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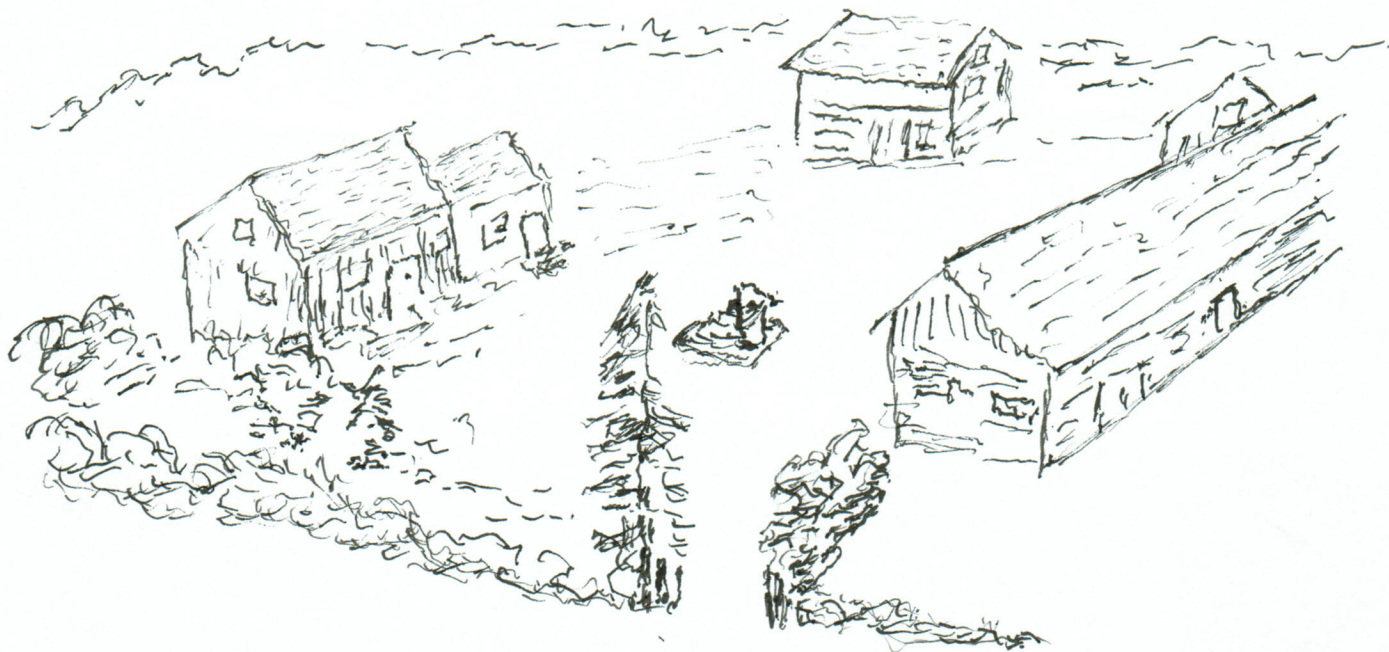
A Story of Pioneers and Their Descendants

1822 to 1997

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*Francis Homestead at Northcote in Admaston Township, Renfrew County
Photo Taken December 25, 1934*



Cover Sketches

Front cover shows the Francis homestead in the Northcote community of Admaston Township. The two-story-red-brick-veneered house was built in 1894 by Elisha Francis' widow Margaret and their son Allen. The design for the house was by their daughter Annie. Over the years, modifications were added as new building products were available. The farm buildings had it's own electrical power system installed in 1917. This system was used until rural hydro was available, in 1934. Recent additions highlight changes during the past 100 years.

Back cover depicts the first house of Elisha and Margaret Francis . This house served from 1864 until 1896. The house was of wood-frame with vertical board and batten construction. A second house, of log construction, was located adjacent to this house. The eldest children of the Francis family used this house as they established their individual households. This house was used in it's later years as a house for the farm's laying hens, until it's removal in 1946. Along the road was a lilac hedge. From the farm gate to the barn was a hedge of Black Locust trees. An apple and plum orchard was located between the north east corner of the main house and the road. A shallow well with a wooden-plank platform and wooden pump was centrally located in the yard. This well provided the source of drinking water until recent years.

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*This book is dedicated to
the memory of Mary Holmes
and the Francis historians before her
who have strived to preserve the memory of our ancestors,
their celebrations and struggles,
and their contributions to our own existence.*

Forward by J. Allen Francis

For me, the first work on this book started in 1952. At that time I was visiting the farm of Raymond Chambers in Hastings County. I was there, because of my duties in administering the 4H program, to monitor the project enrolled by his son Bob.

As I was leaving, Bob's grandmother Rosa Mae introduced herself and stated that her grandmother was named Margaret Francis. Our family bible indicated that Margret Francis was the oldest child of James and Rachel Francis, who immigrated to Canada in 1822. Later it was established that Rosa Mae and I were second cousins, two generations removed. Our common Francis ancestor is James Francis. Over the years, my family and I have enjoyed meeting with that branch of our family.

I find it interesting that in 1952 our branch of the family had no knowledge of Margret's descendants. One chance meeting resulted in much information to include in this book.

We have concentrated on information that traces the descendants of Elisha Francis and Margaret Ferguson. Our information is not complete, however we have information that spans eight generations. Genealogy continues to change as new generations are added. This year, 1997, is the 175 year's mark of our family's immigration to Canada. Very little of our family history has been published. We trust that this will be useful to those interested in tracing the lineage of this branch of the Francis family.

When Shirley (my wife) and I returned to the homestead we found boxes of letters, postcards, photos, newspaper clippings, programs of events attended by family and hand written items on a variety of sheets of paper, outdated calender and notebooks. In addition, were the majority of financial receipts to cover business conducted over one hundred and thirty years. We are still sorting this information. It has been useful in establishing the dates of installation of plumbing, electricity, heating units and buildings.

We used many sources and some of the information was conflicting. Our purpose was to select the most factual without causing a change in generally accepted history. The most common problem of consistency was that of dates. Our family were to be commended on carefully saving newspaper coverage, but neglected to include the dates that events happened. Also, I have included information, as I remember, from conversations with family members.

Surnames or given names were conflicting because of either deliberate change in spelling or misspelling. The same person could be Steward, Stuart or Stewart. My grandmother Emily Margaret Guiney was commonly known as Emmy, Emma, Em but very seldom Emily. I did not find out until two years ago that my great-aunt Annie was actually Johanna. I solved Minnie as the usual name for Merinda. I found that the previous generations of Francis family lacked the imagination of today's family. This may be the reason for duplication. Allen, Elisha, Samuel, Jonathon, William, Peter, Rachel, Margaret, Stewart, Mary, Richard, and James have been repeated for several generations. Also, earlier generations were influenced by traditional bible names and the surnames of spouses joining the Francis clan.

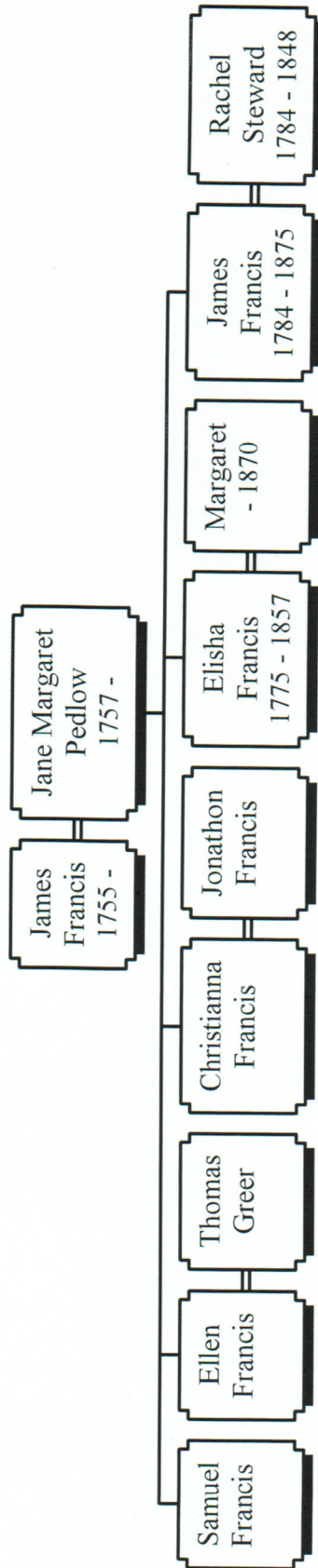
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J. Allen Francis

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The James Francis and Jane Margaret Pedlow Family



Prologue

The Immigrants

The Francis name is of French origin¹ and it is likely that Francis families were among one of the great religious migrations of early modern Europe. The mass exodus of French Protestants, called Huguenots, to England and Wales occurred primarily in the 1500's and 1600's. Down through the centuries, the Francis name spread throughout the United Kingdom and was among the early pioneer names in North America.

Our Francis ancestors were Irish. Little is presently known about the number of generations of the Francis family in Ireland and this will be the focus of future research. A letter² between earlier Francis genealogists indicates that our first Francis in Ireland was Jonathan, a lumber merchant who came from Wales. Our "known" Francis ancestors were in Lissacuran, Ireland³ in the late 1700's. This location is a crossroads 2 1/2 miles from Lurgan in the northeast corner of County Armagh and southwest of Belfast. Lissacuran is a short distance from the shores of Lough Neagh where Antrim, Down and Armagh Counties come together (see map 1 & 2). This area, which is now in Northern Ireland, was noted for its linen mills, orchards and agricultural crops.

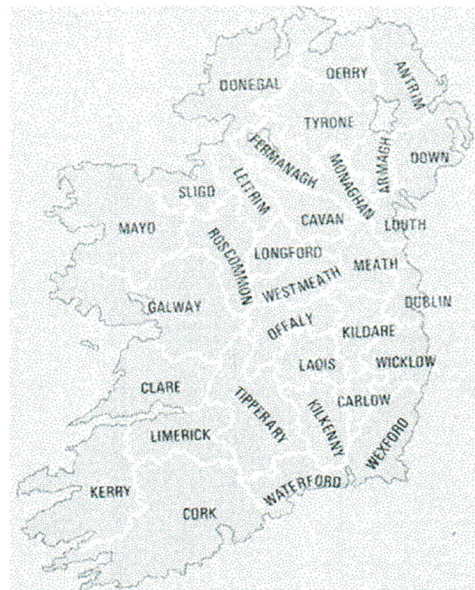
The focus of this Francis family history is an introduction to the James and Jane Margaret Francis family of Lissacuran, Ireland; their son James and his wife Rachel who emigrated to Canada; and a closer study of the third generation Elisha and Margaret Ann Francis and their children's descendants.

James Francis^{3,4} and his wife **Jane Margaret Pedlow³** farmed and raised at least five children. The Francis and Pedlow homesteads were side by side at Lissacuran. It was natural that these families be united in marriage.

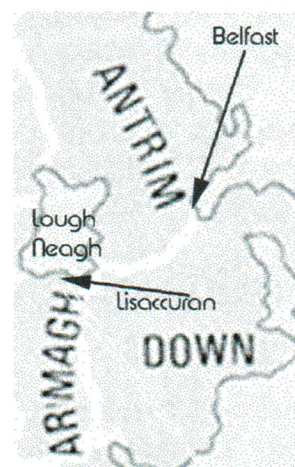
The Francis family were Quakers by religion. The Quakers are also known as The Society of Friends. Friends spoke both with their words and with their lives. "To a degree unusual for their times they practised equality of the sexes, equality of status, equality of ages; simplicity of clothing, speech and way of life; peace, in withdrawing from the army and in settling disputes among themselves."⁵ Their religion had a significant bearing on their social beliefs. Some letters between members of the Francis family have survived through the century and were collected by the late Cluff Francis of Oregon.

They give us a glimpse into the Francis' strong 'sense of family' and adherence to their beliefs.

The level of education of the Francis family is unknown, however the letters also demonstrate



Map 1: Counties of Ireland



Map 2: Lissacuran

the manner in which they wrote (*see letter below*).

James and Jane Margaret's first child Elisha was born in 1775 and was almost ten years older than the second child James, born in 1784. A closer range in ages occurred between the other children Samuel, Ellen and Christina. The first of James' sons to leave Ireland was his namesake James who with his family immigrated to Upper Canada in 1822³. A year later Elisha would immigrate to Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Samuel followed by settling in Virginia. This was a disturbing time for the family. All the male children of James and Jane Margaret had left Ireland.

Elisha Francis (*James Francis*) born 1775 in Ireland had ten children³. His wife's name is unknown to us at this time. Elisha and a son were weavers⁶ in Pawtucket. A son Jonathan moved to Connecticut. In a letter⁶ in 1838, Elisha tells his brother James in Upper Canada that only six of his ten children were still living. Elisha died in 1857.

Samuel Francis (*James Francis*), born in Ireland, is believed to have settled in Virginia, U.S.A. There is some evidence to suggest that a descendant of Samuel was David Rowland Francis, a former Governor of Missouri in 1888, and an Ambassador to Russia in 1916-1918. The search is continuing to determine the connection.

Ellen Francis (*James Francis*), born in Ireland, married Thomas Greer⁷. At least two children's names are known², Joseph and Jane. There were Greer cousins in Canada.

Christianna Francis (*James Francis*), born in Ireland, married a cousin **Jonathan Francis**. It is not known how Jonathan fits into the Francis family. Christianna and Jonathan immigrated to Pawtucket, Rhode Island, U.S.A., and by 1837⁸ were living at the cotton mills in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Jonathan was a weaver as was their son Samuel who lived in Pawtucket. Christianna and Jonathan had ten children, with only four still living in 1838⁶. A son William Francis died February 1838 in Texas, U.S.A. Three of their daughters were Isabella at home, Mary in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and Sally in Philadelphia.

James Francis (*James Francis*) was born July 21, 1784 in Co. Armagh, Ireland. He married **Rachel Stuart (or Steward)**. James and Rachel had seven children at the time of their immigration to Upper Canada. Margaret, the eldest, was only eleven years old. The youngest of seven children, Eleanora, was only a few months old. They would have four more children born in Upper Canada. James, Rachel and their family are the focus of *Chapter One*.

It is not known if the four Irish immigrants, James to Canada, and Elisha, Christianna and Samuel to the United States, ever met in the new world and there is no record of their return to Ireland. They did however communicate by letter. In 1837, a letter⁸ from Jonathan (Christianna's husband) to James in Upper Canada indicated that they were overjoyed at the news that James was planning a visit. However a year later, at the time of political unrest in Canada, Elisha of Pawtucket, wrote to his brother James of Upper Canada. It is dated December 16, 1838. Elisha was concerned by William Lyon McKenzie's attempt to establish a 'Provisional Government of Upper Canada'.

The letter follows using the words and spelling he used:

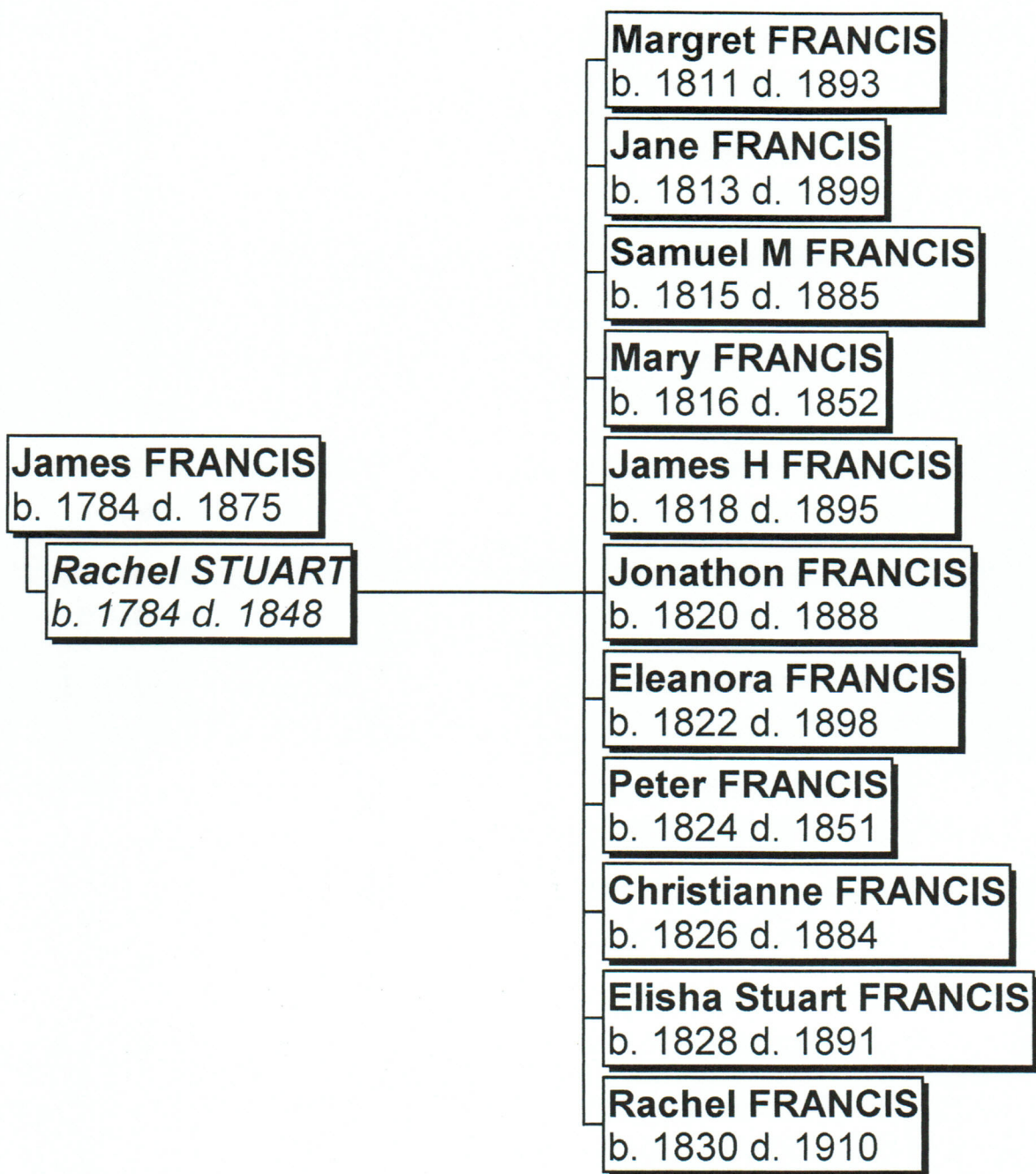
"My Dear Brother

I have been very uneasy about thee and thy family for the year past on account of the disturbance in Canada and so is all my children, and so is Christian and Jonathan and their children and they all request me to write to thee and hope this will find both thee and Rachel and all your children well and safe from the horrors and trouble of wars and Dear James I would advise thee with all my heart

and all the affections of an only brother to take no part in war or bloodshed. There is no reform worth Human life. Ask theyself and Reachel what would satisfy you for the life of one of your sons. Dear James strive to impress on the minds of thy sons the peace princepels of the Friends and reather suffer anything that may come than to take part in the shedding of humane blood and I believe thee will find it the very best protection and strive to keep Joseph Greer if posable from taking part in wars. Tell him it is his old unkles advice to him and Dear James write to me as soon as this comes to thee and let us all know how you all are situated and what state the country is in when thee writes and what is the cause of the civil wars in Canada and every other information thee can. Since I wrote to thee last poor Christian has lost by Death her son William. Some years back he left his wife and children and went to Texas and Joined the army and gained over four thousand ackers of land and lost his health and lost his life. He died in Taxes last February. He made a will and left the land to his wife and children - four girls. His widow and her brother are gone to Taxes to get the land. His executor sent two copies of his will - one to his Father and one to her Father. My son Jonathon is in Connecticut one hundred miles from this place. I have seen him only once in nearly three years. He was well when I heard from him last. My grandson Samuel Graham left his father's in April last without any cause or dispute and they heard nothing of him for six months. When they got a Letter from him. He was when he wrote 2500 miles from them. He is gone on A whaling voyage for four years in the Pacefich Oachen. Me and my family are all doing well and they all send their love to thee and Aunt Reachel and all their cosens. Christian's son Saml and family lives here and send their wishes to you all. Her Dauter Saly is in Philadelphia with her husband. Mary and her family left the west and are living in Pitsfield near her mother. Isabella is all the child she has at home. She has only four living out of ten children. I have six out of ten and thee has all ten out of ten children and I hope thee well never know what it is to see the Death of A Beloved Child. My brother I would be rejoiced to see Christian or thee here. Thee said in one thy letters thee thought of coming to her and me and I sent the letter to her and she said in reply to me if thee would come that way she would come here with thee and Dear James that would give me the greatest of pleasure to see us all three together before we are separated by Death which cannt fare distant as we are all fare advanced in years. Thee will be 55 in May next and I am ten years thy senior. I have felt more of brotherly kindness towards thee since the Disturbance in Canada than I ever did since we parted on the Belfast Quay. I suppose it is the fear of being in danger. Do not neglect to write soon. I have written James Pedlo twice and once I wrote and directed Henry and James Pedlo and got no answer yet. If the has had any word from home let me know it. Remember me in the kindest manner to Joseph and Jain Greer. I am still weaving and can do perty well yet. We live well and are saving some little money, but no getting rich, but we are independent. I wish the and all men pace on Earth. Thy brother Elisha Francis."

We are so fortunate to have a letter, so rich in family information, survive 160 years. It provides us with a sense of how adventurous these pioneers were and also illustrates their beliefs as members of The Society of Friends.

Descendants of James FRANCIS



Chapter One

James Francis and Rachel Stuart

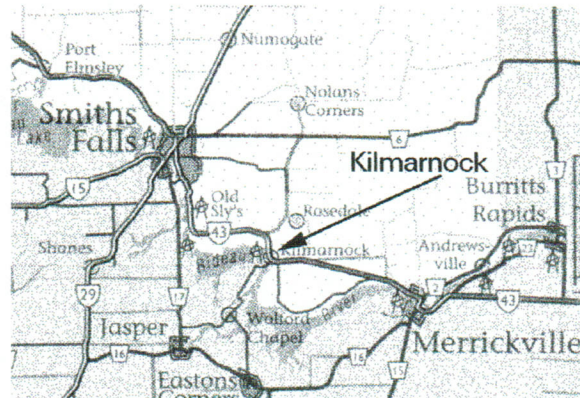
One hundred and seventy-five years ago, the Irish Francis immigrants came to Canada. They and their descendants were pioneers in Leeds & Grenville, Lanark, and Renfrew Counties in Ontario. It is not the intent of this volume to follow each of the children in depth as further research is needed to do this. However, an outline of three generations is provided where known. James and Rachel's tenth child, Elisha Francis, is covered in greater detail in *Chapter Two*. It is his descendants that are the focus of the remainder of this family history.

James Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born July 21, 1784 in Co. Armagh, Ireland. He was married in Ireland to **Rachel Stuart**³ (or **Steward**) born 1784. Some sources suggest Rachel was born in Scotland. In 1822, at 38 years of age, James and Rachel packed up some belongings and their seven children to venture off across the ocean to a new country. A letter⁹ dated Nov 12, 1938 written by a relative, Isaac Pedlow of Renfrew, Ontario mentions that: *"the Francis family stopped there (his old home in Ireland) for three weeks after they disposed of their property in Ireland and before their ship sailed from Belfast. Old Pat McGinnis drove them and their belongings in a wagon from our home in Lissacuran to Belfast when they sailed for Canada. The voyage took thirteen weeks."*

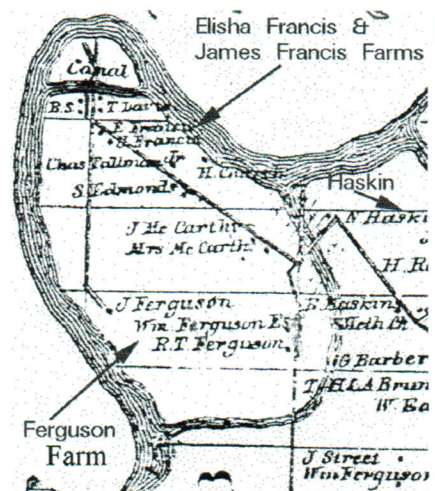
One can only read about and imagine the hardships of thirteen weeks at sea without any of the necessities and conveniences we are now accustomed to. And if that wasn't enough, to arrive in a country with little or no food, shelter, and implements. We do not know how long it took for our Irish settlers to get established.

James and Rachel settled in Kilmarnock, a small settlement on the Rideau River, between Smith's Falls and Merrickville (*see Map 3*). The 50 acre farm was located on Concession B, Lot 24, Wolford Twp., Grenville County^{10,11,12,13}. This part of the township was known as Wolford Island (*See Map 4*). Descendants were to say they lived on "the Rideau". Some later descendants actually thought there was a place called "Theredoh". The building of the Rideau Canal system, from Kingston to Ottawa, helped in the family development. An industrious family, they took advantage of the demand for farm products. According to a description¹⁴ of the Francis family written by Henry Rose on Apr 30, 1921,

"James kept an excellent apple orchard and was a hand weaver of carpet and cloth. After the American Civil War when the price of cotton went up, the fine pieces of flannel



Map 3: Kilmarnock, Ontario



Map 4: Kilmarnock Island

that James and his daughter Rachel wove were conspicuous in the boys shirts and the girls dresses at school."

The Francis family were Quakers. The Stuart family were Roman Catholic. Although there is no record of when or where the change came, the Francis family in Canada favoured the Methodist religion. The Kilmarnock settlers tended to resist the change from the Quaker religion. In the 1861 Census of Woford Township¹², 39 years after arriving in Canada, James claimed his religion to be Quaker. James' origin was Irish, while daughter Rachel listed her origin as Scottish. It is interesting to locate their children in later census films and find that some considered themselves to be Irish and others considered themselves to be Scottish.

Children of James Francis and Rachel Steward are:

- i. Margaret Francis, born November 21, 1811 in Ireland; died 1893.
- ii. Jane Francis, born June 19, 1813 in Ireland; died April 17, 1899.
- iii. Samuel M Francis, born January 15, 1815 in Lissacuran, Co. Armagh, Ireland; died August 23, 1885 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- iv. Mary Francis, born September 01, 1816 in Ireland; died April 05, 1852.
- v. James H Francis, born September 02, 1818 in Ireland; died 1895.
- vi. Jonathan Francis, born June 28, 1820 in Ireland; died October 07, 1888 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario.
- vii. Eleanora Francis, born April 03, 1822 in Ireland; died January 14, 1898 in Kilmarnock, Woford Twp., Ontario. She married Robert Holmes March 27, 1860 in Grenville Co., Ontario.
- viii. Peter Francis, born April 14, 1824 in Upper Canada; died 1851.
- ix. Christianne Francis, born March 29, 1826 in Woford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario; died 1884.
- x. Elisha Stuart Francis, born December 29, 1828 in Kilmarnock, Lanark Co., Ontario; died January 05, 1891 in Northcote, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- xi. Rachel Francis, born June 29, 1830 in Woford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario; died November 15, 1910 in Smith Falls, Lanark Co., Ontario.

James and Rachel, several of their children, Rachel's parents and several of her siblings are



Pic1: Woford Chapel

buried at Woford Rural Cemetery¹⁵, Con A Lot 26, Woford Township, about two miles from their farm(see Pic 2). This is a lovely old cemetery surrounding the beautiful Woford Chapel (see Pic 1) built in the same year that our ancestors came to the Township. A modest oblique

stone, (see Picture 2 & 3) worn with age, marks James and Rachel Francis resting place. Rachel died 6 Nov 1848, 27 years before James. The gravestone indicates that she died at age 62, which is not consistent with her date of birth. James died July 21, 1875 in Merrickville, Ontario at the age of 92. According to the registration of death¹⁶, he died of cystitis of 2 weeks duration.



Pic 2: Wolford Rural Cemetery (above)



Pic 3: Gravestone of James & Rachel Francis (right)

Child No. 1



*Pic 4: Margaret Francis
and son Wm James Best*

Margaret Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born November 21, 1811 in Ireland, and died 1893. She married **James Best**³ who died in 1874. Their descendants are numerous in the Quinte District of Ontario. James died 19 years before Margaret, who died at the age of 82. Margaret Francis and James Best had one son: **William James Best**^{3,17}, b. April 10, 1830; d. February 1880. He married **Rebecca Hunter**³ born March 10, 1843 in Anneigh, Ireland, and died October 1923; buried in Eldorado.

Children of William Best and Rebecca Hunter are:

- 1 Rachel Best, b. September 1856, Eldorado, Ontario; d. Sault St. Marie, Ontario.
- 2 James Best, b. June 20, 1859, Eldorado, Ontario; d. 1931, Benito, Manitoba.
- 3 Steward Best, b. July 21, 1862, Eldorado, Ontario; d. Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- 4 Rosa May Best, b. July 06, 1873, Eldorado, Ontario; d. 1963, Toronto, Ontario.
- 5 Margaret Best, b. October 06, 1873; d. Belleville Hos., Belleville, Ontario.

Generation 2

1. Rachel Best (*Wm James Best, Margaret Francis*)³ was born September 1856 in Eldorado, Ontario, and died in Sault St. Marie, Ontario. She married **Joseph Best**.

Children of Rachel Best and Joseph Best are:

- i. Goldie Best
- ii. Lillie Best, m. John Bronson.
- iii. Olive Best, m. ? Meyers.
- iv. Edna Best, b. Abt. December 1883; d. March 20, 1906, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

2. James Best (*Wm James Best, Margaret Francis*)^{3,17,18,19} was born June 20, 1859 in Eldorado, Ontario, and died 1931 in Benito, Manitoba; buried in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He married **Hanna Chambers**, daughter of Joseph Chambers and Mary Fox. Hanna died abt. 1925. James homesteaded in Benito, Manitoba, going there in 1908¹⁶.

Child of James Best and Hanna Chambers is:

- i. Eva Best, m. F Cudmore. Eva made her home in Wawata, Saskatchewan.

3. Steward Best (*Wm James Best, Margaret Francis*)^{3,17,18,19} was born July 21, 1862 in Eldorado, Ontario, and died in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He married **Mary Chambers**, daughter of Joseph Chambers and Mary Fox.

Children of Stewart Best and Mary Chambers are:

- i. Louella Best, m. B E Cowan and lived in Vancouver, B.C. Their son Stewart wrote the book "40 Nights to Freedom"¹⁹
- ii. Foster Francis Best, b. September 04, 1889, Bannockburn, Ontario; d. February 16, 1968, Vancouver, B.C.; burial in Vancouver, B.C. m. Elizabeth Findlay.
- iii. James Harold Best, b. Abt. 1894, Madoc, Ontario; d. December 20, 1962, St. Petersburg, Florida, U.S.A.; burial in Elmwood Cem.; m. Florence Elizabeth Pickles who died in 1959. James graduated in Toronto as a dental surgeon in 1921 and then moved to Winnipeg to practice dentistry until retirement in 1958¹⁸.

4. Rosa May Best (*Wm James Best, Margaret Francis*)^{3,17,18,19} was born July 06, 1873 in Eldorado, Ontario, and died 1963 in Toronto, Ontario; buried in Stirling, Ontario. She married **Robert Henry Chambers** February 14, 1893 in Madoc, son of Robert Chambers and Ellen Collins. Robert was born May 17, 1863 in Huntington Twp., Ontario, and died August 28, 1935 in Belleville Hospital; buried in Stirling Cemetery.

Children of Rosa Best and Robert Chambers are:

- i. Hubert Chambers, b. December 30, 1893, 9th Con., Sidney Twp., Ontario; d. October 1961; buried in Kitchener, Ontario. m. Myrtle Smith, August 11, 1920, Swan River, Manitoba.
- ii. Raymond Chambers, b. October 11, 1895, Stirling, Ontario; d. September 19, 1978, Stirling, Ontario; burial in Stirling Cem., Ontario. m. Matilda Wright, November 08, 1922, Stirling, Ontario. Raymond's daughter Mary Sills was very helpful in providing information on this branch of the Francis family.
- iii. Nellie Chambers, b. December 04, 1898, 9th Con., Sidney Twp., Ontario; d. July 25, 1987, Newmarket, Ontario; burial in Stirling Cemetery, Ontario; m. Connell Smith, November 05, 1927, Montreal, Quebec.
- iv. Bessie Chambers, b. May 24, 1903, 9th Con., Sidney Twp., Ontario; d. January 10, 1993, Canifton; burial January 13, 1993, Frankford, Ontario, m. George Burkitt, October 04, 1930, Brighton. Bessie's son Robert Burkitt and J.Allen Francis (co-author) were members of the same deer hunting group for several years without knowing of their relationship, third cousins-one generation removed. No doubt the Francis connection is far reaching.
- v. Harold Chambers, b. October 06, 1910, 9th Con., Sidney Twp., Ontario; m. Marjorie M Wood, September 14, 1935, Shannonville. Harold lived in Belleville and was very helpful in providing information on this branch of the Francis family. He died January 06, 1998.

6. Margaret Best (*Wm James Best, Margaret Francis*)³ was born October 06, 1873, and died in Belleville Hospital, Belleville, Ontario; burial in Zion Cemetery. She married **Henry Knickle**.

Children of Margaret Best and Henry Knickle are:

- i. Bill Knickle. He married ? Tebworth.
- ii. Alex Knickle. He married ? Carmen.
- iii. Morey Knickle. He married ? Ault.

Child No. 2

Jane Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born June 19, 1813 in Ireland, and died April 17, 1899. She married **Robert Muldoon** December 25, 1832 by Rev. Hurlburt, a Methodist minister in Grenville County, Ontario. Witnesses were George McGowan and James Best²⁰. Robert was born about August 1803, and died May 05, 1888. Jane and Robert lived at Plevna but were both buried beside her parents in Wolford Cemetery, Grenville Co., Ontario.

Children of Jane Francis and Robert Muldoon are:

- i. **Margaret Muldoon** did not marry.
- ii. **Christena Muldoon** did not marry.
- iii. **Rachel Muldoon** did not marry.
- iv. **Mary Muldoon**, born Abt. 1838 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario. She married **David York** February 09, 1859 in Grenville Co., Ontario. David, son of John and Martha York, was born in Ireland and was living in South Crosby at the time of the marriage²¹.

Child No. 4

Mary Francis (*James Francis*) was born September 01, 1816 in Ireland. She married **Eli Haskins** on January 11, 1841 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario. He was born abt. 1816 in Ontario. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Young. Witnesses were Walter McCrea and Elisha Landon.

Mary died at age 35 on April 05, 1852. She is buried in Wolford Cemetery, Grenville Co., Ontario. She may not be buried with her spouse as his name is not indicated on the gravestone. Due to his young age, he may have remarried.

Child of Mary Francis and Eli Haskins is:

- i. **Rachel Haskins**. Nothing further is know about this family.

Child No. 3



Pic 5: Samuel M Francis

Samuel M Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born January 15, 1815 in Lissacuran, Co. Armagh, Ireland. He married **Lydia Marinda (Frood) Wood**³ December 25, 1849, daughter of Solomon Wood and Anna Lakins²². Lydia was born December 24, 1826 in North Augusta, Ontario, and died June 07, 1891 in Muscatine, Iowa, U.S.A.; buried at Thomsonhill Cem., Renfrew, Ontario. Lydia Marinda listed her maiden name as "Frood", however her father called himself "Wood".

Samuel became one of Renfrew's successful manufacturers²³. In 1849, Samuel came to Horton Township from Smith's Falls where he learned his axe-making trade. In the 1851 Census, Samuel, Lydia, and son Arthur lived in a log house in Horton Twp²⁴. They later moved into the town of Renfrew²⁵. Samuel also owned property in Bromley Twp., possibly for lumber, as it does not appear that there was a home built on it²⁶. Samuel claimed his religion to be Quaker even then. He established his axe making factory on the edge of Smith's Creek. In 1854 he built the stone axe factory on property by the Bonnechere River. He served his community as trustee for the School Board, and councillor of Renfrew Council in 1865, 1870 and 1871²³. Samuel died August 23, 1885²⁷ in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario. An article at the time of Samuel's death was printed in the Renfrew Mercury²⁸ on Aug 28, 1885:

"Sudden death of old resident: On Sunday morning, one of the oldest residents of Renfrew, Mr. Samuel Francis suddenly and quietly passed away, to join the vast and silent majority. Mr. Francis had been a very hardworking man in his younger days, and this had told even on his strong frame to such an extent that for the last three years or so he had been more or less failing. Notwithstanding this and that he had been worse for the past week, his death came unexpectedly at the last, from heart disease. Mrs. Francis was preparing to go to church, and had taken him his breakfast, when he spoke of getting up. She went into the next room for a moment or two and while there heard him cough. As the cough was not followed by the sound of expectoration she thought something was wrong, and hastened in to find Mr. Francis apparently in a fit. Medical assistance was sent for, but he died in a few minutes after being discovered. Although from the expression on his face those around seemed to think he was conscious of what was being said, he was not able to speak. His funeral took place on Wednesday and was very largely attended. The procession was headed by the Brass Band who had volunteered their services as a mark of the respect. Mr. Francis was born in County Armagh, Ireland in 1815 and came to this country with his parents when a child. The family settled in Kilmarnock, Grenville County and about 35 years ago Mr. Francis came to Renfrew, other brothers settling in various parts of Lanark and Renfrew. Here he worked and made a respectable competency for himself and his family. When he came to Renfrew he was a member of a division of Sons of Temperance and was instrumental in founding the Renfrew Division, of which he was one of the charter members. He was also a member of the Brass Band which was formed in connection with the Sons in its early days. His family were originally Quakers, but for the last ten

years he had been a member of the Methodist Church. He leaves behind him a wife and two sons P.W. and Rev. A.V. who have both settled in the States, and one daughter Mrs. W.H.Kearney."

Six years later, an article in the Renfrew Mercury²⁹ of June 12, 1891 reports:

"It is this week again our melancholy duty to record the death of another of those who were old residents of Renfrew, even 20 years and more ago. This time it is the sudden death of Mrs. Lydia M. Francis of Renfrew (widow of the late Mr. Samuel Francis) which her relatives and many friends here and in this district are called upon to mourn. Her death occurred while she was on a visit to her younger son, Mr. Peter W. Francis at Muscatine, Iowa. The news caused a more than ordinary painful shock to her daughter, Mrs. W.H.Kearney, as the telegram announcing that her mother was dying was delivered at the same time as a later one conveying the sad intelligence that she was dead. She had suffered, as a letter received since the telegram states, from La Grippe, but the Dr. in attendance at the time the letter was written saw no unfavorable symptoms, likely to result in fatality. Similar attacks and hemorrhage of the lungs, and her constitution was evidently unable to resist this last attack. The late Mrs. Francis was a daughter of Mr. Solomon Wood and was born in North Augusta, on Dec 24, 1826 and there was married on Dec 25, 1849 to Mr. S. Francis. They removed to Renfrew where he died in 1885. She leaves two sons Rev. A.V. Francis living in Oklahoma City and Mr. P.W.Francis and one daughter Mrs. W.H.Kearney and their families to mourn her loss. She was always connected with the Methodist church and was an earnest Christian in belief and in practice; never sparing herself when she could help others; and in many ways showing, even when away from home, that she found time to think of her friends and to sympathize with them if they were not enjoying good health. Her mortal remains were brought here by Mr. P.W.Francis for interment; the funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Kearney to Renfrew Cemetery will take place this (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock, June 12 1891."

Samuel, Lydia, Lydia's mother, and several of their children are buried in Thomsonhill Cemetery³⁰ (Renfrew Public Cemetery).

Children of Samuel Francis and Lydia Wood are:

Pic 6: Gravestone of Sam Francis

- +2 i. Arthur V Francis, born May 23, 1851 in Horton Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- +3 ii. Peter Wood Francis, born April 17, 1853 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died August 1924 in Muscatine, Iowa, U.S.A.
- 4 iii. Eleanora Francis, born 1858; died March 02, 1859; buried at Thomsonhill Cem., Renfrew, Ontario.
- +5 iv. Eleanora Anna Francis, born November 21, 1860 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died November 14, 1900 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- 6 v. Baby Francis, born 1865; died December 01, 1865; buried at Thomsonhill Cem., Renfrew, Ontario.
- 7 vi. Samuel Francis, born 1868 in Ontario; died August 01, 1868; buried at Thomsonhill Cem., Renfrew, Ontario.

2. Arthur V Francis (*Samuel Francis*)³ was born May 23, 1851 in Horton Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. He was christened³¹ May 31, 1862, Wesleyan Methodist, Horton Twp., Ontario. Arthur's first wife's name is unknown. He married **(2) Mamie McBride**. Arthur was a Methodist minister and was affectionately known as the *Sky Pilot*³². He was highly regarded by the other young people of the congregation. He lived in the U.S.A. at West Liberty, Iowa and Oklahoma City.

Children of Arthur's first marriage are:

- i. Morley Francis.
- ii. Ernest Francis.

Children of Arthur Francis and Mamie McBride are:

- i. Arthur Francis.
- ii. Lena Francis.
- iii. Marquis Francis.
- iv. Vesta Francis. She married Robert Barkrautz.

2. Peter Wood Francis (*Samuel Francis*)³ was born April 17, 1853 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; christened³¹ May 31, 1862, Wesleyan Methodist, Horton Twp., Ontario and



died August 1924 in Muscatine, Iowa, U.S.A.. He married³³ **(1) Carrie O Brown** of Beloit, Wisconsin, U.S.A. on January 15, 1881 in Beloit, Wisconsin, U.S.A.. He married **(2) Emma Cone** 1922 in Muscatine, Iowa, U.S.A. He lived at 218 East Fifth St. Muscatine, Iowa. His obituary³³ in the Renfrew Mercury, August 29, 1924, indicates that Peter was president of the Hershey State Bank and was associated with the lumber industry, active in local commercial and financial life.

Children of Peter Francis and Carrie Brown are:

- i. Harold R Francis.
- ii. Edna L Francis. She married Howard Lewis Kern August 07, 1913 in Muscatine, Iowa, U.S.A..
- iii. Edgar A Francis, born 1882; died 1955. He married Helen W Wrigley. Edgar was a Francis Family genealogist. Copies of some of his correspondence are included in the letters held by Larry E. Francis of Oregon. We are presently attempting to locate Edgar's descendents.

4. Eleanora Anna Francis (*Samuel Francis*)³ was born November 21, 1860 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; christened³¹ on May 31, 1862, Wesleyan Methodist, Horton Twp., Ontario; died November 14, 1900 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; and buried in Thomsonhill Cemetery, Renfrew, Ontario. She married **William Henry Kearney** July 27, 1880³³ in Methodist Church, Renfrew, Ontario, son of James and Margaret Kearney. William was born 1855 in Ramsay Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died 30 Dec 1914 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario buried in Thomsonhill Cemetery, Renfrew, Ontario. Eleanora's brother, Rev. A.V. Francis performed the marriage ceremony assisted by Rev. W.Craig. Witnesses were Sophia Frood and James Guthrie of Renfrew. The Renfrew Mercury³⁴ reported:

The event was of great interest to the general public as weddings in rural communities were usually held at the home of the bride and only in large cities that weddings took place in the church. This wedding took place in the Methodist church - the first wedding there. It was decorated by church members with many potted plants and flowers.

William was a watchmaker and a well-known businessman of Renfrew from 1874 until his death at age 60. Eleanor died at age 40, about 14 years before William.

Children of Eleanora Francis and William Kearney are:

- i. Arthur Francis Kearney, born September 04, 1881 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died March 25, 1882 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; buried in Renfrew Pub Cem, Renfrew, Ontario.
- ii. Samuel Graham Kearney, born February 06, 1883 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died 1950. He married Mabel Broton February 28, 1914 in Methodist Manse, Vancouver, B.C.; buried in Thomsonhill Cemetery, Renfrew, Ontario.
- iii. Garnet H Kearney, born March 03, 1884 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- iv. Harold W Kearney, born September 27, 1885 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario. He married Mary Margaret Joss.
- v. Edwin Wilbur Kearney, born March 25, 1887 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario. He married Winifred Jessie Knox January 15, 1913 in Newington.
- vi. Marian Ethel Kearney, born August 18, 1890 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died 1982; buried in Thomsonhill Cem, Renfrew, Ontario.
- vii. Alfred Maurice Kearney, born January 11, 1893 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; christened on April 17, 1893, Wesleyan Methodist, Renfrew, Ontario; died March 12, 1895; buried in Renfrew Pub Cem, Renfrew, Ontario.

Child No. 5

James H Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born September 02, 1818 in Ireland. He married **(1) Esther Humphrey** January 18, 1841 in Wesleyan Methodist, Ontario³⁵. Esther was born in Canada, and died 1860 in Kansas City. Esther's surname is listed as Umphrey and Murphy in marriage registers. Umphrey and Humphrey are often used interchangeably, depending on who is doing the recording. Rev. Young performed the ceremony and witnesses were John Murphy and Silas Warner. A John Murphy also married the same day and may have lead to the mix up in the names in the registers. Further research is needed to confirm Esther's maiden name. He married **(2) Sophrona White**. He married **(3) J Ellen Dickens Jones** who was born 1838; died 1894; buried³⁶ in Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co., Oregon, U.S.A.

In the 1851 Census¹¹, James and Esther were living in a log home and he was a farmer. Four children were baptized in 1857 in Wolford Twp. James left Canada for the western States in the mid-fifties. In 1859 or 60 he sent for his wife and children to come out west. Esther and the children travelled by train and boat to Nebraska City, Nebraska. They started to cross the plains in a covered wagon, she became ill and they returned to Nebraska City. It took six months for James to get word and return to Nebraska City. By this time Esther had died. It was too late in the year to cross the plains, so they wintered at Nebraska City at Fort Varazee. They took up gold mining on the Colorado River. The gold mine was sold in 1866 and they located in Salem, Oregon during that year. There were no children by his second and third wives. James died 1895; buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon. The many Francis families in Oregon trace to James, the son of James from Kilmarnock, Upper Canada and grandson of James from Lissacuran, Ireland.

Children of James Francis and Esther Humphrey are:

- +1 Mary Francis, born 1843; died 1892. She married (1) John Lewis. She married (2) Thomas Burnett. She married (3) Frank Kennedy.
- 2 Stuart Francis, born July 07, 1843 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario; christened³⁷ on July 03, 1857, Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario. He married Minnie Fletcher. There were no children.
- +3 William Henry Francis, born January 01, 1845 in Ontario; died 1914 in Salem, Marion Co., Oregon. He married (1) Margaret Simpson. He married (2) Ida Soca Kirkendahl. He married (3) Anna Murphy Ramsden.
- +4 Rachel Francis, born 1848. She married George Whittaker.
- +5 Peter Francis, born September 09, 1851 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario; christened July 03, 1857, Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario; died 1912. He married Louisa Cox.
- +6 Alexander Francis, born July 04, 1854 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario; christened on July 03, 1857, Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario; died 1936. He married Rachel S Fletcher.
- 7 James Francis, born Abt. 1855 in Ontario; died Abt. 1860 in Nebraska City, Nebraska. He apparently was accidently scalded to death³.
- 8 Infant Francis, born 1860; died 1860.

Generation 2

1. Mary Francis (*James H Francis*) was born 1843, and died 1892. She married **(1) John Lewis**, son of William Lewis and Edith Leach. She married **(2) Thomas Burnett**. She married **(3) Frank Kennedy**.

Children of Mary Francis and John Lewis are:

- i. William Lewis.
- ii. Amelia Lewis.
- iii. John Lewis, born 1863; died 1927. He married (1) Nora Whittaker. He married (2) Mary

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Child of Mary Francis and Thomas Burnett is:

- i. Walter Burnett.

3. William Henry Francis (*James H Francis*) was born January 01, 1845 in Ontario³⁶, Canada., and died 1914 in Salem, Marion Co., Oregon.. He married **(1) Ida Soca Kirkendall** who was born 1861 and died 1900. He married **(2) Margaret Simpson**. He married **(3) Anna Murphy Ramsden**.

Children of William Francis and Ida Kirkendall are:

- i. James Frederick Francis, born 1886; died 1960.
- ii. William Raphael Francis, born December 06, 1890; died September 20, 1935. William's son Cluff Francis from Salem, Oregon was an avid genealogist and corresponded with Renfrew County Francis' descendants, Mary Holmes and Clinton Francis. Unfortunately with the passing of our family genealogists, contact was lost until this past spring. Co-incidentally, Cluff's daughter Donna Raye Thurman, not knowing we were related, contacted co-author Fay Bennett through the internet because we were both researching the Francis name. Oregon's Donna Raye and her brother Larry Francis, and Renfrew County's Fay Bennett and J. Allen Francis have been talking regularly (on the internet) and sharing information ever since. Larry and his wife Donna Arlene are presently transcribing Francis family correspondence dating back to the 1830's that his father, Cluff collected over the years from his many contacts with other Francis historians. Larry plans to publish them and at last count there were over 110! We are hoping to have a visit to Renfrew County from our Oregon cousins, Larry and Donna Arlene Francis in the summer of 1999. It's a small world, isn't it?
- iii. Guy Richard Francis, born 1892; died 1974 in Salem, Marion Co., Oregon..
- iv. Ethel Francis, born 1900; died 1901.

Children of William Francis and Margaret Simpson are:

- i. Rosa Esther Francis, born 1873; died 1913.
- ii. Lillian Gay Francis, born 1878; died 1969.



Pic 7: Will, Alec & Pete Francis "Brothers"

Will and Pete had their picture taken and sent it on to Alex who lived in Kansas at the time. Alex had his picture taken and inserted it between the two brothers (*see Pic 7*).

4. Rachel Francis (*James H Francis*) was born 1848. She married **George Whittaker**.

Child of Rachel Francis and George Whittaker is:

- i. Nora Scoville Whittaker.

5. Peter Francis (*James H Francis*) was born September 09, 1851 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada. He was christened on July 03, 1857, Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario by Rev. R. Brewster³⁷. He married **Louisa Cox**. Peter died in 1912.

Children of Peter Francis and Louisa Cox are:

- i. Geneva B Francis, born 1873; died 1940.
- ii. Charles Francis, born 1875; died 1953.

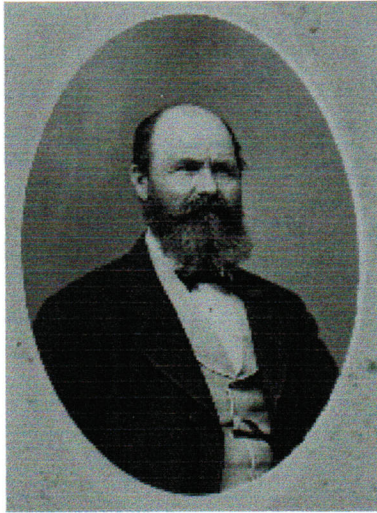
6. Alexander Francis (*James H Francis*) was born July 04, 1854 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada. He was christened on July 03, 1857, Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario. He married **Rachel E Fletcher**. Alex died 1936.

Children of Alexander Francis and Rachel Fletcher are:

- i. Sue Francis.
- ii. Viscount Alex Francis.
- iii. Nita Francis.
- iv. Margaret Francis. She married David Tigh.
- v. Eolia Francis, born 1889; died 1954.
- vi. Nell Francis, born 1892; died 1928.

Child No. 6

Jonathon Francis (*James Francis*) was born June 28, 1820 in Ireland. He was christened



Pic 8: Jonathon Francis



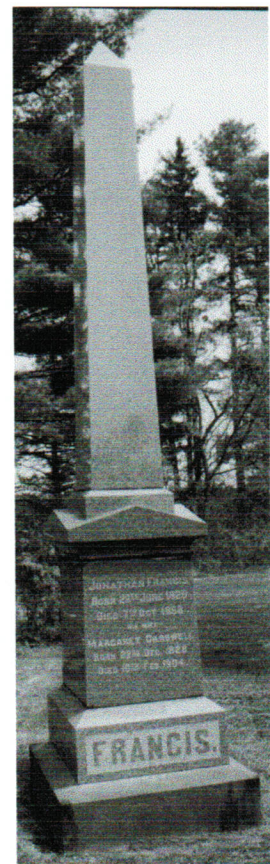
Pic 9: Margaret Carswell

on November 05, 1883, at the age of 63, at the Methodist Church³⁸, Pakenham, Lanark Co., Ontario. He married³⁸ **Margaret Carswell** February 20, 1855 in Pakenham, Lanark Co., Ontario, daughter of Allan Carswell and Janet Harvey. Margaret was born 22 Dec 1828 in Barony, Glasgow, Scotland. The marriage was witnessed by Allen Carswell and Arthur McArthur.

Jonathon was a successful lumberman³⁹. His was one of several large lumber enterprises that flourished in the Ottawa Valley during the last half of the 1800's. Jonathon and Margaret lived in Pakenham Township^{40,41}, Lanark County, Ontario, Con 11 Lot 16. He was a councillor³⁹ of Pakenham in 1868. Jonathon built a Gothic revival house between 1850-1850, about 1 1/2 miles from Pakenham, 'set on a knoll with a magnificent view of the surrounding country. It was a showplace with picket fences and gates, orchards, flower and kitchen gardens, a carriage shed, and a preservation area in which deer grazed. There was a circular driveway in front of the house and vast plantings of maple trees. This model farm won the Bronze Medal in 1885'.⁴² The Francis family was active in all aspects of the village including agriculture, business, politics, sports, and were leaders in the social activities. Jonathon died⁴³ at age 68 on October 07, 1888 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario. Margaret died 16 years later on February 10, 1904 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario. A large granite stone marking their resting place in Pakenham Union Cemetery⁴⁴, overlooks the village.

Children of Jonathon Francis and Margaret Carswell are:

- 1 Allan Stuart Francis, born November 23, 1855 in Pakenham, Lanark Co., Ontario; died June 05, 1927 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- 2 James Harvey Francis, born November 22, 1859 in Pakenham Twp.,



Pic 10: Jonathon & Margaret's Gravestone

Lanark Co., Ontario; died October 08, 1931.

- 3 George Frederick Francis, born July 11, 1864 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario; died 1945.
- 4 Jonathon Albert Francis, born April 28, 1867 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario; died April 10, 1948.
- 5 Margaret Francis, born March 29, 1869 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario; died 1954.

Generation 2

1. Allan Stuart Francis (*Jonathon Francis*) was born November 23, 1855 in Pakenham, Lanark Co., Ontario. He was christened³⁸ on February 04, 1859, Pakenham, Lanark Co., Ontario. He married^{33,43} **Minnie Matilda Dickson** April 07, 1885 in Pakenham, Lanark Co., Ontario, daughter of Hugh Henry Dickson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. Taylor. Minnie was born March 5, 1865 in Ontario.

Allan, like his father, was a pioneer lumberman³⁹. At the time of this writing, preparations are underway for the next Lumber Baron Festival in Renfrew. Allan Stuart Francis has been selected at the Lumber Baron that will be honored in 1999. He lived in Renfrew^{45,46} at the time of the 1891 and 1901 census. Allan's Uncle Samuel also lived in Renfrew and his Uncle Elisha lived close by at Northcote. Allan was active in Renfrew community life and lived in grand homes. He was known to race horses and curl in his leisure time.

Allan died June 05, 1927 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario⁴⁷ at the age of 71. Matilda died seven years later on July 19, 1934 at the age of 71. Allan and Matilda are buried in the Francis family plot with his parents in Pakenham Union Cemetery⁴⁴.

Child of Allan Francis and Minnie Dickson is:

- i. Margaret Isabelle Francis, born August 27, 1895 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died January 25, 1981. She married James Ramsey Morris (Q.C.).

2. James Harvey Francis (*Jonathon Francis*) was born November 22, 1859 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario. He was christened³⁸ on March 03, 1865, Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario. He married **(1) Isabell Armstrong Fraser** April 18, 1894 in California, U.S.A.⁴⁸

Isabell was born July 4, 1872; died⁴⁸ November 1, 1894 in Cork, Ireland. She was the daughter of Richard Fraser of Pembroke Twp. He married **(2) Jean Craig Bryson** June 06, 1906 in Fort Coulonge, Pontiac Co., Quebec, daughter of George Bryson and Ellen Craig.⁵⁰

James Harvey was known as Harvey³⁹. He was a lumberman⁴⁹ and businessman in Pakenham. He is credited for reviving the industrial life around the Pakenham Falls. He is known to have visited Ireland⁴⁸ and it was there that his first wife died, on their around the world tour for their honeymoon. Harvey later moved to Manitoba and purchased a farm there. Harvey died October 08, 1931. Harvey and his first wife are buried in the family plot at Pakenham Union Cemetery⁴⁴.

Child of James Francis and Jean Bryson is:

- i. Jonathon B Francis, died October 1981 in Victoria, B.C.

3. George Frederick Francis (*Jonathon Francis*) was born July 11, 1864 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario. He was christened³⁸ on March 03, 1865, Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co.,



Pic 11: Harvey Francis

Ontario. He married **Maude M Brazeau**. Maude was born 1876.



Pic 12:
George Francis



Pic 13:
Jonathon Francis

George was also a businessman in Pakenham, operating a woollen mill in partnership with C.A. Brazeau.³⁹ They lived in Pakenham, Renfrew and Ottawa. George died in 1945 at the age of 81. Maude died 22 years later in 1967. They are buried in Pakenham Union Cemetery, Pakenham, Ontario⁴⁴.

Child of George Francis and Maude Brazeau is:

- i. Margaret Francis who married A V HEANEY.

4. Jonathon Albert Francis (*Jonathon Francis*)^{3,39} was born April 28, 1867 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario. He was christened³⁸ on May 18, 1867, Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario. He married **Mary McCreary** December 24, 1912 in Ottawa, Ontario. Mary was born 3 May 1890.

They lived in Arnprior and Pakenham. Jonathon died April 10, 1948 at the age of 81. Mary died 23 years later on March 30, 1971 at the age of 80. They are buried in Pakenham Union Cemetery, Pakenham, Ontario⁴⁴.

Children of Jonathon Francis and Mary McCreary are:

- i. Jonathon Francis.
- ii. Jean Francis.
- iii. Mary Francis.



Pic 14: Margaret Francis

5. Margaret Francis (*Jonathon Francis*)³ was born March 29, 1869 in Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario. She was christened³⁸ on May 01, 1869, Pakenham Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario. She married³³ **Joseph Anderson** July 28, 1908 in Breezy Heights, Pakenham, Ontario, son of David Anderson. Joseph was born 1874. Margaret and Joseph lived in Toronto. He was a Bank Manager³³. Margaret died at the age of 85 in 1954. Joseph died 5 years later at the age of 85. They are both buried⁴⁴ in Pakenham Union Cemetery, Pakenham, Ontario.

Child of Margaret Francis and Joseph Anderson is:

- i. Joseph Francis Anderson, born 1912; died 1977; buried in Union Cemetery, Pakenham, Ontario. He married Elizabeth Grant, born 1904.

Child No. 7

Eleanora Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born April 03, 1822 in Ireland. She married²¹ **Robert Holmes** March 27, 1860 in Grenville Co., Ontario. He was the son of John and Nancy Holmes. Robert was born 1818 in Ireland. Eleanora was the last of the "Irish" Francis and emigrated from Ireland as a baby. "Ellen" and Robert lived in Huntington, Quebec.

There is no record of children. Ellen died⁵¹ at the age of 75 on January 14, 1898 in Kilmarnock, Woford Twp., Ontario. She is buried in Woford Cemetery, Grenville Co., Ontario.¹⁵

Child No. 8

Peter Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born April 14, 1824 in Upper Canada, and died 1851. Nothing further is known.

Child No. 9

Christianne Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born March 29, 1826 in Woford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario. She married **Richard Hanna**^{3,52} who was born abt. 1825 in Ireland. The Hanna family moved to Muskoka Falls in 1860. Richard had a road building contract to build thirty miles of the Peterson road. The contract started at Muskoka Falls and continued east to Minden. This road was named the Draper road. In 1862 Richard Hanna was appointed postmaster of Muskoka Falls. He became the first postmaster north of Severn Bridge in the territorial districts of Ontario. A few years later, abt. 1865, Richard was killed while fighting in the northern cause of the American Civil War. He was buried in U.S.A.^{51,52} These events left Christianne to raise her young family. She retained her Quaker faith which helped sustain her through this time. Another source of strength was her son William. William became a successful businessman. For many years he operated the W. Hana and Company store at Port Carlin. The most noted of the Hanna children was Rachel. She gained fame as one of the pioneer nurses in the Yukon Territory during the Yukon Gold Rush.⁵² In 1898 she was in the first group of nurses who volunteered to nurse in the gold fields. Christianne died at the age of 58 in 1884.⁵¹ Christianne and her daughter Rachel are buried side by side in the Bracebridge United Church Cemetery, Bracebridge, Ontario.



Pic 15 : Christianne Francis

Children of Christianne Francis and Richard Hanna are:

- i. William Hanna, born 1848 in Merrickville, Montague Twp., Ontario; died July 06, 1923 in Port Carling, Ontario; buried at Port Carling, Ontario. William was a businessman as noted above.
- ii. James Hanna, born March 28, 1850 in Kilmarnock, Woford Twp., Ontario; died May 24, 1870; buried in Bracebridge Cemetery, Bracebridge, Ontario.
- iii. Richard Hanna, born 1852 in Kilmarnock, Woford Twp., Ontario; died 1875.
- iv. Peter Hanna, born 1854 in Kilmarnock, Woford Twp., Ontario; died 1876.
- v. John Hanna, born 1856.
- vi. Rachel Jane Hanna, born 1859 in Kilmarnock, Woford Twp., Ontario; died April 14, 1934 in

- Huntsville, Ontario; buried in Bracebridge Cemetery, Bracebridge, Ontario.
- + vii. Joseph Francis Hanna, born 1861 in Severn Bridge, Ontario. He married Mary Robina Sinclair.

7. Joseph Francis Hanna (*Christianne Francis*) was born 1861 in Severn Bridge, Ontario. He married **Mary Robina Sinclair**.

Children of Joseph Hanna and Mary Sinclair are:

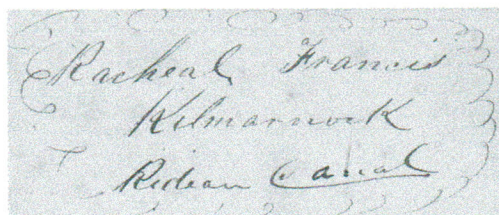
- i. Lawrence Arnold Hanna. He married Anne Mary Miles. They had three sons.
- ii. James Cuthbert Hanna, born 1885. He married Adella M Dodd. They had one son Stuart Francis Hanna.
- iii. Roy Francis Hanna, born 1887. He married Esther Miles. They had two children.
- iv. Allan Stanley Hanna, born 1889. He married Elizabeth Peebles. They had two children.

Child No. 10

Elisha Stuart Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born December 29, 1828 in Kilmarnock, Lanark Co., Ontario, and died January 05, 1891 in Northcote, Renfrew Co., Ontario. He married **Margaret Ann Ferguson** 1851 in Grenville Co., Ontario, daughter of William Ferguson and Joanna Greville. Elisha and Margaret Ann are the focus of *Chapter 2*.

Child No. 11

Rachel Francis (*James Francis*)³ was born June 29, 1830 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario. She was christened³⁸ on July 28, 1862, Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario. She lived in Kilmarnock and never married. Since her father James lived until he was 91, Rachel spent many years living with her father. As previously mentioned, they were noted as excellent hand weavers and Rachel specialized in growing flowers. In the 1881 census, Rachel at age 51, was the only Francis left in Wolford Twp. She was affectionately known as Aunt Rachel. A book entitled "*The Course of Time, A Poem*" by Robert Pollok, 1843 belonging to Rachel was given to her great niece, Rachel Francis, daughter of Elisha Stewart and Annie (Toner) Francis. It has been passed down from Rachel Jr. to her great niece Fay Bennett (co-author). A signature from the inside cover of this book is shown below.



Pic 16: Rachel Francis signature

Death of Miss Francis

A well known and highly respected lady passed away on Monday in the person of Miss Rachel Francis of Kilmarnock. Miss Francis had lived all her life in the vicinity where she died, where she was familiarly known as "Aunt Rachel" and she will be deeply mourned by a very large circle of friends and acquaintances. About two weeks ago Miss Francis was taken ill with hemorrhage of the stomach and owing to her advanced age she had little chance of recovery. Miss Francis was 80 years of age and for many years has resided with her niece Miss Muldoon in a pretty cottage about half a mile above Newsome's locks. Here she was wont to receive her friends with a cordiality and hospitality that made a visit to her cottage a pleasure to all who knew her. The funeral takes place at two o'clock this afternoon to Wolford cemetery.

Pic 17: Obituary of Rachel Francis

Descendants of Elisha Stuart FRANCIS

