

Some Descendants of James Keefe, Loyalist of Kennebecasis Island, N.B.

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First Generation

1. **James¹ Keefe** was born by 1755, his place of birth uncertain. He died sometime after June 1833, probably on or near Kennebecasis Island (note that Kennebecasis Island is sometimes known as Milkish Island in records). His place of burial is also unknown, but there is a family cemetery on Kennebecasis Island, Kings Co., N.B., near the family homestead. James Keefe was a Loyalist who arrived in Saint John, N.B. in the spring of 1783.

The first solid reference to James Keefe occurs in a victualling account of newly arrived Loyalists done 25 May 1783. At that time, James' family consisted of one adult male, one adult female, one child under 10 and one child over 10 years of age. Further victualling accounts done in May and June of 1784 reveal the same family makeup.¹

On 22 September 1783, James Keefe (listed also as Keif) obtained a grant of land in Parrrtown, which is today part of the City of Saint John, N.B. These grants of land were given to Loyalists by the British crown to accommodate them as they arrived in what was then Nova Scotia (New Brunswick not being formed as a province until 1784). James obtained lot 1013, which was a 40 by 100 foot lot located on the south side of Queen Street.²

James Keefe's origin in the then thirteen colonies is uncertain. He definitely sailed from New York in 1783 with the Spring Fleet to arrive at Saint John, but that provides little clue as to his origin. By 1783, New York had become the last British holdout in the former colonies, and persons loyal to Britain had fled from all parts of the colonies to the relative safety at New York. The few records regarding James Keefe in New Brunswick give no clues as to his former home, and neither do any commonly-used sources on Loyalist individuals. Esther Clark Wright, however, gives James' occupation immediately prior to leaving New York as a member of the Engineering Corps in the British Army.³ A James Keefe is listed on the "Muster Roll of Artisans, Lawyers and employ'd at the Undermentioned Places under the Direction of Orders of Cap. Alex Mercer, Commanding Engineer," taken at New York. 26 Aug 1781.⁴ In this Muster roll, this James Keith is listed as a lawyer at

Hornshook, NY. While this James is indeed a member of the above-mentioned Engineering Department, it would seem strange that he would not pursue a law career after arriving in Saint John, but instead take up farming on Kennebecasis Island. There is also a James Keith listed with "His Majesty's Garrison Battalion whereof Major William Sutherland commandant", John Grant Capt., muster roll of 3 Nov 1778.⁵ Either of these individuals may be the same James Keith, but there is no evidence to solidly link them.

In 1807, James petitioned the crown for land on Kennebecasis Island. In this petition, he stated that he was the owner of lot number 5 on the Island, had been living on that lot for 12 years (placing him there about 1795), was the only inhabitant of the island, and was asking the crown for lot No. 9, which had originally been granted to a Maybee who had since emigrated to the U.S., as well as lots 7 and 8, all of 50 acres, and all unimproved.⁶ In an affidavit made 5 June 1833, James asserted that he had purchased lot number 5 from Michael Butler about 44 years earlier (placing the purchase about 1789).⁷ Michael Butler was the original grantee of lot number 5, on 14 October 1785.⁸

The affidavit of 1833 contains some interesting information about James and his son Thomas. The affidavit seemed to have been prompted by James Keefe selling a portion of land to the same Charles Gibbons on 10 November 1832.⁹ In it, James claims that he held a copy of the deed given to him by Michael Butler at the time of purchase, but that in spring 1831 it was "feloniously taken away" from him. He accused Thomas Keefe of being the culprit, and further claimed that this Thomas Keefe was not, in fact, his son, by virtue of the fact that he had been absent from his (Thomas') mother for 15 months (presumably before Thomas was born), and that he had never been married to Thomas' mother. He does confirm that the said Thomas Keefe was living in the same house with him (James'), so it appears there was a falling out between James and Thomas in the latter part of James' life (James being at least 78 by this time). One Charles Gibbons also swore an affidavit that Thomas' wife Jane had shown him a copy of the deed to lot number 5, and that she would

not return it to "old Keefe" (James), to prevent him from selling the land, as the deed was not on record, which presumably meant the copy she had was the only one in existence. The fact that these records exist appear to indicate that James' ownership of the land was recognized by the Kings County office. This affidavit is the last record we have of James' life.

The name of James' wife is, unfortunately, unknown to us. James apparently did not leave a will, and the few other documents that have survived do not provide us with that information. The number of James' children is also uncertain. If the two individuals who arrived in 1783 with James and his wife were both his children, then he would have had one child born before 1773 (aged over 10 in 1783 victualling account), and the other child under 10 in 1783, making him or her born sometime between 1773 and 1783. James' son Thomas, the only child known to have left descendants, was born about 1785 at the earliest, so it appears that James had at least 3 children.

Children

- i _____ Keefe, born before 1774.
- ii _____ Keefe, born between 1774 and 1783.
- 2 iii Thomas Keefe, born c1785.

Second Generation

2. **Thomas² Keefe** (*James¹*) born c1785 (aged 27 in 1812 petition), in New Brunswick, married about 1811, in New Brunswick, **Jane Hayter**, born c1786 in New Brunswick, daughter of John Hayter and Mary Monk.¹⁰ Thomas and Jane both died some time after 1871, when they were listed in the 1871 census of Westfield Parish, Kings County, N.B., aged 87 and 85 respectively.¹¹

Thomas petitioned for land in 1812. He asked for lot number 5 on the east side of Grand Bay, opposite Brandy Point in Westfield parish, Kings Co., N.B. At that time he stated that he had been born in New Brunswick, was 27 years of age, married, and with one child.¹² In a later petition, dated 5 August 1823, Thomas stated that he had settled on lots 5 and 6 opposite Brandy Point; apparently the same lot no. 5 he applied for 11 years earlier. In this petition he asks for both lots 5 and 6, as well as an additional half-lot adjoining number 5 originally owned by Isaiah Parker, sold to Benjamin Darby(?), who left N.B. some 25 years ago. At this time (1823) Thomas stated he had a wife and six children, and was a

native of New Brunswick, and had lived on these lots since the fall of 1813.¹³

In 1825, Thomas sold 300 acres of land located on the west side of the Saint John River to Obadiah Purdy of Saint John.¹⁴

In 1832, Thomas sold lots 7 and 8 on Kennebecasis Island, consisting of a total of 100 acres, to his sons John and James. These lots are the same ones the elder James Keefe petitioned for in 1807; no record has been found to indicate whether James obtained them and gave or sold them to Thomas, or whether Thomas obtained them directly.¹⁵ This deed identifies Thomas as a farmer and both James and John as "mechanics". According to the late James Keith of Saint John, Thomas' son William had also been a mechanic, and he had several tools that had been used by William.

Another transaction exists dated 6 January 1840 where Thomas sold 40 acres of lot number 8 to his son John - who just bought the same lot in 1832! This deed also lists Thomas as the owner of lot number 7, when in fact the 1832 transaction sold that lot to John as well. Possibly ownership of lots 7 & 8 reverted to Thomas when his son James moved to Maine in the 1830's? There appears to be one part of the land trail that has not survived to the present.¹⁶ In 1865 Thomas sold this same lot number 7 to Henrietta H. Goddard. At that time, lot 8 was occupied by John Keefe (he having purchased it in 1840), and a strip of land to the southeast of lot 7 was occupied by Thomas' son William.¹⁷

Some time in the 1840's or 50's Thomas went to Solon, Maine, where his son Michael was living. Michael wrote a series of letters from Solon to his family on Kennebecasis Island from 1850 to 1875. In the first letter, dated 25 January 1850, he relates that his father (Thomas) is with his (Michael's) brother Joseph, and are both well. His mother (Jane) was living in another place.¹⁸ In a letter dated 9 May 1851, Michael asks his brother William, who was living on Kennebecasis Island, to tell their mother (Jane) that he would send some money, so it appears that Jane was back on the island by then. This letter also includes a note from another of Michael's brothers, James, who comments that he had seen their father (Thomas) and brother Joseph last winter, so Thomas and Joseph were not in Solon, Maine at that time.

Thomas and Jane had both returned to New Brunswick by 1861, where they are listed in the 1861

census of Westfield parish, Kings Co., N.B. In this census, Thomas and Jane were living on their own, and a Robert Logan, aged 1, was listed as an "adopted son," living with them. In the 1871 census, again of Westfield parish, they were aged 87 and 85 respectively, living with their son William. In this census, Jane was listed as being "unsound of mind." Neither Thomas nor Jane are listed in the 1881 census, and from their ages we can speculate that they both passed away some time between 1871 and 1881.¹⁹ Unfortunately, no record of the death of either has come to light.

Children:

- i Catherine Elizabeth Keefe, born 22 Feb 1806.²⁰
- 3 ii James Keefe, born c1813.
- 4 iii John Thomas Keefe, born 12 May 1815.
- 5 iv William Lloyd Keefe, born 3 May 1817.
- 6 v Michael Keefe, born c1820.
- 7 vi Joseph Keefe, born c1822.
- 8 vii Margaret Ann Keefe, born 1825.

Third Generation

3. James³ Keefe (*Thomas², James¹*)¹ born c1813 (aged 37 in the 1850 census),²¹ either in New Brunswick or Maine. The 1850 census lists James born in Maine, his wife and oldest child in N.B., and all other children in Maine. There is no other evidence that Thomas and family were in Maine around 1813. Thomas was definitely in N.B. in 1812 at the time of his land petition, and in his 1823 petition he stated he had been settled on the lots he was petitioning for since 1812. It is possible Thomas and family were in Maine for a time, during which James could have been born, but there is no evidence to indicate this. James married **Mary** _____, around 1833, place unknown.

James was apparently still living on Kennebecasis Island in 1832 when he and his brother John purchased 100 acres of land from their father.²² He was living in Anson, Maine in the 1840 census,²³ where we find him with 3 males under age 5, 1 male between 20-30 (this would be James), one female aged 20-30 (his wife), and one female aged 15-20. One of the three boys would be his son George, the other two are unidentified. The female 15-20 must be daughter Mary Jane, although she would have been only 6 in 1840. In 1850 we again find James, in North Anson, Maine, with wife and children (as listed below). In this 1850 census, James' occupation is listed as a tailor. James' brother Michael reported in

a letter dated 26 April 1852 that James had left on 20 March 1852 for California in search of gold. In 1855, James was back in Anson, Maine, from where he wrote a letter to his mother. In this letter he stated that he had 7 children at that time.²⁴

Children:

- i Mary Jane Keefe, born c1834 (16 in 1850 census), married in the fall of 1851 a man named Gutchill, who was a cabinet maker.²⁵
- ii George Keefe, born c1839 (11 in 1850 census).
- iii William Keefe, born c1842 (8 in 1850 census).
- iv James Keefe, Jr., born c1845 (5 in 1850 census).
- v Odben? Keefe, born c1847 (3 in 1850 census).
- vi Isabel Keefe, born c1850 (1 in 1850 census).
- vii _____ Keefe, born between 1850 and 1855.

4. John³ Thomas Keefe (*Thomas², James¹*) born 12 May 1815,²⁶ prob. Kennebecasis Island, married 5 Oct 1846, in Hampton, N.B.,²⁷ **Letitia Kerr**, born c1826 (aged 25 in 1851 census), in Cork County, Ireland.²⁸ Letitia died 26 Apr 1872, prob. Kennebecasis Island, buried Bayswater United Church Cemetery, Hwy 845, on the Kingston Peninsula, N.B.²⁹ John died 31 Jul 1898, in a boat off Kennebecasis Island, buried Bayswater United Church Cemetery Hwy 845.³⁰ John died of an apparent heart attack while rowing to church one Sunday morning. The Saint John Globe reported his death; "On Sunday morning, Mr. John Keith, a respected resident of Kennebecasis Island, started with his son to row to Bayswater to attend church. When only a short distance from shore he fell over in the boat and died. Deceased was 84 years of age."³¹ According to the 1851 census, Letitia arrived with her brother John Kerr in June 1839, from Ireland. John lived on lot number 8 on Kennebecasts Island, containing 50 acres, which he purchased from his father in 1840.

Children:

- i Mary Ann Keefe, born c1846 (age 5 in 1851 census). Mary Ann was living with her parents in the 1871 census, aged 23, but was not with them in the 1881 census.
- ii Letitia J. Keefe, born c1848 (aged 3 in 1851 census). Letitia was 13 in 1861 census, living with her parents, but was not listed with her parents in the 1871 census.
- 9 iii Elizabeth Keefe, born c1850.
- 10 iv John J. Keefe, born Dec 1854.
- v George Keefe, born c1856 (aged 5 in 1861 census). George was living with his parents in the 1871 and 1881 censuses, but not in the 1891 census.
- vi Henry T. Keefe, born c1858 (aged 3 in 1861 census), died 5 Nov 1882.³²

- 11 vii Adelaide Keefe, born 15 Dec 1861 (1901 census).³³
- viii Emma Devina Keefe, born 18 May 1865 Kennebecasis Island, baptized 27 May 1865. Emma was living with her father in the 1881 census, but not in the 1891 census.
- ix Joseph Frederick Keefe, born 27 ____ 1867, Kennebecasis Island, baptized 11 Apr 1870³⁴ on Kennebecasis Island. Listed as Joseph, age 6, in 1871 census; as Frederick, aged 14, in the 1881 census; not listed with his father in 1891 census.
- x Albert Meben Keefe, born 18 May 1869,³⁵ Kennebecasis Island, baptized the same day. Albert was aged 22 and living with his father in the 1891 census.

5. William³ Lloyd Keefe (*Thomas², James¹*) born 3 May 1817,³⁶ prob. Kennebecasis Island, married 13 May 1839³⁷ **Elizabeth Ann Saunders**, born 6 June 1819³⁸ (aged 30 in 1851 census), daughter of William Saunders and Hannah _____. Elizabeth died 18 May 1904 and was buried in the Keefe family Cemetery, Kennebecasis Island.³⁹ William died 21 May 1901 and was also buried in the Keefe family Cemetery, Kennebecasis Island.⁴⁰ In a transaction between William's father Thomas Keefe and Henrietta Goddard on 31 October 1865, William was living on a strip of land to the southeast of lot number 8.⁴¹ On 15 March 1865 William purchased 50 acres of land on Kennebecasis Island (Milkish Island in deed) from one William McColgan, which land had been conveyed from John Kerr and wife Bridget to one Reverend William Harrison, and then to William McCoglan.⁴² On 21 October 1871 William sold 40 acres of this land to his son Joseph Keefe.⁴³

Children:

- i Catherine Elizabeth Keefe, born 28 Feb 1840, baptized 28 February 1842,⁴⁴ married 16 Sep 1862, in Westfield,⁴⁵ James Fleming. Her date of birth was given as 28 Feb 1840 according to family bible.
- ii Margaret Amelia Keefe, born 2 8 Sep 184 1, baptized 16 January 1842.⁴⁶ According to the family bible, her date of birth was given as 18 Sep 1842.
- iii John Keefe, born 22 Sep 1844, Kennebecasis Island.⁴⁷
- iv Charlotte Janet Keefe, born 22 Nov 1846, Kennebecasis Island.⁴⁸
- 12 v Joseph Keefe, born 25 Dec 1848.
- vi Caroline Keefe, born 19 Jan 1850, Kennebecasis Island.⁴⁹
- 13 vii James Keefe, born 5 Jul 1852.
- viii Sarah Keefe, born 18 May 1854, Kennebecasis Island,⁵⁰ married 9 Apr 1872, in Saint John, N.B.,⁵¹ William John Souther.
- ix Mary Adeline Keefe, born 12 Mar 1858, Kennebecasis Island,⁵² married David White.
- x Robert W. Keefe, born 20 Mar 1858, Kennebecasis

- Island,⁵³ married Elizabeth Perry.
- 14 xi Caroline Frances Keefe, born 19 Apr 1860.
- xii Florence Keefe, born May 1862, Kennebecasis Island,⁵⁴ married a man named Woods.

6. Michael³ Keefe (*Thomas², James¹*) born c1820, either in Maine or New Brunswick. We find Michael living in Solon, Maine, in the 1850 census⁵⁵ with his wife and three children, where his occupation is recorded as a farmer. From this information it appears Michael married **Paiz?** ____ around 1846, place unknown, although the census records Michael, his wife and all children as natives of Maine.

In 1855 a letter from his brother James to their mother lists him as having 4 children. In 1875 he wrote from Lincoln, Me. to advise his brother William that he was moving to Michigan where his eighteen-year-old son had already settled. By May 1876 he had settled in Alleyton, Michigan where he had become Postmaster.

Children:

- i Vista Keefe, born c1847 (3 in 1850 census).
- ii Carila Keefe, born c1848 (2 in 1850 census).
- iii Alma Keefe, born c1849 (1 in 1850 census).
- iv ____ Keefe, born between 1850 and 1855.
- v C.F. Keefe, born c1857, U.S. C.F. Keefe was eighteen years old in 1875, and lived in Alleyton, Michigan, where he ran a business entitled C.F. Keef, dealer in Groceries and Provisions Hardware.

7. Joseph³ Keefe (*Thomas², James¹*) born c1822, probably on Kennebecasis Island. According to letters written by Joseph's brother Michael Keefe to their brothers in N.B., Joseph was living in the U.S. somewhere by the 1850's. In 1855, their father Thomas was living with Joseph and family (their mother Jane was the recipient of the letter, and living on Kennebecasis Island). At that time Joseph had 4 children. By 1875, Joseph had a large operation in the lumber trade under way.⁵⁶

Children:

- i ____ Keefe, born before 1855.
- ii ____ Keefe, born before 1855.
- iii ____ Keefe, born before 1855.
- iv ____ Keefe, born before 1855.

8. Margaret Ann³ Keefe (*Thomas², James¹*) born c1825 (aged 26 in 1851 census) probably on Kennebecasis Island, married 2 Oct 1846⁵⁷ to John Saunders, born c1821 (aged 30 in 1851 census), son of William Saunders and Hannah ____.

Children:

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- i Margaret J. Saunders, born c1848 (age 3 in 1851 census).
- ii Joseph A. Saunders, born c1850 (age 1 in 1851 census).
- iii William Henry Saunders, born 12 May 1851, baptized 12 February 1853.⁵⁸
- iv John Thomas Saunders, born 17 Feb 1854, baptized 10 September 1854.⁵⁹
- v Leander Saunders, born c1856 (age 5 in 1861 census).
- vi Louisa Saunders, born c1858 (age 3 in 1861 census).
- vii James H. Saunders, born c1860 (age 1 in 1861 census).

Fourth Generation

9. **Elizabeth⁴ Keefe** (*John³, Thomas², James¹*) born c1850 (age 1 in 1851 census), probably on Kennebecasis Island, married 18 Nov 1885, in Portland, N.B.,⁶⁰ **Dugal Giles**, born c1849 (age 2 in 1851 census, St. Stephen), son of Richard Giles and Agnes P. _____. Elizabeth died 19 Oct 1913, Canterbury, N.B.,⁶¹ age 62.

Children:

- 15 i Leana Maude Giles, born c1889.
- ii Heber Giles, born Feb 1890.⁶²

10. **John⁴ J. Keefe** (*John³, Thomas², James¹*) born Dec 1854, Kennebecasis Island, married 27 Oct 1886, in Everett, Mass., **Fannie Ditson**, born 21 Feb 1859, Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass., daughter of Samuel J. Ditson and Almira Rayner, died 27 Feb 1925, Everett, Mass., buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass. John died c1915, Everett, Mass., buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass.⁶³

Children:

- 16 i Harold Rayner Keith, born 22 Apr 1888.
- 17 ii Frederick Augustus Keith, born 17 Apr 1890.

11. **Adelaide⁴ Keefe** (*John³, Thomas², James¹*) born 15 Dec 1861 (1901 census), married **James Morrow**, born 8 Oct 1857,⁶⁴ died 1930.⁶⁵ Adelaide died in 1940.

Children:

- i Clarence Morrow, born c1883, married Maggie _____.⁶⁶
- ii Ethel Morrow, born 20 Jan 1885 (1901 census).
- iii George C. Morrow, born 20 Jun 1887 (1901 census).
- iv Evelyn Morrow, born 7 May 1889 (1901 census).
- v Delinda Morrow, born 8 Aug 1893 (1901 census).
- 18 vi Vincent Morrow, born 22 May 1897 (1901 census).
- vii Lila Morrow, married Benny Stevens.
- 19 viii Dorothy Morrow.

12. **Joseph⁴ Keefe** (*William³, Thomas², James¹*) born 25 Dec 1848, Kennebecasis Island,⁶⁷ married **Martha A. Gamble**, born c1851 (age 20 in 1871 census). Joseph purchased 40 acres of land from his father in 1871 on Kennebecasis Island (Milkish Island in deed).

Children:

- i Andrew Keefe, born c1869 (age 2 in 1871 census).
- ii Margaret Elizabeth Keefe, born 21 Nov 1873, Kennebecasis Island, baptized 16 March 1874.⁶⁸
- iii Joseph Wellington Keefe, born 23 Feb 1877, Kennebecasis Island, baptized 15 May 1877.⁶⁹
- iv Daniel Burtis Keefe, born 28 Aug 1878, Milkish Island, Kings Co., N. B., baptized 1 June 1880.⁷⁰

13. **James⁴ Keith** (*William³, Thomas², James¹*) born 5 Jul 1852, Kennebecasis Island,⁷¹ as James Keefe but used the surname Keith, as did his descendants. He married secondly on 21 Jan 1883 to **Mary Estelle Beatty**, born 16 Jan 1862, Saint John, N.B.,⁷² died 10 Feb 1943 (date on tombstone), buried Keefe Cemetery, Kennebecasis Island. James died 16 Sep 1912 (date on tombstone), buried Keefe Cemetery, Kennebecasis Island. The name of James' first wife is unknown, as is their date of marriage, but James is listed in the 1881 census as a widower. There did not seem to be any children of this first marriage.

Children:

- i Elizabeth Keith, born 14 Nov 1883 (1901 census).
- ii Mabel A. Keith, born 1 July 1886 (1901 census), married a man named Will _____ and died in 1935.⁷³
- iii Louis Keith, born 1 Oct 1889 (1901 census), married 1922 Margery Jenkins. Louis died 10 Jan 1970. Went to Saint John in the winter of 1918 to work on the CPR railway.⁷⁴
- 20 iv Leonard Keith, born 4 Nov 1894 (1901 census).

14. **Caroline⁴ Frances Keefe** (*William³, Thomas², James¹*) born 19 Apr 1860, Kennebecasis Island,⁷⁵ married c1882 to **William John Morrow**, born 31 Jul 1848.⁷⁶

Children:

- i Hattie Morrow, born 7 Sept 1883 (1901 census).
- ii Henry Morrow, born 1 Dec 1886 (1901 census).
- iii John Morrow, born 26 Apr 1888 (1901 census).
- iv Aurilla Morrow, born 14 Feb 1896 (1901 census).

Fifth Generation

15. **Leana Maude⁵ Gilles** (*Elizabeth⁴, John³, Thomas², James¹*) born c1889⁷⁷ Married c1906, **Parker Hansford Geldart**, born 16 Jul 1889,⁷⁸ son of

John Melvin (Melbourne) Geldart and Effie Ann Nicholson, died 6 Oct 1969, Saint John, N.B., buried Anagance, N.B. Leana died 11 Jun 1913, Canterbury, N.B., buried Canterbury, N.B.⁸⁰ Leana's parentage is given on her tombstone; her mother is also listed on the same stone.

Children:

- 21 i Marguerite Geldart, born 1907.
- 22 ii Elizabeth Effie Geldart, born 26 Dec 1909.
- iii Lena Geldart, born 14 Apr 1913, married (1) Andrew D. Carll; m. (2) _____ Lockhart.

16. Harold⁵ Rayner Keith (*John J.⁴, John³, Thomas², James¹*) born 22 Apr 1888, Chelsea, Mass.,⁸¹ as Harold Keefe but used the surname Keith. He married 9 Feb 1915, in Everett, Mass., **Ethel Vivian Blount**, born 18 Feb 1889, Everett, Mass., daughter of John Gardner Blount and Alice Eliza Richardson) died 1 Apr 1973, Reading, Mass., buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass. Harold died 4 Oct 1918, Belmont, Mass., of influenza, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass.

Children:

- 23 i John Rayner Keith, born 18 Sep 1918.

17. Frederick⁵ Augustus Keith (*John J.⁴, John³, Thomas², James¹*) born 17 Apr 1890, Chelsea, Mass., as Frederick Keefe but used the surname Keith. He married 20 Oct 1916, in Cambridge, Mass., Marion Foss, born c1890. Frederick died 21 Oct 1918, of influenza, in Cambridge, Mass., buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass.

Children:

- i Barbara Foss Keith, born 6 May 1918, Cambridge, Mass.

18. Vincent⁵ Morrow (*Adelaide⁴, John³, Thomas², James¹*) born 22 May 1897 (1901 census), married **Greta Long**, born 1898, died 1977. Vincent died 1978, buried Cedar Hill, Saint John.⁸²

Children:

- i Phyllis Morrow.
- ii Betty Morrow.
- iii Rowden Morrow.
- iv James Morrow.

19. Dorothy⁵ Morrow (*Adelaide⁴, John³, Thomas², James¹*) married Walt Codner.

Children:

- i _____ Codner.
- ii _____ Codner.
- iii Russell Codner

20. Leonard⁵ Keith (*James⁴, William³, Thomas², James¹*), born 4 Nov 1894 (1901 census), married 23 Feb 1922, in Kennebecasis Island, **Edith Mae Forbes**, born 1902, Coral Street, Pennsylvania, daughter of _____ Forbes and Minnie Beatty, died 20 Jul 1970. Leonard died 13 Jan 1970, Saint John N.B. Leonard and Edith purchased a house at 153 Millidge Ave. in 1948 and wintered there, spending the summer on Kennebecasis Island.

Children:

- i James M.F. Keith, born 27 Nov 1924, Evangeline Nursing Home, married Joy James died in 1993.
- ii Audrey Keith, born 30 Jul 1927.

Sixth Generation

21. Marguerite⁶ Geldart (*Leana⁵, Elizabeth⁴, John³, Thomas², James¹*) born in 1907 (from tombstone at Anagance), probably in Canterbury, N.B., married **Roy Landry**, who died around 1936. Marguerite died in 1948 and is buried in Anagance, N.B.⁸⁴

Children:

- i Elizabeth (Betty) Landry, born c1928, married a Newton.
- ii Jacqueline Landry, born c1932, married a Howe.

22. Elizabeth⁶ Effie Geldart (*Leana⁵, Elizabeth⁴, John³, Thomas², James¹*) born 26 December 1909 in Canterbury, N.B., married 9 June 1930, in Moncton, N.B. (St. Bernard's), to **Elwood Lorette**, born 18 August 1905 at Calhoun's Mills, N.B., son of Damien Lirette and Marguerite Surette, who died 7 October 1986 in Moncton, N.B., and is buried in Chartersville Cemetery, Dieppe, N.B. Elizabeth died 22 December 1976 at her home in Moncton, N.B. and is also buried in Chartersville Cemetery, Dieppe, N.B.⁸⁵

Children:

- i Barbara M. Lorette, born 24 Jul 1932 in Moncton, N.B., married 18 August 1962 in Moncton, N.B. to Valmore LeBlanc, son of Alderic LeBlanc and Nathalie LeBlanc, born 14 January 1934 in Moncton, N.B. Barbara died 23 June 1992 in Moncton, N.B. and was buried in Chartersville Cemetery, Dieppe, N.B.
- ii Dorine F. Lorette, born 12 Oct 1936 in Moncton, N.B., married 10 May 1975 in Moncton, N.B. to Thomas James White, son of Thomas Donald White and Mary Louise Pincott, born 5 March 1949.

23. John Rayner⁶ KEITH (*Harold⁵, John⁴, John³, Thomas², James¹*) born 18 Sep 1918, Waltham,

Mass., married 6 Apr 1946, in Lexington, Mass., **Laurel Hanson**, born 10 Nov 1921, Waltham, Mass., daughter of Arthur Lawrence Hanson and Rena B. Robinson. John was in the USAF in World War II.

Children:

- i Virginia Louise Keith, born 17 May 1948, Boston, Mass.
 - ii Joanne Keith, born 20 Aug 1952, Boston, Mass., married 2 Jul 1977, in Reading, Mass., Paul J. Fitzgerald.
 - iii Jeffrey Alan Keith, born 15 Apr 1955, Boston, Mass., married 29 Aug 1981, Deborah Eileen Greene.
 - iv Baby Keith, born 3 Apr 1965, Winchester, Mass., died 3 Apr 1965, Winchester, Mass., buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass.
 - v Robert Hanson Keith, born 3 Apr 1965, Winchester, Mass.
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