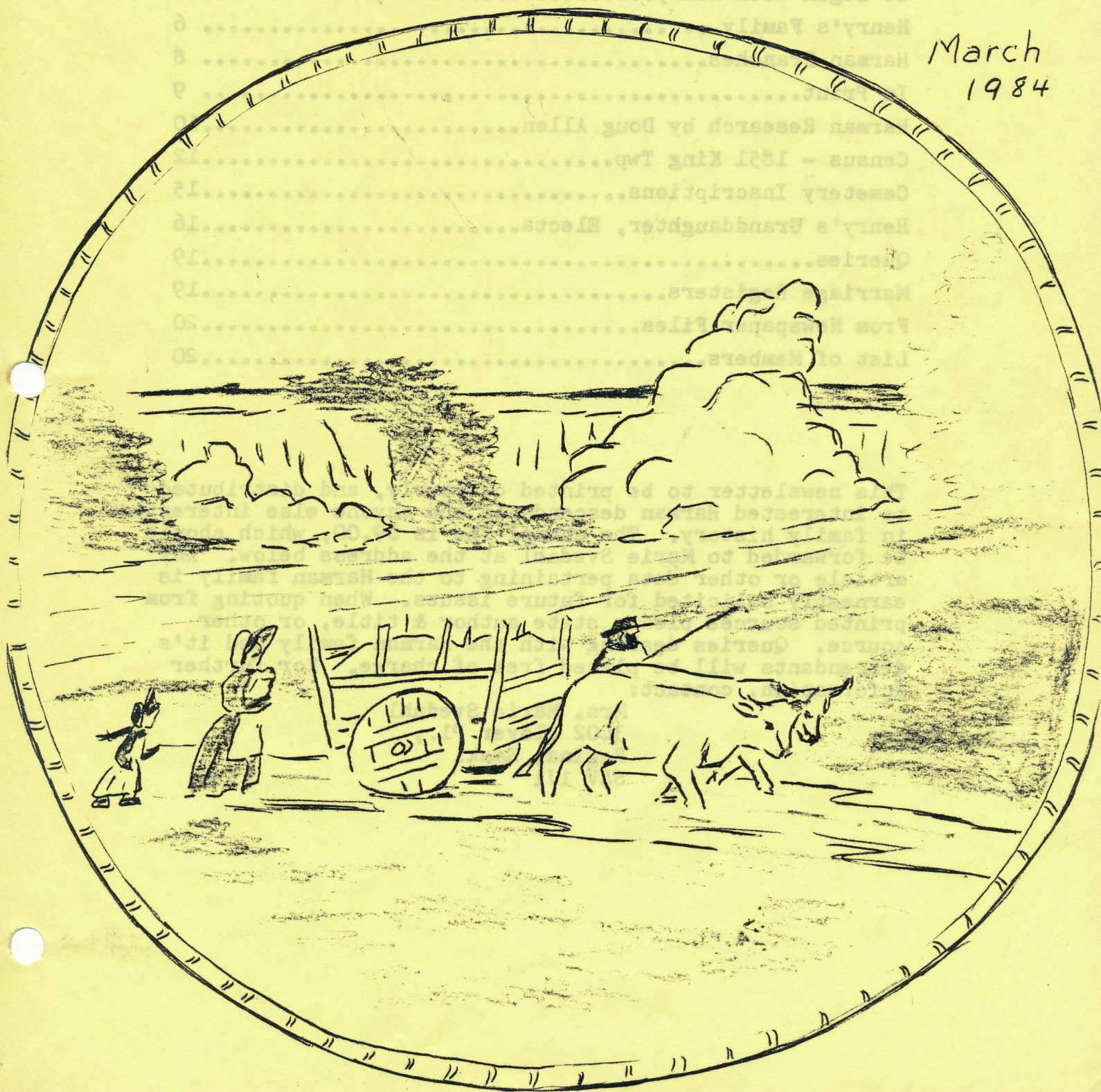


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR.....

Dear Cousins - In this, the first edition of our Harman family newsletter, I should like to welcome all who read this paper and to briefly set forth the purpose behind this endeavor.

Recording one's family history is a rapidly growing hobby and pass time. With some of us it is more of a full time endeavor than a mere pass time, however that is beside the point. The point being: there are few people who do not have an interest in their family's past, and where and whenever possible, like to learn about their ancestors. Whether it be grandmother's childhood or gr.gr.grandfather's efforts to pioneer a new home for his family - we are interested because it is our own family. With that thought in mind and because there are so many of us descended from the same ancestor, Henry Harman, the idea was born of a newsletter where information could be shared between these descendants. The bible entry that one "cousin" has in Ontario may contain just the data that another "cousin" in Sask. needs to prove a link in his family connection. Or, as has already happened, an Alberta "cousin" has found the whereabouts of Henry's Will - now the source and contents may be shared by all.

Ultimately, someday, one of Henry's descendants may decide to publish in book form the Henry Harman family story. How much easier it will be if we, as descendants, have shared our information, also we will be sure that the story of our own branch has been told and can be included!

Another, no less important, purpose: this is a way to get to know and meet our "cousins", whether they be second cousins whom we haven't seen for several years; or 5th or 6th cousins whom we didn't even know existed. In some cases we will have cousins who haven't as yet proved their connection to our Henry, the only link being that they trace their ancestry back to a Harman family who lived on or near Yonge Street. With our combined efforts, perhaps we can supply some of those missing links.

May our researchers have success with their searches, and the other less active "cousins" enjoy and learn from our efforts.

Your Editor,

Marie Svedahl.

IT BEGAN WITH HENRY.....

In September of 1796 Henry Harman appeared before Mr. William Dickson, Justice of the Peace of the Home District of Upper Canada, to swear his allegiance to the Crown and to sign the Declaration. That same day Henry petitioned the Crown for land he felt was owing him as an ex-soldier of the Crown during the recent war of American Independence. His petition reads as follows:¹⁾

To His Honor Peter Russell, Esquire, administrator of the Province of Upper Canada...etc...etc...

In Council....

The Petition of Henry Harman

Respectfully sheweth

That your Petitioner (several words crossed out here & then it continues) served His Majesty as a Soldier under Gen^l. Kniphausen -

That your Petitioner has a wife and seven children and never received any land and prays your Honor would be pleased to grant him 300 acres, and your Petitioner as is duty bound will ever pray -

Niagara

29 Sept. 1796

(There is no signature, but there is what appears to be a thumb print in ink in the lower right hand corner of the paper.)

This petition was received and read by the Council, and we find that on the 8th October 1796 the following entry was made in the Crown Land Book:

"Henry Harman, Stating that he served as a Solier under General Kniphausen, that he has a wife & seven children, & never received any land, praying for 300 acres. Ordered 200 acres if none granted before - proof wanting to confirm title to more."²⁾

The above two documents may be found in the Upper Canada Land

To His Honor Peter Bussell, Esquire
Administrator of the Province of Upper
Canada

In Council

The Petition of Henry Harman

Respectfully shew-

That your Petitioner ~~was~~
~~formerly~~ served His Majesty as a
Soldier, under Gen^l. Kniphausen

That your Petitioner has a wife and two
Children and never received any land
from your Honor would be pleased to grant
him 300 Acres; and your Petitioner as
in duty bound will ever pray

his grace

29. Sept. 1796

Henry Harman's petition to the Crown.

Upper Canada Land Petitions "H" Bundle 2, 1795-1797

(RG 1, L 3, Vol.223)

Petitions in the Canadian Archives, and are the first documentation that we have on our Harman ancestors. As a follow up, we find in the records of the Upper Canada Land Patentees that:

Hermen, Henry - (was granted land at) - Yonge Street - (on) 1796-10-8 - FG (Free Grant).³⁾

Further research, using the land records of King Township of York Co. we find that Henry was the original Patentee from the Crown of Lot 77 Con. 1 of King Twp. The failure to name King Twp. as the location of Henry's land in the alphabetical listings of the Upper Canada Land Patentees possibly lies with the fact that the township may not as yet have been named in 1796; but Yonge Street had been cut and cleared earlier that year, and so was in existence at the time of Henry's arrival.

This is the documentation on "our" Henry but what does it really tell us? Let us try a little reconstruction.....

Henry and his wife and seven children - likely ranging in age from a babe in arms to the eldest of 11 or 12 years - crossed the Niagara River into Canada in the autumn of 1796. Did the family travel alone? or were they accompanied by friends or neighbors, or perhaps relatives, from their former home in the U.S.A.? Did they walk? some did; or did they have oxen yoked to a Conestoga wagon with a milch cow trailing along behind?⁴⁾ How many days or weeks had they travelled over the non-existent roads of northern states to reach Canada? was their journey uneventful? or had there been hardships and illness, possibly even a death, along the way? We will have to look elsewhere to discover the answers to those questions, but we can be assured that as soon as possible after his arrival Henry would have placed his Petition in the proper hands, and then settled down to await the reply.

Who was Henry and where did he come from? To date our only clue is his own statement in the petition, where he claims to have been a soldier under General Knyphausen during the American Revolution. This statement would appear to rule out the possibility of Henry being a pre-war resident of the Colonies, and instead points to him having been a member of the German Auxiliary troops which Britain employed during the War of Independence.

These German Auxiliary Troops were raised in six different territories of Germany after subsidiary treaties had been signed with Great Britain. These troops were often called Hessians but this term was in-correct, only the troops originating in Hesse-Cassel and Hesse-Hanau correctly deserved that name. There were more than 30,000 of these German troops who fought for the British in the war which commenced in 1776.⁵⁾ Of these, Knyphausen was head of a Fusilier Regt.⁶⁾ Unfortunately for our research, he didn't long remain chief of this relatively small number of men (possibly five or six hundred) as, in the first winter of the war, he succeeded Lieutenant General von Heister as over-all commander of the entire German troops.⁷⁾ And so it is quite likely, that when Henry referred to serving with Gen. Knyphausen, it was the equivalent of an American soldier saying that he had served with Washington. To find one man named Henry Harman amongst those 30,000 will be a task, and to complicate matters, his name likely wasn't even Henry Harman! It is a pretty safe assumption that when he came from Germany his name was Henrich Herman or Hermann. His later residence in the States amongst English speaking Americans would have brought about the change in spelling, and if he was illiterate (as is probable) he would not have been able to correct any mis-spelling.

How did Henry come to remain in America after the War's end in 1783? did he receive his discharge in the States? or had he been a prisoner of war? maybe he was deserter? It has been estimated that five to ten thousand of the German soldiers stayed in America when, in November 1783, the rest of the troops returned overseas.⁸⁾ Perhaps Henry returned to his homeland and later emigrated to the States - an unanswered question at present.

Where was Henry in the time from November 1783 until thirteen years later, in 1796, when he appeared in Canada?

(to be continued next issue)

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HENRY'S FAMILY

When we think of a family, we are usually thinking of two or, at the most, three generations. Parents with their children constitute a modern day family. Seldom, in this day and age do you find grandparents occupying the same house, but one and two centuries ago it was quite common for the aged grandparents to be part of the household. A 3 generation family was often a necessity as the old folks had no where to go, no senior citizen home to retire to with dignity.

So it is with the thought that three generations constitutes a family, that these charts are made. Here we have the grandparents, in this case Henry & Esther, their children and grandchildren. Some of you have seen similar charts which I have drawn up before but this one is with a difference. On this chart I have included no guesses. Unless I know, from census records, wills or some other source, that a child or grandchild belongs, I have not included them. Naturally that leaves us with a great many "strays" who I am sure do belong on the chart but the actual proof is lacking yet.

Is your ancestor on here or is he a "stray"?

Family of HENRY & ESTHER HARMAN

MARGARET	MARY AGNES	ADAM	HENRY	WILLIAM	CHARLES	JAMES	JOSEPH
b. <u>c1783</u>	b. <u>c1786</u>	b. <u>c1796</u>	b. <u>c179?</u>	b. <u>c1798</u>	b. <u>c1802</u>	b. <u>c1805</u>	b. <u>c1807</u>
ch:							
James 1826	David 1823	Mary 1819	Henry 1835	Esther 1819	John 1824	Peter 1831	Joseph 1861
Joseph "36	Anna "27	Charles"20	Ann	William "20	Harriett 30	Emanuel"34	Eliza "63
		Hesther"26	Robert1837	Henry "26	Elizabeth32	Ann "35	
		Peter "29	Charlotte	Obediah 27	Ellen "34	Timothy 37	
		Elias "30	Amos	Samuel 40	Jane "36	Thomas 39	
		Lewis 34	Silvester	George 42	Rachael 38	Hiram 41	
		Zillian 36	Adaline	Fanny 44		Mary A. 44	
		Jacob 38				Nancy 47	
		Aaron 40				Alex 50	
						Maria 54	

In the majority of cases, the birth years of Henry's children and grandchildren have been figured from census returns which are not very reliable for their accuracy. There were only one or two instances where we were fortunate enough to find a birth entry in a bible. Consequently most years mentioned above are open to change - we would welcome any information that would allow us to pinpoint anyone's birthdate more accurately.

Harman Branches

We know that Henry & Esther had at least eight, possibly 11 or 12, children: Margaret, Mary, Adam, Henry, William, Charles, James and Joseph. Most of these children married and produced children of their own, and, as we are down to the 7th & 8th generations since Henry, potentially we are into the thousands of living descendants. With this in mind, it was thought wise to number the Branches of our family. At present the chronological order of birth of Henry's children is not known (altho' we can take a rough guess from census records), nor do we know the names of all Henry's offspring, so we will number the Branches in the order they are presented to us for publication. One of the advantages of being Editor - I can do my own Branch first!

This numbering system is a bit different - hopefully everyone will understand it in time, if they don't now. My line descends from Adam to whom we will give the number #10. Mine is the first Branch to be descended from Adam (through Peter) so $\#10 + 1 = \#11$ for my Branch. Any other descendant through Peter will also be #11, however the next pedigree which stems from Adam but through one of his other children, will be #12. The first pedigree to be presented (let's say from William) will be #21, and as more people trace their ancestry back, but through different lines, to William, they will be numbered #22 and then #23 & so on. Have I made myself clear? - as mud, I bet!!

When someone sends in a pedigree that we are unsure of which Branch to attach it to, we will give them the holding number of #5. Hopefully no one will remain on #5 for long, and will soon be awarded their own Branch and number. So let's begin.....

Harman Family Branch #11:

HENRY - b. ? d. 1818, md. Esther ?

ADAM - b. c1796 (possibly Canada) d. 1867 Mariposa Twp. Victoria Co. Ontario. md. c1815 Mary (strong possibility maiden name Emery).

PETER - b. 4 April 1829, d. 13 Sept. 1903 Reach Twp. Ontario Co. Ont. md. 6 July 1858 Almyra Lonon.

VIALA - b. 18 March 1863, in Mariposa Twp., d. 9 Aug. 1934, Pinedale Ont. md. 27 Jan. 1904 at Sunderland Ont. to George Cowperthwaite.

AMANDA - b. 28 Jan. 1884, Reach Twp. (natural daughter of Viala) d. 12 Jan. 1970, Regina, Sask. md. 25 Nov. 1903 Medora, Manitoba,

to Alexander Doughty.

JOHN - b. 20 Nov. 1905, Medora, Man. md. 6 Feb. 1929, Regina, Sask.
to Pearl Ewen.

MARIE - b. 24 Aug. 1931, Moreland, Sask., md. 9 Nov. 1956, Regina,
Sask. to Carman Svedahl.

Submitted by Marie Svedahl, Pangman, Sask.

IN PRINT...

From "History of Toronto & County of York, Ontario" by C. Blackett Robinson, published 1885, Toronto - 2 vols.

JOHN FLEURY, lot 69, concession 1, is the son of Joseph Fleury, who emigrated from Lower Canada in 1810, and settled on the above mentioned lot, which he purchased in 1815. Mr. Fleury, sen'r, served during the War of 1812, and was at the Battle of York. On locating on the farm he went to work and cleared it, and after considerable trouble and labour placed it under a proper state of cultivation. His life was one of usefulness and consequent prosperity, and his death, which occurred in 1860, was much regretted by the neighbourhood. John Fleury was born on the old homestead which he inherited, in 1818, and after receiving a limited education, he commenced to assist his father in the work of cultivating the farm. His application, combined with industrious habits, secured for him a knowledge of all the details of agriculture, and evidently led to that prosperity which has been his deserving lot. During the Rebellion of 1837 Mr. Fleury's strong Reform proclivities induced him to take up arms in the rash and adventurous policy which the actions of the Family Compact almost forced upon the impulsive William Lyon Mackenzie. Mr. Fleury was taken prisoner, and suffered confinement for a period. Our subject was married in 1840 to Esther Harman, daughter of William Harman; they had a family of sixteen children, ten of whom are still living, viz.: William, Obadiah, Alfred, John, Walter, Ira, Susan, Mary, Matilda and Diana. Mr. Fleury attends the Methodist Church.

Further information on the above family has been gleaned from the census reports of King Twp.

Esther and her husband, John Fleury both appear to have been born c1819, which would make Esther one of William's oldest children. Her children, with approximate years of birth are: William 1842, Mary 1844, Obediah 1845, Susanna 1847, Margaret Ann 1848, Alfred 1849, John 1850, Matilda, Walter 1856, Martha 1857, Ira 1861 and Dinah 1863, still short four of the 16 children mentioned in the book.

HARMAN RESEARCH

By Doug Allen.

I am in the very early stages of my Harman research, as I have only known of the name for slightly over a year now. My great great grandmother, Margaret Lloyd Cutting died 13 Sept. 1917 in Essex, Ontario and it was only after obtaining a death certificate for her that I was able to begin searching for her York County roots. Only her father, Hiram Lloyd, was listed, so I still had little information with which to search. Eventually, the following marriage record surfaced in the Home District Marriage Register, 1831 - 1857, vol.1, p. 248; Hiram Lloyd and Aleta (Electa) Harman, both of Whitchurch, married 10 Nov. 1835 in Whitchurch, by banns by Rev. M. Gordon; witnesses John Hutchinson and George Larmont. From another volume of this same source, p.60, vol.2, is the following; James Edwards and Aleta (Electa) Harman, married 31 March 1842, in Markham, by banns, by Rev. Wm. Jenkins, Presbyterian minister for Richmond Hill; witnesses James Harman and Jane Allen. And so, we have a record of Elesta's two husbands.

To Hiram and Elesta were born : Margaret, on 30 Sept. 1835 (according to information from her obituary); and John, who arrived 18 April 1837. Both children were born and raised in King Twp., presumably near Aurora. Between 1837 and 1842 (more likely 1840-1841 to my thinking), Hiram Lloyd died. I have absolutely no information about his death, but as many of the Lloyds in this area were Quakers, I am hoping that a future search of the records at the Public Archives of Ontario will turn up something.

According to the 1851 and 1861 census, James and Electa had the following children: Elihu, c1843; Lavina, c1845; Mary, c1847; Henry, c1849; William, 22 Feb. 1851 - 8 Dec. 1936; Matilda, 1853; Fanny, c1855; c1855-1921; and Ira, 14 July 1857-27 Oct. 1895. Fanny married Wm. Patrick and lived near Aurora, where there still are some Patrick descendants. Nmaes like Henry and William seem to be Harman family names but I do not have any idea to what line they belong yet. The 1851 census lists the Edwards family and along with them are listed Margaret and John Lloyd. So I believe that Electa raised these two along with her second family.

Margaret married John Cutting in 1852 and eventually had ten

children. Brother John married Lydia Jane Clark of Newmarket area on 21 Nov. 1860 at Eversley, Ont. The Rev. John Tawse performed the ceremony witnessed by Mrs. Tawse and Andrew Yule. John and Lydia eventually had twelve children, most of whom ended up in Kent and Essex Counties. John was run over by a train 16 July 1893 in Detroit and died hours later at Harper Hospital, Detroit. Lydia Jane Lloyd died 17 Nov. 1925, and both are buried in Windsor Grove Cemetery, Windsor, Ontario.

Margaret Cutting died at Essex, and is buried at North Ridge Cemetery, Essex County. Her husband, John Cutting died 18 Oct. 1873, just a few days after his last child was born, and his headstone rests at Kettlby Cemetery, King Twp. I have often wondered what attracted the families of Electa's first two children to virtually the same part of Essex County. Of the whereabouts of Electa's other descendants, I have little knowledge. Fanny has been mentioned previously, and William and Ira appear to be buried in the Aurora cemetery.

Perhaps two additional bits of information might someday bear fruit. When Electa married James B. Edwards, her witnesses were James Harman and Jane Allen, who, I think, were eventually married. I would guess that James was a brother to Electa, but, I have no proof. Who then, was the father of James and Electa Harman? Also, when Electa married Hiram Lloyd, the marriage record states that both were from Whitchurch Township. I wonder what Harman branch was living there in 1835?

Electa died 6 March 1897. According to the Aurora Banner, 12 March 1897, p.5, she was 80 years, 10 months, and 20 days. If I'm not mistaken, that would mean she was born 16 April 1816. Her husband James died 13 Oct. 1898 and both are buried in Aurora Cemetery. I have referred to Mrs. Edwards as Electa because Margaret Cutting named one of her daughters Electa, apparently after the child's grandmother, Electa Lloyd Edwards. This has led me to believe that Electa, not Aleta, is the correct name.

I would hope that some time in the future, I will come across some clues which will lead me to discover the identity of both the parents of Hiram and Electa Lloyd. I find searching for information in this pre-census era very difficult, but, one has to get lucky once in a while, doesn't one?

CENSUS

....KING TWP. 1851....#11760

It would appear, for some reason, that there wasn't a thorough enumeration done of King Twp. in the 1851 census. Knowing that most of the Harman brothers, William, Henry, James, Charles & Joseph, should all be found in King, (plus several of their sons) - and only James & Charles were found - I checked the agricultural returns to see if all Lot numbers on the First Concession had been accounted for. The first Concession of King contains Lot numbered from 61 to 95, however in these records I found no returns for the following Lots: 61, 63, 64, 65, 69, 70, 73, 74, 76, 77. Some of these could of course, been vacant land, however we know that Lot 77 of the 1st Con. had been the original Harman home for over 50 years, and continued to be so for several more.

KING TWP.	(born)	(religion)	(age)	(marital status)
p. 7: HARMAN, James - farmer - Canada - W.M.			- 47 -	m
Rachael -	"	"	35	"
Peter - labourer	"	"	21	s
Ann	"	"	17	"
Timothy	"	"	15	
Thomas	"	"	12	
Hiram	"	"	10	
Mary Ann	"	"	7	
Nancy	"	"	4	
Alex	"	"	1	

One member of the family deaf & dumb, one birth during previous year. Family lives in a one storey log cabin on Lot 14, Con. 3. This James would be one of Henry's sons.

p. 7: HARMAN, Franklin - Canada ? 6
living with (or visiting?) James & Lydia Wells.

p. 9 GARROW, Francis - labourer(?) - U.Can. - Meth.	37	-	m
Esther	"	"	29
Elizabeth	"	"	11
Henry	"	"	10
Mary	"	"	9

GARROW, Richard			7 -
William			4
John A.			2

Esther Garrow is a daughter of Adam's,

p. 27: HUFFMAN, William - labourer -	States -	Meth.	36 - m
Mary	Canada -	"	36 m
Silas	"	"	11 s
Elizabeth	"	"	10
Aaron	"	"	7
William	"	"	5
Sarah	"	"	1

Mary Huffman is a daughter of Adam's, and living in same house -

HARMAN. Peter - labourer -	Canada -	Meth. -	22 - s
p.33: HARMAN, Joseph - Labourer -	Canada -	Presb. -	26 - m
Mary Ann	"	"	22 m
Nelson	"	"	1
p.33: HARMAN. Henry - farmer -	Canada -	W.Meth.	25 m
Elizabeth	"	"	32 ? m
Ira	"	"	9
Amy Agnes	"	"	6
Obediah	"	"	4
Matilda	"	"	2
HARMAN, Elizabeth	"	"	19

.....and next door there is another Harman.....

p.33: HARMAN. James - labourer -	Canada -	?	28 - m
Jane	"	"	28 m
Allen	"	"	2
David	"	"	1

We can only guess if these three, Joseph, Henry & James are brothers or cousins, and to which Branch they belong. Henry is the only one with a land location - Lot 9, Con. 2.

p.41: FLEURY. John - labourer -	Canada -	Meth. -	32 - m
Esther	"	"	32 m
Wm.	"	"	9
Mary	"	"	7
Obediah	"	"	6
Susanna	"	"	4

FLEURY, Margaret Ann	Canada	-	Meth.	3	
Alfred	"		"	2	
John	"		"	1	

Esther Fleury is William's daughter.

p.79: HARMAN, Manuel - labourer - Canada - Presb. - 21 - s
working for John & Levina Stooks..

p.171: HARMAN, Benjamin -labourer -	Canada	-	Meth.	-	29	-	m
Elizabeth	"		"		28		m
Pheby A.	"		"		7		
Mary	"		"		2		
Henry	"		"		1		

p.175: EDWARDS, James - yeoman -	England	-	Epis.	-	30	-	m
Electa	Canada	-	"		37		m
Elihu	"		"		9		
Lavina	"		"		7		
Mary	"		"		5		
Henry	"		"		3		
William	"		"		1		
LLOYD, Margaret	"		"		17		
John	"		"		13		

Electa Edwards's was a Harman, possibly Adam's daughter. The two Lloyd children are her's from a first marriage.

p.177: HARMAN, Charles - yeoman -	Canada	-	Meth.	-	43	-	m
Phebe	U.States	-	"		40		m
John - yeoman -	Canada		"		27		s
Harriet	"		"		21		s
Elizabeth	"		"		19		
Ellon	"		"		17		
Jane	"		"		15		
Rachael	"		"		13		
HAINSTOCK, John	"		"		4		

Another of Henry's sons, Charles land number was Lot 21, Con.2.

p.193: RODGERS, James -	U.States	-	Quaker	-	91 (or 71)		
Mary Agnes	"		"		66 (or 64)		
Anna	Canada		"		24		s
Juluis	"		"		4		
David	"		"		28		m

RODGERS, Mary

Canada - Quaker - 28 - m

Matilda

" " 04

Mary Agnes

" " 2

Henry Harman had a daughter, Mary Rodgers, and this would seem to be the most likely family

Anyone having other family names which appeared on this reel and were omitted here, please forward them to the Editor for inclusion in a future issue.



CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

Following are some Harman inscription's found in the Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury cemeteries. Extracted from the book -

"Cemetery Inscriptions, Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Twps. Simcoe County". Published by Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, P.O. Box 171, Bond Head, Ontario, L0G 1B0. Contributed by Judy Brewster, Grande Prairie, Alta.

Beeton United Church Cemetery, Tecumseth.

Hoover R5P7½

John Hoover 1824-1891

Sarah Harmon, wife of John 1833-1901.

Sarah Ann Hoover 1872-1881 Died 2 April 1881, aged 10 years 2 mo. 18da.

John Henry Hoover 1864-1934

Joseph Hoover 1858-1934

Robert J. Hoover 1862-1936

Mount Pleasant Cemetery, West Gwillimbury.

Albert Harman 1888-1964

Henry C. Harman 1852-

Annie Marie Saint, his wife 1859-1931.

William D. Stewart, 12 March 1896- 26 Feb. 1961

Husband of Annie Harman, 17 Nov. 1884 - 9 Sept. 1972.

Henry's Granddaughter

.....ELECTA HARMAN.....

This issue we are featuring Electa who was born 16 April 1816 - she is Doug Allen's ancestor. You will find an article by Doug on page 10 of this issue, telling of his research into his Harman line. He has a problem which we are finding quite common in our research of the Harmans from Yonge Street - namely that he has one missing link (or name) in taking his pedigree back to our common ancestor, Henry. Due to the lack of records (census especially) to cover the years 1810 to 1850 it is extremely difficult to attach Henry's many grand children onto the right branches (fathers).

Perhaps we can help Doug with his problem by a process of elimination. To date, our information on ages and marriage dates of Henry's many sons, give us only 2, with a slight possible third, candidates to be Electa's father. The two most probable are Adam & Henry Jr., both of whom we know were married by 1817. William who was born in 1798 would have been 18 years and not likely to be married in 1816 when Electa was born. Charles, James & Joseph were even younger. We should keep in mind that there is the possibility that Electa was an illegitimate daughter of one of the Harman daughters but we needn't deal with that now.

Adam or Henry - which? The King Township records are rather unique in their thoroughness and availability for the early years of the townships formation. Beginning in 1809 there was a census taken of the township's inhabitants, all being counted but only the head of the household being named. Sometimes the census were taken yearly, sometimes there is a 2 or 3 year gap between returns. It is after such a 4 year gap in 1817 that we first find Adam and Henry, Jr. as head of their own households in King Twp. So one assumes that both men had married during the previous 4 year period, but of course that need not be true. Either one, or both men could have been married before (at the time of the previous township census) but living some place other than King - maybe across the road in Whitchurch Twp.!

FAMILY UNIT

FAMILY UNIT FORM JMH 1977

HUSBAND Hiram LLOYD

Son of _____

and Wife _____

Birth Date c1815

Place of Birth _____

Death Date between 1837 to 1842

Place of Death _____

Residence _____

Occupation _____

Church _____

Other Wives _____

Date of Marriage 10 November 1835WIFE Electa HARMAN

Daughter of _____

and Wife _____

Birth Date 16 April 1816

Place of Birth _____

Death Date 6 March 1897Place of Death King Twp. Ontario

Residence _____

Occupation _____

Church _____

Other Husbands James B. EdwardsPlace of Marriage Whitchurch Twp.

M. F.	CHILDREN'S NAMES	BIRTH		DEATH		MARRIAGE		NO.
		WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	TO WHOM	
f	Margaret.	30 Sept. 1835	King. Twp.	13 Sept. 1917	Essex Co.	1852	John Cutting	
m	John	18 April 1837	King Twp.	16 July 1893	Detroit, Mich.	21 Nov. 1860	lydia Clark	

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HUSBAND James B. EDARDSSon of George Edwards

and Wife _____

Birth Date c1822Place of Birth EnglandDeath Date 13 Oct. 1898Place of Death King Twp. Ont.Residence King Twp.Occupation yeomanChurch Episcopal

Other Wives _____

Date of Marriage 31 March 1842WIFE Electa HARMAN

Daughter of _____

and Wife _____

Birth Date 16 April 1816Place of Birth Ontario.Death Date 6 March 1897Place of Death L21C3 King Twp. Ont.Residence King Twp.

Occupation _____

Church _____

Other Husbands Hiram LloydPlace of Marriage Markham Twp. Ont.

M. F.	CHILDREN'S NAMES	BIRTH		DEATH		MARRIAGE		NO.
		WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	TO WHOM	
m	Elihu	1843	King Twp.					

f	Lavina	1845 King Twp.			
f	Mary	1847 King Twp.			
m	Henry	1849 King Twp.			
m	William	22 Feb. 1851 King Twp.	8 Dec. 1936		
f	Matilda	1853 King Twp.			
f	Fanny	18555	1921	William Patrick	
m	Ira	14 July 1857	27 Oct. 1895		

SOURCES: Doug Allen, Chatham Ont.

Nevertheless, by 1817 Henry & Adam were both married and raising their own families. For the following five years, until such records ceased in 1823, the number and sex of children in each family can be followed through this enumeration.

In 1981, while at the Ontario Archives, I made quick hand written copies of the Harman entries in these township records. I hesitate to quote them here for fear that in my haste I may have committed errors. Could I beg any of our Ontario researchers, who might have the time and opportunity, to please go to the Ontario Archives and look up these King Twp. records and recopy them. Either write them out carefully by hand or have them photocopied. I'm sure all our readers would be interested in these early census, which might contain the answer to questions from some of our other readers.

We haven't done much toward solving the problem of Electa's parents, just narrowed the field a little. I know Doug would appreciate any help or suggestions that any one has to offer, either by a letter to the Editor or sent directly to him.

QUERIES & LETTERS:

SEEKING MARY HARMAN - I have lost track of Mary HARMAN after her husband, Adam died in 1867. In 1861 Adam & Mary were living in Mariposa Twp. To date I have not found Mary on the 1871 census, but in 1881 she was living with her son, Peter & his family in Reach Twp. Mary was apparently born c1795 in the U.S.A. but I don't know when she died. Anyone with any information about Mary please forward to

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FROM ONTARIO

MARRIAGE REGISTERS.....

Mr. Wm. Britnell of Mississauga, Ontario, has kindly shared the following marriage records with us.

Home District Marriage Register (1831-1857)

Vol.2, p.62

(blank) HARMAN & (blank) MONDAY, married 2 March 1842, by banns, by Rev. Peter MacNaughton, Presbyterian; witnesses: Joseph Bordon & Wm. Huffman.

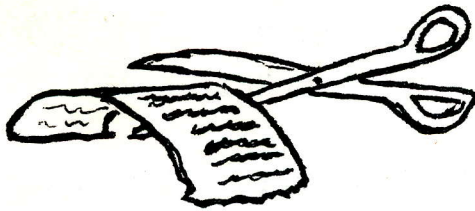
Vol.3, p.69.

William HACKING, 20, & Agnes HARMON, 23, both of Whitchurch, married 10 Sept. 1849, by licence, by Rev. Ludwick Kribs of Stouffville, Congregational; witnesses: Reuben Brillinger & Mary Gower.

Ed. Note: Marriage #1 - Witness Wm. Huffman married Adam Harman's daughter, Mary - would (blank) Harman be a brother of Mary's?

FROM NEWSPAPER FILES.....

This obituary clipping was forwarded to us by Elizabeth Lundy of Toronto, Ont. Caroline (Harman) Parliament's father, Timothy may be found on page 7 of this issue (the chart of Henry Harman's family). Timothy was a son of James, thus a first cousin of Electa and all the other grandchildren shown on that chart.



KING TOWNSHIP NATIVE GAVE GREAT SERVICE

Mrs. John H. Parliament died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred A. Lundy, on Dec. 22, 1942. Mrs. Parliament had been ill over two years and died as the result of a stroke. She had lived with her daughter throughout her illness.

Born in King township on June 26, 1859, Caroline Harmon was the daughter of Timothy and Amelia Harmon, Huntsville. She married John H. Parliament, Huntsville. He predeceased her Feb. 2, 1938. For a number of years Mrs. Parliament owned and operated a private hospital in Huntsville but had to discontinue this service owing to ill health. She was greatly in demand wherever sickness or trouble was in evidence and will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Huntsville.

She was a member of the Free Methodist church. Surviving are one son, Preston, Gravenhurst, and one daughter, Mrs. F. A. Lundy, Newmarket, three grandchildren. Mrs. Ivan Harnden, Queenston, A. Vernon Lundy, Toronto, and Miss Audrey Lundy, Toronto, three brothers, Alex., Huntsville, Will and Walter, Dryden.

The pallbearers were Robt. Howlett, Bert Gibbons, Albert Pratt, Wm. Mino, Harry Lundy and Datus Crowder.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. B. Babcock, and Rev. A. B. Stein in the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose on Dec. 24. Interment was made in Newmarket cemetery.

Note: Mrs. Parliament's first husband, Abraham Lepard, died Dec. 3, 1911. He was the father of her children.

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