Family of nine children were born to James and his wife Mary as follows:

- Alexander - born July 1870
- John - born 1872
- Coru - born 1874
- James - born 1876
- Maggie - born 1879
- Charles - born 1881
- Richard -
- William -
- Herbert - born 1889

IRELAND

Alexander O'Neil 2nd - was born in 1818 and died April 5, 1891 at the age of 70. He settled for a time on the old homestead, where his parents lived, but later moved to a farm which he purchased on Talbot Road, Sandwich South, where he lived until the time of his death. He married Ann Shuel, born in 1821 in Ireland. Alexander is buried in Windsor Grove Cemetery near the Shuel Plot. Alexander and Ann had nine children: James, Mary, Margaret, John, William S., Edward S., Albert, Herbert, and Alexander 3rd.

all R.C.

- James - married Nellie Brazil. They had twelve children:
 - Ray - married Sabine Hunt - 8 children R.C.
 - Joe - d. young
 - Annie
 - Florence
 - Jessie and Henry (twins)
 - Gilbert Bernard, married Florence daughter of John J. O'Neil
 - Alexander
 - Elozo
 - Mary
 - Kitty

- 1844 Mary died at 29 and is buried beside her father in Windsor Grove Cemetery.
- Margaret - married but had no children. married Charles died St Louis
- John - married Lizzie Vollans. They had six children.
 - Milton - died September 26, 1960
 - Leslie - never married
 - Laura H. - died at 40 in 1927 - she was a nurse.
 - Irene - died young.
 - Amy - married Elliott. 4 children
 - Minnie - married a Mr. Cluff. 5 children lived near Goderich



1918?
William S. - born 1854 died 1919 married Beatrice Whiteside, born 1859
They had eleven children:
Erlan - married Eleanor Irene and they had
1879-1947 Eleanor,
Harold, - died 1970
Louise
John Warren - died war 1939-45

Lily,
Mabel, died JAN 21/22 1968.
Warren - born 1885 died 1950 buried in St. Stephens Cemetery.
Louise,
Florence - married John R. Shuel
Edna
Norman R. - Pte War 1914-1918 buried in St. Stephens Cemetery
Alice, B. 1895-1985
Reginald W. Pte War 1914-1918 buried in St. Stephens Cemetery
Walter - MAR 9 - 1903
Married Freda M. Sept 4, 1910 - NOV 6, 1990

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Edward S. - born 1856 and died 1938 buried in St. Stephens. Married an
two children:

1896-1982

Clarence E. - 1884 to 1932 buried in St. Stephens
Elsie - married Sanford Shuel, LIVED ON GROVE
1879-1917 2 CHILDREN - KATHLEEN, DIED IN ARIAS LEFT A
FAMILY
Albert - born in 1868 and died July 4, 1904 married Mimie Vollans, born
March 8, 1873 and died April 10, 1936. They had five children

died age 36

Hazel F. - 1892-1984 LONDONBOROUGH 1885-1965
1890-1963 May - married Edward Lonsborough
Garnet W. married Josephine Cookworth, Son David
Percival R. born 1896 and died 1948
Wallace L. - married Marguerite.

(Albert, Mimie and Percival are buried in Windsor Grove Cemetery)

NOTE: **Mimie** - married a Mr. Lossing after Albert's death.

Herbert - married **Jessie Herdman** born 1872 died 1957 buried in St. Stephens
They had five children:

LIVED IN A
STORE FRONT
ON THE RIVER.

One - 2 Sons: 1 y. State
Lorna - married a 2nd time to a Mr. Varnott, died age 55
Roland - 1 daughter - Detroit - died
Blanche - Crown
Albert - no children d. Oct. 1961

MOM'S
PAULINE
KEN
VERA

Alexander 3rd - was born November 9, 1844 and died July 11, 1919. In 18
married **Barbara Vollans**, born March 1847 died 1922. Al
was a well known farmer and stock dealer of Sandwich South, South Talbot Road, Cou
Essex, and was the son of Alexander O'Neil and Ann Shuel. - Alexander remained on t
homestead farm, and in 1868 was married. Barbara was educated in the local school
instructed in housewifely accomplishments by a careful and competent mother. After
marriage, they settled on their present farm. His farm at that time was but a tra
wild land of 360 acres and included the original tract. and also an additional 250
which he purchased at a later date. In viewing the fine state of cultivation whic
the land displays, and the comfortable appropriate and substantial buildings and
improvements, it seems almost impossible that so few years ago this was but a wild

daughter
of George
+ William Vollans
an old Pioneer
Family of
Sandwich
(Engish)

It shows conclusively what may be accomplished by the industry and energy of an enterprising man. He has not confined himself to the cultivation of his land, but has been so extensively engaged in the buying and selling of cattle, and also in butchering the Windsor and Sandwich Markets. He has also dealt in lumber to a large extent, and has been interested in a sawmill business and in other enterprises. Mr. O'Neil leads a very busy life, and is a very prominent man in his locality. A family of ten children he has fathered and they are among the leading and representative citizens of the township, reflecting credit upon the locality and their parentage.

Politically, Mr. O'Neil has always voted with the old Conservative Party and has been called upon to serve his fellow citizens in a number of local offices. He served one year as assessor and sixteen years as trustee, treasurer and secretary of the school board. Religiously, he is a member of the Church of England. He is a Master Mason of Lodge No. 47, a fraternity of which he has been a member for 38 years. He also belongs to the Maccabees of Windsor.

Mr. O'Neil stands as one of the most substantial citizens of this township, although he began life with limited resources. His intelligent interest in the advancement of the agricultural interests of the township have been continual and all progressive movements have found in him a helper when they promised to be of practical benefit. His careful husbandry and his intelligent handling of cattle have been examples to this locality, and many of his methods of farming, have been successfully adopted and followed by others. Although immersed in business, Mr. O'Neil finds time for recreation also, taking a month every autumn to indulge in his love of sport in the Rocky Mountains. Many trophies of his skill adorn his handsome residence in Sandwich South, while gifts to his friends have been numerous.

Barwell has Alexander O'Neil 3rd's Masonic Scroll. Mrs. Smith gave it to him in

To Alexander O'Neil and Barbara Vollans were born the following: George, Frank, Harry, Maggie, Fred, Lionel, Millie, Marnie, Eugene and Elmar.

① **George** - born January 9, 1869 died June 1939 married Ada Grace Webb, born 1885 died 1943. They had seven children of their own and adopted one. Beatrice Muriel, Mildred Ruth, Roxy Mabel, Carl Alexander, Ella Naomi, Wilbert Gerald, Gladys Alma, Robert Arthur McDonald.

① **Beatrice Muriel** - born 1903 married Robert Alexander Smith, born 1893. They were married in 1926 in December at St. Mary's Church in Walkerville. They had five children: -

Barbara Jean - married William Haddow in 1951. She was born November 17, 1927. They have five children:

Janet - [redacted]
David - [redacted]
Robert - [redacted]
Bruce - [redacted]
Anne Elizabeth - [redacted]
Amy - [redacted]

Robert Neil - born Nov. 8, 1929 married Aug. 15, 1964 to Ruth Ann Comstead. She had two boys by previous marriage aged 7 and 9. They live in California. divorced. 1964 (NEVER REMARRIED)
LIVES GARDEN GROVE, CAL.

Ten SMITHS
Children by Grandson
Barb Haddow
MED

8.
Smith
John Paul Alexander - born April 30, 1935 married Fran
Johanna Verhoevan July 4, 1959. and
three children and live in St. Louis

William Anthony John - [redacted]

Carlene - [redacted]

Paula - [redacted] (*Moved to Mich*)

Smith
Christopher Robert George - born December 20, 1936. Mar-
Patricia May Taylor, March 29, 1958. Kit was in a p
"Prince and the Swineherd" while attending King Edward
School. He attended Walkerville Collegiate for grad
9, 10 and 11 and quit school at 16 to join the R.C.A.
After serving three years he was released in Nov. 19
and met his future wife at a Christmas Eve Party 195
In May 1957, he went to seek his fortune in California
but left for home the next day. November 2, 1957 be
engaged on the corner of Erie Street and Ouellette A
in a 1950 Austin. December 24, 1957 set wedding dat
having future wedding attendants over for champagne.
March 29, 1958 were married in Paulin Memorial Presb
Church by Rev. Harry Nobles. July 2, 1959 bought ho
3780 Blackburn Court. Were both members of Sandwich
United Church. Bhtia is employed by Michigan Mortgage
Assistant Secretary, and is head of the Delinquent D
which collects overdue payments. Kit and Pat moved
Detroit, Michigan October 10, 1964 and are buying th
present home at 15365 Asbury Park. They have th
children:

Mark Robert - born [redacted]

Brian William - born [redacted]

Kathryn Ann - born [redacted]

Smith
David Francis - born Dec. 29, 1938 married Sherry Taylor,
1960. They have two children:

Robert Alexander (Robbie) born [redacted]

Robin Michele - born [redacted]

Twins B 1970

See
Smith
Mildred Ruth - Married William Martin of Chatham September 1957.
They had one daughter.

Sheila - born [redacted] M. Wm. Figgis

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Roxy Mabel - unmarried.

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Carl Alexander - born 1909 - married Beulah Fitch. They had fo
Alexander, Michael Patrick, Nancy, and Kenneth. Kenneth
married and has two girls and 1 boy.

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Ella Naomi - married Alexander Popeliski. They had no family.

ELLA - D. 1963

9
Wilbert Gerald - married Sadie. They had two children. Sadie died while the children were quite small.

D. Nov. 1974

Margaret - works at Hiram Walkers.

Georgie - being raised by his uncle in Welland, Ontario., Robert.

Gladys Alma - born April 1919, in the summer of 1937 married Chester Clark. They had four children: Vern, Penny, Wendy, and Roxy. Gladys remarried a Mr. Welch.

Penny married a Mr. Westman and lives in Florida. They have two children:

Steve - born [redacted] - 1930

Scott - born [redacted]

SEAN

Robert Arthur McDonald (adopted) married Elsie Hunter. They have three children, and are also raising Wilbert's son Georgie.

Gregory - IN CAN. ARMY

Garyl

Roberta (Bobbie) - M. 1974

GEORGIE (mentioned above). George - M. 1974

Frank - born 1870 - died 1937 married Bortha Church. 1875-1969 of Sandwich LIVED ON OLINTON DIED

Greta married Fred Harris. - 3 Sons

Dorothy unmarried. DENTAC ASSISTANT, DIED

Agnes married Douglas Ellis. - 1 Son

Hugh James married Ruby Emmerson of Wheatley. - 2 Sons

Norma married Ted Thompson. - 1 Son

William D. - died young

Harry - born 1873 died 1956 married Eunice Ore. 1882-1969 lived in Paquette They had seven children:

Douglas - born 1909 married Isobel Pigeon of Kingsville.

Bruce - born 1910 - 1916 Unmarried. DIED

Harold A. - born 1913 died 1949.

Ray - born 1919, married Virginia from Kentucky. Live in Mich.

William - born 1923, married Elva Allen. They adopted a baby [redacted]

Florence - born 1920, married Hugh Rae.

Barbara - born 1926, married William Burton. They have two children.

Timmy - born [redacted]

Susan - born 1955 - died 1974 (car accident)

Maggie - born Jan. 27, 1875 died January 8, 1940 married Henry Banwell. JAN 6 1875 - FEB 8 1945

They had seven children:

Erle J. married Isobel Stuartson. They had a son Stuart.

Stuart Banwell married Judy Gaunt. They had three children:

Mark L.

Trudy

Tracey Lynne - died Nov. 8, 1963 at three months.

Louis - married Dorothy Scheff. They have two sons:

Frank

Larry

Who is Barbara A. Banwell ? 1951 - 85
Married Wayne
B. 1949

Lyle - married Ruth Croft. They have three daughters.

Lyle was born 1910 and died 1961.

Janet - married William G. Jackson. They have twin girls
Jill

Joy
Joan ^{Robert} married Mr. A Crozier
Wendy ^{Bruce} married Mr. Pratt - 2 girls

Herbert - married Hazel Jessop. They have three girls:

Margaret - *died on Egl St Windsor*
Mary Lou -
Susan -

Jean - married George Nantau, Buffalo, N.Y. They have two girls

Jean is in Phoenix, Ariz. for health.

Edith Jean - married Mr. Rash

Nancy -

Marjorie V married David Mitchell. They had two children.

Marjorie was born 1915 and died 1965.

Paul - married he is PRES of Johnson + Johnston in Guelph
Barbara - *NOT married*
2 girls MEGAN MARILEE
1 boy DAVID

Mary - married Garnet Queon. They had three sons:

B. 1943 → Gay - *(SVD)* DIED FEB 1976 age 33
Douglas MURRY
Ejay - *still*

5 Fred - born 1878 died 1932. Married Gertrude O'Neil (his second cousin)
Gertrude was born 1884 and died 1951. *no children*

6 Lionel - born 1880, married Irene Webster (his second cousin). They
four children:

Kathleen - married Garfield Downing, who died Sept. 1960. They
B 1906-1961 one daughter.

Barbara -

Helen - married James Holden. They have one daughter.

Mary -

Marion - unmarried teaches school in Windsor.

Patricia - married and has one child. She lives in Hamilton.

7 Mildred *red hair* - born 1881, married Garnet Webster (her second cousin). *10*
7 spoons which belonged to Millie. They were given to her
she got married about 1907. When she gave up housekeeping
gave 11 to Kits mother who in turn, when she came from Calif
in 1962, gave me the spoons. I had them resilvered and they
better than new. Also Mrs. Smith gave me two spoons that
of her good set. Pat Smith.

8 Eugene - born 1884 died 1947 married May Little. They had three children.
Vern - LIVES NEAR BRAMPTON
Kenneth - married Helen McLerman. They have three children:

Pam -

Jimmie -

Laura Lynn -

They live at 2121 Lincoln Road. *WINDSOR*

Paulino -

1893-1967

Mamie

(Mary Ellen) born 1883, married Justus O'Neil (her second cousin). Justus was born 1886 and died 1964 age 78. They had three children. Justus died November 4, 1964.

Avis - died young age 11 1919-1930

1923-25 Edward - died young age 22

Fredrick - died age 44 1926-70

Mamie died age 81

Elmar

born Aug. 13, 1886 married Mabel Pettypiece. They had ~~four~~ FIVE children. They live at L 304 S. Talbot Rd. Sandwich South.

① Norman T. - married Barbara Joan Coates. They had two children:

Christopher -

Thomas ~~died young~~ (ST. STEPHEN'S SAND TRUCK BUS ACCIDENT)

② Francis - married Dennis Fauteau. They have three children and live in Riverside.

Ronald -

Gary -

Barbara -

③ Lenore - married Lyle Hogan and they have three children:

Rebecca -

Lived London C. INT. DIED:

Kay Ann -

ST STEPHEN

Judy -

④ Donna - married Milton Hartley. They had three children:

Randy -

Jill -

Janice -

Lived SANDWICH S. SOUTH S. TALBOT

⑤ ELMAR ALLAN 1930-1930 (DIED 2 WKS OLD)

NOV. 9, 1966

JAMES HOLDEN - RR - OCT 190

MARY HOLDEN GILMOUR b. [REDACTED]

JAMES ALBERT HOLDEN b. 1911

H • Edward Page Holden 1878-1951 C1
b. Sandwich South Twp
d. Windsor, buried St. Stephen's
Anglican, Liberal
Education, Grade 8
Eldest of family
H1 Brothers: Charlie C2
H2 Oscar C3
H3 Sisters: Barbara b 1879-Alive
H4 Maud
H5 Nettie b 1886- alive

Mary Esther Curtis 1877-1946
b. Sandwich South Twp
d. Windsor, buried St. Steph
Anglican, cms
Education, Grade 8
Eldest of family
Brother: James b. 1884 (alive
Sister: Nettie Ellen
1880-1962

16 James Holden m VT
1844-1910
Born in Indiana
6 brothers
3 sisters
Came to Sandwich 1860

Jane Vollans C4
1846-1930
6 brothers
4 sisters
born in Sandwich W.
township.

Albert Curtis m Ellen Mason C5
1853-1927 1856-1920
Parents of Albert Curtis and
Ellen Mason are unknown to
us, but may be able to trace
later.

18 Parents of above
James Holden were: Y27
James Holden
1804-1892
born Bolton, England
near Manchester;
worked in cotton mills;
came to Kentucky with V31
father; thence to
Indiana, where he farmed
from 1836-1860; then
to Sandwich; his father
was Joseph Holden, also
a cotton mill worker,
who stayed in Kentucky?
and there died;

19 Elizabeth Barr 1816-
1892; born Ayrshire,
Scotland; came to Delaware
in 1816 with parents; then
to Indiana, where she
married James Holden circa
1836 and had 10 children,
nine born in Indiana and
the tenth in 1860 after
they came to Sandwich.

Parents of above Jane Vollans:
George Vollans 1804-1894
born in Yorkshire, England,
and married there; came to
New York in 1835, thence to X
Sandusky and to Sandwich in
1838 (circa)
Miriam (or Mira) Page, date of
birth not known; died 1890;
born in Yorkshire, England;
married George Vollans as
above and had 11 children;
her father was Edmund Page,
who remained in England.

X Conflicts with
date on page 2;
2 different sources
& I don't know
which is correct

Common
ancestor
James &
Helen Holden

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O 1 Lionel O'Neil 1879-1956
 Born on the S. Talbot Road, Sandwich
 South Twp., in the house where Uncle
 Ar now lives.
 Passed High School Entrance exams at
 age 10 years, 4 mos.
 Anglican, Conservative, farmer.
 Brothers & sisters:

- 02 George 1869-1939
- 03 Frank 1871-1936
- 04 Harry 1873-1956
- 05 Maggie 1875-1940
- 06 Fred 1877-1931
- Lionel 1879 - 1956
- 07 Millie 1881 - 1951
- 08 Mamie 1883 - alive
- 09 Eugene 1885 - 1947
- 0-10 Elmar 1887 - alive

W1 Florence Irene Webster 1886
 Born in Windsor, family moved to
 farm on Walker Road, Sandwich South,
 where Uncle Glenn now lives in 1894.
 Passed High School Entrance, age 12
 Anglican, Liberal, Married Jan. 1906
 Brothers & Sisters:

- Lottie)Both died
- George)very young.
- W 2 Garnet 1881 -1942
- W 3 Glenn 1889 - alive
- Foster brother - Norman McFadden

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Alexander O'Neil 0-11 m 1843-1919 | Barbara V-4) Vollans 1847-1922 | John Webster W 4 m. 1850-1942 | Mary Neil N-1 1850-1914 |
| (See p. 611 of County of Essex) | 1847-1922 | Born Woodville, Victoria County, | (Note by H.H. This is my Grandmother, |
| Born in Sandwich South, | born in Sandich | near Lindsay; | who always called her- |
| lived there all life. | South; married | Came to Sandwich | self "Neil," but one |
| Baptized R.C., ended | at All Saints | South circa age | brother and all of her |
| Anglican; Conservative | Church, Windsor, | 22; miller; born | nephews called them- |
| farmer, cattle dealer | Feb. 27, 1868. | Methodist; died | selves "O'Neil". Her |
| 7 brothers | 10 children, | Anglican; born | father was not a |
| 2 sisters | see above. | Conservative; | relative of my Grand- |
| Parents: | 6 brothers | became Liberal; | father Alexander O'Neil |
| Alexander O'Neil 0-12 | 4 sisters, (see | 2 brothers | so far as they knew.) |
| Ann Shuel | page 1, VI, | 4 sisters | born in Sandwich S. |
| both born in Ireland | Jane Vollans,) a sister. | Parents: | Mother died when she |
| | Parents: | Thomas Webster | was about 6. |
| | George Vollans | 1814-1874 circa | 3 brothers |
| | 1804-1894 | Martha Cliff | Parents: |
| | Miriam Page | 1819-1901 | James Neil |
| | d. 1890 | both born in | Eliza Shuel (sister of |
| | Both born in | Yorkshire, Eng. | Ann Shuel, see first |
| | Yorkshire, | Came to Canada | column this page) |
| | came to Canada | 1848 | both born in Ireland |
| | X 1829, to Sandwich | | |
| | South Twp 1838 | | |

Note: The parents of Ann Shuel column 1 (born 1821 in Ireland) and
 Liza Shuel (born in Ireland) were John and Mary Shuel,
 who came to Canada when these girls were very young; They
 are the common ancestors of Lionel and Irene O'Neil, grandparents
 of Mary Gilmour.

H-o Edward Page Holden 1878-1951, grandfather of Mary Gilmour
p. 1

Born in Sandwich South Twp., on Howard Avenue near the present Dominion Golf Course.

Didn't go to school much because he was the eldest and had to work very hard on the farm.

Worked for his father until he married Mary Estner Curtis, Sept. 13, 1905, at St. Stephen's Church. Minister Rev. Hartley, have picture of him, also of the church--the old church, not the present one.

After marriage lived on and farmed his own farm, close to his father's farm. Also owned a threshing machine, powered by a steam engine; he threshed the grain crops of the whole district. (I don't think he liked farming. H.H.) Two children:

~~H-10, used~~ Marjorie Gladys, Oct. 21, 1906

~~H-11~~ James Albert, Oct. 13, 1911

Sold farm and moved to Windsor circa 1912. (Reason given to me was that it was too far for Marjorie to walk to school. H.H.)

Lived on Bruce Avenue (Mary, you should know the house.) Bought and operated a livery stable on Cartier Place, across street from present Armouries. Location is now a parking lot. Automobiles put him out of business and he sold the livery stable and became an inspector for the Windsor Board of Health 19 until he retired in 1946.

Moved to the Victoria Avenue house about 1929. Sold it c. 1946, after the death of his wife. Lived briefly at the Norton Palmer Hotel, and then until his death in a duplex with subject Mary Gilmour and her parents.

Very active Liberal--enjoyed politics and was well-informed. Anglican, active member of All Saints' Church, acted as warden.

Member of City Council

Active in Masonic Lodge

Belonged to the Windsor Lawn Bowling Club and the Essex County Automobile Club, both of which he enjoyed enormously.

He spent uncounted hours visiting people who were ill and he never failed to attend funerals, to "pay his respects."

His chief characteristic was his capacity for friendship

*Have pictures of threshing machine
livery stable.*

*and M. says NOT Gladys.
father registered her as
Margery J. and she
later adopted her in
honor of Gladys who was used by
H. Holden who did NOT
want J. at all, also
was spelling 1051084*

H-1 Charlie Holden (see p. 1)

added to: Aunt '97 16 1684

m. Marine Payette
children
Bernadine Stendike
Donald
Edward Oscar (dead)

H-2 Oscar Holden (see p. 1)

m. Mayorie Brown, a teacher.
Died in the flu epidemic 1919.
son William (Billy) is a university graduate
and has a son born the same day as
Mary Holden Helmore.
~~son Bruce~~
William m. Helen Youngson
son Bruce

Mary: Both these brothers of your Grandpa Holden
lived and worked in Andover both died a
long time ago, both married & had children.
I will fill them in later for you.

H-3 Barbara Holden 1879-living

Born in Sandwich South, on the home farm

Married Wesley Johnson (deceased circa) and lived in Windsor.

1 daughter Floris, b. married Fred Helkie of Essex and lives in Essex presently. Has 1 daughter, Barbara, about 24 years old.

1 son Winfred, chronic alcoholic, who died about 3 years ago. He was married at least once and had a daughter, Patricia. (?)

H-4 Maud Holden, deceased;

Born in Sandwich South on the home farm. Grade 8 education. The beauty of the family. We have her wedding picture and a copy of her hand-written wedding invitations.

Married Robert Libby, 1906, a farmer of Sandwich S.

1 son Kenneth b. c1909, living. Kenneth married Mary DeFields of Windsor. He graduated from Lowe Technical School

He has two daughter: Marilee, an R. N., about 28, married
Jane about 20, not married

You have picture & wedding invitation of Maud & husband

H-5 Nettie Holden 1886-living
Born in Sandwich South. Grade 8 education.
Married Frank Lounsborough, farmer of Sandwich South, where she
still lives. Frank Lounsborough deceased 1965.

1 son Roger, married Helen Reaume, no children.
Farmer.

H-6 James Holden 1844-1910 (see p. 1)

Born In Indiana, came to Sandwich in 1860 with his parents. It is generally understood that the Holdens wanted no part of the Civil War--they did not own slaves, settled in Indiana partly because it was not a slave state.

James would have been 16 when he arrived in Sandwich. His father, (see p.) although he had been a farmer in Indiana, engaged in the grocery business in Sandwich, and I do not know when James purchased his farm on Howard Avenue near Dominion Golf Course, but my guess is that it was well before he married. His farm was near the Vollans farm, and that is where he met Jane Vollans. Date of marriage not yet discovered but not later than 1877.

Mary, this will be one of the key characters in your study, I think. Your grandfather Holden talked about him to me a great deal, 40 years after his death, with veneration and awe. "My father always said and did so-and-so." To my own father he was "Uncle Jim Holden" and the tone was different. But both of them told this story: He loved horses and whisky. He certainly drank too much on occasion--not an alcoholic but a bat drinker and mean in his cups. He had a lovely team of horses which he was driving home from Windsor one night. He was very drunk and drove right in front of a train. The horses were killed and he wasn't hurt at all. He never took another drink.

His brothers and sisters were:

| | | | |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| H-10 | John b. 1837 | at Richmond, Indiana. | D. |
| H-11 | Thomas b. 1839 | " | d. |
| H-12 | Charles b. 1842 | " | d. 1880 |
| H-13 | Mary b. 1843 | " | d. |
| H-14 | James | see above | |
| H-14 | Newton b. 1845 | " | died unmarried |
| H-15 | William b. 1846 | " | " |
| H-16 | Jane b. 1848 | " | d. |
| H-17 | Janet b. 1851 | " | " |
| H-18 | Joseph b. 1860 | at Sandwich, Ontario | d. 1860 |

H-10 John Holden, born 1837 at Richmond Indiana, "where he grew to manhood and received a good common school education, one which fitted him for teaching, which profession he followed for three years, farming during the summers. In 1860 he married Miss Rhoda Cordelia Evans, who was born 1841 in the State of New York, daughter of Reuben Evans, of that State, where she was reared and educated. Prior to her marriage her people had removed to Indiana, and there she met and was married to John Holden." See p. 442, Essex County. In 1861 John and Rhoda Cordelia came to Canada and purchased land on the 6th Concession of Sandwich South, the Holden Road. This land was covered with wild brush and had to be cleared, which occupied John until 1893, when Mrs. Holden died and he divided the land among his sons. Meantime, he had bought the Ouellette farm on the South Talbot Road, and after the death of his first wife, he built a house on it. In 1895 he married Miss Betsey Taylor, born in Haywood, England, daughter of John Taylor, one of the pioneers of Sandwich South. See book for further details of career of John Holden. His children (all b. his first wife):

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| H-19 Willard, born in 1861 in Indiana | d. |
| H-20 Alice, born 1864 in Sandwich S. | d. |
| H-21 George, born 1866 " " | d. |
| H-22 Arthur, born 1868 " " | d. |
| H-23 Mary, born 1870 " " | d. |
| H-24 Bertha, born 1873 " " | d. |

Mary: At some point Mr. John Holden gave the farm on the South Talbot Road to his son George (H-21) and came to live in the little house where Red and Anna Wright now live. I remember him very well--he had a white beard and used to give me peppermints. Also, he grew sweet potatoes, which I loved; nobody else in the district seemed to be able to make them grow. He was highly respected and was always chairman at anything going on at St. Stephens Church. He had a fund of hoary old jokes for these occasions and everybody always laughed and asked him next time. His second wife was a real sharp-tongued old girl. One time when I was quite a small girl I was at Grandpa O'Neills house. (I am sure my parents were there, too, but I can't remember them) and she and John came over and gave Grandpa a gold watch. This was in gratitude for an incident which had taken place at least 40 years before. She lived with her invalid mother somewhere west of Grandpa's house--maybe close to the corner of what is now Howard Ave--where the Dicksons now live. Anyway, one day a tramp came along, and she had trouble getting rid of him; as night came on, she got more and more nervous. She went down to Grandpa's and he came back with her and fixed his gun across a couple of chairs, pointing at the door. He couldn't leave Grandma alone and this was the best thing he could think of. The tramp came back and Betsey fired the gun, but didn't hit him and he forced the door. Leaving her poor bed-ridden mother, she fled through the dark back to Grandpa's. When he got back with her, the tramp was gone--with his gun. This gold watch was to repay him for the loss of his gun.

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7th Con - Walker Rd } ?

H-11 Thomas Holden (from P. 7) b. 1839 at Richmond, Indiana. Married Sarah Stonecipher, of Wayne County, Indiana. They came to Sandwich South in 1860 or 1861 and bought a farm on the 7th Concession of Sandwich South. (Mary, you know this at Walker Road, and this farm was about half-way between the corner of the S. Talbot Road and Uncle Glenn's farm.) Their children:

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| H-25 Albert | b. | d. |
| H-26 Frank | b. | d. |
| H-27 Rosetta | b. | d. |
| H-28 Viola | b. | d. |

10th Con
Same as
Walker Rd

H-12 Charles b. 1842 at Richmond, Indiana. (From p. 7) Died 1880. Married Emma Taylor of Sandwich East, where they settled as farmers. Their children:

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| H-29 | Ida |
| H-30 | Annie |
| H-31 | Bertram |
| H-32 | Ernest |

H-13 Mary, born 1843 at Richmond, Indiana. Died. Married George W. Mason and lived in Detroit. Their family:

Clarence, Daniel, Ethel.

Mary: I am not giving numbers to these people, as they moved away, their name was "Mason" and I don't know a thing about them.

H.-14 Newton. Born 1845 at Richmond, Indiana, died unmarried.

H-15 William, born 1846 at Richmond, Indiana; married Jane Purvis, and they lived on Manitoulin Island, Ontario.

H-16 Jane, born 1848, In Richmond, Indiana. Married James Westaway of Windsor. Two children, Nettie and Charles. (Nettie married Vic Williamson, of Windsor, and they lived at one time in the duplex just south of our duplex on Victoria Avenue, Mary. They had a daughter, Betty, who is about 55 now and is a librarian over at the University of Windsor. They were always very friendly with your grandparents Holden,; Cousin Nettie just died a couple of years ago--she must have been at least 85. I once met Charlie but I do not know just what happened to him. H.H.)

Another thought by H.H.: I suspect that the above "Nettie" was really "Janet", named for the aunt about to follow.

Holden

H-16 Janet (p. 7) born 1848 in Richmond, Indiana. Married Robert Teakle, a contractor and builder in Detroit. (Mary: she was always known as "Aunt Nettie Teakle"). One daughter: Marjorie; (Mary: your Aunt Marjorie Murphy was named for this lady.) Also, your Great-Aunt Nettie Holden Lounsborough see p. 6 H-5, was named for Aunt Nettie Teakle.)

H-18 Joseph Holden. B. 1860 at Sandwich, Ontario; died 1895 unmarried.

Refer to Page 8, for the children of John Holden, now to be followed up in detail.

H.-19 Willard Holden, born 1861 in Indiana. d. 1924
Married Jane Thresher of Sandwich and lived on the Holden Road, where his youngest son still lives. Farmer. His children:

H-33 Newton (named for H-14 Newton). b. 1886-1955. Married Jessie Ettlinger (1881 and living) whom he met on a trip to Kansas. Farmed on the Holden Road; no children. (This man, who was always known as "Newt", was superintendent of the Sunday School at St. Stephen's for many years when I was a child and always played Santa Claus at the Xmas Concert. He delighted us by his frightful reading of names on gifts: e.g. "Pear Boos, for Pearl Boos." His wife still lives in a little house on the Holden Road and calls Bammy up every day. H.H.)

H-34 Herbert (b. 1885 - survives). Always known as "Herb". Married Lil Marshall. Farms in Colchester North. Three children: Roberta, b. circa 1920; suicide by swallowing weed poison when she was about 20. Willard b. 1915, who farms and lives next to his father. Married Eunice Vollans, daughter of George Vollans (see p.), no children. Ross, b. circa 1931, unmarried, lives at home, farms.

H-35 Harold. b. circa 1891 - survives. Married Lizzie Little and lived and farmed on the Holden Road until Lizzie died in 1962. Children:

Howard, b. 1918; married Verona Dunnet, farms his father's farm, 5 children.

Bertha

Bertha (named for H-24 Bertha, see p. 8) b. 1920, married Jim Hill, 2 children.

3 Virginia, b. 1922, is married, 1 child, is psychotic. (Mary: I had Virginia in my Sunday School class when she was about 4, and she was not normal then, although beautiful.

4 Ethel Jean, b. circa 1926, R.M., married. Both Bertha and Ethel Jean married men who belong to some off-beat religion, and both embraced it gerciously, although brought up as good Anglicans. Tsk. H.H.

Children of H-19 Willard Holden continued:

H-36 John b. 1894 d. 1964

Married Beatrice Fleming, who survives. Served overseas in 1914-18 war. Left Sandwich Southfor Windsor; sold real estate. Children: Robert (a teacher); John; Betty; Marilyn (divorced). ~~Maxine~~

H-37 Irene, b. 1890 survives.

Married Glen Webster, farmer, and still lives on old Webster farm. For their children see Websters, under Glen Webster.

H-38 Clara, who is living and is something past 65 years old. She married Lorne McKee, had one son, Keith. Divorced her husband years ago and lived and worked in Detroit.

H-39 Stanley, who is about 65 and still lives on and farms his father's farm. His first wife was Irma Vollans, who will appear later under Vollans, had two sons, Charles and Ronald. This was a shotgun marriage and probably not very successful. There are very few shotgun marriages in the Holdens. His second wife (Stella) is a very fine grade school teacher and a Catholic. Stan has joined the R.C. Church. He is not like all the others, you see. He is a natural newsgatherer and he embroiders the news with great glee and good humour. He is a smart efficient farmer. Do you remember him at the Liberal Convention where we elected Thompson leader of the Ontario Liberals? I ran into him outside the door of Nixon's headquarters, in one of those Indian hats and further decked out in everybody's campaign buttons, etc., and he was solemnly handing out a bunch of stuff he had picked up here and there, and of course he didn't know Nixon from a load of hay--just his natural love of gumming up the works. I enjoy him. He also loves to fill Aunt Irene (see above H-37) full of fantastic stories, which she always believes and repeats faithfully.

Again refer to Page 8, the children of John Holden. We have finished with H-19 Willard. We'll now consider H-20 Alice, b. 1864 in Sandwich South, right on the Holden Road.

H-20 Alice, married E. J. O'Neil. Name was Edward, really, and he was a "Neil", a brother of Bammy's mother. Bammy always calls him "Uncle Ned", but the rest of the world called him E.J. This is one of your key families, Mary, because one of the children was Uncle Justus, who married Aunt Mamie and the product was Frederick. I'll pick up these children under the Neils. Alice died of T.B. probably about 1903.

N.B. The children of Willard and Alice were all superior mentally to the neighborhood average. The children of Willard were all mentally stable, but not so the children of Alice. See later under Neil-O'Neil.

We are still working on the children of H-10 John, p. 8

H-21 George b. 1866 d. circa 1940. He was born on the Holden Road, but later took over his father's farm on the South Talbot Road--the present farm owned by Percy McKee, between Uncle Elmar's house and Howard Ave., on the opposite side of the road. (This family I know about because I spent many hours there as a child. H.H.) Married Laura Merrick, who came from Thunder Bay away up on Lake Superior and I do not know why she was visiting in Sandwich S., where George met her. They had 8 children:

H-36 Elsie 1896-1964. Lovely girl, pretty and intelligent. Trained for business and worked in Detroit, married Herbert Schreiber ? had three children: Leroy b. circa 1918,
 Danny
 Grace

Elsie was clever with her hands, marked artistic ability. This marriage was one of the few Holdens to end in divorce.

H-37 Clarice b. circa 1898, tiny like her father, somewhat waspish and sharp. Like Elsie she had dark eyes and blond hair. Married Lloyd Morrow. No children. She was also trained for business and probably still works at it, in Detroit.

H-38 Gladys, b. circa 1899. Pretty, slow mentally, good with her hands. Trained for business. Married Ross Riddell, a lawyer in Windsor, who has made pots of money this way and that. Two children: Robert, a doctor, who married Roma Butler of Detroit, probably the leading soprano of the city. Sings with the Detroit opera group who "help out" when the New York Metropolitan Opera comes to town for a week. Ross, who is not married and is a university graduate and a professional man but I don't remember what.

H-39 Amber b. 1904. She was my pal and in the same grade at school. A very slow student, since she was 6 years older. She was tiny and didn't look any older than I did. Blond hair, dark eyes, good artist, fair pianist. She was my dear pal and I loved her devotedly, but the last time I saw her she didn't remember me at all. She married Russell Layzell, had two children: Lynwood Rowe (named after a baseball pitcher with the Detroit Tigers!!) and Constance. She worked in Detroit, her husband was an American and she now lives in California. She is just one degree removed from being a mental incompetent, but was "just as happy as if she had good sense" (this is an O'Neilism) and did very well.

Children of George Holden H-21 p. 12 continued.

H-40 Gordon b. 1902, survives. As a child he was small, dark, shy to the point of being inarticulate, and slow, slow at school. But he finally caught up, and he was in my class in Grade 13 at Patterson. By this time the family had sold the farm on South Talbot Road and moved to Windsor. See below for details on this. I was 16 at the time and Gordon was 23 or 24, but he didn't look any older than the other boys. He became a dentist and ~~practiced~~ practiced in Toronto, where he married and had one daughter. He joined the army about 1940 and, Mary, your father ran into him a couple of times--once in ~~the Mediterranean~~--and has a couple of good stories about him. *E. J. [unclear]*

H-41 Merrick b. 1910. He was really tiny and I doubt that he ever got out of High School. So far as we know, he is a bush pilot in Manitoba and he started on this when it was really wild, rough and dangerous. He was one of the first in the field. Not married.

~~The other two children in this family were Grace 1900-1914 and Douglas 1912-1912. I remember Grace--she was a beautiful child.~~

The George Holden household was the most chaotic I ever saw. George was very smart about money, he employed a lot of help and made a lot of money out of his excellent farm. He was one of the first farmers to grow tobacco in Sandwich S. He also grew strawberries and kept an enormous herd of cattle and sold milk in Windsor from a milk wagon before laws on pasteurizing were passed. My Grandmother O'Neil used to say that George Holden was milking 20 cows but all his own children got was cold tea out of a whiskey bottle. His wife had no help in the house and she was terribly slow and utterly without system. She had intelligence and from her the children inherited their artistic ability. Around 1920 they sold the farm and bought a very substantial house on Ouellette, which was at that time a real prestige residential area, next to the present Ursuline School of Music. Eventually they sold this house to the nuns and built a lovely house on Patricia right across from St. Denis Hall, U. of Windsor. Kay boarded there for some time, sharing a room with H-38 Clara Holden, p. 11, who was of course a niece. Some lovely stories on how Mrs. Holden ran the house but I doubt that they are relevant for anthropology.

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We are still on the children of H-10 John Holden, p. 8. Next is:

H-22 Arthur b. 1868, died ?

Married Lizzie Merrick, sister of Laura who married his brother George (H-21 p. 12). Clear? George and Arthur Holden, brothers, married Laura and Lizzie Merrick, sisters. It was always considered in the community that Arthur was "not quite all there" and that is pretty gentle. Lizzie was thought to be "odd." They were nicknamed "The King and Queen", which is Sandwich South wit. If Mrs. George was slow on the housework, Mrs. Arthur (the Queen) never got going at all. Their children:

H-42 Laura, born circa 1892, survives, not married. Very small person and, since she looked exactly like her father, very ugly. Unlike her father, she is very nice and quite talented, having worked at the J. L. Hudson Co. as a very well paid milliner until her recent retirement. She kept in very close touch with her parents, always coming home weekends, so that I knew her very well from seeing her at church and all other functions. She appears to be a slow worker, like the Merricks, but is really efficient.

H-43 Vera, b. circa 1893, died circa 1922.

Vera was mentally deficient--"silly" was the Sandwich South word. She married a sad apple called Cecil Gawley and lived in Windsor. Their children:

Edwin, born with club feet, primary school teacher

Cecil, " " " " sub normal mentally but has a job

A girl, can't recall name, subnormal mentally, but married

This family always had to be helped by the family and various social agencies--very unusual for the Holdens.

H-44 Elaine b. c. 1895. She never married, is an R.N., very intelligent, very good-looking and a living doll. She did advanced work in obstetrical nursing and held a responsible position at Women's Hospital in Detroit for many years. She is retired. I knew her very well too, same as Laura above.

H-45 Kathleen born c 1898. Really dull-witted. Could not learn to read. Stayed at home with her parents and finally married the "hired man", a sad sack named Joe Butcher, who was a tenth rate hired man and a terrible farmer. But their children are wonderful:

Children of Kathleen Holden and Joe Butcher:

Margaret, about 25 years old, graduate of U. of Windsor, writes advertising continuity for C.E.E. Very small, quite pretty, good personality, tremendous worker.

Joan, about 23, graduated from Metropolitan School of Nursing top of her class and won scholarship to Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto. Bigger than Margie, not so pretty, wonderful friendly personality.

Note that by the efforts of their parents, these girls would not have had enough to eat, but Laura and Vera (above) have looked after them and financed them. They even took the girls to Europe one summer. Should think it would be of interest to an anthropologist to consider how two half-witted parents could produce two such girls.

This completes the children of Arthur H-22.

Now on to:

H-23 Mary Holden (see page 8) b. 1870 died ? Married J. C. Austin and lived in Detroit all her life. Had one daughter; book says her name was Rhoda Cordelia, but this is wrong. She was Roberta and she just died a couple of years ago, in Florida, where her husband had taken her for failing health. No children.

H-24 Bertha, born 1873. Died ? She was pretty stupid, spoiled and I guess pretty. She did not like it when her father married a second time and went to live with her dear sister H-20 Alice, who was not too pleased, I guess. She married Ernest Riggs, an American and they lived in Michigan somewhere. They had a real creep of a son called Newell--a fat slob as I recall him.

This completes the children of H-10 John Holden

Let us now consider H-11 Thomas Holden, b. 1839, see page 7. He is an interesting one for your study because two of his children married O'Neils, one from Bampy O'Neil's side and one from the Neil-O'Neil tribe. There are some real weird offspring here.

Children of Thomas Holden H-11, p. 7 ; (also p. 9 for name of his wife and where they lived. I forgot I had done this bit.)

H-25 Albert b.circa 1861 died

This was the brain of the family but he left Sandwich S. for the U.S. when quite young and I seem to rememb-r that he lived in Chicago, having somewhere acquired a pretty good education.

H-26 Frank, always known as "Skinny" and the black sheep of this family. He was a drunk and a bum, married a terrible woman and fathered a large family of miserable kids, who were always dirty and hungry, despite the frantic efforts of his poor old parents. These Holdens are still in Essex County and are pretty generally no good; I sometimes spot one of them in a police report, up for being drunk and disorderly, or maybe car stealing. The eldest of the family was a girl and she was the flower; her name was Klvie and she used to be the cashier down in the cafeteria at the Norton Palmer, where we sometimes went for meals when you were little. She must be close to 70, but her mother--(Mrs. Skinny) just died a few years ago, in the home for senior citizens at Leamington, which shows that it need not shorten your life to be dirty and hungry most of your days.

H-27 Rosetta born around 1863 (guess) and died before 1950. She was a twin, but her twin died; their names were Rose and Etta, but they didn't really know which was which, so they named the survivor Rosetta. She married William O'Neil, who should have called himself "Neil", a brother of Bampy's mother. I'll pick up their children under the O'Neils and a fine time you will have with them because one of them married Bampy O'Neil's brother and one married a Holden and one married a Libby. More fun!

Children of Thomas Holden continued (see p. 9)

H-28 Viola

This one married Edward O'Neil, a brother of Bampy O'Neil's father. You will get their children under the O'Neils later, and I will try very hard to key you back on each of these intermarriages. This lady was always known as Aunt Vi and she never went away from home and was so shy or something that she wouldn't talk to anybody. My father always said that his Uncle Edward was a wonderful man but that Aunt Vi wasn't right in the head. I remember Uncle Edward (my great uncle, natch) as being a very handsome old boy. He had a farm on Uncle Glenn's road, across from his father-in-law (Mr. Thomas Holden). Mother always defended Aunt Vi on the grounds that she wasn't well. I remember seeing her walking across the road to her father's house, dressed in a rusty black dress, apron and a huge drooping hat which concealed her face, which she further hid by keeping her head down.

Now for the children of Charles Holden H-12, see page 9:

H-29 Ida b.

d.

Married Willie Shuel, and I guess he was related to Bampy and Bampy O'Neil--one of those Shuels--but I am not sure. Their children were Bessie, Arlie (about Kay's age), Emma (who was in my year at high school) and Kenneth, who is my age. They moved to Windsor many years ago. Bessie did office work for many years and then married. Arlie, a red-haired beauty, was also a brain and became secretary-treasurer of the Dinsmore Construction Co., and made a lot of money in real estate and building project houses. She finally married about 10 years ago, has no children, took wonderful care of her parents. Emma was a strumpet. Kenneth could bake lovely cakes when he was about twelve, had wavy blond hair and big blue eyes, but I saw a notice this week that his daughter was being married, so maybe he wasn't such a sissy as he seemed.

Children of Charles Holden H-12, p. 9, continued:

H-30 Annie

Married a terrible man named Blake Bedford, who had fits of temper in which he was quite insane. Annie was a very stupid girl, by the way, but rather nice. They had two children, one of whom died young. They lived on a farm right in Roseland (of course it wasn't Roseland then). The surviving son is Bertram (Bammy says it is Bertrand) and he is a bit older than I am, still lives in Roseland and is the clerk-treasurer of Sandwich South. He is quite a wonderful man. He has prospered because Arlie Shuel, see p. 17, helped him subdivide his farm and build a lot of project houses on it. Bert has two children, Dale, about 27, and Arlie, about 20, named for her cousin, and she is really a problem child. ~~Bert's~~ Bert's wife, by the way, is Marjorie Lounsborough, a niece of Uncle Frank Lounsborough, husband of Aunt Nettie, see p. 6 Nettie Holden H-5. This is just to liven up your interest, Mary.

H-31 Bertram 1872-1900. (Maybe his name was Bertrand)

Mary, your Grandmother Holden was engaged to marry this man but he was killed in a hunting accident. He was said to have been the nicest, smartest, etc., young man in the whole township. I guess it took her quite a while to get over it, and then she married another Holden boy, and I think she was very happy in her marriage. This man is buried in St. John's cemetery and your father was over there this morning and got the dates off his tombstone. Your father is now inspired by the idea that we should get pictures of all the tombstones of our ancestors. This will make quite a collection, and I am all for it.

H-32 Ernest. He was about the same age as Bampy O'Neil, and lived up the Holden road, on the west side. He married Rose Vollans, a niece of my Grandmother O'Neil. He was a farmer, and like all of the Holdens, a Liberal and an Anglican. He was always known as "Ernie" and was famous for keeping a diary for years and years, so that people from far and near consulted him on what happened and when. They had three children: Mildred (I'll give her a number H-46) who is of interest to you because she married Clyde O'Neil, son of H-27 Rosetta Holden and William O'Neil, see p. 16. Mildred was a bit older than Kay. She has played the church organ at St. Stephen's for years. She is very pretty and Clyde is one of the handsome O'Neils, so that their two sons are

3 CHILDREN
MILDRED O'NEIL
CLYDE O'NEIL
(GOLD)

very decorative. They are also quite bright, both married and have children. They married strangers, bless their hearts. Clyde and Mildred live on the old William O'Neil farm on Uncle Glenn's road. Clyde farms and has been a member of the council of Sandwich South for many years.

(2) The next child of Ernest is Fred, who is 56 and I had a terrific crush on him when I was 12. He recently sold the farm, which he never farmed himself, and now lives in Windsor. He is a salesman and has three children, all problems. He married (brace yourself) Hazel Libby and while she is no relative, the Libbys appear again and again in this story.

(3) The third child of Ernest was Thelma, a year my junior, who married a Detroitier, lived there, and was killed in an automobile accident many years ago. No children. She was beautiful and bright.

This pretty well finishes up the skeleton tree of the Holdens who are of any interest to you.

1966 -
 In 1966 Fred was 58
 D.O.B. - 1908
 1966 - 58
 1908
 Fred's father
 was Ernest (1876-1950)
 Ernest marriage date about 1898
 Fred (second child - born in 1928)

O-1 Lionel O'Neil 1879-1956.

Born on the South Talbot road, where Uncle Elmar now lives. The house has been changed very little. Lionel was very bright at school, although he didn't like it, due to having a very mean old battle-axe of a teacher, name of Miss Moynahan, who was known to tramp on the bare feet of little boys who did not get their sums right. He finished school at the age of 11 (nobody in this family went past grade 8 because it was unthinkable) and was put to work on the farm. He worked for his father without wages until he was married--this was the pattern in this family and probably in many others of the district. He was almost 27 when he was married, at which time he was given his farm, house (furnished), barn (some stock, at least a team of horses and I think Bammy's father came through with some cows) but no money. The rest of the O'Neil boys got 100 acres each but for some reason Lionel got only 50; later he bought another 25 from brother Frank, whose farm was next to the east.

I can give you my ideas of how they lived, pieced together from things that he told me over the years. His father ruled the family with an iron hand and they prospered, with seven boys hard at work. They owned over 1000 acres of good land; I don't know if any of it was really cleared when they purchased it but they certainly cleared a lot of it. The really good timber had been cut by lumbering interests, but there were still white oaks, which they cut and used for the frames of barns. They ran a lot of cattle in the wood lots and my father told me about riding bare back to round up cattle on what was later his own farm. Deer used to run through the yard when he was small. They butchered and sold meat wholesale and they also ran a meat wagon through the locality twice a week. My father did not like to go on the meat wagon--brother Fred mostly did that job. They had over 20 huge barns and there came a day when these barns were full of grain and cattle that lightning struck and burned nearly all of them, cattle and all. I don't think they ever really recovered from this staggering, uninsured loss. But they were far from poor.

My grandmother was always considered to be frail, but she bore and raised 10 healthy children. She always had lots of help--I mean hired help. I have a suspicion that her own three girls were not too good around the house; certainly Aunt Mamie could not sew, could not make pickles or preserves and was hopeless with babies. Aunt Maggie was a terrible cook and Aunt Millie, as I knew her, was allergic to work. But Grandma had good hired girls.

They smoked their own bacon and ham in a smoke house, which I can remember; it looked like a teepee made out of a lot of small poles. They made enormous quantities of bread, of course, and when my father was young, they regularly took wheat over to the Vollans mill on the Mill Road, where I suppose my Grandfather Webster ground it into flour for them. This flour didn't keep very long in warm weather, so they didn't get too much at a time. In the

summer time they cooked in the "summer kitchen", which was a separate building, across a covered, brick-paved area way. It was still used when I was a little girl--wood fire and boy, was it a hot place. Next to it was a stone milk house, with a stone floor, where the pans of milk were set for the cream to rise and be skimmed and churned into butter. I don't remember this part, because they had a cream separator by the time I remember things and the milk house was used to keep food as cool as possible. They could keep it really cool when they had ice, which they cut in big blocks from Lake Erie and stored in an ice house in saw dust for the summer. George Holden was still doing this when I was a little girl, but they no longer did it ~~when~~ at Grandpa O'Neil's.

In hot weather they churned every day and fed the buttermilk to the pigs. It was wonderful buttermilk. I think I was the only O'Neil who ever liked buttermilk. They stored the butter in crocks and it was readily saleable if they had a surplus. Over the winter they kept a lot of vegetable in pits and I'll tell you how that was done when we get to Grandpa Webster, because Bammy knows exactly how he did it, but I am not so sure how Grandpa O'Neil did it, although I can remember watching him get turnips out of such a pit. Under the kitchen, reached by a sort of trap door, they had a small cellar for ready-use stuff, such as apples, potatoes, canned fruit. Small girls like me were lowered into this place by the arms and told to hand up this or that. It was just dug into the earth, and since the house was heated by stoves, it was good and cold down there. They had a sink in the kitchen which they called a "zinc", with a pump; this was rain water, for washing poeple and dishes. Drinking water came from another pump outside the back door. Sanitary facilities consisted of what was called a "back-house", and even you, MaryGilmour, know about those from your own childhood and what you called "smelly toilets" at summer places.

Grandpa O'Neil never went to church, although he supported the Anglican church of St. Stephens and the children all went to church. - Bammy says Grandma O'Neil went to church too, but she never did when I knew her. They had a reed organ and the girls all "took" music lessons from somebody and Aunt Millie even played the church organ.

This was a very sociable neighbourhood and they had a pretty good time. They had a baseball team called the "Shamrocks", all O'Neil boys except the catcher, on which my father played short-stop. They had a lot of dances, in people's houses mostly; it was at one of these dances that Sammy and Bampy O'Neil fell in love, I seem to remember. In the summer they had "lawn socials" and for these they made ice cream in hand-turned freezers--there is no ice cream in the world so good, either. Most of the O'Neil

Mary's Mother
Mabel
Grandpa O'Neil
Grandma W.
Dad
Mom

