Chapter 7 Sketches of Duncan Junior's Children and Grandchildren

his chapter consists of capsule biographies of Duncan Campbell and Christian McGregor's children and grandchildren. Their descendants are many and the collection is, for practical reasons, incomplete. The best we can do is present a few sketches to help the reader-descendant connect him or herself to the family. The sketches are based for the most part on church records, the census and land books. Not dealt with here are the children of Archibald and Ann Campbell of Halton County.

The Children

With the exception of Jessie and Annie, the Campbell children were born in Canada. One would hope that stories and photographs would abound to help document their lives beyond official records. But it seems old letters and faded tintypes are all too soon set aside by pioneers intent on getting ahead with their lives and putting the past behind them. The children are occasionally mentioned in newspaper articles attending a meeting of a temperance society or a wedding, but there are no photographs to show us their likenesses. The articles do reveal the interests of the people generally, the social events they attended, the clothing the ladies wore, how they decorated their Victorian-era homes and so on.

<u>Victoria 1837-1901</u>						
	1861-65	American Civil War				
	1867	1 July, first Dominion Day				
Jessie Campbell is married to Richard Atkinson in	1870					
Amherstburg						
William Campbell is married to Elizabeth	1874					
Graveline in Amherstburg						
Peter Duncan Campbell is married to Catherine	1877					
Graveline in Amherstburg						
	1895	Marconi transmits first wireless message				
Archibald Campbell dies in Acton, Ontario	1899					
Edward VII 1901-1910						
William dies in Walkerville	1904	Canadian Ford Motor Company begins operations				
Duncan and Christina die	1906					
Geo	orge V 1910-1	<u>936</u>				
	1914-18	The First World War				
Annie dies in Amherstburg	1935					
Peter Duncan dies in Malden	1936					

Figure 1. *Timeline for the Children*.

Jessie

Jessie was born in Scotland in 1847 or 1848. The exact year and place is not known. She was put down in the passenger list of the *Warren* as "a year and a half" when it docked in New York City in August 1849, so she was twenty-two or twenty-three when she married Richard Atkinson in 1870.² The registration was

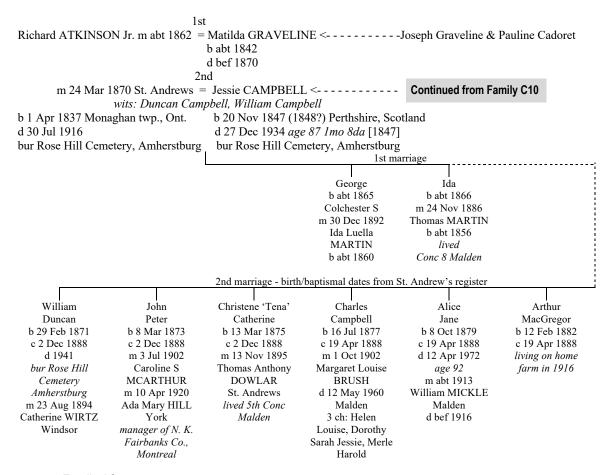
¹ The major source for family historians of Essex County, the *Commemorative Biographical Record of Essex County, Ontario* (CBRE), became available toward the end of the period, but the stories in it were written by members of other families and mention the Campbells only incidently.

Her birthdate is given incorrectly as 20 November 1852 in the Atkinson biography in CBRE. www.ourroots.ca/toc.aspx?id=3107. The date 20 November 1847 is given on her death certificate.

witnessed by her father and brother. The wedding was not reported in a newspaper, as four more years would have to elapse before *The Amherstburg Echo* would print its first issue.

Richard was a neighbour of the family and fellow parishioner of St. Andrew's. The articles about the family in the *Echo* are largely his work. Richard was in many respects the antithesis of Duncan, eager to write of his ancestry. One of his articles can be read in the CBRE of 1905 and another in the *Echo* of 1916.

When Jessie and Richard met he was a young man recently widowed with two chidren. His wife, Matilda, was born to Joseph Graveline and Pauline Cadoret. The Graveline family was a large one with deep French-Canadian Roman Catholic roots. The family was noted in Malden for its dozen or so daughters who greatly enlivened the social scene. Richard and Matilda had the one son George born about 1865 and a daughter Ida born about 1866 (Family C9a). Left with a toddler and an infant, Richard was in need of a woman's help and the nineteen year-old Jessie fit the bill. By 1870 they were married. Jessie and Richard had six children of their own: William Duncan (1871), John Peter (1873), Christene Catherine (1875), Charles Campbell (1877), Alice Jane (1879) and Arthur MacGregor (1882), all baptized at St. Andrew's.³



Family A2. Richard ATKINSON Junior and Jessie CAMPBELL, Malden, ca. 1837 - 1960.

One point to note about the baptisms is that they took place in two batches in the same year. On the first day, 19 April 1888, three Atkinson and four Campbell children were baptized together (*Important Baptismal Days*). One might think this an undertaking by parents who were less than regular attendees at

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³ From the microfilm of the original registers, Archives of Ontario: GS848. These records are not in the IGI.

church, but no, the parents were regular in their church habits.

1 Important Baptismal Days

The Atkinson and Campbell children were baptized in batches. The first batch, on 19 April 1888, included three Atkinson and four Campbell children, presumably arrayed all in a row. The Atkinsons ranged in age from 6 to 11, the Campbells from 1 month to 8 years.

Table 1. *Baptisms of the extended family*.

Date	Child	Age	Parents
19 April 1888	Charles Campbell Atkinson	11	Richard Atkinson Jr. and Jessie Campbell
	Alice Jane Atkinson	9	
	Arthur MacGregor Atkinson	6	
	William Hector Campbell	8	William M. Campbell and Elizabeth Graveline
	Pauline Christina Campbell	3	
	Laura Bell Campbell	7	Peter Duncan Campbell and Catherine Graveline
	Roy Duncan Campbell	1 mo	
2 Dec 1888	William Duncan Atkinson	17	Richard Atkinson Jr. and Jessie Campbell
	John Peter Atkinson	15	•
	Christene Catherine Atkinson	13	
4 Apr 1894	Howard Earl Campbell	2.	Peter Duncan Campbell and Catherine Graveline
	Guy Percival Campbell	1	1 con 2 dicom composit and construct converses



Figure 2. Richard Atkinson junior, ca. 1902.4

Richard and Jessie ran a farm for nearly forty years. He was, according to his obituary⁵, a "liberal who never aspired or accepted municipal or political office". A member of Lorne Lodge, No. 11, of the

⁴ CBRE, 592. <u>www.ourroots.ca/toc.aspx?id=3107</u>.

⁵ The Amherstburg Echo, 4 August 1916. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

A.O.U.W.⁶ for thirty years, having joined 14 May 1854(?), perhaps his progressiveness accounts for his sitting for a photograph, the only one of his generation of the extended family we have.

By the late 1880s the Atkinson children were setting up for themselves. Ida and George married the Martin siblings, Thomas and Ida in 1886 and 1892, respectively. In 1895 Christene married Thomas Dowlar. In 1902 Charles Campbell married Margaret Brush. Around 1913 Alice married William Mickle.

Around 1908 the Atkinsons retired to a house on Sandwich Street in Amherstburg. Here they lived for eight years until Richard's death at the age of seventy-nine. The funeral in 1916 was held in their home, the Rev. F. O. Nichol officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were John Grant, F. P. Scratch, F. E. Laramie, Nathan V. Brush, John McLean and George Levergood.

At Richard's death Jessie went to live with her son William Duncan and his wife Catherine on Sandwich Street. Early in December 1934 she slipped on the ice and hit her head. She died two days after Christmas.⁷ She was eighty-seven. She was buried in her husband's grave.

Annie

Annie never married. For much of her adult life she lived with her parents on the homestead. After their passing she went to live with her niece—her sister Jessie's daughter, Christene (Mrs. Thomas Dowler)—on Elm Avenue in Amherstburg. She died there 2 April 1935, only four months after Jessie. The St. Andrew's congregation remembered her as a lifelong member of the church and of the Women's Missionary Society. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. A. Neil Miller followed by burial in Rose Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were her nephews Charles and Arthur Atkinson, Howard Campbell and family friends Joseph Benton and the Parks brothers William and Owen.

William M.

William M. was the first to be born on the homestead in 1850. He was given a good start by his father with the gift of a farm on Lot 39 in the 4th concession next door to the Atkinsons. This his father purchased in 1870 from Fred Elliott. The 1872 assessment catches him there, a bachelor, aged twenty-one.

William was one of the many local bachelors who admired the Graveline sisters. Elizabeth Graveline he had known from childhood. The two were married 25 May 1874. Elizabeth was the younger sister of Matilda Graveline, the first wife of his brother-in-law, Richard Atkinson. His brother Peter was sweet on 'Kittie', the youngest of the sisters at the time, and the two served as witnesses. The Graveline girls, though baptized in the Catholic church, repeated their marriage vows at St. Andrew's.¹⁰

William and Elizabeth had four children: Lilian (1875), Ida May (1876), William Hector (1880) and Pauline Christina 'Lena' (1885). Following his father, he served in 1876 as director of the Malden and Anderdon Agricultural Society and later as township treasurer. The two lived on Lot 39 for all of thirty years.

In October, 1886, Malden was ravaged by diptheria. Ida May, ten, came down with it and died four days later. Lilian, William and Pauline survived, lived to adulthood and married. Lilian married Johnathan

⁶ A. O. U. W. stands for Ancient Order of United Workmen. It was the first fraternal benefit society to provide life insurance to its members.

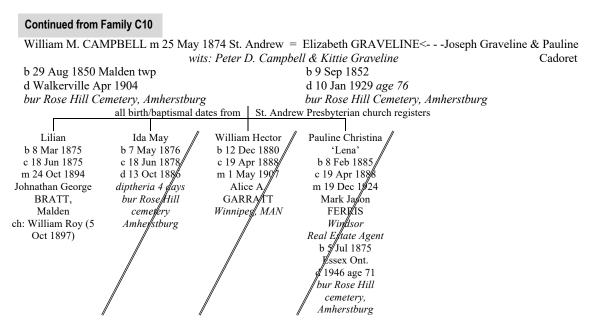
⁷ The Amherstburg Echo, 4 January 1935. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

⁸ The Amherstburg Echo, 5 April 1935. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

I have given what I think is a good argument that the 'M' in his name stands for MacGregor, but of course there is no solid proof. At the risk of belaboring the point I find it astonishing that nowhere in any document I have examined is there an explanation of the 'M'.

¹⁰ This was rather unusual. Much talked about in Malden over the years it led to tension between the Protestant and Catholic branches of the Graveline family. I heard threads of it as late as the 1950s. Joseph Graveline must have fallen under the influence of Robert Peden's preaching, as on the 1861 census he declares himself and his family as Congregationalists. The writer of a piece on Joseph Graveline in the CBRE of 1905 describes the family as Catholic and makes no mention of Elizabeth and Catherine. www.ourroots.ca/toc.aspx?id=3107.

George Bratt in 1894. William Hector moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he married Alice Garratt in 1907. In 1924 Pauline married Mark Jason Ferris, a real estate agent and lived in Windsor. Only Lilian had children.



Family C11. William M. CAMPBELL and Elizabeth GRAVELINE, Malden, 1850 - 1924.

William at the age of fifty-two decided he had had enough of farming. One would think his son, William, who was twenty-two at the time might have wanted to take on the family farm. But William sold out to Charles Dorsey in 1902 and moved to Walkerville to work at the Globe Furniture factory. There two years later he took a sliver in his hand. What might ordinarily have been shrugged off as an irritant soon developed into blood poisoning, his hand and arm swelling to a massive size. There was no penicillin at the time, the pain gave way to resignation and he gradually slipped away, dying in April 1904.¹¹ The funeral was held in Walkerville; his remains were conveyed by special car to Amherstburg for burial in Rose Hill cemetery.

Elizabeth lived on for twenty-five years. She went to live with her daughter, Pauline, in Church Street, Windsor, and died there 10 January 1929. She was seventy six. The funeral was arranged by the Sutton Funeral Home on Ouellette Avenue in Windsor.¹²

Peter Duncan

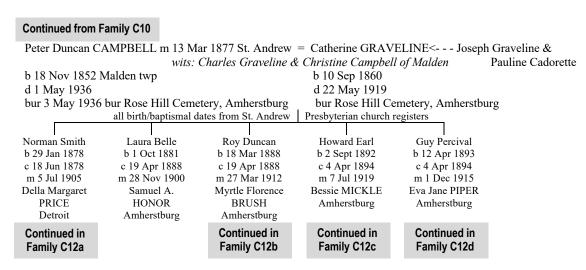
Peter Duncan was born in 1852 on the homestead. When his brother William moved out of the house in 1870 he became his father's main helpmate.

Peter and William were only two years apart in age and shared similar interests. They certainly had eyes on the Graveline sisters. In 1874 Peter and Kittie Graveline stood as witnesses at William and Elizabeth's wedding. Even then they probably had an understanding. Three years later they got around to

¹¹ The Amherstburg Echo, 8 April 1904. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

¹² The Amherstburg Echo, 11 January 1929. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

their own wedding, Tuesday 18 March 1877, with the Rev. Frederick Smith officiating.¹³ To give the flavour of the times on the very day the notice appeared in the *Echo* the Sioux chief, Sitting Bull, fresh from his massacre of General Custer and his men at the Little Bighorn, crossed the Canadian border and camped at Wood Mountain. They were watched by the Northwest Mounted Police partly, it was said, to discourage the American army from crossing the border in pursuit.



Family C12. Peter Duncan CAMPBELL and Catherine GRAVELINE, Malden, 1852 - 1974.

Peter and Catherine had five children: Norman Smith (1878), Laura Belle (1881), Roy Duncan (1888), Howard Earl (1892) and Guy Percival (1893). At this turning of the 19th century the names Norman, Howard and Guy were new to the family. The French name Guy was probably a contribution of Catherine's.

Norman, Laura and Roy were born on the homestead. Peter farmed the homestead until around 1891 when he bought the Ellen Fox farm on Lot 37 on the 4th concession. Howard and Guy were born there. Peter, like his father, was involved in a number of land transactions (Table 2).

	Table 2. <i>Malden Townsh</i>	iv Land	l Instruments in t	he name o	f Peter Duncan	Campbell. 14
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Instru-	Street	Lot	Date of	Instrument	Seller(s)	Purchaser(s)
ment		No.	Registration	Type		
No.						
2878	4 Conc	37	18 Apr 1891	Deed	Campbell, Peter	Fox, Ellen
2880	4 Conc	37	18 Apr 1891	Mortgage	Fox, Ellen	Campbell, Peter
4218	Knapp's Is nw pt		21 Oct 1906	Deed	Campbell, Peter &	Atkinson, William D.
					William	
4219	parts	32	21 Oct 1906	Deed	Campbell, Peter D.	Campbell, Roy D.
		&33			_	re D. Campbell's will
4330	s ½ s ½	91	16 Jan 1908	Disc. Mort.	Campbell, Peter D.	Martin, Thomas re. Inst.
						#4201
4331	s ½ s ½	91	8 Jan 1908	Mortgage	Martin, Thomas	Campbell, Peter D.
4652	55 acres pt. s ½	16	9 Mar 1911	Mortgage	Gibb, John	Campbell, Peter D.
5227	55 acres s ½	16	9 Mar 1911	Mortgage	Gibb, John	Campbell, Peter D.
5700	sw pt	23	24 Oct 1919	Deed	Campbell, Howard E.	Campbell, Peter D.
5701	w ½ of w ½ 50	42	24 Oct 1919	Deed	Campbell, Peter D.	Campbell, Howard E.
	acres					
5702	sw pt.	23	29 Oct 1919	Mortgage	Campbell, Peter D.	Honor, Samuel A.

¹³ The Amherstburg Echo, 16 March 1877. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

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^{14 &}lt;a href="http://marshcollection.org/online-publications/land-instruments/">http://marshcollection.org/online-publications/land-instruments/

5703	w ½ w ½	42	24 Oct 1919	Farm Lease	Campbell, Peter D.	Campbell, Howard E.
5831	pt. s ½ also	11	25 May 1920	Mortgage	Chase, Garrison &	Campbell, P. D.
	pt Marsh Creek				Florence	
5892	e ½ w ½ Conc. 4	42	29 Jan 1921	Deed	Campbell, Peter D.	Campbell, Guy P.
5893	4	42	29 Jan 1921	Mortgage	Campbell, Guy P.	Ferriss, Abner L.
6825	sw pt.	23	6 Nov 1925	Deed	Campbell, Peter D.	Honor, Samuel
6962	pt. s 1/2 also Marsh	11	25 May 1926	Agreement	Campbell, P. D.	Chase, Garrison
	Creek re Inst 5831					

Figure 3. Notices in the Amherstburg Echo, 16 March 1877. A second piece in the same issue conveys the flavour of the times.¹⁵



Sitting Bull-has arrived at Wood-Mountain, in Canadian territory, withous thousand horses and mules captured from the American troops. A party of Mounted Police has gone to interview him.

Late in 1918 Catherine developed liver disease and after suffering for eight months died 22 May 1919. She was fifty-seven. ¹⁶ By then the children were grown up and all but Howard married.

Peter did not remarry. For the next few years he worked the farm on the 4th concession until, in his late seventies, he retired and went to live with his children, dividing his time between Guy in Windsor and Laura Bell in Malden. Eventually, around the beginning of 1936 at the age of eighty-three, he moved to a nursing home kept by Mrs. William Norris on the Pike Road.

He died in the home 1 May 1936. The service was held in the home of his son, Howard. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery. The officiating minister was the Rev. W. L. Hiles of Wesley United Church, of which he was then a member. The pall-bearers were his nephews, Charles, Arthur and William D. Atkinson and neighbours, Robert and William Cousins and J. O. Deslippe.¹⁷

Christine Elizabeth

Christine Eizabeth was born in 1856 on the homestead. On 3 December 1879 she married John Anderson at St. Andrew's, the Rev. Frederick Smith officiating.¹⁸ They had no children. John was a son of John Anderson and Lucinda Levergood of a Glasgow family. The Andersons had a farm on the 6th concession. Christine and John later lived on the Creek Road and the Malden river front. Around 1930 they retired to a house on Rankin Avenue in Amherstburg. Christine's mother lived there for a time before her death in 1906.

John and Christine had their share of creature comforts. Some aspects of their lifestyle are revealed in articles in the *Echo* describing their golden wedding anniversary in 1929 and the auction held after Christine's death six years later.¹⁹ The anniversary party began with dinner for friends. The Andersons

¹⁵ The Amherstburg Echo, 16 March 1877. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

¹⁶ The Amherstburg Echo, 23 May 1919. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

¹⁷ The Amherstburg Echo, May 1936. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

¹⁸ The Amherstburg Echo, 5 December 1879. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

¹⁹ The Amherstburg Echo, 6 December 1929. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

requested there be no gifts but made an exception for the bouquets of flowers, one of yellow crysanthemums, presented by the St. Andrew's congregation. Among those present were John Anderson's brothers, sisters and inlaws: Robert Anderson and his wife of Leamington; Thomas Anderson, Mrs. James Jarriet, Mrs. George Anderson, Peter Duncan Campbell, Annie Campbell, Mrs. Richard Atkinson of Malden; the Daniel Bentons of Harrow; Mrs. Elmer Parks (nee Janet Benton) of Malden and the Thomas Dowlers of Amherstburg.²⁰

Family A3. John ANDERSON and Christine Elizabeth CAMPBELL, Malden, 1856 - 1935.

John Anderson died of a stroke 3 July 1932, at the age of seventy-four. In the late winter three years later Christine developed bronchitis and died at her home 26 February. The funeral service was held in their home at 2:30 on a Friday afternoon, the Rev. A. Neil Miller officiating. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery.²¹

After Christine's death the family home was cleared by auction an announced by the following notice in the *Echo*:²²

AUCTION SALE
to be held at
The home of the late Mrs. John
Anderson near the foot of
Rankin Avenue, Amherstburg
At 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon On
SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 1935

The Following Household Furniture and Other Articles

Bookcase, three sections; 2 Small tables; 3 Rocking Chairs; Arm Chair; 1 Antique Chair; Victrola and Records; Living Room Rug; 3 Small Rugs; Hall Mirror; 4 Porch Chairs; Oak Sideboard; Walnut Dining Table; Couch; 6 Dining Chairs; 1 Dining Room Rug; Clock; Frigidaire; Electric Range; Kitchen Cabinet; Electric Sweeper; 4 Kitchen Chairs; 1 Kitchen Table; Ice Box; Twin Beds with Springs and Matresses; 1 Double Bed with Springs and Mattress; 1 Bureau; 1 Dresser; 2 Bedroom Chairs; 5 Rag Rugs; Walnut Cupboard; Oil Stove; Coal Oil Heater; Washing Machine and Wringer; Ladder; Wheelbarrow; Metal Basket; Lawn Mower.

TERMS—Cash.

CLARK & MARTIN, Auctioneers. HARRY J. BELL and DR. GEORGE LEWIS, Executors of Estate.

The Andersons had clearly enjoyed the conveniences of 1930s Canada.

20 A comment made of the Bentons bears noting: "Mr. Benton and Mrs. Parks were raised by Mr. Duncan Campbell, and Mr. Dowler was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson." The story of Janet and Daniel Benton has been told in Chapter 6.

²¹ The Amherstburg Echo, 1 March 1935. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

²² The Amherstburg Echo, 30 March 1935. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

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Peter Duncan Campbell and Catherine Graveline
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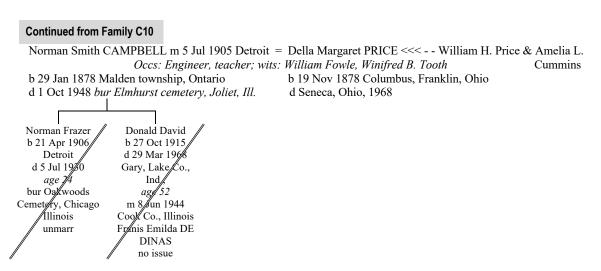
Figure 4. Timeline for the Grandchildren.

The Grandchildren

The Children of Peter Duncan Campbell

Norman Smith

Norman Smith was born in 1878 in Malden. He received a good education. Around 1904-5 he struck out for Detroit, and on 5 July 1905 married Della Margaret Price, a native of Columbus, Ohio. His parents travelled to Detroit to see him married. He was an engineer, she a teacher. The two lived for a time on Wabash Avenue in Detroit.²³ They had two children: Norman Frazer (1906) and Donald David (1915).



Family C12a. Norman Smith CAMPBELL and Della Margaret PRICE, Michigan and Illinois, 1878 - 1906.

Norman and Della soon moved to Joliet, Illinois, where Norman worked as a mechanical engineer with the American Can Company on Moen Avenue in Rockdale. They lived for many years at #310 Willow Avenue in Joliet. On 12 September 1918, at the age of forty and still a Canadian citizen, Norman registered for the draft. His registration card²⁴ describes him as a tall man of slender build with grey eyes, and dark

²³ The Amherstburg Echo, 7 July 1905. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

²⁴ U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Ancestry.com.

brown hair. He became a naturalized American citizen on 10 May 1920. In 1942 when it was time to register for the draft once again²⁵ he and Della were living at #708 Grant Ave. in Joliet. He was still, at sixty-four, employed at the American Can Company. He died in 1948 and was buried in Elmherst cemetery in the city. Della died in 1968 in Seneca, Ohio.

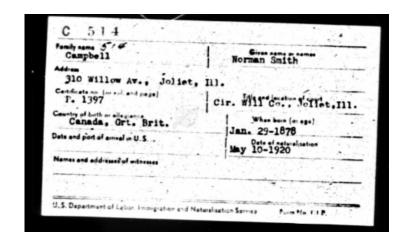


Figure 5. Immigration record for Norman Smith Campbell, 10 May 1920.²⁶

The children, Norman and Donald, lived and died in the Chicago area. Norman was a bank clerk. He died unmarried at twenty-four in 1930 and was buried 7 July 1930 in Oakwoods Cemetery in Chicago.

Donald married Franis Emilda De Dinas, in Cook County, Illinois, 8 June 1944. They had no children. They lived at #5941 Winthrop Avenue in Chicago. He was a Personnel Manager for Purex Corporation. He died of a heart attack 29 March 1968 at the age of fifty-two and was buried in the Calumet Park Cemetery, Merriville, Indiana. I remember Guy talking about Donald. Upon his death this branch of the Campbell family went extinct.

Laura Bell

Laura Bell was born in 1881 in Malden. She was married 28 November 1900 to Samuel Honor at the St. Andrew's manse, the Rev. W. E. Kerr officiating.²⁷ An article in the *Echo* describes her and her bridesmaid, Sam's sister, Mary, as dressed in "blue ladies' cloth". Her brother Norman "supported the groom". After the wedding they drove their buggies to the Campbell homestead for a reception. Dinner was held at five o'clock. There was no honeymoon. The couple went straight to their home on the recently-purchased Baylis farm in Malden.

Sam and Laura had three children: Earl Franklyn (1901), Hazel Catherine Jane (1906) and Grace (1910). The Honors were active in the church throughout their lives, being members initially of St. Andrew's and later, after the church union, Wesley United. Sam served as the local preacher of Wesley United in 1921, 1922 and 1923.

Sam's name appears in the Malden township land books on two occasions both in conjunction with his father-in-law, Peter Campbell. On 29 August 1919 he took out a mortgage on the southwest part of Lot 23, and received the deed on 6 November 1925. Soon afterwards he retired and he and Laura moved to a house on the river front in Amherstburg. Around about 1934-5 they sold the house and moved back to the countryside in a house on the gravel road, now called the Pike Road.

²⁵ U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942. Ancestry.com.

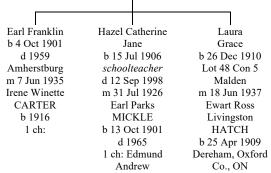
²⁶ Ancestry.com.

²⁷ The Amherstburg Echo, 30 November 1900. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

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Laura Bell CAMPBELL m 28 Nov 1900 St. Andrew = Samuel Atkins HONOR<- - Joseph Honor & Jane Atkin wits: Joseph Honor, Jane Atkin, Peter Campbell, Catherine Graveline

b 1 Oct 1881 b 12 Aug 1875 d 20 Nov 1935 bur Rose Hill cemetery, Amherstburg d aft 1961 Amherstburg



Family H1. Samuel Atkin HONOR and Laura Bell CAMPBELL, Malden, 1881 - 1935.

On a foggy evening in November 1935 Sam and Laura were walking into Amherstburg when they were hit by a car driven by Orlon Meloche, son of A. P. Meloche of the 8th concession.²⁸ Both needed medical attention, in her case to her hand, face and back. She seemed to be recovering well when she had a heart attack brought on it was said by a blood clot and died on 20 November. Services were held at the home of her daughter, Hazel (Mrs. Earl Mickle), at Amherste Pointe. She was buried in Rose Hill cemetery. Her obituary in the *Echo* describes her as "a very kindly mother, a woman who was very much interested in the work of Wesley Church, to which they belonged, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends".

Roy Duncan

Roy Duncan was born 18 March 1888 in Malden. Twenty-four years later, on 27 March 1912, he married Myrtle Brush. The occasion was recorded in detail in *The Amherstburgh Echo*. In accordance with custom, the ceremony was held in the home of the bride.²⁹ The officiating minister was the Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, M.A.. The Brush home was decorated for the occasion and the ceremony performed in the parlour under "arch and bells". The bride entered on the arm of her father, Lorenzo, accompanied by Miss Lou Mickle, bridesmaid, and announced by the music of Lohengrin's wedding march played by Myrtle's sister, Helena. Both ladies wore white silk mull dresses and the bride carried a bouquet of white carnations. Howard Campbell stood as best man. The reception, with fifty relatives and friends, was held immediately afterwards.

Roy's grandparents had passed away so Roy and his new wife moved into the homestead sharing the house with Guy and Howard. They were no doubt happy through the following months. Then Roy fell ill with what looked like a severe case of diarrhoea. But it soon developed into toxic gastritis, or dysentery. Dr. Abbott, the family physician, reckoned it was caused by drinking the water from an old unused well on the property. When his condition grew worse, Dr. Samson, of Windsor, was called in to consult, but the two men failed to effect an improvement. Delirium set in and Roy slipped into a coma and died. It was the 7th of October seven months after he had been married. His obituary in the *Echo* reads:

'To his bride of a few months, his parents, sister and brothers, the spontaneous sympathy of the community

²⁸ The Amherstburg Echo, 22 November 1935. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

²⁹ The Amherstburg Echo, 29 March 1912. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

will be extended. Mr. Campbell was a young man of sterling worth, quiet, thoughtful, kindly in all his dealings, and held in deep respect.'

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                                                his 1st, her 1st
 Roy Duncan CAMPBELL m 27 Mar 1912 Amherstburg = Myrtle Florence BRUSH <<< - - Lorenzo C. Brush &
                                    wits: Howard Campbell, Louisa Mickle
 b 18 Mar 1888
                                                                                           Florence Ong
 lived on the Campbell homestead, Creek Road, Malden
                                                       b 29 May 1887
 d 7 Oct 1912 typhoid fever
                                                       d 1976
 bur Rose Hill Cemetery, Amherstburg
                                                       bur Rose Hill Cemetery, Amherstburg
                                                his 1st, her 2nd
                          Ralph MICKLE 18 Oct 1929 = Mrs Myrtle (BRUSH) CAMPBELL
                                                        d 29 Dec 1976, Windsor
                                                        bur Rose Hill cemetery
                                                  no issue
  Donald Roy
    Duncan
                                    Roy Dlambell
 b 23 Feb 1913
 Lot 30 Con 3
    Malden
 d 1981 age 68
bur St. John the
  Baptist RC
   Cemetery
 m? Vera Ann
   RENAUD
  4 ch: Jo Ann
 (1948), Ronald
 Bruce (1949),
Larry Paul (1954),
 Wayne James
    (1961)
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Family C12b. Roy Duncan CAMPBELL and Myrtle Florence BRUSH, Malden, 1888 - 1913.

The funeral was held in the homestead with the Rev. Thomson officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery attended by relatives and friends. The pallbearers were Fred Clark of Colchester South, Charles and Arthur Atkinson, Stafford Brush, Lloyd Bratt and Everett Ong, of Malden.

Myrtle was five months pregnant at the time and in February of the following year gave birth to a son, Donald Roy Duncan. She set about raising him herself. Seventeen years later, at the age of forty-two, 18 October 1929, she married Ralph Mickle. She died in 1976 at the age of eighty-nine. She was buried in Rose Hill cemetery.

In 1947 Donald married a Catholic girl, Vera Ann Renaud and converted to Catholicism.³⁰ The two had four children. He died at the age of 68 in 1981 and was buried in St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Cemetery in Amherstburg.

Howard Earl

Howard was born 2 September 1892 in Malden and baptised 4 April 1894 at St. Andrew's. On 7 July 1919 he married Ella Helena (Bessie) Mickle.³¹ Bessie was a daughter of Fred Mickle and Winnie Park of the river front in Amherstburg. The wedding was held at the parsonage of Central Methodist church in Windsor

³⁰ For the data on Donald Roy Duncan I am indebted to *The Campbell Family Tree: Duncan Wm. Campbell & Christina McGregor, 1821 ...to date* by Roy V. Campbell (unpublished manuscript, 1992).

³¹ The Amherstburg Echo, 11 July 1919. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

with the Rev. Dr. Crows, pastor officiating. Because of illness in the bride's home and bereavement in the groom's home the affair was a quiet one. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Mickle. The article in the *Echo* tells us the bride wore a navy blue traveling suit with a wide picture hat and carried a corsage bouquet of white roses. The two left that same afternoon for a short honeymoon to Buffalo. When they returned they made their home on the Campbell homestead. They would have no children. Bessie died in 1952 and Howard in 1958. Both were buried in Rose Hill cemetery. I remember as a small boy hearing Bessie play "Look to Me Only With Thine Eyes" on the piano.

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Howard Earl CAMPBELL m 7 Jul 1919 St. Andrew = Ella Helena (Bessie) MICKLE <<< - - - - Fred Mickle & b 2 Sep 1892 wits: Hilton Mickle, Viola Mickle Winnie Park c 4 Apr 1894 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church b 1891 d 1 Apr 1958 bur Rose Hill cemetery, Amherstburg no issue
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Family C12c. Howard Earl CAMPBELL and Ella Helena MICKLE, Malden and Amherstburg, 1892 - 1958.

Guy Percival

Guy was born 12 April 1893 in the house on his father's farm on Lot 37 on the 4th concession of Malden township, the farm that two years earlier his father purchased from Ellen Fox. He lived a long life and had three wives. The story of his life falls naturally into three periods.

Life with Eva

Guy married Eva Jane Piper on 1 December 1915. Eva was born 19 August 1893 to Ralph Piper and Clara Fleming on Pelee Island. The article in *The Amherstburg Echo* describes the wedding as taking place at the home of the bride's parents at one in the afternoon, officiated by the Rev. A. Walton Tonge, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church in Amherstburg. Eva wore a blue silk poplin dress and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. After the ceremony the guests sat down to dinner. There were guests from Pelee Island, Windsor, Detroit, Walkerville, and other places. There was no time for a honeymoon, it seems, for the newlyweds went straight to their new home on the Pike Road in Malden.

Over the subsequent seventeen years Guy and Eva had six children: Sylvia Luella (1917), Mayme Elizabeth (1918), Roy Vincent (1924), Murray Claire (1927), Clara Catherine (1931) and Ralph Douglas (1932).³² Sylvia and Mayme were born in the house on lot 42 on the 4th concession and baptized at St. Andrew's. On 29 January 1921 Guy received the deed from his father for the east half of the west half of Lot 42 on the 4th concession.

The economy tanked in the 1920s and things went bad for Guy. He sold the farm and moved the family to Amherstburg to run a dairy.³³ Then around 1923 he moved the family again, this time to Windsor. In 1926-27 he sought work in Detroit as a "fireman". It would seem, then, that Roy, Murray, Clara and Ralph were born in Windsor. In 1929 life for a working man took a further downturn with the crash of the stockmarket.

In the late winter of 1935 the family was living in East Windsor at 1057 Bernard Road when Eva developed "acute infective arthritis". After a two-month illness she died 5 April 1935 in Metropolitan Hospital. The funeral was handled by the James Sutton Funeral home. She was buried in Rose Hill cemetery. With no OHIP in 1935 medical bills were crushing. The six children ranged in age between three

³² For the dates that do not appear on ancestry.com I am indebted to *The Campbell Family Tree* ibid..

³³ Much of the following information is taken from Eva's obituary. *The Amherstburg Echo*, 12 April 1935. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

and eighteen. It was not long before Guy met Theadora Sedgwick and his life entered its second stage.



Figure 6a. Eva with baby Murray, ca. February-March 1927.



Figure 6b. Eva with Sylvia, Mayme, Roy and Murray, ca. 1929.

Life with Dora

Around 1935 Guy married Theadora (Sedgwick) Ure, the daughter of John Sedgwick and Ann Maria Wright. Theadora, called Dora, was a Cottam girl, a graduate of Essex High School who had married Frederick Irvin Ure in 1919 and had two children, John (Jack) and Wallace. Fred had a fine brick house built around 1925 on the corner of the 8th concession of Sandwich South and Highway No. 2 (now 42). It was one of the finer houses in the neighbourhood and sported closed-in verandahs on the ground and first floors, large sheds for buggies and several upstairs bedrooms. It had indoor plumbing and a cistern for drinking water. Fred died 13 January 1935, however, and did not enjoy the house for long.

With his marriage to Dora, Guy and his children came to live in the Ure farmhouse and he began to work the forty-acre Fred Ure farm. There were eight children in the big house, at least in the beginning.

It wasn't long before the children began to leave home. Mayme was the first, marrying Robert Spencer in 1938. They lived in Royal Oak, Michigan. Wallace Ure soon left for Queens University in Kingston and Roy for Windsor. Clara married Morley Eves and moved to Kingston.



Figure 7a. Guy's ID card for his work in Detroit, 10 March 1927 (front).



Figure 7b. Guy's ID card for his work in Detroit, 10 March 1927 (reverse).

Dora was a devout follower of the Christian Science Church. She believed any illness could be cured by prayer. She fell ill in 1947 and resisted medical help. After a lengthy illness she died in hospital 18 November 1947.³⁴ Still at home were Jack Ure, Murray, Clara and Ralph Campbell.

Dora left a will that provided for her children by her first husband and for Guy.³⁵ Guy, "Her dear husband", was to have sole possession of the farm for the duration of his lifetime. She intended that on his death it would go to her children, Wallace and John.

³⁴ The Essex Free Press, 21 November 1947. http://ink.ourdigitalworld.org.

³⁵ Dora Ure Campbell, Sandwich South, Probate 1948-119. Essex Co., (Windsor) Surrogate Indexes AO: GS2-34



Family C12d. Guy Percival CAMPBELL and his three wives, 1893 - Present.

It was only months after Dora's death that Guy met Vera (Skinner) Quick who had recently arrived from England. Guy's life then entered its third phase.

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³⁶ For information on the Skinner and Quick families see S. M. Quick, Yeomen, Tradesmen and Labourers, A Skinner Family of the Kent-Surrey Weald (private publication, 2015) and Behind the Reserve: The Quick Family of Colchester, Essex County, Ontario, Canada 1601-1820) (Private publication, 2002, 2015, 2016).



Figure 8. A photograph thought to be of Dora (Sedgwick-Ure) Campbell ca. 1946. This appears to have been taken in front of the Fred Ure house, Sandwich South.

2 Mrs. Guy P. Campbell Passes 37

Mrs. Dora Ure Campbell, aged 58, of R. R. 1 Roseland, wife of Guy P. Campbell, died Tuesday in hospital, following a lengthy illness. Born in Cottam, Mrs. Campbell lived in that area all her life, and was a graduate of Essex High School. She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist. Besides her husband, Mrs. Campbell is survived by five sons, Jack Ure and Murray and Ralph Campbell, all at home; Wallace Ure of Kingston, and Roy Campbell, of Windsor; three daughters, Mrs. Morley Eves, of Kingston; Mrs. Robert Spencer, of Royal Oak, Mich., and Clara Campbell, at home; one brother, Arthur Sedgewick of Toronto; and four sisters, Mrs. Robert Holt, of Wnidsor; Mrs. Wm. Dring, of Detroit; Mrs. Carleton Wheeler, in New York State, and Mrs. J. M. Menzio, of Tacoma, Wash. The funeral service will be held at 3.30 p.m. this (Thursday) at the Morris Funeral Home, Windsor, with Reader Elmer Wright officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Life with Vera

Guy courted Vera for a couple of years and even proposed, but Vera was uncertain. In 1950 she left Canada to visit her father in England, which among other things gave her time to make up her mind. But she returned and married Guy. The wedding took place at St. Stephens Anglican Church in Windsor. The marriage was not taken well by the Ure boys or the Campbell children and none were present at the wedding.

Guy had made clear to Vera his financial situation, the conditions of Dora's will and so on so Vera made Guy promise to provide her with a house of her own. Guy bought a quarter of an acre of land from Elmer Ure adjacent to the Fred Ure farm and had a bungalow style house moved to it. In 1953 a son Brian was born to the two of them. He was baptized Brian Peter Duncan Canpbell.

³⁷ The Essex Free Press, 21 November 1947.

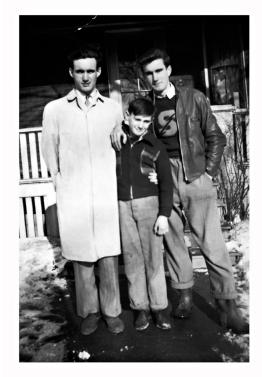




Figure 9a. Roy, Murray and Ralph, ca. 1942.

Figure 9b. Jim Shelds and Clara, ca. 1951.

Guy continued to work the forty-acre Fred Ure farm. He kept a milk cow and several pigs. One condition of Dora's will was that he keep the place in good repair. He had a small income from the rental of the big house and the little house that had been converted from its former service as a buggy shed.

Guy was able in the summer of 1969 in his seventy-sixth year to travel to England where I was working. I went to collect my mother at Heathrow airport, expecting to find her waiting for me. I got the shock of my life to see Guy's face, full of mischief, poking up from behind a pile of luggage. His airfare had been paid by his son, Roy. I had a great time driving the two around England and especially to Scotland where we toured one of the Campbell castles. But the strain of the trip wore him down and the very day he returned to Toronto he suffered a heart attack, though non-fatal. In the summer of 1974 I was home on leave from the University of Khartoum and was able to have good talks and picnics with him. Guy was showing his age. On the very day I returned to Khartoum I received a telegram informing me of his death.

This concludes the sketches.

NOTE

This section is necessarily short and may contain errors and omissions. For the most up to date revisions see the author's trees on ancestry.com:

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