

## The Story of Robert and Grizel McMichael - III

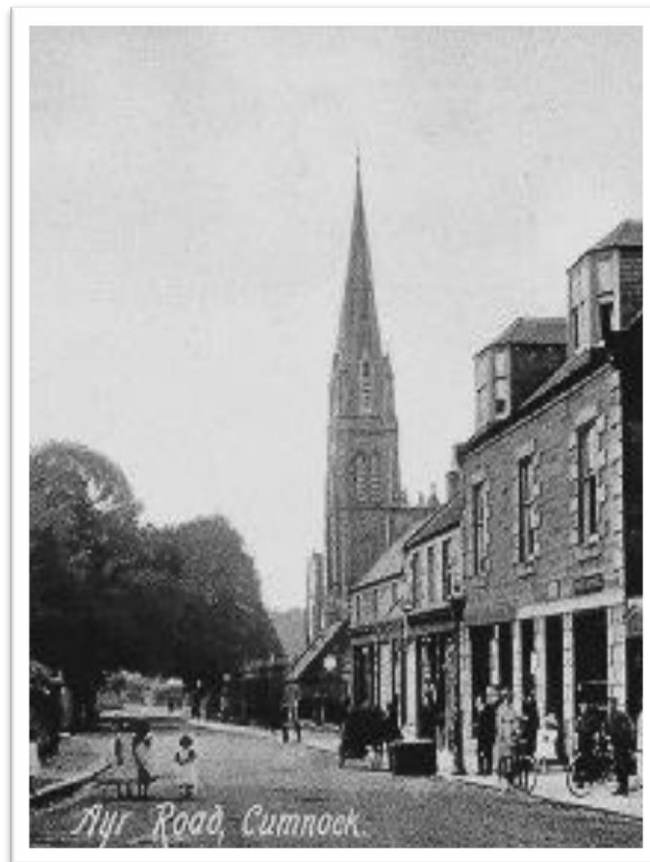
### Acknowledgements

Again, let us remember - remember that for everyone's life, there is a story - a tale that is meaningful and important; for in its fabric is woven the very fact of existence. But after a while that story is forgotten. Hopefully, I have preserved here for some future folks some of the fabric of our heritage by telling stories about a few who have come before.

This story begins with the life of Thomas McMichael (b. 1708) and his wife Euphans Gemmell of New Cumnock, Ayr, Scotland and continues through the number of his children and grandchildren. One of the grandchildren, Robert McMichael of the village of Kirkconnel near Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire married Grizel Nivison and they immigrated together with their families to Ontario, Canada in 1842. This story follows the family of Robert and Grizel's daughter Margaret McMichael (1845 - 1890) who in 1866 married William M. Cowan at Clinton, Ontario. William and Margaret are my great-grandparents.

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## The Connection

Robert and Grizel McMichael Lived in the village of Kirkconnel near Sanquhar, Dumfries. Robert was born 15 Nov, 1793 and Grizel was born 17 June, 1799. In 1842 they sailed to Canada together with most of their children, their families and others of the villages around and settled in Huron County at the village of Seaforth, Ontario. Their son Thomas and his new bride Elizabeth McMillan sailed with them on a honeymoon voyage to last the rest of their lives; to a new life and adventure in Canada. By the third year after coming to Canada, Thomas and Elizabeth had two children and the second child's name was Margaret. In 1866 when that child Margaret was 21 years of age, she married William (Bill) M. Cowan at the Presbyterian Church down the road at Clinton. Bill was a neighbor and friend of the McMichael family through his work on Margaret's aunt Janet McMillan's farm. Fourteen years later, in the spring of 1880, Bill and Margaret loaded their goods and horses on the train and headed for the Dakota Territory. Together with their three children at the time, including William James who became my grandfather, they settled near the just started railroad town of Sheldon where Bill grew hay and raised horses.



Robert McMichael was baptized on November 15th, 1793 and married Grizel (Grace) Nivison who was born 17 June, 1799 at Conmouth. Robert and Grizel were both born in Dumfries, according to the census of 1841, they lived in the village at Kirkconnel near Sanquhar prior to their departure for Canada. The following is a genealogical record together with some anecdotal stories beginning with Robert's grandparents Thomas and Euphans McMichael.

The contemporary map below shows the area about thirty miles northwest of the town of Dumfries and shows the proximity of the towns of the McMichael ancestry. The distance between these towns is about ten miles.

### Historical Perspective

**Worldwide News 1705:** slave trade is a thriving commerce in the Caribbean, South American ports and the British Colonies of North America.

**The Colonies: 1705** The *Boston News Letter* becomes the first newspaper in the colonies. **1706** Thomas Jefferson is born and the colonies will not separate from England for another seventy years.

**The British Empire: 8 March 1702:** King William dies after a fall from his horse. He is succeeded by his sister in law, Queen Anne, who becomes the last Stewart monarch.

**Scotland: 1703:** The Scottish Parliament passes the Act of Security, under which Scotland will not in future be bound to accept the same monarch as England unless Scotland is accorded completely free trade with England and the colonies. Royal Assent is refused by the Queen's Commissioner.

**5 August 1704:** The Scottish Parliament refuses to raise taxes and threatens to withdraw troops from Marlborough's army in France unless the crown accepts the Act of Security and it is given Royal Assent. It is.

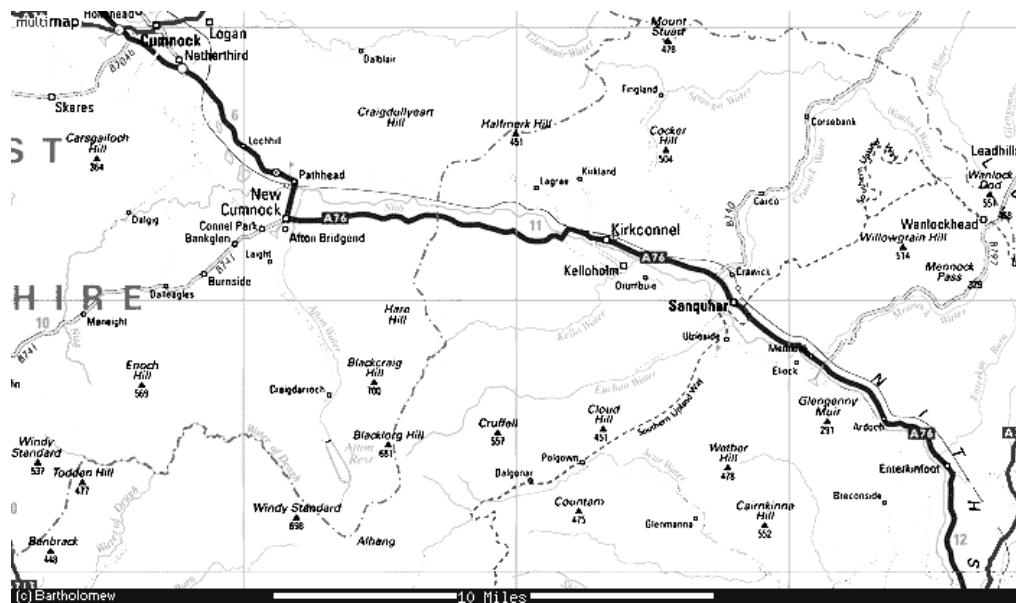
**5 February 1705:** The English Parliament pass the Alien Act designed to secure English interests from what they see as the subversion of the Scottish Parliament. In effect, the Scots are invited to negotiate a full union with England, on pain of seizure of Scottish assets and the ending of Scottish exports to England if they do not.

**Spring 1705:** Three crew of the English ship Worcester are hanged in Edinburgh on suspicion of piracy.

In **1705** an Act of Scottish Parliament was passed in favor of Archibald McAlister, instituting "four yearly fairs and a weekly mercat at the town of East Tarbert". Tarbert fair day (last Thursday in July) is still a highlight in the local calendar and originated with this act against a Scottish Darien Company ship.

**Spring 1706:** The Anglo-Scottish Parliamentary Commission meets to agree a draft Treaty of Union.

**3 October 1706:** The Scottish Parliament begins its debate on the Treaty of Union between Scotland and England.



## The Genealogy

Coding for persons in this genealogy uses a series of alternating alpha and numeric digits describing position in the family. For example, the code A4-e2-b1 describes six generations where the person (labeled 1 here – my grandfather) is the second child of the second child of the fifth child of the fourth of “A”.

### A. Thomas McMichael 1708

Christened 22 Feb 1708 at Kirkoswald, Ayr, Scotland. Son of Thomas McMichael. His mother's name is not shown on the christening record. Residence Kirkoswald, Ayrshire. In about 1728-1730, Thomas married Euphans Gemmell at New Cumnock, Ayr, Scotland. They had five children and these are, indeed, his children since the record shows that their mother is Euphans Gemmell. The name Gemmell was common in the southern counties of Scotland with a particular stronghold

in Ayrshire. The name was recorded in the charter of William the Lion in the twelfth century. The Gemmell name is associated with the activities of the Covenanters who were against the Episcopal

church and several were killed in battles according to History of the Parish of New Cumnock, Ayrshire, Scotland by Robert Guthrie. The association with the Covenanters may be part of the reason

that it was said the “queen wanted their heads” and the reason the McMichaels eventually left for Canada.

Note 1: A George McMichael who lived at New Cumnock, Ayrshire and married to Christian Michell is possibly a brother to Thomas. They have at least four children: William, 1733; James, 1735; Mary, 1737 and George, 1739.

Note 2: According to the LDS record, two other children were born to a person whose name is Thomas McMichael during this time at Kirkoswald, Ayr and one or both may be siblings to this Thomas McMichael. Their mothers are not named. These are Helen, baptized 03 Mar, 1695 and Thomas, baptized 17 Apr, 1698. That there are two children of this period whose name is Thomas suggests however that there were two Thomas McMichael families during that time.

### A1 *GEORGE McMICHAEL*

Christened Ap. 26, 1730 at New Cumnock, Ayr. Corsencon. Son of Thomas McMichael and Euphans Gemmell.

### A2 *AGNES McMICHAEL*

Christened Aug 8, 1731 at New Cumnock, Ayr. Corsencon. Daughter of of Thomas McMichael and Euphans Gemmell.

### A3 *JANET McMICHAEL*

Christened July 7, 1737 at New Cumnock, Ayr. Daughter of of Thomas McMichael and Euphans Gemmell.

### A4 *THOMAS McMICHAEL – Our Ancestor b. 1740*

Christened Nov, 12, 1740 at New Cumnock, Ayr. Son of Thomas McMichael and Euphans Gemmell. Married to Margaret Hyslop and lived at Tower Farm in Kirkconnel.

Janet Finney of Winnipeg, Manitoba visited their graves at Kirkconnel Parish a few years ago and found the following information on their grave markers: Thomas McMichael died April 2, 1822 age 82. Margaret Hyslop died Oct. 30, 1790 age 44 which would mean she was born in 1856. Janet says she is not sure of Margaret's date.

They had five children, Thomas, Elizabeth, Euphans, Margaret, and Robert whose lives are described beginning at A4-a below.

A5      *WILLIAM McMICHAEL*

Christened May 13, 1744 at New Cumnock, Ayr. Son and youngest child of Thomas McMichael and Euphans Gemmell.

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**Note:** The balance of this genealogy record is of A4\* Thomas McMichael above and of his five children: Thomas, Elizabeth, Euphans, Margaret and Robert; and primarily that of his youngest child Robert and our ancestor listed here A4-e (born 1793).

#### **A4-a    Thomas McMichael**

Christened Jan. 4, 1778 at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire. Son and first child of Thomas and Margaret McMichael (A4 above). Residence Kirkconnel It is not known if he married or has children. Thomas died at age 67 on 8 July, 1845 in Crichton Royal Institute at Dumfries. Crichton, established 1839 and known throughout Europe, was an innovative asylum and residence home for treatment of mental disorders such as melancholy. It held many hundreds of patients many of whom stayed for years. According to the National Archives the place was first called Crichton Institution for Lunatics (1839 - 1840) and Crichton Royal Institution (1840 - c.1845) and later Crichton Royal Hospital.

Wikipedia reports of Crichton the following: The last, and grandest, of Scotland's Royal asylums was founded in Dumfries in 1839 by [Elizabeth Crichton](#) of [Friar's Carse](#) (1779-1862), a wealthy local widow. She persuaded [William A. F. Browne](#) to become physician superintendent and implement his innovative ideas of [occupational therapy](#) and [art therapy](#).<sup>[a]</sup> Her intention to found a university there was blocked by the existing [Scottish universities](#). Psychotherapist [Ursula Fleming](#) was educated at the Crichton. Among the people to have been treated there are artist [Charles Altamont Doyle](#) (father of Arthur Conan Doyle) and feminist writer [Dora Marsden](#).

The original hospital building, now Crichton Hall, was designed by [William Burn](#) and opened in 1839.

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#### **A4-b    Elizabeth McMichael**

Born about 1780 at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire. Residence Kirkconnel. Died 2 March 1802 at the age of 22. Second child.

#### **A4-c    Euphans McMichael**

According to the record, [Scotland Births and Baptisms 1564 – 1950](#), [Euphemia] was christened 1783 at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire. Residence Tower Farm at Kirkconnel. Euphans married William Bryden, an army surgeon and they had at least three children. Euphans is the third child of Thomas McMichael and his wife Margaret Hyslop.



**A4-c1**                    **Edward Bryden** Born Mar 14, 1834. Married Mary Kerr Leigh, born April 20, 1834. They lived at Sanquhar and, it is said, had a large family – many children and grandchildren.

A4-c1-a                    **Janet Bryden** christened 14 March 1834 Sanquhar

A4-c1-b                    **John Bryden** christened 14 Oct, 1840 Sanquhar

A4-c1-c                    **Thomas Bryden** christened 29 Oct, 1844 Sanquhar

A4-c1-d                    **James Bryden** christened 28 Mar 1847 Sanquhar

A4-c1-e                    **Euphemia Bryden** christened 05 Nov 1850 Sanquhar

**A4-c2**                    **Thomas Bryden** (Brydone) Married Nicholas Black and had about six daughters. They lived at Kirkconnel for a time but moved to Glasgow. Yes, Nicholas was a feminine name then. The older spelling of Bryden was probably Brydone. All the children were born in Kirkconnel Parish and all the members of the household were born in Dumfriesshire. The 1871 census for Tradeston, Glasgow, Lanark, shows the family living at 2 Wellcroft Place: **Thomas Bryden**, Head of house, widower, age 54, Storeman; his children, **Elizabeth Bryden**, unmarried, age 30, Housekeeper; **Janet Bryden**, unmarried, age 27, Power Loom Weaver; **Margaret Bryden**, unmarried, age 24, Power Loom Weaver; **Mary Bryden**, unmarried, age 22, French Polisher; **Jean Bryden**, unmarried, age 19, Power Loom Weaver. The whole family was born in Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire. Also in the household is a visitor, Agnes Williamson, age 9, also born in Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire.

A4-c2-a                    **Euphemia Bryden** christened 01 March 1835 at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire

A4-c2-b                    **Agness Margaret Bryden** christened 31 Dec 1837 at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire

A4-c2-c                    **Elizabeth Bryden** christened 05 April, 1840 at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire. She is listed in the 1861 census, aged 20 and living with parents. The 1871 census for Tradeston, Glasgow, Lanark, living at 2 Wellcroft Place shows Elizabeth unmarried, age 30, Housekeeper living with her widowed father and three sisters.

A4-c2-d                    **Janet Bryden** christened 19 June, 1842 at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire. She is listed in the 1861 census, aged 18 and living with parents.

A4-c2-e                    **Mary Bryden** She is listed in the 1861 census, aged 13 and living with parents.

A4-c2-f                    **Jean Brydon**. She is listed in the 1861 census, aged 10 and living with parents.



A4-c2-g                    **James Bryden** Born 08 May, 1855 at Tradeston, Glasgow, Lanark

**A4-c3**                    **Isabella Bryden** Married James Lorimer and they lived in the Rentfrew area for a time but moved back to Kirkconnel. Isabella and James had eleven children including several who died little. According to Parish records and information written by Elizabeth Margaret Lorimer

(granddaughter of James & Isabella) from the family bible of James Lorimer and Isabella Bryden, the children of James Lorimer and Isabella Bryden are as follows.

A4-c3-a **William Wallace Lorimer**, born Feb. 8, 1841 in Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland; married Oct. 24, 1868 to Margaret Smith of Auchinleck Parish, Ayrshire, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They had a large family. He died March 29, 1906 of cancer in the Rural Municipality of Westbourne, Manitoba, Canada.

A4-c3-b **Elizabeth Wallace Lorimer**, born Nov. 15 or 18, 1842 in Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire, Scotland; married William Wood in approx. 1869 at the Caledonian Church of Scotland on Holloway Road, London, England and lived in England. They had 1 child. She died Jan. 11, 1870 in London, England.

A4-c3-c **Robert Lorimer**, born **July 23, 1844**, possibly in Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire or in Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire, Scotland; **died before 1851** (does not show up on the 1851 census in Kirkconnel Parish with his parents), name not on parents headstone except referred to as: 4 infant sons, so he may be buried in St. Conals Churchyard with his parents in Kirkconnel Village, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

A4-c3-d **Euphemia Lorimer** (Mrs. Sharp of Vennel Farm), born **Oct. 3, 1847** (probably at Knockenjig farm) in Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland; baptized? Oct. 3, 1847 same place; married in approx. 1880-1881 **John Sharpe**; died **Dec. 2, 1924**, probably at The Vennel farm where she lived or at the home of one of her children in Scotland. She and her husband had at least 5 children. They are buried in St. Conals Churchyard, Kirkconnel Village, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

A4-c3-e **John Milligan Lorimer**, born **April 4, John Milligan Lorimer**, born **April 4, 1849**, (probably at Knockenjig farm) in Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire **1849**, (probably at Knockenjig farm) in Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland; christened? April 5, 1849 same place. He moved to Ontario, Canada with his elder brother William in approximately 1867 and appears with William and his family on the 1871 census in Humphrey Township, Muskoka District, Ontario, Canada on William's farm, listed as a farmer. He may have moved sometime between the 1871 and the 1881 census because he does not appear on the 1881 census with his brother. He may have moved to Whitemouth, Manitoba by that time. Whitemouth is near the border of Ontario and Manitoba. He was a trapper who may have remained a bachelor. He does not appear on the census for 1891 or 1901 in Whitemouth, Manitoba but he is listed on his parent's headstone in Kirkconnel Village as having died **April 12, 1929** in Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada. Although his name is listed on his parent's headstone in Scotland, he is probably buried in Whitemouth, which was a large village or town of well over 400 people by that time. There was no headstone for him in the cemetery at Whitemouth when it was checked in 2001.

A4-c3-f **Robert Lorimer**, born **Aug. 8, 1851** (probably at Knockenjig farm), in Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland; **died before July 1855**; referred to as: 4 infant sons on his parent's headstone in St. Conals Churchyard, Kirkconnel Village, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

A4-c3-g **Margaret Lorimer**, born **Dec. 8, 1852** (probably at Knockenjig farm), in Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire; baptized? Dec. 8, 1852; died **March 22, 1865** at "The March", Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland; buried with her parents in St. Conals Churchyard, Kirkconnel Village.

A4-c3-h **Robert Lorimer**, born 6 p.m. **July 21, 1855** at Knockenjig farm, Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland; died by **Aug. 1858**; referred to as: 4 infant sons on his parent's headstone in St. Conals Churchyard, Kirkconnel Village, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

A4-c3-i **Robert Lorimer**, born 9:30 a.m. **Aug. 9, 1858** at Gavels, Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland; died by \_\_\_\_\_, referred to as: 4 infant sons on his parent's headstone in St. Conals Churchyard, Kirkconnel Village, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

A4-c3-j **Janet Lorimer**, born **July 23, 1860** at Palbower Mill, Kirkconnel Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. She did not marry but had a child: Elizabeth Margaret Lorimer. She died **Nov. 5, 1935** and is buried with her parents in St. Conals Churchyard, Kirkconnel Village, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

A4-c3-k Name and record not found

#### A4-d **Margaret McMichael**

According to the record, Scotland Births and Baptisms 1564 – 1950, Margaret was christened June 25, 1787 at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire. Residence Kirkconnel. Margaret died at ten months on 15 April, 1788.

#### A4-e **Robert McMichael – Our Ancestor – b. 1793**

According to the record, Scotland Births and Baptisms 1564 – 1950, Robert was born November 15th, 1793 to Thomas McMichael and his wife Margaret Hyslop at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire - their fifth child. His christening and residence were Kirkconnel, as well. Christening date is unknown. Robert married Grizel (Grace) Nivison b. June 17, 1799 of Conmouth. Robert and Grizel were both born in Dumfriesshire Parish and, according to the census of 1841, they lived in the village at Karkornains near Sanquhar. They were married in about 1818 when Robert was 25 and Grizel was 19 years of age.



Janet Finney of Winnepeg, Manitoba visited Scotland a few years back and found

some of their records. According to the Kirkconnel Parish church record, Robert was born in 1793 and the entry reads: "*Robert, Lawful Son of Thos. McMichael, and his wife Margt Hyslop, farmer was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1793 – Grace Niveson, wife of Robert McMichael was born at Conmouth on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 1799.*"

They raised eleven children. Dumfriesshire is a community of about 30,000 people today and is located in the vicinity southwest of Glasgow in the lowlands. In 1842 the family immigrated to Canada. Thomas, A4-e02 below is our ancestor.

- A4-e01 Margaret McMichael born 21st October 1819 died 1827 age 8
- A4-e02 Thomas Victor McMichael born 21st March 1821 - Our Ancestor
- A4-e03 James McMichael born 9th March 1823
- A4-e04 Alison McMichael born 19th July 1825
- A4-e05 Jane McMichael born 27th April 1827
- A4-e06 Margaret McMichael born 5th June 1829
- A4-e07 Janet Ritchie McMichael born 13th April 1831
- A4-e08 Robert McMichael born 23rd June 1833.

- A4-e09 William Nivison McMichael born 17th June 1835. The Ontario Deaths 1869-1947 shows William died at Clinton on Feb. 19, 1920. The record also shows his date of birth as 17 June, 1837 which must be incorrect.
- A4-e10 Alexander McMichael born 18th August 1837 The 1851 McKillop and Grey census shows Alexander, aged 15.
- A4-e11 Abraham McMichael born 9th September 1840. The 1851 McKillop and Grey census shows Abraham, aged 11.

The balance of this story follows the life and family of Robert, father of the above children and particularly follows his second child Thomas born 1821.

According to the 1841 census, Robert was an agricultural worker. As an agricultural laborer living in the village, it is likely that he did not own land but that he worked for pay as a farm laborer for a landowner - possibly as a serf. And they had ten children then; it would have been eleven, but the oldest, Margaret, who was born in 1819, died fourteen years earlier at the age of eight, in 1827. It is possible that at that time in 1842, Robert and Grizel and their family lived with his parents at their cottage in the village and with such a family it looked good to take the family to Canada. In any case, as a farm laborer with no farm ownership and with ten children, it must have been hard to get by.

From history we learn that in 1837, five years prior to their sailing to Canada, an eighteen year old girl named Victoria had become queen of the British Empire. She reigned for 63 years, until 1901 - the longest reign in British history. This period is called the Victorian Age, a period during which the British Empire reached its height and it included about a quarter of the world's land and a quarter of the world's people at the time. The Victorian Age began during hard times. Farmers had poor harvests and depression swept across Britain. Many people blamed the "Corn Laws", which taxed the import of grains. The taxes protected landowners by helping to keep foreign grain out of Britain, but the taxes also raised the price of bread. It wasn't until the potato crops failed in Ireland during 1845 and 1846 that the Corn Laws were repealed. It is difficult today to appreciate the nature of the tremendous influx of emigrants during that period. 750,000 people died during that famine and 1.6 million people braved the six week voyage by sailing ship to immigrate to the American continent.

So the economy and the political situation in Scotland may have been a reason for their emigration to Canada. It could well have sounded like a time to leave for better opportunities. Many Scots were already there at Huron County where the McMichaels emigrated so they would not be alone when they got there and large farmlands were available for about \$2.25 an acre. The opportunity looked really good; I'm sure, to make the decision to go.

As people made decisions to emigrate, it was important to maintain the strengths of family and neighbors and to make the decisions together. In Kirkconnel of Dumfriesshire Parish, at least three families; the McMichaels; the McMillans; and the Laidlaws, it appears, were bound together and there were several marriages among them and whole families sailed to Canada during 1842 - 1844 and, of those who emigrated, they all eventually settled in Huron County.

In 1842, Robert and Grizel McMichael and their family took a sailing ship to Canada, likely leaving from Liverpool and arriving at Quebec, and continuing up the St. Lawrence River to Toronto and then overland to Huron County. At the time that they came to Canada, Robert was probably 49 and Grizel was 43 years of age.

Their son Thomas Victor was 21 and since he was not listed as a member of the family in the July, 1841 census of a year earlier, it's likely that he was married by that time. We know that Thomas was just recently married prior to embarking on the trip because it is said that it was their honeymoon. He had married Elizabeth McMillan of Dumfriesshire.

The ages of the other nine children at the time they sailed were: James; 18 years, Allison; 16 years, Jane; 14 years, Margaret; 12 years, Janet; 11 years, Robert; 8 years, William; 6 years, Alexander; 4 years, and Abraham; probably about 8 months.

According to Whyte, "*Scottish Emigration to Canada Before the Confederation*," Allison remained in Scotland. Was she married and did her husband not want to leave his family or had other opportunities there in Scotland?

Grizel died at age 68 years, 9 months and 22 days at Harpurhey, Seaforth, Ontario on April ninth, 1868. Robert died at age 77 years, 11 months and 12 days also at Harpurhey on November 3, 1871 about 2 ½ years later. They are buried at the church cemetery there.

The following is a list of the descendants of Robert and Grizel McMichael. It is compiled from 1. Parochial records of Scotland; 2. A list of the family as related to me several years ago by Mabel McMichael of Walton, Ontario (she got it from her husband's aunt Polly McMichael); 3. A list from Agnes Schroer of Eau Clair, Wisconsin; and 4. From entries in the text by Whyte, "*Scottish Emigration to Canada Before the Confederation*".

## The Eleven Children of Robert McMichael, born 1793

Here follows a more detailed record of the eleven children of Robert and Grizel McMichael - In birth order.

### **A4-e1**                    *Margaret McMichael – First child*

First born of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison on Oct. 21, 1819 at their cottage in Karkornains near Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. Her mother, Grizel, was 20 years of age and her father, Thomas, was 26 years of age at the time of her birth. For reason known only to God, Margaret died on June 23rd, 1827 at age seven years and four months and is likely buried in the parish cemetery at Kirkconnel.

### **A4-e2**                    *Thomas Victor McMichael - Second Child - Our Ancestor – b. 1821*

The record on Thomas Victor McMichael and his descendants (and our ancestors) is compiled from information I have received in the mails, from conversations and other resources. For this information, I want to thank Dale McMichael of Florida, Agnes Schroer of Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Mabel McMichael of Walton, Ontario. Thomas and Elizabeth are our great - grandmother Margaret's father and mother. Margaret was married to William M. Cowan, my great-great grandfather of Hullett Township in Huron County. His father and mother, Robert Cowan and Eliza Gunson Cowan, may have come from Dumfriesshire, Scotland, as well but this will take further research.

The following is a report compiled 29 December, 1966 by the SCOTS ANCESTRAY RESEARCH SOCIETY of 3 Albany Street, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH1 3PY (Address is current as of December, 1994) on the ancestry of Thomas McMichael who was born in Kirkconnel in 1821.

I quote:

"Prior to 1855 registrations of births, deaths and marriages in Scotland were voluntarily recorded in the old parochial registers (unindexed) of each parish. The old parochial registers of Kirkconnell were accordingly searched for the birth of Thomas McMichael, which was found to have been recorded in a composite entry, thus:

*"The following list contains the date of the respective births of children in lawful wedlock belonging to Robert McMichael and his wife Grizel Nivison, Kirkconnell."*

1. Margaret                    born 21<sup>st</sup> October 1819
2. Thomas                    born 21<sup>st</sup> March 1821 (Our ancestor)
3. James                    born 9<sup>th</sup> March 1823
4. Alison                    born 19<sup>th</sup> July 1825
5. Jane                    born 27<sup>th</sup> April 1827
6. Margaret                    born 5<sup>th</sup> June 1829
7. Janet Ritchie                    born 13<sup>th</sup> April 1831
8. Robert                    born 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1833
9. William Nivison                    born 17<sup>th</sup> June 1835
10. Alexander                    born 18<sup>th</sup> August 1837
11. Abraham                    born 9<sup>th</sup> September 1840

"The old parochial registers were searched from 1838 to 1854 for the marriage of Thomas McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan, but this was not found to have been recorded there, and as

the marriage records for Kirkconnel do not commence until 1825, no search could be made for the marriage of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison.

"The 1841 census for Kirkconnel was next consulted, and the following was found:

Address: Village.

Robert McMichael, aged 45, agricultural laborer, born in Dumfriesshire.

Grace (sic) McMichael, aged 40, born in Dumfriesshire [This is Grizel Nivison].

1. James aged 15, born in Dumfriesshire [actually 18 years of age]
2. Alison aged 15, born in Dumfriesshire
3. Jane aged 14, born in Dumfriesshire
4. Margaret aged 12, born in Dumfriesshire
5. Robert aged 8, born in Dumfriesshire
6. Janet aged 10, born in Dumfriesshire
7. William aged 6, born in Dumfriesshire
8. Alexander aged 4, born in Dumfriesshire
9. Abraham aged 10 months, born in Dumfriesshire

"The 1851 census schedules for Kirkconnel were also consulted, but the McMichael family was not found to have been living there at that date.

"The general index of deaths in Scotland was then searched from its commencement in 1855 to 1893 for the deaths of Robert McMichael and Grizel (or Grace) Nivison, but these entries were not found." [Note entered 1996: Robert died in 1871 and Grace died in 1868 both in Hullet Township, Ontario, Canada]

Robert is listed in the 1861 Ontario Census living at McKillop in Huron County.

Discussion, July 28, 1993: From Abrahams' age, it appears that the census was taken in July of 1841. The oldest daughter, Margaret b. 1819, was not included in that census as she had died some thirteen years earlier in 1827. Thomas, our ancestor, would have been 20 years of age at that time and is not included in that census. It is likely that he was now out on his own and perhaps married by that time. It is said that Thomas came to Canada with his bride in 1842. Most of the family came to Canada together at that time.

"Parochial records of New Cumnock: Robert McMichael baptized 15th November 1793 in Tower. Son of Thomas McMichael. Other children are Thomas, baptized 4th January, 1778; Euphan, baptized 1783, and Margaret, baptized 25th, June 1787.

"Parochial records of New Cumnock: Thomas McMichael, born 12th November 1740 to Thomas McMichael and Euphan Gemmel in Hillend. Other children are Agnes, baptized 8 August 1751, Janet baptized 7th July 1737, and William, baptized 13th May 1744.

According to the record, Scotland Births and Baptisms 1564 – 1950, Thomas was born 21st June 1821 to Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison at Kirkconnel near Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland. Thomas married Elizabeth McMillan and, at their age 21, they came to Canada in 1842 on their honeymoon. And, of course, they brought his family and her's as well with them!

Elizabeth, b. March 28, 1821 was also from Kirkconnel and was the daughter of Robert McMillan and Elizabeth Laidlaw. Elizabeth's parents came also to Canada at that time and settled at McKillop Twp. where Robert worked as a weaver. Elizabeth had two older sisters; Jane and Marion.

Also, Elizabeth's father Robert had a brother named Walter and he and his wife Mary Laidlaw came to McKillop Twp. in Huron County two years later in 1844. They had two sons with them; Robert, age 23 and John, then age 20. Thomas Victor McMichael's young sister Janet Richie was 13 then and a few years later she and John were married and eventually had eight children. See **A4-e07** below about them. Note also that Robert and Walter McMillan and Thomas Victor's younger brother James (See **A4-e3**) all married Laidlaw women!

The following information about Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan is from Mabel McMichael with whom I've corresponded. She says she got the information from her husband Bob's aunt Polly. She says Thomas and Elizabeth came visiting to Canada in 1842 on their honeymoon and that according to one story; they liked what they saw and decided to stay. According to Robert Victor's son Thomas, however, the real reason they came to Canada was that the Queen wanted their heads! This story was related to me by Agnes Schroer of Eau Claire, Wisconsin who is Robert's granddaughter.

On arriving at Huron County, Thomas and Elizabeth settled on Lot 2 Concession 2, Hullett Township to farm. They also owned Lot 3, Con. 2 and Lot 2, Con. 3. These farms are shown on the plot map of Huron County dated 1879. Thomas worked as clerk in the sheriff's office at Goderich, a town a few miles to the northwest of Seaforth on Lake Huron. The family were members of the Canadian Presbyterian Church of Clinton.

An 1851 Huron County census lists the children of Thomas and Elizabeth as Elizabeth, Margaret (8 years of age), Robert, and Grizel (Grace).

Over the years while farming at Hullett Twp., Thomas and Elizabeth had ten children. The list of their children in birth order is: 1. Elizabeth, b. 1843; 2. Margaret, b. 1845 (1844?) d. 1890; 3. Robert, b. 1849; 4. Grace, b. 1850, 5. Jane, b. 1852 d. 1923; 6. Mary, b. 1855; 7. Marian, b. 1847; 8. Thomas, b. 1859 d. 1936; 9. Janet, b. 1861 d. 1937; and 10. James G., b. 1863 d. 1936. A list of nine of the children was given to me several years ago by Mabel McMichael and I have added Jane. There are apparently many old photographs around which show the children together which, I'm sure many would like to see.

Thomas, their father, died at age 54 on April 11, 1875.

In January of 1993 I received a copy of a photograph sent from Dennis Cowan of Oregon of some of the family at Huron County. It shows Thomas (left), Robert (center), James (right), Mary (second from left), Gueni, and a Mrs. Turner. Five ladies are shown seated and three men standing behind and they are all very well dressed. Since the photograph shows the siblings when they are older, I assume that daughter Margaret (our ancestor) had died several years earlier and that son Robert was back at Seaforth for a visit. Robert had five children at that time, three probably born at Seaforth and two in North Dakota. His wife was Aggie Van Egmond. I would estimate the photograph to be from about 1895.

In March of 1993, I received a letter from Mabel McMichael (deceased 1996) in which she says she saw a picture several years ago with six girls and three men (apparently the nine children). It belonged to Stanley Dorrance who now lives in Huntsville. He had left it with his aunt and uncle's hoping someone would name them. The uncle is now dead and the aunt has Alzheimer's - so not much help. It would be very interesting to see that photo.

#### **A4-e3**                      **James McMichael Third Child**

Third born of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison, born 9th March 1823 at Kirkconnel, in Dumfriesshire Parish. James was 18 when he went to Canada with his parents and siblings in 1842.



James by that time had already since age 14 worked as an apprentice in the joiner trade and had a marketable skill. One year after his arrival, at age 19, he bought a farm of 100 acres in Hullett for which he paid \$225.

At age 29, In 1852, he sailed to Australia where he worked for four years. He then returned to Scotland where he married Margaret Laidlaw of Dumfriesshire. They were married March 17th, 1856 Dumfriesshire, Kirkconnel by Sanquhar (record found on Batch file M118341, serial sheet 0008). They then went back to Seaforth in McKillop Twp. in Huron County where he farmed for many years. They had no children. James died January 13, 1913. See newspaper story and obituary below.

The following is an interesting story about life in Hullett Twp. during the middle 1800's. I have a newspaper clipping regarding a James McMichael with the following handwritten note at the top. The note says, *"This is Grampa Cowan's mother's brother - dad's uncle. I got this from Dudley. Aunt Anne had this newspaper clipping with her things. If we go to England next year, maybe we'll be close enough to Scotland to look up some relatives?"* The suggestion here is that this person is Margaret's brother.

According to Mabel McMichael, however, this James McMichael was actually Margaret's uncle; her father's brother and this is correct. This assessment is confirmed by Agnes Schroer, granddaughter of the Robert McMichael who came to Dakota. This seems correct since, according to the news article, he came from Scotland with his parents in 1842 at age 18.



An interesting addition to this story about James McMichael was told to me by Agnes Scherer who restated a comment told by her grandfather, Robert. Robert was James' brother Thomas Victor's son and, thus, his nephew. Robert said that his uncle James was in Australia for a long period of time and that while there, he was a bushwhacker and that's where he made his fortune. A bushwhacker is an Australian term often thought to mean someone who jumps out from the brush along lonely forest paths and robs people. Based on what I read about him in the obituary below, I cannot imagine this is what was meant about him but it makes for perhaps an inter-

esting story. In any case the following obituary article from the Huron County newspaper of mid-January in 1913 demonstrates that he was a well-respected man of the community. The obituary puts him in the more respectable trades of gold prospector and building contractor. It reads as follows:

*'The Late James McMichael - James McMichael, one of the earliest pioneers of Huron County, died in his home in Seaforth on Monday last, at the age of 89 years and 10 months. His death is mourned by a large number of relatives and friends, who became attached to him by his genial disposition. Mr. McMichael was born on the 9th of March, 1823, in Karkornains near Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. At the age of eighteen years, he came to Canada with his parents. At this time he had served four years learning the joiners trade, which he followed for ten years after his arrival in this country. One year after his arrival, he bought a farm of 100 acres in Hullett for which he paid \$225. He cleared six acres and then rented it for the clearing of 20 acres. Mr. McMichael was the first tax gatherer in Hullett. The taxes on his own place was about eight shillings and six pence, which is about two dollars of our own money. At that time the English money system was in use in this country. In 1852, he went to Australia. As there were no steamships, the voyage was made by sailboat, and occupied sixteen weeks. On his arrival there he went to work in the gold diggings, a rather hazardous employment, as the miners then mostly consisted of criminals who had been transported from other countries. The method of extracting gold from quartz was then unknown and the mining was mostly done by each man digging for himself. This work giving him sore eyes, he remained at it for only four months, and then turned to his trade, taking contracts for buildings. He remained four years in Australia, and then returned to Scotland, going by way of Cape Horn. While there he married Margaret Laidlaw of Dumfriesshire. He brought his bride to Hullett and immediately built a stone house on his farm, where he lived for about 28 years. With the "guide wife" he made two trips back to his native land, the first in 1877 and the second in 1883. Two years before his second trip to the old country, he had retired from the farm and had moved to Seaforth, where he resided thereafter. On November 24th, 1903, he was bereaved by the death of his wife. In 1905, Mr. McMichael started the game of Bowling on the Green, which has become exceedingly popular. He was president of the Bowling Club from the time when it was organized. He bought the green and presented it to the club. On account of his fondness for playing with small balls, he was known among his fellow sportsmen by the name of "Wee Bools." Mr. McMichael will be long and affectionately remembered by a large circle of relatives and friends. He leaves no family of his own. Mr. McMichael, while generous in many ways, his good business ability and careful financial management enabled him not only to amass a sufficient fortune for comfortable maintenance in old age but he has left an estate amounting to about \$60,000.'*

A photograph (of which I received a photocopy in 1996) in the possession of Sally Hausken **A4-e2-d4-a1** of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota shows James standing by a doorway wearing a suit with a knee length coat and dark bow tie. One hand is on a chair and the other is bent and on his waist. Written on the back of the photograph is, "James McMichael 3-9-1823 Kirkconnell - Dumfriesshire Scotland. 1-13-1913 90 years 1 mos. Maitland River Bank, Seaforth, Ont. Bowman Photo 65 Jamaca St. Glasgow." You may note that the writer erred in calculating his age at death. It is likely that this photograph was taken during one of his trips back to Scotland.

The photo below is from HeritageHuron East.com L a w n B o w l i n g C l u b & G r e e n . The photograph looks toward Crombie Street and the mill. James McMichael is the white-haired man, fourth from the right in this photograph. This photo is from about 1907.

**A4-e4                      Alison McMichael Fourth Child**

Fourth-born of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison, born 19th July 1825 at Kirkconnel in Dumfriesshire Parish. Allison was age 16 in 1842 and I am told that she came to Canada with her parents that year. Another record, however, states that Allison remained in Scotland (A Dict. of Scot. Emig. to Canada before the Confederation, Thomas Whyte, 1986). Further information?



**A4-e5                      Jane McMichael Fifth Child**

Fifth-born of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison, born 27 April 1827 at Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire. She came to Canada with parents in 1842 at about age fifteen. Her parents settled at McKillop Twp. in Huron County where she grew up. Further information?

**A4-e6                      Margaret McMichael Sixth Child**

Sixth-born of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison, born 5 June 1829 Dumfriesshire. She came to Canada with parents in 1842 at about age thirteen. Her parents settled at McKillop Twp. in Huron County where she grew up. Further information?

**A4-e7                      Janet Ritchie McMichael Seventh Child**

Seventh-born of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison, born 13 April 1831 at Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire Parish. In 1842, at eleven years of age, she came to Canada with her parents and brothers and sisters and settled at Seaforth in McKillop Twp. in Huron County where she grew up. Janet married John McMillan in about 1850. John, b. 1824 d. 1901, also from Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire Parish, Scotland was a son of Walter McMillan and Mary Laidlaw. John worked as a shoemaker

and was a farmer; and MP (Mounted Police) for Huron County for 20 years. From the Huron expositor obituaries Sept. 19, 1919: McMichael --- In Harpurhey, on Friday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Robert McMichael, aged 70 years.

John's father, Walter McMillan, b. 1795 d. July 13, 1869, was from Kirklandhill, Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire. According to the record, John and his brother Robert came to Canada in 1843 and they were followed by their parents Walter McMillan and his wife Mary Laidlaw a year later in 1844. Their sister Agnes, however, remained in Scotland.

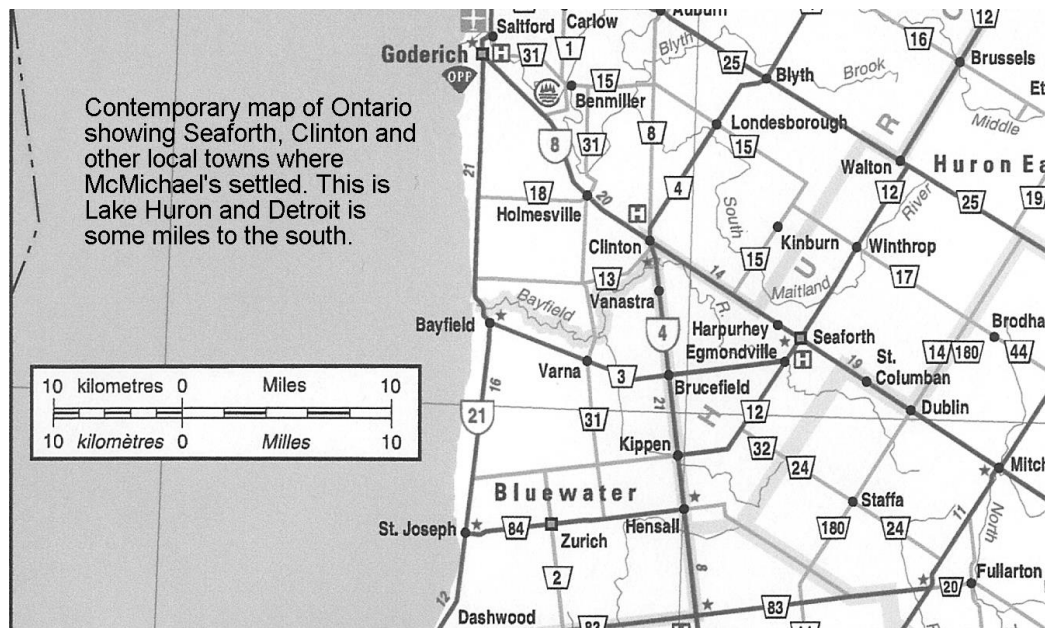
John's brother Robert, b. Ap. 22, 1821 d. Aug. 23, 1902, was a farmer and livestock importer. He married Mary Dods and they had seven children. These are: 1. Margaret, 1850-1915; 2. Walter, 1852-1903, went to Kansas, USA; 3. John, 1853-1930; 4. Mary, 1856-1933; 5. Robert, 1858-1896; 6. Peter, 1860-1896; and 7. Agnes, 1864-1943.

John's uncle Robert McMillan (brother of Walter), ca 1782 - June 1859, also of Kirkconnell, married Elizabeth Laidlaw, sister to Mary, and came to Canada in 1842. Robert was a weaver and they had three children; Jane, Marion and Elizabeth who all came to Canada. Jane McMillan b. ca 1817 was married to Gilbert McMichael and came to Ontario in 1843 and settled at McKillop Twp. Her sister Marion b. 1820 married Alexander Broadfoot and they came to Ontario and also settled at McKillop Twp. Elizabeth b. March 28, 1821 married Thomas McMichael **A2-D2 above** and came to Ontario in 1842 and they also settled at McKillop Twp. A longer story of Elizabeth and her family is related in the pages ahead.

It seems clear to me that the McMichael, McMillan, and Laidlaw families knew each other well and there were several marriages between them over the years and many came across on the ships together!

**Note regarding William M. Cowan:** According to the 1861 Hullett County census, a 17 year old boy named entered as William Coan [sic] was boarding at the farm of John and Janet McMillan and working as a farmhand. Six years later, in 1866, that boy married Margaret McMichael, a daughter of Janet's brother Thomas **A2-D2 above**. The boy's name was likely misspelled on the census and is actually "Cowan."





A photograph in the possession of Sally Hausken of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, (of which I received a photocopy in 1996), shows John wearing a suit and broad bow tie and Janet wearing a full dark dress with a white collar; both are seated and their son Walter is standing between them elbow on each of their knees. Walter looks about four years of age dating the photograph at about 1860. Written on the back of the photograph is, "John, Walter, and Janet McMichael Cowan 1831-1867 Constance Kiburn. F. Paltridge, Photographer. Seaforth, Ont. Gallery upstairs south of Robertson's Hardware Store." Janet was born in 1831 so I assume that the dates are hers and that she died in 1867, seven years after that photograph was taken. Her last live child was born in 1864: Was her death three years later due to childbirth? Also, what is the reason of the name Cowan on the back of the photograph? Did the writer mistake Janet for her sister Margaret who married William Cowan? The name should be McMillan. Or was Janet previously married to Robert Cowan, widower and father of William, thus making her William's stepmother?

Of the eight children of Janet and John McMillan, five died in their childhood or while still at young age. First Grizel died at age ten in 1861; then mother Janet died in 1867 six years later at the age 36 After Janet's death John married Ann Lang. Then over the years four more of the children died. John, in particular, and Ann must have suffered much heartache over their losses. The eight children of John and Janet McMillan are:

- A4-e7-a**                      **Grizel McMillan**                      b. 1851    d. 1861  
Grizel died at age ten.
- A4-e7-b**                      **Mary McMillan**                      b. 1853    d. 1873  
Mary died at age twenty.
- A4-e7-c**                      **Agnes McMillan**                      b. 1855    d. 1875  
Agnes died at age twenty.
- A4-e7-d**                      **Walter McMillan**                      b. 1856    d. 1885  
Walter died at age 29.



**A4-e7-e**                    **Robert McMillan**    b. 1856   d. 1948. Robert lived to old age.  
**A4-e7-f**                    **John McMillan**        b. 1860   d. 1877. John died at age 17.  
**A4-e7-g**                    **Thomas McMillan**   b. 1862   d. 1932 MP for Huron.  
**A4-e7-h**                    **Grace McMillan**     b. 1864   d. 1925. m

**A4-e8**                    **Robert McMichael Jr. Eighth Child**

Eighth-born of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison, born 23 June 1833 at Kirkconnel by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire. It is there that he was christened and resided. He came to Canada with parents in 1842 at about age nine. His parents settled at McKillop Twp. in Huron County where he grew up. Robert married Jane Nivison (Possibly a cousin?) He died at age 61 on Feb. 17, 1895. Jane died Nov. 29, 1877 at age 43 years. They had at least one child, Jane.

**A4-e8-a**                    **Jane McMichael** born c. 1865 d. June 27, 1894 at age 29. Married to Wm Clapperton. Jane had at least one child.

**A4-e8-a1**                    **Alexander Clapperton** b. 1893 d May 8, 1893 at 2 months of age and about one year before his mother died.

**A4-e9**                    **William Nivison McMichael Ninth Child**

Ninth-born of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison, born 17 June 1835 Dumfriesshire. He came to Canada with parents in 1842 at about age seven. His parents settled at McKillop Twp. in Huron County where he grew up. Further information?

**A4-e10**                    **Alexander McMichael Tenth Child**

Tenth-born of Thomas McMichael and Grizel Nivison, born 18 August 1837. Christened and grew up at Kirkconnel By Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland. He came to Canada with parents in 1842 at about age five. His parents settled at McKillop Twp. in Huron County where he grew up. Further information?

**A4-e11**                    **Abraham McMichael Eleventh Child**

Eleventh-born of Robert McMichael and Grizel Nivison, born 9 September 1840 at Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire Parish. He came to Canada with his parents in 1842 at about age two. His parents settled at McKillop Twp. in Huron County where he grew up. Abraham became a physician, married Mary Dow and they lived at TuckersmithTwp. Further information?



This photograph was taken at the reunion of the family in Seaforth and includes eight of the brothers and sisters. Notice that Margaret (born 1845 – died 1890) is not in the photo. The man standing at the left appears to be about 40 years of age and if he is Robert (b. 1849), then this photo was taken at about 1890 or approximately the time that Margaret died. The persons in the photo (and I do not know the order) are Thomas, James, Elizabeth, Robert, Grace, Mary, Marian and Janet.

#### **The Ten children of Thomas Victor McMichael A**

\* Born March 3rd, 1821 at Karkornains near Sanquhar, at Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire Parish, Scotland. This is a record of the descendants of Thomas Victor and Elizabeth (nee McMillan) McMichael, married 1842.

#### **A4-e2-a Elizabeth McMichael**

First born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan. They arrived in Hullett Twp. from Scotland the year before in 1842. b. 1843 d. \_\_\_\_\_. Lizzie married Tom Greive. Huron County Marriage Record, 1858 - 1869; Vol 1, p. 124: "WILLIAM GRIEVE, 25, of McKillop, born McKillop Huron, son of John Grieve/Agnes Scott and ELIZABETH McMICHAEL, 21, of Hullett, born Hullett, daughter of Thomas McMichael/Elizabeth McMichael married May 13, 1864 by Rev. Mathew Barr, Canada Presbyterian Church. Witnesses: Robert Scott and Robert Grieve, both of McKillop." Apparently William was called Tom. Two sons and 2 daughters: Thomas, William, Margaret, Elizabeth, Agnes, Jack. There may be some errors in this file.

The Harpurhey Presbyterian Church of Tuckersmith Township was the congregation of the McMichael families in those years and Rev. Matthew Barr was pastor there at the time of the marriage in 1864.

The church began thirty years earlier in 1835 when land was set aside for a church cemetery and the congregation of 13 souls met for services in local homes and in Van Egmond's tavern on Huron Road. In 1847 the cemetery was established and the church was built. The church served the congregation until 1879 when the Harpurhey members joined Seaforth members to form First Presbyterian Church in Seaforth. The church building was then torn down in 1880. Rev. Alexander McKenzie, held pastorates of Goderich, Stanley and Tuckersmith Townships from 1835 and later Rev. Matthew Barr served the Tuckersmith congregation for several years and retired when the two congregations united.

- A4-e2-a1**                      **Thomas Grieve** b. \_\_\_\_ Married to Bessie \_\_\_\_ . Three children
- A4-e2-a1-a**                      Margaret b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-a1-b**                      Peg b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-a1-c**                      Harvey b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-a2**                      **William Grieve** b. \_\_\_\_ William went west in the gold rush.
- A4-e2-a3**                      **Margaret Grieve** b. \_\_\_\_ . Married \_\_\_\_ Johnston, No family
- A4-e2-a4**                      **Elizabeth Grieve** b. \_\_\_\_ . Married \_\_\_\_ Hogg. No family.
- A4-e2-a5**                      **Agnes Grieve** b. \_\_\_\_ . Married to \_\_\_\_ . Four daughters
- A4-e2-a5-a**                      Eva b. \_\_\_\_ . Married \_\_\_\_ Bedard
- A4-e2-a5-b**                      Margaret b. \_\_\_\_ . Married \_\_\_\_ Baker
- A4-e2-a5-c**                      Olive b. \_\_\_\_ . Married \_\_\_\_ Templeman
- A4-e2-a5-d**                      Nettie . b. \_\_\_\_ d. ca. 1944. Married \_\_\_\_ Stemore. Nettie died from the flu during W.W.II.
- A4-e2-a6**                      **Jack Grieve** b. \_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_ Chesney. They had two children, Pearson and Ethel. After his wife died, he later married \_\_\_\_ Ferguson and they had one son, David.
- A4-e2-a6-a**                      Pearson b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-a6-b**                      Ethel. b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-a6-c**                      David. b. \_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-b**                      **Margaret McMichael Our Ancestor- b. 1845**

Second born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan, b. 1845 d. 1890. Wife of William Cowan According to Polly McMichael, "Margaret married William Cowan and went west" and she knew nothing more.' Polly lived at Hullett Township and is Margaret's niece (the daughter of Thomas McMichael and Lucy Fisher). It is interesting to note that Margaret's family back at Hullett Township had little information about Margaret after she went west. Of course, she died only ten years later and they probably lost contact during those years.

Huron County Marriage Record, 1858 - 1869; Vol 1, p. 164: "WILLIAM COWAN, 25, of Hullett, born Canada, son of Robert Cowan and Eliza Gunston and MARGARET McMICHAEL, 21, of Hullett, born Canada, daughter of Thomas McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan married June 26th, 1866 by the Rev. A. D. McDonald of Clinton, Canadian Presbyterian Church . The witnesses were Malcomb Campbell of McKillop [probably a relative] and Grace McMichael [Margaret's sister] of Hullett.



The church where they were married was Willis Presbyterian of Clinton and the pastor there was the Rev. Alex Douglas McDonald. He was born on Nov. 9th, 1832, in the citadel, Quebec and it is likely that William's parents William Robert and Eliza Cowan who were married at St. Andrew's Church there (in the citadel) were acquainted with the child Alex and his parents John and Isabelle McDonald. Alex's father died when Alex was young and he went in the country and lived with a farmer, where he worked for his board till he was eighteen years of age. He then acquired a theological training after difficult years of work and study.

At age 26, during the summer of 1858, he was licensed by the Hamilton presbytery, and in October of that year he went to preach at Clinton, Huron county. In April, 1859, he was ordained minister of Willis Church, Clinton, and remained there until April, 1869. During eight years of that time he was clerk of the Huron presbytery, and superintendent of common schools in the village of Clinton and township of Tuckersmith. Therefore, it seems there is an apparent connection by acquaintance between Pastor McDonald and William's parents. Information about Pastor McDonald is from [www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com).

How William and Margaret became acquainted is possibly this: An early census shows William was a boarder and farmhand on the farm of John and Janet McMillan and the local plat map shows that their farm was just a couple of sections down from Margaret's parent's farm. Janet was Thomas' sister and so they had much opportunity to see one another and become acquainted.

A separate family anthology relates a history of the family and about life in the Dakota Territory; it includes many stories and lists about 400 descendants. Margaret died during the winter of 1890 and she is buried at the Sheldon Cemetery, Greene Township of Ransom County, North Dakota. Her headstone reads, "Margaret Cowan 1845 - 1890." An entry in the book "Scottish Emigration to Canada Before The Confederation," however states that she was born in 1844. Margaret and William had five children. These are in birth order William James, Thomas, Robert A., Elizabeth Jane and Stanley.



- A4-e2-b1** William James Cowan 1874-1942 Married to Ingar Akre. 11 children. Anselm, ND; Enderlin, ND; Minneapolis, MN; Granville, ND
- A4-e2-b1-a** Mae Cowan 1891-1973, School teacher. Married Paul Penfield. 5 children, grandchildren. Little Fork, MN; Granville, ND
- A4-e2-b1-b** William A. Cowan Called Willie. 1893-1913; Not married; Died age 19 of pneumonia; buried at Enderlin, ND.
- A4-e2-b1-c** Robert Oliver Cowan Called Bud. (1895-1964) No children. Brainard, MN. Buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.
- A4-e2-b1-d** Lloyd Adrian Cowan 1897 - 1980 Married Louise Van Horn. 5 children, grandchildren, Long Beach, CA.
- A4-e2-b1-e** Melbourn Julian Cowan 1899 - 1959. Married Myrtle Hagstrom then married Dolly Bouessa. Six children. Grandchildren, Marshall, MN
- A4-e2-b1-f** Margaret Jane Cowan (1900-1948) Married for short time, no children, Fargo, Minneapolis, MN. Buried at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis.
- A4-e2-b1-g** Harriet Cowan 1902-1992 Married to Earnest (Whitey) Bowen, 2 children, grandchildren, Minneapolis, MN. Buried at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis.
- A4-e2-b1-h** Martin Lawrence Cowan 1904-1961 Married to Francis Zahradka, 4 children, grandchildren. Minneapolis, MN. Buried at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis.
- A4-e2-b1-i** Walter Orville Cowan 1907 - 1977 (twin) Married to Esther Seims, 7 children, grandchildren, Minneapolis, MN. Buried at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis.

**A4-e2-b1-i1** Shirley Diane Cowan 1929 - 1933. Crystal Lake Cemetery

**A4-e2-b1-i2** Walter Orville Cowan, Jr b.1931. 3 children, grandchildren

**A4-e2-b1-i2-a** Robert Cowan, b. Jan. 27, 1953 d. Sept. 19, 1982.

**A4-e2-b1-i2-a1** Dawn Elaine Cowan. b. Dec. 26, 1975.

**A4-e2-b1-i2-a1-a** **Cody Mark Cowan. b. Sept. 23, 1994.**  
**Cody is an 11th generation grandchild of Robert McMichael!**

**A4-e2-b1-i3** Mary Ann Cowan b.1933. 8 children, grandchildren

**A4-e2-b1-i4** Wayne Owen Cowan 1934 - 1939. Minneapolis, MN. Crystal Lake Cemetery

**A4-e2-b1-i5** Betty Diane Cowan 1937 - 1938. Minneapolis, MN. Crystal Lake Cemetery

**A4-e2-b1-i6** William Owen Cowan b. 1938. 2 children and three grandchildren. Cokato, MN

**A4-e2-b1-i7** Lawrence Richard Cowan b. May 11, 1940. Married Nancy Dornfeld, b. Dec. 16, 1943 on April 19, 1966. Oakdale, MN.

**A4-e2-b1-i7-a** Jennifer Lynn Cowan b. May 4, 1970. Married March 20, 1998 to Mark Reckner. Oakdale, MN; Minneapolis, MN.

**A4-e2-b1-i7-b** Jeffrey Lawrence Cowan b. Oct 30, 1974. Married LeAnn Gerenz. Oakdale, MN; Boise, ID, Golden Valley, MN.

**A4-e2-b1-i7-b1** Noah Jeffrey Cowan b. Ap. 11, 1995. St. Paul, MN

**A4-e2-b1-i7-b2** Hannah Marie Cowan b. May 8, 1997. Boise, ID

**A4-e2-b1-j** Wallace Owen Cowan b. 1907. Married Gladys Haiskary. 5 children, Detroit, MI.

**A4-e2-b1-k** Pearl Agnes Cowan 1909-1969 Married Chet Clairmont. 4 children. Minneapolis.

**A4-e2-b2** **Thomas Cowan.** b. appx 1876 Died around 1920, Owego, ND

**A4-e2-b3** **Robert A. Cowan,** 1879 - 1955 Married Anna Donovan. Douglas, ND. Five children: Buried at Minot, ND.

**A4-e2-b3-a** Evelyn Cowan 1902-1963 Married Ben Klabunde. No children.

**A4-e2-b3-b** Virginia Cowan 1903-1918. Died at age 15. Douglas, ND.

**A4-e2-b3-c** William Lawrence Cowan Called Bill or Dudley. 1904 - 1978 1 adopted child, Richard, grandchildren. Minneapolis, MN; Mesa, AZ. One summer day in 1972. I stopped at his home in St. Louis Park, Minnesota and we had a glass of Iced tea out in the back yard. My intent then was to glean from him what he knew about our family history. He told many stories and this began my long search into our family roots. Dudley died six years later at Mesa.

**A4-e2-b3-d** John Stanley Cowan 1911- \_\_\_\_\_. Married Joanne Ulrich. 15 children Bremerton, WA

**A4-e2-b3-e** Margaret Cowan b. after 1911 d. \_\_\_\_\_. Married Garland Burns. 3 children, grandchildren. New Mexico.

**A4-e2-b4** **Elizabeth (Lizzie) Jane Cowan** (1881 - 1922). Married to Ira Nead. Sheldon, ND, Granville, ND . four children.

**A2-d2-b4-a** Margaret Ann Nead Dec. 5, 1895 - Jan. 13, 1896 - 5 weeks. Sheldon, ND

**A4-e2-b4-b** Charles Henry Nead 1897 - 1988 Ida Morrison 3 sons. Norwich, ND

**A4-e2-b4-c** Violet Nead (Alfred Olson) 1903?-1967 2 daughters

**A4-e2-b4-d** Grace Jean Nead (Zimmerman, Hollo, Supranant, Fallon) 1901 - 1988. Three children. Granville, ND, Marshall, MN Crosby, MN.

**A4-e2-b5** **Stanley Cowan**, 1885 - 1968. Married Mae \_\_\_\_\_ of Devonshire, England, Minneapolis, MN. Crystal Lake Cemetery

**A4-e2-b5-a** Maud Cowan 1910-1974. Married Jay Munson. no children, Minneapolis, MN.

**A4-e2-c** **Marion McMichael**

Third-born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan, b. June 6, 1847 d. Sept. 17, 1930. Married John Turner. one daughter.

A photograph (of which I received a photocopy in 1996) in the possession of Sally Hausken of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota shows lovely Marion Turner in a dark gown standing and facing to the side and looking toward the camera. The back of the photograph reads, "Marion McMichael (Turner) MRB 6-6-1847 83 yrs, 3 mos, 11 da. 9/17/1930 Chas. Moore, Photographic Artist. Seaforth, Ont."

**A4-e2-c1** **Jean Turner.** Jean was unmarried. b. ca. 1867. She died in December of 1991.

**A4-e2-d** **Robert McMichael**

Fourth-born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan, b. May 6, 1849 d. Sept. 12, 1919, Married Aggie Van Egmond b. Dec. 15, 1845 d. Jan 8, 1905. They went to North Dakota in the spring of 1880, when he was about thirty years old, apparently with his sister, Margaret and her husband, William Cowan.

Robert was on the farm of Lot 2, concession 3. Mabel McMichael's father, Robert Wright bought that farm from him in 1908 and that is where Mabel was born. Robert and Aggie have five children: Three of the children were born in Huron County at Seaforth and the last two were born in the Dakota Territory. Agnes Schroer of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, with whom I have been in contact, is Robert's granddaughter and she had much information about the family. A rather complete family tree exists for Robert of which Mabel has a record.

An oral history which relates how Robert McMichael came to the Dakota Territory is told by Dale McMichael. Dale was county judge in Eastern North Dakota and is the grandson of Robert



McMichael. According to the story, Robert and his wife, Aggie (Von Egmond), and their three children, and along with Robert's sister, Margaret, and her husband, William Cowan, and their four children left for the United States to homestead on the free land that was to be settled. They loaded their horses and housing goods on the railroad and left for the Dakota Territory. When they arrived, they found that all of the free land had been given away. William opened a livery stable in Sheldon and Robert opened his at Leonard, ND.

Robert, William and Margaret's youngest child at the time, was born on April 21st of 1879 and was eleven months old when they moved to Sheldon. This places the date of their move to the Dakota in March of 1880. Robert McMichael's livery stable at Leonard was just a few miles to the northeast of Sheldon toward Fargo. Later, Robert moved his livery stable from Leonard to Wahpeton. There at Wahpeton he raised horses for many years and they became one of the elder families of that area. The city library in Wapheton is today on the land that once was Robert McMichael's stable.

Agnes Schroer, granddaughter of Robert McMichael, adds another dimension to their move to Dakota. It seems that Elizabeth, their mother, was about 60 years of age (born about 1820) and was getting forgetful and dementia. It could have been arteriosclerosis, Alzheimer's Disease, or whatever. In any case, Robert told Agnes that he would never have placed her in a home and was angry about the unfortunate thing that happened. In those days, there were no nursing homes like today - people who seemed out of touch were placed in an insane asylum.

What happened was that two of the brothers came home to visit their mother and told her that they wanted to take her for a buggy ride. Well, they took her to the insane asylum. She fought all the way and in the scuffle, she cut her arm on a wire. Within thirty days she died at that asylum of blood poisoning. This places Elizabeth's death likely in late 1879, just prior to the time that Robert McMichael and his sister, Margaret went to the Dakota Territory. Although the family came together in later years, the division that resulted may have had much to do with the decision to homestead in the Dakota Territory.

Agnes also adds in this story that Robert (and apparently William, as well) went first to the Dakota Territory to check out the opportunity. When they found a place at Sheldon, they then brought their families out.

According to the Richland County, ND, City of Wahpeton – Funeral Home Index, Robert died in 1919 at the age of 70 years and is buried at Fairview Cemetery, lot 2-19-153. Another record, from the Huron expositor of Sept. 19th lists a Robert McMichael who died also at age 70 on Friday, Sept. 12th, 1919 at Harpurhey, Huron County. This likely another person.

Robert and Aggie had five children; two of whom were born in North Dakota. These are:

**A4-e2-d1**                      **Thomas Ernest McMichael** b. Nov. 19, 1872 d. Ap. 6, 1920. Tom was eight years old when they moved to Dakota. Married to Amanda Francis b. July 5, 1875 d. Sept. 13, 1954. According to the Richland County, ND, City of Wahpeton – Funeral Home Index, Thomas died in 1920 at the age of 47 years and is buried at Fairview Cemetery, lot 2-20-192. Thomas and Amanda have four children.

**A4-e2-d1-a**                      Victoria McMichael Dunn b. Sept 7, 1896

**A4-e2-d1-a1**                      Helen Dunn b. Feb 25, 1917

**A4-e2-d1-a2**                      Evelyn Dunn Connell b. Jan. 5, 1919

**A4-e2-d1-a2-a**                      Russell G. Connell b. Jan. 7, 1938

- A4-e2-d1-a2-b** David Edward Connell b. Oct 17, 1944
- A4-e2-d1-a3** Marjorie Dunn Moore b. July 23, 1921
- A4-e2-d1-a3-a** Linda Jean Moore b. Aug. 30, 1941
- A4-e2-d1-a3-b** Barbara Jo Moore b. Nov 15, 1947
- A4-e2-d1-b** Frederick Robert James McMichael (went by the name of Ward) b. May 6, 1899 d. Dec. 16, 1948 Married Rose Deno McMichael.
- A4-e2-d1-c** Thomas Francis Lewis McMichael b. Aug. 24, 1901
- A4-e2-d1-d** Marion McMichael b. 1918 d. May 1920 at 2 years of age. According to the Richland County, ND, City of Wahpeton – Funeral Home Index, Marion is buried at the Fairview Cemetery lot 2-20-2 14.
- A4-e2-d2** **Anthony Edward McMichael** b. June 15, 1877 at Seaforth, Ontario. Anthony was three years old when they moved to Dakota. At age 9 in 1886 the family moved to Kindred, then to Davenport for 3 months. In 1888 the family moved to Wahpeton. Anthony worked in St. Cloud, Minnesota for 4 years and in 1910 had a blacksmith shop with his brother Bob. Anthony married Clara Amanda Herman, b. April 13, 1886.
- In the spring of 1911 (age 33) he opened his own dray business and in 1914 he added an Ice Co. to his business and in 1915 added a "Delivery Service" for consolidated Grocery. In 1922 the family moved to Fergus Falls, Minnesota where Anthony rented a farm. He still maintained the Dray business and Ice Service. In 1926 he rented a farm at Mapleton, North Dakota. In 1927 he lived in Fargo, North Dakota and he worked with his brother Bob in his loan service.
- In 1928 Anthony sold his ice business and they rented a large farm at Wyndmere, North Dakota. The family lived there for the next 22 years until 1950 when they moved into town where they owned a modest house. His son Robert moved into the farm with his family finally buying it in January of 1963. Unfortunately Bob was killed in a farm accident that fall in November of 1966. Bob's two sons then worked the farm for a year with the help of a neighbor. The farm is still in the family but it is rented out. Anthony died May 30, 1969 at age 92 and Clara died March 14, 1971 at age 88.
- A4-e2-d2-a** \_\_\_\_\_ Agnes "Mac" Ellen McMichael b. June 5, 1920. Married Vernon A. Schroer b. January 14, 1916 They live at Eau Claire, Wisconsin and have six children
- A4-e2-d2-a1** Lee Annette Schroer b. November 13, 1941. Married Michael Reardon Webb. Two children.
- A4-e2-d2-a1-a** Michelle Allison Webb b. Jan. 26, 1966. Married Michael Steven Soule, b. Aug., 23, 1965.
- A4-e2-d2-a1-a1** Matthew Michael Soule b. June 23, 1966.
- A4-e2-d2-a1-b** Lynn Marie Webb b. Aug. 9, 1968. Married Michael Lyndon David, b. Dec. 17, 1964.
- A4-e2-d2-a2** Michael James Schroer b. Feb. 5, 1944
- A4-e2-d2-a3** Daniel Anthony Schroer b. May 17, 1952 Married Sue Ellen Knight b. Aug. 9, 1951.
- A4-e2-d2-a3-a** Sara Lynn Schroer b. Oct. 27, 1984
- A4-e2-d2-a3-b** Kelly Ann Schroer b. Nov. 30, 1988

**A4-e2-d2-a4** Toni Anne Schroer b. March 10, 1956. Married Eugene Charles DeWitz b. June 22, 1953. Twin son and daughter.

**A4-e2-d2-a4-a** Jesse Anthony DeWitz Sept 24, 1988 - Twin.

**A4-e2-d2-a4-b** Jennifer Jean DeWitz b. Sept. 24, 1988 - Twin.

**A4-e2-d2-a5** Thomas Allen Schroer .b. Jan. 18, 1958

**A4-e2-d2-a6** Donald David Schroer b. July 7, 1959

**A4-e2-d2-b** Robert Anthony McMichael b. July 24, 1926 d. Nov. 12, 1963. Married to LaVonne Avis Tennefas b. Jan 9, 1927. Robert was killed in a farm accident on the farm at Wyndmere, N.D. Five children.

**A4-e2-d2-b1** Larry Robert McMichael b. Aug 21, 1945. Married Polly Halvorson. Divorced and later married Kathleen Koons b. Dec. 30, 1941.

**A4-e2-d2-b1-a** Todd Allen McMichael b. June 12, 1966

**A4-e2-d2-b1-b** Robyn Lynn McMichael b. April 8, 1969.

**A4-e2-d2-b2** Linda Marie McMichael b. May 16, 1947. Married John Schmid. Divorced and later married John Gibrlyou b.\_

**A4-e2-d2-b2-a** Anthony Edward Schmid b. \_\_.

**A4-e2-d2-b2-b** Steven Anthony Gibrlyou b. June 29, 1949 Married Susan Anderson b. Feb. 1, 1956. Four children.

**A4-e2-d2-b2-b1** Tara Lynn Gibrlyou b. Mar. 17, 1977

**A4-e2-d2-b2-b2** Kimberly Erin Gibrlyou b. July 29, 1979

**A4-e2-d2-b2-b3** Holly Kristine Gibrlyou b. July 27, 1982

**A4-e2-d2-b2-b4** Brianna Sue Gibrlyou b. Aug 27, 1985

**A4-e2-d2-b2-c** Robert Anthony McMichael b. Dec. 16, 1951. Married Angela Olivarez b. Feb. 7, 1952

**A4-e2-d2-b2-d** Claudia Lee McMichael b. Dec. 27, 1982

**A4-e2-d3** **Elizabeth Maude Mathilda McMichael** b. Oct. 23, 1878 d. Jan. 19, 1944. Elizabeth was a year and a half when they moved to Dakota. Married John Haas b. \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.

**A4-e2-d3-a** John Van Egmond Haas b. Nov. 26, 1908

**A4-e2-d3-a1** Margo Haas b. April 6, 1937

**A4-e2-d3-a2** Bruce Stevens Haas b. Sept. 23, 1943

**A4-e2-d3-b** Mona Madeline Haas b. Mar. 23, 1911 died 1953. Married Maitland David Wyard.

**A4-e2-d3-b1** John David Wyard b. April 13, 1941

**A4-e2-d3-b2** Gary Edwin Wyard b. April 21, 1943. Gary is an orthopedist and practices in Mineapolis, Minn.

**A4-e2-d4** **Robert Victor McMichael** b. Sept. 4, 1882 d. Jan. 19, 1944 Born in Dakota. Married Sarah Ann Richert. According to the Richland County, ND, City of Wahpeton –

Funeral Home Index, Robert V. is buried at Fairview Cemetery, lot 6-35-13 18 and Sarah Ann is buried at Fairview Cemetery. lot 10-62-64. The funeral home index has his year of death as 1935. A local obituary would have the correct year.

**A4-e2-d4-a** Lois Beatrice McMichael b. Oct. 28, 1907. Married Clyde Olaf Hausken b. \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.

**A4-e2-d4-a1** Sally Ann Hausken b. Aug. 10, 1934 1248 S. Shore Drove, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501-4821 (218) 847 8032. Sally has many old McMichael and McMillan family photographs and wrote a family history when she was in college. In 2012 Sally is Vice-President, Izaak Walton League, Call up: Sucker Creek Preserve, Flagship Raingarden, Detroit Lakes

**A4-e2-d4-a2** Robert Clyde Hausken b. Aug. 10, 1945 died Jan. 22, 1966 at 21 years of age.

**A4-e2-d4-b** Dale Rickert McMichael b. May 21, 1913. Dale served as Judge in North Dakota. After retirement he lived in Florida and had a summer home in Brainard, Minnesota. Married Harriet Harmy Raveling. Dale died Aug. 31, 1993 and is buried at Grand Forks, ND. According to the Richland County, ND, City of Wahpeton – Funeral Home Index, Harriet H. McMichael was born in 1916 and died in 1965 at age 49 and is buried at Fairview Cemetery, lot (not listed).

**A4-e2-d4-b1** Anthony Dale McMichael b. Dec. 22, 1943

**A4-e2-d4-b2** Margie Angie McMichael b. July 25, 1945

**A4-e2-d4-b3** Sara Lee McMichael b. July 11, 1948

**A4-e2-d4-b4** Kay Harriet McMichael b. \_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-d4-c** Janet Blanche McMichael .b June 7, 1917. Married Edward Jaquith Knadle b. \_\_ of \_\_\_\_.

**A4-e2-d4-c1** Susan Ann Knadle b. Feb. 8, 1942. Married \_\_\_\_ Salocks. Susan is a PhD in Genetics and works in water toxicology for the state of Calif.

**Address:** 512 Bluebird Place, Davis, CA 96616.

**A4-e2-d4-c2** Robert Michael Knadle b. \_\_\_\_, 1944 died \_\_\_\_?

**A4-e2-d4-c3** Roger M. Knadle b. \_\_\_\_? Works for the federal govt. in employment management. Also does deep sea dive and rescue. 159 Cross Point Dr., Owings, MD 20736-3321 (410) 286-8337

**Address:** 3010 Ample Court, Bowie, MD 20716.?

**A4-e2-d5** **Beatrice Agnes McMichael** b. Jan. 9, 1887 d. Oct. 7, 1970. Born in Dakota. Beatrice was a court reporter in the Federal District Court in Fargo, North Dakota from 1922 until 1939 when she was appointed to the position of Federal Court Clerk. At this time only 5 other woman had held this position in the U. S. Beatrice lived to 83 years.

According to the Richland County, ND, City of Wahpeton – Funeral Home Index, Beatrice is buried at Fairview Cemetery, lot (not listed).

**A4-e2-e** **Grace McMichael**

Fifth-born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan, b. 1850 (1851?) d. \_\_\_\_ . Married David (Sam) Dorrance. Two daughters: Lizzie who married \_\_ Shannon - no family. and Hazel who remained unmarried. There must have been a son also.



- A4-e2-e1**                      **Elizabeth Dorrance.** married \_ Shannon, no children
- A4-e2-e2**                      **Nancy Hazel Dorrance,** Born Aug. 1890 at McKillop Twp. unmarried  
Died 12 Dec, 1922 at age 32. Interred at Maitlandbank Cemetery 15 Dec, 1922
- A4-e2-f**                      **Jane McMichael**
- Sixth-born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan, b. 1852 d. April 10, 1923 at age 71.
- A photograph (of which I received a photocopy in 1996) in the possession of Sally Hausken of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota shows Jane standing by a window and wearing a broad dark skirt and a white long sleeve over-the-hip jacket with trim at the bottom and on the sleeves. Her hair is in a bun parted at the middle. Written on the back of the photogaph is, "Jane McMichael MRB 1852 71 4-10-1923 Daughter of Thomas I and Grace Elizabeth. A. Calder, Photographer. Seaforth, Ont." The correct middle initial in Thomas' name is "V" (Victor) and I am not aware that Grace is Elizabeth's actual first name.
- A4-e2-g**                      **Mary McMichael**
- Seventh-born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan, b. 1855 d. \_\_\_\_\_. Married John Dale. Nine children: John, Thomas, Theodore, Victor, James, Arthur, Lizzie, Marionette, Kathleen.
- A4-e2-g1**                      **John Dale.** Married Edith Adams, one daughter, Edith.
- A4-e2-g1-a**                      Edith Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g2**                      **Thomas Dale.** Married Alice Adams, two sons Stewart and Charles.
- A4-e2-g1-a**                      Stewart Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g1-b**                      Charles Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g3**                      **Theodore Dale.** Married to \_\_\_\_\_, children are Edgar and Lois.
- A4-e2-g3-a**                      Edgar Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g3-b**                      Lois Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g4**                      **Orville Dale** Married to \_\_\_\_ Dunlop, children are Clarisse and Keith
- A4-e2-g4-a**                      Clarisse Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g4-b**                      Keith Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g5**                      **Victor Dale** Died at age 19, ca 1885 - 1904.
- A4-e2-g6**                      **James Dale** Unmarried.
- A4-e2-g7**                      **Arthur Dale** Married to \_\_\_\_\_ Children are Ruth, Edward, Richard, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A4-e2-g7-a**                      Ruth Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g7-b**                      Edward Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g7-c**                      Richard Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g7-d**                      \_\_\_\_\_ Dale b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g8**                      **Elizabeth (Lizzie) Dale** Married to \_\_\_\_ Graham. No children.

- A4-e2-g9** **Marionette Dale** Married Bill Ross. Children are Ethel, Margaret, and Kathleen.
- A4-e2-g9-a** Ethel Ross b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g9-b** Margaret Ross b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-g9-c** Kathleen Ross b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h** **Thomas McMichael**
- Eighth-born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan, b. 1859 d. 1936 Married Lucy Fisher. Five children; Nancy, Thomas, Garfield, Polly, Edith.
- A4-e2-h1** **Nancy McMichael** Married to Herb Kirkly and had five sons, all of who are now deceased. George, Lewis, Frank, Thomas, and Robert.
- A4-e2-h1-a** George Kirkly b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-b** Lewis Kirkly b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-c** Frank Kirkly b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-d** Thomas Kirkly b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-e** Robert Kirkly b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2** **Thomas McMichael** b. \_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_ Married Margaret Scott. Two sons and two daughters.
- A4-e2-h2-a** Gordon McMichael b. \_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_ at 18 years.
- A4-e2-h2-b** Robert McMichael b. \_\_\_\_ d. March 27, 1990 Married to Mabel \_\_\_\_ . Mabel has much information on the family history and much of this information is from her. Address is Walton, Ontario, Canada NoK 1Z0. Their two children are Wayne and Audrey. Mabel died June 23, 1996 of a heart attack.
- A4-e2-h2-b1** Wayne McMichael b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-b2** Audrey McMichael b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-c** Evelyn McMichael b. \_\_\_\_ Not married.
- A4-e2-h2-d** Marjory McMichael b. \_\_\_\_ Married to \_\_\_\_ . They have five daughters: Laurel, Wilma, Deanna, Kathy, and Cheryl.
- A4-e2-h2-d1** Laurel \_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-d2** Wilma \_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-d3** Deanna \_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-d4** Kathy \_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h2-d5** Cheryl \_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h3** **Garfield McMichael** b. \_\_\_\_ . Married to \_\_\_\_ . Seven children. ca. 1915 - .
- A4-e2-h3-a** \_\_\_\_ McMichael b. \_\_\_\_
- A4-e2-h3-b** Isabelle McMichael b. \_\_\_\_

Mac Schroer met her a while back and says she's a lovely lady in her 80's. She got some of the information from her.

**Address** Isabella Lee, 160 George Street, #1611, Sarnia, Ont. N7T 7U4

**A4-e2-h3-c** HarveycMichael b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h3-d** Frank McMichael b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h3-e** Arthur McMichael b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h3-f** Ruby McMichael b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h3-g** Edward McMichael b. \_\_\_\_\_ Edward was killed in W.W.II

**A4-e2-h4** **Polly McMichael** b. \_\_\_\_\_. Married Milton Wiltse. They have a son who died at birth and two daughters, Louise and Mildred. Louise (Elliot) has two children, Barbara and Dan. Mildred married Ross Merrill and they have three children, Gordon, Brian, and Esther.

**A4-e2-h4-a** \_\_\_\_\_ Wiltse b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ died at birth.

**A4-e2-h4-b** Louise Wiltse b. \_\_\_\_ Married Cecil Elliot. Two children. Cecil died about 1995.

**Address:** Mrs. Cecil Elliot, Box 238, Clinton, Ont. NoM ILo

**A4-e2-h4-b1** Barbara Elliot b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h4-b2** Daniel Elliot b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h4-c** Mildred Wiltse b. \_\_\_\_\_ Mildred married Ross Merrill and they have three children, Gordon, Brian, and Esther.

**Address:** Mildred and Ross Merrill, Box 404, Bayfield Ont. NoM IGo

**A4-e2-h4-c1** Gordon Merrill b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h4-c2** Brian Merrill b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h4-c3** Esther Merrill b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h5** **Edith McMichael** b. \_\_\_\_\_. Married William Greive. They have a son, Gary, and a daughter, Mona.

**A4-e2-h5-a** Gary Grieve b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-h5-b** Mona Grieve b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-i** **Janet McMichael**

**Ninth-born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan**, b. 1861 d. 1937. Married John Snell. One daughter, Margueretta, unmarried.

**A4-e2-i1** **Margueretta Snell** b. \_\_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-j** **James G. McMichael**

**Tenth-born of Thomas Victor McMichael and Elizabeth McMillan**, b. 1863 d. 1936. Married Agnes (Scott) Brown. James left her shortly after the family was born. She Went back to the Scott name if asked. Two Children: Elizabeth and Helen.

**A4-e2-j1** **Elizabeth McMichael** (Bessie) b. \_\_\_\_\_. Married Alex Kerr and they had one son, Scott. Scott died in the spring of 1992 and was not married.

**A4-e2-J1-a**

Scott \_\_\_ Kerr b. \_\_\_ d. 1992

**A4-e2-j2**

**Helen McMichael** (Nellie) b. \_\_\_. Married Ray Holmes and they had one daughter, Elaine.

**A4-e2-j2-a**

Elaine Holmes b. \_\_\_. Married to \_\_\_. Elaine had a stroke when in her late 30's and was in a wheel chair and nursing home. Elaine died in February of 1993. Elaine has two daughters, Darcy and Debbie.

**A4-e2-j2-a1**

Darcy \_\_\_\_ . b. \_\_\_\_

**A4-e2-j2-a2**

Debbie \_\_\_\_ . b. \_\_\_\_