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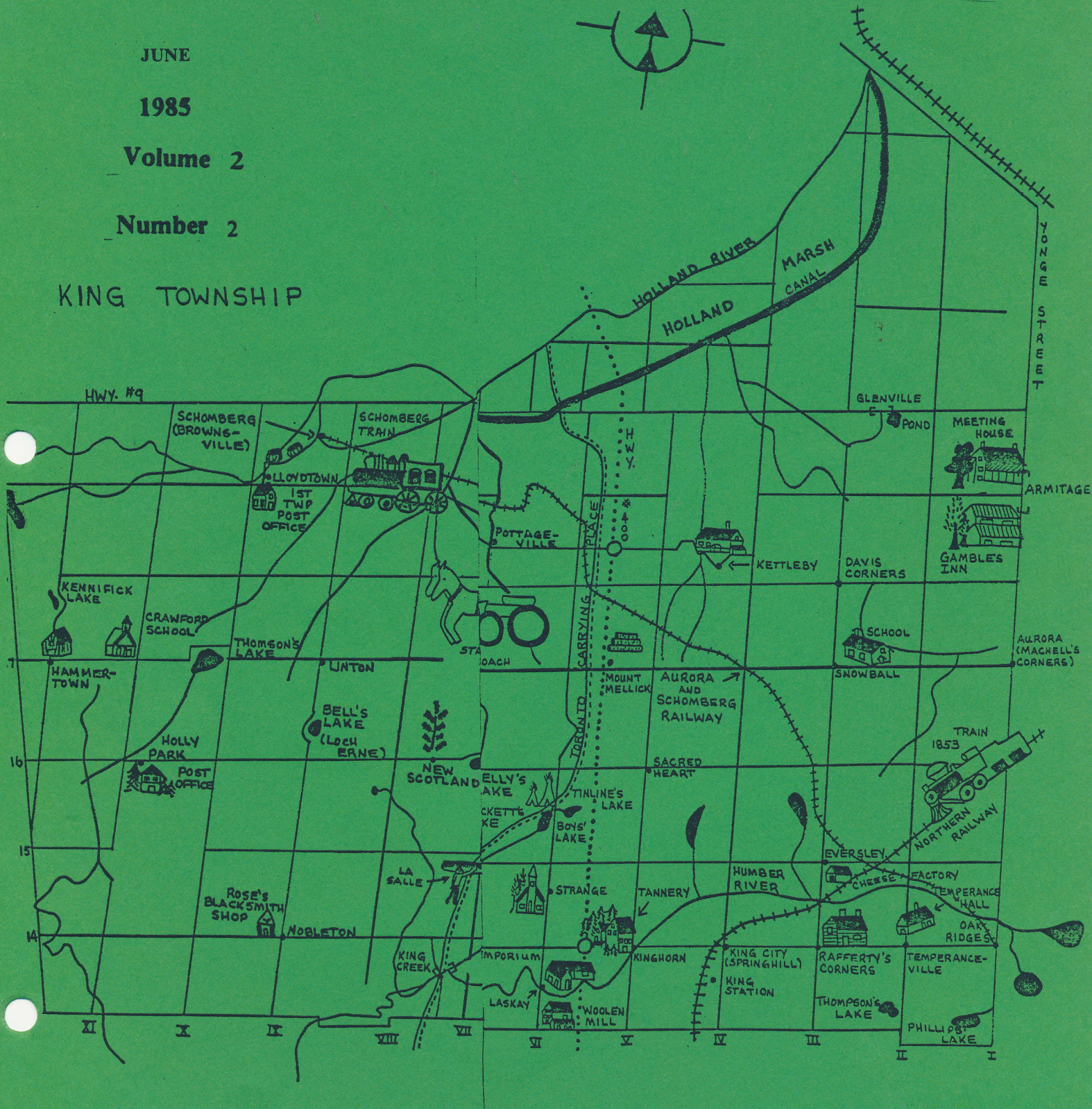
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....

Dear Cousins;

There are a number of things I should like to discuss with you at this time.

First of all - thankyou to all who have written these past few months, and especially to those who had information to share. A good deal of this data is being shared with our readers in these pages, the rest will appear in future issues. But please don't get the idea that we don't need the tid bits that you have found or that we have enough information without yours. Every birth date, marriage or death may have meaning for one of our other readers; the fact that you know "cousin Jim" went to live in Saskatoon or Brandon may help us locate other cousins. On the other hand, if you have lost contact with one branch of your family and you would like to find them - try placing a querie in our "Letters & Queries" section. Another of our readers may still be in touch with some from that family.

You will notice that this issue does not contain a "Meet Our Member" series and the reason, I'm sorry to say, is because there were no submissions for that series. I know people find it hard to write about themselves but do try, and don't forget the photo and pedigree chart. No one knows your story and YOU better than yourself, so please share yourself with your cousins.

The September issue of this newsletter will be the one devoted to the great grandchildren of Henry & Esther. Have you sent in your ancestor's story and family unit chart for this series? At this time we have received only two or three stories so there are many more stories waiting to be sent. In case you have forgotten just what it is that we require for this project:

1) A page long story on whichever of your ancestors was a gr.grand-child of Henry's.

2) A family unit chart dealing with that ancestor.

3) If possible a photo copy of a photo of that same ancestor.

Please have your stories sent in by the middle of September AT THE LATEST! For your convenience the last page of this issue will be a blank family unit chart and on the reverse will be a blank pedigree chart. These are charts put out by the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. Some of you may have charts put out by the Ontario Gen. Soc. or the L.D.S. - they all ask for basically the same info and anyone of these charts will be fine for our purposes.

Speaking of genealogical societies: In May our provincial society arranged a bus tour to Salt Lake City for a week. I was amongst the 42 members who made the trip and spent five and a half days in the L.D.S. genealogical library. From eight in the morning to past nine in the evening with short meal breaks - all my time was spent at micro film & fiche readers. Altho' most of my research time was spent in the Scottish records looking for information on my Doughty and allied lines, I did get in a few hours on the Harmans. A grandson of Henry's, Lewis Harman, moved to Lapeer Co. in Michigan in the mid 1870's and I was able to locate the marriages of two of Lewis' children. I could have used more time - but maybe next time.

Your cousin,

Marie Svedahl

LOT 77

(con't) by Marie Svedahl

Once his family was safely indoors, Henry would have turned his attention to providing shelter for whatever livestock he had, and then to clearing as much land as possible for growing crops in the coming year. For us today it is almost impossible to imagine the chore that Henry faced. Acres of forest, unbroken except for the wandering creeks or the odd pond or meadow - to be conquered only by the strength of his arm and his axe. Conquer is the right word, for those early pioneers regarded the forest as their enemy to be conquered and destroyed. There was then no market for those mighty oaks and giant pines, they were merely something to be gotten rid of. Henry would have attacked the forest, tree by tree, in a location close by the cabin.

The trees were felled with as little waste as possible (1). "Trees were cut as much as possible so that the tops would fall into one brush pile, which saved carrying brush. After this the tree trunks were cut into logs". Hard, back-breaking work, that in certain seasons of the year were plagued with hords of mosquitoes and black flies. After chopping, and then burning the resultant brush, the pioneer was still faced with a stump filled clearing. Henry would have planted his first crop by braodcasting the seeds amongst the stumps, (1) covering the seeds by "brushing" them in with a small tree which had it's branches still intact, sweeping it to and fro amongst the stumps.

Every year more trees would be felled, more acres cleared to plant crops. Henry's crops for the most part were likely grain and potatoes, and other root crops. Even the growing of grain brought more problems. The flax could in time, after much work, be made into linen cloth, and the wheat could become flour for bread for his family but again, only after slow, time consuming work. To produce flour from his wheat the early settlers often had to pack the grain for miles to the nearest grist mill - sometimes he walked and carried the grain in a sack over his shoulder. Or alternately, the grain could be prepared at home by pounding it with a wooden pestle in the hollow of a burned out tree stump. Either way, neither flour nor anything else came easy to Henry and his neighbors on Yonge Street.

Only time would tell Henry if he had a "good" farm. In a few years did he find that the soil was thin, or was it rich and grew abundant crops? Again Leonard gives us a partial answer to this question when he writes in his letter:

"My father, Arwood, said that the original Harman land wasn't much of a farm because of the number of creeks running through it. I had thought the creek was a bonus as a ready supply of water beside which Henry & Esther built their cabin. Mrs. Case indicates that the north half of Lot 77 had some wet areas and must have given trouble in cropping. Mrs. Case said, "It was a good livestock farm water just came up out of the ground as springs". She said, "There was a creek in every field" - this was presumably on the north half of the lot, the south half having gone to other owners earlier".

Perhaps that is a partial reason why Henry's sons disposed of this land to others in the 1830's. Disposed of all but the seventy acres that William Harman had purchased from his brothers.

William and his family lived on Lot 77 for another thirty years. Upon his death in 1879 William's estate was sold at auction. William Case, the son-in-law of William's second wife, Margaret (Kaiser), purchased the land for \$4820.00. From that time on, Lot 77 is the story of the Case family.

One is curious: Which one of the four "houses" mentioned earlier, was in existence at that time? Was it still the original log cabin or, more likely, the first frame house? Although log homes were the standard "first" home for the majority of these early pioneers, not only because they may not have had the funds for anything else; in 1796 there were no local saw mills from which to purchase (or barter for) planed lumber. It is said that there was an early saw mill at German Mills, Lot 4, Con.3 of Markham but it is not thought to have been in operation at the time of Henry's home building. Likewise, nearby Machell's Corners (present day Aurora) had a saw mill on Red Willow Creek but not until several decades later.²⁾ We may safely assume then, that Henry's first home would have been a log cabin. However, one would imagine that in the years that William resided upon Lot 77, that he would have done as others were doing and built a new frame home. Remember the one his brother, Adam built on the 3rd Con. of King in the 1840's? When Jacqueline Stuart of the Aurora Historical Society, learned of my concerns regarding which house was being used as residence in 1879 on Lot 77, she wrote back the following:

"...the King Township assessment roll for 1846 shows that William Harman on the north half of Lot 77 had a frame house under two storeys high. It also states that he had 50 acres under cultivation, 52 not cultivated, two horses over three years old, and four milch cows. The property was valued at 123."

Even in 1879 Lot 77 had a growing neighbor in the village of Aurora. Situated to the north, on Lot 80 of King & Whitchurch townships, Aurora had grown from crossroads beginnings called Machall Corners back in 1833. Aided by such industries as Fleury's Foundry, and then by the coming of the railroad in 1853, the village had grown into a town. And now, in the middle of the 20th century this expansion has reached out to include Lot 77. Presently, on the site of Henry's homestead, just east of where we think his house was located, there stands today a modern shopping center. The two halves of the lot (north & south) are divided by busy Murray Drive.

I said before, that we would have trouble picturing the country side and Yonge Street as Henry would have seen it 188 years ago - but can you imagine what Henry would say if today he could stand in the center of Yonge Street and look at his Lot 77?!!

NOTES:

- 1) On the Shores of Scugog -
2) Jacqueline Stuart at the Aurora Historical Society tells us that the earliest saw mill in the area that she knows of, was at Newmarket (a few miles north on Yonge Street). That saw mill was in operation in 1804 - still too late for Henry's home building.

(The following pages contain the transcript of the Conveyance whereby Lot 77 passed out of Harman hands. The originals of these papers are in the Land Registry Office of King Township.)

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Dated June 18th 1880

Edward Stevenson
et al.

(P)

Henry Case

Conveyance

I Certify that
the within Instrument is duly En-
tered & Registered in the Registry
Office for the North Riding of the
County of York, in Book No 16
for the Township of King
at 10.45 A.M. of the 2nd day of
October A.D., 1880 Number 3547
David Lloyd
Dep. Reg.

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Morphy Winchester & Morphy

Barristers

Aurora

THIS INDENTURE made the eighteenth day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty be pursuance of the Act respecting short forms of conveyances -

Between Edward Stevenson of the village of Aurora in the County of York merchant William Gardner Lloyd of the township of Whitchurch in said county Farmer James Rogers of the Township of King in said county Farmer and Margaret Harman of the said Township of King in the county of York widow of William Harman late of the same place deceased of the First Part and

Henry Case of the said Township of King in the county of York Farmer - of the Second Part
Whereas one William Harman late of the Township of King in the county of York Farmer was in his lifetime and at the time of his death seized of an estate of inheritance in the lands and premises hereinafter described

And Whereas the said William Harman departed this life on or about the the seventh day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine having first duly made and published his last Will and testament in writing sufficient to pass real Estate in Ontario -

And Whereas the said parties hereto of the first part other than the said Margaret Harman were by the said Will appointed Executors of the estate of the said Testator and invested with full power and authority to execute deeds leases mortgages and other documents and to do every act that might be necessary to carry the said Will into effect -

And Whereas by an Order of the Court of chancery for Ontario made by the said court on the twentysixth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine in a certain matter therein dep(?)ending entitled "In the matter of the Estate of William Harman late of the Township of King in the county of York deceased" it was amongst other things ordered that proceedings should be taken for the administration of the estate of the said William Harman -

And Whereas the lands of the said Testator being these herein after described were on the sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty pursuant to the advertisement of the said Master and with his approbation offered for sale by public auction at the village of Aurora by Seth Ashton appointed by the said Master auctioneer for that purpose and the said party of the second part attended the said sale and bid and was the highest bidder for and because the purchaser of the lands so offered for sale as aforesaid at and for the price or sum of Four thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars upon the terms and conditions fixed and approved by the said Master -

And Whereas the said Master by his Report made in the said matter bearing date the fifteenth day of same one thousand eight hundred and eighty has reported the said party of the second part the purchaser of the said lands



This Indenture made the ^{Eighteenth} ~~seventeenth~~ day of ~~June~~ ^{June} in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty in pursuance of the Act respecting short forms of conveyances -

Between Edward Stevenson of the Village of Aurora in the County of York Merchant William Gardner Lloyd of the Township of Whitchurch in said County Farmer James Rogers of the Township of King in said County Farmer and Margaret Hamman of the said Township of King in the County of York Widow of William Hamman late of the same Place deceased of the First Part and Hurvy Case of the said Township of King in the County of York Farmer - of the Second Part

Whereas one William Hamman late of the Township of King in the County of York

And Whereas the said party of the Second part has paid into court the amount of the said purchase money -

And Whereas the said Master has approved of a Draft of this Conveyance signified by his signature upon the margin of the engrossment thereof

Now this Indenture Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises (?) and of the sum of one dollar of lawful money of Canada now paid by the said party of the second part to the said parties of the first part (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) they the said parties of the first part do grant and convey unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever -

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of King in the County of York and Province of Ontario and being the north half of lot number seventy seven in the first concession of the said Township of King containing by measurement one hundred acres of land be the same more or less -

To Have and To Hold unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns to and for his and their sole and only use forever subject nevertheless to the reservations limitations provisoes and conditions expressed in the Original Grant thereof from the Crown -

The said parties of the first part covenant with the said party of the second part that they have done no act to encumber the said lands -

In Witness whereof the said parties have here unto set their hands and seals -

Signed Sealed and
delivered in presence of
Edward Stevenson

E. Stevenson
W. G. Lloyd
James Rogers

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Jno Blackburt				Thos Webster				Jas Somerville				Jno Sharp				Rich ^d Kirten				GLENVILLE				Jas Bolton 35				Jas Rogers			
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Jno Carter				Major Stephenson				Robt Medill				Ben Medill				Jas Rogers				Seth Armistage				J. J. Peterson				M ^{rs} S. Rogers			
Martin Bogart				Jno Shanks				Jas. M ^{rs} Gunnis				Ben Medill				J. J. Peterson				M ^{rs} S. Rogers				J. J. Peterson				M ^{rs} S. Rogers			
Jesse Proctor				Jesse Hullburn				Jno Ramsey				Luke Gibbons				J. J. Peterson				M ^{rs} S. Rogers				J. J. Peterson				M ^{rs} S. Rogers			
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AURORA'S FIRST HALF-CENTURY

Jacqueline Stuart
Curator, Aurora Museum

Did Henry Harman, making his way up Yonge Street in the 1790s to what is now Aurora, Ontario, thrill at the thought of the challenge and opportunity ahead? Or did he despair at the backwardness of this country, so different from the United States he had left behind?

The Yonge Street on which he travelled was no more than a trail through the bush, often ignoring the surveyed route and winding about to avoid swamps and steep hills. It was a Yonge Street settler's duty to keep half the road width in front of his property cleared; he often had more pressing tasks.

The land through which the Harmans travelled was largely covered by a forest of maple, elm, beech and basswood.¹ This mixed hardwood cover was thought to indicate a good potential for agriculture, and this was certainly the case in Aurora. The travellers' last long haul before reaching their new home was over the Oak Ridge moraine, a ridge with knobby hills, very picturesque but poor farmland. Henry Harman's lot 77, concession one, King township, was on the plain immediately north of the ridge.

By 1798 there were four log houses in what is today built-up Aurora: two were just across Yonge Street from the Harman property.² A survey in the summer of 1801 showed that Henry Harman had complied with the settler's duties of clearing and fencing five acres of land, erecting a house at least sixteen by twenty feet in area, and clearing his half of Yonge Street. On lot 77, which Henry was to purchase the following year, only three acres were cleared, there was no house, and "the Street (was) cut, but logs not Burnt".³

Local records of conditions in those very early days are scarce, but there are occasional clues to the development of the community. Local government on the west side of Yonge, where the Harmans lived, was in the hands of King township.

In 1809 Henry was appointed an overseer of roads: one of his duties was to see that landowners cut down the pernicious Canada thistle.⁴ In that same year a by-law allowing hogs to roam freely was passed. Historical geographers see the later retraction of this very common by-law as a mark of the end of the pioneering era in a district.

In 1818 the first local church was built: a log structure on a portion of lot 80 which had been donated for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Aurora United Church stands there today. That first church was one of the very earliest on Yonge Street, possibly only the third to be built between York (now Toronto) and Holland Landing, a few miles north of Aurora.⁵

By the end of the first quarter of the last century there was enough population on 'the Street' to warrant a stage coach -- in fact a covered wagon -- service from York to Holland Landing. While a writer in 1817 described the area north of the moraine as "compactly settled", that term was relative: farms were still just small clearings in the bush.⁶

Documentary evidence of life in Aurora becomes more easily available around mid-century. In 1832 Richard Machell, a merchant, bought an acre of land at the main crossroads, at Yonge and Wellington Streets, at the northern limit of lot 80. W.H. Smith's Gazetteer of 1846 describes Machell's Corners as a settlement with about 100 inhabitants, a mill, three stores, a tavern, a blacksmith, a saddler, a shoemaker, and a tailor.⁷ A post office, in the charge of merchant Charles Doan, opened that year: confusingly, it was called "Whitchurch" after the township in which it stood, on the east side of Yonge.

A school opened about 1840, and the Methodist church was joined by Trinity Anglican Church in 1846. The first known non-religious organization was the Whitchurch Village division of the Sons of Temperance, established in 1850.⁸

Machell's corners/Whitchurch Village/Aurora was no doubt not immune from the problems brought on by excessive drinking. Just north of the village was the reputedly rowdy McLeod's

tavern, on property now occupied by the very proper St. Andrew's College. At the south end, part of Henry Harman's old lot 77 appears to have accommodated a drinking spot at times. In 1835 John McNulty, a carpenter turned innkeeper, purchased one acre in the north-east corner to add to the slightly more than an acre which he had purchased two years earlier. In 1836 he sold the land to Samuel Clay, "gentleman", but by 1854 the assessment roll shows an innkeeper owning the site once more.^{9, 10}

The 1846 assessment roll and the 1851 census show that most local farmers at mid-century had about half their land under cultivation. In 1846 William Harman on the north half of lot 77, for example, had 50 acres under cultivation and 52 uncultivated acres. He owned two horses at least three years old, four milch cows, and lived in a frame house of less than two storeys. His property was valued at £123.¹¹

Although it would be a long time before Machell's Corners stopped depending on the surrounding agricultural economy, the 1850s did bring a change which would have an impact on the village's livelihood. On 16 May 1853 the first regular run of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Rail-Road took place, from Toronto to Machell's Corners, which was head of rail for a few months.

In that same year it was decided to adopt the name Aurora for the post office; the suggestion was made by postmaster Doan, and the new name took effect on 1 January 1854. The population in 1853 was about 200; by the end of 1857 it was estimated to be 400.¹²

Aurora was now on the verge of an era which would see the establishment of new business and industry, more churches and other institutions, and the growth of a population increasingly removed from the land. An 1853 real estate advertisement promised that "every convenience and comfort of life may be had as easily and as cheaply as in the City of Toronto".¹³ Henry Harman might have been astonished -- or perhaps it was just the sort of prosperous future which he had hoped for in his new home.

Notes:

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2. "A statement of settlers on Yonge Street ...", 1798. Reproduced in Percy J. Robinson Papers, Archives of Ontario, MU 2407, 11B.
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5. Ibid., pp.20-21.
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8. See charter document in collection of Aurora Museum.
9. Abstract index for lot 77, con.1, King. Land Registry Office, Newmarket.
10. King township assessment roll, 1854. Archives of Ontario.
11. King township assessment roll, 1846. Archives of Ontario.
12. 1853 figure estimated from personal census, King township, 1851, and collector's roll, Whitchurch township, 1851 (both Archives of Ontario). 1857 figure from Canada directory for 1857-58, Montreal: John Lovell (Archives of Ontario).
13. Flyer for sale of lands owned by John Mosley, June 1853. In collection of Aurora Museum.



Yonge Street business district, Aurora, 1874.

Aurora Museum



Courtesy of Kenneth Saint from the NEWMARKET Anglican Church records..

30 Oct. 1860 - John Harman, Holland Landing, son of Charles & Phoebe Harman....md.....

Sarah McMain, Holland Landing, dau. of Robert & Rachael McMain.

Witness: Benjamin Harman of Holland Landing.

HOLLAND LANDING Anglican Church

10 Feb. 1857 - Jacob Harman of Scott Twp. ..md....Jane Haselton Thirsk of East Guillimbury Twp.

Mary Garbutt sends 1860-1876 NEWMARKET marriages (Film #207,888)

21 Dec. 1862 - Obediah Fleury, 27, parents: John & Esther Fleury....
..md...

Rachael Hughey, 21, pts: John & Sarah Hughey..

Witness: Susannah Fleury, King & William [Hisson]

10 June 1880 - Lewis McMain md. Mary Harman.

12 Oct. 1880 - Wm. McLennan md. Jane Harman.

11 Nov. 1885 - James A. Harman md. Nellie [Deswood]

26 Nov. 1890 - John Harman md. Mary Jane Sweezy.

30 June 1891 - Nathaniel Harman md. Eliza Jane [Staly]

30 Mar. 1900 - Jacob Rush, 45, widower, pts: Peter Rush & Mary Spring.
...md...

Minnie Rahmer, 28, widow, pts: John Harman & Sarah McMain.

Witness: Priscilla Harman & Norman Harman.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian NEWMARKET film #207,890

4 Jan. 1855 - Timothy Harman, 20, pts: James & Rachael Harman
..md...

Amelia Evans, 18, pts: William Evans & --- ----.

Witness: Thomas Harman, King, & Jane Brown, Newmarket.

31 Mar. 1870 - Thomas Harman, 30, pts: James Harman & Rachael Forshaw
..md...

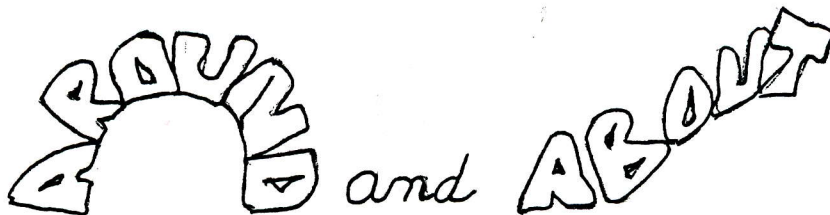
Helen Cameron, 20, pts: John Cameron & Jane Hall.

Witness: Alexander Harman & Catherine [Creldan]

DIRECTORY

Thanks to Shirley McCurdy for the following information taken from:
Mitchell and Co's "GENERAL DIRECTORY FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO AND
GAZETEER OF THE COUNTIES OF YORK & PEEL" for 1866 -

KING TWP.		co.	lot
Harman, Willaim		1	77 (hind)
" Obediah		1	77 (front)
" Charles		2	21 f
" Joseph		2	16 h
" William		2	16 f
" George		2	8 h
" James		4	15 f
WHITCHURCH TWP			
Harman, Henry		2	11 f
Town of AURORA			
Harman, James	carpenter		
EAST GUILLIMBURY TWP.			
Harman, Isaac,merchant		7	6 f
City of TORONTO			
Harman, Christopher	laborer	house	119 Herbert
" Denis	"	"	188 Parliament
" Mrs. James - widow - boardinh	house	"	51 Ann
" James		z"	51 Ann
" William	Oysters & Fruit shop	"	60 King West
" William	Eating house	"	21 Dalhousie
" Jas.	wheelman N.R.Co.	"	Adelaide West
(Cameran, Harman & Murray)		Romain Buildings	King West
Harman, Samuel B.	barrister	house	308 King West
" S.Bruce	clerk Edinb. Life Assur.	"	"
" George	clerk	"	"
" George F.	law student	"	"
" William	clerk	"	"
" William M.	ledger keeper Bank of Toronto	King & Peter	



For those of you seeking information on births, deaths & marriages taking place in Ontario after the year 1869 - have you tried to obtain a certificate of the event from the Vital

Statistics Dept.of Ontario? Altho' such records weren't too well kept at first they often contain much valuable information. Even if you should think that you already know all the information such certificates would contain, it is still a wise policy to have "documented" proof for your family files. And please remember, your Editor would appreciate

a photo copy for her files of whatever info you discover.

For anyone un-familiar with the procedure of obtaining certificates of vital statistics:

The address - Office of the Registrar General,
Macdonald Block
Toronto, Ont. M7A 1Y5

For \$5.00 they will search for the event and send you a copy of the information contained on the certificate. When the date of the event is not known, give them an approximate date and they will do a five year search (two years on either side of the year you give them). It is advisable to write first to obtain the official form upon which to make your search request. Be sure to state that you want the information for genealogical purposes.

One more thing to remember - the Registrar General's office receives hundreds of such requests a day so be prepared to wait a few weeks for your reply.

In the December 1984 issue I promised to include in a later issue more on the 17th November meeting at Aurora.

A part of the program at that meeting was discussion groups on researching our Harman family. Nine groups each containing eight or more people discussed the following items. For our general membership who weren't able to attend that day I am including consensus of opinion from the various groups.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION and developing records of the generations of descendants of Henry & Esther Harman.....

- Someone from each family branch to check family records and circulate the information among other branches.
- if each person checks "local Harmans" it won't be such a daunting task.
- places to check for Harman information:

church records	early census records
cemetery records	land registry offices
funeral home records	family bibles & old newspaper clippings
archives	Women's Institute
community history books	historical societies
libraries	Probates (wills)
Township & County records	genealogical societies
vital statistics	other family histories
- Church of Latter Day Saints (local branches as well as Salt Lake City)

HOW TO DEVELOPE MORE FAMILY CONTACT.....

- family newsletter.
- contact local family names by telephone and "talk up" family history.
- personal visits to relatives.
- exchange information and addresses.
- have reunions and other family gatherings.
- write letters (when writing a stranger for information always include a stamped self addressed envelope)
- local secretary for Marie.

WHAT CONTINUING ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.....

- each person could provide a discription (or story) of their family which could be shared with all other descendants.
- reunions or yearly gatherings (or one every two years), perhaps a summer picnic.
- a "continuing committee" of interested relatives (who have the time to devote) should meet more often. (Such a Continuing Committee did meet on the 19th of November with the result that Vicky Dykstra was chosen as a "local" secretary for Marie.

Family of Henry Harman, Jr

1) ?

HENRY HARMAN married 2) Nancy Sampson

3) Mary Briggs

<u>?</u>	<u>?</u>	<u>HENRY</u>	<u>ANN</u>	<u>ROBERT</u>	<u>CHARLOTTE</u>	<u>AMOS</u>	<u>SILVESTER</u>	<u>ADALINE</u>
b.1817	1819	1835		1837		1846		1849
		Jane	Samuel	Mary		Jane		Eli
		<u>Harman</u>	<u>Orser</u>	<u>Stevens</u>		<u>Curry</u>		<u>Sheffield</u>
		Diana 59	Robert	Clarissa 59		Matilda 65		
		Mary 62	Tillie	Alberta 63		Jessie 70		
		Nathaniel	Oliver	Priscilla 64				
			69 Ephemia	Henry D. 66				
		Robert 76	Henry	Wm. Albert 69				
		Henry 80	Charles	Robert M. 73				
			Sim (?)	Mary Jane 77				
			Arthur	Eva Beatrice 80				
			Irene					
			Nathan					
			Frank					

Info sources for the above chart are from marriage notices, census records (for that reason many birthyears are open to correction) and in the case of names & dates of Robert & Mary's children, we owe thanks to Reta Mark of Lindsay.

Our information on this man and his family is very piece meal and contradictory. In the hope of bringing forth more facts and truth we will print what is known and surmise, and hope that some of our readers are able to fill in some of the blanks and make corrections.

According to the Will of his father Henry Jr. appears to be the second son of Henry & Esther Harman. We have assumed that he was one of the children born before the family came to Canada, likely born sometime between 1789 and 96.

Our first "documented" evidence of Henry Jr. is the King Twp. Records of 1817 when, in the Roll of Inhabitants, he is recorded as being the head of a household.(1

	head	female	male over 16	male under 16	female under 16	total
1817-	Henry, Jr.	1			1	3
1818	"	1			1	3
1819	"	1			1	3
1820	"	1		2		4

Although these records continue until 1823 Henry is not named in them after 1820, leading one to the conclusion that Henry & family

moved away from King. Where to? across the road in Whitchurch? or further afield in one of the new areas of the province which were just opening up to settlement? But in that case one would think that his name would appear on the list of Crown Patentees for Ontario - and it doesn't. That is only one of the many questions we have concerning Henry.....

- 1) Where did Henry and family move to when they left King Twp. in 1820?
- 2) Who was his wife?
- 3) How many children did he have (beyond the two or three mentioned above? and what were their names?

After a blank period of ten years Henry's name is again mentioned in King twp. and vicinity. We assume that it is the same Henry as his name is associated with the land that had been left to him in his father's Will. Several times the thought has crossed my mind that this "1830 Henry" might, instead, have been one of Henry, Sr.'s older grandsons. If we could have found this later Henry enumerated on a census and learned his age this question could have been laid to rest one way or another. However he died in 1852 just a month or so before the census was taken.

For now we will assume that the Henry Harman who appears in King Twp. in 1830 is the same man who left in 1820. And if so, he must have returned a widower because in 1832 we find him getting married.

On the 20th Feb. 1832 in King Twp., Henry Harman married Nancy Sampson. (2) However Reta Mark who is a descendant of this union, reports that her family information has Nancy's maiden name as Medeau. Which is correct - Sampson or Medeau? Possibly, if this was Nancy's second marriage they could both be correct, one being her maiden name and the other the name of her first husband - but which was which?

In 1838 Nancy died and a few years later Henry married again.

In the York Marriage Register we find that on the 27th Dec. 1842 Henry Harman and Mary Briggs were married in Markham Twp. (3) To date we know as little about Mary as we do about Nancy.

Of the land left to him by his father in 1818, Henry had dealings with Hugh Allen on 105 acres - south half of Lot 71 - in 1822. As I have only hastily written notes to work from, I hesitate to say if this was a sale or lease or mortgage - I must leave it to one of our on-the-spot researchers to delve into the land records in more detail. His portion of Lot 77 (35 acres) Henry sold to his brother William in Jan. 1833 for \$400.00. (4) The King Twp. Abstract Deeds show a 1838 entry where Henry purchased 115 acres of Lot 70 from his brother James for the sum of \$1400.00. There may have been further land dealings but that is all I have recorded in my files.

The 1837 Voter's List for King Twp. (5) places Henry on C1 L71, however nine years later "Brown's Toronto City & Home District Directory 1846-7" (6) lists Henry as living on C2 L22. Our next documentation on Henry is at the time of his death in 1852. His Will was written the 3rd March 1852 and probated two weeks later on the 20th. It would appear that Henry had known that death was imminent but the cause of death was remains unknown.

Following is a rough transcript of Henry's Will and the Inventory List of the estate. (7)

- Notes: 1) Minutes of King Twp. Meetings - Ontario Archives.
2) York County Marriage Register from Wm. Britnell.
3) Ibid. 4) Abstract Index to King Twp. Land Records - O.A.
5) 1837 Voter's List in the possession of Elizabeth Gilham, King.
6) Brown's Toronto City & Home District....1846-7" - Nat.Lib. Ottawa.
7) Probate records - Ont. Archives.

"This is the last Will & Testement of Henry Harman of the Township of King in the United Counties of York, Ontario and Peel in the province of Canada, farmer. I will & devise that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and as to my worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me I give and dispose of the same as follows. I give and divise to my beloved wife Mary all my household goods and furniture and two cows. I give & devise unto her the house that I now live in , the orchard, garden, and the potatoe ground that borders on the pond and the use of water there while she remains my widow also the rents arising from my lands during the marriage of my children and in the event of my wife's second marriage she is to leave the house and premises and every other bequest & devise here in contained shall cease - in lieu there of the sum of Ten Pounds shall be paid unto her during the term of her natural life in lieu of all Dower whatever upon my lands. Also I give and devise unto my son Henry the NE quarter of Lot No 71 in the first concession of the said township of King containing 50 acres more or less to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever subject nevertheless to the payment yearly and every year during the natural life of my wife Mary the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings - he is to be put in possession of the said lot when he is of the age of 21 years, he being about 17 years now. Also I will & devise unto my son Robert the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot 71 in the first concession of said Twp.....he being now about 12 years of age. Also I give & devise unto my son Amos the West half of that part of lot 70 in the Twp..... Also I give....onto my son Selvester the East half of that part of Lot 70..... Also I will & devise that my executors do give onto each of my three daughters a sum of money to equal five dollars or more if it can be given without injuring the family. Their names are Ann, Charlotte and Adaline. Each of my sons to be put into their share of the land as they severally arrive at the age of twenty-one years. Also my desire is that my children may get as good an education as their circumstances permit. Also I nominate and appoint my trusty and worthy friends John Fleury, Joseph Willia and Benjamin Willis to be the executors of this my last Will and Testement. In witness whereof I have hereunto my hand and seal this 3rd day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Before signing the above was read to him the said Henry Harman who was sensible of what he was signing at the time

his
Henry X Harman
mark

Inventory

100 acres lot 73 1st Con. King Twp. value	± 400
115 " " 71 " "	400
5 horses	45
harness	2
3 wagons	15
2 ploughs	3
1 harrow	1
4 cows	10
1 thrashing machine	10
1 fanning mill	3

3 steers
1 bart
saddle & bridle
2 guns
15 sheep
8 pigs
furniture

7.10
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notes

Newspaper Files



RDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1911.

The Peoples' Column.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hinds and Miss Georgene of Aurora spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harman, Ste. Marie street.

Mr. Clarence Harman of the Cochrane Hardware staff, Sault Ste. Marie, returns to-day after spending Christmas with his parents.

Mr. Fred Gilbert returned to his home in Midland after a pleasant visit in town.

HARMAN-BURSEY.
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Bathurst street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday, Dec. 12th, at 4 p.m., when Miss Tryphene Bursey, eldest daughter of Mrs. Bursey and the late Thomas Bursey, of Catating, Newfoundland, became the wife of Mr. Clarence William Harman, of Vancouver, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harman, of Collingwood. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Jas. Murray, D.D. The bride was given away by her aunt, Mrs. Charles Jenner, the maid of honor being Mrs. William Davidson. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Roy Harman, and Mr. Leonard Bursey, brother of the bride. A big reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. C. Jenner. The bride's wedding gown was of ivory duchess satin, with beautiful overdress of French beaded net, and wore a flowing veil caught with orange blossoms. The groom's gift to the bride was a sunburst of pearls and diamonds, and to Mrs. Jenner and matron of honor lace pins set with pearls; to the groomsmen whole pearl stick pins. The happy couple left on the 11.45 train for Hamilton and Buffalo, the bride wearing a Burgundy plush suit with ermine hat and large fox furs. The bride and groom, on their return, will leave for Vancouver via Chicago, and will reside at the Vancouver Hotel.

Thanks to Vicky Dykstra for these old newspaper clippings.

A few days since Mr. Fred. Hinds returned from the east accompanied by his bride, Miss Effie Harman, of Collingwood, Ont.

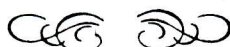
DEATHS

BURIALS IN THE AURORA CEMETERY AS TAKEN FROM THE CEMETERY REGISTERS....

In October 1984 Leonard Harman spent considerable time extracting Harman and other pertinent family entries from the register of burials. Although Leonard didn't say so in his letter, I am assuming that the numbers on the left side of the page are the chronological numbering of the entries in the registry. I have omitted entries that have been printed previously, unless this one contains new information to what was given in the previous entry.

First however, a bit of information about the Aurora cemetery - taken in whole from a brochure "A Walking Tour of Aurora" put out by the town of Aurora, Ontario.

THE CEMETERY



The Aurora Cemetery, at the southern limits of town, was opened in 1869 to replace several earlier burial grounds located beside the village churches. Burials dating from the first part of the century were transferred here from these and family plots nearby.

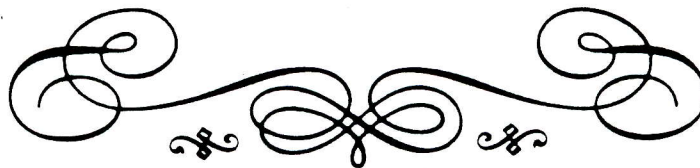
The cemetery was landscaped with trees, shrubs, flowers and winding drives and presented a beautiful and peaceful setting for an afternoon's walk or stroll. It was, in this respect, a park and sculpture garden.

Among the cemetery's unique features are an octagonal 'dead house', used for storage when the frozen ground prevented winter burials, and a tombstone in the form of the Empire State Building, commemorating one of its builders who now rests in the Aurora cemetery.

36 HARMAN infant girl
82 " " Thomas - 1 year, son of Rilley Harman
111 " " Edward.
119 " " Jack (infant).
120 " " infant.
139 FLEURY Sharlotte 36 yr. - 1876 - wife of William.
145 HARMAN H. Ramsay.
189 " " Charles.
204 " " Charles - 79 yr. - 1877
205 " " Francis A.
232 " " William.

238 " " Wm. (As there was some double entries, this may just be a repeat of the above entry).
465 FLEURY Rachael.
583 HARMAN Thomas.
586 " " Rose A. - 26 yr. - pts: Peter & Jane - heart disease.
632 " " Joseph.
696 " " Jane - 30 yr. - 1887 - pts: David & Ellen Danbrook - childbed fever.
714 FLEURY Esther.
75? HARMAN Rachael - 82 yr. - 1874 - old age & accident.
752 " " John - 9 yr. - 1888 - Whitchurch - pts: Wm. & Jane - inflammation.
753 " " Edward - pts: Wm. & Jane - inflammation.
755 " " James - 11 yr. - pts: Wm. & Jane - croup.
925 " " Ann - 51 yr. - 1890 - pts: Wm. & Susan (Woodro)
1082 " " Peter - 38 yr. - 1869 - inflammation.
1090 " " Wm. W. - 72 yr. - 1892 - pts: Wm. & Mary - rupture of the bowel.
1091 " " James - 77 yr. - 1883 - pts: Henry & Esther - d. Tosseronto - old age.
? ? " " Breton Alexander - 3 yr. - 1893 - pts: Willmot & Mary Jane - scarl. fever.
1175 HINDS Louisa - 6 mo. - 1894 - pts: Fred & Effie - b. Brandon, Man. d. King - inflammation of lungs.

1180 HARMAN Nathaniel - 25 yr. - 1894 -
 pts: Henry & Jane - consumption.
 1194 " " Olive A.
 1278 " " Ellis.
 1293 " " Marilla.
 1376 EDWARDS, James - 77 yr. - 1898 -
 from Kent, England.
 1396 HARMAN, infant.
 1438 " " James - 76 yr. - 1899 - b.King
 d.Whitchurch - pts: Wm. & Mary -
 heart disease.
 1440 " " infant.
 1484 " " infant.
 1638 " " Gladys - 8 yr. - 1904 - pts:
 Lambert & Mindy - typhoid fev.
 1687 " " infant.
 1747 FLEURY, Obadiah - 62 yr. - 1906 -
 b. King, d. Midland.
 1795 HARMAN, Melbourne R. - 1 yr. - 1907
 pts: Erastur & May - croup.
 1948 " " Edward F.
 2079 " " Minnie - 29 yr. - 1912 - miscarr.
 2096 " " Jane - 73 yr. - 1912 - b.&d. in
 King Twp. - pts: Chas. & Phoebe -
 bronchitis. (Is this Jane the wife of
 Henry 1831-1914: see cemetery inscript.
 p.9 Vol.2 #1).
 2161 " " Mona G. - 8 days - 1913 - pts: F(or
 V)?? - premature birth.
 2162 " " Leslie - pts: F (or..??)
 2001 " " Thomas.
 225(2?) " " G. - 4 da. - 1914.
 2326 " " Gladys Wray.
 2327 " " Gladys M. (another possible
 double listing).
 2591 " " Henry - 65 yr. - 1921 - b.King,
 d. Toronto - paralysis.
 2713 " " Ida Elizabeth - 45 yr. - 1923 -
 d. Newmarket.
 2865 " " Ruth - 1 yr. - Newmarket.
 2940 " " Norine - 9 yr - 1927 - Aurora -
 pts: Chas. & Frances - diphtheria.
 2988 " " Mrs. F. - 96 yr - 1928 -
 b. Vaughn
 3037(53) " " Thomas - 89 yr - 1929 -
 s/o James Harman.
 3091 " " Violet M. - 6 mo. - 1930 - Newmarket
 - indigestion.
 3116 " " infant - 1930 - Newmarket.
 3156 " " David.
 3172 " " Ellen - 75 yr - 1931 - cere. apopl.
 3229 " " Wellington - 64 yr - 1932 - Oshawa
 - pts: Joseph & M.
 3272 " " John D. - 23 yr - 1933 - Newmarket
 - ruptured.
 3541 " " Norman - 68 - 1938 - Newmarket -
 - thrombosis.
 3510 " " Nathaniel - 74 yr - 1939 - Aurora
 - stroke.
 3634 " " Wm. Lewis - 66 yr - 1940 - b.King
 d. Aurora.
 3671 " " Mrs. Norman - 71 yr - 1940.
 3819 " " Joane.
 3821 " " Roy - 40 yr - 1943 - Newmarket.
 416- " " Ellis A. - 71 yr - 1948 - Toronto -
 cerebral.
 4299 " " Mary J.
 4519 " " Olive C. - 77 yr - 1954 - Toronto.
 4569 " " Frank T. - 76 yr - 1954 - Newmarket.
 4835 " " Clifford - 64 yr - Oshawa.
 4868 " " Chas. Herman.
 4955 " " Georgina Susan Jane - 48 yr - Toronto.
 5399 " " Lindsay Nathaniel
 5573 " " Gordon Stanley.
 2671 FLEURY, Walter G. - 68 yr - 1922 -
 b. King, d. Saskatoon - asthma.
 5867 HARMAN, Lynda M. - 65 yr - 1969 -
 Richmond Hill.
 5889 " " John - 59 yr - Toronto.
 6047 " " Anne.
 6165 " " Howard Alfred.
 6179 " " Elure(?) F. - 67 yr - b. Ballentyne
 d. Riverdale.
 6495 " " Ida May 96 yr - 1975 -
 Newmarket.
 6635 " " Robert Franklin.
 6773 " " Hilda.
 6984 " " Mary Jane - 86 yr - 1980 - b.
 Ireland, d. Oshawa.
 7100 " " Violet - 75 yr - 1981 - b. Staynor,
 d. Toronto.



BIRTHS.

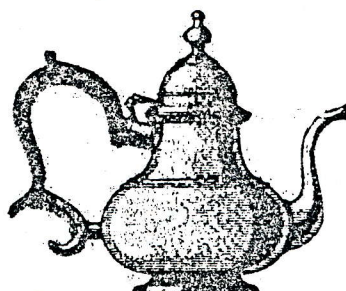
Kenneth Saint of Bradford, shares the following from the Anglican Church register at Holland Landing.....

- 19 April 1833 (bap.) Easter Day - Elizabeth, dau. of Charles & Phoebe Harman of King (born 30 Dec. 1832).
- 19 June 1835 - Anna Harman, dau. of above.
- 20 Dec. 1836 - Ellen Harman, dau of above.
- 7 May 1839 - Jane Harman, dau. " "
- 18 Dec. 1840 - bap. 14 May 1841 - Sarah Charlotte dau. of John & Mary Harman of King.
- 21 Jan. 1845 - bap. 30 Oct. 1860 - Phoebe Ann, dau. of Benjamin (labourer) & Elizabeth Harman, Holland Landing. Sponsors: John Harman & Sarah McMain.
- 4 Sept. 1850 - bap. 30 Oct. 1869 - Mary, dau. of Benjamin & Elizabeth Harman.
- 7 Sept. 1851 - bap. 30 Oct. 1860 - Henry Charles, son of above.
- 11 Oct. 1853 - " " Nelson, son of above.
- 1 Sept. 1855 - " " June, dau of above.
- 7 Nov. 1858 - " " John, son of above.
- 7 Nov. 1858 - " " Rachael, dau of above.

Mary Garbutt sent the following, extracted from the Newmarket records as are on microfilm #207,888 at Salt Lake City.....

- 28 Oct. 1899 - Gladys Irene Harman, dau. of Henry D. & Minnie (Coltman).
- 14 Mar. 1899 - Norman Rahmer, son of Simon & Minnie (Harman) Rahmer.
- 14 Mar. 1902 - Norman Rush, son of Jacob & Minnie (Harman) Rush.
- (Minnie Harman, dau. of John & Sarah (McMain) Harman, was married twice, first to Simeon Rahmer who died in 1899; and secondly to Jacob Rush)
- 18 July 1902 - Cecil Stuart Lundy, son of Fred Albert & Ida May (Lepard) Lundy.

(Ida May was a daughter of Caroline Harman - see Caroline's obit p20 Vol.1 #1)



VITAL STATISTIC CERTIFICATES

Thanks to Lillian Murray of Toronto we have another item "documented" in our search for the truth and facts on our ancestors. Lillian is descended from Rachael R. Evans (nee Harman) sister, Jane, but when a search failed to turn up Jane's death registration, Lillian resorted to a tactic which should be used more often by researchers. Unable to find information on her ancestor, she turned to researching her ancestor's siblings, which in this case paid off.



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INFORMATION EXTRACTED FOR GENEALOGY

DEATH

NAME: EVANS, RACHAEL ROSANA
DATE OF DEATH: DECEMBER 12, 1928
PLACE OF DEATH: NOTTAWASAGA
AGE: 070
MARITAL STATUS: WIDOW
PLACE OF BIRTH: ONTARIO
OCCUPATION: NOT RECORDED

FATHER

NAME: JOHN HARMAN
PLACE OF BIRTH: ONTARIO
INFORMANT: JOHN HARMAN
CEMETERY: STAYNER CEMETERY
REGISTRATION NO: 1928-05-031780

MOTHER

SARAH MCMAIN
STAYNER

ISSUED AT TORONTO
APRIL 18, 1985

(MRS) K.V. BELL

MANAGER, CUSTOMER SERVICES

CEMETERY

INSCRIPTIONS



Our thanks go to Shirley McCurdy of Stouffville, Ont. for the following cemetery recordings from.....

PINE ORCHARD CEMETERY, WHITCHURCH TWP.

1. Gordon Stevens - 2 May 1894 - 14 April 1970.
Harriet (Hattie) Harman - 2 June 1885 - 1 July 1956.
 2. Edgar Rose - 1880- 1961
Janey Harman - 1888 - 1940.
 3. Hannah Harman - died Aug. 1860 - 56 years.
 4. John H. Harman - 19 yr. 3 mo. 2 day - 30 Oct. 1857
 5. Alfred Harrington - died 4 May 4 May 1888 - 57 yr. 10 mo.
Mary R. Harman - died 28 April 1888 - 52 yr. 7 mo.
 6. Jacob Harman - died 18 Mar. 1888 - 57 yr. 7 mo.
(#3,4,5 & 6 are from the family of Jacob Harman of E.Guillimbury)
 7. John R. Harman - 1855 - 1920.
Sara J. Harman - 1863 - 1888.
Son William J. Harman - 1883 - 1885.
(Shirley tells us that John was her grandfather. Sara, whose maiden name was Kennedy, was John's first wife. Shirley's grandmother, Barbara Armstrong, was his second wife and she was buried in this same plot altho' her name wasn't recorded on the stone.)
- Some further entries from the same cemetery sent to us by William Britnell.....
8. Wm. Thomas Kidd - 12 Nov. 1881 - 27 Nov. 1938, beloved husband of
Eliza Ethel Harman - 9 Feb. 1888 - 27 Oct. 1964.
 9. Robert C. Harman - 1860 - 1914.
Henrietta, his wife - 1858 - 1898.
Pte. Robert C. - 16th Canadian Batt. Killed in action 1891 - 1916.
Pte. Wm J. - 3rd Batt. Machine Gun Corps died of wounds, 1897 - 1918.
(Both sons of the above Robert).
Lena May, daughter 1883 - 1908.

