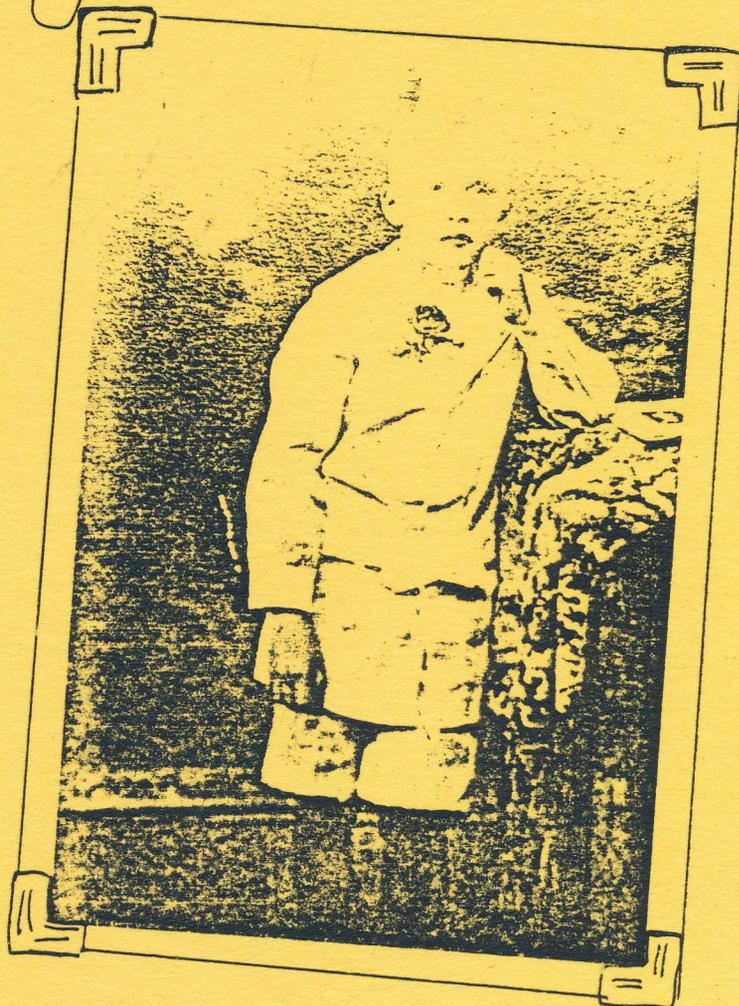


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FRONT COVER: Our cover this issue comes to us courtesy of the photo albums belonging to several cousins. The top photo is of Peter Harman (H34) and his wife Almyra. The picture on the left portrays their daughter, Viala Cowperthwaite (nee Harman). The third photo is of Viala's son, Malcolm Cowperthwaite. The "Amanda" in the series by that name, was Viala's daughter.

Dear Cousins:

What a busy time I have had since I last sat at my desk typing the editorial for the September issue! It all began when when I decided to go to Toronto in November to attend the 80th birthday party for my aunt, Alice Ireland. A total of seven Saskatchewan relatives made the trip to join in the birthday festivities, combined with the two dozen or more Ontario relatives we had a good time sorting out everyone's children (and spouses!).

However, genealogically speaking, it was the following Saturday, November 17th, that really thrilled me. Most of you received an invitation to meet "Cousin Marie" at Lot 77 of the first Concession of King, so you know what was planned. All plaudits go to Leonard Harman for the marvelous idea of such a "get together". He spent much time and money advertising by letter as well as by print in several newspapers. His efforts were well rewarded - there were 70 registered guests and I am sure there were an additional half dozen who missed signing the book. The place was literally swarming with Harmans! Something that really intrigued me was the family resemblances which showed up in the different branches.. At least half a dozen of the men bore strong facial resemblances - some were fair, some were dark, but the same family "look" was there. When I remarked to one fellow that he resembled several of the other Harmans present, he replied:"Well, you look like my Aunt"!

For further news on the - I can't say "reunion" as few of us had ever met before, rather let us say - "meeting" of the Harmans, you will find an additional report on p.79. As it has been suggested that I print the address I gave to the group, that will be found on p. 82

Now onto other, more mercenary topics. This is the last issue of our newsletter for 1984. I sincerely hope it has lived up to everyone's expectations. I have thoroughly enjoyed putting it together, and I could not have asked for more support by way of articles and other pieces of information from you our readers.

But now, it is time to think of 1985. Already we have some subscriptions for next year, and I hope the rest of you will soon send yours along. When I take the first issue for 1985 to the printers, I would like to know how many copies to order. If your subscription isn't in by March 15th, 1985, I shan't be printing a newsletter for you, so do make it easier for your Editor and yourself by sending your money in well in advance. The back page of this newsletter contains an order form for both the 1984 & 1985 years. The reason for the 1984 order form, is that should any new comers wish to join us, it is thought advisable that they also subscribe for the first years newsletter as it contains much material of interest on the early families. The reverse side of this form has a lineage chart, which I would greatly appreciate if you would fill it out with what you know on your own line. Then I can start helping you by sending family data that might apply. I do have quite a file on the Harmans, you know, and I may have just the information that you need.

As I am writing this over the Christmas holidays, I can't wish you a Merry Christmas as that festive day is already past, however I sincerely hope that you and your family did have a happy and joyful Day.

Best to you all in the coming New Year.....from everyone
at the Svedahl house.

1916 was the start of building a new barn on the farm - extra work with carpenters most of the summer. Alex had a hired man most of the time until John was old enough to help out in the fields.

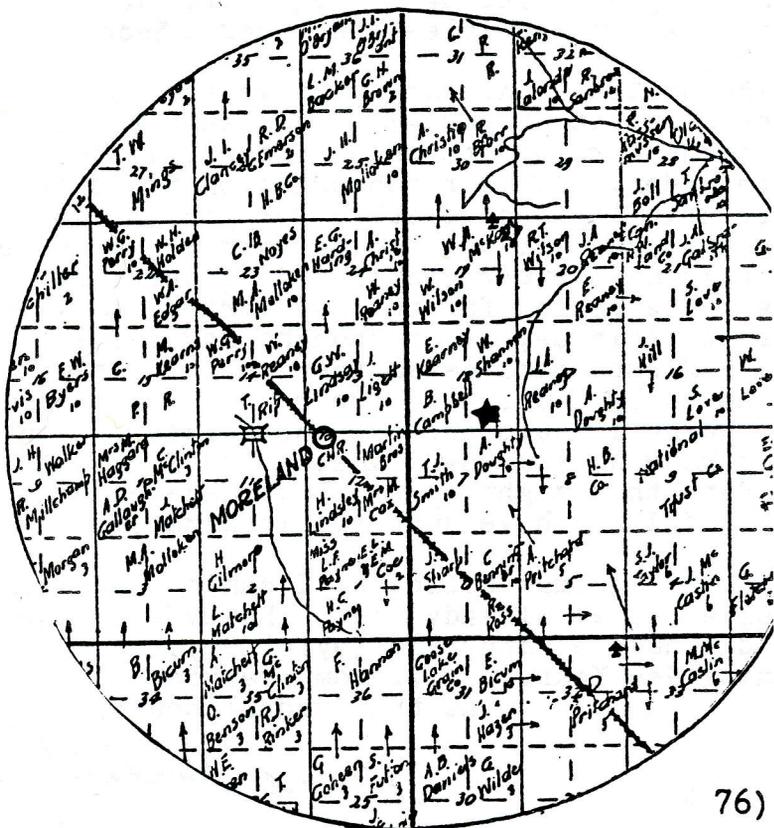
When the barn was finished there was a big barn dance. Amanda and Alex invited neighbors and friends to come. The music was supplied by some of the neighbors who played violin & guitar. Everyone brought some lunch. One of the ways of having entertainment in those first years in a new country were to get together in the different homes to hold a dance - pushing all the furniture back against the walls. Square dances was more preferred to round dancing.

Visiting among neighbors was also another form of enjoyment - "Company coming" was quite a thrill for young and old. Amanda was a member of a Ladies Aid group and enjoyed that outing once a month.

Perhaps the highlight of the year 1917 was the purchase of a new car. Alex bought a Maxwell - the top could be put up or down, and it had side curtains to keep the cold or rain from coming in. It was a wonderful addition to farm life. Now there was to be a trip to the city of Regina once a year to see the Exhibition and also to bring home fruit that was in season. It also meant on Saturday nights, going to Pangman, ten miles away, to get groceries and visit around the town. You could get an ice cream cone for five cents. A new garage was built to house this CAR.

Came the year 1918 - crops were very good that year. A new daughter was born on 1 December - Ethel Irene. That was also the year the "flu"

1920 Cummin's Directory: For the Municipality #69 Norton, showing land ownership. The black star marks Alex & Amanda's homestead quarter - SE18-9-19W2nd. Altho' most homesteaders had the opportunity of purchasing a second - pre-emption - quarter of land once they had "proven up" on their homestead, Alex was denied this chance owing to the fact that there was no open land left within the two-mile limit (from the homestead). One of the reasons for this shortage of available land was that every second section of land (640 acres) in that entire township had been given to the C.P.R. as an incentive to build the railroad. They owned every odd numbered section. However by 1920 Alex had prospered and had purchased additional land on his own, as can be seen by studying the map. The "white" star (2 miles north of the homestead) marks the site of Red Rose school where the Doughty children took their schooling.



epedemic struck the country. Many friends and neighbors were taken ill with the disease and the doctor was kept on the go, day and night. Alex came down with the "flu" and was very ill, and he had to have a nurse for a number of days (this was at the same time Amanda was confined to bed with the birth of the new baby). Some of the family were stricken, others were lucky enough to escape it altogether.

John and Jim were old enough now to do chores - milking and other outside work. Also Russell Truax was living with the family and helping out with the farm work. Russell was a cousin of Amanda's from Ontario.

The yearly threshing of the crops was a big project. Alex bought a grain separator, a neighbor had a tractor and working together they did their crops and helped many of the neighbors to get their's harvested. There was a caboose car for the many extra men to sleep in, but no cook car so all the cooking was done in the homes (on whatever farm they were working). Amanda at one time was feeding 24 people three meals a day. A lot of baking - bread - cakes - pies. By this time she had help in the house as Alice & Lena were both old enough to take a share of the work and help look after the smaller children. Amanda still carried on milking four or five cows and shipping the cream. The cream was taken to Moreland station and from there shipped to a Moose Jaw creamery.

Alex & Amanda's last child, Harold Stuart, arrived 18 Oct. 1920. A trained nurse, Mrs. Pow from Khedive, took care of Amanda and the new baby. By this time there were many willing hands to help care for the new baby and also with the other work. Every day there would be twelve people sitting down to three meals a day - this meant a lot of baking and preparing of food. Baking ten loaves of bread usually three times a week, two or three pies for a meal, a large cake would last for one supper. There was nothing in the line of baking bought at the store. There was always a large garden planted, nearly an acre of potatoes put in. Alex digging all the holes for the potatoes with a hoe, some of the children dropping in the cut up potatoes and then going back over and covering in the holes - a lot of work.

A severe epidemic of Small Pox hit the district in late 1920 or 21. Again many adults were ill and the doctor busy. Lena was the first in the Doughty family - she was sent home from school as she had a spot on her face and one on her body. Amanda thought it to be just a pimple, however the doctor chanced to be driving by so Amanda took Lena out to the road to see him. His verdict was "Small Pox!" So all the family were quarantined. Harold was only a small baby in his crib but he was covered from head to toe with the eruptions. Some of the other children had a mild attack but none severe.

The first marriage in the family was daughter, Alice, in February 1925. Alex & Amanda went to Moose Jaw with the young couple and witnessed the wedding. No big wedding or reception in those years. Alice and her new husband, Howard (Hubby) Ireland, settled on a farm a few miles from her parent's homestead.

Alex and Amanda were doing very well on the farm. Their family was growing up and were more help, but the parents both kept on working hard. No modern appliances yet coming to the district. 1926 saw a change with the car. Alex traded his Maxwell car and bought a Chrysler. At that time the price for this car was \$2350.00. It was a much more modern, lovely looking car.

Next came a radio. What a thrill! Certainly a good way to keep everyone quiet when programs like Amos & Andy, Ma Perkins, Green Hornet and many others came on. A close neighbor, Mr. Smith, walked over every night to listen to Amos & Andy. To keep the radio operating there was needed one "A" battery; two "B"'s and one "C" battery. The "A" battery

need to be charged up quite often, the "B"'s & "C" lasted much longer.

Finally the time came for Alex and Amanda to have a holiday. Since coming to the community in 1906 they had not been far away from home. So the winter of 1927 they decided to take a trip back to Ontario. After Amanda left Ontario her mother had married George Cowperthwaite, and a son had been born to them in 1904 (or 05) name Malcolm (Mac). And so Amanda was anxious to see her mother and half-brother.

They left daughter, Lena in charge of the house, and sons, John and Jim were to look after the main work outside with the help of teenagers, George & Will. Amanda & Alex spent three months away - visiting all the folks they had not seen for so many years and also getting to know her brother Mac. In later years Mac Cowperthwaite was to become a very welcome person at the homes of the Doughty children.

John was the next of the children to be married. In Febuary of 1929 he married Pearl Ewen who had taught school at Red Rose a couple of years before. He settled just a half mile from the home place.

(to be continued)

CEMETERY RECORDINGS



Robert Vernon Hyde of Peachland, B.C. sent us the following data, taken from the cemetery records at Aurora, Ontario. As a point of the old saying "you can't believe everything that you see in print", take note of the names given for Charles Harman's parents! The son or son-in-law who gave the information at the time, likely had to dig deep in his memories for that, and there was no one there to correct him when he gave his uncle's name instead of his grandfather's.

name	Robert Hainstock	Mary Hainstock	Charles Harman	Phoebe Harman
age	50	59	79	87
where born	England	King Twp.	King Twp.	Pennsylv.
where died	Whitchurch	Aurora	"	King Twp.
when died	2 Nov. 1871	25 Jan. 1886	10 Apr. 1877	22 Mar. 1887
name of parents	Robert & Ruth Hainstock	Charles & Phoebe Harman	Adam & Peggy Harman	
what disease	Typhoid Fever	Consumption	Old age	Old age

DESCENDANTS OF
HENRY AND ESTHER HARMAN
AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES
ARE INVITED TO MEET
"COUSIN" MARIE SNEHAHL
Of Pangman and Regina, Saskatchewan
Who Has Devoted Much Attention
To Family History

Gathering At:
"FOUR SHIELDS" RESTAURANT
Aurora Shopping Centre
388 Yonge Street South
Aurora, Ontario
On originally Lot 77, Concession 1, King Township
Where the Harmans settled about 1800.
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
BUFFET LUNCHEON PROVIDED
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1984

The 17th

As a result of the above advertisement placed in several Ontario weekly newspapers, and like-worded invitations mailed to any and all Harmans appearing in Ontario phone books: Harmans from near and far descended on Aurora, Ontario on November 17th, 1984. Seventy people signed the register and most were descendants of Henry & Esther Harman who were the original settlers on L77 of the first concession of King. A few were keen family historians who came prepared to take notes and names & addresses; some brought old photos and other family relics, but all came because they had an interest in the history of their family.

Leonard Harman of Toronto, who still owns a few acres of land in King Twp., was our host and master of ceremonies for the day. He introduced the various speakers and conducted the discussion groups. In fact, Leonard was the "planner" and originator of the idea of a Harman family meeting. Altho' "yours truly"; as "collector & dispenser" of Harman family information, was billed as the guest speaker, the 17th of November was really Leonard's day. It was the culmination of many days of planning & organizing, during which he re-newed acquaintances with friends & relatives not seen for many years.

On behalf of all the "Harmans" who gathered that day in Aurora, I should like to thank Leonard Harman for a great idea, that became more than a mere thought, and which resulted in a beautifully planned day. The chance to meet people who are, in fact, one's own 5th & 6th cousins - to know that our gr.gr.grandparents had been cousins or perhaps brothers - it was great!!

And while we are extending "thanks", I should like to include others who helped that day: Mae Harman, Joan Murray, her husband, Tim & children, Laura & Peter, Hilda Dalton, Vicky Dykstra, Mary Garbutt, Ewart Jennings, Joaline Bloos, and Elsie Beynon. It is to be hoped that I haven't overlooked anyone, if I have, my sincere apologies.

For a further insight into the Harman gathering, the following letters are included:

"On Saturday, November 17th, 1984 from 11a.m. onwards to 4p.m. many Harman descendants gathered at the Four Shields Resturant on Lot77 in

Aurora Ontario with great expectations. Amongst others three first cousins came from Toronto - Mrs. Lillian Murray, Mrs. Clara Ogilvie & myself, granddaughters of Jane Harman McClennan (born 18 Dec. 1862 and died 7 April 1919). We met with cousins from Canada and the U.S.A. Such a pleasure to give and receive information on our respective family trees and the many displays (sorry I couldn't see them all).

To find out that our gr.gr.grandfather had had many sons & daughters and grandchildren proved confusing for us in finding our direct ancestor. Finding out the names of our Great and Great Great Grandfathers at this meeting was so helpful and exciting. I do hope other cousins were helped in this personal gathering. Due to the presence of so many cousins, another meeting was arranged for the following Monday, 19th at the same location with ten members present. The same two dedicated cousins, Marie Svedahl & Leonard Harman who arranged the first meeting, chaired this meeting for a follow-up on how information could be best passed among the cousins. It was resolved that a Co-ordinating Secretary in Ontario was needed at this time, so that continuing family tree information would be passed on to the newsletter. This secretary, Mrs. Vicki Dykstra, would receive any information in person or by letter from cousins.

Hopefully many cousins would become subscribers of the newsletter and so have a link for all Harman descendants to keep in communication for the future of the family tree.

Best Wishes,
Lorna Moore.

And our new secretary has sent a notice to be included in this newsletter:

"It was decided at the Family Reunion held in Aurora, Ont. on 17 November 1984 that it would be useful to have a contact person in the area where Henry & Esther Harman first settled. Mrs. Victoria Dykstra was appointed to act in this capacity. She would appreciate receiving any information that you have acquired in regard to births, marriages and/or deaths, with as complete and correct a name, date and location as possible. Often useful information can be found in old wills and other household documents. Anecdotes are always welcomed for inclusion in the Newsletter. For any enquiries which need a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Mrs. Dykstra can be contacted at : 94 Henderson Drive, Aurora, Ont. L4G 3M3

It had been my intention to include here the results of the group discussions, however we are fast approaching the limit on the number of pages per issue. Therefore I think it is best to put that information aside until the March 1985 issue.

ROUND and **ABOUT**

Some information
that your Editor would
like to share with you....

Anyone who is descended from the William branch of the Harman family will be interested to know that the family of William's daughter, Esther, is well documented. Hilda Dalton and several other Fleury family members

have put together a book entitled "Fleury Family Register". The book sells for \$5.00 from: Mrs. Hilda Fleury Dalton, 85 Metcalfe St.

Aurora, Ont. L4G 1E7

I had the pleasure of meeting Hilda on my trip to Toronto this autumn. She informed me that, not only had her ancestor, John Fleury married Esther Harman, but John's brother, Peter, married an Ann Harman. Who was Ann Harman? Can anyone help on that question?

Barbara Reis of Sherwood Park, Alberta has in her possession several old scrap books that originated some 50 to 70 years ago when her grandmother clipped obituaries, etc. from Michigan newspapers. She is willing to search these scrap books for anyone seeking family deaths, etc. that may have occurred in that part of the country. Please be sure to include a SASE - or a self-addressed-stamped-envelope (we can't expect others to foot the bill of our research, even it is only a stamp! You'd be surprised how quickly the cost of stamps mount up.) (On the same vein: if you are writing Hilda Dalton about her book, include enough money to cover the postage - at least one dollar.)

Back to Barbara: She found two deaths for me which I think may have been of grandsons of Adam Harman. Unfortunately, I have not yet had time to follow up on this information.

Mrs. Barbara J. Reis,
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I am in the process of preparing an Index for Issues 1&2&3&4 of Volume 1 of this newsletter. It has been realized that not everyone would wish to have the index, while other subscribers would find it quite an advantage, therefor it will be sold separately. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this index, please send \$1.50. You may enclose your remittance with your 1985 membership subscription.

This is a one-time chance. There will be only as many indexes printed as are ordered by 15th March 1985.

NEW MEMBERS....

- 19) State Historical Society of Wisconsin - 816 State St., Madison, Wisc.
- 20) Ruby Popika - Box 1207, The Pas, Man. R9A 1L2
- 21) Joe Caywood - P.O. Box 3, Tendoy, Idaho, U.S.A. 83468
- 22) Mr. & Mrs. T.R. Roagers - 2623 W. Craig Pl., San Antonio, TX, U.S.A.
- 23) Mary E. Garbutt - 25 Cranbrooke Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5M 1M3
- 24) Joan Murray - 90 Castleknock Rd., Toronto, Ont. M5M 2J7
- 25) Kenneth Harman - 120 Peter St., Holland Landing, Ont. LOG 1H0
- 26) Hilda Fleury Dalton - 85 Metcalfe St., Aurora, Ont. L4G 1E7
- 27) Lorna Moore - 483 Merton St., Toronto, Ont. M4S 1B4
- 28) Richard Harman - 1138 Cloverdale St., Oshawa, Ont. L1H 4E4
- 29) Velma McArthur - Apt. #1208, 468 Eagle St., Newmarket, Ont. L3Y 1K9
- 30) Mrs. Ellen McGhee - 34 George St., Aurora, Ont. L4G 2S2
- 31) Mrs. Gladys Clarkson - 16 Montreal St., Stouffville, Ont. LOH 1L0
- 32) Shirley McCurdy - 116 Montreal St., Stouffville, Ont. LOH 1L0
- 33) Muriel Tunney - 314 Stouffer St., Stouffville, Ont. LOH 1L0
- 34) David Harman - 416 Pinetree Dr., London, Ont. N6H 3M8
- 35) Vicky Dykstra - 94 Henderson Dr., Aurora, Ont. L4G 3M3
- 36) Lillian Murray - 44 Green Lanes, Toronto, Ont.
- 37) Doreen Morgan - 755 Hamlet Rd., Ottawa, Ont. K1G 1P7

PRESENTATION TO THE HARMAN FAMILY GATHERING

BY MARIE SVEDAHL

Everyone has a normal interest in their parent's lives - where they went to school - did they fight with their sisters & brothers - where did their parents meet - and so forth. All kinds of questions, we have all asked these or similar questions at one time or another. The same holds true about our grandparents - "What was it like when you were a little boy, Grandpa?" or "Did you wear long dresses all the time, Grandma?"

It is when you start recording the answers to these questions that you are on the road to becoming a family historian. The next step is to find out where your grandfather's family was living while he was growing up, and of course, you'd like to know what his parent's names were and where they grew up or were born. And so on. Thus a natural curiosity has grown into a hobby or a passtime. Or an obsession!

You contact relatives, near and far, pester for birth dates and marriage dates. You read history books, and jot down notes on events that might have influenced the life of your ancestor. Early on, you discover that what Aunt Jane told you about her grandfather needs a bit of backing-up. In other words, stories may get twisted in the telling over the years or maybe Aunt Jane's memory is slipping "just a bit". Some one may tell you that their father came to Canada when he was only a babe in arms - don't be surprised if in your research, you discover that it was really his grandfather who was the babe in arms when the family emigrated to this continent (and it may not have been Canada to which they came!). You need both - the folk or family stories handed down from generation to generation in the family, as well as the documents or other official sources to prove or disprove these tales. One thing I have found, there is usually some truth in these family tales, maybe twisted or garbled, but truth never-the-less.

One such story was told to me several years ago by an elderly cousin. Point of fact: he was my grandmother's first cousin. I have never attempted to verify or disprove the story, just accepted it as a family story.

According to this cousin, our branch of the family had at one time lived near a lake. Lake Scugog, I would imagine. One day the men of the family were away -possibly cutting brush or perhaps off to market. It was an early winter day and the woman of the house was busy with her household duties. Chancing to glance out the window she was upset to see an Indian slipping out of the stable with a young pig under his arm. Probably that pig was meant to be the winter supply of meat for the Harman household. To see this Indian calmly making off with her familie's winter meat thoroughly angered the good wife. She snatched up her husband's gun and opening the door, shot the Indian. Her aim must have been good for she dispatched him in short order, and she quickly retrieved the pig and returned it to the barn. But now that the heat of the moment had passed, cooler thoughts occurred to her. Had the Indian been alone? Did he have family or friends waiting nearby, who might come looking for him when he failed to return? She had no wish to be at the receiving end of any reprisal action. She decided to dispose of the body. Loading it onto a small hand sled, she pulled her burden out onto the ice of the lake, where she chopped a hole large enough to accomodate the body. The icy waters below could keep her secret.

My research into the Harman background started in much the same way as I have just menioned. I had always been interested in recording my family's statistical data. Even when I was still in school I kept a

special book in which were listed all my cousins and their parents, complete with birth dates and where they had been born. However, it wasn't until six years ago that I began to do than record the marriages, etc. of these cousins. Thanks to a nudge from our oldest daughter, who had been bit by the "genealogy bug", I began to update my family information. At my daughter's suggestion, we ordered early Ontario census at the Regina city library - on inter-library loan - to see if we could find the next generation "back" on our family tree.

The information on our Harman line was vague but we did know that our people had been living in Saintfield (in Reach Twp.) in 1884. The closest census available to that time was for the year 1871. So that was what we ordered - 1871 census for Reach Twp. of Ontario County.

But in the meantime, a census for 1871 Victoria County, where I hoped to find another branch of the family, had arrived at the library. Imagine my surprise, when paging through this census for Victoria County, to discover my Harman family living in Mariposa Twp. Peter Harman, and his wife, Almyra, and four children.

Since then I have made it a habit to always look through census reels from stem to stern, because you never know when when another member of the family may be living a mile or two down the road - or a half dozen pages further on on the micro-film.

January of 1979 was really when my family history research began, when I began to do more than write letters to relatives. That was when I had found Peter & Almyra Harman in Mariposa instead of Reach Twp. where I had thought they would be. A couple months later, my husband & I, and our daughter & her husband went on a trip to California. Realizing that our route would take us close to Salt Lake City, we decided to stop there for a few days. For any of you not "up on genealogical research": Salt Lake City has one of the greatest collections of genealogical material available any where in the world. The L.D.S. church there has been collecting on microfilm and microfiche, copies of records from all over the world. Church records, Wills, land records, census - anything and everything. They have in their collection the same Ontario land records that you find here at the Ontario Archives or in your local land registry office. It was in these land records in Salt Lake City that I discovered that Peter's parents had lived on Lot 7 of the first Concession of Mariposa Twp. Adam & Mary Harman. They had purchased that lot of land in 1842. A search of the 1861 census revealed Adam & Mary's household, where it also recorded that Adam was born in Canada in about 1790. Or at least, that is what he told the enumerator.

Over the next few months many theories came to mind - would Adam have been the son of an United Empire Loyalist? had his family come from the States? had his people been Pennsylvania Dutch? Where had Adam been born and where had he lived prior to 1842? In an attempt to come up with some answers to these questions I read a good many books, and checked indexes for the Harman name. Many books do not have an index, in which case you read through the book, page by page, line by line, looking for any familiar name. In this way I found out about the Harmans who had lived in King Twp., but at that time I had no way of making any family connection.

It was not until the following February - of 1980 - when my husband and I made a trip to Toronto, that things began to click together.

The elderly cousin, who I mentioned earlier, told us about a Harman ancestor, a girl who's name he couldn't remember, who would walk from Mariposa to visit in King Twp. So that she could find her way on the return journey, she would drop twists of paper behind her. Because of this little story, I reasoned that our family must have had family

connections in King - why else would this un-named girl have undertaken such a hazardous walk?

A stop at the Ontario Archives was next on our agenda. There I looked in the land records of King Twp. for these Harmans who were supposed to have settled there early in the 19th century. That was a real find. There, along with various other Harmans, was an Adam Harman who had been buying & selling land between the years of 1830 to 1860. That same day, my cousin Joan Gillies, who lives in King City, contacted Elizabeth Gilham on my behalf, to see if she had any information that might be of assistance. Mrs. Gilham produced for our inspection an 1837 voters list of the township. This list contained the names of several Harmans, among them an A. Harman who lived on Lot 5 on the 3rd Con. The connection to the King Twp. Harmans had been made.

Further, more substantiating proof emerged over the next months as I poured over all available census records for this area of Ontario. And everywhere Harmans would come to light. It became an embarrassment of riches! I found so many Harman families who all seemed to be related, but to which branch did each family belong?? - to my Adam's family? or to William's or Henry's? or perhaps to one of the younger sons of the family, James, Charles or Joseph? It was a giant jig-saw puzzle - each child of Harman descent being a piece of the puzzle to be fitted in some where on the over-all picture. About this time, I realized that the solving of this puzzle had become one of the most important aspects of my entire research. I felt as if I almost knew these families - knew where they lived, what they did for a living, knew their children's names & ages. I followed them across the country when they left King to make new homes for themselves in other counties. Sometimes they disappeared on me, from one census year to the next, and I was to wonder to where they had travelled in search of their new beginnings.

All this time, of course, I was trying to work further backward on our Harman pedigree. We had learned the date of Henry's petition to the Crown for land - September of 1796. It was a short petition, being of only three or four lines in length, telling that he had a wife and seven children, and he thought he deserved land because he had served with General Knyphausen during the recent war. The recent war of which he spoke would, of course, have been the War of Independence between the American Colonies and England. I proceeded to read about this war. My request forms for inter-library loan books began to center around books dealing with battles and soldiers. I learned that Gen. Knyphausen had brought a Regiment of Fusiliers to America from Germany near the beginning of the war. Unfortunately, for our research, after the first year of service in America, the General received a promotion. He was put in charge of the entire German mercenary contingent - a total of some 30,000 men. Now I was faced with the problem of trying to decide just what our Henry had meant by saying he had served with Gen. Knyphausen. Had Henry been in the original Fusilier regiment or was he merely one of those 30,000? That problem is not so easily solved from a distance of two hundred years; especially when I must do my research in Regina, hundreds of miles from the scene of action. The answer to that and other questions about Henry and his wife, Esther, prior to their arrival in Canada, have continued to evade me. It is like a brick wall stopping further research backwards in time.

I have found that most family historians face this problem of brick walls at one time or another. A brick wall that repulses all efforts to get beyond it. However I have learned not to waste time in fruitless searches, but instead I move on to other aspects of the family's history, or perhaps turn to researching an all together different branch of the family. In the case of the Harman brick wall, I turned my attention to

reconstructing the family as it has descended from Henry & Esther. In this endeavor I have tried such things as placing Harman queries in genealogical periodicals and, in turn, answering queries from other people who were looking for similar family names. When those sources proved slim I wrote letters to Harmans that I found listed in phone books. Two cousins were directed to write to me by Mr. Britnell, who lives here in Ontario - having Harmans in his own ancestral background (but of Irish descent) he had made note of one of my earlier queries in the Ontario genealogical newsletter. Consequently, thanks to his help, two valuable family contacts have been made.

As you will have realized - all these contacts mean writing hundreds of letters. I have often thought that if all genealogists and family historians were to stop writing letters, the post office would have nothing more to do! It was because of this fact of writing letters to each new found cousin, trying to give them all the information that I had collected on the family, and then in turn, endeavoring to pass their information onto the rest of the cousins - that I realized that I had become a central store-house of Harman family information. It was this thought that prompted the idea of a family newsletter.

A question that is quite often asked of people who are working on their family tree, is "what are you going to do with the "tree" and all it's stories? Are you going to write a book" they ask. Many family historians do put their final efforts into print in a book form; some print family newsletters which are distributed regularly each year; some people place their binders & files of material in the Archives or in libraries; and still others store it all in a box on the top shelf to gather dust and maybe, a few years hence, to be chucked out into the garbage by an unappreciative son or daughter. Personally I have always hoped to some day put the Harman story into book form. BUT there is still so much unknown about the family. Even on my own branch of the family there are too many unknowns, too many who are only names - where are their descendants today? While I realize it is an impossible dream to think of being able to document every single descendant of Henry & Esther, still it would be nice to have a fair sampling of family information from each branch. And so a family newsletter seemed the answer for now.

A newsletter would put into print the information that we have on our Harmans at present, and as more data is uncovered it can be shared with everyone at once. Also our problems can be shared, and perhaps help will be found from another reader of the newsletter. It is a year ago since these thoughts were first broached and the first newsletter was printed in March of this year. I think that I can safely say that it has been a success - we are sharing our Harman information between a growing number of cousins and other interested persons.

This trip to Toronto has proved to be fruitfull in that more information has come to light and additional contacts have been established with new cousins. My thanks go to Leonard Harman and his family for arranging this meeting today. Leonard has been kind enough to chauffeur me around to different places in King Twp. that have been associated with our Harman ancestors. On Lot 5 of the 3rd Con. there is a house built by my gr.gr.gr.grandfather, Adam Harman in 1847. The present lady of the house, Mrs. Osborne was very hospitable and showed us through her home. Which, by the way, with it's fresh white siding and modern look, you would never believe was 140 years old. In the ceiling of the rum pus room in the basement, however, the true origins of the house have been maintained. The ceiling beams were made from tree trunks, split in half, the largest of which must have been 30 inches across.

Another site of family importance is, of course, this lot of land upon which we are gathered today. Henry received official title to



THE HOUSE THAT ADAM BUILT
 Presently owned by Mr. & Mrs. Osborne, the house is situated on the NE corner of the lot of land that Adam Harman purchased in 1837. Our previous issue of this newsletter has on p. 64 a picture of this same house taken about 85 years ago.

this land in 1802, tho' we are certain that he must have been in residence upon it at least five years previous to that. I was most anxious to take some snap shots of the area, to show to the folks at home, what had become of Lot 77 of the first Con. of King. Rather like the "before and after" shots you so often see, altho' in this case I was minus the "before" picture.

I should think that in my attempts to get pictures that I have come in closer contact with the soil of Lot 77 than any other descendant has for many years. I mean - literally - contact! Through a mis-step I took a slide down a muddy creek bank and arose with considerable of King township clay upon my person. For all I know, I may be the first of Henry's descendants to slide down that particular creek bank since Henry & Esther's children were doing it in 1800!!

There are several other aspects of my research into the lives of lives of our Harman ancestors which could be touched upon. In particular, the wander-lust which seemed to stike our people at the end of the last century. However, I think you have had enough of my ramblings for today. Some of you may have questions which you would like to approach me with afterwards - I will try my best to come up with the answers.

Again I shoul like to thank Leonard Harman for originating the idea of this meeting and of being the mainstay of the whole thing. I want to thank you for your attention, and also for your attendance here today.

This creek still wanders across Lot 77, surrounded now by townhouses and modern homes, it has become a landscaped green area. Use your imagination and picture this same creek as it must have appeared to Henry and his family 190 years ago.



ESTHER ROGERS (1845 - 1915)

by Trudy Ramsay

To say that a baby born in 1845 came from a line of hardy pioneer stock may seem strange to us living in 1984. But strange as it may seem, it was indeed true of a baby girl born in King Township to Joel and Margaret Rogers on August 7, in 1845. Some of her ancestors had come to America some two hundred years earlier as part of the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts. Later ancestors had pioneered in Pennsylvania and Vermont before moving north to King Twp. in York County.

This baby, destined to be the only girl born to this family, was named Esther - perhaps for her mother's sister, Esther or perhaps for her gr.grandmother, Esther Harman, or perhaps it was for both of them. At any rate it was a name that had been in the family for some time and has continued being passed down even to this present generation.

Esther's early childhood years were spent in and around the area where she was born - no doubt close to her many cousins and kinfolk. Two little brothers were added to the family. Calvin was born in 1848 when Esther was three and Ezra in 1851 when she was six. With brother Oliver who was two years older than Esther, it was a fine little family for Joel and Margaret.

But the blood of those adventuresome pioneers that coursed through both Joel and Margaret's veins was now urging them to leave the settled land area and head further west. So it was that in 1854, nine year old Esther moved to Huron County with her parents and her brothers. Her father, Joel is credited with having built the first frame house in the township. This house was built near the "town plot" of Howick which is near Fordwich, Ontario. Esther's parents also kept the first public house in that area. In fact mother Margaret's tombstone carries this inscription: - "First Mistress of a House in Fordwich". Father Joel was involved in planning for the first school in the area which was constructed in 1857 so now it was back to regular schooling for Esther. Perhaps she had been needed at home before the school was built anyway. Along with the rigors of settling in to a new area the Rogers family had added another little brother to the family. John was born 1 April 1856 but he was only to stay with them for five weeks and one day. Another heartache for the family was the fact that little Ezra was now blind due to the sharp claws of a cat. As a result a contempt for felines pervades several descendants of the family to this day.

The years flew by and soon Esther was saying good-bye to her teenage years. Romance entered the picture somewhere in her early twenties but, alas, another heartache was in store for the Rogers' family. On 3 Oct. 1869, twenty-four year old Esther Rogers gave birth to a baby boy whose father had chosen not to take the responsibilities that should have been his. Esther was blessed with parents that gave her the support she so desperately needed at this time. Little Joel Ransom was given a home and the tender love of grandparents as well as a mother's love and care. For the next ten years Esther remained in the home of her parents, committed to the task of raising a son.

Another heartache in the community was to make a profound change in Esther's life, and that was the death of William Andrew's wife - a mother of five small children. Soon after her death, William left with his twelve year old son Bryon for what is now Manitoba. There he bought a homestead. Leaving Byron with relatives, he returned to Ontario that fall to make preparations to move his family west in the spring. When spring came he not only had four children to take West to the homestead, but also a new bride. 30 April 1879 marked the wedding day of William

Registered at *Howick*

I Herby Certify, that on the *thirtieth* day of *April*

in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-*nine*

the Rite of **Holy Matrimony** was duly solemnized by me, by authority of *Licence*

between *William Andrew* of the Township of *Howick* in

the County of *Huron* Province of *Ontario* Dominion of Canada,

and *Esther Rogers*

County of *Huron* Province of *Ontario* and Dominion *afforesaid*.

Witness my Hand at *Howick* this *30th* day of *April* 1879

Witnesses, { *Thomas Clayford*
Matilda Rogers

R. J. Howland

Officiating Minister.



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Above: William & Esther Andrew's wedding picture.

To the left: Marriage certificate Of Esther Rogers & William Andrew in Howick Twp. 30 April 1879.

Below: Wm. & Esther's family. Standing beside Wm. is their son, William Ezra.



Andrew and Esther Rogers. Shortly after the marriage the newly weds and the children: Edna (11), Ransom (10), Maria (7), Ernest (3), and Annie (2) left for the homestead in the West. They travelled to St. Paul, Minnesota, and from there the trip was made by stage and covered wagon. For the older children it must have been a very exciting experience but for the newly weds I am not so sure!

Balmoral, Manitoba, some thirty miles north of Winnipeg was the destination eventually reached and here the Andrew home was established. Esther's husband, William took an active part in the development of the settlement. He served on the Council, took part in politics and served as police magistrate. This must have reminded Esther of her own father's active role in Huron County some 25 years earlier. No doubt Esther's thoughts often returned to that dear home and the dear parents so many miles away. A letter from Esther's mother, Margaret, reads: "Esther, I often dream of you and Ransom I think because we think in the daytime so much about our being so far apart it makes it better when we get a letter and hear that you are all well and a-doing well. We are all very glad that Ransom is a-learning so fast it will be so nice for him to write to us some of his little funny tricks that him and Byron has. I am glad that the children all agrees so well and you and William be good to each other. Oh I wish we could see you all i could talk better than write for my head nor eyes is not very good."

And another letter, dated 22 March 1880, cautioning Esther to be careful of herself. The cause for concern arrived exactly two months later and was named William Ezra (my grandfather). The news of his safe arrival was very likely a comfort to mother Margaret back east. The next year Esther announced the arrival of another son, Alfred John, to the folks back east.

A letter from the east dated 22 February 1882 did not contain such joyful tidings. It reads: "Mother was taken sick last Thursday and was very sick allweek (sic) and this morning she went to sleep at fifteen minutes to nine to wake in heaven our loss here but her gain she has fought the good fight, she has kept the faith she will ware a crown of glory...We tried to do all we could but of no use she will be berried on saterday at two oclock we must all look to Jesus and he will give us grace to stand the triles. Hoping if we never meet in this world that we will in the better world where parting is no more. They are just putting her in her coffin she looks as if she was sleeping".

So it was that in 1883 when the joyful tidings came once again announcing the arrival of another little babe in the Andrew home, only Grandpa Joel was there to receive the special news that this time it was a little girl. She was named Margaret Esther for those two special girls in Grandpa Joel's life. But Grandpa Joel didn't have much to live for now that Margaret was gone and Esther so far away. In 1884 the news came that Grandpa Joel was gone too.

The year 1885 promised better things - Esther's grieving heart was comforted with another son born 4 January 1885, that they named Oliver Richard. That year brother Ezra and his wife Phoebe, moved to Balmoral area which no doubt was also a great comfort to Esther.

The 1880's must have been busy years for Esther. Her last child was born in 1888. She would have had her hands full of babies, and little tots, but there were also older children to think about as well. Imagine the task of satisfying the appetites of boys growing into men, like Byron and Ransom. And then Edna and Maria must be taught to cook and sew and become good housekeepers. Many years after Esther's death, one of Maria's nieces asked her "What kind of step-mother was Esther to you?" Her reply was "She was a wonderful mother to me. She taught me every-

Fordwick February 1882
Dear Brother and Sister I now write

to you to let you know we received
your kind and welcome letter

and glad to hear that you was
all well and hope that this

will find you the same

mother was taken sick last
Thursday and was very sick.

at 11 o'clock on this morning she
went to sleep at fifteen

minutes to nine to wake in
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she has fought the good fight

she has kept the faith she

will wear a crown of glory

before we thought she would

get better we had three

Doctors to see her Dr. Mc

betwey Dr. hony Dr. brown

we thought she all we could
but of no use she will be
blessed on saturday at 11 o'clock
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to Jesus and he will give
us grace to stand we hope
hoping if we never meet
in this world that we will
in the better world where he
will be no more

good by I love your loving

Brother Elyza Rogers

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her coffin she looks as good

was & sleeping

Page of the letter received by the
Andrew family telling of mother,
Margaret Roger's death.

thing I know". That said a lot as Maria was a spotless housekeeper, a superb cook and an excellent seamstress. Besides teaching and training the girls, Ernie and Annie would be needing their share of attention and training, too. In 1887 nineteen year old Edna was married, making one less Andrew in the household. However baby Calvin's arrival in early 1888 helped to fill the gap.

The 90's were the growing years for Esther & William's family. Maria became Mrs. Robert Williams in 1898. The boys were fast becoming men, involved in hauling cordwood and farming. A band was started in 1893 and William and several of their boys played in it, making music for all of Balmoral. In 1893 son, Ransom, took Rachel Coverdale as his bride and began a home of his own.

Whether it was adventure, the pioneering spirit or the need of more farmland for the boys, but the early spring of 1903 saw William, along with his son, Ernest, and Maria's husband, heading west once again. They finally arrived in Saskatoon and headed north-west looking for good farm land. Their choice was made in the area now known as Maymont, then known as the North West Territories. William returned to Balmoral to prepare for the trip west. During the latter part of June, Esther again bade her husband good-bye as he set off with son, Alfred, Maria and her husband and their little boy. They would build a house for Robert and Maria and a house for William and Esther, as well as break some sod and put up some hay. For the third time in her life Esther was making plans for a move west. But this move would be different. In the past, it had always meant saying good-bye to kinfolk and loved ones. This time the whole family would be going - well almost. Edna and her husband and family would be staying in Balmoral but Maria was already out west waiting to welcome the step-mother she had learned to love. Alfred and Ernest were there already as well. As for the rest - they, too, were making plans to move west.

William returned to Balmoral in the fall to sell the farm and make the final preparations for moving in the spring.

On 1 March 1904 the Andrew clan bade Balmoral a fond good-bye. Esther and her husband, William would travel by passenger train, along with Margaret, Calvin, Annie, and Ransom and his wife and their four children. Billy (William Ezra) and Oliver would travel with two carloads of settler's effects which included ten horses, ten head of cattle, implements, household effects, crushed grain for feed, a big sow and two dogs. The trip went fine for the boys until they encountered a spring blizzard in the Regina area. Their train got stuck and after three attempts finally made it to Saskatoon. Now they had a seventy mile journey to make with team and sleighs to move the two carloads of settler's equipment to the homestead. Because of more storms it took the boys (and their brothers who had met them in Saskatoon) eight days to make the seventy mile trip.

Since William & Esther could not watch the "National" and learn the extent of the storms and the halt it called to travelling, they decided that surely the boys had gotten lost in the storm or perhaps even been involved in a train wreck. William set out to look for the boys. When he came to the Twin Lakes, William took the south trail around the lakes not realizing how near his boys were - just across the lake on the north trail heading west to the homestead. They pulled into the homestead after dark that night to see their mother standing there holding a lantern in her hand. Although the boys had never been there before they felt that they were "home" with Mother their guiding light welcoming them at the end of the trail.

The summer that followed was a busy one for this pioneer lady as well as for the men. Her home was "home" to Ransom and his family until such

time as they could get their house built. In addition to these six "extra guests", several of the old Balmoral friends and neighbors came to find homesteads, and it was only natural for them to come to the Andrew home. A lot of strangers passed this way looking for their "dream", too, and soon the Andrews became well known for their hospitality.

Young ladies, in these early settlements, were usually eagerly sought after and young Margaret Esther was no exception. On Christmas Day in 1906, Esther saw her daughter become a bride - Mrs. S.R. Miller. A little over a year later Esther also saw her daughter become a mother, but the usual joy at the birth of a grandson was not to last long. A few days later, mother and son were buried together.

Esther's sons had all taken homesteads within a few miles of the Andrew home. As improvements on the homestead were made, it seems the boys all had the same idea - that of taking a wife! The youngest son, Calvin, took a wife in 1908, followed by the second youngest son, Oliver in 1910.

About this time William hired a helper for his aging Esther. Young Carrie Campbell, who had come to the area from Nova Scotia a few years earlier with her parents, seemed a suitable choice. However, son Billy seemed to feel that she was also a suitable choice for that special improvement needed on his homestead, so in March of 1912 Esther's hired girl became her daughter-in-law. Carrie (my grandmother) who must have known Esther well, had a very high regard for her. Esther's other son, Alfred also married that same year.

A special outing for Esther was planned for 22 October 1915. Oliver's wife, Lil, was to come by with the horse and buggy to take her to visit Calvin's wife, Min, who lived a few miles off. After a nice afternoon of visiting and a tasty supper, Lil & Esther started home. Esther felt rather uncomfortable as they started off but thought she had eaten some thing that didn't agree with her. A little ways down the road the pain became so intense that Lil had to stop and loosen Esther's clothing in hopes of relieving the pressure, then she urged the horses on to Maria's house which was not too far ahead. There they tried to make her comfortable and quickly sent for William and the doctor. Although William only had a mile to come, he was not in time. Her last trip from Calvin and Min's place to Maria's home was a westward one. At Maria's she would have turned north to travel the last mile home. Perhaps it was fitting that her last journey should be made facing the setting sun at the end of the day. Had she not always in her lifetime looked and travelled westward to lands of greater opportunity? To those who make the preparations for that final journey, even greater opportunities await.

BRANCHES

Meet some more of our members and see how they are connected to the HARMAN "TREE".....

Another Branch #5 (for more thought on this Branch, please read p.98.
HENRY HARMAN - b. ? d. 1818, King Twp., md. Esther ?

? (for now an unknown missing link)

BENJAMIN HARMAN - b. c1822, d. 1881 Bradford Village, Ont. Md. Elizabeth ?

MARY HARMAN - b 11 Sept. 1849, King Twp.: d. 1 Oct. 1894, Bradford, Ont.
md. Thomas John Saint.

LEONARD SAINT - b. 19 July 1885, Bradford, Ont.:d. 9 Sept. 1930, W.Guill-
mbury: md. 14 Nov. 1909 Eva Mae McMMain.

KENNETH SAINT - b. 9 July 1916, Bradford, Ont.: md. 11 Sept. 1954 to
Evelyn Smith Petrie.

submitted by Kenneth Saint,
90 Scanlon Ave., Bradford, Ont.

Welcome to Branch #61.....

HENRY HARMAN - b ? : d. 1818: md. Esther ?

CHARLES HARMAN - b. King Twp.:d. 10 April 1877, King Twp. md. Phoebe.

MARY JANE HARMAN - b. c1827:d. 25 Jan. 1886,King Twp.:md. Robert Hainstock.

ROBERT HAINSTOCK - b.14 May 1858,Aurora,Ont.:d.11 June 1939, Shoal Lake,
Manitoba: md. Annie Maria Snider 4 April 1888.

NELLIE BLANCHE HAINSTOCK - b. 17 Jan. 1889,Kelloe, Man.: d. 17 Jan.1952,
Vancouver, B.C.: md. 30 May 1912 Peter L. Hyde.

ROBERT VERNON HYDE - b. 13 Aug. 1916,Shoal Lake, Man.: md. 1)Eileen E.
Mayer. 2) Edith D. McDonald.

submitted by Robert Vernon Hyde,
Box 388, Peachland, B.C.

As we have quite a backlog of members who have never had their Branches
printed, lets do a couple more for this issue.

And here is Branch #51.....

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

WILLIAM HARMAN - b. 17 May 1798 (?);d. 7 Feb. 1879, King Twp.;md. Mary ?

WILLIAM HARMAN - b. 18 Oct. 1821, King Twp.; d. 23 Oct. 1882, King Twp.:
md. 13 Jan. 1847 Phoebe Stooks.

RICHARD HARMAN - b.14 March 1848, King Twp.: d. 28 Jan. 1932, King Twp.:
md. Jemima Ireland.

ARWOOD HARMAN - b.17 Sept. 1879, King Twp.: d. 13 Oct. 1969, King Twp.:
md. Janet MacDonald.

MAE HARMAN - b. 3 May 1920, King Twp.

submitted by Mae Harman
1024 Victoria Ave., Windsor,
Ontario.



A NUMBERING SYSTEM

by Marie Svedahl.

With such a large family, with all it's many branches and even more numerous descendants, it is proving difficult to keep our Harmans "straight". When some one says "Henry Harman" - just who are they referring to? I believe at last count, the original Henry had at least five descendants named Henry Harman, ranging from his son, Henry to several great grandsons. The lines & names are becoming so tangled that I have decided to adopt a numbering system for my own records. Then I relized that any of you who are doing active research might be interested in my system, and possibly would like to use it, too.

Originally I read about this system in Eric Jonasson's book - "Untangling the Tree", but I have added a couple of modifications of my own.

The main point in this method is that each descendant of our original Henry has their very own identifying number. My number is H343121. No one else has that particular number, and it can be a help in filing material as well identifying persons in articles and stories. Each character or digit represents one generation, thus, as there are six characters in my number you will know that I am of the sixth generation descended from Henry. The H in the number stands for Henry Harman; the next digit (3) tells that that person was Henry's third child; (4) signifies the fourth child of (3), and so on. The only draw-back to this system is when there are more than nine children in a family - the number ten (10) has two digits, and would therefore throw our whole system out of whack. Consequently, whenever we find a family with ten or more children, we will resort to the alphabet to distinguish the tenth (and more) children. Wherever possible children will be listed in order of their birth in their respective families, however the beauty of this method is that additional names may be added without disrupting the whole chart. If, after your chart is completed, it is discovered that some one had seven children instead of the five which were listed, these names can be added at the bottom of the list of their siblings, given their own number and no rearranging of numbers needed. For example, should we discover that Henry & Esther had more children than the eight that we know of at present, these names can be added to the bottome of the list and numbered "9" & "A" & "B". True, they may not listed in correct order of birth but that is a minor problem.

The chart at the end of this article will give you an idea of how my number H343 121 is arrived at. As an added illustration, this issue's "The Family of -----" will be arranged using this system. We have used Margaret Harman's family for this operation because, as yet, there are not many descendants known on her line, only a couple of names being known on the 2nd & 3rd generations. Next issue we will revert to the old format of charting "families", however we will also include the code numbers for anyone interested in keeping a similar system.

As you can imagine, with a family as large as our Harman tribe - the finished result of such a chart can not be printed on a single page. My chart resembles medieval scroll with pages glued to pages and on & on. Any additions that are needed can be accomplished by simply cutting

across the page where the insert is to be placed. Add the insert and glue the cut edges of the scroll back to the top and bottom of the insert.

The following is how H343 121 was arrived at:

Henry Harman - 1 Margaret
2 Mary Agnes
3 Adam - 31 Mary
32 Charles
33 Esther
34 Peter - 341 Marshall
342 Katurah
343 Viala - 3431 Amanda - 34311 Alice
34312 John

→ 343121 Marie

4 Henry
5 William
6 Charles
7 James
8 Joseph

THE FAMILY

OF

MARGARET

HARMAN

Judy Brewster, our Grande Prairie, Alberta member, writes:

"Margaret Huver was one of two daughters mentioned in Henry Harman's Will in 1818, otherwise I do not have much information on our ancestor."

Perhaps, by matching some of Judy's information with the bits of data that I have come across, we may be able to come up with a picture of Margaret and her family.

Margaret would appear to be one of Henry & Esther's older children - this is deduced from the one time we have found her on King Twp. census. On the 1861 census her age is given as 78, which would give her a birth year of 1783. However in the Mortality Schedules attached to the 1871 census for King Twp. it is stated that a Margaret Hoover died in December of 1870 aged 80 years - a birth year of 1790 (if this was our Margaret). Her birth place, on the 1861 census, had been given as the United States.

We do not know the year that Margaret married Francis Hoover. However, the King Twp. Minutes & Roll of Inhabitants (in the Ontario Archives) has

MARGARET HARMAN married FRANCIS HOOVER

H Henry Harman - 1 Margaret - 1 James Hoover (1826-)
(1783-1870) 12 Joseph " - 121 Henry Hoover
md. F. Hoover (1836-1921) 122 Hannah "
md. E. Phillips 123 John "
124 Annie "
125 Jane "
126 Esther - 1261 Robert Clifford (1902
(1872-1950) 1262 Wallace John (1904
md. R. Brewster 1263 Dorothy Alice (1907
1264 Kenneth (1910-1968)
1265 Morley Phillip (1913
127 Mary Hoover
128 Lydia "
129 Alice Cynthia Hoover
12A William Joseph "
12B Melville "

H12641 Donald Kenneth Brewster (1939
12642 Gordon Alvin Brewster (1943
12643 Alfreda Jean Brewster (1946
12644 Betty Ann Brewster (1948
12645 Aubrey Brewster - 126451 Jeffrey
(1951
md. J. Bickell

We know that Margaret & Francis had more than two children.
When more is known about this family we will repeat this chart
with all additional information.
Anyone with information on this family, contact:

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T8V 4W9

a Francis Hoover and family resident there in 1812. There are no Hoover families in King Twp. in 1811, but beginning in 1812 and through until 1823, which was the last year the township recorded their inhabitants, the Francis Hoover family was there. What is more they were recorded right after the Harman family on the roll of names. Perhaps I should state here that this list of names was not written alphabetically, or in family groups, but instead appears to record the households in the order in which their homes would appear on a map, starting at the NE corner of the township. For instance, James Rogers, who lived on L95 of the first Con. was always the first family recorded on these lists, and the Harmans would appear part way down the page - or at least, the majority of them would, after the first few times Adam wasn't recorded with the rest of the family, giving rise to the thought that he had already moved further west from Yonge street. So I am guessing that Margaret & Francis Hoover were living on Lot 76 or 75 of the first Con. at this time.

From these records it is possible to guess at the approximate birth years for the children in the family. Unfortunately, we do not have names for these children, we only know whether they were male or female. As the census were always taken in the first three months of the year, and a new child is recorded with the family - the odds are three to one that "he" was born in the previous year.

Francis & Margaret had a boy born 1811 or 12
 " " " a boy " 1815 or 16
 " " " a boy and a girl born 1820 or 21 (??)
 " " " a girl born 1822 or 23

The 1823 Roll states that in Francis Hoover's household there were: Francis, 1 female, 3 male children under 16, 2 female children under 16.

Our next record of this family is in the 1837 Directory for York & Simcoe Co. where Francis is reported to be on Lot 5, Con.4 of King.

Again we must bemoan the fact that the 1851 census for King Twp. is not complete - Francis Hoover doesn't appear. However in 1861 they are recorded on Reel #1088 page 53 of King Twp. The enumerator's hand writing is not the best, but it appears to read:

HOOVER, Francis	- farmer	- (born)U.S.A.	- (relig)W.	- (age) 94(?)
Margaret		"	"	78(or 98)
James	farmer	Can. W.	"	55 (or 35)
Joseph	labourer	"	"	23
HUFFMAN, Jacob	"	"	"	19
BROWN, Esther	servant	"	"	17

On this same census for 1861, there are several other young Hoover families in the district who might be other sons of Francis & Margaret but that is only guessing. As it is only guessing, to wonder if the two young people recorded with the Hoover family, Jacob Huffman and Esther Brown, might be grandchildren rather than just hired help from the neighborhood. But it is a thought to keep in mind.

Both Francis & Margaret appear to have died between the 1861 census and the next census in 1871.

At the time of the above Joseph Hoover's marriage in 1864, he gave his parent's names as Francis Hoover and Margaret Woodhouse. At the time of his death in 1921 at Stroud, Ontario, his parents were listed as Francis Hoover and ? Harmon.

Very obviously the information doesn't "jive" and one is left to speculate. Where does Woodhouse fit in? Was Margaret married to a "Mr." Woodhouse before marrying Francis? Or is Joseph a grandson rather than a son of Margaret & Francis? They could have had a son, Francis who md. a Margaret Woodhouse - there is enough time lapse for that to be: what is the correct answer? Judy Brewster would appreciate any help available.

PROBATES

Thanks go to Mr. Wm. Britnell for the following piece of information which he came across in his research.

HOME DISTRICT PROBATE RECORDS:

Anne Louisa HERMON, dau of CHAS BOLTON of Bolton who died 1863.

Catherine, wife of HENRY HARMAN, dau of GEO GOWER of Whitchurch who died 1855.

Hannah, wife of JACOB HARMAN, dau of LEWIS POWELL of E.Gwillimbury who died 1834.

Jane H.HARMAN, dau of John Thirsk of E.Gwillimbury who died 1862.

Henry's grandson

BENJAMIN HARMAN.....

Our feature for this issue, Benjamin Harman, was born c1823, however we don't have any proof as yet of his parentage. By the time of the 1851 census, Benjamin was married already and had his own family, and so we are unable to have the helping-aid of finding him as a youth on a census, living at home with his parents. Your Editor's personal choice would be to place Benjamin on Charles branch of the family. Why? because names of his children are more similar to the names on that line than to any of the others. Admittedly this is no proof, but at least it is a place to start looking for proof or to find evidence to the contrary.

Benjamin and his wife, Elizabeth and their family are recorded twice on the 1851(52) census. First, on the King Twp. returns he is a labourer, and then he and his family must have moved, because they are recorded again, this time in the East Guillmbury census. To date we haven't found Benjamin on the 1861 census - did the enumerator miss him or were Benjamin and his family not in E. Guillmbury Twp. to be recorded?

In 1871 he and his family were living in Bradford village, where he is, again, classed as a labourer. The agricultural census, taken at the same time, records that altho' he wasn't a land owner, he did own and keep two swine.

By the time of the 1881 census Benjamin had died but his family was still residing in Bradford. Benjamin was buried in the Anglican Cemetery at Holland Landing, and on his tomb stone are written the following dates: 1823 - 1881.

FAMILY UNIT

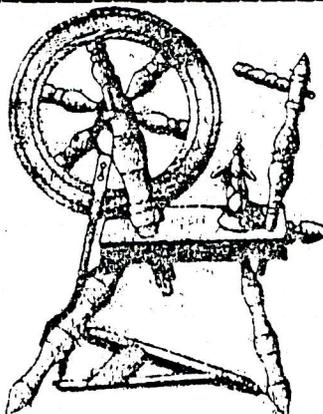
FAMILY UNIT Form JMH1977

HUSBAND BENJAMIN HARMAN
 Son of ? Harman
 and Wife _____
 Birth Date 1823
 Place of Birth _____
 Death Date 1 MAR. 1881
 Place of Death Bradford, Ont.
 Residence King Twp./Bradford
 Occupation labourer
 Church Methodist
 Other Wives _____
 Date of Marriage _____

WIFE ELIZABETH ?
 Daughter of _____
 and Wife _____
 Birth Date c1824
 Place of Birth _____
 Death Date 17 FEB. 1901
 Place of Death Bradford, Ont.
 Residence King Twp./ Bradford
 Occupation _____
 Church _____
 Other Husbands _____
 Place of Marriage _____

M. F.	CHILDREN'S NAMES	BIRTH		DEATH		MARRIAGE		NO.
		WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	TO WHOM	
f	Phoebe Ann	<u>21 JAN.</u>	1845	28 July	1926		Arthur Movsely	
f	Mary	11 Sept.	1849	1 Oct.	1894		Thomas J.Saint	
m	Henry Charles	<u>7 SEPT.</u>	1852	19 Feb.	1941		Annie M.Saint	
f	Jane		1857		1876			
m	John	<u>7 NOV.</u>	1858		1940		Mary J.Sweezie	
m	Benjamin J.A.		1862	7 Aug.	1899		Eliz Jane Stone	
m	R.H.Arthur	20 Jan.	1869	7 Jan.	1950		Sarah A.Wolven	

SOURCES: Ken Saint:Robert Harman: Ontario census.



Meet Our Member

....DOUG ALLEN.....



The old railroad city of St. Thomas Ontario, somewhat remembered for the demise of that famous circus elephant Jumbo, is my birth place. On 16 Sept. 1947, I was born to Lloyd & Eleanor Allen, nee Taylor. I am the middle child, with an older sister and a younger rother.

I was fortunate to live just a few blocks from my grandmother Taylor and I spent countless days there over the years, choring around the yard or just visiting, hoping eventually to be invited for supper. (Isn't it amazing how grandmothers always seem to cook so much better than our mothers!).

Often I would ask her questions about her parents or grandparents but didn't really learn much about them. Little did I know that, upstairs, she had drawers full of pictures, although many of them were unmarked. Unfortunately most of these photos were disposed of in 1973 after Grandma's death. Oh, if only I had been more persistent back then, what might I have been able to learn?

In the fall of 1971, I moved westward to Chatham, Ontario, where I began teaching.. After teacher's College I had spent an extra year at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Ed., training to teach Industrial Arts, so I was quite pleased to have the opportunity to do so in Chatham. A few years later I began teaching Geography part time along with the Industrial Arts, and since I had majored in Geography at University it was nice to be able to use it finally. This year the Board of Education has eliminated Industrial Arts and instead they will be sending me their Special Education classes. Should be an interesting change!

Along the way, I managed to marry Mary Patricia Slota on 21 July 1972 and we now have two boys: Mark born 11/11/76 and Eric, born 07/08/79.

Unfortunately, I have only been interested in genealogy for about three years and now that my grandparents are gone, much of the family history has gone with them. But I am gradually piecing it together and even finding the occasional picture. Many of the lines on my mother's side break in the years from 1800-1830 and there is a generation or two missing, and then there is more information back through the 1700's. The Harman branch is no exception as I have found my 3rd gr.grandmother, but cannot yet link her to her ancestors.

I am a member of six genealogical societies and presently the vice-chairman of Kent County Brank of the O.G.S. I am also quite busy serving as chairman of the publications committee - we have all of our cemeteries transcribed and are selling indexes to cemeteries by township on paper & microfiche copies of all the cemeteries in Kent County. The kids are involved with hockey and soccer so needless to say, I have lots to do and find it difficult just squeezing in my own genealogy. But, somehow I manage to get letters out and take the odd trip here and there and gradually turn back the hands of time in the hopes of one day finding that long lost ancestor.

PEDIGREE CHART

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Number 1 On This Chart
Is Same Person As
No. ___ On Chart ___

2 Lloyd G. ALLEN
b. 24 Sept. 1917
b.p. St. Croix, Hants Co. N.S.
m. 15 Sept. 1945
d. _____

1 Douglas Lloyd ALLEN
b. 16 Sept. 1947
b.p. St. Thomas, Ont.
m. 21 July 1972
d. _____

3 Eleanor Fidella TAYLOR
b. 11 Aug. 1920
b.p. St. Thomas, Ont.
d. _____

4 Edward ALLEN
b. 26 May 1887
b.p. Liverpool(?) England
m. 7 June 1907 Windsor, N.S.
d. 20 Mar. 1948, St. Croix, N.S.

5 Hattie MILLER
b. 17 Feb. 1890
b.p. Hantsport, Hants Co, N.S.
d. 17 Sept. 1972 Windsor, N.S.

6 Edward Freeman TAYLOR
b. 27 Nov. 1882
b.p. Comber, Ont.
m. 19 Aug. 1919, Essex, Ont.
d. 13 Oct. 1954, St. Thomas

7 Ada Minetta LAIRD
b. 12 June 1891
b.p. Essex, Ont.
d. 23 Nov. 1973, St. Thomas

8 James ALLEN
b. 1854
b.p. _____
m. _____
d. 18 Feb. 1923, England

9 Mary Ann HOLCROFT
b. _____
b.p. _____
d. c1890

10 John William MILLER
b. July 1861
b.p. Canning, Kings Co. N.S.
m. _____
d. 26 Nov. 1929 Canning, N.S.

11 Mary PEARSON
b. 27 Sept. 1871
b.p. Hantsport, Hants Co.
d. 22 June 1909, Falmouth N.S.

12 William TAYLOR
b. 12 Jan. 1845
b.p. Comber, Ont.
m. 1877
d. 5 July 1918, Essex, Ont.

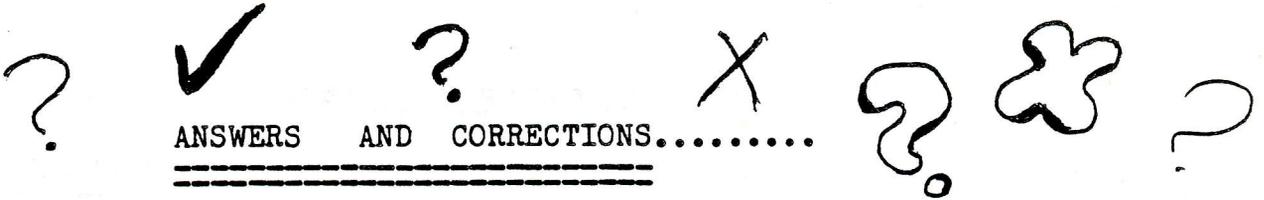
13 Sarrah Eleanot GEE
b. 3 July 1854
b.p. Gainsborough Twp. Ont.
d. 4 Feb. 1933, Comber, Ont.

14 Thomas Hamilton LAIRD
b. 5 May 1852
b.p. Prince Edward Co. Ont.
m. 13 Feb. 1884
d. 26 Feb. 1916, Essex, Ont.

★ Fidella CUTTING
b. 6 July 1862
b.p. Aurora, Ont.
d. 15 Feb. 1948, Essex, Ont.

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ANSWERS AND CORRECTIONS.....

In the past three issues a number of questions have been asked and assumptions given on family connections, names, etc. Perhaps this is the place to make corrections & supply answers which have come to light since then.

1) P.73: Vi Baycroft's Grandmother Langman, who was Mary Ann Garrow before her marriage-----

Mary Ann's parents were James & Caroline Garrow. The 1851 (52) census for King Twp., p.1, Reel #11760, has the Garrow household with Caroline a widow (aged 23), her husband (30 years) having died during the previous year of, what looks like "infection of the bowel" (the writing is hard to decipher). They were living on 50 acres on L17 C3 of King.

2) It appears that Caroline Garrow and James Harman, both were children of William Harman (H5). As was also Obediah Harman who raised his niece Mary Ann Garrow after her parent's death.

3) In issue #1 on p.13: amongst the census returns you will note James & Jane Harman & family. Cross out the name of Allen, and in place write, Ellis. The writing on that particular census entry was poor, which led to the necessity of guessing what the word was meant to be - I even thought it could be Alice, however it was supposed to be a male child. The name "Alice" wouldn't have been so far wrong tho' as apparently James & Jane did have a daughter, Alice, who in later life, ran a boarding house in Moose Jaw, Sask. where she died c1945.

4) P.24: In speaking of the Minutes of the King Twp. Meetings, I remarked that there were sometimes a gap of 2 or 3 years in recording these census. Not true. The "gaps" were all in my transcriptions of the records. Last month I had a chance to study the records again, and they are complete from 1809 to 1823. Altho' the Township Minutes continue on for many more years after 1823, the clerk no longer took a yearly roll-call of inhabitants. These Minutes are to be found on Reel #GS5864 at the Ontario Archives.

5) P.45: I asked what family connections there were betwixt the Harmans and the Case family.....

The answer, thanks to Mary Garbutt of Toronto: The first wife of William Harman (H5) died in 1856. Two years later he married a widow, Margaret Kaizer (Kizer) - her husband, Adam, had died a year or so previous. Three of Margaret's daughters, by her first marriage (Sarah, Elizabeth & Polly) married into the Case family. So, no relationship as such, but more a "case" of a family connection.

6) P.74: In his letter, Leonard Harman mentioned Mary Jane Harman, who married Wm. Stevens, as being a "full-sister" to Richard. It has since been determined that Mary Jane was Richard's "half-sister". Her mother's name was MaryAnnel (as given in parish register marriages) while Richard's mother was Phoebe Stooks (Stokes). They both are the children of William Harman Jr. (H52).

.....LETTERS & QUERIES.....

First of all, we have two queries from south of the border. At first glance they don't appear to fit onto our "tree" but one never knows. I hope that some of our readers may be able to come up with some answers for these members.....

"Looking for parents of Michael Harman & Elizabeth Reynolds married in early 1866, need date and place. Michael born 1843 in Lancaster, PA., came to Ohio _____, entered Army in 1862 at Galleon, Ohio. Michael & Elizabeth lived in Kendallville, Ill. around 1874 to _____. He is buried there. Children: Joseph Thomas & Amanda E. Need birth date & place, and death date & place of Elizabeth Reynolds Harman"

Geraldine Rogers - 2623 W. Craig Pl., San Antonio, TX, 78228.

"Would like any information on Margaret A. (also spelled Marguirette) Harman, born 18 Aug. 1837 in Ohio, died 31 Oct. 1876 at Rushville Ill. She was the wife of Alexander Bertroche, who was born in France. The 1857 census for Nicollet Co. Minn. gives their children as follows:

William B. - age 6 born Ohio
Mine 3 " "

The 1870 Ill. census.....

William B. age 12 born Minn.
Elgen 11 "
Charles & Edward -9 Ohio
Alexander 8 Canada
Wilber 4 "
Alice 2 Ill.

Later births: James born 1870

Jess born 13 Dec. 1871

Jacob " 30 Oct. 1874 & Mary (no date given)".

.....Joe Caywood - P.O. box 3, Tendoy, Idaho, U.S.A. 83468.

Many letters have been received these last couple of months, each with it's share of information. Most are bits & pieces of information that fit people, places & dates together on some one's family line. These overall "pictures" will eventually be shared in these pages. One letter was from Boissevain, Manitoba, and it contained family info on the James Harman family who migrated there nearly a hundred years ago. It wasn't the contents of the letter so much as the writer that I wanted to share with you at this time. Violet (Teddy) Green, a granddaughter of the above mentioned James, a very friendly, helpful lady. She and her husband arrived in Regina on the Sunday during Agribition - the main reason for their trip was to watch their son, Gary exhibit some cattle, but she also had an envelope containing vital genealogical information concerning her family which she wished to deliver to me. As luck would have it, our family were all out of town on that Sunday. There being no answer at the Svedahl residence, Teddy checked the phone book again. The one other Svedahl name drew an answer but no relationship (except genealogically, about 5th or 6th cousins) however that other Mrs. Svedahl knows my aunt better than she does my family, so she suggested to Teddy that she should phone my aunt, Lena Ohrt. Teddy did so. Her mission explained, she enlisted my aunt's aid in getting the message to me. But the Svedahls keep odd hours - it was midnight before we arrived home that Sunday, and the next morning we were up and gone before nine for an early optometrist appointment. We arrived home again

at 11.30 and we had a quick lunch so that my husband could go to Agribition. The phone rang - my Aunt, very frustrated by this time, delivered the message "Mrs. Green from Boissevain was at Agribition where her son was showing some cattle and she had some information for me. They had checked out of their hotel and would be returning to Manitoba as soon as their show was finished".

Suddenly I was going to Agribition! To meet a cousin I had never met before - but Agribition covers acres of land, with thousands of people milling about among hundreds of exhibits! Thank goodness, genealogy builds your deductive powers: A phone call to the Agribition office not only gave me the name of the breed of cattle that "Mr. Green from Boissevain" was showing, but exactly where in that huge complex of barns I would find his exhibit. Less than an hour after the call from my aunt, my husband & I were introducing ourselves to Teddy and her family.

Never let any one tell you that researching your family's tree is dull work! You never know where you are going to meet up with cousins - even amongst the cattle at Agribition!

And what of Teddy's family info? - I now have photo copies of pages from the James Harman family bible. I will be sharing some of that with you in the next issue in 1985.



* MARRIAGES *

From the "Newmarket Era" of 8 April 1870

"On the 31st ult. at the manse in Newmarket, by the Rev. John Brown, Mr. Thomas HARMAN to Miss Helen CAMERON, both of the township of King".

This Thomas is probably a son of James who in 1871 census is recorded as a tenant on C 3, L 18 of King. If so this would appear to be a second marriage for Thomas, as in 1871 he already had two children: Joseph, aged 11; Maria, aged 4. Thomas and his family were still in King Twp. in 1881).

Another Harman marriage gleaned from newspaper sources, this one sent to us by Wm. Britnell of Mississauga.

"The Christian Guardian" Toronto, issue of 28 March 1855 -

"Married: on the 16th inst., Robert BOYCE, of King, and Hannah HARMAN, of the same place. Rev. G.R. Sanderson. "

Hannah & her husband appear on 1861 & 1871 King census, with children: Phoebe b. c1855, Ira b. c1868. As both times they were enumerated within a page or two of William Harman, one could be tempted to guess that Hannah was William's daughter, but it would only be a guess.

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