THE SMITHSON FAMILY

FROM NORFOLK COUNTY ENGLAND

TO

ONTARIO, CANADA

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ADDITIONS &CORRECTIONS

The old phrase, “I do not think that I shall ever see a finished genealogy” is certainly fitting for this historical genealogy of the Smithson family. There is a lot more work that could be done on this family. I hope someone will pick up the torch and carry on.

If I obtain corrections and new data, I can change the data and reprint new copies with the changes. I am always happy to hear of corrections, additions or even requested deletions to this family history.

DEDICATION

To my wife Barbara Joan (Vanevera) Whitside and her mother, Helen Margery (Smithson) Vanevera who remembered her Smithson name through to her 104 year

About this book and it's author

Robert L. Whitside B.A

Born in 1925 in Simcoe, Ontario, I began genealogy seriously in 1987 after retirement and the purchase of a computer. For many years before this I gathered data in assorted files hoping to get to them later.
I was born in Simcoe and a graduate of their school system in 1944 at which time I joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. After my service career, I attended the University of Western Ontario, graduating with a B. A. in 1948.

I am a member of the Norfolk Historical Society. The Society has an excellent archive of Norfolk County, and some early Ontario history. For Norfolk researchers more importantly, the Archives has a collection of individual family histories of early settlers and residents of Norfolk County. I have contributed the Sovereen/Sovereign books, my brother's biography entitled "I Want to be a Fighter Pilot," a Whitside family company history titled "Gloves, Robes and Rainwear, the History and Genealogy of the Whitside Family, the Heath Family, the Camerons, the Leflers and the Vanevera history.

The Norfolk Historical Society's website is at www.norfolklore.com
I have created a Whitside family website at www.whitside.org which also contains Cameron, Sovereen and Heath data.
Since the formation of the Whiteside Family Association in 2005, I have been their webmaster and a Director. Their website is at www.whitesideancestry.org.
If you have data that you feel should be added to this compilation of the Smithsons, please send it along to the address below. Although this is a long way from being a professional effort and the results will only be for personal and genealogical purposes, please signify that you are willing to share your data.

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Much of this book is from my own knowledge and research over many years. Some older genealogy came from Ancestry.com and other from family members. A special thanks to Marianne (Smithson) Couckuyt of Delhi for data, pictures and proof reading.

1-Francis SMYTHSON (ca 1664-bef 1750)
+Mary UNKNOWN SMITHSON (-)
. . . . . 2-Robert SMYTHSON (-)
. . . . . +Judith WALL (-)
. . . . . 3-Robert SMITHSON (abt 1762-)
. . . . . +Mary SMITH (-)
. . . . . 4-Robert SMITHSON (abt 1762-30 Oct 1851)
. . . . . +Mary DEERFIELD (-)
. . . . . 5-Sarah SMITHSON (abt 1787-Nov 1801)
. . . . . 5-Hammond SMITHSON (abt 1792-)
. . . . . +Sofia BAYES (-)
. . . . . 6-Mary Ann SMITHSON (1814-bef 1904)
. . . . . 6-Bathsheba SMITHSON (1815-Beb 1833)
. . . . . 6-John A. SMITHSON (1817-19 Aug 1904)
. . . . . 6-William L. SMITHSON (abt 1820-aft 1878)
. . . . . +Margaret Elizabeth MATTICE (-)
. . . . . 7-William SMITHSON (ca 1842-)
. . . . . 7-Norris SMITHSON Sr. (12 Mar 1851-23 Jan 1918)
. . . . . +Margaret Sarah HUFF (13 Oct 1848-)
. . . . . 8-Homer Ashley SMITHSON (21 Jan 1875-6 Aug 1950)
. . . . . +Flora May AUSTIN (4 Apr 1870-13 Oct 1945)
. . . . . 9-Helen Marjorie SMITHSON (18 Sep 1899-9 May 2003)
. . . . . +Howard Calvin VANEVERA (14 Mar 1898-21 Mar 1973)
. . . . . 10-Donald VANEVERY (1926-abt 18 Dec 1926)
. . . . . 10-Barbara Joan VANEVERA R.N. (16 Dec 1927-24 Apr 2014)
. . . . . 10-Shirley Anne VANEVERA B.A. (8 Sep 1929-26 Apr 2004)
. . . . . 10-Helen Sandra VANEVERA RN
. . . . . 9-Dora SMITHSON (6 Mar 1901-27 Jun 1989)
. . . . . 9-Norris Issac SMITHSON (18 May 1904-8 Jan 1970)
. . . . . +Annie Maria WATSON (11 May 1904-)
. . . . . 9-Charles Harold (ABE) SMITHSON (28 Sep 1905-4 Jun 1984)
. . . . . 9-Margaret Georgina SMITHSON (2 Mar 1908-1 Nov 1960)
. . . . . +Harold Stanley DAY (5 Feb 1908-12 Jun 1982)
. . . . . 10-Helen Ann DAY R.N. (6 Aug 1933-)
. . . . . 10-Margaret Rosemary DAY
. . . . . 9-Sandie Earl SMITHSON (13 Jul 1910-26 Aug 1988)
. . . . . +Edna May MEGGITT (11 Apr 1911-18 Oct 1987)
. . . . . 10-Flora Joan Elizabeth "Joan" SMITHSON R.N. (28 Oct 1933-26 Dec 2005)
. . . . . 10-Carole Jean SMITHSON
. . . . . 10-Janice Noreen SMITHSON (7 Nov 1941-2 Apr 2008)
. . . . . 10-Marianne SMITHSON. . . . . .
. . . . . 9-Mabel Annie SMITHSON (2 Dec 1912-28 Oct 1915)
. . . . . 8-William Sydney SMITHSON (10 Jan 1878-)
. . . . . 8-Walter Norris SMITHSON (11 Sep 1884-14 Dec 1957)
. . . . . +Mary Maude FISHER (-)
. . . . . 9-Sydney SMITHSON (-)
. . . . . 7-Jacob Ashley SMITHSON (1 Mar 1854-)
. . . . . 7-Hannah Margaret SMITHSON (15 Oct 1854-)
. . . . . 6-George B. SMITHSON (17 Mar 1821-7 Jun 1909)
. . . . . 6-James SMITHSON (1824-)
. . . . . 6-Robert SMITHSON (1826-22 june 1899`)
. . . . . 6-Hammond Jr. SMITHSON (1829-aft 1892)
. . . . . +Jane FINDLAY (-)
. . . . . 6-Thomas SMITHSON (1 Jan 1831-)

. . . . . 6-Bathsheba SMITHSON (1833-10 May 1903)
. . . . . 6-Alfred SMITHSON (ca 1835-bef 1871)
. . . . . 6-Obodia SMITHSON (ca 1841-bef 1871)
. . . . . 5-Robert SMITHSON (1795-bef 1841)
. . . . . +sarah CHROME (-)
. . . . . 5-John SMITHSON (abt 1798-)
. . . . . 5-Sarah SMITHSON (Mar 1801-Nov 1801)
. . . . . 5-Sophia SMITHSON (1803-Aug 1858)

First Generation

1. **Francis SMYTHSON** was born circa 1664 in Norfolk, England. He died before 1750 at the age of 86 in Norfolk, England.

Francis SMYTHSON and Mary UNKNOWN SMITHSON were married. **Mary UNKNOWN SMITHSON** was born (date unknown).

Francis SMYTHSON and Mary UNKNOWN SMITHSON had the following child:

+2 i. **Robert SMYTHSON**.

Second Generation

2. **Robert SMYTHSON** (Francis-1) was born (date unknown).

Judith WALL was born (date unknown).

Robert SMYTHSON and Judith WALL had the following child:

+3 i. **Robert SMITHSON**, born about 1762, Marsham, Norfolk, England.

Third Generation

3. **Robert SMITHSON** (Robert-2, Francis-1) was born about 1762 in Marsham, Norfolk, England.

Mary SMITH was buried Smith.

Robert SMITHSON and Mary SMITH had the following child:

+4 i. **Robert SMITHSON**, born about 1762, Marsham, Norfolk,; married Mary DEERFIELD, 9 Apr 1787, Aylmerton, Norfolk, England; died 30 Oct 1851, Hainford, Norfolk, England.

Fourth Generation

4. **Robert SMITHSON** (Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born about 1762 in Marsham, Norfolk,. He died on 30 Oct 1851 at the age of 89 in Hainford, Norfolk, England. **Robert SMITHSON** (son of ***Robert SMITHSON*** and ***Mary SMITH***) was born Abt. 1762 in Marsham, Norfolk, ENG902, and died 30 October 1851 in Hainford, Norfolk, ENG. He married **Mary DEERFIELD** on 9 April 1787 in Aylmerton, Norfolk. ENG.

Notes for **Robert SMITHSON**:
"1841 Census reports that Robert, age 78, was living with William and Sophia (his daughter) Furness in Chequer Street, Hainford, Norfolk Co., England. There was also William Furness, age 5."
Family History, Marg Nesbitt, 1.7.7

Robert Smithson's Death Certificate states: "died at age 89 years of natural decay; no medical attendance. Witness gave his mark - son John Smithson in attendance at Stratton Strawless. Registration District: St. Faiths; 1851. Death in Sub-district of Sprowston, County Norfolk. Death on 30th October, 1851, Hainford. X mark by witness on 9th of November, 1851, Wm. Durrant, Registrar.

Hainford is a village located 18 kilometres north of Norwich.
Bartholomew Gazetteer of Britain, First Edition,

More About **Robert SMITHSON**:
Christening: 4 April 1762, Marsham, Norfolk Co., England.903
Occupation: Marsham, Norfolk Co., England; Occupation: an agricultural labourer.

More About **Robert SMITHSON** and **Mary DEERFIELD**:
Marriage: 9 April 1787, Aylmerton, Norfolk. ENG.

Children of **Robert SMITHSON** and **Mary DEERFIELD** are:
Sarah SMITHSON, b. Abt. 1787, Marsham, Norfolk, ENG, d. November 1801.
+**Hamond SMITHSON**, b. Abt. 1792, Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England904, d. date unknown, Etobicoke Twp., York Co., Ontario905.
+**Robert SMITHSON**, b. 1795, Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England, d. Bef. 1841, Norfolk, ENG.
+**John SMITHSON**, b. 1798, Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England, d. 1868, Norfolk, ENG.
Sarah SMITHSON, b. March 1801, Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England, d. November 1801, Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England.
Sophia SMITHSON, b. 1803, Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England, d. August 1858, Hainford, Norfolk, ENG.

Robert SMITHSON and Mary DEERFIELD were married on 9 Apr 1787 in Aylmerton, Norfolk, England. **Mary DEERFIELD** was born (date unknown).

Robert SMITHSON and Mary DEERFIELD had the following children:

5 i. **Sarah SMITHSON** was born about 1787 in Marsham, Norfolk,. She died in Nov 1801 at the age of 14.

+6 ii. **Hammond SMITHSON**, born about 1792, Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England; married Sofia BAYES, 6 Dec 1813, Garvestone, Norfolk, England; died Etobicoke Twp., York, Ontario, Canada.

+7 iii. **Robert SMITHSON**, born 1795, Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England; married Sarah CHROME, 16 Nov 1819, Hainford, Norfolk, England; died before 1841, Norfolk, England, United Kingdom.

8 iv. **John SMITHSON** was born about 1798 in Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England. He died in Norfolk, England.

9 v. **Sarah SMITHSON** was born in Mar 1801 in Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England. She died in Nov 1801 at the age of 0 in Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England.

10 vi. **Sophia SMITHSON** was born in 1803 in Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England. She died in Aug 1858 at the age of 55 in Hainford, Norfolk, England.

Fifth Generation

6. **Hammond SMITHSON** (Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born about 1792 in Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England. Birth, death and parents see his general notes. He emigrated in 1837. He died in Etobicoke Twp., York, Ontario, Canada.
Hamond SMITHSON (son of ***Robert SMITHSON*** and ***Mary DEERFIELD***) died date unknown in Etobicoke Twp., York Co., Ontario. He married **Sofia BAYES** on 6 December 1813 in Garvestone, Norfolk, ENG.

Notes for **Hamond SMITHSON**:
Hamond was born in Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England. This is a very small village 12 kilometres north of Norwich. He was named to honour his paternal grandmother's father, Hammond Smith. He and Sofia Smithson were married in Garvestone and then moved to Horsham St. Faith, England, another small village 7 kilometres north of Norwich, where they began to have their family. They were members of the Church of England, and baptized their children in the Church of England. When they were baptized, his profession was listed as "Husbandman". (i) Their 9th child, a son named Thomas, was born about the same time as the birth of a new religion, Methodism. Methodism was the reaction of one man, John Wesley, to the apparent spiritual corruption brought on by material wealth. The major principal of Methodism was social concern which resulted in such thrusts as temperance, almshouses, orphanages, charities, and Sunday Schools. Hamond and Sophia likely baptized Thomas and Alfred in the Methodist Church for which there are no records for that time.

The labouring class suffered greatly under the class system in Great Britain. This provided a great impetus for many British emigrant labourers. After the birth of their 10th child, Alfred, the Smithsons immigrated to Canada. Their last child, Obodia (son) was born in 1841 in Canada.

Hamond and his family were Coopers, who were skilled craftsmen whose products were highly valued in the community. The Cooper manufactured barrels which were used extensively to transport goods. This was a lucrative business which frequently employed several apprentices and artisans at a large workshop. There were several different types of Coopers. The tight cooper assembled clear white oak staves split from the tree's dense center, fit them one to another, and bound them with iron to make casks for liquids of all sorts. A slack cooper built containers for such commodities as flour and tobacco. White coopering produced pails, churns, tubs and dippers, often of cedar or pine.

After a 6 week crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, the Hamond Smithson family arrived in Canada amid the Rebellion of Upper Canada. They settled in Etobicoke Township in York County in the latter part of 1837. They were not listed in the 1837 Toronto and Home District Directory but did arrive in 1837 according to son, George on the 1901 Census. Hamond and his sons were all Coopers and settled on land beside the grist mills and eventual distillery, of Charles and William Wadsworth. They had just expanded the mills which were well known as far North as Collingwood. The northern farmers would haul their wheat to the Wadsworth Mills in the winter by sleigh.

In 1846 - 47, Hamond and his family were living on Concession A Lot 22, the same lot owned by the Mattice family.

In 1851, the Smithsons were living in a single storey frame house just outside the town of Weston, Etobicoke Township, York County, Ontario. Etobicoke is an Indian word meaning "where the Alders grow". (iv) "This area was classed among the best farming districts of the Country, the land is of the best quality being of a loamy nature with a clay subsoil, well adapted for the cultivation of wheat, barley, oats, peas and roots of all kinds. ...The land all through the district lies well for drawing, there is very little waste, and it is well watered, being intersected by the west branch of the River Humber to the North East, and the Mimico and its tributaries in the South West. The population (with very few exceptions) are farmers, who understand their business.
Messers C. And W. Wadsworth, the only mercantile firm in this district, own and occupy an extensive flouring and grist mill which was erected at a cost of $10,000 and ... at present only turns out 6000 bushel barrels of flour per annum, it is situated on the River Humber and the motion power is water, the same firm have a saw mill which cost $700, driven by the same power and can cut 600,000 feet of lumber per annum, they also have a Distillery driven by same power, worth $600, capable of turning out 6000 gallons of whiskey in a year, and a store, wherein there is a business worth $1000 per annum done, each of these different establishments are, worked by one man for each, at an average cost of $40 per month.
...The Primitive Methodists Chapel, is also a neat brick building valued at $700 and is attended by about 100 persons.
There are two district schools, rather old fashioned buildings not worth much, and not so well attended as they ought to be, considering the number of children in the ward." (v)

At this time, Hamond was a Cooper and his 3 youngest sons were living with him. He and his family were reportedly members of the Primitive Methodist Church. (also known as Trinity Church)

"The mill complexes attracted blacksmiths, wheelwrights, wagon makers and other craftsmen who , while not part of the permanent labour force of the mill, would settle near 1 merchant-mill , circulating freely round the countryside plying their trades where needed. The cooper was one of the skilled craftsmen employed at or near a mill establishment. Barrels and kegs were needed not only by the miller and the distiller, but for a variety of food and cereals to be transported, including flour exported through the St. Lawrence and shipped to Britain or the West Indies. After 1820 there seem to have been many coopers at work." (vi)

Hamond is not entered in the 1861 Census. It is not known where and when he may have died.

i)A Husbandman was "a farmer who cultivated the land; animal husbandry; tenant farmer" This and That Genealogy Tips on Occupations
http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~hornbeck/occupate.htm
ii) Cooper, www.history.org/life/trades/tradecoo.htm
iia) Dennison Family Tree Book, page 2

iii) History of Weston, F. D. Cruickshank, M.D. and J. Nason, B.A., L.L.B., Weston, Ont., 1 937
iiia) Brown's Toronto City and Home District Directory, 1846 - 47
iv) Moving To and Around the Greater Toronto Area
v) Letter submitted to Wm Gamble, Census Commissioner for the County of York by the Enumerator in 1851
vi) The Merchant Millers of the Humber Valley: A Study of the Early Economy of Canada, Sidney Thomson Fisher, NC Press Ltd., Toronto 1985

More About **Hamond SMITHSON**:
Christening: 18 November 1792, Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England.625
Religion: a Methodist.

More About **Hamond SMITHSON** and **Sofia BAYES**:
Marriage: 6 December 1813, Garvestone, Norfolk, ENG.626

Marriage Notes for **Hamond SMITHSON** and **Sofia BAYES**:
Bishop's transcript of the Garvestone parish records show the marriage Dec. 6 1813 between Hamont Smithson and Sophia Bayes. (Form Marriage Entry-request for proxy marriage sealing # 710 881279)

Hammond SMITHSON and Sofia BAYES were married on 6 Dec 1813 in Garvestone, Norfolk, England. **Sofia BAYES** was born (date unknown).

Hammond SMITHSON and Sofia BAYES had the following children:

11 i. **Mary Ann SMITHSON** was born in 1814 in Horsham St. Faith, Norfolk, ENG. She died before 1904 at the age of 90.
12 ii. **Bathsheba SMITHSON** was born in 1815 in Horsham St. Faith, Norfolk, ENG. She died before 1833.
13 iii. **John A. SMITHSON** was born in 1817 in Horsham St. Faith, Norfolk, ENG. He died on 19 Aug 1904 at the age of 87 in Woodstock, Blandford Twp., Oxford, Ontario, Canada.
+14 iv. **William L. SMITHSON**, born about 1820, England; died aft 1878, York North Twp., York Co., Ont.
15 v. **George B. SMITHSON** was born on 17 Mar 1821 in Norfolk, England, United Kingdom. He died on 7 Jun 1909 at the age of 88 in Collingwood Twp., Ontario, Canada.
16 vi. **James SMITHSON** was born in 1824 in Norfolk, England, United Kingdom.
17 vii. **Robert SMITHSON** was born in 1826 in Norfolk, England, United Kingdom. He died 22 June 1899` in Chingacousy Tsp., Peel Co., Ontario.
+18 viii. **Hammond Jr. SMITHSON**, born 1829, Norfolk, England, United Kingdom; married Jane FINDLAY; died aft 1892, Michigan, United States.
19 ix. **Thomas SMITHSON** was born on 1 Jan 1831 in England. He died in Thornbury, Ont.

20 x. **Bathsheba SMITHSON** was born in 1833 in Hevingham, Norfolk, England. She died on 10 May 1903 at the age of 70 in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada.
21 xi. **Alfred SMITHSON** was born circa 1835 in England. He died before 1871 at the age of 36 in Ontario, Canada.
22 xii. **Obodia SMITHSON** was born circa 1841 in Ontario, Canada. He died before 1871 at the age of 30 in Ontario, Canada.

7. **Robert SMITHSON** (Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born in 1795 in Stratton Strawless, Norfolk, England. He died before 1841 at the age of 46 in Norfolk, England, United Kingdom.

Robert SMITHSON and Sarah CHROME were married on 16 Nov 1819 in Hainford, Norfolk, England. Witnesses were John Sexton & Elizabeth Case. **Sarah CHROME** was born (date unknown).

Sixth Generation

14. **William L. SMITHSON** (Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born about 1820 in England. Birth & Death from father's notes. He died after 1878 at the age of 58 in York North Twp., York Co., Ontario. More About **William L. Smithson** and **Margaret Elizabeth MATTICE**:
Marriage: 4 August 1847, Etobicoke Twp., York Co., ON, CAN.1161
Marriage Notes for **William L. Smithson** and **Margaret Elizabeth MATTICE**:
William Smithson, Cooper, to Margret Mattine, both of Etobicoke. 4 Aug. 1847, Etobicoke, by Licence. Rev. Adams. Wit. Hammond Smithson and S. Smithson.
Children of **William L. Smithson** and **Margaret Elizabeth MATTICE** are:
William SMITHSON, b. Abt. 1842, York County, Ontario, Canada, d. date unknown.
Elizabeth Ann SMITHSON, b. 27 February 1849, Etobicoke Twp., York County, Ontario, Canada 1162, d. date unknown.
+**Norris SMITHSON**, b. 12 March 1851, Etobicoke Twp., York County, Ontario, Canada 1162, d. 23 January 1918, Jarvis, Walpole Twp., Haldimand Co., Ontario 1163.
Jacob Ashley SMITHSON, b. 1 March 1854, York Township, York County, Ontario 1164, d. date unknown.
Hannah Margaret SMITHSON, b. 15 October 1854, Vaughan Twp., York County, Ontario 1164, d. date unknown.

Margaret Elizabeth MATTICE was born (date unknown).

William L. SMITHSON and Margaret Elizabeth MATTICE had the following children:

23 i. **William SMITHSON** was born circa 1842 in York County, Canada, British North America. Data from father's data.

+24 ii. **Norris SMITHSON Sr.**, born 12 Mar 1851, Etobicoke Twp., Canada, British North America; married Margaret Sarah HUFF, 15 Oct 1873, St.Pauls Church, ONT; died 23 Jan 1918, Jarvis, ONT.

25 iii. **Jacob Ashley SMITHSON** was born on 1 Mar 1854 in York County, Canada, British North America. Data from father's data.

26 iv. **Hannah Margaret SMITHSON** was born on 15 Oct 1854 in Vaughan Twp., Canada, British North America. Data from father's data.

18. **Hammond Jr. SMITHSON** (Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born in 1829 in Norfolk, England, United Kingdom. He died after 1892 at the age of 63 in Michigan, United States. Death from father's notes. **Hamond Jr. SMITHSON (b. 1829, d. Aft. 1892)**
Hamond Jr. SMITHSON (son of ***Hamond SMITHSON*** and ***Sofia BAYES***) was born 1829 in Norfolk. England 640, 641, and died Aft. 1892 in Michigan, USA. He married **Jane FINLAY** on 24 October 1849 in Etobicoke Twp., York Co., ON, CAN 642.

Notes for **Hamond Jr. SMITHSON**:
In 1851, Hammond, his wife Jane and their 3 children were living just outside Weston, Etobicoke Township, Ontario. They were members of the Primitive Methodist Church. They lived on Concession A, Lot 23 sharing 100 acres with another family. (C-11761, Etobicoke Twp., York co., District 2 page 138 Line 1) Hamond Jr. was working as a Cooper.
In 1861, they were living in York Twp., York Co., and by 1871 they were in Huron County, Seaforth District.
In 1866, Hammond and his family were living in Green Grove - Post office Thistletown, (formerly McKaysville), a settlement in the township of Vaughan, 15 miles from Toronto, contains one tavern, Green Grove Union Hotel, John Schoolcraft , proprietor. Daily mail. Population 75. (Mitchell & Co., 1866, p. 398)
"Hermon SMITHSON, who was born in Norfolk, England, in 1829, and is still living in Stronach , Mich. The father is a cooper by trade, and was brought up in Canada, whither he went with his parents when only seven years of age and where he remained until he came to Michigan in 1881. His wife, Jane FINLAY, who still remains with him, was born in 1830, in County Down, Ireland."
He immigrated with his family to Michigan in 1881. In 1892 they were living in Stronach, Michigan.
1892 Portrait & Biological Album of Genesee, Lapeer & Tuscola Counties,
Chapman Bros. p. 862-864
More About **Hamond Jr. SMITHSON** and **Jane FINLAY**:
Marriage: 24 October 1849, Etobicoke Twp., York Co., ON, CAN.642
Marriage Notes for **Hamond Jr. SMITHSON** and **Jane FINLAY**:
Harmon Smithson and Jane Finley, Etobicoke, by Banns. 24 Oct. 1849, in Etobicoke. Wit. Joseph Smith and John Smithson.
Children of **Hamond Jr. SMITHSON** and **Jane FINLAY** are:
Joseph SMITHSON, b. Abt. 1847, Etobicoke Twp., York County, Ontario, Canada, d. Bef. 1861, York County, Ontario.
William SMITHSON, b. Abt. 1849, Etobicoke Twp., York County, Ontario, Canada643, d. date unknown.
Thomas Weston SMITHSON, b. 25 August 1850, Etobicoke Twp., York County, Ontario, Canada 644, d. 1928, London, Middlesex Co., Ontario.
Samuel SMITHSON, b. Abt. 1857, York Twp., York Co., Ontario645, d. date unknown.
Douglas Finlay SMITHSON, b. Abt. 1859, York Twp., York Co., Ontario645, d. date unknown.
Alfred SMITHSON, b. Abt. 1862, York Twp., York Co., Ontario, d. date unknown.
William SMITHSON, b. Abt. 1864, York Twp., York Co., Ontario, d. date unknown.

Hammond Jr. SMITHSON and Jane FINDLAY were married. **Jane FINDLAY** was born (date unknown).

Seventh Generation

24. **Norris SMITHSON Sr.** (William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 12 Mar 1851 in Etobicoke Twp., Canada, British North America. Listed in family bible as "Noris Smithson born March 12 185?" Last number unreadable. He died on 23 Jan 1918 at the age of 66 in Jarvis, ONT. He was buried in Jarvis, ONT. Knox Presbyterian Church cemetery, part of lot #4 in the eight concession, Twp. of Walpole. Name on plan, Murdoch, lot #31, 3 graves: J Hough, Norris Smithson, Margaret Sarah Hough Smithson. This data from a visit from Dora Smithson in 1969.
RLW visited this cemetery in June of 2014. Smithson red stone is on south side alongside of north road.
Smithson, Moris, b.1852, d. 1918,((h/o Margaret S. Smithson (Hough))
Smithson, Margaret S. (Hough), b. 1848, d. 1929, w/o Moris Smithson
Hough, James, b. 1840, d. 1911, Brother. There is also a small stone for James Hough.
This stone seems to be in a Murdoch plot which is very old stone for William Ward Murdoch, died 1896 at 5 years old.
Knox Presbyterian Cemetery
As you approach the outskirts of Jarvis, watch for Monson Street on your left. Turn left, then turn right on to Walpole Street, go a short distance and you will see the cemetery entrance on you left. The cemetery is directly to the rear of Knox Presbyterian Church.
Some Data on marriage is from a Bible in the possession of Janet Lowe RIN #167
BURIAL: Presbyterian Cemetery, Jarvis, Ont.
Norris SMITHSON (b. 12 March 1851, d. 23 January 1918)
Norris SMITHSON (son of ***William L. Smithson*** and ***Margaret Elizabeth MATTICE***) was born 12 March 1851 in Etobicoke Twp., York County, Ontario, Canada 1869, and died 23 January 1918 in Jarvis, Walpole Twp., Haldimand Co., Ontario870. He married **Margaret Sarah HOUGH** on 15 October 1873 in Jarvis, Haldimand Co., Ontario871.
Notes for **Norris SMITHSON**:
According to the **1871 Census**, Norris was living with his grandparents Jacob and Elizabeth Mattice. He was residing at Walpole Street, Jarvis, Walpole Twp., Haldimand County.

From The Simcoe Reformer of Apr 21, 1872. “A few days ago Norris Smithson of Jarvis was running a hay press on a farm just outside of Port Dover. Through some means or other, his foot was caught in the press and badly smashed. He was immediately removed to his home in Jarvis and medical aid summoned. He will probably be laid up all summer.
He was also in the County Farmers' Directory of 1891 in Jarvis, Walpole Township, Haldimand Co. as a freeholder on Concession 8 Lot 4.
More About **Norris SMITHSON**:
Christening: 29 December 1852, Trinity Church, Etobicoke Twp., York County, Ontario.872
More About **Norris SMITHSON** and **Margaret Sarah HOUGH**:
Marriage: 15 October 1873, Jarvis, Haldimand Co., Ontario.873
Children of **Norris SMITHSON** and **Margaret Sarah HOUGH** are:
+**Homer Ashley SMITHSON**, b. 21 January 1875, Jarvis, Walpole Twp., Haldimand Co., Ontario 1874, d. Bef. 1964, Ontario, Canada 1875.

William Sydney SMITHSON, b. 10 January 1878, Jarvis, Walpole Twp., Haldimand Co., Ontario 1876, d. date unknown.
Walter Norris SMITHSON, b. 11 September 1884, Jarvis, Walpole Twp., Haldimand Co., Ontario 1877, d. 14 December 1957, Galt, Dumfries North Twp. Waterloo.
1881 Census: Norris age 31, 1850, Ontario, Wesleyan Methodist, Farm labor, Dist. 146, Haldimand, sub-dist A, Walpole. Household: Norris 31, Margaret 34, Homer 6, Wilham 3, Jacob 27.
1891 Census, Norris age 40, 1851, Ontario, Methodist, spouse name Margaret, father/mother birth Ontario, dist 70, Haldimand, Walpole. Household: Norris 40, Margaret 42, Homer 16, William 13, Walter 6.

Norris SMITHSON Sr. and Margaret Sarah HUFF were married on 15 Oct 1873 in St. Paul's Church, ONT. Ontario, Canada Marriages, 1901-1928. Norris Smithson age 23, birth year about 1850, Fathers name William Smithson, Mother name Margaret Smithson. Spouse name Margaret Huff, spouse mother name Catherine Huff, marriage date 15 October 1873.
Margaret Sarah HUFF, daughter of Erastus HUFF and Catherine HUFF, was born on 13 Oct 1848. Listed in family bible as "Margaret Sarah born Oct 12 1848." She was buried at Knox Presbyterian Church in Walpole Twp., Haldimand, Ontario, Canada. Note from Dora Smithson states Knox Presbyterian Church, Jarvis, Ontario. Cemetery - Part of Lot #4 in the Eighth concession, Township of Walpole. Name on plan, Murdock - Lot No 31 - 3 graves, J Hough, Norris Smithson 1916, Margaret Sarah Hough Smithson 1929.
Middle name Georgina or Sarah?
Spelling verified from Marriage certificate, however there are indications of it being spelled Hough. In Jarvis Presbyterian Cemetery her name on the stone is Margaret S. Hough.
Note the S. on stone so her middle name was Sarah not Georgina that was given to me previously.

Norris SMITHSON and Margaret Sarah HUFF had the following children:

+27 i. **Homer Ashley SMITHSON**, born 21 Jan 1875, Norfolk County, Ontario; married Flora May AUSTIN, 31 Jul 1898, United Church?, ONT; died 6 Aug 1950, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario.

28 ii. **William Sydney SMITHSON** was born on 10 Jan 1878 in Jarvis, Walpole Twp., Haldimand, Ontario, Canada. Birth date is from notes for father.
Listed in family bible as "William Sidney born Jan ? 1878." Birth date from Smithson Bible in possession of Janet Lowe # 167

+29 iii. **Walter Norris SMITHSON**, born 11 Sep 1884, Jarvis, Walpole Twp., Haldimand, Ontario, Canada; married Mary Maude FISHER; died 14 Dec 1957, Galt, Dumfries North Twp., Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Eighth Generation

27. **Homer Ashley SMITHSON** (Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 21 Jan 1875 in Norfolk County, Ontario. Family bible lists "Homer Ashely born Jan 1875." Note spelling of Ashely! He died on 6 Aug 1950 at the age of 75 in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario. He was buried on 9 Aug 1950 in Jarvis, Haldimand, Ontario, Canada. BURIAL: Buried in Brantford, Ontario, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, lot E Y2 7, graves 1&2.
Section A. Wife, daughter Mabel, son Harold (Abe) & Dora Smithson.
Section A: Homer A. Smithson Jan 21 1875- Aug 6 1950
Flora M. Austin Apr 4 1870 - Oct 13 1945
Harold Smithson 9/28/1905 - 6/4/1984
Dora M. Smithson Mar 6 1901 - Jan 28 1989
Mabel A Dec 2 1912 -Oct 28 1915 Mother was Georgina Huff (Hough) who was said to be illiterate. Married in the
Anglican Church in Jarvis.
HOBBY: He was a horse man, owned and raced, as a hobby.
SETTTLED: Lived most of his life before Brantford in the Jarvis area.
BIO: Lived for two years in the Walsh area, working as a cattle buyer, for Gus Wiel of Buffalo, His son Sandie was born at this time and was named for the sandy land in the area. This info from daughters, Helen and Dora.
He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1930-1936

Homer Ashley SMITHSON and Flora May AUSTIN were married on 31 Jul 1898. Ontario Marriages 1901-1928
Norris Smithson age 23, birth about1850, father name William Smithson, Mother Margaret Smithson. Spouse name, Margaret Huff, marriage date 15 Oct. 1873. **Flora May AUSTIN**, daughter of Isaac Newton AUSTIN and Georgena DOAN, was born on 4 Apr 1870 in Woodhouse Twp., Norfolk, Ontario. She died on 13 Oct 1945 at the age of 75 in Norfolk County, Ontario. She was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. See daughter's (Dora) data. Helen Vanevera says her mother's name was Flora May? Flora was a Doan whose ancestors came over on the Mayflower. Doans as in Doans Hollow.
Flora's father is buried in Pt. Dover.
BURIED-DEATH: Mount Hope Cemetery, Brantford.

Homer Ashley SMITHSON and Flora May AUSTIN had the following children:

+30 i. **Helen Marjorie SMITHSON**, born 18 Sep 1899, Walpole Tsp, Haldimand, ONT; married Howard Calvin VANEVERA, 2 Nov 1925, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; died 9 May 2003, Simcoe, Norfolk County, Ontario.

31 ii. **Dora SMITHSON** was born on 6 Mar 1901 in Jarvis, ONT. RLW holds her birth

certificate card confirming date and place of birth as Walpole Twp., Haldimand County. Registration #1901-D-533. Name: Dora Smithson. She died on 27 Jun 1989 at the age of 88 in Simcoe, Norfolk County, Ontario. Death funeral notice: In Memory of Dora Smithson
Daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Homer Smithson who passed away at the Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home, Simcoe, Ontario on Wednesday, June 28th, 1989 in her 89th year.
Officiant: Rev. John Calder St. Paul's Anglican Church, Jarvis, Ontario
Casket Bearers: Cam Whitside, Kim Whitside, Bob Burland, Roger Couckuyt, Robin Lefler. She was buried on 30 Jun 1989 in Brantford, Ontario, Canada.
BURIAL: Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Brantford. Cemetery deed held by RLW signifying she bought Lot Number East half seven in Range Number 23 section A containing Graves 1 & 2. This dated March 18 1946.
Note: her mother died in October of 1945. Above indicates graves 1 & 2 so could include her mother's grave site. Attended school in Brant County and Brantford, graduated from local business school and spent her work career with the Engineering Department of the City of Brantford. She never married.
In her obituary it was noted that she was employed at the Brantford City Hall for over 40 years. She was a charter member and Past President of the Brantford Business and Professional Club and the Zonta's Club.
Letter from the City Engineer's Office place her in charge of the office of the City Engineer until a permanent appointment, dated July 2, 1941.
Letter from City of Brantford advising she had completed 40 years of service and she has passed her 60th birthday and was retired on pension.
She never had a middle name but wanted Dora May put on her cemetery stone. Barbara Whitside who was her executor put a M as a middle initial..
Her will signified that all her assets be divided between her sister Helen and her niece Barbara Whitside.

+32 iii. **Norris Issac SMITHSON**, born 18 May 1904, Jarvis, ONT; married Annie Maria WATSON, 6 May 1939, Ontario; died 8 Jan 1970, Brantford, Ontario, Canada.

33 iv. **Charles Harold (ABE) SMITHSON** was born on 28 Sep 1905 in Jarvis, ONT.

He died on 4 Jun 1984 at the age of 78 in Norfolk County, Ontario. He was buried on 7 Jun 1984 at Mt. Hope cemetery in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Certificate of Baptism, Jarvis, 10 March, 1913, birth date, Jarvis, 28 Sept. 1905.
Graduated Public School, certificate held by RLW dated July 21, 1921 and went on to High school then one year at OAC, Guelph studying Veterinary science.
Left school and became a self-proclaimed metallurgist dealing in copper and metals of all sort plus cotton and wool, recycling and reclaiming. A Junk collector.

+34 v. **Margaret Georgina SMITHSON**, born 2 Mar 1908, Jarvis, ONT; married Harold

Stanley DAY, 11 Jan 1933, Norfolk County, Ontario; died 1 Nov 1960, Norfolk County, Ontario.

+35 vi. **Sandie Earl SMITHSON**, born 13 Jul 1910, Norfolk County, Ontario; married Edna May MEGGITT, 18 Jul 1932, Brantford, Ontario, Canada; died 26 Aug 1988, Brantford, Ontario, Canada.

36 vii. **Mabel Annie SMITHSON** was born on 2 Dec 1912 in Norfolk County, Ontario, Canada. She died on 28 Oct 1915 at the age of 2 in Norfolk County, Ontario. There is no proof of her birth place or her death place. She was buried at Mt. Hope cemetery in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Baptismal Certificate dated 10 March 1913.

29. **Walter Norris SMITHSON** (Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 11 Sep 1884 in Jarvis, Walpole Twp., Haldimand, Ontario, Canada. Data is from father's data.
Listed in family bible as "Walter Norris born Sept 11 1884." He died on 14 Dec 1957 at the age of 73 in Galt, Dumfries North Twp., Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Data from father's data.

Walter Norris SMITHSON and Mary Maude FISHER were married. **Mary Maude FISHER** was born (date unknown). From memory of Helen (Smithson) Vanevera, August/2000 and a note from Dora Smithson. Not verified.

Walter Norris SMITHSON and Mary Maude FISHER had the following child:

37 i. **Sydney SMITHSON** was born (date unknown).

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30. **Helen Marjorie SMITHSON** (Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 18 Sep 1899 in Walpole Tsp, Haldimand, ONT.[1] BIRTH: Certificate of Birth, copy held by R. Whitside, for Marjery Helen Smithson, 18 Sept. 1899, place of birth Walpole Tsp, Haldimand Co. Father, Homer Smithson, Painter, Mother Florence Austen. Registration # B ?39230, Index 1899-D-349. Note the e in Austen? She died on 9 May 2003 at the age of 103 in Simcoe, Norfolk County, Ontario. Helen died after a short stay in the Norfolk General Hospital. Her hospital visit was caused by a fall at the Heritage Retirement Home. It appears that she may have had internal injuries as she was complaining of pain and sore ribs or it could have just been the shock and her age.
Funeral Directors Certificate of Death held by RLW. 9 May 2003. BIRTH: I have a copy of a Certificate of Birth, No. B 39230, Father Homer Smithson, occupation, Painter, Mother- Florence Austen, dated 22 November, 1900
Information from Mrs. Howard Calvin Vanevera. She can't remember where christened but feels at time they were Presbyterian and living in Jarvis.
EDUCATION: I have a Collegiate Institutes High Schools and Continuation Schools of Ontario certificate issued by the Ontario Department of Education certifying that Helen Smithson has passed the Junior Entrance Examination, dated at Brantford, Aug 27, 1913.
MARRIAGE: I have the Certificate of Marriage, dated 2nd November, 1925 at Brantford by Alex? R. Gibson and witnesses were Chas. H. Stephens and Dora Smithson.
CHILDREN: Helen and Howard had twins, a boy and a girl that were born and we do not believe they ever left the hospital. I have a copy of the Undertakers statement for Baby D. M. & D. A. Vanevera. For casket and service, $25.00. Dated December 18, 1926
BIRTH: MARRIAGE: data from Helen Vanevera.
After their move to Simcoe she did a great deal of babysitting for friends and gathered a large circle of friends. She lived for many years after her husband died, until November 2001, in an apartment house owned by her daughter Shirley Huggins. This was at the corner of Queen and South Drive. A murder of a apartment resident Heather Rapai caused her to want to move and she moved to the Heritage retirement home in January of 2002. She was in her 104th year, and in good spirits when she died after a fall. It was thought that she may have had internal injuries.
She received congratulation from John Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada and Bob Speller Liberal M. P. on her 100th birthday.

Helen Marjorie SMITHSON and Howard Calvin VANEVERA were married on 2 Nov 1925 in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario. MARRIAGE: Certificate of Marriage held by R. L. Whitside. Certifies 2nd day of May of November, 1925. Officiating was Alex R. Gibson. Witnesses were C. H. Stephens and Dora Smithson.
I also hold a copy of the wedding invitation from Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smithson, Monday, November the second, nineteen hundred and twenty five at two thirty o'clock at thei residence,

Bur ford Road, Brantford, Ontario **Howard Calvin VANEVERA**, son of Thomas Clark VANEVERA and Melissa Ellen ELLIOTT, was born on 14 Mar 1898 in South Dumfries, Brant County, ONT. BIRTH: Copy of Schedule A, Births held by R. Whitside listing name as Van Every, Howard Calvin, name of father Clark Van Every and maiden name of mother Melissa Elliot, occupation of father, Farmer. Name of physician was Dr. J. L. Addison and same making name of return. Date of registration March 31st, 1898. Remarks -1898-05-006557 given under my hand this thirtieth day of June A.D. 1898, signed Wm. Fleming, Div. Registrar.
NOTE: The name is Van Every not Vanevera. He died on 21 Mar 1973 at the age of 75 in Simcoe, Norfolk County, Ontario. He was buried on 24 Mar 1973.[2] Buried in St. George Cemetery, St. George, Brant County, Ontario BIRTH: I have a Schedule A Births for Van Every, Howard Calvin born March 14, 1898, father Clark Van Every, farmer, mother Melissa Elliot. Physician, Dr. J. L. Addison registered on March 31st, 1898. Remarks: 1898-05-0065577
Information from Mrs. Howard Calvin Vanevera.
All data pertaining to Van/s birth etc. state that the proper spelling of his name was "Vanevery". Howard was a master tool and die maker for most of his younger years but after his eye sight faded, moved to Simcoe and worked for Veale's Funeral Home from 1957-1973. Previously he worked for a short period in Cooksville for Hands Fireworks and for another company in Toronto in 1956.
At Veale's in Simcoe he lived over the funeral home.
MARRIAGE: I have a copy of the wedding announcement from Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Smithson between Marjorie Helen Smithson and Mr. Howard C. Vanevera on Monday November the second, 1925 at 2:30 at their residence Burford Rd., Brantford, Ontario
DEATH: I have a copy of the Funeral notice. Casket bearers were, Robert Pelletier, Sandie Smithson, Harold Smithson, Robert Whitside, Kim Whitside and John Lowe.
BURIAL: March 24, 1973 at St. George Cemetery in the family plot.

Howard Calvin VANEVERA and Helen Marjorie SMITHSON had the following children:

38 i. **Donald VANEVERY** was born in 1926. He died about 18 Dec 1926 at the age of 0 in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario.

+39 ii. **Barbara Joan VANEVERA R.N.**, born 16 Dec 1927, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; married Robert Leroy WHITSIDE B.A., 10 Jun 1950, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; died 24 Apr 2014, Simcoe, Norfolk, Ontario, Canada.

+40 iii. **Shirley Anne VANEVERA B.A.**, born 8 Sep 1929, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; married Eric Harold HUGGINS, 24 Jan 1953, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; died 26 Apr 2004, Gibson, B.C..

+41 iv. **Helen Sandra VANEVERA RN**, born 5 Jul 1936, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; married Frank Herbert BRAME MSC, 5 Nov 1957, Presbyterian Church, ONT.

32. **Norris Isaac SMITHSON** (Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 18 May 1904 in Jarvis, ONT. He died on 8 Jan 1970 at the age of 65 in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. It is believed that Norris died of Cirrhosis of the liver.
Occupation: he was a garden former, farming the homestead in Harley, Ontario. (This verified by Carole (Smithson) Pelletier holding an original letter dated 1942 by Homer Ashley Smithson). Later Norris moved into Brantford and worked at Hussman Refrigeration on Colborne St.
Hobby: he was a horseman and co-owned raced in partnership with his brothers Abe and Sandie.

BURIAL: Mt. Hope Cemetery, Brantford, Ontario. DEATH: At his home.

Norris Isaac SMITHSON and Annie Maria WATSON were married on 6 May 1939 in Ontario. To my knowledge there were no children, although Anne Maria had been previously married to a Buckborrough and had two children, Robert and Jean.

Annie Maria WATSON was born on 11 May 1904 in Windham Twp., Norfolk Co., Ontario.

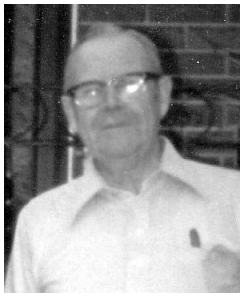
34. **Margaret Georgina SMITHSON** (Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 2 Mar 1908 in Jarvis, ONT. She died on 1 Nov 1960 at the age of 52 in St. Margaret's Hospital in Toronto, Ontario.
BURIED: St. Andrew's Cemetery, Orillia, Ontario.

Margaret Georgina SMITHSON and Harold Stanley DAY were married on 11 Jan 1933 in Norfolk County, Ontario. **Harold Stanley DAY**, son of Samuel Elijah DAY and Ida SMITH, was born on 5 Feb 1908. Birth and death dates from daughter Rosemary. He was buried in Jun 1982 at St. Andrews Cemetery in Orillia, Ontario, Canada. Burial from daughter Rosemary. He died on 12 Jun 1982 at the age of 74 at Riverdale General Hospital in Toronto Ontario.

Harold Stanley DAY and Margaret Georgina SMITHSON had the following children:

+42 i. **Helen Ann DAY R.N.**, born 6 Aug 1933, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; married Vermont McKeever SMITH B.A., 6 Sep 1960, United Church, Orillia, Simcoe Co., ONT.

+43 ii. **Margaret Rosemary DAY**, born 21 Dec 1944, Norfolk County, Ontario; married Robert Edmond MOON, 27 Jun 1964, Orillia, Ontario, Canada.



35. **Sandie Earl SMITHSON** (Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 13 Jul 1910 in Norfolk County, Ontario. He died on 26 Aug 1988 at the age of 78 in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Sandie died of a heart condition verified by a coroner's report. He was buried on 29 Sep 1988 at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Marianne (Smithson) Couckuyt has the deed for this plot which is not part of the other family Homer Smithson plot. This is lot #12-5, Range #25, Section CN-5-6.

Sandie was named after the sandy lands of Charlotteville Township in Norfolk County where he was born.

Education: graduated gr. 8 Ryerson School and Grade 13 diploma from Brantford Collegiate.

As a young man worked for Calbeck's as a stock and delivery clerk. Worked as a production planner at Massey Ferguson Verity plant in Brantford.

He created and owned and operated "Smithsons" a convenience store complete with lunch counter on Albion St. in Brantford.

From 1954 to 1955 he travelled as a salesman for Watkin's Smallware and Wholesale, selling to country and city stores throughout Brant and Wellington Counties while his wife Edna continued working in their store.

At retirement he was a cost controller and manager of stores at the Brantford General Hospital.

Politics: he served as Ward Chairman of the Brant Liberal Association and chaired strategy meetings with Paul Martin and Pierre Elliott Trudeau. (This data from Carole Smithson Pelletier and Marianne Smithson Couckuyt.

He loved horses and horse racing sharing his love and ownership of horses with his brothers.

Sandie Earl SMITHSON and Edna May MEGGITT were married on 18 Jul 1932 in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Certificate of Marriage held by Marianne (Smithson) Couckuyt, Delhi, ON. Solemnized the marriage of Sandie Earl Smithson and Edna May Meggitt under license # F 97640 at Brantford, Ontario on the 18 day of July 1932. Witnesses: Mrs. George Wood, Stanley Meggitt, sibling of Edna May.

The following is from a cut-out of the Brantford Expositor July 1982 placed by Marianne Couckuyt.

50th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Sandie Smithson of 14 Wade Avenue are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at an open house. The couple was married in Brantford on July 18 1932. They have four daughters: Mrs. Frank (Joan) Harris of Perth Australia; Mrs. Robert (Carole) Pelletier of Hudson, Fla.; Mrs. John (Janice) Lowes of Brantford; and Mrs. Roger (Marianne) Couckuyt of Delhi., There are seven grandchildren.
The open house will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at Balfour United Church. Best wishes only.
Edna May MEGGITT, daughter of John MEGGITT and Elizabeth Alice HANDS, was born on 11 Apr 1911 in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario. Birth Certificate held by Marianne (Smithson) Couckuyt, Delhi, ON. BA#13746-Meggitt, Edna May, female, April 11, 1911, Brantford, Ontario. Registration#1911-05-012155.
A second certificate indicates father's name John Meggitt of 14 Spring St., Laborer and Mother Elizabeth Alice Hands. Date of Reg. May 2 1911. She was buried in 1987 at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. She died on 18 Oct 1987 at the age of 76 in Paris, Brant, Ontario, Canada. Edna was in a full care hospital in Paris for a number of months before her death. She suffered from Alzheimer disease and died of cancer of the stomach.
Funeral Directors Statement of Death certify that Edna May Smithson died at Paris, Ontario on the 18th day of October 1987. Beckett-Glaves Funeral Home. Worked at Brantford Laundry before marriage. Worked at Brantford Laundry before marriage. After marriage she was a lunch hour monitor at Brantford School also worked Hospitality at River School, Brantford and the Tea Room at Brantford General Hospital.
Her hobbies were knitting baby shawls, baby outfits and adult sweaters.

Sandie Earl SMITHSON and Edna May MEGGITT had the following children:

+44 i. **Flora Joan Elizabeth "Joan" SMITHSON R.N.**, born 28 Oct 1933, Brantford, Brant, Ontario, Canada; married Frank Alexandra. HARRIS, 18 Dec 1958, Balfour United Church, Brantford, ONT; died 26 Dec 2005, Perth, Western Australia, Australia.

+45 ii. **Carole Jean SMITHSON**, born 11 Mar 1940, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; married Robert Ernest Jr. PELLETIER, 28 Oct 1961, Brooklyn, NY, USA.

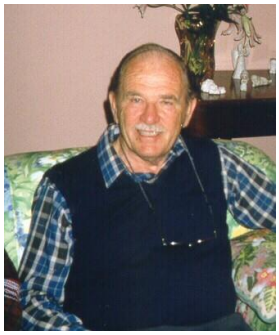
+46 iii. **Janice Noreen SMITHSON**, born 7 Nov 1941, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; married John Albert LOWES, 14 Sep 1963, Balfour United Church, Brantford, ONT; died 2 Apr 2008, Burlington, ONT.

+47 iv. **Marianne SMITHSON**, born 9 Jul 1946, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario; married Roger L. G. COUCKUYT, 28 Jun 1973, St. John Brebreuf and Companion Church, Delhi, Ontario.

Tenth Generation

39. **Barbara Joan VANEVERA R.N.** (Helen Marjorie Smithson-9, Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 16 Dec 1927 in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario.[3] R. L. Whitside has a copy of birth certificate and baptism certificate.
EDUCATION: Attended Graham Bell Public School and graduated Brantford Collegiate with Grade 13 in the spring of 1946.
Received Registered Nurse Certificate from Province of Ontario Feb. 22, 1950 after graduating in the spring of 1949 from the Brantford General Hospital, Brantford, Ont. She actually graduated in Aug 1949. Barbara died on 24 Apr 2014 at the age of 86 at home in Simcoe, Norfolk, Ontario, Canada, after being diagnosed with lung cancer in March 2013, a fall that broke her hip and a gradual decrease in her health. She died peacefully at home with her daughter Robin and husband at her side.
Obituary from the Simcoe Reformer of April 28 & 29th,2014
At her home in Simcoe on Thursday, April 24, 2014, Barbara Whitside in her 87th year. Beloved wife of Bob Whitside for 63 years. Dear mother of Christopher Whitside (Verna Chong), Kimberley Whitside (Freya), Cameron Whitside (Gwen) and Robin Lefler (Mark). Cherished grandmother of Kai, Benjamin, Chelsea and Tristan and great grandmother of Ayla. Sister to Sandra Brame (Frank). Predeceased by her parents Howard and Helen Vanevera and her sister Shirley Huggins and brother-in-law Eric. A family graveside service will be held followed by a Celebration of Life at The Norfolk Golf and Country Club on Friday, May 2, 2014 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to THE FERRIS FUNERAL HOME, 214 Norfolk St., S., Simcoe (519-426-1314). Online condolences at www.ferrisfuneral.com.
Ferris Funeral Home, 214 Norfolk St. S., Simcoe, Ontario Canada N3Y 2W4

Irish Blessing
May the roads rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
She was buried on 28 Apr 2014 at Whitside Plot K29 in Oakwood Cemetery, Simcoe, Ontario. There was a graveside ceremony on Monday April 28 officiated by Rev. Ian Bar of St. Paul's Presbyterian church. Family in attendance only. A burial not cremation.
Her husband has written her family genealogy title “From Ivren to Vanevera.” Copy at the Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe.



Barbara Joan VANEVERA R.N. and Robert Leroy "Bob" WHITSIDE B.A. were married on 10 Jun 1950 at Sydenham United Church, Dundas St. in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario.
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Robert Leroy WHITSIDE and Barbara Joan VANEVERA had the following children:

+48 i. **Christopher Robert WHITSIDE B.A.A.**,
+49 ii. **Kimberley Howard WHITSIDE**
+50 iii. **Cameron Bruce "Cam" WHITSIDE**
+51 iv. **Robin Barbara WHITSIDE**

40. **Shirley Anne VANEVERA B.A.** (Helen Marjorie Smithson-9, Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 8 Sep 1929 in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario. She died of cancer of the liver on 26 Apr 2004 at the age of 74 in Gibson, B.C. Shirley was in good health until the fall of 2003. She developed problems with kidney stones but the Doctors were suspect of further complications. It was into 2004 before they diagnosed cancer of the liver. The cancer took over very quickly and Shirley died during the night thankfully with little suffering. Born in Brantford and attended school graduating from Brantford Collegiate.
Certificate of Baptism held by RLW dated April 20th, 1930 and showing date of birth, Brantford, Sept 8th, 1929.
An excellent student, she then went on to McMaster University in Hamilton and earned a B. A. in Political Science & Economics, I believe. After University worked for Dow Chemical Canada in Toronto where she met her husband.
MARRIAGE: After marriage Shirley and Eric were immediately posted to Japan. They later moved to Hong Kong then back to Japan, Eric was then moved to London to take charge of the United Kingdom operations. After Eric's partial retirement they move to Bermuda. While there they planned and built a home in Gibson, B.C. After retirement they moved to Gibson and because of dissatisfaction with the home built another home and sold the first one. After the death of her husband Shirley lived in Gibson in the same home until her death in April of 2004.

Shirley Anne VANEVERA B.A. and Eric Harold HUGGINS were married on 24 Jan 1953 in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario. **Eric Harold HUGGINS**, son of Ernest Edward HUGGINS and Grace Nora READ, was born on 22 Sep 1922 in London, England.
BIRTH: Date provided by Eric and most of the Huggins data.
Military: Served British Army 1940-1945. Part of the time in Burma area.

Employed by Dow Chemical, USA in Hong Kong, Japan and latterly in charge of the United Kingdom Operations as Vice Pres. Partial retirement from 1984 to 1986. 1988 living in Gibson B.C.
DEATH: He died October 30, 1996 in Gibson, B.C. R. L. Whitside attended the memorial service and was present 4 days after the death. Lovely memorial service held at the Gibson Yacht Club of which he was a founding director.
General: Nota Bene: There is a book that is in the possession of R. L. Whitside that is a copy of a "ORAL HISTORY" of Eric's life and in particular his years with Dow Chemical Co. This was prepared by the staff of Dow in Midland, Michigan. They taped the interview with Eric and presented him with a hard copy of the transcript. The following is a condensation of this book. The data provided therefore is a true copy of Eric's own words outlining his life and career with Dow Chemical.
Eric was born at 4 Mossington Rd. in London, England on Sept. 22, 1922. The street no longer exists, having been taken over by a housing development. His father was a metropolitan policeman who did twenty five years in the police. This was cockney territory. He schooled in this area until his father completed his 25 years, at which time they moved out of London to Kent. He went to high school in Kent. He left school in 1938 and joined R. H. Cole as an Office boy in October of 1938. As Cole was an agent for 2 German chemical firms as well as doing general chemical trading, he also went to school at the Borough Polytechnic to learn chemistry, plastics and paint manufacturing. He learned the export business and foreign exchange with the company. He claims he was never very good at chemistry but his experience with exports served him well later at Dow Canada.
When he was eighteen he volunteered and joined the army. He joined the Guards but because he was underage for going overseas they chucked him out. He then joined the London Irish Rifles. He was then selected for a commission and went to OCTU, (Officers Training Unit) in Kent, which he did not enjoy. He disliked the wet and cold so volunteered to go to India, within two weeks he was on a ship out of Liverpool and off to India. In India he was in the Maharatta Light Infantry, Fifth regiment of the Indian Army. He was a Second Lieutenant in Bangalore training to go into Burma. He was then posted to Shaiba in Iraq, near the end of the war. He was there about II months and then in 1946 called it quits. He ended up as a Major at twenty three or twenty four years of age.
He returned to R.H. Cole in October of 1946 and became interested in the new polyethylene technology and learned a lot about the industry. Coles became the agent for Dow Canada for a related chemical, polystyrene.
In 1948, Nels Cannon came to England and offered Eric a job in Canada. Shortly after he took Cannon's job as export manager in 1950, when Cannon left the company. Before this he had completed a round the world trip for Dow Canada, particularly, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Bangkok. He also did Cyprus, Israel, and London. He was gone eight months. Eric moved to work for Dow U.S.A. out of Midland, MI. in August of 1952. This did not last long and as he was not satisfied with the action in the U.S., he moved back to Toronto and sold plastics for Dow.
MARRIAGE: He married Shirley Vanevera in January of 1953 in Brantford, Ontario. Zoltan Mersey was his best man. Zoltan later became Eric's boss as President of Dow Europe. He was then asked to go to Japan to get some business for Dow Canada, which he did. Eric and Shirley then moved to Japan in Oct. 1953. Representing the newly formed Dow International and working out of the Dow Asahi offices. Dow Ashahi was a joint venture operation. His

territory was Japan to Afghanistan. Dow wanted to open an office in Hong Kong so Eric and Shirley moved there in October of 195. They spent 16 years in the Far East. They next moved to London, England to take control of the U.K. operation which was in a mess. He straightened it out and in 1984 or 85 wanted to retire so took a partial retirement job in Bermuda. He was the Vice President of Coral Navigation. There were three companies, two of which were insurance companies and the others were a shipping company, Coral Navigation. There was also a finance company.
Eric then retired in 1986 after 40 years with the company. They then moved to Gibson, B. C. in the area in which his brother Ron lived. They had the home constructed while living in Bermuda. The house which was on Sargent Rd. did not prove to be satisfactory so they built another house farther up the hill at 829 Oceanmount Blvd. He lived here at the time of his death in 1996. Eric died of pancreatic cancer, first diagnosed on a trip in Europe in June/96. He died basically at home only going in to the hospital the night before he died. He luckily did not suffer very much in the end. Eric was cremated. A Celebration of Life ceremony was held at the Gibson's Yacht Club on November 5, 1996

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF ERIC HAROLD HUGGINS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5. 1996
Born September 22, 1922, London, England Died: October 30, 1996, Gibsons, B.C.
Remembered with Joy
Participants in the service OFFICIANT The Reverend Esther North MUSIC Joan Proctor The 69'ers, EULOGY: Ian Morrow, Barry Hardie
4 stanzas of Amazing Grace was sung, a page listed Eric's birth, Education and Professional Experiences

Memorial donations may be made to the Charity of one's choice. Following the Service, everyone is welcome to attend a reception on the Upper Deck.

Eric Harold HUGGINS and Shirley Anne VANEVERA adopted the following children:

+52 i. **Eric Read HUGGINS**, born 18 Jun 1959, Norfolk County, Ontario; married Julie DALE, 8 Jun 1985, Cheshire, ENG; married Toni DIBSDALE; died 19 Aug 2012, Woodstock, Oxford, Ontario.
+53 ii. **Pamela Jane HUGGINS** .

41. **Helen Sandra VANEVERA RN**

42. **Helen Ann DAY R.N.** (Margaret Georgina Smithson-9, Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 6 Aug 1933 in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario. Married and divorced Monte Smith. Moved to Pompano Beach, Florida.
See Vermont Smith for divorce date. She is a registered nurse.
Family data from her on a visit to RLW on September 15, 2000.
RESIDENCE; As of January 2014 she is living in Cumming, Georgia. Her daughter Jeby lives in the same city.

Helen Ann DAY R.N. and Vermont McKeever "Monte" SMITH B.A. were married on 6 Sep 1960 in United Church, Orillia, Simcoe Co., ONT. They were divorced. **Vermont McKeever "Monte" SMITH B.A.**, son of ALEC SMITH and Catherine MCKEEVER, was born on 7 Aug 1927 in NY, USA. He died on 23 Dec 1998 at the age of 71 in Denver, CO.
DATA: All from Helen Ann Smith on a visit by R.L.W. on April 15/2000
Monte died of throat cancer.

Vermont McKeever SMITH and Helen Ann DAY had the following children:

+56 i. **Jeby Ann SMITH**,
57 ii. **Richmond McKeever SMITH** was born on 23 Apr 1967 at San Jorge Hospital in San Jorge, Puerto Rico. He died on 28 Oct 1988 at the age of 21 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA. He was buried on 2 Nov 1988 in Memorial Gardens, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. After mother & father divorced he was living with his mother before his death.

43. **Margaret Rosemary DAY** (Margaret Georgina Smithson-9, Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1.

44. **Flora Joan Elizabeth "Joan" SMITHSON R.N.** (Sandie Earl-9, Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 28 Oct 1933 in Brantford, Brant, Ontario, Canada. Birth date confirmed by sister Marianne, also death date in Australia. She

died on 26 Dec 2005 at the age of 72 in Perth, Western Australia, Australia. It is thought that Joan died of Cirrhosis of the liver. Graduated Brantford General Hospital as a Registered Nurse. She went on for post graduate work at Polyclinic Hospital Ny, NY receiving a degree in post outdoor nursing. She then took a position with the Toronto General Hospital Emergency Department.
She married Frank Harris and moved to Kamloops, BC, 1960-1973 and then emigrated to Australia. In Australia she was teaching Nursing and became part of Accreditation Team at Princess Margaret Hospital in Perth.

45. **Carole Jean SMITHSON** (Sandie Earl-9, Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1

46. **Janice Noreen SMITHSON** (Sandie Earl-9, Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1) was born on 7 Nov 1941 in Brantford, Brant County, Ontario. She died on 2 Apr 2008 at the age of 66 in Burlington, ONT. Death data from her sister Marianne Couckuyt, Delhi ON who advises that she died of pancreatic cancer.
Grad of Brantford Collegiate Institute Gr. 12. Trained as an accountant book keeper, she worked for Seaway Fabricating, DX Storm and McGillary Co and then operated her own accounting business as an independent. She began her married life in Brantford, Stoney Creek and back to Brantford then a few years on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Returned to Brantford, Oakville and Burlington all places where she left her mark. This from her service of life celebration 9 April, 2008 by Rev. James C. Gill, Minister, Walton Memorial United Church.
Her hobbies were needlepoint and she published a cookbook, "Cookbook Plus More Stuff."
Birth and death data from her sister Marianne Couckuyt, Delhi ON.

Janice Noreen SMITHSON and John Albert LOWES were married on 14 Sep 1963 in Balfour United Church, Brantford, Ontario. Marriage date confirmed by Marianne Couckuyt, Delhi ON. **John Albert LOWES** was born on 16 May 1941 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Birth & death data from Marianne Couckuyt, Delhi ON. He died on 16 Mar 2014 at the age of 72 in Burlington, ONT. He died of a heart attack but also had COPD. John was a Petty Officer in the Royal Canadian Navy then worked for Ford Motor Co., as a millwright at Dofasco Steel in Hamilton then in the fencing business and after retirement at Home Depot. His hobby was fishing.

47. **Marianne SMITHSON** (Sandie Earl-9, Homer Ashley-8, Norris-7, William L.-6, Hammond-5, Robert-4, Robert-3, Robert-2, Francis-1)

1. Data learned from the individual mentioned in the notes, Personal Interview, Certificate of birth or actual birth certificate.

2. The Simcoe Reformer or Norfolk Observer (Pearce Publishing).
3. Registration of Birth, Have a copy.
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