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1) Hiram Harrison married 28 Oct, 1805 Elizabeth Hollingshead , eldest daughter of George and Sarah Hollingshead (see below). According to the 1825 Assessment role, they were farming 20 acres of a 100 acre farm spread between Lots 14 and 24, Conc. 3. They later moved to the east half of Lot 23, Conc. 3. They raised a large family, but due to a family difference after the Rebellion, Hiram and 2 sons, Joseph and John went to the States, where John was murdered. A widow by 1840, Elizabeth sold the farm to Joshua and moved to North Gwillimbury where she died 8 Oct. 1871, aged 85. She was well known for her kindness; “There was a poor Irish family living in a small house on their farm named Mason. Both father and mother died there leaving a small helpless family of some three or four children. Mrs Harrison at once took charge of them and became a “foster mother” caring for them just as if they were her own. Thomas, the oldest boy, as soon as he was big enough was put to learn to be a tailor. John she found a home for him, and as for William Mason she always kept him with her treating him as her own child.”

¹ Known children include:

- a) Sarah Harrison , born c. 1804, died 1863; married William H. Willson , son of William W. and Hannah Vernon Willson (see above), born 5 Dec. 1803, died 10 July 1882.
- b) Nancy Harrison married Isaac Rose . Isaac was a member of the Children of Peace for a short time prior to the Rebellion. They had a farm on Lot 15, Conc. 2. They later sold this farm and moved to the 8th Conc. south of Mount Albert.

Children:

- 1) Elizabeth Jane Rose, married 1863 John Thirsk.
- c) Lucy Harrison married Hiram Moore. In 1837, they lived on Lot 14, Conc. 3. In 1851, Hiram was Township Clerk. By 1857 they had established an inn in North Gwillimbury. Hiram married secondly, Matilda, daughter of John Evans Sr. of Lot 16, Conc. 4.
- d) Priscilla Harrison , married a man from the United States.
- e) Susan Harrison , born ca. 1828, died in West Franklin 7 Oct. 1907. 2 She moved to North Gwillimbury with her mother where she married David Clark in 1867. They had no children.
- d) Mary Harrison married Robert Tomlinson, an Englishman. They moved to North Gwillimbury.
- e) Joshua Harrison born ca. 1808; married Sarah ?, born ca. 1813. Joshua and his sons Robert and Nelson were listed in the census, over time, as architects, carpenters and joiners. They also operated a saw mill on their fifty acre farm on Lot 16, Conc. 4. They also owned 200 acres on Lot 18, Conc. 5 which was sold by 1862. Joshua was also elected Reeve of East Gwillimbury Township in 1851, and Deputy Reeve in 1853. The family servant, Sarah Jane Coral, was also a member of the Children of Peace in 1851. Joshua died 6 June 1862 and is buried in the Selby cemetery. The rest of the family then seems to have left the Children of Peace.

Children:

- i) Robert Harrison, born ca. 1835, married Lucretia ? Children: George, born ca. 1856, died 12 Oct. 1862, Martha, born ca. 1857, John C., born ca. 1860.
- ii) Nelson Harrison, born ca. 1835, married ? (a widower by 1871). He lived in Holland Landing by 1869 (Lot 104, Conc. 1E) where he owned a 95 acre farm.

Children:

- 1) Josephine, born ca. 1861.
- 2) Mary, born ca. 1863.
- 3) John, born ca. 1865.
- 4) Minnie, born ca. 1868.
- iii) Rosanna Harrison, born ca. 1838
- iv) Seton Harrison, born ca. 1840
- v) Julietta Harrison, born ca. 1842
- vi) Mary Harrison, born ca. 1846
- vii) Sarah E. Harrison, born ca. 1849
- f) Joseph Harrison
- g) William Harrison accompanied his mother to North Gwillimbury.

2) George Hill was a constable for East Gwillimbury in 1811, and a tanner with a farm on Lot 6, Conc. 3 in 1834. He was probably the son of Joseph Hill, a Quaker miller from New Jersey who established the first mill and tannery in Newmarket. Joseph Hill's sister Mary was married to Isaac Hollingshead, brother of George Hollingshead, listed below. Ethel Willson Trehwella, in her history of Newmarket, records that George ran Joseph's tannery for him. Joseph returned to Bucks Co. Pa., after he lost his mill due to “judicial robbery” to Elisha Beman, a magistrate and his major competition in Newmarket. Little is known of this family, or the identity of his wife, Lucy. They appear to have left the Children of Peace after the Rebellion of 1837. Lucy died 28 May 1830, aged 41 and is buried in the Children of Peace cemetery. George then remarried, to Mary ?, who died 3 Oct. 1881 in Nobleton, aged 77. 3 George died 10 Jan. 1863.

Children:

- a) Simpson Hill , born 1810, died 10 Feb. 1832. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.
- b) William Hill, lived in Queensville. Died 15 March 1869. Buried in the Queensville cemetery.

Child:

- i) Mary C. Hill, married 1866 Joseph D. Smith.
- ii) William S. Hill, born 1843, died 1912; married Sarah J. Shepherd, born 1843, died 1904. They are both buried in the Queensville cemetery.
- c) Moses Hill, married Candice Smalley, daughter of Asa (Lot 21, Conc. 2, E.G.). Moses declared personal bankruptcy on 28 Nov. 1868. 4 They later lived in Sutton.
- d) Mary Hill married William Reid Jr (see above).

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e) ?, married John D. Phillips, born 13 May 1815, son of William and Hannah Phillips of King twp.

3) George Hollingshead was born in 1760, the eldest son of Anthony Hollingshead and Elizabeth Conrow, members of the Society of Friends. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, Anthony and his son George joined the 3rd Battalion, New Jersey Loyalists, for which they were disowned by the Quakers. They left service in 1779, and the family was evacuated to Nova Scotia from New York City by the British army in 1783. Anthony and four of his married children emigrated to Markham township in 1797 receiving a 400 acre land grant. George remained in Digby, N.S. until 1803 when he joined his parents in Upper Canada, but his petition for land as a U.E. Loyalist was turned down since his arrival was after the cut-off date. He did however, receive a Crown deed for 200 acres, Lot 21, Conc. 4 in East Gwillimbury on 28 Oct. 1803, as the son of a Loyalist. In his petition he stated that he had a wife and eight children and was a Quaker, although he never became a member of the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting, since being a Loyalist was incompatible with being a Friend. His wife Sarah, was born about 1763 and died 26 Aug. 1847. They had a further three children once they arrived in Upper Canada, although the names of all the children are not known. At least one infant son died in Digby, N.S. The couple appear to have broken up at some point, and Sarah moved to King Township with one of her children. She is not listed as a Builder of the Temple. In 1833 George purchased a 25 acre parcel of land on Lot 9, Conc. 2 in the centre of the village of Hope. He is frequently named in the official business of the sect. He died 28 June 1848 and is buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.

His known children include:

- a) Elizabeth Hollingshead, married 28 Oct. 1805 Hiram Harrison (see above). She died 8 Oct. 1871 in North Gwillimbury.
- b) Joseph Hollingshead, born 15 April 1788 in N.S., married Susan ?. According to the 1825 Assessment Roll, he was farming 30 acres of a 100 acre farm on Lot 24, Conc. 3. They had one son, Samuel, and 8 daughters. He died 5 Oct. 1863, and is buried in the Selby Burying Ground in Sharon, hence was probably never a member of the Children of Peace. Joseph claimed to “be a seventh son and therefore was endowed with all kinds of spiritual powers whereby he could by laying on of hands heal the sick and afflicted, smell water and discover hidden treasure and, it was truly marvelous how many believed in him. He was sent for far and near, to heal the sick, to locate hidden treasure and to tell where to dig for water. My own father [Jeremiah Graham] believed in him; he got him to tell where to dig for water. In smelling for water he used a piece of crotched plum tree or a bent twig as plum wood indicated water more strongly than other woods. On one occasion he came to our place my brother being sick. Hollingshead after offering up a prayer as long as the moral law, delivered with a drawl and nasal twang that gave peculiar solemnity to the occasion, finally when he could find no more to say and the amen came he laid his hands upon the afflicted parts and a few more mysterious words pronounced the farce was ended, with the additional injunction be sure and keep the parts well bathed with “buttermilk.” Why

the buttermilk, was it necessary to enable the Lord to effect a cure? If a cure followed it was owing to the laying on of hands while if the patient died it was the dispensation of Providence.”⁵

- c) Jacob, born 1790 in N.S.; married Fanny Dunham, born 27 May 1797 in Kings Co., New Brunswick of Thomas and Elizabeth Traviss Dunham. Her brother Elijah was married to Anna Maria Briggs (see above). In the 1825 Assessment Roll, they were farming 16 acres of a 50 acre farm on Lot 20, Conc. 3.

Child:

- i) *Ann Hollingshead*
- ii) *William Hollingshead*
- iii) *George Hollingshead, married 1860 Sarah J. Moore.*
- iv) *David Hollingshead*
- v) *Silas Hollingshead*
- vi) *Jacob Hollingshead*
- vii) *Jane Hollingshead, born 1827 in E.G., died 7 April 1872 of a stroke; 6 married ? Park.*
- viii-x) *2 sons and 2 daughters*
- d) Sarah Hollingshead, born 1795 in N.S., married Charles Clark and lived in King Twp. She was widowed by the 1840s, and died 30 Nov. 1876 near Collingwood.
- e) Isaac Hollingshead, born July 1805 in E.G., married Mary Morris in 1829. They had 8 children. They lived first in King twp., later in Wallace twp., Perth County. He died 12 Dec. 1892, she on 10 April 1887.
- f) Samuel Hollingshead, born 30 Sept. 1807 in E.G., married Elizabeth David, born 4 April 1818, died 4 April 1903.
- g) Julia Ann Hollingshead, born 14 April 1810 in E. G., died 16 Aug. 1888; married 18 Nov. 1833 David Love of the 7th conc., King twp. They had 9 children. He died 5 Dec. 1881, aged 71 years, 10 months.

4) James Kavanagh was born in 1793 in St. Mary’s Parish, Wexford, Ireland. By 18 he was a shoemaker in Dublin, a trade he was to continue in Canada. On 11 Dec. 1811 he enlisted in the 99th Regiment of the British Army. He was listed as being 5’5” high, with brown eyes and a fair complexion. He was discharged in Quebec in 1818 when the regiment disbanded. He received 100 acres of land in Tecumseth twp., Simcoe County for his service, but was refused a military pension for lack of discharge papers. Half-pay officers (retired military men) were the mainstay of the colonial bureaucracy, and were often appointed magistrates. James’ failure to obtain the pension (and hence the other attendant benefits) no doubt led to his disaffection with the system of government in the colony and his becoming a part of the political reform movement. It is not known if he took up this land, but by 1827 he was a shoemaker in Sharon. At about this time he married Elizabeth Darling, born 1787 (alt. source says 1792) in County Tipperary, Ireland. They lived on Lot 8, Conc. 2, in the heart of the village of Hope as tenants in a one storey frame house with a one acre garden plot and two cows. Kavanagh was one of two casualties in the Rebellion of 1837, he being wounded on 5 Dec. 1837 (the day before the Battle on Yonge St.) “by a comrade” and died on the 12th in hospital. By 1860, Elizabeth Sr. had joined her daughter, Elizabeth, in Rochester, NY, where she died 13 April 1875.

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Children:

- a) Elizabeth Kavanagh, born approx. 1828 in E. G. By 1850 she had married Charles Bentley, shoemaker, in Rochester, NY. Her younger brother William was also living with them at the time. Elizabeth later adopted William John, son of her brother John Hiram (see below). Charles died in 1863, and Elizabeth remarried in 1870 John Ray, a cheese maker from Edinboro, Erie Co. Pa.
- b) James Kavanagh Jr., born 27 June 1830 in Sharon, lived in the township his entire life. He married Maria Barker, daughter of John and Mary Barker, English immigrants to E.G (the parents are buried in the Selby cemetery). James kept a hotel first in Sharon, later in Queensville. 7 In 1860 he became an auctioneer and agricultural implement dealer there; by 1866, he was also director of the East Gwillimbury Agricultural Society. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge (1858), and Master of the Lodge in 1871, '72, '74, '76. James died 30 July 1903 and Maria 25 Nov. 1911. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.

Children:

- i) *Mary Elizabeth Kavanagh, born March 1858, died 11 June 1858. Buried in the Selby cemetery.*
- ii) *Ambrose Kavanagh, born May 1864, died 3 Nov. 1866. Buried in the Selby cemetery.*
- iii) *Julia Kavanagh, born July 1868, died 23 Dec. 1869. Buried in the Selby cemetery.*
- iv) *Frank Kavanagh, born 31 Oct. 1870, died 22 Nov. 1926. Buried in the Newmarket cemetery.*
- v) *Sarah L. Kavanagh, born 20 April 1872, died 24 May 1957; married Seth Traviss, born 30 Sept. 1870, died 14 July 1944. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.*
- vi) *Minnie K. Kavanagh, married Eugene Cane 1 Nov. 1882.*
- c) John Hiram Kavanagh was born 10 Nov. 1833. He was "bound out" to a Mr. Belfry, north of Queensville at an early age. According to the 1851 Census, he was boarding with Eli Doan and wife on Lot 9, Conc. 2/3. By 1862, he had his own house on Lot 9, Conc. 3 in Sharon. The name of his first wife (if married) is unknown, but his son William John (later Bentley) was born 20 Sept. 1858 in Sharon. As an infant, he was adopted by John's sister Elizabeth and her husband Charles Bentley in Rochester. John then married 9 Dec. 1860 Elizabeth Ryan, daughter of William and Anna Ryan, born approx. 1837 or 9 in Tipperary, Ireland. She was a Catholic her entire life. She came to Upper Canada at age 16 to live with an aunt near Sharon. John is listed in the census as an architect, carpenter and joiner. On 7 Dec. 1863 he enlisted in Company D of the NY Calvary at Rochester, NY. 8 After the Civil War, he returned to Sharon. By 1869, the family had moved to Lot 10, Conc. 2, in Sharon where they opened a store. This store was begun by Elizabeth with \$10 she found. It first operated out of their home, but was later expanded using lumber from the First Meeting House which their son, James E. purchased for \$35. The Sharon post office, and the Great North Western Telegraph Company office were also located in their store from 1885 to 1903. Although the census lists John's religion as Church of England, and Eliza's as Roman Catholic, their son James stated that the family were among the last to stay with the Children of Peace (see his reminiscences, cited below). John, a Sargeant in the York

Rangers, was called up to help quell the Red River Rebellion of Louis Riel. They moved to Toronto in 1903. He died in there 10 July 1908, and Elizabeth 9 Aug. 1916.

Children:

- i) *(Honora) Elizabeth Kavanagh, born 30 April 1866 in Queensville; married 28 Nov. 1888, 9 George R. Doan, son of George Monroe and Wait Ann Brooks Doan (see above).*
- ii) *Mary Katherine Kavanagh, born 11 May 1869.*
- iii) *James Edward Kavanagh, born 14 March 1871 in Sharon. He learned telegraphy at a young age, becoming the G.N.W.T. Co. Telegraph operator at age of 14. He married 22 Dec. 1898 Edith Shortly of Peterborough. He became a teacher, working first at Jersey, near Keswick. He eventually became the vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Assurance Company and lived in Bronxville, NY. He was a member of the York Pioneer Historical Society for 40 years, and contributed extensively to the restoration of the Temple. See his recollections of life in early Sharon in the York Pioneer , 1958. He died 12 Dec. 1957 in Lake Wales, Florida. Children: Mrs. Helen Elliott of Kansas City., Mo., J.O. Kavanagh of Norwalk, Conn., and J.H. Kavanagh of Chicago, Ill.*
- iv) *Adelena Kavanagh, born 25 April 1873. Never married. Lived in Toronto.*
- d) William Kavanagh, born about 1836. He was living with his sister Elizabeth in Rochester by 1850. He returned to East Gwillimbury as an adult, marrying Sarah E. Osman, daughter of Conrad Osman, 31 Dec. 1884. 10 He was active in the Presbyterian Church in Queensville.

Children:

- i) Thomas C., born 1859, died 15 Nov. 1895; married Catherine ?
- e) Maria Kavanagh
- f) Jane Kavanagh

5) Peter Lepard was born Jan. 1785, and died 16 March 1867 and is buried in the Children of Peace cemetery. He was a cooper and farmer. He married the widowed Elizabeth Phillips Rowen , born May 1791. They purchased 50 acres (south-west quarter) of Lot 8, Conc. 3 in 1831 for \$800, where they remained until their deaths. Elizabeth was the widow of Peter Richard Rowen. Rowen was born in Amsterdam 1790, and served in the military for some time until ill health forced him to quit. He stole his father's boat and sailed to New York City. From there, he moved to Lake Erie, and from there to the German settlement in Markham Township. It was in Markham that Rowen married Elizabeth, whose family had emigrated there in 1776. After the marriage, they moved to the fourth Conc. of East Gwillimbury, where Peter Rowen died May 1815. Elizabeth died 14 Nov. 1857. She is also buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.

Children (by Peter Rowen):

- a) Peter Rowen born Dec. 1812 in Markham township, died 11 May 1875 in Sharon of "erysipelas"; 11 married Deborah Kitley, born ca. 12 Aug. 1812, of Isaac and Mary Kitley (Lot 7, Conc. 2, E.G.), died 17 May 1885. 12 The Kitleys were Quakers. Peter was a farmer, blacksmith, wheelwright and painter. He was said to have made some

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of the pikes used by the rebels in the Rebellion of 1837, for which he was imprisoned. After the Rebellion, they built the substantial brick house known as the Oxtoby house, which still stands on Lot 9, Conc. 2. By 1862, they had purchased 58 acres on Lot 9, which had an assessed value of \$1,650 in 1865. By 1869, most of that land was sold, and he purchased 38 acres on Lot 8, Conc. 2, 99 acres on Lot 10, Conc. 6, and 95 acres with his son Daniel on Lot 10, Conc. 7. Peter was elected to Township Council in 1840. He remained a member of the Children of Peace for his whole life. His wife and children became members of the Christian Church after 1861. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.

Children:

- i) *Richard Rowen, born ca. 13 Feb. 1837, died 3 June 1912; married Mary Ann Bogart, born ca. 21 Oct. 1835, died 23 March 1904. They lived in Holt, on Lot 10, Conc. 7, 101 acres, and Lot 4, Conc. 7, where they farmed 50 acres. This had an assessed value of \$1,900 in 1865. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.*

Children:

- 1) Elizabeth Rowen, born ca. 1863.
- 2) Martin B. Rowen, born ca. 1865.
- 3) Peter George Rowen, born ca. 1867.
- ii) *William Henry Rowen, born in Sharon ca. 27 May 1839, died in Sharon 5 Aug. 1887 of a "nervous disease"; 13 never married. A wheelwright, farmer and wagon maker. He owned 49 acres on Lot 4, Conc. 7, and 99 acres on Lot 10, Conc. 6. He was elected Deputy Reeve of East Gwillimbury in 1875, and Reeve in 1877 and 1878. He was active in the Sons of Temperance, and was the president of the Sharon Literary Society. He became a Unitarian.*
- iii) *Hannah Rowen, born 1841, died 23 March 1896 of diabetes; 14 married 1867 Christopher Oxtoby, of East Gwillimbury born 1830, died 11 Nov. 1913. He had learned the blacksmith trade from Peter Rowan in his youth, but later went to California where he practised that trade. He returned to Sharon to marry Hannah, then the two of them went back to California until they had earned enough money to make a home in Sharon. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery. They had three daughters.*

Children:

- 1) Mary D. Oxtoby, married 17 Oct. 1888 Henry M. Wait. 15
- 2) Mrs Thomas Brown
- iv) *Catherine Rowen, born ca. 1842; married Henry Williamson Raper.*
- v) *Daniel Rowen, born ca. 1844. A farmer, moved to Detroit.*
- vi) *Maria Rowen, born ca. 1847.*
- b) Daniel Rowen born April 1815; married Mary Jane ? He was a carpenter. The family moved temporarily to the U.S. where Daniel died of cholera in Illinois, 21 July 1854, aged 39.

Child:

- i) *Elizabeth Sophia Rowen, born Nov. 1842, died 13 Jan. 1865. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.*
- ii) *Maria Rowen, married Reuben Phillips, pump-maker.*

Children (by Peter Lepard):

- c) Benjamin Lepard, born 9 July 1818, died 27 Feb. 1896; married first, Norrah ?, born ca. 1822, died before 1861, and secondly, Maria C. ?, born 1823, died 5 Feb. 1879 of inflammation of the lungs and heart disease. 16 They lived on a 93 acre farm on Lots 7 & 8, Conc. 3, which they purchased in 1842. By 1862, they had added 33.3 acres on Lot 11, Conc. 6, and their property had an assessed value of \$2,060 in 1865. They farmed a total of 90 acres of the total. By 1869, they had purchased an additional 47 acres on Lot 5, Conc. 4. They remained members of the Children of Peace approximately until the time of David Willson's death, and are listed as members of the New Connexion Methodist Church in the 1871 census. Benjamin and Maria are buried in the Newmarket cemetery.

Children:

- i) *Hannah Willson Lepard, born ca. 1841.*
- ii) *Phebe Lepard, born ca. 1843.*
- iii) *Elizabeth Lepard, born ca. 1845.*
- iv) *David L. Lepard, born 28 Sept. 1851, died 26 Jan. 1922; married first, Emily Evans, born 1850, died 22 March 1874. Married second, Margaret C. Hamer, born 28 Oct. 1853, died 21 Dec. 1896. Married third, Henrietta Smith, born 30 Jan. 1858, died 8 Oct. 1927. She had a daughter Anna V. Smith by a previous marriage. They are all buried in the Newmarket cemetery.*

Child: Marshall.

- d) David Lepard was murdered at a Durham meeting (a political rally) 15 Oct. 1839, aged 19. "At the time of the Durham Meeting on Yonge Street just north of Toronto, [Peter] and his son David was returning from the city when they were set upon by the ruffenly tories from West Gwillimbury and elsewhere who had gathered at the meeting with their waggon loads of shillalas. David was knocked out of the waggon and brutally murdered and that without having given the least provocation other than his father was a reformer or a rebel as the tories called those who differed with them." 17 He is buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.
- e) William Matthew Lepard born 27 Oct. 1824; married 21 Nov. 1851 Esther Brammar, daughter of Joseph and Ellen Lundy Brammar, born 5 June 1834 (see above).
- f) Silas Lepard born 1829, died 20 Sept. 1906, married Juliett Willson, daughter of William H. and Sarah Harrison Willson (see above).
- g) Elizabeth Lepard married Judah Lundy (see above).

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6) William Mainprize was born Oct. 1806 in Gambling, Yorkshire, England, son of George and Sarah Mainprize. He emigrated to Upper Canada in 1830 on board the ship Westmorland. He worked for Charles Doan and Hugh D. Willson, merchants, in Hope, for 5 years, during which time he became a member of the Children of Peace. An article on the fall Feast of the Children of Peace in 1884 in the Newmarket Era noted that he hauled the lumber used to build the Second Meeting House, and had not missed a dozen feasts over the previous 53 years (i.e. since 1831). After 5 years (about the time of the Rebellion), he moved to Lot 6, Conc. 8 of East Gwillimbury, then known as Birchardtown, now Mount Albert, where he married Ann Tindall, born about 27 Aug. 1823, died 6 Sept. 1886. William died 25 Oct. 1896. They are both buried in the Mount Albert cemetery. They had twelve children.

Children:

- a) Sarah Mainprize married 1866 William Roe Mann, of North Gwillimbury.
- b) George Mainprize, born 7 July 1851, died 23 March 1934; married Hester Kester, born 1 Jan. 1851, daughter of George and Martha Davis Kester (see above), died 28 Feb. 1923 at Mt Albert. It was Hester Kester Mainprize of Holt who convinced the York Pioneer and Historical Society to save the Sharon Temple after the Second Meeting House was demolished.

7) John Thomas was born 1823 in Portsmouth, England the eldest child of George and Henrietta Brown Stokes, tavern keepers. His parents and five younger children immigrated to Canada in 1837, settling first in Barrie, later in Birchardtown (Mount Albert). They operated the "Royal Oak Hotel" in Mount Albert, and George later became a Justice of the Peace. John remained in England in 1837, where he was educated as a civil engineer and architect. John was married in 1846 to Martha Roberts, also of that city, daughter of Henry P. and Elizabeth Roberts. The couple moved to Canada in 1849. They settled in Sharon, where John designed and built a home, "Maplehyrn", in 1852. Soon after his arrival in Sharon, he joined the Children of Peace, although his wife and children remained members of the Church of England. By the 1861 census, he had rejoined the Church of England, even though three of his daughters had married members of the Children of Peace (including 2 of David Willson's grandchildren). Although an architect and builder, he soon added a number of other titles, such as Postmaster, School Inspector, Clerk Treasurer (1856-1887). A number of impressive buildings remain a testament to his skills as an architect, including the Robert Brammer house (1857) in Sharon, the Joseph Gould mansion in Uxbridge, and five churches in Sharon, Newmarket and Stayner. This architectural career was cut short when he was hired as the County Engineer in 1874. Although he remained a resident of Sharon, his office was on Adelaide Street in Toronto. As the Superintendent of Roads he was responsible for the railway underpass at Queen St. West and Dufferin (1883-1887). He later moved to Toronto, where he contracted pneumonia and died 30 Nov. 1891. Martha died 29 Sept. 1894 of general debility. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.²⁰

- i) Martha Stokes, in Portsmouth, England 7 Aug. 1848, died 24 Feb. 1936; married 11 Oct. 1870, Amos Lundy, born 27 March 1846, died 23 March 1890, son of Judah and Elizabeth (Leopard) Lundy (see above).

- ii) Eliza Jane Stokes, born ca. 1850; married 20 Oct. 1869 David Lee Willson, born 1848, died 31 Dec. 1886, son of Israel and Mary (Hughes) Willson (see above). Eliza Jane was a teacher, she receiving her teaching certificate 31 Aug. 1865.
- iii) Harriet Stokes, born 11 June 1852, died 18 Aug. 1935.; married Absalom Willson, born 24 April 1849, died 11 March 1939, son of John David and Maria (Thorpe) Willson (see above). Absalom was one of the last members of the Children of Peace, and the owner of the Sharon Temple and Meeting House after the sect ceased to exist.
- iv) Emily Stokes, born ca. 1855, married William Rannie of Newmarket.
- v) Marion Stokes, born ca. 1857, married James Aylward of Queensville, the postmaster there.
- vi) Alice Stokes, born ca. 1859, married 4 Nov. 1882 James Hamer, a Bradford farmer. 21
- vii) Emma Stokes, born ca. 1862.

8) George Wright, born circa 1801 in England, died 29 Oct. 1834, and buried in the Children of Peace cemetery. He was married to Elizabeth Lepard, daughter of Abraham and Joanna Lepard, born circa 1801/2, died 4 Sept. 1872. Little is known of the family although it is possible that George was the brother of Ann Wright, the wife of John Brammer who also immigrated at about the same time. In the 1825 Assessment Roll, he is listed as farming 100 acres on Lot 103, Conc. 1. They had 100 acres, west half of Lot 12, Conc. 2. After George's death, Elizabeth moved to Sharon (Lot 10, Conc. 3). She married secondly, 15 July 1839 in St. James cathedral, Toronto, William Richardson, born circa 1801 in England, died 5 Nov. 1884, and buried in the Queensville cemetery. His first wife was Elizabeth Hutchinson, daughter of George Hutchinson, born circa 1813, died 20 April 1839 and buried in Aurora.

Children:

- i) *Edward Wright, born ca. 1822, married 26 July 1842 in St. James cathedral, Toronto, Sarah Blankenship, born ca. 1823. They resided in East Gwillimbury township in 1852.*

Child:

- a) William Wright, b. ca. 1850.
- ii) *William Wright born ca. 1823; married Mary Jane ?, b. ca. 1833/4. He was a tailor, living in Sharon (Lot 10, Conc. 2). They later moved to Bowmanville.*

Children:

- a) George Wright, b. ca. 1854/5; married first 20 April 1881, Mary Emma Andrew, and second, 16 Sept. 1885 Emma Elizabeth Coleman.
- b) Matilda/ Jane Wright, b. ca. 1860/61.
- c) Elizabeth Wright, b. ca. 1864; married 25 Oct. 1882 George Oettman.
- d) Ada Wright, b. ca. 1867.
- e) Ida Wright, b. ca. 1867.
- iii) *Mary M. Wright born 18 Dec. 1826.*
- iv) *Matthew Wright Listed as a Builder of the Temple but no further record.*
- v) George Wright Jr. born 1828, died 1906; married Mary Henry, daughter of William and Elizabeth Henry, born 1826 in Scotland, died 1906. At one time he operated a

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blacksmith shop in Sharon on the SE corner of Lot 11, Conc. 2, which was later taken over by Edward Brammer. His residence was said to be on Lot 11, Conc. 3, which he later sold to Richard Morris. They are both buried in the Queensville cemetery.

Children:

- a) John Henry Wright, born 1850; married 15 Sept. 1874 Margaret Josephine Evans, born 1854, died 1903. They are both buried in the Queensville cemetery.
- b) James W. Wright, born 5 Feb. 1853, died 11 May 1912; married 30 Sept. 1874 Elizabeth M. Sutherland born 1849, died 1918. They are both buried in the Queensville cemetery.
- c) George Smith Wright, died 2 Sept 1856, aged 3 months. Buried in the Queensville cemetery.
- vi) *Rachel Wright, born 12 April 1831 in Markham, died 4 Feb. 1898 of heart disease;²³ married first, Paul Wright, son of William and Ann Wright (no relation), born ca. 1823/6 in England, died 22 Aug. 1862 in E. Gwillimbury. He is buried in the Selby Burying Ground. Rachel married secondly, 8 May 1864 at Newmarket by the Rev. Septimus F. Ramsey John E. Salter, son of William and Sarah Salter. He was born 1 July 1829 near Bath, Somersetshire, England, and immigrated to Canada in 1851, settling in Holland Landing where he worked as a carpenter for 13 years. He then became a farmer, first of lot 108, conc. 1, then on lot 11, conc. 2. until 1872. They then purchased 180 acres, the west parts of lots 12 & 13, conc. 2. His first wife, Mary Greenbill, by whom he had one daughter, died in 1863. Rachel and John had 4 children. 24 He died 21 June 1909. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.*

Children:

- a) Elizabeth Ann Wright
- b) Mary Wright, b. ca. 1852.
- c) Matthew Wright, b. ca. 1856.
- d) William George Wright, b. ca. 1861.
- e) Rose Salter, b. ca. 1865. Married Mr. ? Fulton.
- f) John E. Salter b. 1 June 1866, died 12 Dec. 1952; married Frances J. Fuller.
- g) Roger Salter, b. ca 1868.
- h) Jessie May Salter, married a Mr Wasley
- i) Ethel Salter, married Mr. ? Ballard.
- v) Stephen Wright , born 1835, died 1906; married 9 April 1857 in Bowmanville, Jane Cawker, daughter of John and Elizabeth Cawker, born 1832, died 1910. They are both buried in the Bowmanville Cemetery.

Children:

- a) Rosa Lutia Wright b. 31 Aug. 1858, died 7 Oct. 1924; married 6 Oct. 1880 John James Mason.
- b) Margaret Mary Ada Wright, b. 1860, died 1938.
- c) John George Wright, b. ca. 1862; married 14 Dec. 1886 Mary Newcombe.
- d) Harriet Wright, b. ca. 1864.

- e) Clarence Edwin Wright, b. ca. 1866; married 19 Jan. 1888 Emma Blackburn Dobbs.
- f) Maude Wright, b. 1872, died 1949.
- g) Minnie E. Wright, b. 1876, d. 1940; married William F. Osborne.

Individuals and families about whom little is known:

- 1) Cornelius Dunham,
- 2) James and Elizabeth King purchased the west half of Lot 7, Conc. 3 in 1825. Elizabeth King's first husband was James Sisler, who died between 1822 and 1825.25 They had one son, James Sisler Jr. She later married James King who had 8 children by a previous marriage. J.D. Graham recorded in his manuscript history of the township that they later moved to Ohio. This took place in Feb. 1843. James made his last contribution to the Second Meeting House Building Fund in 1837. The move was thus no doubt related to the rebellion of 1837.

Children by James Sisler and Elizabeth:

- i) *James Sisler Jr, born 18 Nov. 1822, d. 21 Jan. 1903 in Mt Albert; married 1842 Emily Smith, d. 1856. James married secondly Sarah Starr in 1857, died 1888. He married thirdly, Emma Sherwood Dec. 25 1889 in Mt. Albert James remained in Canada when his parents moved to Ohio. He became a Quaker for the rest of his life, and a blacksmith by occupation.*

Children by Emily Smith:

- a) Albert, b. 1844
- b) Eli, b. 1844
- c) Elizabeth Bain b. 1846
- d) Amelia Porter, b. 1850
- e) Emirilla, b. 1848
- f) James A., b. 1851
- g) Emily, b. 1852

Children by Sarah Starr:

- h) Huldah French, b. 1859
- i) Hannah Harrison, b. 1860

Children by James King:

- i) Mary
- ii) *George*
- iii) *Alexander*
- iv) *Henry*
- v) *David*
- vi) *Joel, born 1821, died 24 Aug. 1901; married Catherine Thompson, born 1822, died 1886. Joel remained in Canada when his parents moved to Ohio. He became a Methodist. They are both buried in the Queensville cemetery, but Joel was living in North Gwillimbury at the time of his death.*
- vii) *William*

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viii) *Martha.*

Children by James King and Elizabeth Sisler King:

- i) *Ann, married a wealthy man named Moore in Ohio. She returned yearly to Ontario to visit her brothers James Sisler and Joel King.*
- 3) Matthew Lilly, born 1799, died 21 May 1847; married Ellen ?, born 12 April 1809 in Lincolnshire, died 31 July 1859. They were English immigrants. She was not listed as a member in the 1851 census. They are both buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.
- 4) William and Martha Linstead, who owned 10 acres on Lot 35, Conc. 2 were not members of the Children of Peace, but all of their minor children were listed as members in the 1851 censuses. William died 5 Feb. 1858, aged 41. Thereafter, his wife and Children are listed as members of the Church of England. Martha died 20 Jan. 1886, aged 79 years 11 months, 20 days. They are both buried in the Queensville cemetery.

Children:

- i) *Jonathan Linstead, born ca. 1835; married Harty Dickenson 1862*
- ii) *Margaret Linstead, born ca. 1836*
- iii) *William Linstead, born ca. 1838. Settled on a 100 acre farm on Lot 34, Conc. 3.*
- iv) *Charles Linstead, born ca. 1840.*
- v) *Elizabeth Linstead, born ca. 1843, died 23 Nov. 1882 and buried in the Queensville cemetery.*
- vi) *Joseph W. Linstead, born 29 March 1846, died 16 March 1921; married 1866 Mary Boag, born 29 March 1846, died 25 April 1926. Settled on a 100 acre farm on Lot 34, Conc. 3. They are both buried in the Queensville cemetery.*

Child:

- 1) William D. Linstead, born 12 July 1869, died 28 June 1919. Buried in the Queensville cemetery.
- vii) *Benjamin Linstead, born 20 July 1847, died 15 Dec. 1912; married Sarah J. Pankhurst, born 22 Jan. 1851, died 17 April 1937. He inherited the family farm on Lot 35, Conc. 2. They are both buried in the Queensville cemetery.*
- viii) *George Linstead, born 1848, died July 1854, and buried in the Queensville cemetery.*
- 5) William Lockhart, born in Ayrshire, Scotland, died 2 Sept. 1856. He was a merchant in Sharon who joined the Children of Peace after 1851. His memorial reads "he came as a stranger unknown to us, and took up residence with us whom he knew not... we drank of one cup, and partook of one crumb in the worship of God... he hath been an ornament of virtue to our village, an example worthy of imitation."
- 6) Solomon and Mary Stogdill. Solomon took part in the Rebellion of 1837. They were said to have been the founders of the Christian Church in Canada. They moved to North Gwillimbury. Children, Seymour, Cecilia-Ann.
- 7) Christopher Summerville (or Somerville) born 1822, died 31 March 1901; married Elizabeth ?, born 1820, died 2 Nov. 1886. He married secondly, Sarah Pearsall. He was a labourer. Christopher and Elizabeth are buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.

Children by Elizabeth:

- a) Ann Summerville, born 1843, died 2 July 1911; married 1866 Arthur Lepard, born 1840, died 8 Aug. 1889, son of William J. and Sarah Lepard (see above).
- b) Jane Summerville, born, 1845, died 26 July 1846.
- c) Jane Summerville, born 1852, died 9 June 1884; married Harrison Thomas. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.
- d) Christopher Summerville, born 1856, died 15 April 1884. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.
- e) Mary Summerville, born 1858, died 18 Jan. 1886. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.

Children by Sarah:

- f) Albert Walker Summerville, born 29 June 1888.²⁶
- 8) William Richard Thornhill