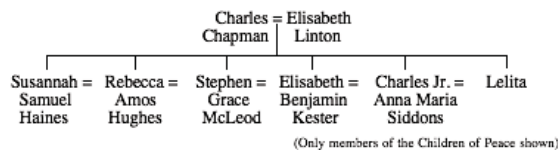


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Charles Chapman was born 1 Jan. 1754 in Springfield, Bucks County, Pa., of John and Mary Chapman. On 15 Nov. 1775 he married Elisabeth Linton, born 28 Oct. 1751 in Wrightstown, Bucks Co., daughter of John and Elisabeth Linton. Both families were Quakers, members of the Buckingham Monthly Meeting. The Chapmans initially moved to Catawissa on the upper branch of the Susquehanna River, but were drawn to settle in Upper Canada by their close friends, Amos and Martha Doan Armitage, also from Bucks Co., by way of Catawissa. Armitage was to write to Chapman "I hope by this time thou hast got rid of thy property on that barren mountain and art making ready to come to a land as it were flowing with milk and honey." As relatively late settlers, they were forced to take up land in Uxbridge township, where the patriarch of the family formed the core of a small Quaker settlement.

Despite the distance, Charles was one of the most active Friends in the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting, sitting on numerous committees. However, by late 1813, most of the family had become Children of Peace. The small meeting for worship they held in Uxbridge was soon torn by dissention, as Charles and David Willson were frequently at loggerheads over when and how meetings for worship would be held. Willson complained "Thus ye have ruld, and thus I have servd, till I cannot serve no more, for this cause; ye are always willing that I should serve you, and be subject to your way; but ye are never willing to serve me, or be subject to mine, nor them that is with me in spirit... ye are that in spirit that delights to have the dominion and the government resting on you; altho their should be no more than two or three of you together, the aged must have the rule." By Dec. 1814, Willson and the Chapmans had parted ways. Elisabeth Chapman reapplied for membership to the Yonge Street Meeting on 18 July 1816, Charles on 17 Oct. 1816. Charles died on 28 Feb. 1818. Children:



- 1) **Susannah Chapman**, born 14 Sept. 1777; married 1807, Samuel Haines in Uxbridge. They joined the Children of Peace in 1813.
- 2) Isaiah Chapman, born 1 Nov. 1778; married 24 Nov. 1831 in Pickering Ruth Anna Webster. Never members.
- 3) Rebecca Chapman, born 11 Jan. 1780, married 25 Feb. 1808 Amos Hughes, son of Job and Eleanor Hughes (see above). Joined the Children of Peace in 1812/3.
- 4) Stephen Chapman, born 16 Sept. 1781, married 24 March 1808 Grace McLeod, daughter of Murdoch and Rachel Terry McLeod (see below). They joined the Children of Peace in 1813/4.
- 5) Elisabeth Chapman, born 26 May 1783, died 7 Nov. 1817; married Benjamin Kester 12 Feb. 1807. It is unknown if they were ever members of the Children of Peace, but their son George was.
- 6) Mercy Chapman, born 23 Sept. 1784, married 22 Jan. 1807 Robert Willson (no relation to the East Gwillimbury Willsons). Never joined the Children of Peace.

- 7) Mary Chapman, born 12 Nov. 1786, died 1862; married 1819, William Jones, born 1793, died 1861, a non-Quaker. They were never members of the Children of Peace. They are both buried in the Quaker cemetery, Uxbridge. ¹
- 8) Charles Chapman Jr., born 16 April 1788; married 12 Sept. 1811 Anna Maria Siddons. They joined the Children of Peace in 1814.
- 9) Lelita Chapman, born 27 Jan. 1790; died 1866. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery. Never married. Although she was disowned by the Quakers on 15 Aug. 1824, she never became a member of the Children of Peace. By 1851 she is still listed in the census as a Quaker, even though she lived with her nephew Job Hughes, who was.
- 10) Joseph Chapman, born 28 May 1791, married Sarah Siddons (sister of Anna Maria, wife of Charles Chapman Jr). They were never members of the Children of Peace. He was disowned by the Quakers in 1812 for using profane language. She was disowned 13 March 1817 for marrying a non-Quaker. She died 1834, and he died 1839. ²

1) **Susannah Chapman** was born 14 Sept. 1777 near Wrightstown, Bucks County, Pa., eldest daughter of Charles Chapman Sr. and Elisabeth Linton. She married **Samuel Haines**, born 13 Dec. 1783 in Burlington Co., NJ. His sister, Mary, was married to Jacob Hollingshead, brother of George Hollingshead, another member of the Children of Peace. Samuel was disowned from the Burlington Monthly Meeting in 1803 and moved to Canada in 1806; he purchased 500 acres of land in Uxbridge. He no doubt followed his elder brother William to Upper Canada; William was Town Clerk of King Township between 1809-1836. In Samuel's Affirmation of Alligiance, he is described as "One of the People Called Quakers, Grey Eyes brown Hair five feet Eight Inches high twenty Two Years Old having taken the Affirmation ... at York the eighth Day of July 1806." He had property in the amount of £200.

Samuel and Susannah were married 6 Oct. 1807 in an "irregular marriage" (i.e., before a magistrate, instead of in the Quaker meeting), for which the Yonge St. Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends disciplined Susannah (the couple could not marry in the Quaker Church since Samuel had already been disowned in New Jersey). The marriage certificate read that the couple " being desirous of intermarrying with each other and there being no Parson of the Church of England living within eighteen miles -- I, Elisha Beman, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, have caused the previous notice of the statute required to be given, I have this day married Samuel Haines and Susannah Chapman together and they have become legally contracted to each other in marriage." They initially lived in Uxbridge. Susannah joined the Children of Peace in 1813 (as far as is known, Samuel was never a member), and was disowned by the Quakers on 16 June 1814.

The Children of Peace in Uxbridge (mainly the extended Chapman family) originally held their own meetings for worship there, but after Charles and Elizabeth Chapman rejoined the Quakers, Susannah and Samuel were forced to make a weekly journey to East Gwillimbury. Trehwella notes that "Samuel Haines exchanged a valuable farm at Quaker Hill, Uxbridge, for a yoke of white oxen in order that his wife Susannah might the more easily attend the meetings of the Children of Peace at Sharon." They moved to East Gwillimbury about 1816, where Samuel became a blacksmith. They returned to Uxbridge in 1822, leaving the East

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Gwillimbury farm with their sons Charles and Aaron. They later returned once more to East Gwillimbury, Lot 8, Conc. 2 in 1829. At about that time, they built the house on Leslie St. which still stands and is designated under the Heritage Act. This house is a one and a half storey vertical plank structure resting on a stone rubble foundation. Vertical plank construction is rare, and indicates that Ebenezer Doan was probably the builder (see below). Susannah was a member of the choir which would sing the "Songs for the Altar", composed by David Willson, in the Temple. Susannah died 9 Sept. 1858. Samuel died 17 Dec. 1873. They are both buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.



Samuel & Susannah Chapman Haines

Children:

- a) **Charles Haines** was born 4 Sept. 1808, died 22 June 1890; married first, **Martha Armitage Wiggins**, daughter of Isaac and Anna Armitage Wiggins (see above, under **Samuel Hughes**), born Jan. 1811, died 5 Nov. 1835. She is buried in the Children of Peace cemetery. Charles married second, Anna Kester on 12 April 1837 in the Methodist Church. He played German flute in the Children of Peace band. They were Children of Peace in 1851, but by 1861, they had become Quakers, later yet switching to the Wesleyan Methodists. At that time, they were also caring for Rachel and Esther Kester, daughters of George Kester (Anna's brother?). Charles ran a shoe shop during the winter, and farmed in the summer. They took over his parent's farm (who continued to live with them), about 50 acres on Lot 8, Conc. 2, and 3 acres on Lot 4 in 1851. By 1862, he entered partnership with Charles Doan (see below), then a merchant in Aurora, to farm a further 34 acres on Lot 8, Conc. 2, but this ended by 1865 when he acquired 6.5 acres of the 34 acres. He also purchased a further 100 acres on Lot 5, Conc. 5, which he quickly resold. His total assessed worth in 1865 was \$1,995. Children (by Martha):

- i) *Elizabeth Haines, born ca. 1832, died 31 May 1881. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery. Child:*
1) *Mary, born ca. 1866.*

Children (by Anna):

- ii) *Martha Haines, born ca. 1837. Married Robert Barker, of Bishop Wilton, Yorkshire. Note that her cousin Rachel Kester also married man named Barker. Martha was a member of the Christian Church. They had ten children:*

- 1) *Elizabeth Barker, died in youth.*
- 2) *Charles Barker, moved to Regina*
- 3) *Frank Barker, moved to Dundas*
- 4) *Sarah Barker, married Robert Willson of Newmarket*
- 5) *Almeda Barker, married Charles Watson of Sharon*
- 6) *Mary Barker, died in youth*
- 7) *Edward Barker, moved to Toronto*
- 8) *Mercy Barker, moved to Toronto*
- 9) *Ada M. Barker, married Simpson Horner of Sintaluta, Sask.*
- 10) *Wilmot Barker, of Sharon*

- b) **Aaron Haines** born 4 Nov. 1810; married first, Honor Fraud Woodman, of Cornwall, England, born 1806, died 1 Feb. 1836; and secondly, Eliza Sparling. Honor is buried in the Children of Peace cemetery. They do not appear in township records until 1873, when the assessment rolls show them owning 50 acres on Lot 3, Conc. 3. They had moved again by 1879. Children:

- i) *Mary Susannah Haines, born 1836; adopted by Ira and Elizabeth Doan (see below); married Oliver, son of Jacob and Hannah Doan Lundy (see below). Died 6 Sept. 1888.*
ii) *Robert Haines joined the Union Army in the American Civil War. At one point, he asked for compassionate leave to visit his seriously ill mother; this was refused. He fled nonetheless, but was forced to wait out the rest of the war or face court martial.*
- c) Elizabeth Haines born 15 Oct. 1812 in Uxbridge Township; married 1833 Ira Doan, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Paxson Doan (see below).
- d) Israel Haines born 20 July 1815, died 25 Oct. 1891 in Sharon; married 12 March 1836 in Hope, Sarah Doan, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Paxson Doan (see below).

2) Stephen Chapman was born 16 Sept. 1781 of Charles Chapman Sr and Elisabeth Linton, most likely in Bucks Co., Pa. He emigrated to Upper Canada with his parents in 1805. He married 24 March 1808 in the Yonge St. Monthly Meeting, Grace McLeod, daughter of **Murdoch** and **Rachel Terry McLeod**, born 18 Oct. 1790 (see below). Although they joined the Children of Peace in 1813, they are not listed among the Builders of the Temple. They had purchased 50 acres on lot 94, conc. 1 Whitchurch in March 1808. Walton's Directory of the Home District for 1837 places them on Lot 5, Conc. 3, a clergy reserve. They also purchased the south half of Lot 11, Conc. 3, another Clergy Reserve in 1830, which they sold off in pieces over the next decade. They do not appear in any other East Gwillimbury Township records. It is not known when they died, but Grace received a bequest in her father's will, dated 1847, which would seem to indicate she was still alive then. Children:

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a) **Elisabeth Chapman** , born 4 Jan. 1809; married **Aaron King** . Little is known of the family. Aaron is probably the son of James King (see below) who purchased the west half of lot 7, concession ³ in 1825. They appear in no other township records after 1837.

Children:

- i) Seth King*
- ii) Susan King*
- iii) Jane King*

b) **Murdoch Chapman** , born 23 Aug. 1810; married **Susannah**? They had a farm on Lot 6, Conc. 2, but Walton's Directory of the Home District for 1837 also places them on Lot 5, Conc. 3, the same lot as his father. They left for the U.S. shortly after the Rebellion of 1837. Child:

- i) Angelina Chapman .*

c) Harriet Chapman, married **Enos Doan** , son of **Mahlon and Rebecca Hartley Doan** (see below).

d) Seth Chapman, a millwright; married Susan Johnson, daughter of Lt. Johnson, founder of Pefferlaw. They built and operated a sawmill in Baldwin. Seth died 1876 in Baldwin.

3) Elisabeth Chapman was born 26 May 1783, daughter of Charles Chapman Sr and Elisabeth Linton, in Bucks Co., Pa. She married 19 March 1807 in the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, Benjamin Kester, born 10 July 1783, son of Paul and Anna Kester of Northumberland County, Pa. He had emigrated in 1806, and purchased a small 5 acre plot of Lot 87, Conc. 1 of King twp in 1810. He died during the War of 1812 (approx. 1815). She died 7 Nov. 1817. Most of their children then appear to have been placed with family in Pickering Township. Only George (and perhaps a sister, Anna, of whom little is known) became a member of the Children of Peace. Children:

- a) Susannah Kester, born 3 June 1808; married 19 Nov. 1829 Moses Bonnel of Whitby.
- b) Arnold Kester, born 6 Aug. 1809. He was disowned by the Hicksite Quakers on 17 Oct. 1833. He was living on Lot 22, Conc. 1 Whitby twp. in 1837.
- c) Mercy Kester, born 26 Nov. 1810; married in Uxbridge 22 Nov. 1832, Samuel Widdifield.
- d) Isaiah Kester, born 25 Jan. 1812. He was disowned by the Hicksite Quakers on 14 Feb. 1833. He also was living on Lot 20, Conc. 4 Whitby twp. in 1837.
- e) **George Rex. Kester** , born 17 May 1813, died 28 Dec. 1882 of peritonitis ⁴ ; married on 9 May 1837 in the Methodist church, an Irish immigrant, Martha Davis, born 1819, died 8 March 1899. She was a well known midwife/ nurse: "the personification of neatness and never seen without the whitest of collars, she was the mother of a family as well as the community hope and trust in sickness where her therapeutics included confidence and serenity. Years later her daughter, Rachel, carried on her mother's work of mercy."⁵ George was a shoemaker in Sharon most of his life. They lived on Lot 11, Conc. 3, on 3/8th of an acre of land assessed at \$200 in 1865. By 1873, he had also bought another house lot on Lot 10, Conc. 2. By 1861, they were members of the Church of England, and by 1871, the Christian Church. After George's death, Martha remarried to John Graham, born 1810, died 30 May 1900. All three are buried in the Queensville cemetery. Children:

i) Arnold Kester, born ca. 1837

ii) Ellen Kester, born ca. 1838

iii) Rachel Kester, born ca. 1842, died 16 Feb. 1920 in Newmarket; married 1862 Henry Barker, born 1834, son of John, died 1887. As noted above, she is listed in the 1861 census as living with her uncle, the Charles Haines family. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.

iv) Anna Jane Kester, born ca. 1843, died 7 Dec. 1859. Buried in the Queensville cemetery.

v) John Kester, born ca. 1846

vi) Hester Kester, born 1 Jan. 1851, died 28 Feb. 1923; married George Mainprize, born 7 July 1851 son of William and Ann Tindall Mainprize (see below).

vii) William J. Kester, born ca. 1858; married Mary Ramsden, died 16 May 1922 in Toronto. By 1879, he had purchased 100 acres on Lot 7, Conc. 7, but soon sold out and moved from the township.

viii) George Robert Kester, born about Aug. 1859, died 23 Sept. 1881. Buried in the Queensville cemetery.

f) Anna Kester, married **Charles Haines** (see above)

4) Charles Chapman Jr. was born 16 April 1788, son of Charles Chapman Sr and Elisabeth Linton. He married Anna Maria Siddons before a magistrate on 12 Sept. 1811, for which they were both disciplined by the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting. Anna Maria was born 22 Aug. 1793, daughter of Samuel Siddons and Fanny Brook, also living in Uxbridge. They joined the Children of Peace in July 1814, but apparently left at an early date. They do not reappear in any other Children of Peace records. Child:

- a) Samuel Chapman, born 2 Sept. 1812.