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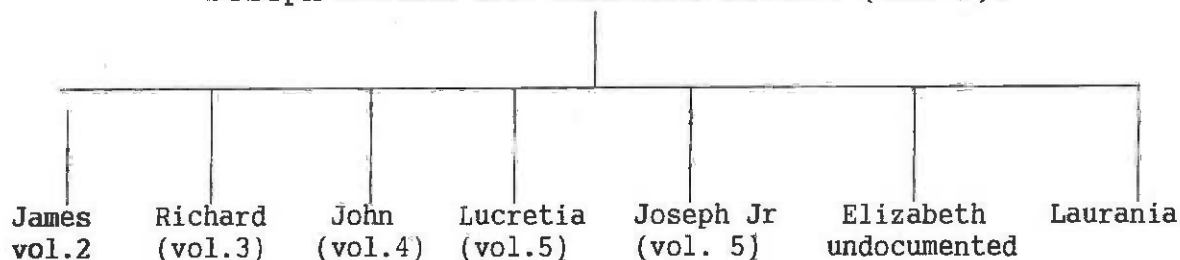
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Joseph Morden and Laurania Howell (vol 1).



This is volume 2 of Mordens of the Bay of Quinte and is an account of the descendants of James Morden and Margaret Parliament of Northport, Sophiasburgh. The family chart above shows James's place among the children of Joseph Morden and Laurania Howell, our ancestors from Pennsylvania.

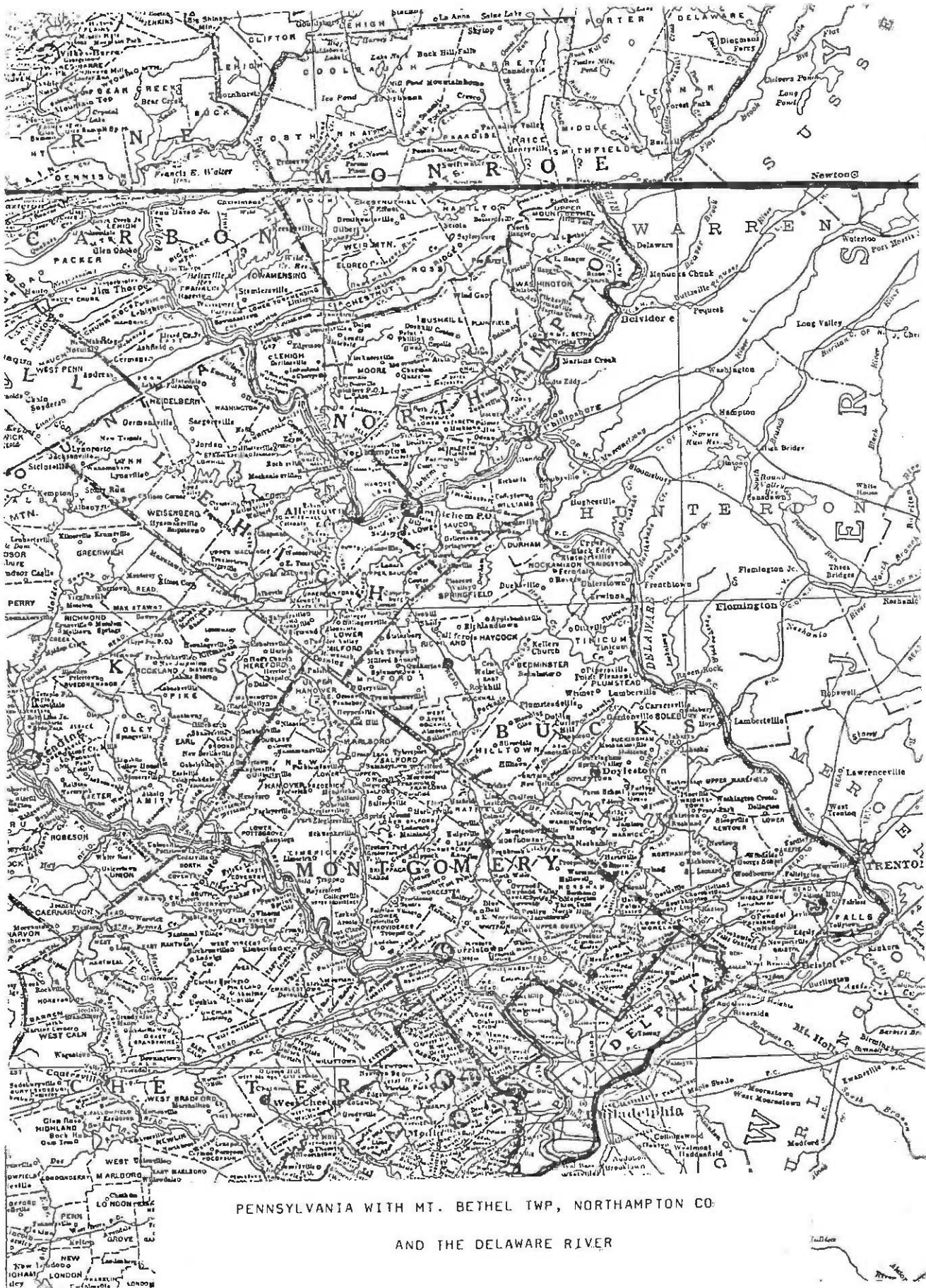
Of the four Morden brothers who settled in the Bay of Quinte after the American Revolution, James was the eldest and the leader. It was he who had to submit the Loyalist claims for the rest of the family and act as advisor to his siblings. After initial hardships in the post-Revolutionary days the family began to prosper and set down roots. Their story is interwoven with the history of Prince Edward County and Hastings County in the nineteenth century.

The original framework for my charts of the descendants of Joseph Morden and Laurania Howell came from the chapter on the Mordens in a book about Prince Edward county families published in 1904, Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte<sup>1</sup>. I soon found that it contained a number of errors. After years of research I have corrected many of these and have amassed quantities of new material, so that my original notes of a few pages have expanded into five volumes, numbered as shown above. I hope to make all five available to family researchers in due course and am starting here with Volume 2, James.

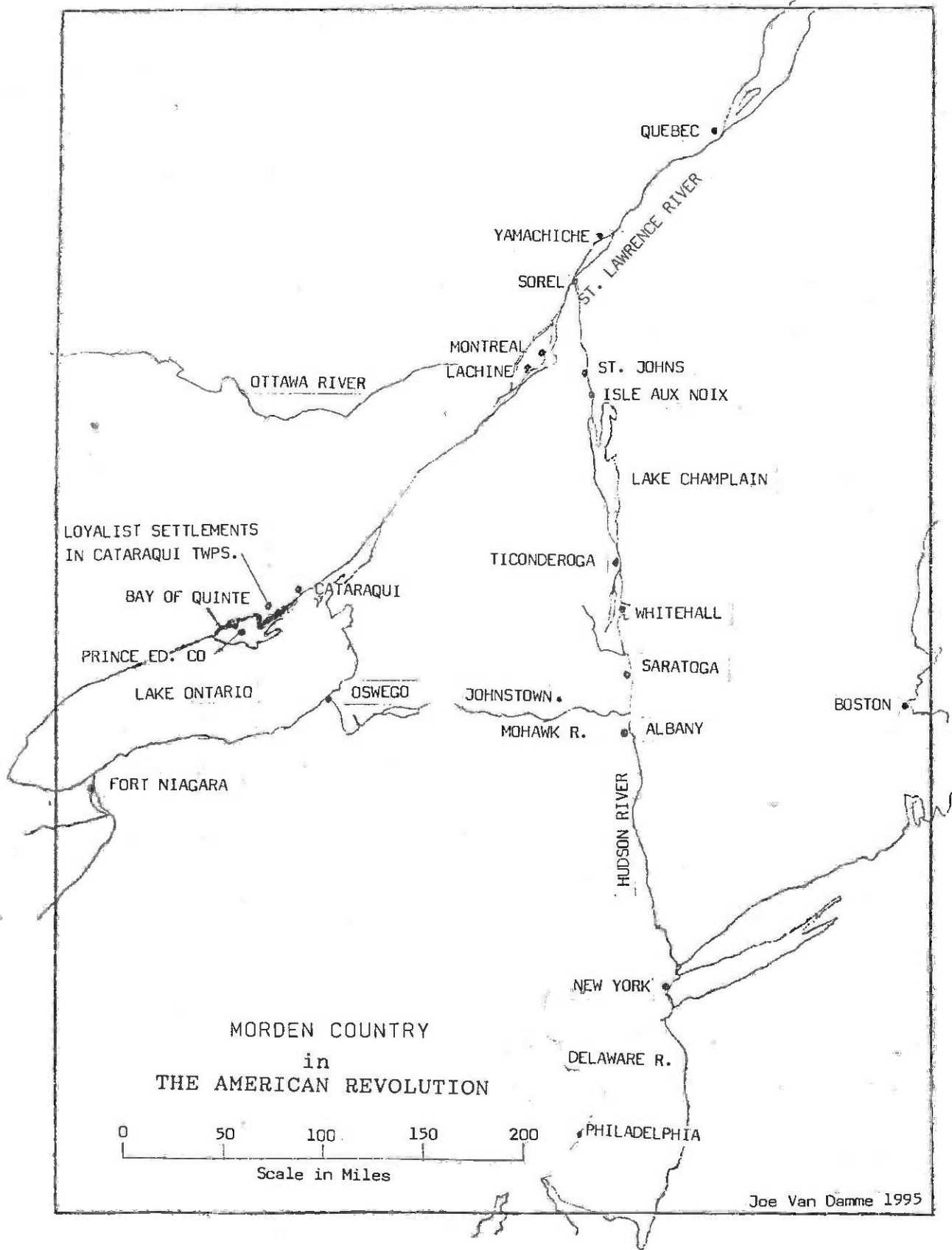
<sup>1</sup> Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, (Toronto: Rolph and Clark, 1904. Rept. Belleville: Mika, 1972), pp. 566-572.

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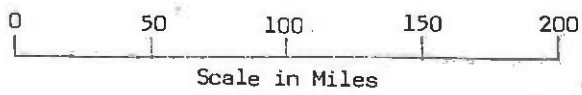
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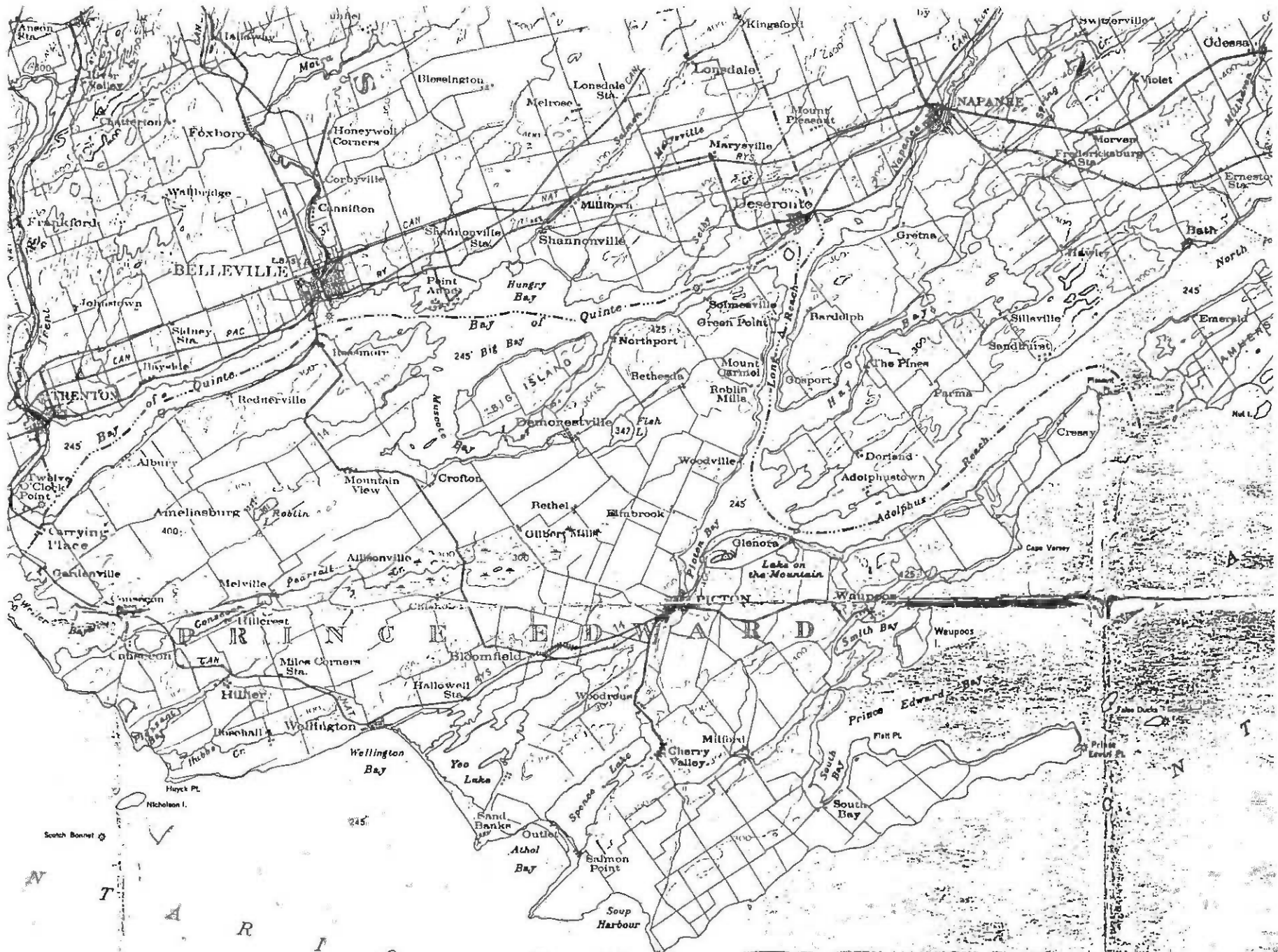
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**JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT  
OF NORTHPORT, SOPHIASBURGH  
AND THEIR TEN CHILDREN**

**THE FIRST GENERATION**

**JAMES'S PARENTS, JOSEPH MORDEN AND LAURANIA HOWELL**

**Joseph Morden** was born circa 1740 in England and "came young to America". One tradition claims he was son of James Morden of Yorkshire, another claims he was son of George Morden. He grew up in Northampton Co, Pennsylvania, in the valley of the Delaware River and did military service in the French and Indian Wars. Before the American Revolution he farmed near Johnstown in the Mohawk Valley, New York. As soon as war broke out he enlisted in the Loyalist regiment, the King's Royal Regiment of New York and served for a year and a half. He died 24 Nov 1777 in the army camp near Montreal, Quebec. Joseph is the subject of volume 1 of Mordens of the Bay of Quinte.

He married Laurania (Lorania) Howell<sup>1</sup>, daughter of Richard Howell and Anna Daniel, circa 1760 in Pennsylvania. She was born in Walpack, New Jersey, and christened 24 April 1744. After her marriage to Joseph Morden she bore six children who survived, and possibly others who died young. After her husband enlisted in 1776 she endured great hardships, had to seek safety with the British in New York City, eventually came to Canada as a refugee, and settled in the Bay of Quinte in what is now Ontario. She married 2: Matthew Forrest of the KRRNY who died after a few years leaving her again a widow. She was still alive in 1797 in Upper Canada. I have written an account of her in my notebook on the Howell family. Reports of the number of Morden children vary. A Loyalist claim says there were six; another source says seven, four boys, three girls. These are the Mordens of the Bay of Quinte.

Children of Joseph and Laurania:

- i. James Morden, the subject of this volume. Born 1762 in Northampton Co, Pennsylvania. Died 18 October 1840 in Sophiasburgh Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ontario. He married Margaret Parliament on 27 Dec 1792. Their ten children are traced here in volume 2 of Mordens of the Bay of Quinte.
- ii. Richard Morden. Born May 1764 in U.S.A. He married first, Anne Williams. They had eleven children. He married second Rebecca Mastin [Bowerman]; no children. See volume 3.
- iii. John Morden. Born circa 1770. Died 21 July 1831 in Ameliasburgh Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ontario. He married #1. Eve Bowman; they had eight children. He married #2. ... Cotter. See volume 4.
- iv. Lucretia Morden. Born 6 Sep 1771 in U.S.A. She married Thomas or William Plummer circa 1795, in Kingston, Ontario. See volume 5.
- v. Joseph Morden Jr. Born circa 1773, New York state. Died Feb 1836. He married #1. Margaret Huffman, daughter of Conrad Huffman and Catherine. m.#2. Levina Rutter, widow of Benjamin Ryckman on 26 June 1832. See volume 5.
- vi. Elizabeth Morden. Said to have married a Merkill or a Vaughan. Undocumented.
- vii. Loraine Morden. Said to have married a Merkill or a Vaughan. Undocumented.
- viii. Catherine Morden. Undocumented. Possibly belongs in the Ralph Morden line.

JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT

HUSBAND: James Amit Morden

Born: circa 1762 Northampton Co, Pennsylvania  
Marr: 27 Dec 1792 Ernestown, Lennox & Addington Co, Ont  
Died: 18 Oct 1840 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Father: Joseph Morden  
Mother: Laurania Howell

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WIFE: Margaret Parliament

Born: 1771 Orange County, New York  
Died: 15 Apr 1868 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Father: George Parliament  
Mother: Maria Garnier

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CHILDREN

1| Name: Joseph James Morden  
M| Born: circa 1794 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
To: Mary Redner  
Died: 28 May 1881 Spencerport, Monroe Co, NY

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2| Name: George Morden  
M| Born: circa 1796 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr: circa 1815 Prince Edward Co, Ont  
To: Hannah Sprague  
Died: 1829 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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3| Name: James Plummer Morden  
M| Born: circa 1798 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Bap: 22 Jan 1798  
Marr:  
To: Catherine Lucretia Babcock  
Died: 16 Mar 1863 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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4| Name: Isaac Morden  
M| Born: 30 Sep 1799 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
To: Lucy S. Craig  
Died: 18 Mar 1893 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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5| Name: Richard J. Morden  
M| Born: circa 1801 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
To: Margaret Thompson  
Died: 6 Feb 1887 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT

BAND: James Amit Morden  
WIFE: Margaret Parliament

CHILDREN (Continued)

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6| Name: Lorraine Morden  
F| Born: 7 Jan 1804            Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
    To: William Brickman  
Died: 4 Aug 1884            Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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7| Name: John Parcels Morden  
M| Born: 27 Jun 1806           Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
    To: Hester Davis  
Died: 20 Apr 1866           Belleville, Ont

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8| Name: Benjamin Morden  
M| Born: circa 1808            Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
    To: Mary McCormack  
Marr: 15 Feb 1876  
    To: Welthy M. Drury  
Died: 17 Apr 1888           Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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9| Name: Margaret Morden  
F| Born: 22 Jun 1812           Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
    To: Samuel Hawley  
Died: after 1871

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10| Name: Andrew W. Morden  
M| Born: Feb 1815              Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Died: 2 Sep 1836            Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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THE SECOND GENERATION

JAMES AMIT MORDEN  
AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT

c1762-1840

**James Morden**, eldest son of Joseph Morden and Laurania Howell, was born near the Delaware River in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, around 1762. Exhaustive searches in Pennsylvania records have failed to locate his birth record and we have had to rely on military records and his tombstone for an approximate year. His full name, James Amit Morden, was provided by an early family historian, Egerton Morden.<sup>2</sup> He was born in an era when family names were bestowed on children in a traditional pattern, which leads us to speculate on the significance of both his names. The first son was frequently named after his paternal grandfather, so "James" lends support to those who believe the tradition that his grandfather was James, not George, Morden. "Amit" may be a clue to the surname of some forgotten grandmother.

His father Joseph had come from England around 1743 and had been in the new world less than twenty years when his first son was born, so James was in the first generation of Mordens born in North America. His mother's Howell family, however, had been early settlers of New York, and their roots were firmly North American. Laurania's father Richard Howell was a tailor of Walpack, a village on the New Jersey side of the Delaware and we have the record of Laurania's christening. Her mother, Anna Daniel, was also from an early pioneer family.

James's father Joseph is believed to have moved around 1768 from Pennsylvania to the Mohawk River area in upstate New York in search of a good farm. The Mohawk Valley had been dangerous Indian territory for white people until the end of the French and Indian Wars (also called the Seven Years' War). As soon as the area became safe and peaceful it began to attract settlers, Joseph among them. The easiest way to travel at that time was by water, and it is logical to assume that the Morden family crossed from the Delaware River valley to the Hudson River, made its way up the Hudson to Albany, and then travelled West on the Mohawk. James would have been a lad of five or six at the time.

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<sup>2</sup> Notes made by Mr. Egerton Morden, Niagara Falls South, January 19th 1905. He was a grandson of James Morden's brother John.

Joseph settled on a tenant farm near Johnstown in Tryon county, New York in a settlement called the New Philadelphia Bush. The American Revolution was still seven or eight years in the future, Tryon County was ruled by a governor sent from England, and huge blocks of land were owned by Englishmen favored by the crown. Sir William Johnson, the superintendent of Indian affairs, was the power that oversaw local affairs. There was no free land at the time and the normal way for a poor man to have a farm was to lease it from one of the landholders. Joseph rented from "a man named Holland", presumably Henry Holland who had received a huge grant. By working hard Joseph had cleared seventy acres by the time war broke out. Doubtless he helped and was in turn helped by relatives who lived nearby. There were Daniel and Moses Morden as well as his father-in-law Richard Howell and brother-in-law John Howell.

James Morden was the oldest of Joseph and Laurania's six children. His Loyalist claim says that he "had four brothers and two sisters" but I believe that he was "one of four brothers and two sisters". Laurania said in a Loyalist claim that she had "one son in the 1st Battalion KRRNY and 5 other children." Richard was next to James in age and like him had probably been born in Pennsylvania, while the younger ones, -- John, Lucretia, Joseph Junior and a baby girl -- were probably born after the move to New York.

For seven or eight years James lived the normal life of a boy on the frontier, chopping wood, helping with the haying, catching bass in summer and making snowmen in winter. There were animals to care for, two horses, a yoke of oxen and four cows. Johnstown had a free school and James Morden's name appeared in an undated list (estimated 1769) as one of its forty-five scholars. Thirty-one were boys, fourteen were girls.<sup>3</sup>

This way of life disappeared in a moment when the American Revolution broke out and his father answered the call to duty. This happened in 1776 when American "patriots" marched on Johnson Hall intending to seize it. Sir William had died in 1774 and his son Sir John Johnson who had succeeded him, sent out a call for loyal tenants and neighbors to rally round. Joseph was one of the very first Tories to hurry to Johnson Hall and sign the preliminary enlistment sheet, joining the King's Royal Regiment of New York on

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<sup>3</sup> O'Callaghan, Documentary History of New York, 1851, vol. 4, p. 416. The same list appeared in Simms, Trappers of New York, Albany, Munsell, 1850.

5 May 1776, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.<sup>4</sup> Sir John and his followers left immediately on a long and difficult trek across the Adirondacks to the British at Montreal. Joseph Morden's family never saw him again. He died in the army camp the following year. Word of his death may have reached Laurania by way of Loyalist secret agents.

Laurania, left to carry on as best she could, undoubtedly relied heavily on fourteen-year old James. Richard was eleven and was old enough to be useful but John was only six and the others even younger. At fourteen James had to take a man's place. The situation rapidly became worse when the rebels confiscated the animals and some furniture. An additional problem was the danger that as James grew older he could be seized by the patriots and forced to join the American army. Sixteen was the age at which young fellows could be forced to serve and there may have been times when James had to hide in the cellar or out in the woods to avoid capture.

The King's Royal Regiment of New York sometimes sent out scouting parties from Montreal to recruit British sympathizers who had remained in the Mohawk Valley. It was dangerous business and the scouts, fearing recognition, often had to wait for dark and blacken their faces to go about it. John Howell who joined the KRRNY in 1777 was a well-known scout and he may have been the one who persuaded his nephew James that it was time to leave home. At the age of seventeen James made his way to Montreal and enlisted as a private in his deceased father's old unit, the 1st Battalion of the KRRNY on 5 May 1779.<sup>5</sup> He was not among strangers. He found there old neighbors and his kinfolk Daniel Morden and John and Griffith Howell.

Meantime, as life grew steadily more precarious for Tories, Laurania and the younger children were forced to take refuge with the British who were still holding New York city. Eventually she found passage on a sailing ship to Halifax, continued on to Montreal and two years later was reunited there with James. She was recognized as a dependent of the KRRNY and first appeared in Montreal, with her children, in the 1781 provision lists.

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<sup>4</sup> The original enlistment roll could be seen at Johnson Hall when Col, Charles Briggs was Superintendent of the Johnson Hall State Historic Site. Its whereabouts is now unknown.

<sup>5</sup> King's Royal Regiment N.Y. Muster roll comp. by Col. C.B. Briggs from Haldimand Papers Ser B, Pringle's Lunenburg, and O.H.S. Papers. Typescript copy in Old Court House, Fonda, N.Y.

Military records help us to trace James. From 1781 to 1783 he was in Montreal in the 6th company led by Captain Joseph Anderson and later by Captain Archibald McDonnell.<sup>5</sup> He appeared in a list of Loyalists and families who received provisions gratis from the government, December 1781 to 24 January 1782.<sup>6</sup> The war ended in 1783 and James was discharged the following spring at Montreal having served five years.<sup>7</sup> He appeared in Montreal in what was probably the last Muster of the KRRNY in December 1783 before it was disbanded. Dr. Canniff wrote that James was discharged at the age of twenty, but other evidence indicates that he was twenty-two.

This was an anxious time for the displaced Loyalists. They had clung to the hope that they could go back to their old lives but they now had to face reality and begin anew in a new country with its harsher climate. The Morden farm at Johnstown had been confiscated so they had no land, no resources, no equipment, and they were dependent on government handouts for even their food and clothing. The family had lost not only Joseph, beloved father and head of the family, but also his brother Ralph, the Quaker, who had helped a Loyalist friend in Pennsylvania, only to be hanged for treason. Their hope now lay with the free grants of land promised by the British government and they waited impatiently while the surveyors marked out the lots designated for settlement. The best account I have read of their arduous trip up the St. Lawrence and the conditions they found as they awaited the distribution of their lots is in Walter Herrington's History of Lennox and Addington.<sup>8</sup> Walter's mother was a Morden and he had a keen sense of local history.

The Loyalists were distributed in three places, -- along the St. Lawrence River, near Fort Frontenac at Cataragui, and at Niagara. Niagara is where Ralph Morden's children settled, while Joseph's children settled around the Bay of Quinte. At Cataragui

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5 Gavin K. Watt, ed., *The King's Royal Regiment of New York*, (Toronto, Ontario Historical Society, 1984. Rept of Cruickshank's 1931 ed.). Also in Fryer and Smy, *Rolls of the Provincial Loyalist Corps, Canadian Command, American Revolutionary Period* (Dundurn Press, 1981) p.33.

6 Haldimand Papers, vol.166, p.233, cited in Gordon Crouse's research notes.

7 William Canniff, *The Settlement of Upper Canada*, (Toronto, Dudley & Burns, 1869; rpt 1971) p.113. The printed book says "Discharged 1785 at Montreal, at the age of twenty, having served three years." I checked Dr. Canniff's papers (microfilm in Belleville Public Library) and found that his original source said: "He was discharged in the year 1783 at Montreal at the age of 20 years after having served as a private five years." Dr. C. reversed the numbers when he copied them.

8 Walter S. Herrington, K.C., *History of the County of Lennox and Addington*. (MacMillan 1913) rpt Belleville, Mika 1972.

the land was surveyed westward along Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte, until there was a total of ten townships called respectively "First Town", "Second Town" and so on. "Third Town" which was later called Fredericksburgh, is where we find James. Since a similar numbering system was used in the townships on the river below Cornwall it can lead to errors locating an individual. "Third Town" can mean either Osnabruck or Fredericksburgh. Perhaps the Fredericksburg land was James's original grant. Loyalist lands were exchanged, sold or bartered freely in the early days of settlement and it is hard to follow the transactions.

A 1784 record showed James Morden of the KRRNY settled in Township #3 [Fredericksburgh]; he had cleared 1 1/2 acres. He was a single man with no dependents in a list of disbanded troops and Loyalists settled in Township No 3, dated 25 September 1784.<sup>9</sup>

There was a James Morden in a muster roll of settlers below Catarauqui in Township No 3 in 1785.<sup>10</sup> A free grant in Lunenburg District was issued in 1789 to James Morden: 114 acres, Osnabruck Con 1, the East 1/2 Lot 10. McNiff's map dated 1 November 1786 showed this lot shared by James Morden and Joseph Fitchet. On 1 September 1797 James had not yet paid the fees of £3/5s/2d.<sup>11</sup> All 114 acres were sold to Amos Rombough for £50 on 9 January 1805.<sup>12</sup> Further research should be done since I am not entirely convinced that this was the same man who eventually settled in Sophiasburgh. Our James Morden has always been considered a Bay of Quinte man and when he submitted his Loyalist claim in 1788 was living "in Bay of Quinty". Gordon Crouse made the comment, "It appears that there were either two Loyalist James Mordens or that James Morden of Sophiasburgh had two grants in two locations."

James, as the oldest in the family, was busy after the war entering the claims for losses from his father's estate. The State of New York paid no compensation for property it had confiscated and sold. The British government voted to partially repay Loyalist

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9 Haldimand Papers vol.168, p.61, RRYNY return of disbanded troops and Loyalists cited in Gordon Crouse's research notes. Also, Norman K. Crowder, Early Ontario Settlers (Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co, 1993). Crouse identified Township #3 as Fredericksburgh, Crowder identified it as Osnabruck.

10 Norman K. Crowder, Early Ontario Settlers, (Baltimore, Genealogical Pub Co, 1993) p. 100, D698.

11 Upper Canada State Papers cited by Gordon Crouse.

12 Cornwall Registry Office. Notes on land transactions made by Wilson Morden.

losses and provide new lands but the regulations and deadlines for the applications were cumbersome and unrealistic in the days of slow sailing ships. Making ones claim in proper form was a heavy responsibility for a young man and James doubtless looked for advice to his uncle John Howell. His mother put in her claim as widow of a soldier but, unfair as it seems, the rules had been laid down that no female other than the daughter of a Loyalist could be given compensation or land. Wives did not count. It fell on James to make a claim on behalf of his deceased father, himself, and his younger brothers and sisters. Photocopies of these claims are appended.

In 1786 James applied to the Crown in Britain and four old neighbors vouched for the value of his father's lost property. The note in the margin of this document says: "*Admitted for [Joseph's] children. The eldest son is to attend at Montreal.*" When at last a Commission of Inquiry was held in Montreal on 11 February 1788 he made the trip downriver to present his case for a second time. His statement to the Commissioners is the source from which we learn the basic facts about his parents and their experiences in the American Revolution.<sup>13</sup> His claim was attested to by Valentine Cryderman, and James reciprocated by witnessing Cryderman's claim. The formal accounting of the family losses dated 20 Feb 1788 showed a property loss of £243/8s of which £120 was allowed. "*The whole of this sum to be paid to James Morden, for the use of himself, his brothers and sisters. Resides at the Bay of Kente*". In addition each child was eligible for a grant of 200 acres as he or she came of age. Even though the compensation was approved it may have been years before it was all received. Most claims were paid in installments at a snail's pace.

In 1789 the authorities paid tribute to the Loyalists who had joined the British before 1783 by bestowing on them and their descendants a Mark of Honour, i.e. the right to use the initials U.E. after their names. Out of this grew the official U.E. List of 1796 which, although it is incomplete, has ever since been the test of claims of Loyalist ancestry. Four Morden names, including James, were on the list.

*Morden, James, Sophiasburgh and Ameliasburgh. M.C. Royal Yorkshire - a soldier. 300 ac Ld. Bd. Cert. Muster Roll. P.L. 2d. 1786.*<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Proceedings of the Loyalist Commissioners, Montreal 1788, vol XXIII, before Commissioner Pemberton, in Second Report of the Bureau of Archives of the Province of Ontario, (Toronto, 1904).Part II, p. 1110-1111.

<sup>14</sup> The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists 1784-1884. (Toronto, Rose Pub Co, 1885). Appendix B.

This is a garbled summary. So far as we know James never lived in Ameliasburgh and he was not in the Royal Yorkshire but in the Kings Royal Regiment of New York.

The property on which James eventually settled in Prince Edward County was on Concession 1 in Sophiasburgh along the Bay shore where the village of Northport grew up. Sophiasburgh was one of the later townships to be opened to settlement and its colonists were mainly men who had already made a start in the older townships. It is commonly accepted that James Morden and Isaac DeMille were the first people to settle at Northport. The original land grants recorded in the registry office, Picton, show that James received a free grant of 200 acres on Con 2, Lot 25, Sophiasburgh, on Feb 7, 1789. Another 200 acres was granted on 9 March 1791, making 400 acres in all. His descendants preserved an original deed, signed by the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, for 342 acres on Con 1 West of Green Point, Lot 25, which were registered to him on 17 May 1802. Money was scarce in the early days and a man often paid the registration fees years after assuming ownership.

James's first abode would have been the usual settler's log shanty but he soon erected a better house. All local histories declare that James built the first frame house in Northport, erected in 1791. In a day of log cabins a frame house was a marvel. The only sawmill in the area was one built on the Appanea River in 1785, later known as Napanee Mills. James probably made his precious lumber into a raft and floated it across the Bay of Quinte to his property.

James Morden of Sophiasburgh was married to Margaret Parliament on 27 December 1792 by Rev. John Langhorn, the eccentric pioneer preacher. The witnesses were James Colter [Cotter?], Isaac Parliament, Phebe Cronkhite, and Margaret Mordoff. The marriage was recorded in the register of the first church in the area, St. John's Church, Ernesttown,<sup>15</sup> which was built so early that nothing whatever is known about it or its location. We can hazard a guess that it was made of logs since a rough frame church, presumably better, was erected in 1793. Rev. Langhorn had an eleven o'clock deadline for marrying couples and he had an unnerving habit of slamming the church door shut and locking out those who arrived late. James and Margaret got to the church on time. They were lucky to have a clergyman to perform the service. Many couples had no minister at all and cohabited unblessed until an act of parliament legalized their status.

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<sup>15</sup> Early Church Records of Rev. John Langhorn and Rev. Robert McDowall, comp. by Lorai and Mildred Wanamaker, p. 5, no. 16.

Margaret, called Peggy, was born in 1771 in Orange County, New York, the daughter of George Parliament and Maria Garnier. She was one of eleven children. When she was thirteen her family came by boat and on foot from the Hudson River to settle on the north shore of Hay Bay. Mrs. Parliament and her children endured great hardships when the father of the family died shortly after their arrival. Widow Parliament married a Northport widower, John Parcels, and Margaret named one of her sons after him. Accounts of the Parliaments can be found in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte and in Canniff's Settlement of Upper Canada.

Margaret was twenty-one and was living in Sophiasburgh when she married James and moved into the frame house he had just finished building. She bore a family of ten children in the years from 1794 to 1815 and gave them names that recalled their forefathers. The first, named Joseph James, was called after his paternal grandfather and father. The second, George, was named for his maternal grandfather. After that there were James Plummer (an aunt married a Plummer); Isaac (a Parliament name); Richard and Lorraine (Howell names); John Parcels named for the Parliament's stepfather. The three youngest were Benjamin, Margaret and Andrew. Margaret Parliament Morden lived to be a very old lady, and her reminiscences of pioneer times came to be recognized as history.

James took his place in the community as a responsible citizen. Records for that period are scarce but we know that he and his brother Richard were on jury duty at Adolphustown on 14 January 1793.

The Bay of Quinte was a busy avenue of travel at that time, and living on the shore overlooking it, James saw many interesting sights. His name is woven into accounts of other pioneers. Around 1800 Solomon Huff was moving his family on the ice one winter from Adolphustown westward twenty or so miles to Huff's Island in Ameliasburgh and he passed by Northport on his way. The two-horse sleigh was loaded with tools and cooking pots, bedding and clothing, and the family store of pork, - four barrels of it. Then came a crack as the ice gave way and pots and pork sank to the bottom. The people and the horses were saved and James Morden was at hand helping in the rescue.<sup>16</sup> Another settler, Samuel Sprague, who came from New York to Canada in 1812, following the overland route to the mouth of the Oswego River and crossing Lake Ontario by Durham boats "ascended the Bay of Quinte and landed east of the

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<sup>16</sup> Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Huff family, p. 411.

village of Northport on what is known as James Morden's farm...<sup>17</sup> Stepping ashore with her father was young Hannah Sprague, then thirteen, watched by young George Morden, sixteen, who married her three years later. Pioneer life was anything but dull.

When the War of 1812 broke out, old wrongs and loyalties were revived, and the Loyalists hurried to defend their new country against the old foe. James Morden served as Lieutenant in Captain John Howell's Company of Prince Edward Militia from December 25, 1812, to January 13, 1813. A note on the muster roll shows that he was sick, and we learn from other sources that he contracted smallpox in the army and lost an eye as a result. (This anecdote was told in relation to James Richard Morden, his nephew, who also served in 1812. A reference to the blinded man's "granddaughter" Nancy Morden Wilson proves that the smallpox story applies to James Senior, not to James Richard.)<sup>18</sup>

Few records of the early period of settlement survive. Men were too busy with axe and plow to pen their memoirs. I have found one reference to James in the Sophiasburgh Township papers. Property taxes at that time took the form of labor on the roads, and the more affluent the farmer the more days of work were required. In 1840 John Robinson, in his Pathmaster's account to the Overseer of Highways<sup>19</sup> showed two Mordens in his district:

	<i>assessment</i>	<i>performed</i>
<i>Isaac Morden</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11 days</i>
<i>James Morden</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>12 days</i>

Obviously there was some slip of the pen and the number 552 may be the actual value of his farm at the time. He was probably assessed twelve days statute labor. James either performed the required work himself or had a hired man or a son do it for him. After 1840 he disappeared from the rolls.

James died on 18 October 1840 at 78 years and is buried in the Cronk Cemetery on Concession 1, Sophiasburgh, on a hillside overlooking the Bay of Quinte. His limestone headstone was standing in the 1970s but is now missing and may be displayed as a

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17 Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Sprague family p. 778.

18 Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Morden family p. 562.

19 Sophiasburgh Township Papers, File 1840, paper #26. In Prince Edward County Archives, Picton.

"quaint antique hearthstone" in some vandal's home. Fortunately I took a photo of it before it vanished. It was ornamented with a weeping willow and said simply:

JAMES MORDEN, DIED OCT 18, 1840 AE 78 YRS.

Margaret lived on and nearly attained the century mark. In the 1861 census she was 89 and was living with her son Isaac and his wife Lucy in their fine stone house in Sophiasburgh. She remained vigorous and alert in her old age and was interviewed shortly before her death by Dr. William Canniff who recorded her memories and wrote that she was 98 (error?).<sup>20</sup> She died on 15 April 1868 and was buried beside James. Her limestone monument, adorned like his with a weeping willow, says she was 96.

The ten children followed various paths. Joseph J. was a shoemaker who earned his living in various Ontario towns and eventually died in Rochester, New York. George died prematurely at thirty-three. James P. was a successful farmer in Ameliasburgh. Isaac remained in Sophiasburgh and bought a fine big farm on the Bay, building there a two story stone house. Richard married a girl from Big Island, Sophiasburgh, and moved over to the island. Loraine married a Brickman from Ameliasburgh. John P. was a tailor and a man of business affairs in Belleville. Benjamin was a storekeeper in Northumberland County. Margaret married a Hawley from Adolphustown. Andrew, the youngest, died at twenty-one, unmarried. The story of these people and their descendants forms the subject of this book.

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<sup>20</sup> Canniff, Settlement p. 659-661

enough of its Inhabitants not to be Surprised that a Work of that Nature sho<sup>d</sup> meet with such Small encouragement. Sir John. Col. Johnson &c thank you kindly for the manner in which you have remembered them heartily wishing you success, & be assured that I shall be glad to serve you in your undertaking as well as to hear of your prosperity being Sir,

Your real Well Wisher & very humble Servt

Mr. James Adair.

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LIST OF SCHOLARS AT THE FREE SCHOOL, JOHNSTOWN.

Richard Young	John Miller
Peter Young	James MGregar
Hendrick Young	George Binder
Richard Cotter	Christian Rider
Hendrick Rynnion	Bernard Rider
James Mordon	Simeon Scouten
Daniel Cammel	Francis Bradthau
Samuel Davis	John Everot
Reneir Vansiclan	Sarah Connor
Jacob Veder	Leny Rynnion
Randel M'Donald	Betsey Garlick
John Foilyard	Baby Garlick
Peter Rynnion	Rebecca Vansiclan
Peter Potman	Caty Cammel
Jacob Doran	Caty Garlick
David Doran	Mary M'Intyre
Jeromy Doran	Peggy Potman
Adam M'Donnald	Eve Waldroff
Abraham Boice	Caty Waldroff
Caleb MCarty	Leny Waldroff
Hendrick Collinger	Margaret Servos
Jacob Servos	Catharine Servos
John Servos	Males & Females—45.

Enrollment had had increased to 86 in 1772.  
Letter from Sir William Johnson p.482.

This same list was printed in Simms, Trappers of New York, Albany, Munsell, 1850. He estimated the date to be 1769.

AMERICAN LOYALISTS CLAIMS

PAC Ottawa

Accpt  
No.5298

AO 13/14

p.414

Joseph  
Morden  
late  
soldier  
KRRNY

The accompt of losses sustained by  
the late Joseph Morden in the King's  
Royal Reg<sup>t</sup> New York on account of his  
loyalty to the crown of Great Britain.  
Possession lays in New Philadelphia Bush  
near Johns Town in the county of Tryon.

End.

New

claim

Heard	To lands and tenements	250 - 0 - 0
15 Apr	To horses	16 - 0 - 0
	To wearing apparell	2 - 0 - 0

1786

Hallifax curr

Recd

Def Ap (crossed  
Sep 27. out)

Admitted

for his  
children.

The eldest  
son is to  
attend at  
Montreal.

The younger  
children  
will first  
attend pn  
the mother.

N.B. The above amount can be witnessed  
by Michel Carman, Simon Johnson (?)  
Jacob Sheets Senior, John Cough Senior.  
Near New Johnstown in the Province.

PAC, Ottawa.

AO 13/13

Reel B 2187

1776 (sic) p.413

Cataraqui 20th Sept 1787.

Joseph Morden entered the Service 10th May

1776 in the 1st Batt<sup>n</sup> KRR and deceased in

Dec 1777 after General Burgoyne's Campaign.

His son being in the above mentioned Regiment,

his widow applies for the loss sustained by the

deceased.

Lorania Morden.

Claim<sup>t</sup> says she herself resided at Montreal in

the fall 83 -

Her son was in the 1st Battalion & resided at

Montreal.

5 other children.

All the children were under age.

American Loyalist Claims  
from the Manuscript Room, New York Public Library

5th Report

New Claim

2d Class JOSEPH MORDEN deceased, late of Tryon County

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Claim

Amount of Property.....£ 243.18.-

Determination 20th February 1788.

Loyally                   The late Joseph Morden was a Loyalist and  
Bore Arms               Bore Arms in Support of the British Government  
                              His eldest Son James Morden is a Loyalist  
                              and Bore Arms.

                              His four other Sons and two Daughters are  
                              Infants and Loyalists.

Losses,

Real Estate	Improvements on a Tenant Farm	£ 100.-.-
Personal Estate	Various Articles of Personal Property	20.-.-
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		£ 120.-.-

Loss proved.

Observation,

The whole of this Sum to be paid to James  
Morden, for the use of himself, his Brothers  
and Sisters.

Resides at the Bay of Kenty.

--Proceedings of the Loyalist Commissioners, Montreal 1783,

go as a soldier. He was taken up & put in prison in '76, by which he lost his Scenses. He lived some time afterwards and died the yr. '80. He sent 3 sons into the Army.

He left Michael, his eldest son who served with Sr. John Johnson, 4 other Sons & 3 girls; all in this Country. Thres sons have been in the Army. The younger children are under age now. All live with their Mother in New Johnstown, except Michael who

lives at Bay of Quinty.

Valentine Cryderman was a German. Came to America many years ago. Lived in Johnstown when the Rebellion broke out. He was always Loyal. In 1776 he was taken up & kept a close Prisoner 3 months & used terribly ill. He was required to take an Oath, which he refused. He became so ill in Consequence of his sufferings, that he never recovered. He lost his senses & was confined in his Bed a long time. Died in '80.

Her Hush. had 125 acres Lease Land in Johnstown. Produces a Lease of 125 acres in Secondago from Wendell & others to Martin Walter forever at £6 per ann. Y. Cur., 1774, with assignment to Valentine Cryderman for £40, 1774. 8 acres were clear when he bought it. He cleared 22 acres more. Lost 2 Horses, furniture, cloaths, &c. She was obliged to sell her Cows & some other stock.

JAMES MORDEN, Wits:

Knew Valentine Cryderman. He was very Loyal. He suffered much from Imprisonment that Witness thinks it occasioned an Illness which proved fatal to him. Knew his Farm. Remembers him settling there. There was not much clear when he purchased.

JOSEPH CRYDERMAN, 2nd Son, appears:

Says the whole Family agree that his Mother shall receive the sum allowed.

1095. Claim of JAS. MORDEN, late of Tryon Co., Dued.

JAMES MORDEN, eldest son, appears: Says he has 4 Bros. & 2 Sisters, all in this Country. Claimt. is eldest of them all. They were all under age in '83.

Joseph Morden was a native of England. Came young to Am. Was settled on the Mohawk. He joined Sr. John at first. He died in service in '77. Claimt. joined in '79. He served till end of the War. Had another Bror. that served. All live in Bay of Quinty. All agree that Claimt. shd. receive what is allowed.

His Father had a Tenant Farm. Near 70 acres Clear. It was a Farm hired of one Holland. His Father had been in Possession seven years. His Father lost 2 horses, a yoke of oxen, 4 Cows, His Father left them & they were taken by the Rebels. Some furniture.

before Commissioner Pemberton

JOSEPH CRYDERMAN, Wits:

Knew the late Joseph Morden. He came in with Sr. John at first. He died in the service. Knew his Farm. There were

70 acres clear. It was Tenant Land. He had had it many years before the war. He had a good stock on the Farm. Knows the eldest son, Joseph. He served from '79 till end of the war.

1096. Claim of JOHN ANNABLE, late of Tryon Co. Claimt. says: He was in Sr. John's first Battalion & gave his Claim to his Commanding officer, Capt. Anderson, in Octr., '83. Produces Copy of such Claim, dated in Octr., '83, as given in at that time.

Is a native of England. Came to America in '74. The war was near beginning, but it was before the affair at Lexington or Bunkers Hill. He settled on some Lands belonging to John Turnecliff, near the Mohawk. Came into Canada & joined Sr. John in '76. Has served all the War. Produces his Discharge as Seargent. Lives at New Johnstown.

No. 1. In 1774 he & James Massie went & settled on some Lease Lands taken of John Turnecliff, near the Mohawk. Had girdled 100 acres. Had about 12 acres Clear for crop. Built a house.

James Massie joined the Brit. in '76. He served in Sr. John's Regiment several years. Went to England. Claimt. says he was very ill when he heard of him last.

They bought 200 acres Woodlands about 50 off on the Antigo River. This was in '75. They had paid £25 York. Says he had a Deed from Mr. Wells. The Lands sold at £25 York per 100 acres. Claimt. had paid for clearing 6 acres. They had 19 Head of Cattle, 7 Horses, utensils, furniture.

Says he & Massie were taken Prisoners from their Farm in May, '76. Were carried to Albany; kept 3 weeks in Confinement. They made their Escape & got into Canada. Never returned to their Place again. All the above Stock was on their Farm. Says he had £50 when he came upon the Lands & settled first, Cattle & Money. Massie had £50 also.

JOHN BROOKE, Wits:

Knew Claimt. He was a neighbour to Wits. Knew his Farm, taken of Turnecliff. There was a good clearance. He had bought 200 acres on the Antigo River. Had paid for 100 acres. Massie was his partner. Cannot say when it was bought. It was in 1774 or 1775. They had 19 head of Cattle, large & small, 7 Horses. Remembers them being taken up & carried to Gaol. They never got to their Farm again & thinks all their Property was lost. Sr. John Johnson Certifies to the services of Claimt. & Massie.

Canniff Papers. Ontario Archives microfilm MS768. 2 reels,

Reel 1. A-1.

Letter, L. B. Ashley to Dr. Canniff, (excerpt).

Belleville May 14, 1866.

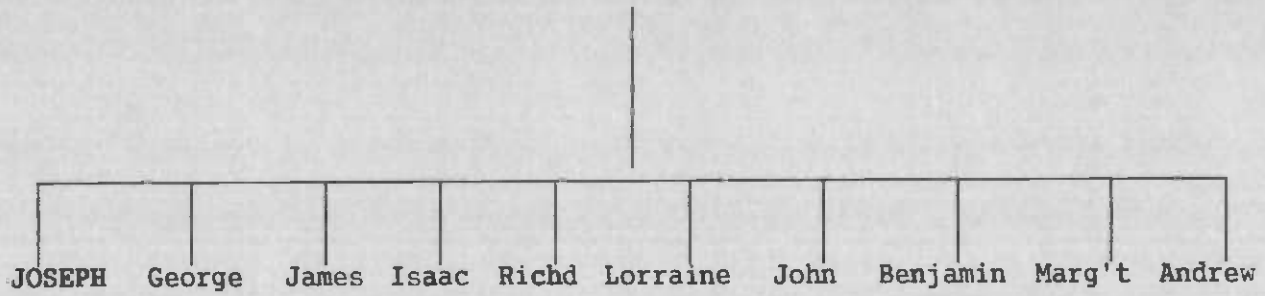
...Mr. James Morden was a private in His Majesty's provincial Regiment called the King's Royal Regiment of New York - of which Sir John Johnston was commander. He was discharged in the year 1783 at Montreal at the age of 20 years after having served as a private five years....

Compare this with the printed version in Canniff, The Settlement of Upper Canada, Belleville: Mika, 1971, p. 113:

Mr. James Morden was a private in His Majesty's Provincial Regiment, King's Royal of New York, Sir J. Johnson Commander. Discharged 1785 at Montreal, at the age of twenty, having served three years.

Canniff seems to have employed leg-men to gather information for him which they sent in long handwritten letters. Ashley was one of these local reporters. Did Canniff err in copying his information or did he deliberately correct the information?

JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN AND MARY REDNER

**HUSBAND: Joseph James Morden**

Born: circa 1794                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont,

Marr:

Died: 28 May 1881                      Spencerport, Monroe Co, New York

Father: James Amit Morden

Mother: Margaret Parliament

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**WIFE: Mary Redner**

Born: 12 May 1806

Died: 28 Nov 1887                      Spencerport, Monroe Co, New York

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**CHILDREN**

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1 | \* Name: Henry Redner Morden

M | Born: 2 Apr 1826                      Trenton, Hastings Co, Ont

Marr:

To: Elizabeth Louise Cronk

Marr: 20 Dec 1859                      Frankford, Hastings Co, Ont

To: Lydia C. Cronk

Died: 21 Dec 1895                      Rosseau, Muskoka Dist, Ont

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2 | Name: William S. Morden

M | Born: circa 1830                      Ont

Marr: 26 Nov 1857                      Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

To: Almeda Roblin

Died:

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3 | Name: John P. Morden

M | Born: circa 1835                      Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Marr: 1858                              Borelia, Reach Twp, Ontario Co, Ont

To: Theresa Taylor

Died:

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4 | Name: Phoebe J. Morden

F | Born: circa 1837                      Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Died:

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5 | Name: Margaret Morden

F | Born: circa 1839                      Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Marr:

To: George Parliament

Died:

JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN AND MARY REDNER

HUSBAND: Joseph James Morden

WIFE: Mary Redner

CHILDREN (Continued)

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6  
M Name: Edgar R. Morden  
Born: circa 1841 Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr: 1868 Ontario Co, Ont  
To: Frances Cameron  
Died: 1903 Niagara Falls, NY

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7  
F Name: Emma Leorane Morden  
Born: 2 Jan 1848 Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr: 1867 Scugog, Ontario Co, Ont  
To: John Tonstal  
Died: after 1905 Rochester, NY

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8  
M Name: James H. Morden  
Born: circa 1849 Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr: 1860  
To: Caroline Huntley  
Died:

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9  
F Name: Deborah Morden  
Born: circa 1852 Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
To: James Gerow Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Died:

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## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

**I. JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN**, oldest son of James Morden and Margaret Parliament, was born c1794 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co. Following the custom of the time this oldest son was named for his paternal grandfather and his father.

Joseph James married Mary Redner, born 12 May 1806, daughter of Henry Redner Jr. and Jemima Ostrander. Henry Jr. was the son of a leading Loyalist pioneer who gave Rednerville its name. A grandson of Joseph James said that Joseph's wife was Jane Redner, daughter of James Redner, but our evidence points to Mary as correct. There is a remote possibility that Joseph James was married twice and that Jane was his first wife. Mary's brother James Redner, became a prosperous merchant and grain dealer who shipped hundreds of thousands of bushels of barley from his Rednerville wharf during the barley boom in the 1860s and 1870s.

Joseph was a shoemaker in Sophiasburgh at the time that he entered his Loyalist claim for a land grant. It was approved by Order-in-Council 25 Feb 1818. Joseph and Mary were living in Trenton when their first child, Henry Redner Morden, was born in 1826. Joseph Morden aged 30 appeared in an 1828 militia return for Northumberland County as a private in the 3d Company under Capt. J. D. Sanford.

They later moved back to Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County. Since Trenton is near the boundary of three counties, - Prince Edward, Hastings and Northumberland, - records can be confusing, but in today's miles there is not much distance between these places. The 1851 census of Ameliasburgh showed Joseph J., shoemaker, 57, with wife Mary 45, and six children: William, John, Phebe, Margaret, Edgar and Emma. Two-year-old James H. was visiting a neighboring family. Henry, who by then was 25, was absent.

Shoemaking is a portable trade, so Joseph moved again in the ten years before the 1861 census. 1861 finds him farther west in Port Perry, Reach Twp, Ontario Co.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

Joseph Morden, 67, b. CW (Canada West), Church of England, shoemaker.  
Mrs. Morden 57  
Margt Morden 21  
Edgar Morden 18  
Emma Morden 14  
Mary I. Morden 2

In old age Joseph and his wife moved to Spencerport near Rochester, New York, where their son Edgar lived. This move took place around 1877. Joseph James Morden died 28 May 1881 aged 87 and Mary Redner died 28 Nov 1887 aged 83. Their graves are in the Fairfield Cemetery at Spencerport NY near Edgar and his family.

This line is extremely difficult to trace since the descendants were widely scattered and the oral history which they preserved is partial and conflicting. *"With the exception of William Morden the descendants of Joseph Morden and Mary Redner moved to the United States or are dead"*, said Pioneer Life with finality. This was an overstatement and a number of J.J's descendants are alive and thriving in both Canada and the U.S.A. At least three of them, Larry Morden of Red Deer, Alberta, Mary George of Mohave Valley, Arizona, and James Allan Morden of Vancouver, B.C. are actively engaged in research on their ancestry.

### Sources:

1851 census Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co. Dist 1, Sheet 51.  
1861 census Reach Twp, Ontario Co, Canada West, from Morden Family Newsletter v. 1, no.2. The Newsletter dated this 1851 but it is obviously the 1861 census.  
Men of Upper Canada, Militia Nominal Rolls 1828-1829, comp. by Bruce Elliott et al. Muster Roll 27 June 1825, p. 170.  
Northumberland Militia Return in PAC record group 9 (I, B2, v31).  
William D. Reid, The Loyalists in Ontario, Hunterdon House, 1973.  
Fairfield Cemetery, Spencerport, NY. Range F, Sec 3, Lot 2. From Mary George.  
Egerton Morden's notes dated 1905.  
Lloyd Silvester's letters to Robert Lyle Price Morden.  
Ruth Millar, Millar-Morden Family Tree 1796-1971.  
Niagara Frontier vol.4. Biography of John B. Morden, p. 586 ff.  
W. K. Burr, Historical Sketches of Prince Edward County, "The Redner Family" p. 140ff.  
Mildred and Loral C. Wanamaker, The Redners, Ancestors and Descendants of Henry Redner Sr., U.E. p.8.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte Redner family, p. 712 ff.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner MORDEN, son of Joseph James MORDEN and Mary REDNER, born 2 Apr 1826, Trenton, Hastings Co, Ontario.

Henry Redner Morden whose father was known to be Joseph is the ancestor from whom families in Saskatoon and in Sarnia are descended. At one time there was some doubt as to whether he was a descendant of James Morden, the Sophiasburgh pioneer, but as more evidence has come to light it now seems certain that he is the son of Joseph James Morden and Mary Redner.

Despite a tradition that he was born in Dundas, Ontario, Henry's marriage record stated that he was born in Trenton. Morden, Henry, appeared in the 1850 census of Murray Twp, Northumberland Co, and is probably this man. He is said to have married twice, having three daughters by his first wife and three sons by his second. One account states that his first wife was Elizabeth Louise Cronk, after whom a granddaughter was named. Elizabeth Louise was the mother of the girls and may have died when the youngest one, Margaret Jane, was born around 1859.

Henry was in Frankford, which is north of Trenton in this 1859 marriage record:  
*Henry R. Morden, 33, of Frankford, b. Trenton, parents Joseph and Mary, m. 20 Dec 1859, Lydia C. Cronk, 20, of Frankford, b. Ameliasburgh, parents Simon and Ellen.*

An 1860/61 Directory showed this couple in Marmora, Hastings County. In the 1861 census Henry was plying his trade of tailor on Madoc Street and his wife Cetty L. Morden, aged 22, was working as a spinster. With them were the three daughters from the first marriage, Emily, Mary L, and Margret Jane. The family was Episcopal Methodist.

In 1862 the first son, Wellington Leslie, was born. Not long after this the family moved to Waterdown, Flamborough East, near Dundas, Ontario. It is not known if the other two sons, Joseph and Norman, were born in Marmora or in Waterdown, but Waterdown is where they grew up and the tradition arose that the boys had been born there.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

Around 1868 Henry moved again to the vicinity of Burk's Falls in Ryerson Township, Parry Sound District. Ontario Land Records show that Henry R. Morden received two free "hardship grants" in Ryerson Township, Con 5 and Con 6, no date, no lot number. In a hardship grant the fees were waived if a settler could prove that he was barely subsisting. Henry is said to have had a lot near Doe Lake.

The family was shown in Ryerson Twp in the 1881 census.

*MORDEN, Henry, 54, Welsh origin, farmer, Baptist*

*Lida 42,*

*Wellington 18*

*male [indecipherable, Adaelon? Joseph Aransler?] 16*

*Ormond 13*

The girls were no longer home. It is said that one of them married a neighbor, Sam Bishop, and the Bishops with their family of four girls also appeared in Ryerson Twp.

In the spring of 1886 a small group of people gathered in Henry's home to organize the Burk's Falls Baptist Church. Of the nine original members, three were Mordens, - Henry, his wife, and Wellington Leslie, - and the other six were Silvesters and Gerows. This tradition has come down through the descendants of Wellington Leslie Morden.

Henry retired in Rosseau, Humphrey Twp, in the Muskoka area and died there on 21 Dec 1895. He was 70 years old. Dr. Waddy diagnosed cause of death as dropsy. The informant was Joseph A. Morden of Humphrey Twp. Henry is buried in Rosseau.

My information is incomplete and further research is needed in Ontario Birth, Marriage and Death records, e.g. the Marriage Index shows Lynda and Archibald H. Morden who were married in Waterdown in 1884 and 1892 respectively. Was there a connection with this family? Allan Morden of Victoria B.C., son of William Henry Morden and Sarah Millar, has been researching Henry's descendants and has a lot of information. Address: Allan Morden, 1289 Ocean View Road, Victoria B.C. V8P 1J9.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

### Sources:

1848/50 Census Index, Canada West, Dilts, Index Pub. Co, 1984.  
Hancocks, Hastings Co. Marriage Registers 1858-1869.  
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1861 census Hastings Co, Marmora.  
Methodist Baptismal Records 1840-1887, Sidney and Tyendinaga  
Twps, Hastings Co, in OGS library, Ameliasburgh.  
1881 census Muskoka District  
Ontario Death Records 1896, Henry Redner Morden, Humphrey Twp  
#13027.  
Conversation with Allen Morden.  
Ruth Millar, Millar-Morden family tree 1796-1971 mimeographed;  
excerpts in my source notebook.

Henry's children by Wife #1.

1. Emily MORDEN
2. Mary L. MORDEN
3. Margaret Jane MORDEN

Henry's children by Lydia C. Cronk:

4. Wellington Leslie MORDEN.
5. Joseph Aransler MORDEN.
6. Ormond or Norman MORDEN.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants.

1. Emily MORDEN born c1851 (10-1861). She may be the Morden girl who married Sam Bishop. Sam was a friend of Emily's brother Wellington Leslie and the two young men together drove cows to the pioneer settlement in Ryerson Twp, Parry Sound District. The 1881 census showed, however, that Sam's wife was Amanda. Did Emily die young and Sam remarried or did Emily have an alternative name Amanda? More proof is needed.

*1881 census Muskoka District, Ryerson Twp.*

*BISHOP, Samuel 32 b. England, W. Methodist, farmer*

*Amanda 32 b. Ont origin Irish.*

*Edith 8*

*Emily 6*

*John 4*

*Amelia 2*

2. Mary L. MORDEN born c1852 (9-1861).

3. Margaret Jane MORDEN born c1859 (2-1861).

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

4. Wellington Leslie MORDEN, son of Henry's second wife Lydia Cronk, was born 29 Aug 1862 at Marmora, Hastings County, Ontario.

Wellington grew up at Waterdown, near Dundas. In 1878 when he was fifteen his father moved to the new Parry Sound District and was granted two lots in Ryerson Twp. At this time Wellington struck out on his own and homesteaded on Lot 1, Ryerson Road, in Ryerson Twp. He and another young fellow, Sam Bishop, walked from Gravenhurst for two days in a pouring rain driving four cows to the new settlement. On a modern highway this is a distance of about fifty miles. They arrived there for the first time on October 8th, 1878, a date Wellington never forgot. *"I built a log shanty in the woods and started in to try and carve out a living & a home.. Though we were poor & lived in Log Houses & Shanties & lived on boiled turnips, boiled wheat & bran cake & Doe-Johns made out of chopped barley & wore a brown duck shirt & overalls & a pair of cow hide long boots to church ... those were happy days..."*, he recalled in a letter nearly fifty years later. In the 1881 census Wellington was in Ryerson Twp, Parry Sound District, aged 18.

He married Emma Anstey STONEMAN on 16 January 1882 at Rosseau, Muskoka District. She was born 7 May 1863 in Devon, England, coming to Canada when she was seven. W. L. Morden was one of the charter members of the Burk's Falls Baptist Church when it was organized in 1886. He was still in Ryerson Twp in the 1891 census, a married man of 29 with a wife and three children, Louie, William and Leslie. *"In the fall of 1891 we left that neck of the woods for 14 years & knew but little of the Church there after that... We came back after 14 years and were again admitted into the church..."*<sup>m1</sup>

Wellington migrated to western Canada, probably around 1905, and operated a butcher shop at Chaplin, Saskatchewan. He died in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, on 12 April 1930. Emma died in Moose Jaw on 26 August 1941. Both are buried in Droxford, Saskatchewan.

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21 The Ontario Birth Index showed the births of two Morden children in the unorgnized townships in this period. These should be investigated in case they are relevant here. Ernest Edgar Morden 1889, record #22862, and M. Lucinda 1/22/90, record #021356.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

### A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #4. Wellington.

#### Sources:

Letter from Wellington Leslie Morden to Mrs. Miller of Burk's Falls dated Jan 28, 1923, in Ruth Millar, Millar-Morden Family Tree.

Ontario Marriage Index 1882, Rosseau.

#### Children of Wellington and Emma:

a. Elizabeth Louise MORDEN, called "Louie" and named after her grandmother, was born 3 February 1884 at Rosseau, Humphrey Twp, District of Parry Sound.

She married Ernest Charles SILVESTER, son of Walter H. Silvester and Harriett Penney on 8 June 1904 at Forest Nook Farm, Rosseau. Louie was 20 and Ernest 25, a bachelor and a farmer, who had been born 15 December 1879, St. Catharines, Ontario. They lived at Burk's Falls until 1909 when they went west and homesteaded 16 miles south of Ernfold, Saskatchewan. Ernest joined up in World War I.

They had one son Lloyd, and one daughter Marjorie. Ernest C. Silvester died in December 1937 at Chaplin, Sask, and was buried at Droxford. Louie survived him many years and moved to St. Thomas, Ontario, to be near her family. She died there 3 December 1961.

Source: Ontario Marriage Records 1904, Parry Sound District #14795.

#### Children:

i. [Ernest] Lloyd SILVESTER born 25 April 1905 at Burk's Falls.

He married Kathleen Muriel HAMILTON on 3 July 1930 at Droxford, Saskatchewan. She was born 23 September 1908 at Laurel, Ontario. They had five sons. In 1941 they moved to St. Thomas, Ontario. Lloyd later lived in Sarnia where he was a sales representative for Tait Clarke, a realtor/broker. Kathleen died 12 June 1961 in Sarnia.

Lloyd married 2: Phyllis SILVESTER on 15 December 1964. Phyllis was born at Droxford.

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A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #4. Wellington.

Children of Lloyd and Kathleen:

Roger Lloyd SILVESTER b. 1 June 1932, Chaplin. He m. Gwen SMITH in 1954 at Sarnia.

3 children, Wendy b. 1956; Janice b. 1960; Douglas b. 1962.

Grant Hamilton SILVESTER b. 3 Jan 1934, Chaplin. He m. Donna STARK in 1956, Starkville, Ont.

2 children: Julie b. 1958; David b. 1961.

Stuart Neil SILVESTER b. 9 July 1935, Chaplin. He m. Beverly MACLEAN 1960, Sarnia. Stuart a minister in the Bramalea Baptist Church. 3 daughters.

Lois b. 1961; Dale b. 1962; Faye b. 1967.

Alan Graeme SILVESTER b. 21 Sep 1940, Moose Jaw, Sask. A clergyman.

He m. Grace McBAIN on 16 Oct 1965, Sarnia. No children.

[John] Ernest Russell SILVESTER b. 2 Aug 1944, St. Thomas, Ontario.

He m. Sharon ROWE.

Children: Steven b. 27 May 1970, Sarnia.

ii. Marjorie Violet SILVESTER born 27 February 1908, Burk's Falls.

She married Eugene Austin LANNING on 17 November 1931, Droxford, Saskatchewan. They had two daughters. This family moved to St. Thomas in 1941.

Children:

Gloria Louise LANNING b, 17 July 1934. She m. Donald William CHRISTIAN; had 4 children.

Marietta Jean LANNING b. 2 Nov 1937. She m. Donald Hugh MAQUIRE; 3 children.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #4. Wellington.

b. William Henry MORDEN, son of Wellington Leslie Morden and Emma A. Stoneman, was born 27 April 1887 in Ryerson Twp, Parry Sound District. In the 1891 census he was age four.

He went west to Saskatchewan in May 1909 and later was joined there by Sarah MILLAR, a girl from Ryerson Twp. They were married in the First Baptist parsonage in Moose Jaw on 1 March 1911. Sarah was born 7 September 1886, the daughter of James Millar from Glasgow and Margaret Anna Younger.

They lived for many years at Chaplin, Saskatchewan, then during the depression moved to Porcupine Plain in northern Saskatchewan. For ten years they lived in Calgary, Alberta, then relocated in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where their children were living. They had nine children, 7 sons and 2 daughters: Allan, Edgar, Wilhemine, Arthur, Charles, Spencer, Edith, Willson, and Wallace. Six of the boys operated the Esso Gas & Oil Service Station in Saskatoon for many years until around 1969 when they began to retire. Spencer left for reasons of health and Edgar and Arthur moved to British Columbia.

William Henry died on 29 March, 1973. Sarah, aged 95, was in a nursing home in Saskatoon in 1982.

### Sources:

J. Allan Morden  
Larry Morden's printout.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #4. Wellington.

Children of William Henry and Sarah:

i. [James] Allan MORDEN b. 13 January 1912, Chaplin. Al went to Saskatoon in 1937 and worked for the Air Coach Bus Company until World War II. He was in the army three years in the service corps attached to the dental corps, and was posted to England, North Africa, Italy, France and Belgium. On his return to Saskatoon he worked in the service station in partnership with his brothers for nineteen years. At one time they took on the Greyhound bus servicing.

Allan married 1: Nettie ADAMSON on 18 Sep 1941. They had two sons. Nettie d. 1974.  
He m. 2: Marjorie Sherk LAWLEY, a nurse.

After retirement around 1971 he did hobby farming near Humboldt east of Saskatoon and also owned an apartment block in the city. Al moved to Vancouver and took up the hobby of genealogy.

Children of Allan and Nettie:

Allen William MORDEN b. 3 Oct 1942, Saskatoon. He m. Iris GRAHAM on 23 Mar 1963.

3 children:

Bradley Allen MORDEN b. Mar 22 1965. Res. in Victoria BC in 1971.  
Stacey MORDEN b. 1975.  
Neil MORDEN b. 1976.

Maurice MORDEN b. 3 Dec 1946, Saskatoon.

Married 3 times:

m. 1: Phyllis WORMAN on 20 July 1968. Living in Saskatoon. 1 daughter.

Cindy Lee MORDEN b. 3 Feb 1969; she m. Gerald Bradley HILL.

m. 2: Rose HAYDEN

m. 3: Beverly Sarah CHARD; 3 children.

Jennifer Amy MORDEN b. 1976  
Sarah Amelia MORDEN b. 1987  
Amanda Jane MORDEN b. 1989

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #4. Wellington.

Children of William Henry and Sarah continued:

- ii. Edgar Wellington MORDEN, son of William Henry and Sarah, was b. 20 March 1913, Chaplin, Sask. He married twice:  
m. 1: Laura COOPER in 1939 in Moose Jaw. 3 daughters.  
m. 2: Lenore McDONALD; one daughter.

Children by Laura:

Marjorie Anne L. MORDEN b. 31 May 1940, Moose Jaw. She m. Wayne Charles KEMP in 1958.

Children:

Debra KEMP b. 1959; m. Jean Paul KOO.  
Lisa Gaye KEMP b. 1962.

Darlene Karen MORDEN (twin) b. Dec 1941, Moose Jaw. She m. Morley Raymond ENSZ. Residence Medicine Hat.

Children:

Kelly Lee ENSZ b. 1960; m. Ted SMITH.  
James Morley ENSZ b. 1963.  
Tracy Myrna ENSZ b. 1965.  
Tina Marie ENSZ b. 1970.  
Walter James ENSZ b. 1978.

Marlene Sharon MORDEN (twin) b. Dec 1941, Moose Jaw. She m. John Edward "Jack" CORDICK. Residence in Shamrock, Sask.

Children:

Robert John CORDICK b. 1959.  
Sharon Winifred CORDICK b. 1960; she m. David BURTON or BARTON.  
David Ronald CORDICK b. 1962.  
Daniel Thomas CORDICK b. 1965.  
Alan CORDICK.

Children by Lenore:

Wilma MORDEN b. 3 Aug 1948 in Comox, B.C. She married twice:

- 1: Lloyd MITCHELL; div; one daughter:  
Lynn Marie MITCHELL b. 1967.  
2: William C. GRANTHAM 14 Nov 1970. He was b. 1946; residence Campbell River, B.C. One daughter:  
Cynthia GRANTHAM b. 1972.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden\*s descendants. #4. Wellington.

Children of William Henry and Sarah, continued:

iii. Wilhemina Emma Margaret MORDEN b. 20 Aug 1915, Chaplin, Sask. She m. Sigfrid ANDERSON on 9 July 1949.

Children:

Joan ANDERSON b. 24 July 1951, Saskatoon; she m. Warren BROWNRIDGE.

Children:

Jason BROWNRIDGE.

iv. Arthur MORDEN, son of William Henry and Sarah, b. 5 Apr 1917, Chaplin.

He was with the South Saskatchewan Regiment during World War II from Sep 4, 1939, when war was declared, until 2 Sep 1945. Arthur served overseas from Christmas 1940 until the summer of 1945 and saw action at Dieppe.

He m. Hilda WIER on 5 Oct 1949 in Saskatoon. (Larry Morden's printout called her Hilda SMART. Which is right?) Arthur was one of the brothers who operated a service station in Saskatoon. In 1969 he moved to Victoria, B.C. and lived there until he died in December 1987.

No children.

v. Charles William Ansty MORDEN, son of William Henry and Sarah, b. 1 Aug 1918, Chaplin.

He served in the airforce in World War II. On his return to Saskatoon he was one of the partners in the service station operated by the Morden brothers.

He m. Margaret... 17 Nov 1954. Divorced.

No children.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #4. Wellington.

Children of William Henry and Sarah, continued:

vi. Spencer Angus MORDEN, son of William Henry and Sarah, b. 1 Sep 1921, Chaplin, Sask.

In World War II he served in the Army intelligence section that dealt with maps and scouting. Spencer was one of the brothers in the partnership operating a service station in Saskatoon. Ill health forced his retirement in 1968.

He m. Annie Westland Fraser HISLOP, called Nan, on 14 Sep 1957. Nan was b. in Scotland on 15 May 1932.

Children:

David Spencer MORDEN b. 10 Sep 1958; he  
m. 1: Deloris MORIN. 2 children.  
2: Berniece FRENCHMAN.

Children:

Trevor MORDEN b. 1983.  
Melissa MORDEN b. 1985.

Andrew Fraser MORDEN b. 21 May 1961,  
Saskatoon. He m. Bonnie WEISBECK.  
Andrew's occupation is shoemaker.

Children:

Sarah Marie MORDEN b. 1987.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

Children of William Henry and Sarah, continued:

vii. Edith Sarah MORDEN, daughter of William Henry and Sarah, b. 3 Mar 1923, Chaplin, Sask. Around 1945 Edith went to Mexico as a missionary. She married Salvador GOMEZ and lives in Montemorelos, N.L., Mexico. Twelve children.

Sources:

Bob Philllips, Saskatoon.

Larry Morden, Morden Information Centre.

Children:

Dina GOMEZ b. July 1948 in Mexico;  
m. Pepe ROYER who was b. 1945.

Children (4):

Zila, Aida, Dan and Dina.

Jonatan GOMEZ b. 1949;

m. Maria de la Luv DAVILA.

Children (2):

Jonatan, Michelle.

[Elena] Ester GOMEZ b. 1950; twin of Marcos; died young.

Marcos GOMEZ b. 1950; twin of Ester.

He m. 1: Rosalia HARTINEZ, b. 1956.

2: Teresa VIZCAINO, b. 1958.

Child:

Rodrigo GOMEZ.

Susana GOMEZ b. 1952.

Benjamin GOMEZ b. 1953; died young.

Lydia GOMEZ b. 1954. She m. Luis Humberto AMBRIZ or Ambraz, b. 1952.

Children:

Paula, Cintía, Luis

Priscilla GOMEZ b. 1956.

Claudia GOMEZ b. 1957. She died young.

David GOMEZ b. 1958, a twin.

Ruth GOMEZ b. 1958, a twin. Died in infancy.

Guillermo GOMEZ, "Billy" b. 1960.

He m. Susanne HELE, b. 1961.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #4. Wellington.

Children of William Henry and Sarah, continued:

viii. Willson MORDEN, son of William Henry and Sarah, b. 22 Oct 1925, Chaplin.  
Died 7 Feb 1926.

ix. Wallace Leslie Morden, son of William Henry and Sarah, b. 18 February 1928, Chaplin.

Wallace tried to enlist in World War II but was rejected because of his age. He was one of the brothers in partnership in the service station in Saskatoon.

He m. Arvine BUNKER on 6 Sep 1955 in Saskatoon.

Children:

Margaret Lillian MORDEN b. 13 Sep 1956;  
m. Joseph Glen F. TAYLOR.

Brenda Sharon MORDEN b. 22 Mar 1959.  
m. 1: John Clifford BELL.  
2: David Alexander WASYLOW.

Roger Jason MORDEN m. Denise BURRELL.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #4. Wellington.

c. [Herbert] Leslie MORDEN son of Wellington Leslie Morden and Emma A. Stoneman. was born 27 November 1888 in Ryerson Twp, Parry Sound District, Ontario.

Around 1910 Leslie moved to Saskatchewan and farmed near Chaplin for 24 years. He later moved to Moose Jaw, living there for 19 years before relocating in Calgary, Alberta. He died in Calgary in November 1980 aged 92.

Leslie was married twice:

1: He m. Rachel WOOD on 12 January 1916. Rachel was born 1898 in Iowa and died 1960 in Calgary. She was the mother of 3 daughters and 2 sons.

2: He m. Eva GRAY on 18 December 1963 in Calgary. Eva was born 27 September 1896 in Halloway, Ontario.

Most of the information on their descendants comes from Larry Morden of the Morden Information Centre.

Children of Leslie Morden and Rachel Wood (5)

i. Evelyn Lorain MORDEN b. 9 Aug 1917, Moose Jaw, Sask. She m. Roy McINTYRE on 20 May 1942, Moose Jaw, Residence Calgary, Alta.

Children:

Ruth Lorraine McINTYRE b. 1947.

David McINTYRE b. 11 Sep 1950.

ii. Eileen Mary Emma MORDEN b. 9 Nov 1918, Chaplin, Sask. She m. Ed PRITCHARD 15 May 1946, Moose Jaw. Residence Calgary, Alta.

Children:

Frances PRITCHARD b. 3 Oct 1949;

m. 1: Roy EYFORD; Yellow Knife, N.W.T.,  
Son Chad EYFORD b. 1974.

m. 2: Bruce PIERCY.

Daughter Amanda PIERCY.

Ken PRITCHARD b. 1 Jan 1952.

m. Marge BALL.

Children:

Marnie PRITCHARD b. 1974.

Andrea PRITCHARD b. 1976.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #4. Wellington.  
c. [Herbert] Leslie Morden.

iii. Elwood James MORDEN b. 22 June 1922,  
Chaplin, Sask. He m. Joyce EVANS 7 June  
1946; residence Moose Jaw. One son:  
Don MORDEN b. 1 June 1947; m. 1: Jo Ann  
CARSTAIRS.  
He m. 2: Cecilia OZORIO.

Children:

Amanda Rocio MORDEN b. 25 Jan 1985.  
Michael James MORDEN b. 1989.

iv. Hazel Louise MORDEN b. 2 Oct 1923,  
Chaplin, Sask. She m. George S. PAYSON 18 Nov  
1940, Moose Jaw. Residence Winnipeg, Man.

Children:

[George] Gary PAYSON b. 9 June 1941; in  
the R.C.M.P. He m. Carol PATTERSON.

Children:

Michelle PAYSON b. 1969.  
Lori PAYSON b. 1973.

Rodney Elwood PAYSON b. 7 Oct 1946,  
m. Janice Leone PARENT.

Children:

Jennifer PAYSON b. 1974.  
Julie PAYSON b. 1978.  
Leone PAYSON b. 1981.

v. Roy Wellington MORDEN b. 15 May 1935, Moose  
Jaw, Sask. Roy is a music professor and also  
plays for the Barry Moore Crusades. He m.  
Dorothy BUSS, daughter of missionaries to  
Japan. She is also a musician and teaches  
violin. They live in Abbotsford, B.C.

Children:

Wendel Roy MORDEN b. 1963.  
Lorelei MORDEN b. 1966.  
Glen Elwood MORDEN b. 1969.  
Daryl Shawn MORDEN b. 1969.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

### A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #5. Joseph Aransler.

5. Joseph Aransler **MORDEN** born 23 July 1864, son of Henry Redner Morden by his second wife, Louise C. Cronk.

According to oral tradition Joseph was born "near Belleville". Possibly he was born at Marmora which is about thirty miles from Belleville.

While he was still very young his parents moved to Waterdown, near Dundas, Ontario. Later they moved again to Burk's Falls in the Parry Sound District. The 1881 census of Ryerson Twp shows a 16-year-old lad, son of Henry, name indecipherable. He was two years younger than Wellington and may have been Henry.

He married **Amy ARISS** on 30 December 1889 at Bracebridge. She was born 27 May 1873, which means she was only sixteen at marriage. Allan Morden who has traced this family says that his Uncle Joseph homesteaded around Summerberry, Saskatchewan, east of Regina. There were nine children; only the three oldest lived into old age. The remaining six died early.

One source says that Joseph died in 1929 at Rosseau, but this is open to question. Amy died 31 May 1943 at Simpson, Saskatchewan.

#### Sources:

Allan Morden, great-nephew.  
Spencer Morden of Saskatoon, through Bob Phillips.  
Larry Morden, Morden Information Centre.  
Ontario Marriage Records 1890, Bracebridge.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #5. Joseph Aransler.  
Children of Joseph and Amy:

a. **Thomas Henry MORDEN**, born 27 January 1891 at Rosseau, called Harry. Allan Morden spoke of "Harry Morden, a cousin of Dad's", who lived at White Rock, B.C., south of Vancouver, near the U.S. border.

He married **Elizabeth BEAUMONT** at Minnedosa, Manitoba. She was born 1893.

Harry died 10 September 1974 at White Rock, B.C.

b. **Winnie MORDEN**, born 6 January 1893. She married **Oliver Lloyd BRYAN** on 27 November 1912 at Grenfell, Sask. Lived at Long Lake. They went to Vancouver in the depression and her husband died a year after the move. Winnie remained in Burnaby and died there 5 December 1977.

Winnie and Oliver had seven children. Larry Morden has further information on the spouses and children.

- i. **Myrtle Pauline Bryan**, born 1914.
- ii. **Marion Alice Elsa Bryan**, born 1916.
- iii. **Nelson Henry Lloyd Bryan**, born 1918.
- iv. **Donald Thomas George Bryan**, born 1920.
- v. **Dorothy Mary G. Bryan**, born 1923.
- vi. **Elwood Joseph James Bryan**, born 1925.
- vii. **Glen Wilfred Collen Bryan**, born 1927.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

### Children of Joseph and Amy:

c. **John A. MORDEN**, born 2 March 1895, Rosseau, Humphrey Twp, Muskoka District, Ontario.

He married **Ethel Marguerite ENNIS**, daughter of Victor Ennis and Laura Rodgers, on 26 April 1940 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Ethel was born 17 November 1918 at Grenfell, Saskatchewan. John died 12 March 1975 at Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.

#### Children:

i. **Larry John MORDEN**, born 14 August 1943 at Broadview, Sask.

He married **Norma May LUTHER**, daughter of Albert James Luther and Beatrice Elizabeth Paxton, on 10 July 1965 at Wolseley, Sask. Norma was born 11 May 1944 at Sintaluta, Sask.

They lived at Red Deer, Alberta for a time, then moved to Calgary around 1997 when Larry bought a construction business there. Larry is the moving force in the **MORDEN INFORMATION CENTRE** and has collected family data from far and wide. He enters it in a computer using the program PAF and claims his role is recorder rather than researcher.

#### Children:

**Carmen Gaye MORDEN**, born 6 September 1968, Regina, Sask.

**Aaron Bradley MORDEN**, born 28 February 1973 at Regina.

ii. **Ann Louise MORDEN** born 7 March 1952 at Grenfell, Sask.

Gwen married **Glen Douglas Cook** on 2 July 1972 at Regina, Sask. Divorced.

d. **James Cameron MORDEN** born 1 April 1897 at Rosseau, Ontario. He died at age sixteen on 15 September 1913 at Summerberry, Sask.

e. **Jessie Pauline MORDEN**, born 21 February 1899 at Rosseau; died 2 February 1900, not quite a year old.

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Children of Joseph and Amy\*

f. Edith Margaret MORDEN, born 6 August 1905 at Rosseau. Edith died 17 February 1947.

She married Clayton ROSENBERGER on 20 March 1925 at Simpson, Sask. They had fourteen children and an army of grandchildren. For this line see Larry Morden's printout.

g. Clarissa Amy MORDEN, born 18 August 1907 at Rosseau.

She married Nelson Lawrence SCHOTTS on 26 November 1926 at Imperial, Sask. They had three children, Vernon, Nelson, and Marion. For their spouses and children see Larry Morden's printout. Clarissa died 29 June 1941 at Simpson, Sask.

h. Robert Joseph MORDEN, born 22 August 1910 at Summerberry, Sask.

He married Marie Dorothy Azilda Ann GRATTON on 13 June 1937, Sudbury, Ontario. She was born 1917. Robert died 16 April 1961.

Children (3):

i. Lois Marie Lorain MORDEN, born 1938.  
married Douglas L. BROCKBANK, b. 1936.

2 sons:

Christopher L. Brockbank, b. 1964.  
Scott Douglas Brockbank, b. 1967.

ii. Azilda Francis MORDEN, born 1940.  
married John James GAVIN, born 1937.

Twins:

Jason Robert Gavin, born 1967.  
Joel Russel Gavin, born 1967.

iii. Margaret W. MORDEN, born 1943.  
married Ronald George STEVENSON, born 1947.

j. Elsie Lois MORDEN, born 14 September 1916 at Rosseau.

She married John PARRY on 14 October 1937 at Simpson, Sask. John was born in 1900. Elsie died 27 February 1950 at Simpson.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

A. Henry Redner Morden's descendants. #6. Ormond.

6. Ormond or Norman MORDEN born c1867 (13-1881) son of Henry Redner Morden by his second wife, Louise C. Cronk.

It is not known where he was born, - Marmora or Waterdown? This information came from Allan Morden. The 1881 census of Ryerson Twp, Muskoka District, showed Ormond, age 13, in the family of Henry and Lydia.

He married Margaret ... born around 1870. They had two children. After Ormond's death his widow remarried.

a. Francis L. MORDEN, born 1890.

b. Nellie MORDEN.

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B. William S. MORDEN, son of Joseph James Morden and Mary Redner, b. c1830. He seems to have been counted twice in the 1851 census of Ameliasburgh, once with his family and again in the household of William Babcock of Ameliasburgh; age 21, with residence given as Marmora which is in Hastings County.

He married Almeda ROBLIN, daughter of H. Ryan Roblin and Catharine Bell. Almeda was b. 26 Jan 1837 in Ameliasburgh and was baptized later, in 1846, by Rev. W. McFadden. A notice in the Christian Guardian announced that William Morden and Almeda Roblin, both of Rednersville, were married on 26 Nov 1857 by Rev. John Lever.

The young couple was living in Ameliasburgh in 1861. William was earning his living as a shoemaker and they had a young child, A.E., age three. Their religion was Wesleyan Methodist. Richard Morden, a fifteen year old boy, was living with them but was not a member of their family. I have not identified Richard; the closest match in age is Richard Austin Morden, the son of Daniel Morden who lived in Tyendinaga.

My information on William ends here. This is a lost trail. A tombstone in a cemetery in Spencerport, NY, where William's parents are buried, may point the way. It reads:

Almeda Morden NIER  
1839-1919  
Annie E. MORDEN  
1863-1888

This suggests that William may have died young and that Almeda married second Mr. Nier. Research in New York State records might clear this up.

### Children:

1. A. E. MORDEN b, 1858 (3-1861).  
Presumably this is Annie E. Morden of the tombstone. There is a discrepancy of 5 years between census and tombstone birth dates.

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Sources:

Ontario Register vol.7, no.1, p.32. Marriage in Christian Guardian of 13 Jan 1858.

Roblin: John, Stephen, Ann, Philip, Owen by Wanamaker, pp.155,173.

1851 census Prince Edward County, Ameliasburgh.

1861 census Prince Edward County, Ameliasburgh, Dist 3, Rednersville Ward, p. 37.

Fairfield Cemetery, Spencerport, NY. Range C, Sec. 6. Info from Mary George.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

C. John P. MORDEN, son of Joseph James Morden and Mary Redner, born c1835. The date is calculated from his age, 16, in the 1851 Ameliasburgh census. This is a confusing family to follow since this was a broken family and traditions were lost. We have to depend on census records, directories and so forth. See my correspondence with Mary George, a descendant who is doing research, in my James source notebook. There are many unresolved problems in this grouping.

John P. MORDEN of Borelia, Reach, Ontario County, son of Joseph, married Tracey TAYLOR, daughter of John Taylor, in 1858. The record does not show her mother's name but I believe, on the basis of circumstantial evidence, that it was Nancy. The young couple lived in Milltown, a little village one mile from Shannonville, in Tyendinaga Twp, Hastings Co. John appeared there in the 1860 Directory of Hastings County:

*John P. Morden, cabinet maker, Mill Town.*

Various sources indicate that they had twelve children and the list below is built on hours of research in census and birth and death records. I believe that they were born in Milltown. Their births may not have been registered since I have failed to find any records for them.

The story goes that John worked on the Great Lakes boats in the summer and made coffins in the winter. The coffin linings were made by Theresa. John deserted his wife to live with another woman, taking the twin girls with him and leaving all the boys with Theresa. John is said to have had a child by the other woman. After John left her Theresa earned a living by doing housework, laundry, cleaning and so forth. She was helped by a Mohawk woman named Maggie Maracle and later when Maggie was old and ill Theresa took care of her. She also cared for her sister Nancy's children.

Miss Edna Morden of Windsor, John's granddaughter, daughter of Benjamin, says John was a casket maker and lived on the edge of an Indian reservation near Kingston, Ontario.

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This must surely be the Tyendinaga Reserve which is near Milltown. When the two oldest sons were young men, "grandfather" [their father] took them and went to work on the lake boats. He had no further contact with "grandmother" or the younger children.

A slightly different version from Clara Ford says that John left Theresa for three years. No matter which version is correct - they are all unhappy stories.

Census records bear out the fact of John's desertion. He and the girls were present in the 1861 and 1871 census but they were absent in subsequent tallies and only Theresa and the boys showed thereafter. The 1881 census of Hastings County shows that "Thressa" and four boys were living on or near the Indian reservation in the household of Nicodemus Mericle, 50, and his wife Mary, 48. The Mericles were Indian, members of the Church of England. Thressa stated her origin was German. Little Benjamin was only two, and William had not yet been born so it seems that John had abandoned her very recently.

An entry in the Hastings Co. Directory 1879-80, p. 311 seems to refer to Theresa:

*MORDEN, Teresa, wid, N. Wellington St., Milltown.*

If John was still alive Teresa was not a widow but a deserted wife. In the 1891 census she was living in Deseronto and had five sons with her. In 1901 only the two youngest were left at home and "Tressa" had taken in a lodger.

Theresa is said to have had a twin sister called Nancy. Nancy married a Stanhope, had five children, and lived in Milltown. The death record of an elderly woman named Nancy Taylor who was probably living with Nancy Stanhope when she died is strong evidence that this was the mother of Nancy and Theresa.

*Nancy Taylor died 7 Dec 1875, aged 78, born State of New York.*

*Cause of death: Inflammation of the lungs, one week.*

*Informants: Samuel Hudson M.D. and Nancy Stanhope, Milltown, Wesleyan Methodist.*

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In 1891 and 1901 Theresa was no longer in Milltown but was living in Deseronto. Family tradition says that in later life Theresa lived with Charles and Benjamin, six months with each turn and turn about. She was living with Charles when she died as the following death record shows.

*Morden, Theresa, female, 76 years, d. April 19th, 1914. b. Shannonville, Ont, d. Kingston Ont. Occupation: housework. Widowed. Father: John Taylor; mother: not known. Cause: Heart disease. Dr. A. E. Ross. Informant Morden, Chas, Kingston, Apr 21, 1914.*

### Sources:

Family traditions recorded by Mary Strickland George. See her pedigree and family charts in my source notebook.

County Marriage Register.

Census records of Tyendinaga Twp, Hastings Co 1861, 1871, 1881.

Census records of Deseronto, Hastings Co, 1891, 1901.

Ontario Death Records 1914, Frontenac Co, Kingston #13181. Theresa Morden.

Ont Death Records 1875, Hastings Co, Tyendinaga #3042. Nancy Taylor.

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CENSUS RECORDS - JOHN P. MORDEN FAMILY

Hastings Co, Tyendinaga Twp, 1861 and 1871.

MORDEN, John, 24-1861, 34-1871. Cabinet maker, b. Ont,  
Wesleyan Methodist.

Teresa, his wife. 21-1861, 31-1871, b. Ont, Scottish  
origin.

Charles 4-1861; missing in 1871.

Norman 2-1861

Caroline 8-1871

Mary 5-1871

Charlott 2-1871

Lydita 5/12 in 1871

1881 census Hastings Co., Tyendinaga Twp, B1, p.34.

MORDEN, Thressa, 41, b. Ont, 4 children:

Theodore 18 national origin "not given"

Charles 12

Archibald 7

Benjamin 2 (Where are the girls?)

1891 census Hastings East. Deseronto Village. A2, p.54.

MORDEN, Tracey 53, widow, b. Ont, parents b. Ont. Methodist.

Norman 34, single, saw mill laborer

Charles? [indecipherable], 22, single, saw mill laborer

Archie 17 single

Benjamin 12

William 10 (Where are the girls?)

1901 census Hastings Co, Deseronto, A3.

MORDEN, Tressa b. 19 June 1841, age 60. b. Ont, English  
ancestry, Meth.

Benjamin, son, b. 22 Feb 1878, 23, laborer

William, son b. 2 June 1882, 19, printer

Tressa had a lodger.

(Birth dates in the 1901 census are frequently wrong by one  
year).

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

C. John P. Morden and Theresa/Tracy Taylor's descendants.

Children:

1. Charles MORDEN b. .c1858 (4-1861). Apparently died young, and subsequently another son born c1869 was also named Charles.

2. Norman James MORDEN b. 28 Dec 1858, Port Perry, Ont; d. 1 Feb 1932, Crystal Beach, Bertie Twp, Welland Co.

Norman m. 1: Sarah C. Cornelia McCULLOUGH on 25 Dec 1881 in Sidney Twp. Born 25 Aug 1864, Ameliasburgh, daughter of John G. McCullough and Lana Scriver. Norman was 23 and Sarah 18. Norman was a cabinet maker in Belleville at the time. Sarah was a resident of Frankford. Both were Methodist Episcopal. Minister, Rev. H. Martin. Witnesses were Mary E. McCullough and Henry Sayers.

We find Norman at various addresses in the area near Belleville. At one time he lived in Sidney Twp on the 4th Con, Lot 15. He evidently combined furniture making and furniture sales. In the 1891 census he was a furniture dealer in Frankford and in a child's birth record in 1893 he was "merchant". In 1897 and 1898 in children's birth records he was called "cabinet maker".

Hastings County Directory 1889.

*Norman J. MORDEN, cabinet maker, W. Murney St., Belleville.*

1891 census Hastings West, Frankford Village.

MORDEN, Norman J. 30, b. Ont. Furniture dealer.

Sarah C. 26 both parents b. Ontario

Winifred 8

Garfield 4

1901 census Hastings West, Sidney Twp, B1, p.14.

MORDEN, Norman, husband b. 28 Aug 1858, Ont. machinist

Sarah C. wife b. 25 Aug 1863,

Winfred dau b. 29 Mar 1883

Garfield son b. 18 Nov 1886

Thomas E. son b. 4 July 1896

Mildred H. dau b. 29 Sep 1898

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Norman and Sarah had eight children, six girls, two boys, born in the years 1883 to 1906 in or near Frankford. When the boys, Garfield and Thomas, reached manhood they left home to find good jobs in the United States.

Sarah died a year after the birth of her youngest child, Ruby: *Morden, Sarah Cornelius d. Nov 20th 1907. 43 years, res Frankford, b. Prince Edward Co. Housewife. Cause: cancer left lung. Name of husband, Norman Morden. Informant N.J. Morden.*

Two years later Norman married 2: *Mary Ann SIMMONS. Morden, Norman James, millwright, widower, 51, Methodist, residence Twp of Sidney, son of John P. Morden and Theresa Taylor, m. Simmons, Mary, spinster, 51, Methodist, residence Twp of Thurlow, daughter of Henry Simmons [occupation omitted] and Catherine Styles. 18 Aug 1909, Cobourg. Witnesses Eliza R. Shorey, Cobourg and Gertrude McBride, Cobourg. Married by S. J. Shorey, Cobourg. Mary Ann was born 4 Aug 1857.*

In 1918 Norman, Mary Ann, and all the girls legally entered the United States at Niagara Falls and settled in Niagara Falls N.Y. Norman was sixty at the time. A 1919 directory showed Norman employed at Millwright Works Incorporated. Two daughters, Mildred and Winifred were working for USL&H.

Mary Ann Morden died 3 Feb 1926 at Niagara Falls. Her will which had been made in 1918 when her abode was in Thurlow Twp, Hastings Co, mentioned husband Norman James Morden of Crystal Beach, Welland Co, and step-daughter Mary L. W. Morden.

Norman died 1 Feb 1932, at Crystal Beach, Bertie Twp, Welland Co, Ont. He and Mary Ann are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

C. John P. Morden and Theresa/Tracy Taylor's descendants. #2 Norman

Sources:

Mary Strickland George, granddaughter of Norman, has the Family Bible and has done extensive research in Ontario and New York records. 7215 Kaiser, P.O. Box 5812, Mohave Valley AZ 86440. Phone 602-768-9701.

Ontario Marriage Records 1881, Hastings Co, Sidney #11.

Ontario Death Records 1907, Hastings Co #13695, Sidney.

Ontario Marriage Records 1909 Northumberland Co #15469.

8 Children of Norman and Sarah:

a. Mary L. Winifred MORDEN b. 29 March 1883,  
Frankford, Sydney Twp, Hastings Co Ont.

City directories for Niagara Falls, New York, showed she worked for USL&H in 1919 and for Russ Mfg Co in 1920. She was mentioned in her step-mother's will. In 1930 Norman deeded his house to her for the sum of \$1.00. Mary died 13 Oct 1961, and is buried in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1883, Hastings Co #12163.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

b. James Gordon Garfield MORDEN, b. 18 Nov 1886, Frankford, Hastings Co, Ontario. His birth record called his father a cabinet maker, Frankford. It seems that James moved to the United States as a young man and some years later his parents and their other children followed.

James m. Bernice Nellie KOBLER, daughter of Frederick J. Kobler and Cora May Willsea, on 20 Sep 1911. Bernice was b. 17 Aug 1888 in Albion, N.Y. and lived to age 102.

James d. 28 Jan 1951 at Sherrill, Madison Co, N.Y. and Bernice died there 8 Aug 1991.

Source: Ont Birth Records 1886, Hastings Co #13951.

### Children:

- i. Winnifred Bernice Morden b. 17 August 1912, Niagara Falls, N.Y..
- ii. Marjory Louise Morden b. 12 May 1918. She married Wilbur Walker De Atley on 20 Sep 1947 in Montana. She d. 7 Oct 1985 in MD.

### Children:

Paul Walker De Atley, died in infancy in March 1961.

Brian Carl De Atley [adopted] b. 15 Aug 1961. He m. Christina Tecson in 1988.

Richard Bruce De Atley [adopted] b. 27 Oct 1962. He m. Barbara Merino in 1991.

Children: Allison and Grant De Atley.

- iii. Jean Ruth Morden b. 23 May 1923 at Sherrill. Jean served in the WAVES in World War II. She m. Thomas Laverne Waddington on 20 Sep 1947, Niagara Falls, N.Y.. Jean d. 1 Feb 1978 at Westchester, N.Y..

### Children:

Linda Jean Waddington b. 14 Oct 1954, Binghamton, N.Y. Linda m. Paul Giaquinta 13 Sep 1980 at Silver Springs, Maryland.

Janet Lynn Waddington b. 22 Dec 1956.  
Mark Thomas Waddington b. 17 Sep 1959.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

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c. Lavenia MORDEN b. 13 Oct 1891, Frankford; d. 15 June 1892.

Sources:

Ontario Birth Records 1891, Hastings Co #17738.  
Family Bible.

d. Cornelia Madelin MORDEN b. 9 Apr 1893, Toronto; d. 13 Aug 1893.

Sources:

Family Bible.

Ontario Birth Records 1893, Toronto, York Co #41318.

e. Thomas Edward MORDEN b. 4 July 1897, Sidney Twp, Hastings Co, Ontario. He and his wife Margarita moved to the United States in 1911. He was employed as a millwright in Detroit, working for the New York Central Railroad. Thomas d. 6 Nov 1957.

Sources: Family Bible.

Ontario Birth Records 1897, Sidney Twp, Hastings Co #17435.

Children:

i. Helen Morden. m. Leo Logan of St. Catharines, Ontario. 2 or more children.

f. Mildred Helena MORDEN born 29 Sep 1898, Sidney Twp. Hastings Co, Ont. City directories of Niagara Falls, N.Y. showed she worked for USL&H in 1919 and 1920. She moved to Chicago, Ill, [around 1926 ?] and returned to Niagara Falls at retirement. Died 20 Apr 1974, Niagara Falls.

Sources: Family Bible.

Ontario Birth Records 1898, Sidney Twp, Hastings Co #17251.

g. Violet Louise MORDEN b. 31 Mar 1903, Frankford, Ontario. She was a nurse in Chicago, Illinois; d. 14 Dec 1927 in Chicago.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

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h. Ruby Beatrice MORDEN b. 29 Sep 1906, Frankford,  
m. Joseph Lenard STRICKLAND on 9 Apr 1927 at St.  
Luke's Evangelical Church, Buffalo, N.Y. Divorced.

Joseph, son of Charles Strickland and Frances Jane  
Frampton, was born in Three Rock Cove, Newfoundland,  
7 Nov 1900. He m. 2: Annie Veronica Murphy in 1941.  
He m. 3: Alma Leach Shorts on 27 July 1963.  
Joseph died 4 Jan 1980 at Sanford, Florida.

Ruby died of heart problems at age 28 on 21 Dec 1934  
at Buffalo, N.Y. and was buried in Elmlawn Cemetery.

Children:

i. One daughter Mary Violet STRICKLAND b.31  
Jan 1928, Buffalo NY. She was only six when  
her mother died. A school teacher.

Mary m. Thomas Roy GEORGE 17 Sep 1949 at  
Kenmore N.Y. He was b. at Buffalo N.Y. on 1  
Nov 1922, son of Thomas Roy George and Ellen  
Dorothea Fierstra. Tom served in the U. S.  
Army, World War II, in the battle for central  
Europe. His later career was as a scientist  
working for Rockwell supervising ground  
support for the NASA space shots. Their home  
was at the east end of the Mohave Desert near  
Needles, California. Tom died 18 April 1991  
and his ashes were scattered over the Mohave  
desert.

Mary is my fifth cousin, dear friend, and  
fellow genealogist. The information on the  
family of Norman James Morden comes from her.

Address in 1998:

Mary Strickland George 7215 Kaiser Dr.  
Mohave Valley, AZ 86440-9106

Children:

Sandra Ann GEORGE b. 13 July 1956, North  
Tonawanda, N.Y. She m. Jim OSTROUT in  
1987; Jim was b. in Germany in 1959.

Children:

Cheyenne Autum OSTROUT b. 22 Sep  
1987.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

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3. Theodore **MORDEN**, son of John Morden and Tracey Taylor, was born c1863 in Smiths Falls, Ontario. He was 18 in the 1881 census of Tyendinaga Twp. His name is dimly remembered in the family.

*Theodore Morden, born Smiths Falls, Ontario [age omitted] son of John Morden and Tracey Taylor, residence Kingston, married Annie GIRARD, 26, widow, daughter of George Ferguson and Annie Percival, on 17 August 1906 at Gravenhurst. They were married by W. Buchanan and the witnesses were two Buchanans, probably from the minister's family. Annie was born in England. Theodore was Presbyterian, Annie Methodist.*

Source:

Ontario Marriage Records 1906, District of Muskoka, Gravenhurst, #13747.

4. Caroline **MORDEN** born c1863, (8-1871). Possibly she and Theodore were twins.

5. Mary **MORDEN** born c1866 (5-1871).

6. Charlotte **MORDEN** born c1869 (2-1871).

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THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

C. John P. Morden and Theresa/Tracy Taylor descendants. #7 Charles

7. Charles MORDEN, born c1869. He was 12 in the 1881 census of Tyendinaga. He was a saw mill worker age 22 in the 1891 census. He is known to have been a bricklayer in Kingston, Ontario. This may be the man in a Directory reference I have lost:

*Charles MORDEN, mason, on Indian Reserve, Deseronto.*

Charles Morden of Deseronto m. Lina MULLINGER of Kingston, at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on 14 March 1896. She was born on Wolfe Island, a large island in Lake Ontario near Kingston.

They had five children, two of whom died at birth. Charles Morden of Kingston reported these deaths and also that of his mother Theresa in 1914.

Lina d. 8 Jan 1940 at Kingston.

Sources:

1881 census Hastings Co., Tyendinaga Twp, B1, p.34.

1891 census Hastings East. Deseronto Village. A2, p.54.

Hastings County Directory 1889

Children:

a. William MORDEN b. 17 Oct 1897, Kingston, Ont.

The official record says:

*Unnamed Morden infant, male, b. 17 Oct 1897, still born. Convulsions. Informant Charles Morden, 38 Main St, Protestant. Dr. E. Ryan.*

Source:

Ont. Death Records, 1897, Frontenac Co, Kingston, #9060.

b. Charles Morden, infant, b. 1898.

*Morden Charles d. July 31, age 1 day. Infant, b. Kingston, convulsions. Informant Charles Morden 38 Main St., Methodist. Ont. Death Records 1898, Kingston #5505.*

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

c. Theresa Jane MORDEN "Tess", b. 13 Aug 1900; m. Andrew Leland McGREGOR 1 Nov 1919, Kingston, Ont. A notice in the Napanee Express reported: "At Sydenham Street Methodist parsonage Kingston, on Saturday afternoon, November 1, 1919, by the Rev. W. G. Brown, Theresa Jane eldest daughter of Charles Morden, Main Street, to Andrew Leland McGregor of Enterprise."  
Theresa d. in August 1970.

Children:

Doreen McGregor m. Russell D. Martin. Russell d. in 1988. In 1992 Doreen was living at 94 Main St., Kingston, Ont, K7K 3Y8.

6 Children:

Sheila Martin b. 23 July 1940, Kingston.  
m. Carmen Fisher.

Russell D. Martin b. 15 Feb 1942.  
m. Sally Shurtliff.

Leo J. P. Martin b. 26 June 1944;  
m. Berniece Wisterd.

Helen Martin b. 18 April 1946;  
m. Bann Fraser.

Danny Martin b. 9 Mar 1954.

Lori Martin b. June 1956  
m. Greg Mac Quire.

d. Laura Pearl MORDEN m. James LYON.

e. Mabel MORDEN

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

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8. Lydita MORDEN, daughter of John and Theresa, born c1870. Age 5 months in the 1871 census.

9. Archibald MORDEN, "Archie ", son of John Morden and Tracey Taylor. Born 26 Mar 1874, Deseronto, Hastings Co.

Information is very sketchy. Miss Edna Morden says he was a bricklayer in Ottawa, and his marriage record bears this out.

*Morden, Archibald, 31, residence Ottawa, b. Ont, bachelor, bricklayer, son of John Morden and Tracey Taylor, married Sawyer, Mary, 25, res Ottawa, [birthplace erased, left blank] daughter of Albert Sawyer and Maggie Murphy, 17 June 1905, Ottawa. Groom, Methodist; bride Church of England. Marr. by J.S. Pitcher.*

Mary Ann Sawyer was born 11 Aug 1879, Fitzroy Twp, Carleton Co, Ontario.

Archibald died on 2 March 1944.

Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1905, Carleton Co, Ottawa, #5738.

Mary George's research.

Birth data for Archibald and Mary Ann from the IGI.

Children's names from IGI for Ontario:

- a. Clifford William MORDEN.
- b. Helen Theresa MORDEN
- c. Mildred Verna MORDEN      b. 10 June 1912, Ottawa.
- d. Donald Charles MORDEN      b. 14 Aug 1920, Ottawa.

A granddaughter of Archibald, Mrs. Norma Mae Sturgeon, of Lantzville BC, submitted some inconsistent data to the IGI in 1987.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

C. John P. Morden and Theresa/Tracy Taylor's descendants. #10

10. Benjamin MORDEN born 20 Feb 1877. According to a family informant he was born in Deseronto, but I have not found the official birth record. Like his father, Benjamin was a cabinet maker.

He married Lillian Doretta TRENEER on 10 Sep 1908, Windsor, Ont. She was born 15 Jan 1882. Benjamin died 15 May 1924, probably in Windsor. Lillian d. 14 Oct 1964 aged 88.

Children (from Miss Edna Morden's list)

a. Edna Theresa MORDEN b. 26 June 1909 in Windsor; schoolteacher, unmarried. She lived in Windsor in 1984. At that time she was 75 and recalled some family memories which were written down by Mrs. Isabel Warwick of Windsor. They are used as the basis for the accounts of her grandparents and four uncles. Edna died 2 June 1995.

b. Thelma Beatrice MORDEN, born 9 July 1912, Windsor. She was a schoolteacher, unmarried. Died 28 Jan 1970.

c. Herbert William MORDEN, born 29 Aug 1914, Windsor. He married Mildred Bertha FREDERICK. She died 29 Oct 1961.

Children:

i. Gerald Kenneth MORDEN b. 21 Apr 1942; m. Carol ...

Children:

Jeff Morden b. 12 Oct 1964.

Christine Lee Morden b. 22 Dec 1965; m. Glen Laramine.

Ch: Melissa Christine Laramine b. 28 Apr 1995.

Laura Morden b. 10 Oct 1970.

ii. Robert William MORDEN b. 29 Aug 1947; m. Elizabeth ...

Children:

Michael Morden b. 7 Aug 1974.

Christopher Morden b. 13 Nov 1975.

Tanya Morden b. 26 March 1979.

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C. John P. Morden and Theresa/Tracy Taylor's descendants.

10. Benjamin Morden's children, continued.

d. Ernest Benjamin MORDEN, born 26 Nov 1916, Windsor. He married Jeraldine KENNEDY. Ernest deceased [1984 info].

Children:

i. Beth Ann MORDEN b. 30 Aug 1952, m. Christopher HIGHAM.

Children:

James HIGHAM b. 7 July 1981.

Joey HIGHAM b. 5 June 1984.

ii. Janet MORDEN b. 21 Nov 1953.

iii. Alan MORDEN b. 3 Feb 1962.

e. Clara Hazel MORDEN born 9 Dec 1921, Windsor. She married Gerald Henderson FORD, b. 31 Jan 1920. They lived in Allan Park Mich. Clara wrote a family history from which names and dates in this section are derived.

Gerald died 19 August 1997 of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia. Clara now lives in Palm Harbor, Florida: 2801-B Orange Tree Circle N.

Children:

i. Ross Alan FORD born 2 Dec 1949; m. Mary Kay ROCKNEY b. 1953.

Children:

Paul Allan FORD b. 7 Jan 1984.

Julie Rebecca FORD b. 6 June 1985.

ii. Patricia Ann FORD born 18 April 1951; m. Timothy Neal DALEY.

Children:

Joshua Ford DALEY b. 10 Sep 1980.

Kate Ann DALEY b. 7 July 1988.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

### C. John P. Morden and Theresa/Tracy Taylor's descendants.

11. **William Stanley MORDEN** b. 2 June 1881, Shannonville, son of John Morden and Teresa Taylor. (May be named after William Stanley in the Richard Morden line).

William Stanley Morden m. **Ethel Martha BURT** 14 Dec 1904, Windsor, Essex Co, Ont. She was born 16 March 1882, Trenton, Ontario, and was the daughter of James Arthur Burt and Eliza Stanley.

William was "a press man with Windsor Star, then moved to Detroit, Michigan, to work on a Detroit paper". Ethel died 17 July 1945, Detroit. Stanley died 7 Jan 1950, Nokomis, Saskatchewan. Buried in Windsor Grove Cemetery, Windsor, Ont.

#### Sources:

Mary George's group sheets.  
Ontario Marriage Index 1904, Windsor.

#### Children:

a. [**William**] **Stanley MORDEN** b. 24 Mar 1908, Windsor. He m. **Isobel Betty TUCKEY** on 7 July 1927. Stanley retired in Florida. He d. 31 Oct 1961 at Pontiac, Michigan and was buried in Troy, Michigan. Betty married 2: Charles Street on 15 Oct 1977 at Pontiac.

b. **Robert James MORDEN** b. 18 Sep 1917, Windsor. Died 18 Oct 1917.

c. **Violet Marguerite Elizabeth MORDEN**, b. 16 June 1919, Windsor. She served as a police woman in California and Detroit in the days when policewomen were unsung social workers without uniform. They struggled for recognition. "We worked long, hard and diligently and did prove our worth," she wrote. Violet was a lieutenant in the police force when she retired in 1977.

She m. **Harold Emerson MOTE**, son of Elbert Lyndon Mote and Eleanor Clymer, on 30 Dec 1950 in Michigan. He was b. 7 Aug 1904, Denver, Colorado; d. 11 Sep 1985, Eustis, Florida. Violet lived in Mount Dora, Florida, and died there 16 March 1994.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

C. John P. Morden and Theresa/Tracy Taylor's descendants,

12. John and Theresa had another daughter Martha Morden.  
No information.

THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

D. Phoebe J. MORDEN, daughter of Joseph James Morden and Mary Redner, born c1837 (14-1851) Rednersville, Prince Edward County.

E. Margaret MORDEN, daughter of Joseph James Morden and Mary Redner, born c1839, Rednersville, Prince Edward County. She was 12 in the 1851 census. Wanamaker gave her dates as 1844-1895.

She married her first cousin once removed, George PARLIAMENT, who was b. 1824, son of William Parliament and Margaret Blauveltd. His family lived on Big Island, Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County.

George was married twice, and both of his wives were named Margaret. His first wife was Margaret McNairn or McEneren, by whom he had seven children. His second, Margaret Morden bore two daughters.

Sources:

1851 census Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co.

Wanamaker. Parliament Family, p.216.

Wanamaker. Redner Family, p. 16.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte p. 640, Parliament Family.

Children of George and Margaret (Morden)

1. Florence PARLIAMENT, 1868-1958. Unmarried.

2. Josephine PARLIAMENT 1873-1911.  
She m. A. E. MILNER.

Children:

a. Myrtle Milner 1902-1902.

b. Melville Milner 1904-1904.

c. Gladys Milner.

d. Alice Milner m. ... McIldoon.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

F. Edgar R. MORDEN, son of Joseph James Morden and Mary Redner, was born 1844, Rednersville, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County. He was 10 in the 1851 census of Ameliasburgh. He moved with his parents to Port Perry, Reach Twp, Ontario County, on Lake Scugog. and was there age 18 in the 1861 census.

He became a shoemaker and did cobbling first in Rednersville and later in Port Perry. In 1868 Edgar Morden of Reach Twp married Frances CAMERON who had been born in Port Perry in 1849.

Edgar was a rolling stone. He went to Renovo, Pennsylvania; then to Rochester, New York in 1870; to Spencerport, New York, in 1874; to Marion, New York in 1882; back to Spencerport in 1885, and came to a stop in Niagara Falls, New York in 1893. After working in Niagara Falls for a couple of years he retired and remained there until his death in 1903 at eighty-eight years. Frances died in 1898.

They had only one child, a son John B. who was born while they were in Rochester in 1872.

### Children:

1. John B. MORDEN b. 9 Oct 1872, Rochester, N.Y.

A brief account of his life and his portrait appeared in a history of the Niagara area. He graduated from Rochester Business University in 1888 and engaged in a variety of business enterprises, - farm implements, shoe sales, insurance and real estate, - moving from place to place. In 1907 he returned to Niagara Falls and spent the remainder of his life there selling insurance and managing his own real estate business, J. B. Morden Realty Company.

John B. married Grace Eleanor SMELT, daughter of David Smelt and Annie Thorpe, on 22 July 1906 at Detroit, Michigan. They had no children.

John was active in a number of lodges and clubs, was a member of the Republican Party, and an Episcopalian.

### Sources:

Niagara Frontier, a Narrative and Documentary History, vol 4, pp. 586-590. Photocopy is in source notebook.

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G. Emma Leorane MORDEN, daughter of Joseph James Morden and Mary Redner, born 2 Jan 1848, Rednersville, Prince Edward County.

She was named Emma L. in the 1851 census which listed the children in order of birth.

In 1867 Emma Morden of Scugog married John TONSTAL. Egerton Morden recorded that a daughter of Joseph James married a Tunstall and lived in Rochester, New York. In 1905 he said she was "the only living child".

A Belleville Directory of 1911 showed John Tonestal, a moulder, employed by the Walker Foundry in Belleville. This is probably a different man.

### Sources:

Ontario Co. Marriage Register.

Egerton Morden's notes, 1905.

Methodist Baptismal Records 1841-1888, Prince Edward Co. I hired a researcher to read these. He called the parents John and Mary but I believe her to be Joseph James's daughter.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

H. James MORDEN, son of Joseph James Morden and Mary Redner, was born c1849. James H. Morden, an infant of two, was with the neighboring Simon Meacham family in the 1851 census of Ameliasburgh.

James Morden of Reach, son of Joseph, married Caroline HUNTLEY in 1860. Reach is a township in Ontario County in the Lake Scugog region north of Whitby.

It is said that this family moved to British Columbia. No further information.

### Sources:

1851 census Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County,  
Ontario County Marriage Register.  
Aletha Arnold, Morden Family.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

I. Deborah MORDEN daughter of Joseph James Morden and Mary Redner.

She married James GEROW, son of Daniel Gerow and Mary Ramsey. The Gerows were descended from French Huguenots who had lived for a few generations in New York State. Although they were not Loyalists they moved to Canada after the American Revolution and were among the early settlers of Ameliasburgh. James had 90 acres on part lot 63 in Ameliasburgh in the 1851 census.

One account of the Gerow family gives James's birth date as 1832, but this conflicts with another account which says his oldest son was born 1843, so it seems that James was born earlier. More research is needed on dates and ages.

### Sources:

Mildred and Loral C. Wanamaker, The Redners, Ancestors and Descendants of Henry Redner Sr. U.E. p. 16.

James A. Gerow, Thunder Bay, Ont. Correspondence.

### Children of Deborah Morden and James Gerow:

1. James Redner GEROW, born 1843? Farmer, Ameliasburgh. He married Marcia Agnes HART, daughter of Wayne Hart and Elizabeth Hamilton.

James died 31 May 1899 in Belleville. His will is in the Prince Edward County Probate Register, vol.D, 6-4-183.

#### Children:

a. James Samuel GEROW b. 27 Aug 1884; d. 17 Dec 1973. Wanamaker called him James Loral but he was James Samel in his father's will.

He m. Flossie THOMPSON 1888-1973.

b. Ethel Christina GEROW m. Fred MAGEE.

## THE JOSEPH JAMES MORDEN LINE

2. [Richard] Edgar GEROW, 1848-1909.

This is the record of his marriage to Alwilda Jinks [or Awilda?].

*Richard Edgar Gerow, 31, residence Ameliasburgh, born Canada, bachelor, cooper, son of James and Deborah Gerow married Alwilda Jinks, 21, residence Sophiasburgh, born Canada, spinster, daughter of Anthony and Louise Jinks. married 20 July 1879, Sophiasburgh. Bride and groom Methodists. Rev. W. C. Jolley.*

In the 1891 Census of Ameliasburgh "Edward" and Alwilda were 43 and 31 respectively, and they had two young children, James 3, and Richard 1. Alwilda lived 1858-1933.

### Sources:

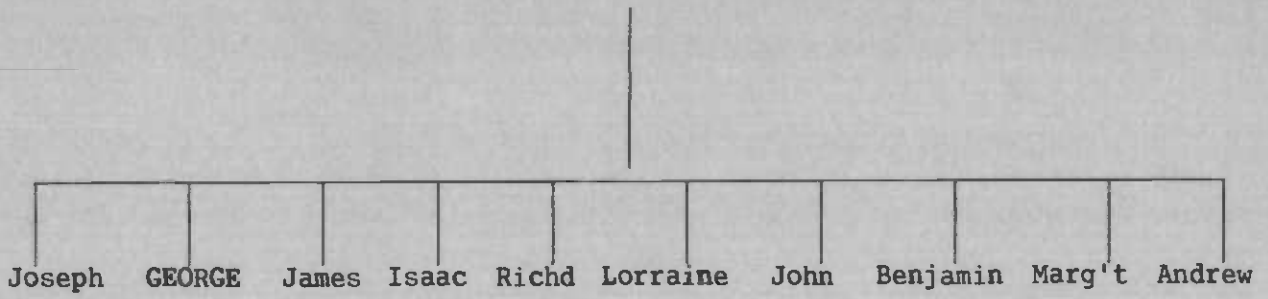
Ontario Marriage Records 1879, Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh #9408.

1891 Census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh A3, p. 18.

### Children:

- a. Leslie GEROW unmarried.
- b. Norbert GEROW m. Francis YOUNG
- c. Melissa GEROW
- d. Margaret GEROW
- e. Mary Josephine GEROW

JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



GEORGE MORDEN AND HANNAH SPRAGUE

**HUSBAND: George Morden**

Born: circa 1796                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr: circa 1815                      Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Died: 1829                              Upper Canada  
Father: James Amit Morden  
Mother: Margaret Parliament

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**WIFE: Hannah Sprague**

Born: 1799  
Died: 8 Mar 1882                      Wellington, Hillier Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Father: Samuel Sprague  
Mother: Catharine Smith  
Marr 2d: Ebenezer Reynolds

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**CHILDREN**

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1 | Name: Ellen Cotter Morden  
F | Born: circa 1817                      Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Marr: est 1834  
  |     To: Daniel Fones  
  | Died: 8 Jan 1911                      Wellington, Hillier Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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2 | Name: Matilda Morden  
F | Born: circa 1820                      Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Marr: 8 March 1837                      Hillier Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  |     To: Daniel S. Hicks  
  | Died: after 1891 census              Wellington, Hillier Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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3 | Name: Samuel Morden  
M | Born:                                      Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Died: young

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4 | Name: George Morden  
M | Born: circa 1824                      Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Marr: before 1851  
  |     To: Sarah J. Shortt                      Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Died: 1870                              Wellington, Hillier Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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GEORGE MORDEN AND HANNAH SPRAGUE

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5 Name: **Mary Morden**  
F Born: circa 1827 Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr: 20 Feb 1844 Hillier Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
To: **Caleb Huyck**  
Died: after 1881

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6 Name: **Daniel Cooper Morden**  
M Born: circa 1828 Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr: est 1855 Prince Edward Co, Ont  
To: **Harriet A. Terry**  
Died: 1 Nov 1909 Brighton, Northumberland Co, Ont

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**II. GEORGE MORDEN**, second son of James Morden and Margaret Parliament, was born around 1796 in Sophiasburgh. I have found no record of his baptism. Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte called him oldest but dates do not bear this out. He was obviously named after his maternal grandfather George Parliament. George was a young man when he died and accordingly he did not leave as many records behind as did his longer-lived brothers.

During the War of 1812 against the United States, George, though only a boy of sixteen, served in the Prince Edward Dragoons, a unit which was assigned to carry despatches along the border from York (now Toronto) to the eastern front. Its men were strung out along the route.

One army list shows that George served as a private in the Prince Edward Dragoons from June to 24 December 1812, and another, that he was paid 11 shillings for 22 days of service in Capt John Allen's Company in July 1812. Doubtless this seemed like riches to a pioneer lad. J.R. Morden (his cousin James Richard?) joined with him and also served 22 days. George later claimed a military land grant and his name appeared on a Land Claim Certificate of Militiamen who had served in the war. "*George Morden, 1st Flank Company. 1st Regiment Prince Edward Co Militia*".

George also submitted a land claim as son of a Loyalist which was granted by Order-in-Council on 15 Oct 1823; his residence was Ameliasburgh. The free grant that he received was in Brock Township, Con 11, Lot 19. This is in the Lake Simcoe area and probably George sold it without ever seeing it.

George married Hannah SPRAGUE, daughter of Samuel Sprague and Catherine Smith, who was born c1799 at Hempstead, Long Island, New York. Hannah's father Samuel was a ship's carpenter who had worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard before coming to Upper Canada in 1812. He built schooners, and the loss of one that he owned led to his move to Prince Edward County. An account can be found in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte. The year that he came, 1812, was a war year, and one wonders if this Yankee had any difficulty

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with the Canadian authorities when he emigrated. He came by boat and "landed east of the village of Northport on what is known as James Morden's farm." This is probably when young George Morden, sixteen, first laid eyes on young Hannah Sprague, thirteen.

A descendant told me that Hannah's native language was Dutch and that she spoke English with a strong accent. I think this story may be only partially true. The Sprague and Smith families were English in origin and Hannah's first language would have been English, probably with a Brooklyn accent. Where did the Dutch come in? I suggest that her grandmother Hannah Golders may have come from a New Amsterdam Dutch family and that Hannah Sprague learned Dutch at grandma's knee. I leave it to others to follow up this clue.

George and Hanna lived in Ameliasburgh. We know little of their lives because there are no census records from that time. I estimate that they were married around 1815. In 1817 when George was age 21 and Hannah was 18 their first child, a daughter Ellen, was born. Altogether there were six children (three boys, three girls) born in the decade between 1817 and 1827: Ellen, Matilda, Samuel, George Jr, Mary and Daniel. It was a relatively small family for that era, limited by George's early death. The oldest child was about twelve and the youngest a toddler of two when they lost their father.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte stated that George Morden, eldest [error] son of James Morden, died in 1829 aged thirty-three years. Probably no marker exists to show where he was buried.

After her husband's untimely death Hannah married 2d Ebenezer Reynolds of Hillier and bore three Reynolds sons named Parmenus, Bishop and Reuben. Ebenezer died 8 Nov 1852 aged 62, and Hannah died 8 March 1882 aged 82. They are buried together in Wellington.

Of the five Morden children four went into trade and specialized in carriage and waggon making. George and Daniel were carriage and waggon makers, Ellen married a carpenter, Matilda married a carriage maker, and Mary married a farmer.

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### Sources:

The Searchlight, vol 2, no 1. Militia roll.

Prince Edward County army lists; notes made by Gordon Crouse; in OGS Library Ameliasburgh.

An Index of Land Claim Certificates of Upper Canada Militiamen who served in the War of 1812-1814 comp. by Wilfred R. Lauber, p. 632-635.

Reid's Loyalists.

Ontario Archives Land Record Index.

Eugene Boyce Morden, the tradition "Hannah spoke Dutch".

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Sprague family pp. 777-785.

### Children of George and Hannah.

- A. Ellen Cotter MORDEN
- B. Matilda MORDEN
- C. Samuel MORDEN
- D. Mary MORDEN
- E. George MORDEN
- F. Daniel Cooper MORDEN



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A. Ellen Cotter MORDEN daughter of George Morden and Hannah Sprague, born c1817 in Ameliasburgh Twp.

She married Daniel B. FONES, who was born c1812 in Rhode Island. He claimed French origin. It is likely that his father was also called Daniel and that Daniel B. was used by the son to avoid confusion. I suggest that his mother was Helena Brown but further research is needed to establish proof.<sup>21</sup>

The name Daniel Fones crops up in various places in bewildering fashion. Here is a marriage recorded by Rev. James Rogers, Presbyterian minister: Daniel Fonus and Margaret Morden, both of Hillier, were married on 15 February 1835. Jacob Meyers and John Arthur were witnesses. Since there was no "B" in Daniel's name and since the bride was Margaret the names don't match our pair. This could be either another couple or an error in the record.

Daniel's father came from Rhode Island and became a naturalized citizen of Canada on 21 February 1831, his residence in 1831 was Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, and his occupation joiner. Daniel Sr. was a good builder, described as highly skilled, and son Daniel B. followed in his footsteps. In The Settler's Dream, a book on the early architecture of Prince Edward County, two houses in Northport were highly praised.

*"Both houses were likely the work of Daniel Fones, a carpenter based in Northport who was active in the area from the 1840s to the 1860s. The Northport example is thought to be Fones' own place of residence, partly due to the richness of its details but also because the lot was in Fones' name for twenty-three years. He bought the village lot in February 1841, and presumably built his house over the next few months."*

It is believed that Daniel B. Fones the son, was the builder of three fine small houses in Demorestville. He purchased the lot on which one of them was built in November of 1840.

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<sup>21</sup> The marriage of William A. Fones, son of Daniel Fones and Helena Brown is shown in Hancocks, Prince Edward County Marriages. Possibly he and Daniel B. were brothers.

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In 1839 Daniel B. Fones was on the statute labor list for road work in Sophiasburgh. He was assessed the minimum two days. As a tradesman he would not have owned a big farm on which to be taxed.

The 1851 census showed Daniel in Hillier Twp where he was employed as a millwright. He was 39, born in the U.S., his official residence was in Thurlow, (Hastings County), and he was Wesleyan Methodist. Ellen was 34, Andrew 16, Matilda 14, Clarence 4, and Augusta 2. Following this entry was one for his brother-in-law George Morden, carriage maker, who was married and had an infant son. Perhaps the two men were working together; the two families were sharing a frame one story dwelling.

A puzzling sentence in The Settler's Dream says, "By 1851 Daniel B. Fones had forsaken the carpentry trade and was working in Demorestville with Christopher Fones (perhaps a brother) as a millwright. Daniel Fones of Northport carried on as a carpenter and joiner for a while longer."

In the 1861 census of Wellington Village, Hillier Twp, D.B. Fones, millwright, was 47, his wife E. Fones was 43. The only children in the household were two young girls, Ida Fones 5, and M. Fones an infant of one. Daniel was no farmer. His property was only one quarter of an acre and he had one cow worth \$20.

In the 1871 census he was still living in the village of Wellington, age 58, occupation contractor. His wife Ellen was 52 and just one child, Ida, was at home. In 1881 this same threesome was still in Wellington.

Ellen outlived Daniel and died in 1911 at the age of 93. Her obituary appeared under the headline:  
**TWO VERY AGED LADIES DEAD; One Was 93 Years Old and the Other Was But A Few Years Younger.** "Our Wellington correspondent writes... On Wednesday, Jan. 8. 1911 about 11 o'clock, Ellen Cotter Morden, widow of the late Daniel B. Fones, aged 93 years, 3 months, passed peacefully away at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. W. H. Garratt. She was taken with pneumonia from which she never recovered. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Garratt and Mrs. A. G. Whittier of Trenton, who mourn the loss of a devoted mother. She also

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*leaves some grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of St. Andrews English church. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at W. H. Garratt's, the Rev. O. Fenton taking charge of the services which were largely attended. We extend sympathy to all those who are left. Her daughter Mrs. Garratt has also been very ill with La Grippe but we hope she may soon recover."*

### Sources:

Ontario Register v.6, no.4, 1982, Marriage Register of Rev. James Rogers, p.246.  
The Searchlight vol 2, no 2, Indexes to Naturalization Records, Prince Edward Co 1831.  
Sophiasburgh Township Papers, File 1839, paper no.12.  
1851 Census Prince Edward Co, Hillier Twp, Dist. 2, p.89.  
1871 Census Prince Edward Co, Wellington village, p. 24.  
1881 Census Prince Edward Co, Wellington village, B p.13.  
Belleville Intelligencer 24 Jan 1911. Obituary.  
Cruickshank and Stokes, The Settler's Dream p. 289.  
Ontario Death Records 1870, Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh #9720. Daniel Sr.  
Wanamaker. Parliament family.  
Wanamaker's Cemetery Book.

### Children of Ellen Morden and Daniel Fones (11):

1. Daniel Andrew FONES born c1835. In the 1851 census he was age 16, attending school. Wanamaker stated that he died young and a footstone inscribed D.A.F. in the family plot in Wellington Village Cemetery bears this out.

2. [Ellen] Matilda FONES born c1837. She was 14 and attending school in the 1851 census. Matilda married W. H. GARRATT of Wellington. Her tombstone dates are 1840-1924; H. W. G. lived 1834-1927.

3. Clarence W. FONES, born 1842. He died 14 Feb 1848 at 5 years, 10 months, 23 days. Buried in Wellington Village Cemetery.

4. Samuel N. FONES

5. Clarence H. FONES b. c1847 (4-1851)

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A. Children of Ellen Morden and Daniel Fones:

6. **Augusta FONES** born c1849 (2 in 1851 census).  
Wanamaker called her Hannah Augusta. She married **Anson Green WHITTIER** and lived in Trenton.

Children:

a. **Harry F. WHITTIER** m. **Nellie GARRATT**

2 children:

i. **Doris WHITTIER** m. **Robert WINTERS**

ii. **Anson WHITTIER.**

b. **Theresa WHITTIER** m. ... **MURDOFF**

c. **Lorna WHITTIER** m. ... **BUTLER**

7. **Hannah N. FONES.** (Wanamaker considered her the same as Augusta above).

8. **Ida K. L. FONES** b. c1854. Name in census was reversed to **Ida L. K.** Age 17 in 1871; 24 in 1881.  
She married **C. A. SHAW.**

9. **Parmenus FONES.**

10. **Lucy FONES.**

11. **Blanche FONES.**

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B. Matilda MORDEN born c1821, daughter of George Morden and Hannah Sprague. Her estimated birth date is hard to determine since sources do not agree. Census ages were 27-1851, 48-1871, 60-1881, 71-1891.

She married Daniel S. HICKS who was born c1814. In their courting days they were both witnesses to the marriage of James Hicks to Harriet Mastin on 18 January 1837. Matilda signed herself "Matilda Morden". Daniel S. always distinguished himself from others by using his middle initial.

We find from marriage notices in the Picton newspaper and in the Christian Guardian that the date of their own wedding was 8 March 1837. They were married in Hillier by Rev. John C. Davidson, Wesleyan Methodist minister; witnesses were Smith Sprague and Hannah Ogden. Matilda married young, probably at sixteen. Daniel was six years her senior.

Daniel Hicks was a carriage maker in Wellington, Hillier Twp, Prince Edward County. The village was apparently a center for this trade and the 1861 census showed a number of blacksmiths and carriage makers living there. In the 1851 census Daniel Hicks employed his brother-in-law, Daniel Morden, in his shop and was training two young apprentices. Daniel Morden did not remain in Hicks' shop long. He married and went off to Bruce County and made carriages there. At the first meeting of the village of Wellington council in 1863 D. S. Hicks was appointed collector and was also one of two pound keepers. Daniel owned one horse, and the total value of his livestock was \$150 (1861 census). He owned two pleasure carriages worth \$325. Over 11 acres were attached to his premises. His investment in his business was fairly heavy for those days: \$475. personal capital, \$400 business capital, and \$3000. of real estate.

Daniel and Matilda are said to have had no children. They did, however, welcome their young relatives into their home. In the 1861 census they had with them an eleven year old boy, G. Hicks, who was attending school. Also with them was M. Morden (female) age 22.

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In the 1871 census Nellie Hicks, age 20, relationship unknown, was in their household. Nellie was Church of England, while Daniel and Matilda were Wesleyan Methodists. In the 1881 census Daniel and Matilda had with them their nephew Bishop Morden, a lad of fourteen who was going to school.

Daniel was still living, age 77, in the 1891 census, and was still a carriage maker. Matilda was seventy-one. They were buried in Wellington village cemetery. Wanamaker's Cemetery Book did not give their tombstone dates.

No children.

### Sources:

1851, 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891 Census Prince Edward Co, Hillier Twp, Wellington village.

Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Co, p.xx, col.2. The Ontario Register, v. 7, no 1, p. 94 and p.95.

C. Samuel MORDEN, son of George Morden and Hannah Sprague died young.

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D. George MORDEN b. c1824, son of George Morden and Hannah Sprague. His date of birth is estimated from his age in census records 27-1851; 36-1861.

He married Sarah J. SHORTT some time before the 1851 census. The FONES-MORDEN families were grouped together in the 1851 census and apparently shared a house in Wellington, Hillier Twp. Sarah was 25 in 1851 (i.e. born c1826), and they had an infant son, Samuel age one. Religion Wesleyan Methodist. George was termed a carriage maker in 1851, and in 1861 was termed waggonmaker, with \$300. invested in his business. He was living in a one-story frame house. In 1861 ten-year-old Samuel was the only child at home.

According to Pioneer Life George and Sarah had seven children, but three of them, Clarence, Emma and Ellen, are curiously absent from census records. In 1861 a Quaker neighbor, J. Brown, had two male Morden children in his household: H.E. Morden aged 4 and J. (or I?) Morden born 1860. Could these be the children of George and Sarah? J. could be John Shortt Morden. H.E. does not match any child in the list below.

George died in 1870. In the 1871 census Sarah was a widow living in the village of Wellington. In her home were three children of widely differing ages: Samuel 19, Bishop 4, and William 2. The only one of this group that I found ten years later in the 1881 census was Bishop, who was living with his Aunt Matilda and Uncle Daniel Hicks in Wellington.

Little is known about George's descendants since it is said that all but John left to live in Buffalo, New York.

### Sources:

1851 census Prince Edward Co, Hillier Twp, Dist 2, p. 89.  
1861 census Prince Edward Co, Hillier Twp, Dist 1, Wellington p. 5. The enumerator recorded initials instead of full names.

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### D. Children of George Morden and Sarah Shortt:

1. Clarence MORDEN. Possibly died young. Omitted from 1851 census.

2. Samuel MORDEN born 1851 according to the 1851 census. A carriage maker in Wellington in the 1871 census, aged 19, living in the household of his widowed mother.

3. Emma MORDEN. Died young.

4. Ella MORDEN m. John GUISS. They lived in Buffalo. Seven children.

- a. Leora GUISS.
- b. Ida GUISS.
- c. Clarence GUISS.
- d. Lizzie GUISS.
- e. Edward GUISS.
- f. Gertrude GUISS.
- g. a daughter died young.

5. John Shortt MORDEN born 1 June 1860, Wellington. At the time of his marriage in 1882 he was a tailor living in Bervie, near Kincardine in Bruce County. In 1901 he was back in Prince Edward County and in 1904 had a tailoring business in Brighton.

He married Cecilia C. MORDEN, nee BELCHER, daughter of John and Mary Jane Belcher, on 9 Oct 1882, Walkerton. Cecilia was a widow, born 17 Aug 1861 in Canada. Her residence was Walkerton. Bride and groom were Methodists, the minister was William Smyth, and witnesses were Walker Boddy and Edith Burness of Walkerton.

I have yet to discover which Morden was Cecilia's first husband. John and Cecilia were in Sophiasburgh in 1901. The census gave their dates of birth. John was 40, and Cecilia 39. They had no children.

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*Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte* stated, "A son of George Morden is John Shortt Morden, who married Miss Belcher and settled in Brighton, where he successfully carries on the tailoring business. He was born in Wellington, at which place his father, who was a carriage builder by trade, lived for many years and died in 1870. Mr. Morden's mother was a descendant of the pioneer Adam Shortt, and through numerous intermarriages among the pioneer families, Mr. John Shortt Morden is, no doubt, connected with nearly every prominent old family in the Bay district. The immediate members of this branch of the Morden family, with the exception of John Shortt Morden, settled at Buffalo."

Cecilia died 12 Oct 1923. John died 22 November 1938. They are buried in Woods Cemetery [Brighton?].

### Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1882, Bruce Co, Walkerton #1624.  
1901 census Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh H1, p. 9.  
Gordon Crouse. Cemetery notes, Brighton Twp.,  
Northumberland Co.  
*Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte* p. 563.

6. Bishop Stanley MORDEN born c1867 (4-1871; 14-1881). He was only three when his father died. In 1881 he was in the Daniel Hicks household in Wellington, going to school. He lived in Buffalo. Married ...

#### Children:

a. Gertrude MORDEN.

7. William I. MORDEN born c1869 (2-1871). He was only a year old when his father died. Never married.



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E. Mary MORDEN daughter of George Morden and Hannah Sprague, was born c1827, Prince Edward Co. (Age 54 in 1881 census).

She married Caleb HUYCK on 20 Feb 1844 in Hillier. The bride and groom were both of Hillier, they were married by Rev. Daniel McMullen, Wesleyan Methodist Minister, and the witnesses were Daniel Fones and Garret Garretsee. Caleb was born c1821, of Dutch origin. Unfortunately his name did not appear in the account of the Huyck family in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte. To the best of our knowledge Caleb and Mary had nine children born in the years between 1845 and 1862. Matilda was the oldest, followed by Randolph, Hannah, Mary, Ada, Kate, Hicks, Clarence and May, six girls, three boys.

This couple were pioneers in Bruce County, Ontario, and appeared regularly in the Brant Twp census every ten years. Their farm in 1851 was 50 acres on Con 1, Lot 38H, their home was a log cabin 18x22, and they had four children. In 1861 they had upgraded to a frame house, still one story, and they had seven children. In 1871 Caleb's occupation had changed from farmer to joiner; the oldest girl had left home, probably married or in service, and seven young children remained.

The situation changed in the following ten years with the death of Caleb. Mary moved to Walkerton village where three grown children, Ada, Hicks and May, were living with her in 1881. While living on the farm she had been Wesleyan Methodist, but in Walkerton she attended the Church of England. Ada was a dressmaker, perhaps aided by her mother, and Hicks was clerking in a store.

### Sources:

Ontario Register v.8, 1990. Prince Edward District Marriage Register, p. 178.

Ontario Register v.4, no 1, p. 36. Methodist marriages, Picton.

1851, 1861 and 1871 census Bruce Co, Brant Twp.

1881 census Brant Twp, Walkerton.

Amy Vader of the Prince Edward County Archives, Picton, offered information (1991) on this family which she found in a Huyck genealogy. I did not follow up.

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E. Children of Mary Morden and Caleb Huyck (9):

1. Matilda HUYCK. She was called Sarah M. in the 1851 census, age 6. Age 15 in 1861 census.
2. Randolph HUYCK b. c1847. Age 4 in 1851 census, 13 in 1861; 22 in 1871. A waggonmaker in 1871, probably helping his father who had turned to carpentry.
3. Hannah E. HUYCK b. c1849. Age 2 in 1851; 10 in 1861; 20 in 1871. In the 1871 census she was called Ellen.
4. Mary A. HUYCK b. 1850. She was born in 1850, and was one in the 1851 census. Not in later records.
5. Ada HUYCK or Adela or Adelaide or even Adley. Born c1854 (9-1861; 18-1871; 27-1881). A dressmaker in Walkerton in 1881.
6. Kate HUYCK b. c1854 (7-1861; 16-1871).
7. Hicks HUYCK b. c1857. He appeared in the 1861 census as Donald H. aged 5. (14-1871; 23-1881). In 1881 he was living in Walkerton with his mother and two sisters and was clerking in a store.
8. Clarence HUYCK b. c1858. (3-1861; 12-1871). The census enumerator called him Caleb C. in 1861.
9. May HUYCK b. c1862. (10-1871; 19-1881). She was in Walkerton with her mother in 1881.

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F. Daniel Cooper MORDEN, son of George Morden and Hannah Sprague, b. c1828, probably in Ameliasburgh. His age in various census years was 24-1851, 33-1861,

As a young man Daniel was a waggonmaker, working for his brother-in-law Daniel Hicks, who had a carriage shop in Wellington. He appeared there in the 1851 census.

He married Harriet A. TERRY, called "Hattie", who was born c1835 (25-1861) in Prince Edward County. Perhaps this was a second marriage for her. She was called Harriet McKIM in the marriage record of a daughter.

Shortly after marriage the couple moved to Carrick Township, Bruce County, and it was there that their first child, Samuel, was born. Lovell's Canada Directory 1857 showed:

*MORDON, Daniel, of Glenlyon, Bruce County, waggonmaker*

Daniel found the Bruce County winters too rugged so he returned to the milder climate of Prince Edward County. Possibly he was already suffering from the rheumatism which later crippled him.

On his return he set up in business as a carriage maker in Rednersville, Prince Edward County, and by 1861 was employing three men. William Henry Redner recalled, *I had a buggy before I was married and it was made in Rednersville here by Dan Morden who had a blacksmith shop and made buggies besides. It was a pretty fine rig in those days but now who wants to ride in a buggy?*

1861 census Ameliasburgh, Dist 3, Rednersville Ward, p. 37. Daniel Morden, carriage maker, b. Can West, Wesleyan Meth, 33, married.

Harriet A. Morden      b. Can West, Wesleyan Meth, 23, married

S. P. Morden (male)    4

Thos Morden            3

S. E. Morden (female) 1, born in 1860

Reuben [?] Morden    11not a member of the family

Dellc Donato        20    not a member of the family<sup>22</sup>

And Morden         22    not a member of the family<sup>22</sup>

Daniel Vancleaf 21    not a member of the family

Daniel and Hattie had eight or nine children. The four oldest were baptized 30 June 1867 in Ameliasburgh.

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<sup>22</sup>There were two Andrew Mordens in the James Morden branch: one the son of Richard J., was 35 in 1861 and lived in Sophiasburgh, the other, the son of John Parcels Morden, was 22 in 1861.

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The Hastings County Directory 1864/5 listed  
*Morden, Daniel, yeoman 2nd con, pt lot 76, Ameliasburgh.*

Later Daniel moved to Northumberland County, settling on a farm near Smithfield overlooking the water with a view of Presq'ile. The index to the 1871 census of Northumberland County shows: *Mordon, Daniel 43, born Ontario, Church of Eng, Welsh origin, waggonmaker.*

In the 1881 and 1891 census Daniel and Hattie were living in Brighton village; they were Episcopal Methodist. In 1891 one son, Henry J., was still at home.

Hattie died 30 Nov 1907 at their residence on Dundas Street in Brighton. Age 72. The cause of death was "Abscess Liver, Uraemia", which she had suffered for two years. C. M. Sanford, M.D. was her physician.

Daniel died 1 Nov 1909, Brighton, at the age of 82 years, 6 months, 29 days. Cause of death "Apoplexy and heart failure". Place of death was Lot 28, Con 1, Brighton Twp. Physician Dr. C. M. Sanford.

Both are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Smithfield, Northumberland County.

### Sources:

Research on this line done by Douglas Morden of Port Perry, Ont. Sets of his group sheets are in my James Morden source notebook.

1851, 1861 census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh.

1881 census Northumberland Co, Brighton village.

Ontario Death Records 1907, Northumberland Co, Brighton #21318.

Ontario Death Records 1909, Northumberland Co, #20823.

G. Crouse's cemetery recordings.

Cemetery Search, Marilyn Adams Centre, Ameliasburgh.

Kenneth R. Morden, letter.

Lovell's Canada Directory 1857, rearranged in one alphabetical sequence by Thomas B. Wilson and Emily S. Wilson. Lambertville NJ, Hunterdon House, 1987.

D. K. Redner, It's Good to Get Home, Belleville, Mika, 1983; p. 37.

American Dental Association Directory 1975.

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### F. Children of Daniel Cooper Morden and Hattie Terry,

1. **Samuel Parmenus MORDEN** (accent on Par) b. 26 Dec 1854, *the first white child born in Carrick Township, Bruce County, says family tradition.* When he was baptized in Prince Edward county on 30 June 1867 the Methodist record said that he was born in Ameliasburgh. Probably the minister made a mistaken assumption.

Samuel was 23 and was living in Collingwood when he married Alicia HOWARD in 1878. The marriage record is as follows:

*Samuel Parmenus Morden 23, res Collingwood, born Ontario, bachelor, Merchant Clerk, son of Daniel and Harriet Morden [married] Alicia Howard 21, res Twp Hillier, born Ontario, spinster, daughter of Thomas and Harriett Howard.*

*Witnesses: Walter Singleton, Emma Morden  
30 July 1878, Brighton, by K. Creighton.*

Bride and groom Methodists. Emma was Sam P's sister who married Walter Singleton in 1879.

Alicia was born 5 Feb 1861, daughter of Thomas James Howard and Harriet Huyck, a Wellington family. "Alicia Howard is a Demorest descendant and in that family's history," wrote Amy Vader, an authority on Prince Edward County families. Samuel and Alicia had two sons, Garnet and Karl.

In 1880 Alicia's parents had purchased a brick store building on west Main Street in Wellington. The Howards also owned the house next door and a photograph of the two buildings appears in The Settler's Dream. The store was known as Morden's Store when Alicia took over the running of it around 1900. When the sidewalks of Wellington were being repaved in 1994 the construction men dug up two old pieces of concrete on which the word MORDEN had been imprinted. Perhaps they were part of the sidewalk in front of Morden's store. The sidewalk slabs were salvaged by Gary Morden, a Wellington realtor.

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In 1881 Samuel and Alicia were living in Wellington, and Sam was employed as a clerk. He became the western distributor for James W. Tufts of Boston, traveling in seventeen states selling silver-plated soda fountains. He opened a store in Portland, Oregon, and stayed there a year but left because he did not like the climate. One of his ventures was shipping stock around the Horn, but the boat carrying his cargo never arrived. Sam was a great raconteur and used to tell tales of the early days in the west, of traveling through the Black Hills by stagecoach, of seeing the grave of Wild Bill Hickock, and of meeting Calamity Jane. Since this traveling took him away from home too much he gave it up and took up the Canadian distributorship for the fountains, operating it out of Wellington.

1901 census of Prince Edward County, Ameliasburgh Twp, Wellington Village.

MORDEN, Samuel 46, b.25 Dec 1854, Church of England, merchant

	Alicia	40, b.15 Feb 1861, Methodist
	Garnet	18, b.10 Oct 1882
	Karl	16, b. 3 July 1884
SETH,	Norma	20 domestic Mongolian
HOWARD,	Thomas	71 b. 1829, merchant
	Harriett	68 b. 1823

Alicia died in 1925. Samuel died in Wellington in 1930. Both are buried in Wellington Village cemetery.

### Sources:

Conversation with Eugene Boyce Morden of Belleville, grandson of Samuel.

Conversation with Garnet Woodrow Morden of Atlanta, GA. Ontario Marriage Records 1878 Northumberland, Brighton Village, #7489.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Demorest family, p. 41.

Amy Vader, letter of 25 Oct 1991.

Cruikshank and Stokes, The Settler's Dream, Picton, 1984. p.399.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### Children of Samuel and Alicia: (2)

a. [Frederick] Garnet Howard MORDEN b. 10 Oct 1881, Wellington. He never used the name Frederick.

Garnet graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry in 1904; lived in Bergen, near Rochester, New York. He was the first in a line of dentists: father, two sons, and grandson all dentists. Although Garnet was living and practicing dentistry in Bergen, when he was 22 he came back to marry a Wellington girl.

He married [Lillian] Belle CLARKE on 5 July 1905, born in Hallowell, daughter of E. Clarke and Ella Clarke. Garnet was Methodist, the bride Church of England, and they were both 22. Rev. J. DeP. Wright married them. They had three children, all born in the United States, and their descendants live there. Belle died 11 Aug 1944. The will of Lillian Bell Morden, residence Bergen County, N.Y., was registered in the Prince Edward Co Surrogate Court on 12 April 1945.

In 1946 Garnet married 2: Lillian [IMLACH] WRAY, of Belleville, 1897-1980, daughter of Robert Wray and widow of Joseph Wilfred Imlach who died in 1944. They retired in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Lillian died on 1 June 1980 in Florida and was buried in Belleville mausoleum.

#### Sources:

Ontario Birth Records 1882, Prince Edward Co #29959.  
Ontario Marriage Records 1905, Prince Edward Co #16772.

American Dental Association Directory, 1975.

Wanamaker's Notices of Death from an old Scrapbook.  
Typed list in Belleville Public Library.

Wanamaker, Obituaries. Black notebook in BPL.

Belleville Cemetery Index Cards in BPL.

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### Children of Garnet and Belle:

i. Howard Clarke MORDEN b. 2 Jan 1907. He graduated in dentistry from Case Western Reserve in 1931. Never married. He lived in Conneaut, Ohio.

ii. Cathline Alicia MORDEN b. c1909? Married. Lived in Bergen, N.Y.  
No children.

iii. Garnet Woodrow MORDEN b. 12 Dec 1912.

He was a student at Cornell University in Arts 1930-1933 and graduated from the University of Buffalo in dentistry in 1936. At the time he was living in Bergen, N.Y. He practiced dentistry in Atlanta, Georgia, and shared the practice with his son George. I phoned him while changing planes in Atlanta. Garnet let his dental patient wait in the chair while we talked Morden family and I nearly missed my plane.

Garnet married Jean ... They had two children:

George H. MORDEN; grad, dentistry, Emory Univ, 1965. Married.

Bonnie MORDEN, Married, Lives in Atlanta.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### Children of Samuel and Alicia: (2)

b. Karl Percival MORDEN b. 3 July 1885, Wellington.  
Karl attended Albert College.

He married Georgia Inez BOYCE, daughter of George H. Boyce and Catharine Hickey on 10 Sep 1906 in Wellington. The groom was Methodist and the bride Anglican. The 1901 census of Wellington showed that Georgia, age 20, was one of five children and was born 21 March 1881.

Karl succeeded his father as a general merchant in Wellington, then sold the store around 1927 and went into the insurance business. When he died suddenly on 12 Nov 1932 the front page of the Belleville Intelligencer carried the headline:

**KARL MORDEN IS VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK;**  
Secretary Treasurer of Wellington Hydro Passes;  
**ALBERT GRADUATE;**  
Business Man Was Benevolent to his Native Place.

Georgia died 19 Nov 1943. She and Karl are buried in Wellington. They had two sons, Eugene and Bertan.

#### Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1906, Prince Edward Co, #17131.

Belleville Intelligencer 14 Nov 1932. Photocopy in source notebook.

### Children of Karl and Georgia:

i. Eugene Boyce MORDEN b. 11 Apr 1910. Since his only brother died in infancy Eugene was virtually an only child.

He owned a 50% interest in a farm machinery sales in Belleville, the J. B. Boyce Co, and was President and General Manager, employing 25 people. He sold the business in 1963 and it was renamed Belleville Truck Centre.

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Eugene married Patricia Anne WILKES on 18 June 1947. They had two daughters, Georgia and Kathryn. Their home was in Belleville, with a summer cottage on Moira Lake. In retirement they traveled, bought antiques, and spent their winters in Florida.

Eugene died 24 Feb 1984.

### Sources:

Conversation with Eugene and Pat in Belleville, 1976.

Eugene Morden's family Bible.

Obituary in Belleville Intelligencer, 25 Feb 1984. I have photocopy.

1901 census, Prince Edward Co, Wellington Village. Boyce family.

### Children of Eugene and Pat:

Georgia Ann MORDEN b. 6 July 1949; a Registered Nurse.

She married Brian Ernest MAYES on 3 July 1976 in Wellington. Brian is son of Ernest Mayes of Peterborough. At the request of his father-in-law he legally adopted the name Morden-Mayes so that the Morden name will be carried on.

Kathryn Lenore MORDEN b. 10 Aug 1951.

She married Ross Bailey MacFARLANE, son of Ronald M. McFarlane, on 26 Aug 1972. They live in Toronto where Kathryn works for Bell Canada.

### Children:

Jennifer Morden McFARLANE

ii. Bertan Boyce MORDEN b. 7 Nov 1915, son of Karl and Georgia. He died at 8 weeks on 3 Jan 1916; cause of death was "malassimilation". He is buried in Wellington Village Cemetery.

Source: Ontario Death Records 1916, Prince Edward Co #28926.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### F. Children of Daniel Cooper Morden and Hattie Terry.

2. Thomas Edward MORDEN b. Aug 1858, Brighton, Northumberland Co; baptized 30 June 1867, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co. Thomas, a young fellow of 22 in the 1881 census, was plying his trade as a blacksmith in Brighton Village.

He married Anne Eliza BUTLER, daughter of John and Mary Butler, on 29 Aug 1883 at Brighton. Thomas was 23, Anne 22, and both were living in Brighton and belonged to the Church of England. Witnesses were Robert Butler and Martha Rusk of Brighton. The official wedding record was garbled and called him son of Daniel and Terry Morden. While they were still living in Ontario a daughter, Pearl, was born in Sept 1884.

They moved to Deckerville, Sanilac Co, Michigan, where Thomas Morden, blacksmith, was listed in a 1893 issue of the Deckerville Recorder. A boy, Fred, was born in 1894.

A death certificate shows that Thomas Morden, blacksmith, died from typhoid fever on 20 Aug 1896 in Downington, Sanilac Co, Michigan, aged 38 years. He was born "Brightner" Canada, son of David Morden; mother's name was unknown. (Brightner or Brighton? David or Daniel? The informant seems to have known little about Thomas.) Apparently his wife Anne Eliza also died young. Pearl and Fred, who were left orphans at an early age were brought back to Ontario and grew up there.

Thus Thomas Morden was lost to view. Around 1980 Terry Morden of Woodstock, Ontario, asked Bob Morden also of Woodstock for help in finding his ancestry. Thanks to Bob's work and to the recent release of marriage records, we can now link up Thomas of Michigan with his Ontario descendants. The 1901 Ontario census also gives birth dates that are consistent with our other information.

#### Sources:

Robert Lyle Price Morden.  
Methodist Baptismal Records 1841-1888, Prince Edward Co.  
Ontario Marriage Records 1883, Northumberland Co #10532.  
1901 census Hastings Co, Belleville, Div A4, p.15.  
Certified copy of Record of Death, Michigan, Sanilac Co.  
Kenneth R. Morden.

1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

F. Children of Daniel Cooper Morden and Hattie Terry.

Children of Thomas and Anne:

a. Pearl MORDEN daughter of Thomas and Anne, was born 29 Sep 1884 in Ontario. It seems she was taken to Michigan as a child and was brought back to Ontario after her father's death.

In the 1901 census Pearl was 16 and she and her young brother Fred were living in Belleville in the family of Percy Millard, a baker who came from England. Millard's wife Susan was born in Ontario.

*MILLARD, Percy or [Darcy?] b. 1848 England, baker  
Susan, wife, b. Ont, Irish origin, b. 21 Aug 1850.  
MORDEN, Pearl age 16, b. Ont 29 Sep 1884.  
MORDEN, Fred, b. 3 March 1894 in the U.S.A.*

It is not known how the Millards were connected with Pearl and Fred. Since Susan stated her ancestry was Irish and so did the two Morden children, the association seems to be through her family, - perhaps the Butlers?

Pearl married Guy KELLETT of Toronto.

Children:

i. Thomas KELLETT married Dorothy ...

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b. Fred Butler MORDEN, son of Thomas and Anne, was born 4 Mar 1895 in Downington, Sanilac Co, Michigan.

After his parents died he was brought up by an uncle, R. E. Butler, in Woodstock, Ontario. Perhaps this uncle is the Robert Butler who was witness at the marriage of Thomas Morden in 1883. As the 1901 census shows, Fred was with the Millard family in Belleville when he was about seven.

Fred served in the U. S. Navy from 1912 to 1916, and in the Canadian Army, 68th Battery C, Field Artillery, from 1916 to June 1919. He saw service in Flanders and in Archangel. We marvel that he survived.

Fred married Jean Hewitt GREENLY, b. 18 June 1901 at Oxford Centre, Ontario. They had a son Terence, whose nickname "Terry" recalls the surname of his great-grandmother Hattie Terry. It an amazing coincidence considering the lost connection.

Fred died 18 Nov 1949 at Woodstock and is buried in the Anglican Cemetery. Jean survived him 28 years and died on 10 Nov 1977.

### Children of Fred and Jean:

i. Terence MORDEN, "Terry" b. 1929, lived in Woodstock, married Doris McLAY in 1956. They had four children.

### Children of Terry and Doris:

Sandra MORDEN b. 18 Apr 1959. Sandra was Ontario badminton champion and winner of the Ross Trophy at Queens in 1980/1.

Linda MORDEN b. 4 Apr 1960

Wayne MORDEN b. 8 May 1963.

Donna MORDEN b. 23 May 1965.

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### F. Children of Daniel Cooper Morden and Hattie Terry.

3. [Sarah] Emma MORDEN b. 1860 (from 1861 census of Ameliasburgh). In her baptismal record she was called Sarah Emily; baptized 30 June 1867, Ameliasburgh, by Rev. F. Coleman.

Emma was living in Brighton at the time of her marriage in 1879. She and Walter Singleton had been courting for at least a year, for they were both witnesses at the marriage the previous year of Emma's brother Sam.

*Walter Singleton, 24, residence Brighton, b. Ontario, bachelor, merchant's clerk, son of George Singleton and Catharine Sparrow, married Sarah E. Morden, 18, res. Brighton, b. Ontario, spinster, daughter of Daniel and Harriet Morden. Witnesses: Abraham C. Singleton and Leonora E. Singleton, Brighton.*

*m. 28 March 1879, Brighton.*

*Groom, Presbyterian; bride Canadian Methodist.*

It is said that one of Daniel Morden's daughters married Singleton, a Seattle banker, so presumably Walter went from merchandising to banking.

No children so far as is known.

#### Sources:

Methodist Baptismal Records 1841-1888, Prince Edward Co. Ontario Marriage Records 1879, Northumberland Co, Brighton Village #7657.

Eugene Morden of Belleville. Conversation in 1976.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### F. Children of Daniel Cooper Morden and Hattie Terry.

4. Matilda MORDEN b. 9 Jan 1864, Ameliasburgh; baptized 30 June 1867, Ameliasburgh, by Rev. F. Coleman.

#### Marriage record:

*James N. Gibson, 21, res Twp of Brighton, born Brighton, bachelor,  
yeoman, son of Abner Gibson and Sarah Powers,  
m. Matilda Morden, 16, res. Brighton, born Rednersville,  
spinster, daughter of Daniel Morden and Harriet McKim  
m. 26 Oct 1880, Brighton.  
Bride and groom both Canadian Methodist.*

It is said that one of Daniel Morden's daughters married and lived near Medicine Hat, Alberta, where they owned several sections. They had "tough times and good times". The parents spent their winters in Medicine Hat while their son ran the ranch. Matilda seems the daughter to whom this story might apply.

#### Sources:

Methodist Baptismal Records 1841-1888, Prince Edward Co.  
Ontario Marriage Records 1880, Northumberland Co,  
Brighton Village #7710.  
Eugene Morden of Belleville. Conversation in 1976.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### F. Children of Daniel Cooper Morden and Hattie Terry, continued:

5. **William Anderson MORDEN** born 2 June 1866. The 1901 census stated he was born in 1867. Tombstone said 1866.

He married **Minnie Edora CHEER** on 5 Oct 1887, Brighton. Minnie was born 29 June 1867 (or 1868 according to the 1901 census). They had three children, Ray, Percy, and Alechia, born between 1888 and 1894.

In the 1891 census William was a farmer in Brighton Twp, Northumberland Co and their three children were born in Brighton between 1888 and 1894. William gave up farming for life in town and had a barrel factory in Trenton for twenty-two years. His occupation in 1910 when his son Percy was married was Foreman of the Bell foundry. In the World War I era he was chief of police in Trenton for eleven years.

Their house was east of the river and north of Main Street, and Minnie ran a store in the front part of it. William would come home for lunch and on his way out would snatch a cigar out of Minnie's stock. He paid in the end, for Minnie, watching him through a peephole, caught him.

William died 29 December 1934, Oshawa, and Minnie died in 1945. Both are buried in Trenton in Mount Evergreen Cemetery.

#### Sources:

Douglas George Morden of Port Perry, Ontario, provided most of the information on William A. and his descendants. His set of 31 Family Group Sheets are on file in my James Morden source notebook.

1891 census Northumberland Co.

1901 census Hastings West, Trenton.

Index to Ontario Marriage Records 1887, Brighton.

Cemetery Search, Marilyn Adams Centre, Ameliasburgh.

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Children of William Anderson Morden and Minnie Cheer:

a. Ray Parmenus MORDEN born 2 Oct 1888 in Brighton Twp, Northumberland Co. He married Margaret Ann CONROY, daughter of Michael Conroy and Margaret Spinar, on 7 Aug 1912 in Trenton. She was born in 1889 in Burley, Ontario.

Ray was C.N.R. constable for over 35 years, beginning in Trenton. He was transferred to Lindsay in the late 1920s and retired near there at Dunsford.

Ray and Margaret had six children, five of whom were born in Trenton between 1913 and 1919. These were Russell, the twins Raymond and Lena, Cecil, and Harold. Only one of the twins survived. Morley, the youngest child, was born in Ottawa in 1925. Ray was Methodist and Margaret Catholic, and the boys went to the United Church which was formed when Methodists and Presbyterians united.

Margaret died in 1942 in Lindsay and was buried in the Conroy family plot in Peterborough.

Ray married second, Edith Alma DINGMAN in December 1943 at Campbellford, Ont.

Ray died 2 July 1972 at Bobcaygeon, and is buried in Dunsford.

### Sources:

Index to Ontario Birth Records 1888, Northumberland Co #225173.

Ontario Marriage Records 1912, Hastings Co #9730.

Family Group Sheets comp. by Douglas George Morden.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### Children of Ray and Margaret:

i. Russell Conroy MORDEN born 17 Dec 1913.  
He married Edith Winifred TAYLOR on 13 March 1937 at Lindsay, Ont. Russell d. 14 May 1983 at St. Catharines, and was buried in Pleasant View Memorial Gardens, Thorold in the Veterans' Plot.

#### Russell had 4 Children:

John Ross MORDEN born 21 Oct 1937, Lindsay. He married Mary Pearl GOUGH on 22 June 1957.

#### John Ross had 4 children:

John Philip MORDEN b. 1 Dec 1960, Grimsby, Ont.

Lynda Darlene MORDEN b. 20 Sep 1963, St. Catharines.

Ronald Howard MORDEN b. 7 Jan 1968, St. Catharines.

Charles Ross MORDEN b. 28 June 1969, St. Catharines.

William Harold MORDEN born 21 Feb 1940, Lindsay.

He married Susan Peggy Moonyeen MAWHOOD, daughter of Alexander Richard Michael Mawhood and Joan M. Wilson, on 17 June 1967 at St. Catharines, Ont. She was born 1943 in Somerset, England.

William H. had 2 children both born St. Catharines.

Kevin William MORDEN b. 10 July 1971.

Gregory Michael MORDEN b. 27 Nov 1974.

Margaret MORDEN born 12 July 1942, Lindsay. She married Edward P. BOLDT.

4 children, all b. in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Kathleen Margaret BOLDT b. 18 Oct 1964.

Richard BOLDT b. 9 Jan 1966; d. 12 Jan 1966.

Daryl Edward BOLDT born 4 Jan 1967.

Andrew Russell BOLDT born 11 Sep 1969.

Peter MORDEN born 3 May 1944. Peter attended the Ontario School for the Deaf.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### Children of Ray and Margaret:

ii. **Raymond William MORDEN** born 26 Feb 1915, Trenton, Ont. Apparently Ray was a twin, since there is a death record for an infant sister, Lena Margaret, who died in March 1915 at a few weeks and was lost from memory.

Ray married **Dorothy Winifred LOCKWOOD**, daughter of Harry Blake Lockwood and Myrtle Winifred Hansford, 30 Jan 1936. Dorothy was born 4 Dec 1917 in Belleville. They lived in Lindsay.

### Children of Raymond and Dorothy (4):

**Lloyd Robert MORDEN** b. 27 June 1937, Lindsay, Ont.

He m. **Joyce Ileen MILLER**, daughter of Stewart Miller and Luella Windover, on 25 June 1960, Bobcaygeon. She was b. 10 Sep 1940, Peterborough, Ont.

#### 2 children:

**Lloyd Robert MORDEN Jr**, b. 29 May 1962, Toronto.

**Ian George MORDEN** b. 16 Sep 1964, Toronto.

**Winifred Ann MORDEN** b. 4 Oct 1938, Lindsay, Ont.

She m. **Brian RICHARDSON**, son of Ernest Richardson and Kathleen Bryans, on 23 Nov 1956 at Lindsay. Brian was b. 2 May 1930 at Lindsay, Ont.

#### 3 children:

**Kathy Ann RICHARDSON** b. 23 Oct 1957, Lindsay.

She m. **John JONES** 2 Apr 1983.

**Dorothy L. RICHARDSON** b. 6 Dec 1960, Lindsay.

died 30 Dec the same year.

**Douglas Brian RICHARDSON** b. 11 Aug 1962, Lindsay.

He m. **Patricia COAD** on 26 June 1982.

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Children of Raymond and Dorothy continued  
William Ray MORDEN b. 15 July 1940,  
Lindsay.

He m. Norma FITZGERALD in Dec 1960,  
Fenelon Falls.

2 children:

Steve Ray MORDEN b. 6 Nov 1969,  
Lindsay.

James William MORDEN b. 16 Feb 1977,  
Oshawa.

Michael Gerald MORDEN b. 25 July 1944,  
Lindsay.

He m. Gloria WALLACE 28 Sep 1963.

2 children:

Dorothy Faye MORDEN b. 17 Mar 1965

Debra Anne MORDEN b. 7 Nov 1968.

iii. Lena Margaret MORDEN, twin of Raymond,  
born Feb 1915, Trenton. A child now lost to  
memory, Lena is not on the family group  
sheets. I have not seen her birth record, but  
her death record is as follows:

*Morden, Lena Margaret, age 7 weeks.  
[Transcribing error for 2 weeks?] died 11  
March 1915, Trenton. Infant. Daughter of Ray  
P. Morden and Margaret Ann Conroy.  
Convulsions 8 hours. Dr. W. B. Crowe.  
Informant Ray P. Morden, Trenton.*

Source:

Ontario Death Records 1915, Hastings Co,  
Trenton #15314.

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### Children of Ray and Margaret:

iv. Cecil John MORDEN born 8 Aug 1917, Trenton, son of Ray and Margaret. He had rheumatic fever in childhood.

Cecil m. Edna BOND. He d. 11 June 1961 and is buried in Pleasant View Memorial Gardens, Thorold.

They had no children.

v. Harold Douglas MORDEN b. 13 March 1919, Trenton, son of Ray and Margaret. He lived in Lindsay where he worked for Silverwood Dairies.

He m. Mary Baker MARTIN on 31 Aug 1940, Lindsay. Mary was b. 16 May 1918 at Waubashene, Ont; died March 1995. Harold died in 1996.

#### One child:

Douglas George MORDEN b. 7 Oct 1943, Lindsay.

Doug works for General Motors, Oshawa, in the parts department of the truck plant. He m. Glenda Blanche DETTMAN, daughter of Eldon Clarence Dettman and Blanche Victoria Mae Campbell, on 27 July 1968. They lived for years in Port Perry, then built their dream home in Nestleton, Ont, and moved there in 1997.

Doug has researched the William Anderson Morden family. His 31 group sheets and photographs are in my source notebook.

Address: 36 Suggitt Drive, Nestleton, ON, L0B 1L0.

#### 2 children:

Cynthia Joanne MORDEN b. 29 Dec 1975, Oshawa. In 1995 she was studying Environmental Geography in Nipissing University, North Bay. On 2 May 1998 she married Tyler Joel MCEWAN. Tyler was b. 29 Jan 1976.

Jeffery Dwayne MORDEN b. 4 Dec 1978, Oshawa.

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### Children of Ray and Margaret:

vi. Morley Earl MORDEN, son of Ray and Margaret, b. 25 Aug 1925, Ottawa, Ont. He m. Eileen Margrete MAETCHE, daughter of Fred Maetche and Emily Riely, on 16 Aug 1947 in Niagara Falls. Her family lived in western Canada and she was born in Mayton, Alberta, on 8 Sep 1924.

Morley lived in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. Rev. Morley E. Morden of St. Catharines was an ordained minister of the Independent Assemblies of God (United States and Canada). An undated newspaper article says that he formed a mission to truck drivers called Christian Motor Transport Mission in 1959. *"He drives a tractor-trailer transport out of St. Catharines where he and his wife and two children live. He starts work as early as 7 or 8 a.m. and after his days' work is done, he frequently drives his station wagon on calls to trucking yards, prisons, jails and homes, as well as along the highways, looking for truckers who need help, either physical, mental or spiritual."* The intention of the mission was to bring the fundamentalist outlook to truckers.

Morley died on 8 Nov 1976 and is buried in Lundy's Lane Cemetery.

### 3 children:

Caroline Faye MORDEN b. 11 Sep 1948, Niagara Falls.

She m. Robert John PETKAU, son of Peter Petkau and Marie Falk, on 28 Oct 1967. Robert was born 3 Oct 1946.

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Caroline and Robert's children

Robert James PETKAU b. 2 May 1970,  
St. Catherines.

Charlaine Jacqueline PETKAU b. 1 Jan  
1972, Selkirk, Man.

John Morley PETKAU b. 21 Nov 1976,  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Children of Morley and Eileen:

Steven Dwayne MORDEN b. 9 Feb 1956,  
St. Catharines.

He m. Brenda Lee SCHWEITZER, daughter of  
Benjamin Schweitzer and Joan E. Lockhart,  
on 21 Oct 1978 at St. Catharines.

Children:

Jasen Ray MORDEN b. 23 Feb 1982,  
Niagara Falls, Ont.

Jacqueline Lynnette MORDEN b. 22 March  
1964, St. Catharines.

Conclusion of Ray and Margaret's children

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### 5. Children of William Anderson Morden and Minnie Cheer:

b. Percival Roy MORDEN born 22 May 1890, son of William Anderson Morden and Minnie Edora Cheer.

He married first, Mina K. McDONALD, daughter of William H. McDonald, teamster, and Emma Brown on 22 June 1910 in Colborne, Northumberland Co. Mina was 19 (born 1890) and was a dressmaker living in Colborne. Percy was 20, a barber living in Trenton. Both were Baptists. Witnesses were Gordon R. McDonald of Colborne and Percy's sister Allie of Trenton. Clergyman was Thos Cavan of Colborne.

Percy was a rebel and a rover and the marriage was short-lived. They had two children, Gerald and Doris. When Percy deserted Mina to go west she found to her dismay that he had sold the house she was living in and she had to vacate it. It is believed that Percy married a second wife whose name is not known.

Mina died in 1974 and is buried in Salem Cemetery, Cramahe Twp, Northumberland County.

#### Sources:

Index to Ontario Birth Records 1890, Northumberland Co #228345/91.

Ontario Marriage Records 1910 Northumberland Co, Colborne #16806.

Susan Bergerson, comp., Northumberland Cemeteries, Salem Cemetery Lot 21, Con 1.

Family Group Sheets comp. by Douglas George Morden.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### Children of Percy and Mina;

i. [Orliffe] Gerald MORDEN born 2 June 1911. He married Mildred Grace KENNEDY. Mildred died 12 July 1959. Gerald died 28 Dec 1973, Oshawa, Ont. They had seven children.

### Children of Gerald and Mildred:

Barrie Douglas MORDEN b. 19 March 1932, Picton, Ont. He m. Alice Joyce BROWN on 29 July 1950, Oshawa. Alice was the daughter of Henry Mackie Brown and Lydia May Wall and was b. 20 March 1933, at Woodstock.

### Children (5):

Debra Lynn MORDEN b. 21 June 1951, Oshawa. m. Gerald Keith MURRAY on 2 June 1973.

Brenda Joyce MORDEN b. 20 July 1952, Oshawa. m. Rodney Stewart PUSH on 15 May 1976.

Barbara June MORDEN b. 21 June 1954, Oshawa.

Kenneth Todd MORDEN b. 2 June 1956, Oshawa.

Susan Grace MORDEN b. 9 March 1960, Oshawa. Died 9 March 1960.

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Children of Gerald and Mildred:

Marvin Bruce MORDEN b. 17 Aug 1935, Oshawa. He m. Mary Cecile LEVINE on 8 Aug 1958, Oshawa. He died 23 March 1970 in his 35th year.

Children:

Bruce MORDEN b. 18 Feb 1959, Toronto.

Alan Emerson MORDEN b. 10 Dec 1940, Oshawa. He m. Valentyna SZEREMET 13 Nov 1971, Oshawa. Valentyna was b. 11 Jan 1946, Hamburg, Germany, daughter of Frederick Szeremet and Lena Masluk.

Children:

Christopher Alan MORDEN b. 24 May 1972, Oshawa.

Kenneth David MORDEN b. 19 July 1974, Oshawa.

Donna Jean MORDEN b. 11 March 1942, Oshawa. m. Melbourne Bernard Richard EVANS, son of Alfred Evans and Nora Dubeau, on 25 April 1964. He was b. 15 Aug 1942 at Penetanguishene, Ont.

Children:

Jeffery Phillip EVANS b. 9 June 1967, Oshawa.

Cheryl Dawn MORDEN b. 6 Apr 1944, Oshawa. m. Donald Frank McININCH 20 Dec 1969, Windsor.

Children:

Dawn Marie McININCH b. 28 Oct 1974, Windsor, Ont.

John Alan McININCH b. 5 Jan 1977, Windsor, Ont.

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Children of Gerald and Mildred:

Pamela Ruth MORDEN b. 28 Aug 1947,  
Oshawa.

Son Gerald Jeffery SCOTT b. 3 Aug 1974,  
Oshawa.

Judy Lynn MORDEN b. 17 Sep 1949, Oshawa.  
Married 2x. 2d Frederick James OGDEN, 29  
June 1974. He was b. 10 Sep 1952, son of  
Robert Ogden and Eileen McCullough.  
Judy's daughter by her first husband was  
adopted by Ogden.

Children:

Laurie Ann OGDEN b.16 Sep 1965, Oshawa.

Robin Lynn OGDEN b.14 Jan 1983, Oshawa.

Children of Percy and Mina:

ii. Doris Ruth MORDEN born 26 Feb 1913,  
Colborne, Ont.

She married Allan WATSON.

Children:

Catherine Joyce WATSON b. 13 May 1946.

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### 5. Children of William Anderson Morden and Minnie Cheer:

c. Alechia Gladys MORDEN born 31 Aug 1894, Brighton, called Allie. Her birth was not registered. The attending physician was Dr. Stephen and her godparents were Rev. and Mrs. Lord of Smithfield.

In 1915 Allie married Herbert A. MITCHELL, called Herb, born 1895. He belonged to the Mitchell family of Georgian Bay, well known for their canned applesauce and apple juice. They had two children, Earle and Dorothy.

When her parents gave up their Trenton store Allie took over the house and business. She owned four or five big houses in Trenton which she rented to Airforce personnel stationed there. Allie, bless her, pencilled out several pages of family names and dates which are the basis of this account. Her great nephew Doug Morden now has her papers.

Herb died in 1969 and Allie in 1973. They are buried in Mount Evergreen Cemetery, Trenton.

#### Sources:

Alechia's notes dated 1964.

Ontario Birth Records 1894, Hastings Co, Trenton #902049.

#### Children of Allie and Herbert:

i. Earle Morden MITCHELL b. 13 Aug 1916, Trenton.

He m. Helen Kathryn NICKOLAS on 4 Apr 1942 in Hagerstown, Maryland. Helen was born 4 Aug 1921. Their residence is Harrisburg, PA.

#### 4 children

Stephen Earle MITCHELL b. 19 Jan 1944

Gareth Howard MITCHELL b. 25 May 1947

David Karl MITCHELL b. 7 Feb 1951

Daniel Herb MITCHELL b. 15 Aug 1953

ii. Dorothy MITCHELL b. 22 Feb 1922, Hamilton. She married several times and lives in Kansas City.

Conclusion of William Anderson Morden family.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

### F. Children of Daniel Cooper Morden and Hattie Terry.

6. Henry Josiah MORDEN, sometimes called Harry, son of Daniel and Harriet. His occupation was tinsmith. In the 1891 census he was still single and living with his parents in Brighton.

He married Jane Elizabeth McCracken, daughter of William H. McCracken and Sarah, on 2 Nov 1892 at Colborne, Northumberland Co. Henry was 24, Jane 24 (born 1868), both were Methodists, and they were married by Rev. R. M. Pope.

Birth records of their children show that they were in Cramahe, Northumberland Co, in 1893, in Picton in 1895 and 1896, and back in Colborne in 1900. There were six children, four girls, two boys.

A printed letterhead among the Nathaniel Solmes Morden papers was doubtless Henry's business stationery:

"H.J. MORDEN, HARDWARE. *Colborne, Ont. 191-*.  
*Stoves, Tinware and Graniteware, Paints and oils,*  
*Tinsmithing and Plumbing."*

Jane died in 1917.

#### Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1892, Northumberland Co #8846.  
Family Group Sheets comp. by Douglas George Morden.

6 children: One of the girls married M.E. Wright of Louisville, Quebec, and another married M.E. Harvie of Toronto. (Info from Harold's obituary, see below).

a. [Elma] Grace MORDEN born 10 November 1893, Cramahe Twp, Northumberland Co. Died 1897.

Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1893, Northumberland Co, #23376.

b. [Edna] Maude MORDEN born 9 March 1895, Picton, Prince Edward Co. Died 1957.

Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1895, Prince Edward Co #27902.

c. Evelyn Mae MORDEN born 28 July 1896, Picton, Prince Edward Co.

Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1896, Prince Edward Co #32054.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

d. Harold McCracken MORDEN born 1900, Colborne, Northumberland Co. He served in the Royal Air Force in World War I.

After the war he had a distinguished but short career in journalism. In 1919 he joined the staff of the Windsor Daily Star, was promoted to city editor, then Ottawa correspondent; covered the imperial economic conference of 1932, toured the continent with Prime Minister Bennett, and covered the Royal Visit of 1939. He was war correspondent in 1943 and served overseas; became Associate Editor of the Star.

He died on 23 August 1947 in Windsor at age 47 of a cerebral hemorrhage. Unmarried? No wife was mentioned in his obituary.

Source:

New York Times, Aug 24, 1947, p.58. Obituary.

e. Walter Roland MORDEN 1909-1965.

In 1936 he m. Katherine PIGEAU (b. 1906). They lived in Copper Cliff, Ont. Walter died 28 July, 1965.

Source:

Index to Belleville Intelligencer; obit 29 July 1965, p.2.

Children:

i. Judy MORDEN

ii. Larry MORDEN

iii. Kenneth Robert MORDEN b. 1937; Toronto banker.

He m. Rosalee Mary MATICHUK (b. 1937) in 1961. Source: Letter from Kenneth to Gordon Crouse, including pedigree chart, 1971.

Children:

Catherine MORDEN

Thomas McCracken MORDEN b. 1965.

f. Dorothy Lazelle MORDEN b. 1913. Lives in Toronto.

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F. Children of Daniel Cooper Morden and Hattie Terry:

7. Josiah Sandford MORDEN b. 18 Aug 1869, Northumberland Co, son of Daniel Morden, carriagemaker and Harriet Terry; Dr. Dean of Brighton registered his birth. Josiah was doubtless named after an earlier Josiah Morden of Wellington, who was born in 1829.

Josiah S. was in the 1881 census of Brighton Village, age, 11, going to school.

Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1869, Northumberland Co #7028.

7A. Isiah MORDEN? Douglas George Morden listed Isiah 1872-1874 among Daniel and Hattie's children but I have found no record for him. Further research is needed.

8. Harvey MORDEN b. 1875, Brighton, son of Daniel and Hattie.

He died 31 Jan 1877 at 14 months of meningitis,

Source:

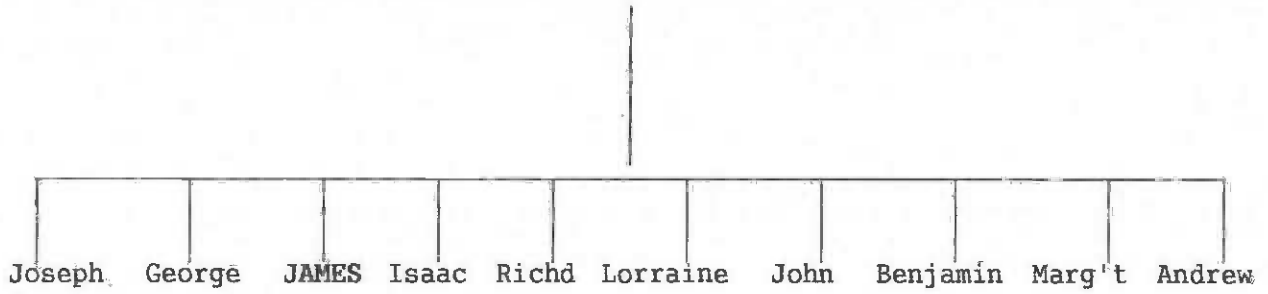
Ontario Death Records 1877, Northumberland Co, #10268.

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9. ?? Edward MORDEN said by Pioneer Life to be a son of Daniel Morden and Hattie Terry, but he is undocumented. Thomas Morden's middle name was Edward so they are probably one and the same.

## 1. THE GEORGE MORDEN LINE

JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



JAMES P. MORDEN AND CATHERINE BABCOCK

**HUSBAND: James Plummer Morden**

Born: circa 1798                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Bap: 22 Jan 1798

Marr:

Died: 16 Mar 1863                      Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Father: James Amit Morden

Mother: Margaret Parliament

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**WIFE: Catherine Lucretia Babcock**

Born: 10 Feb 1802

Died: 12 Oct 1859                      Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Father: John Babcock

Mother: Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Hubble

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**CHILDREN**

1 | Name: Mary Elizabeth Morden  
F | Born: 19 May 1822                      Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Marr: 27 Oct 1839                      Belleville, Hastings Co, Ont  
  |     To: Elisha Post  
  | Died: 10 Dec 1895                      Huntingdon Twp, Hastings Co, Ont

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2 | Name: Loraine Morden  
F | Born: circa 1824                      Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Marr:  
  |     To: John Gerow  
  | Died: 13 Jan 1901                      Burk's Falls, Muskoka Dist, Ont

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3 | Name: Sarah M. Morden  
F | Born: Jul 1827                      Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Marr:  
  |     To: William Mercer  
  | Died: 18 Sep 1896                      Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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4 | Name: Isaac Morden  
M | Born: 1830                      Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Died: 1 Apr 1849                      Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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JAMES P. MORDEN AND CATHERINE BABCOCK

HUSBAND: James Plummer Morden  
WIFE: Catherine Lucretia Babcock

CHILDREN (Continued)

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5 | Name: Phoebe Ann Morden  
F | Born: circa 1833 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
 | Marr:  
 | To: John M. Way  
 | Died: 1882 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

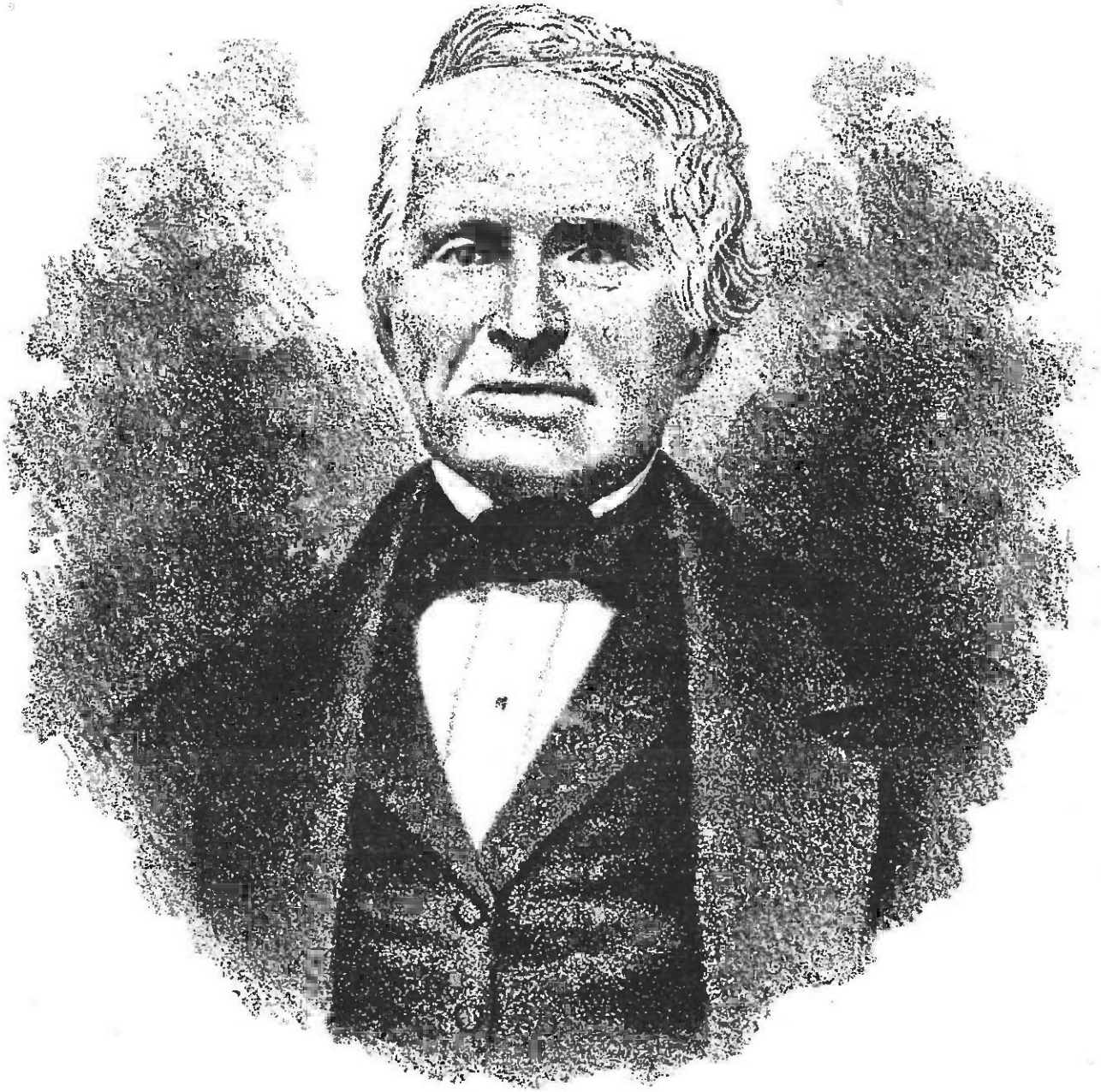
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6 | Name: Ellen Rebecca Morden  
F | Born: 11 Apr 1836 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
 | Marr: 1861  
 | To: Elkanah Babbitt  
 | Died: 3 Oct 1913 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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7 | Name: Catherine Morden  
F | Born: Sep 1838 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
 | Marr:  
 | To: William C. Jones  
 | Died: Feb 1907 Belleville, Ont

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*James B. Morden (Deceased)*  
*Born in Sophiasburg 1798, Died 1864.*  
*in Ameliasburg Tp.*

James P. Morden, son of James

**III. JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN**, third son of James Morden and Margaret Parliament, was born 22 Jan 1798 in Sophiasburgh. Obviously he was named Plummer because his aunt Lucretia Morden had married a man named Plummer. Mr. Plummer's first name -- Thomas or William -- is open to debate.

James was baptized on 22 January 1798 and entered by Rev. John Wigant in the register of the Fredericksburgh Lutheran church. The record called his father James and his mother Anne. The latter is a mistake; his mother, Margaret, may have been confused with her sister-in-law Anne, wife of Richard Morden.

Until his marriage James lived in Northport, Sophiasburgh Twp, where his father had pioneered. When he was twenty-one he married an Ameliasburgh Twp girl, Catherine Lucretia Babcock. She was born 10 February 1802, daughter of John Babcock and Polly Hubble. A history of the Hubble family written by Berniece Treleaven and others can be found in local genealogical libraries.

James and Catherine had seven children born between 1822 and 1838, only one of whom was male. It must have been a sore disappointment when this only son, Isaac, died in early manhood and with him the Morden name was lost in James's P's line. The girls were Mary, Loraine, Sarah, Phoebe Ann, Ellen and Catherine. All of them married and had children but the name Morden had vanished.

In February 1824 James received the grant of land due him as son of a Loyalist; I have not checked its location and do not know if he ever actually occupied it.

On 10 January 1829 James was on the nominal roll of the Second Regiment of Prince Edward Militia under the command of Colonel Owen Richards of Hallowell, with the rank of Sergeant in the 4th company. He was 29. The Captain was his father-in-law John Babcock, and a fellow Sergeant was his brother-in-law William Brickman.

## THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

James settled in Ameliasburgh. The codes in the Ontario Land Index show that he acquired the east quarter of Lot 69 on Concession 1 "by assignment" on 28 July 1840. An article in *Families* explained that Assignment shows he was not the original grantee but that he was given official authorization for ownership by the first owner of the property who had probably died or gone elsewhere.

In time James accumulated 224 acres, parts of Lots 68 and 69. He had land transactions with his oldest brother George as shown by a legal notice in the Kingston Chronicle in June 1823: "*James Morden declares null and void the bond for the west half of Lot 68, 1st Con, Ameliasburgh, given to him by George Morden.*" This could be interpreted either as a family squabble or as a routine business matter. Who knows?

In June 1827 another notice appeared in the Kingston Chronicle. James Morden of Kingston published a notice against Isaac Morden of Sophiasburgh for cheating him. Is this James Plummer and was he living in Kingston?

Egerton Morden noted: "*James son of James lived and died in Ameliasburgh next farm to John Howell Morden (son of John) my uncle who lived on the old place 4 miles from Belleville*".

James had various other land deals. A record in the Hastings County Registry office shows that on October 31, 1842, he was helping his new sons-in-law, John Gerow and Elisha Post to set themselves up as farmers:

*James P. Morden of Ameliasburgh to John Gerow, yeoman, and Elisha Post, yeoman of the same township for £100. to John Gerow the SE 1/4 of Lot 19, Con 1, Madoc 50 acres, and to Elisha Post the NE 1/4 of the said lot, 50 acres.*

*Witnessed by Lester Coleman of Belleville and John P. Morden of the same place, tailer [sic].*

*John P. Morden of the Town of Belleville, Tailor, the letter P. being a letter of distinction, makes oath and says he was present..." etc.*

## THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

On his Ameliasburgh farm James built a fine house and a large barn which are pictured in Belden's Atlas of 1878. It is a view of a prosperous idealized estate on the Bay of Quinte. The house was close to the waterfront, well away from the road and separated from it by kitchen and ornamental gardens outlined with trees. James's house and a later one built by his grandson Charles Babbitt are described in *The Settler's Dream*. It says of the earlier house, "Architecturally, its predominant feature was the two-story main block its gable oriented to the road, with a kitchen wing at the side. Stepped back was a very wide woodhouse extension." The house was torn down around 1960.

James was an affluent farmer, a leader in the community, a Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Church of England. Belden's Atlas has an engraved portrait of him showing a fine-looking man with a decisive mouth and an air of authority. He was eulogized in a brief biographical sketch:

*...The Mordens were not only among the pioneers of Prince Edward, but the influence asserted by the family in all affairs of their county and respective townships, was of a character commensurate with their intelligence and high social position. James P. Morden was for nearly half a century one of the leading citizens of the neighborhood of Rednersville, and always exerted himself in support of all public measures pertaining to the public welfare, though he never sought -- nor would he himself accept -- any position of public trust. His good qualities were recognized, however, by his unsolicited appointment to the Commission of the Peace; and in his death, which occurred in March 1864 [actually 1863], at the age of sixty-three years, the community lost one of its best citizens.*

Catherine died October 12, 1859 aged 57 years, 8 months according to her tombstone, and was buried in Albury Cemetery, Ameliasburgh. (The date was wrongly recorded as 1852 in Wanamaker's Cemetery Book).

When James came to make his will in January 1861 he was sharing his home with his daughter Ellen and her husband Elkanah Babbitt. The 1861 census noted they were a newly married couple. Son Isaac was long gone, and so all the property went to the six daughters and their husbands.

## THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

James obviously had given careful thought to the fair distribution of his substantial assets. The oldest daughter, Mary Elizabeth Post, received "ten hundred dollars ...and my covered buggy". The second, Lorraine Gerow and her husband John, were given a farm in Huntingdon Township, Hastings County, and a yoke of oxen. The two oldest Gerow boys were each given a horse and two Gerow girls shared four cows. Sarah and William Mercer were given a house and lot in Rednersville plus an additional corner lot. The paternal Ameliasburgh farm on Concession 1 was divided between the Ways and the Babbitts. Phoebe Ann and John Way received the west half of number 68 with the stipulation that they pay Mary Elizabeth Post the thousand dollars previously mentioned. Ellen and Elkanah Babbitt were given the east half of number 69, subject to paying the youngest daughter, Catherine Jones, her portion of £300. Mary Elizabeth, Loraine, Sarah and Catherine shared equally the furniture and household goods, but Phoebe Ann and Ellen were omitted from this item. A local builder who seems to have borrowed money from James was authorized to work off his debt to the amount of \$150 by building a house and woodhouse for Elisha Post in Huntingdon, and a Madoc man who had bought property from James was to be given his deed as soon as he made his final payment. All was neat and tidy.

James lived two years after setting his affairs in order. He died 16 March 1863 in Ameliasburgh Twp at age 65 years, 1 month, 22 days. He was buried beside Catherine in the Albury Cemetery, Ameliasburgh and their small limestone tombstones can be seen there. The obituary reads:

*Died at his residence in Ameliasburgh, on Wednesday the 18th inst. [March] James Morden Esq., aged 65. Mr. Morden was one of the oldest and most highly respected inhabitants of the County of Prince Edward. He was buried last Friday with Masonic honors and was attended to his last resting place by a large concourse of his brother Masons and of his neighbors,*

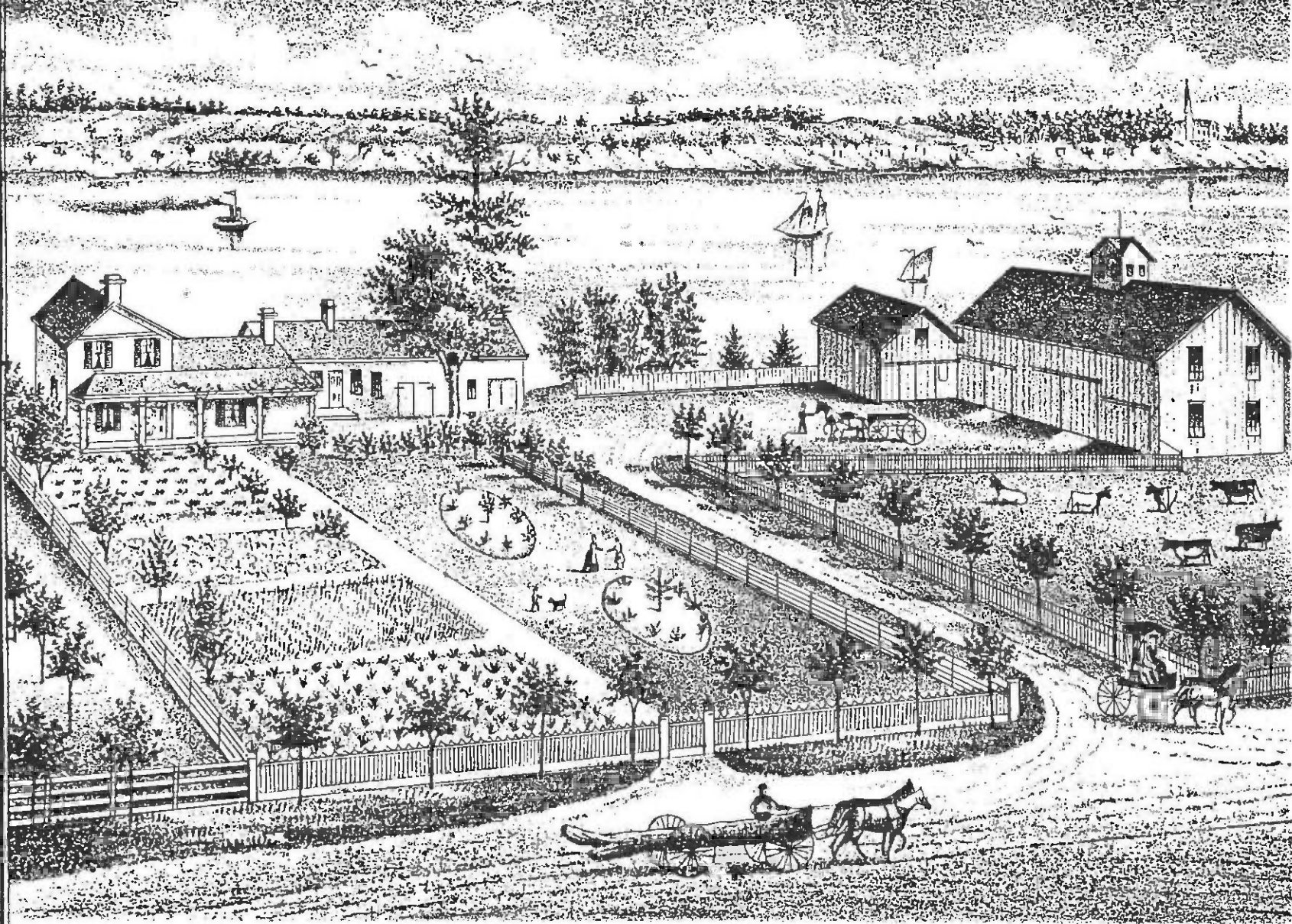
Ellen and Elkanah Babbitt remained on the Ameliasburgh farm and their descendants were still living there over a hundred years later.

## THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

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FARM RES. OF ELKANAH BABBIT ESQ. CON. 1, LOT 68, AMELIASBURG TP. PRINCE EDWARDS CO.  
*(Formerly owned by James P. Marden)*

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THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

Children of James P. Morden and Catherine Babcock:

A. Mary Elizabeth MORDEN, daughter of James P. Morden and Catherine Babcock, born 19 May 1822, Ameliasburgh Twp.

She married Elisha Post. He was son of John Post and Eunice Alger, born 12 April 1816 in Ameliasburgh. They were married in Belleville, Hastings County, on 27 October 1839 by Rev. J. Grier.

Two years previous to his marriage Elisha had served as one of the volunteers of 1837-38 during the Mackenzie Rebellion.

As was usual with grandsons of the early settlers, Elisha found the land along the Bay of Quinte occupied and so he along with others of his generation opened up new land farther inland in Hastings County. In 1842 he and John Gerow (see p. 135) jointly purchased 50 acres in Madoc Township, Hastings County, from their father-in-law James P. Morden. Huntingdon Township, however, appealed to them more. They sold the Madoc land in 1846 and tripled their money.

#984. 1 October 1842. B&S [Bargain and Sale]. £100 James P. Morden, Ameliasburgh Twp, to John Gerow, yeo, Ameliasburgh Twp and Elisha Post, Ameliasburgh Twp, yeo.

#985. 11 Oct 1846. B&S. £300. John Gerow, Huntingdon Twp, yeo, and wife Lorraine, and Elisha Post, Huntingdon Twp, yeo, and wife Mary Elizabeth, to Benjamin Hobson, Madoc Twp, yeo.<sup>24</sup>

When Mary's father died in 1863 Mary's share of the estate was one thousand dollars and a covered buggy. She was also to receive a one-quarter share of the household goods and loose lumber.

The 1871 census showed Elisha settled in West Huntingdon Twp on Concession 4, Lot 8. Elisha was age 51; Mary was 49. In time he seems to have shared the property with his son James P. In the 1878 Atlas each owned 50 adjoining acres and the 1881 census showed they were next door neighbors. Elisha was 65, Mary 59, and two children, George and Eliza were still at home with them.

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<sup>24</sup> Hastings Co Land Records, Madoc Twp, Con 1, Lot 19, NE 1/4, 50 ac.

## THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

Elisha and Mary had ten children, four of whom died in childhood. Seven children were named in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte; three additional ones came from Treleaven's book on the Hubble family.

In the 1891 census Elisha and Mary were living with son George in Huntingdon; Elisha was 75 and Mary 68. Elisha died there on 5 August 1891 and Mary died 10 December 1898.

### Sources:

Family Bible of Isaac Morden Post; photocopy from grandson Jack Post 5/9/1983.

Correspondence with Jack Post.

Families, Feb 1988. Roll call of volunteers of 1837-38.

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Hastings County Directory 1879-80.

Register of the Descendants of Nehemiah Hubble and Lucretia Welton by Berniece Treleaven et al. 1997.

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William D. Reid. Marriage Notices of Ontario (1813-1854), Hunterdon House, 1980, p. 153.

## THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

### A. Children of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post:

1. [Mary] Lucretia C. POST, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post, born 8 August 1841. Died 15 August 1857.

2. Hiram Manley POST, son of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post, born c1843 in Prince Edward Co. His age was 27 in 1871 census, 48 in 1891.

He m. Martha Ann SUTTLE, daughter of John and Eleanor Suttle, on 7 Nov 1866. Martha was 20, born in Hungerford Twp, Hastings Co and living there when she married. Both her parents were born in Ireland. Hiram's residence was Huntingdon Twp, his age 23.

He appeared in an 1878 Directory of Hastings County, farmer on Lot 13, Con 7, Marmora Twp. His Post Office was Shanick. In the 1891 census Hiram was still in Marmora Twp.

According to Wanamaker Hiram's dates were 1840-1927 and Martha's were 1844-1930. They had ten children.

#### Sources:

Hancocks. Hastings Co Marriages 1858-1869.

1871 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp.

1891 Census North Hastings, Marmora and Lake, p. 22.

1879-80 Directory of Hastings Co. Belleville:1879.

Wanamaker. Parliament. Dates open to question.

#### Children (10):

a. Lucretia Catharine POST 1869-1929. She was 2 in the 1871 census. She married John Richard SHAW 1869-1942. Probably married before the 1891 census since she was no longer with her parents then. Three children.

#### Children:

i. Frances Gladys SHAW born 1893. Married George W. HAMILTON.

ii. William John Richardson SHAW born 1904; married Gladys WARREN.

iii. Frederick Lee Suttle SHAW born 1906; married Ann WILSON, b. 1907.

THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

A. Children of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post:

b. Nellie POST born 1872. In the 1891 census of North Hastings Nellie was age 19, employed as a dressmaker.

She married Charles Osier PAGET 1871-1939.

No children.

c. Edith Alberta POST 1873-1951; the 1891 census called her Bertha, age 17, coatmaker.

She married Henry Evener SHAW, born 1862. Four children.

Children:

i. Hiram Manley SHAW born 1897. Unmarried.

ii. James Foster SHAW born 1900; married Annie WANAMAKER. b. 1900.

iii. Jennie Mabel SHAW born 1903; married Clifford HANNAH, b. 1902.

iv. Albert Keith SHAW born 1910; married Jean McCANN, b. 1917.

d. Elisha POST born 1876, age 15 in 1891 census. He married Nora Pearl JARVIS 1866-1932. Four children.

Children:

i. Mildred POST born 1906; married James Lloyd HANIFEN b. 1903.

ii. Norris Everett POST born 1908; married Muriel Ilene STROUD, b. 1914.

iii. Clifford POST married Norma June BOND b. 1918.

IV. Herbert POST married Eileen DOHERTY.

THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

e. [Hiram] Manley POST Jr. born 1877; 13 in the 1891 census. He married Ellen Delilah EMBURY, b. 1876.

Children (2):

i. James Elgin POST 1905-1968; married Margaret Jane KETCHESON, b. 1908.

ii. Leta Loretta POST born 1912; married Clifford CHAMBERS.

f. John Suttle POST 1879-1952; age 10 in 1891 census.

He married Emma Elizabeth GRAY, b. 1881. Ten children. Probably he was the John Post who appeared in an 1879 Directory, farmer, living in Marmora Twp, Hastings Co, on Lot 16, Con 6. His father Hiram Manley had a farm nearby on Concession 7 and the Post Office for both was Shanick.

Source:

1879-80 Directory of Hastings Co. Belleville:1879.

Two children:

i. Arthur POST 1912-1933; unmarried.

ii. Donald Keith POST born 1916; married Margaret Rae HOLMES, born 1915.

THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

g. Emma POST 1881-1945. Age 8 in 1891 census.

She married twice:

1: Jesse Washington HUNT 1875-1924; six children.

2: Herbert CARDLE. No children.

Wanamaker, Babcock gives further information.

Children of Emma and Jesse:

i. Gladys HUNT 1905-1928, m. John DUCK. No children.

ii. Stanley HUNT b. 1906; m. Elizabeth GRABOWSKI, b. 1907.

iii. William Abalant HUNT b. 1908; m. Mildred Laura ROGERS b. 1906.

iv. Cecil HUNT b. 1914; m. Mary Arrila PLUMPTON b. 1918.

v. Clifford HUNT b. 1917; m. Phyllis WAGER.

vi. Reta HUNT B. 1919; M. Alex STEVEN, b. 1916.

h. Martha Charlotte POST born 1886; missing from 1891 census. She married John Henry ROBINSON 1883-1934.

Children:

i. Garnet Manley ROBINSON b. 1908; m. Jessie Jane ADAMS b. 1911.

ii. Reta Ruth ROBINSON b. 1912; m. Harold Donald INNIS b. 1909.

iii. Gerald Grantford ROBINSON b. 1920; m. Mary GRONENBERG.

iv. John Douglas ROBINSON b. 1929; unmarried.

THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

i. Mary Elizabeth POST born c1890; she was 1 in 1891 census. Married Charles David or Daniel McCANN, b. 1883.

Children:

i. Violet Ilene McCANN b. 1914; m. Clayton BLACKBURN, b. 1907.

ii. Iva Berniece McCANN b. 1919; m. Harold PIDGEON, b. 1918.

iii. Burnis Helen McCANN b. 1921; m. Earl WARTMAN, b. 1914.

iv. Charles Clayton McCANN b. 1926; m. Mary BLAKELY, b. 1932.

j. Edmund POST born 1896, age 7 in 1891 census. Married Evelyn VAN SICKLE b. 1895.

Children:

i. Hazel POST b. 1915; m. Don EBY.

ii. Vera POST b. 1917; m. Arthur ACORN b. 1909.

iii. Thelma POST b. 1925; unmarried.

## THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

### A. Children of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post:

3. **William POST**, son of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post, born 1845. Still single, 26, living with parents in Huntingdon in 1871.

He married **Catherine Minerva ROLLINS** born c 1856. Wanamaker called her Catharine Fitchett.

In an 1879 Directory William Post, yeoman, was located on Con 8, part Lot 10, Ivanhoe, Hastings Co.

In the 1891 census he was in Huntingdon Twp, Hastings Co, working as a stone quarry employee. He was aged 45 and his wife Catherine Minerva was 35. The three children were ages four to twelve.

#### Sources:

Wanamaker. Babcock.

1891 census Hastings Co, Huntingdon #3, p.17.

#### Children:

- a. Charles Wesley POST, 12 in 1891.
- b. Harry Roy POST, 7 in 1891.
- c. William Gardiner POST, 4 in 1891.

4. **Eunice POST**, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post, born 15 August 1847; died 25 April 1848.

#### Source:

Treleaven. Register of the Descendants of Nehemiah Hubble

5. **Isaac Morden POST**, son of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Isaac Post, born 5 June 1850, Prince Edward Co. He was in Huntingdon in his parents' household, age 21, in the 1871 census.

He married **Jane Victoria MEYERS**, daughter of Francis M. Meyers who was born in Germany, and Margaret M. Irving who was born in New York State. Jane was born 30 May 1853 in Stirling, Ontario. Jane died 1 February 1925 in Marquette, Michigan. Isaac died 1 September 1934 in Frankfort, Michigan.

THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

This couple had ten children. Data on their family, copied from the Family Bible, was supplied by John Clark (Jack) Post of Bath, N.Y. in 1983.

Children of Isaac and Jane (10):

a. Mary Elizabeth POST b. 29 November 1873. She m. Herman (?) YARGER. Mary died 16 January 1936.

b. George Francis POST born 6 December 1875. He died 19 October 1962 and was buried in the Post family plot in Thompsonville, Michigan.

c. Abe POST born 9 April 1878; died 12 December 1904 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

d. Anna Augusta POST, born 30 August 1880. She m. ... DARLING. She died 30 July 1961 and was buried in White Chapel Cemetery, Detroit.

e. Charles M. POST, born 25 May 1883. Charles was a dairy farmer in the Lower Peninsular of Michigan, specializing in registered Holsteins and Hampshires.

He m. Ida LINSEMAN. Charley died 21 October 1954 and was buried at Frederic.

Children (7):

i. George Isaac POST, born 15 October 1915; married 1: Genevieve DURFEE 17 February 1923. married 2: Irene ... Lives in Michigan.

ii. [Charles] Leo POST born 3 August 1917; married Helma CORSAUT 16 July 1949. Lives in Michigan.

iii. Morden Abraham POST born 21 March 1919; married Gloria CORSAUT 9 March 1946. Lives in Michigan.

## THE JAMES PLUMMER MORDEN LINE

Children of Charles and Ida continued:

iv. **Milford Wayne POST** born 26 February 1922;  
married 1: **Cecilia CRAFT** 16 January 1943.  
married 2: **Betty BROWN**. Lives in Michigan.

v. **John Clark POST** born 5 November 1923.  
Jack served in the military and was Staff  
Sergeant, discharged 1946; attended Michigan  
State College. He married **Marilyn M. GLEN**, a  
schoolteacher, on 5 September 1949. Lived in  
Michigan and New York.

Children:

**Cheryl POST**, adopted 1955.

**Dara POST**, adopted 1958.

**Larry POST**, adopted 1962.

**John Glen POST**, born in 1968.

vi. **Caroline Jane POST** born 19 February 1926.  
Married **Frank MADDILL** 13 August 1949. Lives in  
Wisconsin.

vii. **James William POST**, called **Bill**, born 7  
March 1935.  
Married **Nancy PAPENFUS** 25 June 1954. Lives in  
Michigan.

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Children of Isaac and Jane continued:

f. Jessie Ellen POST, born 23 May 1885.  
She m. ... SPRAUBEL. She died 30 October 1940,  
Monroe.

g. Margie E. POST, born 23 February 1888.  
She m. ... PETERS; died 19 March 1972, Muskegon.

h. Beulah J. POST, born 12 February 1890.  
She married 1: ... PHILLIIPPI.  
2: HOLDEN.  
In 1983 Beulah, aged 93 and still very alert, was  
living in Traverse City, Michigan. She was the only  
surviving offspring of her family.  
Son: Keith Phillippi m. Bea.

i. Alice M. POST, born 19 August 1892.  
Died 16 May 1893 at New Era, Michigan.

j. Cecil Mazie POST, born 8 July 1896.  
He married ... CORNELL.  
Died 12 April 1927, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was  
buried in the Post family plot at Thompsonville,  
Michigan.

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### A. Children of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post:

6. Ellen Rebecca POST, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post, born 14 February 1853. Died 29 December 1857.

Source: Treleaven.

7. James Parliament POST, son of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post, was born 1855. He appears to have taken over the farm from his father.

James was in Huntingdon Twp, in his parents' household, age 16, in the 1871 census.

The 1879 Directory of Hastings County showed: James P. POST, yeoman, 4th Con, part Lot 8, West Huntingdon.

James married Emily V. TWEEDIE, born 1858. In the 1881 census this couple and their two infants, Susan ? and Percival, were living near James's parents. The 1891 census showed a larger a family group:

Post, James	36	b.Ont	parents	b. Ont.	C. Meth
Emly	33	b.Ont	father	b.Eng;	mother b.Ire.
Bety	12	D			
Percy	11	S			
Rae (female)	8	D			
Richard	4	S			

The 1901 census, which I failed to copy, named eight children. James died in 1921.

#### Sources:

1871 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp.  
1891 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp, #2, p. 14.  
1901 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp, F1, p.5.  
1879-80 Directory of Hastings Co. Belleville:1879.  
Wanamaker. Babcock.

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A. Children of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post:

8. John Wesley POST, son of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post, was born 25 May 1858; died 3 May 1863.  
Source: Treleaven

9. George Ridley POST, son of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post, was born 1860, according to the 1901 census. He was 11 in the 1871 census of Huntingdon Twp, 20 in 1881.

He married:

1: Mary ROLLINS.

2: Sarah A. ROLLINS, born 1867 (date from 1901 census).

The 1891 census of Huntingdon listed George, 30, Sarah 24, and three small daughters, Agnes[?] and Jane both age two, and Mary age one. George's elderly parents were in the same household.

The 1901 census named 5 daughters. I have copied six names from Wanamaker, who stated that three were Mary's daughters and three were Sarah's. Agnes and Jane were omitted. Further research in Ontario Birth Records and the 1901 census is needed.

Source:

1891 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp, #2, p. 14.

1901 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp, F2, p. 5.

Wanamaker. Babcock, p. 182.

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Children of George Ridley Post:

- a. Mary Matilda POST, called Tillie, 1888-1972.  
Married Lorne BROUGH.  
Children:
  - i. Morden BROUGH; had daughter Linda Lee.
  - ii. Ruth BROUGH m. Edward E. FOLLWELL, called Ted, Belleville barrister b.1912 ; 3 children.
  - iii. William BROUGH.
- b. Stella POST m. Edward F. SHARPE, b. 1885.  
Children:
  - i. Marjorie Post SHARPE.
- c. Mary Elizabeth POST, born 1890; d. in 1891.  
married William Henry (Harry) LEE. She d. 1970.  
Children:
  - i. William Borden LEE. Unmarried.
- d. Charlotte Edna POST m. William James TUFTS.  
Children:
  - i. W. Elmer TUFTS.
  - ii. Margaret TUFTS m. Charles CLELAN.
- e. Margaret POST m. Alex (Sandy) McCURDY.
- f. Elmer POST.

10. Eliza Jane POST, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Morden and Elisha Post, was born 1865. Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte called her Eliza A. Wanamaker called her Eliza Jane.

She appeared as Jane, age 6, in the 1871 census; Eliza age 16 in 1881.

She married Milton MADDEN.

Sources:

1871 and 1881 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp.  
Wanamaker. Parliament, p.55.  
Wanamaker. Babcock, p.179.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte p. 567.





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B. Loraine MORDEN, daughter of James P. Morden and Catherine Babcock, born c1824 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co. She was 48 in the 1871 census, 67 in 1891.

Loraine married John GEROW, son of Daniel Gerow and Mary Ramsey of Ameliasburgh. John was born in 1820 in Prince Edward County. His ancestry was French Huguenot (Giraud) and both his parents were born in the United States. The Gerows fought on the Patriot side in the American Revolution and although they came to Canada and settled in Prince Edward Co in the 1790s they were not Loyalists. The Morden and Gerow families were closely allied. John's brother James married Loraine's cousin Deborah.

In the 1851 census John had a farm in Ameliasburgh, Con 1 Lot 67, adjacent to the property owned by Loraine's parents. At the same time he also had real estate interests in Hastings County. Land records show that in 1842 his father-in-law sold 50 acres in Madoc to John in joint ownership with Elisha Post. The two men preferred Huntingdon Township, however, and in 1846 they sold the Madoc farm at a profit. (See p. 119)

Loraine's father probably financed the purchase of the Huntingdon farm for James mentioned it in his will of 1863 in which he bequeathed to Loraine the W 1/2 of Lot 11, Con 4, Huntingdon, to be equally divided among their children at their death. He also gave the Gerows a yoke of oxen.

So far as we know they had ten or possibly eleven children. The older children (Mary, Margaret, Isaac and possibly George), were born in Ameliasburgh and the younger were born in Huntingdon. In the 1861 census of Huntingdon Twp, Hastings County, there were six children: Mary 17, Margaret 13, Isaac 11, George Addison 8, Charles 6, and John A., a year old. In the 1871 census John and Loraine were still in Huntingdon with their postal address Moira. By this time they had a family of ten or eleven children, the oldest ones married and off on their own, two others dead of scarlet fever, and the remaining four youngest still at home. It seemed a settled existence.

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In the decade before this, however, their son Isaac and various Morden cousins had moved to western Ontario to pioneer there and John became restless. In 1885 when he was about sixty-five he moved to Armour Twp, Muskoka District, and started a brickyard near Burks Falls. The 1891 census showed that John, aged 71, had become a cheese maker. Loraine was 67. None of the children remained at home.

Loraine died there 13 January 1901. John died 15 February 1908 in Armour Township.

### Sources:

1861 and 1871 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp.

1891 Census Muskoka District, Armour & Ryerson.

Hancocks, Hastings Co Marriages 1858-1869.

1879 Hastings Co Directory.

Ontario Land Records, Hastings Co, Madoc Twp, #984, 985.

James A. Gerow, 1414 Cuthbertson Place, Thunder Bay,  
Ont P7E 5L2.

Kenneth E. Hasbrouk, Giraud-Gerow Famly in America, vol.2.  
1982.

Register of the Descendants of Nehemiah Hubble and Lucretia  
Welton, by Berniece Treleaven et al, 1997. p, 40.

Wanamaker. John Babcock, UE, Ensign, New Jersey Volunteers,  
p.183.

Wanamaker. Parliament.

Wanamaker. Roblin.

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B. Children of Loraine Morden and John Gerow:

1. Mary GEROW, born 1844, Ameliasburgh. She was 17 in 1861. She and her sister Margaret shared a bequest from their grandfather Morden in 1861 when he willed them "four cows that are now in their possession."

2. Margaret GEROW, born c1846, Ameliasburgh. She shared with her sister Mary in the four cows bequeathed by their grandfather.

Margaret married Bidwell OSBORN, son of John and Rebecca, on 18 March 1868. Bidwell was born in 1846. Both were living in Huntingdon at the time of their marriage and were still there in the 1871 census. Bidwell claimed Scottish ancestry.

Sources:

Hancocks, Hastings County Marriages 1858-1869.  
1871 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp.

3. Isaac M. GEROW, born c1847, Ameliasburgh. He was 11 in the 1861 census, 21 in 1871, 41 in 1891. Quite possibly his middle name was "Morden".

When James P. Morden died he left to his grandson Isaac "a certain Bay colt that they now have in their possession."

Isaac married a Huntingdon Township girl called Mehatable or Hatable, daughter of Sidney and Sytha. They were married on 9 February 1868. Unfortunately the marriage record omitted their surnames. Hatable was born c1848 (20 in 1868). They were living in Huntingdon in 1871 and had a one-year old baby named Mary. Some time during this decade Mehatable died and Isaac married a second wife, Isabella MENZIES, called Bella. Her origin was Scottish.

So far as we know Isaac had five children. Mary was Mehatable's daughter. The other four children were probably Bella's although it is possible that Catherine was Mehatable's daughter.

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In 1878 Isaac and Bella moved to the Muskoka District and settled on Lot 2, Con 9, Armour Township. The 1891 census showed them there with four children ranging in ages from four to twelve. Isaac had given up farming and was employed as a fireman and stationary engineer. Religion, Baptist.

### Sources:

Will of James P. Morden.  
1861 and 1871 Census Hastings Co, Huntingdon Twp.  
1891 Census Muskoka District, Armour Twp.  
Hancocks, Hastings County Marriages 1858-1869.

### Children:

- a. **Mary GEROW** born c1870, daughter of Isaac and Mehatable. She was one in the 1871 census. She was not with the family in 1891; probably married? Or died young?
- b. **Catherine L. GEROW** born c1879 (12 in 1891). It is not known if her mother was Mehatable or Isabella.
- c. **Robert J. GEROW** born c1882 (9 in 1891), probably son of Bella.
- d. **George B. GEROW** born c1884 (7 in 1891) probably son of Bella.
- e. **Minnie E. GEROW** born c1887 (age 4 in 1891). Probably daughter of Bella. She was obviously named after her aunt Minnie, the wife of Bentley Mercer Gerow.

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B. Children of Loraine Morden and John Gerow:

4. George Addison GEROW b. 1853. His grandfather willed him "a certain Bay Mare that is now in their possession", a handsome bequest to a boy of ten.

George contracted scarlet fever and died in May 1871 at age sixteen. He was missing from the 1871 census.

5. Charles GEROW born 1859, Huntingdon Twp, Hastings Co. He died in April 1871 of scarlet fever. Absent from the 1871 census.

6. John A. Gerow, born 1860, Huntingdon Twp, Hastings Co.

7. [Bentley] Mercer GEROW, born 1861, Huntingdon Twp, Hastings Co. Age 10 in 1871.

He married Minnie Estella COMERFORD, daughter of Owen Comerford and Sarah Meredith, and lived in Armour Twp. Owen Comerford was born in Ontario of Irish ancestry and Sarah was born in England.

They had three children, the youngest, Sarah, being born just about the time that her father died on 22 June, 1890. Cause of his death was pneumonia. In the 1891 census Minnie E. was a widow, age 30, with children John M., Charles and Sarah. Religion, Methodist. She, her children, and her parents were all living in the same household. Her nearest neighbor was Isaac Gerow and I have read that she had a son, Isaac, by him.

Minnie married 2: Andrew MILLAR and by him had two children, Andrew Millar and Janet Millar. One of Mercer's descendants claims that Sarah was the daughter of Millar, but the 1891 census showed that Sarah was born before Minnie had married Millar. It is possible, but unlikely, that Sarah Gerow died and that a Millar baby was named Sarah.

The 1891 Census of Armour Twp showed Andrew Millar, widower, 39, with six children. James A. Gerow of Thunder Bay has traced the Millar children.

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Children of Mercer Gerow and Minnie:

a. **John M. GEROW**, born c1882. He married:  
1: Minnie McGAR.  
2: Gert TRAVIS.

b. **Charles Addison GEROW** born 6 April 1884. He married Mary Caroline SPICER, daughter of William Edward Spicer and Martha Ann Carson on 24 December in Burks Falls. Mary was born 14 April 1889 in Milgrove, Wentworth Co. This couple had eleven children who have been traced by their grandson, James Addison Gerow of Thunder Bay. Charles died 19 November 1962, Burks Falls. Mary died there 8 April 1969.

Source:

James A. Gerow, 1414 Cuthbertson Place, Thunder Bay, Ont, P7E 5L2.

c. **Sarah GEROW** born in 1890. She was 8 months old in the 1891 census.

8. **Ann Augusta GEROW**, daughter of Loraine and John, born c1864, Huntingdon Twp, Hastings Co. Age 7 in 1871. She married twice:

- 1: **John MENZIES**
- 2: **Fred KERR**

9. **Ella or Millicent GEROW**, daughter of Loraine and John, born c1866, Huntingdon Twp, Hastings Co. "Melissa" age 5 in 1871.

She married HULBERT and lived in Armour Township.

10. **James GEROW**, son of Loraine and John, born c1869, Huntingdon Twp, Hastings Co. Age 2 in 1871.

11.? Possibly there was another daughter named **Catherine**, although this is debatable. Wanamaker stated that she was born 4 July 1856 which would locate her between the two boys who died of scarlet fever. She did not appear with the family in the 1861 or 1871 census. She died 21 Feb 1929. James A. Gerow could not place her with the family.

Source: Wanamaker. Parliament p. 59.

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C. Sarah M. MORDEN, daughter of James P. Morden and Catherine Babcock, was born 1827.

She married William MERCER, who was born in 1822 in Canada West. In the 1861 census they were in Rednersville living in a frame 1 1/2 story house. William was a carriage maker age 39, Sarah was 33, and their two daughters, Catherine and Alice, were 15 and 12 respectively.

Sarah's father in his will of 1861 bequeathed to her and William "*all that house and lot situated in Rednersville where they now reside being on the east side of the road leading to the second concession, and also a corner lot and lot adjoining east where the yellow store now stands...in Rednersville on the north side of the road leading to the Carrying Place.*" He also gave them 12 acres, part of Lot 69, 2d Con Ameliasburgh. Belden's 1878 Atlas showed W. Mercer owner of a small property on Con 2, Lot 69, a little east of Rednersville on the marsh front.

In an 1879 Directory William was making waggons in Rednersville on part of lot 76. In the 1881 census he was described as a carriage maker and wheelwright in Rednersville. William was 58, Sarah 53, and Catharine 33. The family religion was Church of England.

William died 5 May 1890 aged 67 years, 11 months, 24 days. In 1891 his widow Sarah M. Mercer was 62 years old, a Methodist, living in Ameliasburgh. She died 18 Sep 1896 at 69 years, 2 months. Their graves in Albury Cemetery, Ameliasburgh, are marked by two thin limestone monuments.

### Sources:

1861 Census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh, D3 Rednersville Ward, p. 37.

1881 Census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh D1, p. 55.

Hastings Co Directory 1879-80, Ameliasburgh, Pr Ed Co.  
Albury Cemetery, tombstone.

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### C. Children of Sarah Morden and William Mercer:

#### 1. Catherine M. MERCER 1846-1908.

Catharine married late and had no children. She was 33 and still living with her parents in the 1881 census.

She married H. Valleau SAUNDERS of Sophiasburgh. Although I know nothing of this family I surmise that his parents were Isaac Saunders and Phoebe Valleau, a Sophiasburgh couple who had a son named Valleau.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte said Catherine's husband was C.N. Saunders.

Belden's 1878 Atlas showed an H. Saunders who owned a small part of Lot 21, Con 1 West of Green Point. This was on the Bay of Quinte just east of Northport.

Their tombstone (1836-1908) is in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton.

#### Sources:

Wanamaker's Cemetery Book.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Valleau family p. 825.

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C. Children of Sarah Morden and William Mercer:

2. Alice Ophelia MERCER born 1849 in Rednersville, Ameliasburgh Twp.

Alice married Albert James HUFF, son of Peter Huff and Julia Langdon, on 3 Oct 1871, Rednersville. Albert was a bachelor of 32, a farmer, born c1839, Ameliasburgh, (no doubt on Huff's Island). Alice was a spinster of 21, and both were Wesleyan Methodists. The Huffs were a Loyalist family that settled on Huff's Island, Ameliasburgh, and did lumbering and farming there. The story of grandfather Solomon Huff's early years is in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte pp. 408-419.

Belden's Atlas showed Albert Huff living on Huff's Island on Con 3, Lot 60 in 1878. They had three children, a son born in 1872, and two younger daughters, Florence and Mabel.

Albert died 18 Dec 1926; Alice died 15 Oct 1927. Both are buried in Albury Cemetery, Ameliasburgh.

Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1871, Prince Edward Co.

George Lockwood Trigg. A Huff Genealogy, descendants of Engelbert Huff of Dutchess County, N.Y. Bowie MD, Heritage Books 1992. p.111.

1881 census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh Twp.

Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties 1878.

Albury Cemetery.

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Children of Alice and Albert:

a. William Clayton HUFF born 16 Sep 1872, son of Albert Huff and Alice Mercer, Ameliasburgh. Dr. Burdett was the physician. He married Ethel Gertrude BISHOP, daughter of Charles Bishop, in Toronto on 22 Feb 1918. Source: Ontario Birth Records 1872, Prince Edward Co #16828.

a. Florence HUFF born c1874 (7 in 1881 census). She married Rev. W. B. TUCKER in Toronto.

b. [Frances] Mabel Beatrice HUFF born 4 Apr 1875, Ameliasburgh. She married her cousin, Charles Herbert BABBITT, son of Elkanah Babbitt and Ellen Morden (see p.152). He was born 8 Apr 1868. They had three sons, Harold and Sherman and Harry. Mabel died 19 Dec 1933 aged 58. Charles died 15 Jan 1945. They are buried in Albury Cemetery.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1875, Prince Edward Co #18201.

For their three children see Charles Herbert Babbitt.

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D. Isaac MORDEN, son of James P. Morden and Catherine Babcock, was born in 1830, the only son in a family of girls. He died an untimely death on 1 April 1849, aged 19 years, 10 days. Unmarried. His grave is in Albury Cemetery beside his parents.

E. Phoebe Ann MORDEN, daughter of James P. Morden and Catherine Babcock, was born c1833 (28-1861, 38-1871).

She married John Wesley WAY, son of Daniel F. Way and Margaret Wright of Roblins Mills, Ameliasburgh. The village was originally called Way's Mills. John was born c1835, calculated from his census ages 26-1861, 37-1871. John and Phoebe lived in Ameliasburgh "*on the old place*," wrote Egerton Morden. This was 100 acres on Con 1, part lot 68, Rednersville. As John's name suggests this was a Wesleyan Methodist family.

Phoebe and John were probably married around 1855. It appears they prospered for in 1861 this young couple owned a pleasure carriage. Probably it had been made by Phoebe's brother-in-law William Mercer who built waggons and carriages in Rednersville. They had two children, Isaac and Frank.

In the will of Phoebe Ann's father James P., made in 1861, he willed them half of his farm on Con 1, Ameliasburgh, provided they pay \$1000. to Mary Elizabeth Post as her share.

In the 1871 Ameliasburgh census there were three members of the household: John Way 37, Phebe A. 38, and Frank A. 15.

Phoebe died in 1882 at 49 years, 6 months. John died 15 May 1897 at 62. Both were buried in Albury Cemetery.

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### Sources:

1861 and 1871 census Ameliasburgh.

Directory of Hastings County 1879.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, p. 919, Way family.

Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Co 1878.

### Children of Phoebe Morden and John Way:

1. Isaac **WAY**. He probably died young since he did not appear in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte or in the 1861 or 1871 census.

2. Frances A. **WAY**, "Frank", born c1856, date calculated from census ages 5-1861, 15-1871.

She married James M. **FARLEY**, son of Thomas D. Farley and Emeline F. Stickney. His residence was Belleville. The baptisms of his brothers and sisters are in the records for Sidney Twp., Hastings Co, but his is not included.

### Children:

a. Edna W. **FARLEY**. Unmarried.

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F. Ellen Rebecca MORDEN, daughter of James P. Morden and Catherine Babcock, was born 11 Apr 1836. Most records call her Ellen and she is Ellen R. on her tombstone, but in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte she is Ella, in her husband's will she is Eleanor, and A. Arnold names her Helen. The 1901 census uses three names, H. Elen R.

Ellen married Elkanah BABBITT, son of Henry Babbitt and Elizabeth Thorn, in 1861. Although the Babbitts were originally from Massachusetts Henry's parents were both born in Gagetown, New Brunswick and married there. They came to Prince Edward Co in 1836 and Elkanah was born in Hillier the following year on 5 Nov 1837.

The young couple made their home with Ellen's father, recently bereaved by his wife's death. Just about the time that James P. shared his household with Ellen and her husband he set his affairs in order and wrote a will (1861) dividing his Ameliasburgh farm between two of his daughters, Ellen and Phebe Ann. The half left to Ellen and Elkanah was the E 1/2 of Lot 69, Con 1, Ameliasburgh. They were to pay to Catherine Jones, sister, £300 as her share. James died in 1861, and Belden's Atlas of 1878 showed that his property had been made into two one-hundred-acre farms owned by the brothers-in-law, Elkanah Babbitt and J. W. Way. An idealized view of Elkanah's fine estate, showing the substantial house built by his father-in-law, with the barn, cattle, orchards, teams of horses, his wife, two children and the dog, all against a background of the Bay of Quinte, appeared in the Atlas. On another page was this modest tribute:

*Mr. Babbitt, though quiet and unostentatious in manner, is among our most intelligent and enterprising farmers, having a high reputation among his neighbors for those qualities which combine to make the popular gentleman and useful citizen.*

Ellen and Elkanah had two children, Alma Blanche and Charley. There is a birth record for a third child, Elmer B., but this is so similar to Alma B. that one wonders if the clerk wrote the name wrong. The family religion was Anglican.

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Their tranquil lives had exciting moments. When William Henry Redner was reminiscing he recalled, "One day after I was married, one Sunday morning when we were all in church Elkanah Babbitt came up the road on horseback and ordered us all out to be prepared to go west to defend the frontier against the raid of the Fenians. I didn't go and it was just as well because it wasn't much of a scrap after all." This refers to the Fenian raids of 1866 and was recalled in his obituary, "Mr. Babbitt in the troublous times of 1866 did duty for his country and was at his death a member of the Veteran's Association. He was in the true sense of the word a staunch Canadian."

Elkanah made a will on 21 Feb 1907 providing for his wife "Eleanor" and their two children. To Ellen he left "*the farm on which I now live,*" the E 1/2 of Lot 68, Con 1, Ameliasburgh. Note that this number does not agree with the Lot 69 of James P.'s will. His wife also received some adjoining land to the east, the farm stock and implements, the interest from various investments and from Elkanah's \$3000. life insurance policy. Son Charles Herbert was given some land on Con 2, Ameliasburgh, adjoining his farm on the east, and also was to have \$4000. plus half of any remaining money, and was to share with his brother-in-law Alexander Anderson a steel roller. Alma and Alexander were also to have land adjoining their farm. Alma Blanche's share of the estate was to be half of what was left after Charles received his \$4000. It was a man's world! Finally, Elkanah directed his executors to erect a suitable monument, cost not to exceed \$400, at the family plot in Albury Cemetery.

Elkanah died on 15 May 1908 in Ameliasburgh, and was duly interred in Albury. Ellen died five years later at her daughter's home. Her death record reads:

*Babbit, Ellen Rebecca, died 3 Oct 1913; born 11 April 1836. Age 77 years.*

*Residence Ameliasburgh, lady, widow.*

*daughter of Morden, James and .... Babcock.*

*Cause: Senility and gangrene. Duration, 3 months.*

The monument as Elkanah specified is a substantial pink granite stone with their names engraved side by side.

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### Sources:

Ontario Death Records 1913, Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh #28113.

Prince Edward County, Surrogate Court Records. Elkanah's will, LDS mfilm 1435,778. Photocopy is in my source notebook. 1851 census Prince Edward Co, Hillier. Elkanah 15-1851.

1861, 1871, 1891, 1901 census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh. The Searchlight, vol 2, no 2, Summer 1982, 1896 obit of Henry Babbitt.

The Searchlight, vol 3, no.1, Spring 1983, Babbitt Family Bible Records.

Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties 1878, p. xxii, col.1.

William Bradford Browne. The Babbitt Family History. Taunton, Mass, 1912.

Dr. W. K. Burr, Historical Sketches of Prince Edward County.

D.K. Redner, It's Good to get Home, Belleville, Mika, 1983. p.38.

Cruickshank, Stokes and de Visser, The Settler's Dream. A Pictorial History of the older Buildings of Prince Edward County. Picton, 1934.

Wanamaker's Cemetery Book.

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F. Children of Ellen Morden and Elkanah Babbitt:

1. Elmer B. BABBITT. Elmer B., child "*of Elkana Babbatt and E., born 4 July 1863, Ameliasburgh. Baptized 17 May 1867, Ameliasburgh.*" Baptized by F. Coleman. One questions whether there was actually a son called Elmer, or whether this is an erroneous record for Alma B. below. One needs to see the actual record.

Source:

Index of the Wesleyan Baptismal Record of Prince Edward Co 1841-1888, comp by Bob and Verona Milner, March 1990.

2. [Alma] Blanche BABBITT born c1865, date calculated from census 6-1871, 15-1881. She was baptized in Ameliasburgh by Rev. F. Coleman. Dates of birth and baptism were omitted from his record. Was the Rev Coleman absent-minded and was this possibly a duplicate of the record for "Elmer B."?

She married Alexander Harper ANDERSON, born 23 Feb 1864 in Ameliasburgh, son of Squire William Anderson, M.P., and Mary Ann Potts. He was baptized 17 April by W. M. Pattyson.

Alex purchased the farm of Blanche's uncle, John W. Way on the front road, part Lot 68, Con 1, Ameliasburgh. He died in 1917. Dr Burr wrote, "Alexander died in early manhood. He was a general favorite and his death was much lamented."

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Sources:

Index of the Wesleyan Baptismal Record of Prince Edward Co 1841-1888, comp by Bob and Verona Milner, March 1990.  
D. K. Redner, It Happened in Prince Edward County, Belleville, Mika, 1976. The Anderson Family, pp.36-39.  
Dr. W. K. Burr, Historical Sketches of Prince Edward County, Picton, 1971. p. 213.  
Wanamaker. Parliament, p. 60.

Children (2):

a. Clara ANDERSON 1888-1955. Unmarried. She attended Albert College.

b. Roy ANDERSON born 1891 married [Eliza] Pearl FOX in 1912. He sold the farm to Brigadier Genet. Residence in Belleville. No children.

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F. Children of Ellen Morden and Elkanah Babbitt:

3. Charles Herbert BABBITT born 8 Apr 1868. "Charley" was still at home with his parents in the 1891 census, age 22.

He married his first cousin once removed, [Frances] Mabel HUFF, 1875-1933, daughter of Albert James Huff and Alice Mercer, (see p. 144). They had two children, Harold and Sherman. Charles died in 1945.

A handsome brick house with a graceful veranda turret was built by Charles Babbitt around 1895 on the front part of the old Morden property in Ameliasburgh. It is illustrated and discussed in The Settler's Dream.

Sources:

1901 census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh, gave birth dates.

Cruikshank, Stokes and de Visser, The Settler's Dream, pp. 335 and 434.

Wanamaker. Babcock p. 184 gives later generations.

Children:

a. Harold BABBITT born 1 Jan 1901. He was a 3-month-old infant in the 1901 census. He married Mary Louise HINDS, daughter of James Hinds and Clara Doonan, born 25 July 1902. Harold died 1966.

Children:

i. Barbara BABBITT.

ii. Charles H. BABBITT born 1932; married Carol ROWAN b. 1931; 2 children, Douglas and Sheri.

b. [Francis] Sherman BABBITT, born 1905, married Mary ANDERSON. He died 2 April 1973.

Children:

William Sherman BABBITT b. 1933, m. Shirley WAGNER.

c. Harry Gordon BABBITT b. 1934, m. Corinne FARGEY. 2 children, Mary Jane and Julie Corinne.

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G. Catherine MORDEN, daughter of James P. Morden and Catherine Babcock, was born September 1838. Catherine married William C. JONES, born July 1836, "a man of means" noted Egerton Morden. Catherine's portion from her father's estate in 1861 was £300.

They had two children, Florence and Clayton, who both died in 1869 within a few weeks of one another. Probably a search of the Ontario Death Records would reveal the cause.

This family lived in Belleville. The 1879 Directory of Hastings County listed "W. C. Jones, agent agricultural implements" with a house on W. William Street. In 1909 and 1911 he was still at 240 William.

Catherine died in Feb 1907. William died 26 Feb 1914. His obituary said,  
"27 Feb 1914. William C. Jones died yesterday at his residence on William St. In the year 1837 deceased was born in Hillier, Prince Edward County, and was the only surviving member of the family of the late Mr. Francis Jones, one of the pioneers of Prince Edward County. Resided in this city for the past 44 years where he was well and favorably known." The obituary went on to say that he had been in the farm implement business, was retired. Member of Bridge Street Methodist Church. Mason. Orangeman. Mrs. Jones died 7 years ago. No family survives.

Catherine and William are buried in Albury Cemetery, Ameliasburgh.

Sources:

Albury Cemetery tombstone.  
Vernon's Belleville Directories 1909 and 1911.  
Belleville Intelligencer Feb 27, 1914, p.2. Obituary.  
Wanamaker, Parliament.

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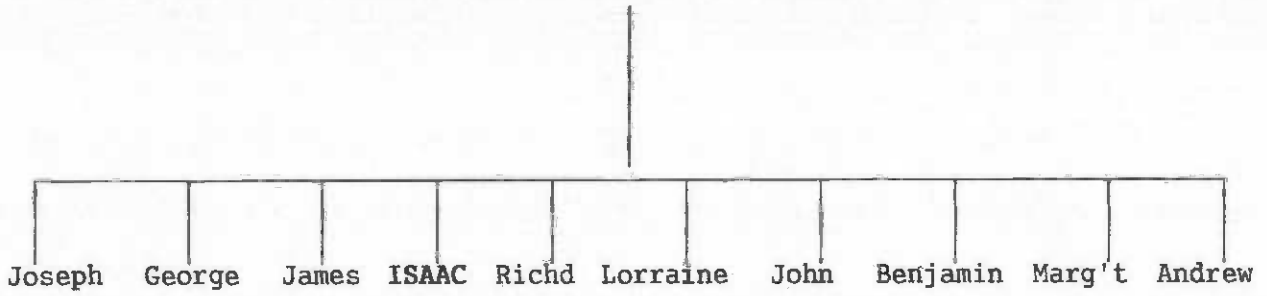
G. Children of Catherine Morden and William Jones:

1. Florence A. JONES born 1859. She died 17 May 1869 at 9 years, 7 months, 11 days. Presumably she and her younger brother were both victims of some childhood disease. Buried Albury Cemetery, Ameliasburgh.

2. Clayton C. JONES born 1871. He died 29 Apr 1869 at 7 years, 7 months, 19 days. Buried Albury Cemetery, Ameliasburgh.

These two children have matching tombstones, white limestone with dove and wreath, set side by side on one base.

JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



ISAAC MORDEN AND LUCY CRAIG

HUSBAND: Isaac Morden

Born: 30 Sep 1799                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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Died: 18 Mar 1893                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Father: James Amit Morden

Mother: Margaret Parliament

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WIFE: Lucy S. Craig

Born: circa 1811                      USA

Died: 7 Dec 1879                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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CHILDREN

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1 | Name: [Mary] Adelina Morden  
F | Born: circa 1827                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Marr:  
  |     To: John Baker  
  | Died:

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2 | Name: Sarah Emily Morden  
F | Born:            1828                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Marr: after 1846  
  |     To: Peter Brickman  
  | Marr:            1878  
  |     To: James Redner  
  | Died: 6 Apr 1896                      Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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3 | Name: Eliza Jane Morden  
F | Born:            1829                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Died: 26 Aug 1830                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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4 | Name: William Edwin Morden  
M | Born:            1831                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Died: 24 Feb 1852                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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5 | Name: Nancy Margaret Morden  
F | Born: 8 Feb 1834                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
  | Marr: est. 1859  
  |     To: William Wilson  
  | Died:

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**IV. ISAAC MORDEN**, fourth son of James Morden and Margaret Parliament, was b. 30 Sept 1799, at Northport, Sophiasburgh, and remained rooted in Sophiasburgh all his life. His father, the founder of Northport, owned over five hundred acres near the village and although Isaac had brothers who farmed nearby he was the one who took over part of the home farm.

As son of a Loyalist Isaac received a grant of land by Order-in-Council dated 22 Aug 1821. This was Lot 20, Con 5, Brock.

Isaac's brother Joseph was a shoemaker and Isaac also learned the trade. The ledgers of Samuel Munro, an early Demorestville merchant, have this, *November 5, 1823. To Isaac Morden, the shoemaker, 1 yd. cloth for apron for John his helper.* At the same time he bought 1/5 of an oxhide for 4 shillings, 8 1/d pence. Probably his helper was his younger brother John P. Shoemaking ran in families.

Isaac married Lucy S. CRAIG who was b. in the U.S.A. c1808 (53-1861; 60-1871). Wanamaker in Parliament gave the date as 1811. Lucy and Isaac had five children, Mary Adeline, Sarah Emily, William E., Eliza Jane and Nancy Margaret. Two of these, William and Eliza Jane, died young. The remaining three daughters married and left descendants.

An extract from the Kingston Chronicle of June 1, 1827 shows that there was a quarrel between Isaac and James Morden. "James Morden of Kingston, notice against Isaac Morden of Sophiasburgh for cheating him and against Joseph Trumpour re a note of hand." There were several Mordens named James, including Isaac's brother James P. Morden. This needs some researcher to read the actual notice for further information.

The Morden land holdings in Sophiasburgh are confusing. Isaac's father James owned 324 acres, Lot 25, Con 1 West of Green Point and another 200 acre farm on Con 2. In 1832, the year that his son was born, Isaac bought from Daniel Samuel Way 342 acres of Lot 24, Con 1, described as "*a site which possessed the natural beauty of inlets fronting on the bay*". Isaac built a house on it,

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but he may have waited some years before he did this. The Way's house was a small and simple stone cottage. Isaac wanted something finer. The two-story stone house that he built on the shore at the east end of Northport is discussed in books on the old houses of Prince Edward County.<sup>24</sup> One version is that he built a new house, the other that he enlarged an existing house. "*Morden built the two-storey building which forms the west side of the present complex. He used fine-cut stone, and brought limestone lintels and fine hardware from Kingston. The new structure was intended to be a wedding gift for Isaac's son, William, but when the young man died suddenly [1852] it became the home of Isaac's daughter, Nancy Morden Wilson,*" says *Homesteads*. The *Settler's Dream* version says, "*Massive in proportion and detail, the house, enlarged by Isaac Morden in the 1840s, stands with its gable end oriented towards the road in the American tradition. It adopts a sidehall plan, and contains two 'front' doors, one facing the road and another facing the bay, both enhanced by a doorcase.*"

His father died in 1840. Isaac and his parents may have had some agreement that he would take over part of the farm and look after his mother. Doubtless the long-range family plans included the unfortunate young William who died at twenty. The 1861 Agricultural census showed Isaac on Pt Lots 24 and 25, Con 1 WGP, with 260 acres valued at \$7800. His house was a two-story stone dwelling and his mother, Margaret, and a nephew Oscar H. were living with him.

Isaac was a leading citizen. During the Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837 he held a Captain's Commission in command of a troop of cavalry, the 3rd Prince Edward Militia, Canada West. The name "Captain" stuck the way "Colonel" did in Kentucky, and for the rest of his life he was called Captain Morden. In the Public Archives in Ottawa there is a garbled record of a message that he sent.

*Morden, Isaac, Captain. 3rd Prince Edward Militia C.W.  
To His Majesty Queen Victoria. Congratulations on birth of  
H.R.I. Prince Albert-Edward's representation of services of  
Baron de Rottenburg during invasion of Canada West 12-6-  
1842.*<sup>25</sup> Make of this what you will. Edward VII was born in 1841. Perhaps a period is missing after "Edward".

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<sup>24</sup>Cruikshank and Stokes, *The Settler's Dream* (Picton: Corp of Prince Edward Co, 1984) p. 289. McBurney and Byers, *Homesteads* (University of Toronto Press) pp. 54,55.

<sup>25</sup>PAC Index cards, C series. C.939, p.65.

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Isaac's name appeared in the index to the Sophiasburgh Township Papers twenty times in the years 1838-1858. Here is a sample of the entries:

1838 Account of Statute Labor done. Assessed 13 days labor. This was the highest assessment on the list.

1839 Isaac Morden appointed one of the pound keepers, also a viewer of water courses and fences.

1840 Isaac Morden assessed 11 days work on the roads.

1850 Isaac voted for David B. Solmes as Councillor for the Northport Ward.

1851 Isaac Morden, Lot 24, Con 1 WGP, on the jury list for Her Majesty's Superior Court of Criminal Jurisdiction,

1854 Isaac Morden on voter's list.

1855 Isaac on jury list.

He was a prosperous farmer of the country squire type and his obituary informs us that *"he gave great attention to raising horses in which he was very successful. It was he who first developed the Tippo Tip breed which gained such a name in later years. He was in great demand as a judge of horses at various fairs and frequently served in that capacity at Kingston and other leading centres of the district..."*

This was the era when wealth lay in real estate. I have not searched the Land Copy Books for Sophiasburgh where Isaac lived but he undoubtedly was involved in land transactions there. He had a knack for making money from real estate as the following abstracts from the Hastings County Land Copy Books show. (Microfilms are in Belleville Public Library).

Tyendinaga, Smith and McLean papers. (PAC mf C-21-8)

"O" p.258 A. No. 90. Drawn up 13 Aug 1835, signed 21 Sep.  
Billa Flint of Brockville, merchant, to Isaac Morden of Sophiasburgh, Gentleman, for £50 the N 1/2 Lot 10 Con 1, 100 acres.

No. N.4100 3 May 1836.  
Isaac Morden of Sophiasburgh, yeoman, to Andrew M. Morden, same place, labourer, for £200, the N 1/2 Lot 10, Con 1, Tyendinaga, 100 acres.

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Tyendinaga Copy Book C. (PAC mf C-21-59)

p. 7 no.6. 19 Feb 1858

William B. Wemp of Tyendinaga and his wife Jane Amarilla sold to Isaac Morden, Sophiasburgh, for £27.5s, a parcel in the town of Shannonville, 1/4 acres, Lot 10 on the NE side of Dundas St.

p.369 no.267. 2 Nov 1861

Isaac Morden, Sophiasburgh, sold to Benjamin Richards of Shannonville for £40, 1/4 acre in Shannonville, Lot 10, NE side Dundas St.

Isaac was a member of the Church of England, and an Oddfellow, "*ever distinguished for his kind and courteous bearing, and this he maintained until the last,*" said his obituary. He also had a keen memory and could give the day and date of past events.

Lucy's death came in 1879. June Allison, wrote in her diary, *1879, Dec 8, Monday. Mrs. Isaac Morden, Northport, buried today.*

In old age Isaac's household was merged with that of his daughter Nancy and her husband William Wilson. When a list of "Canada's Gallant Volunteers of 1837-38" was published in 1891 Isaac appeared: *Morden, Isaac, Capt. [age] 92 Northport.* He died at 9 A.M. Saturday, March 18, 1893, 93 years old. Flags flew at half mast in Northport and a huge crowd attended his funeral. He was buried in the Lazier Cemetery near Northport. I have not found a record of any will.

### Sources:

1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 census Sophiasburgh.  
Public Archives of Canada. Card index to military records.  
Reid's Loyalists.  
Kingston Public Library, Index to Kingston Chronicle June 1, 1827, p.3, col.2.  
Sophiasburgh Township Papers. Picton Archives.  
Ontario Death Records 1893, Prince Edward co #15273.  
Scrapbook in Belleville Public Library. Obituary.  
Cemetery record, Lazier-Cronk cemetery.  
Munro, J.E.R. Munro's Demorestville. Prince Edward Co Historical Society, 1989. Ledger extracts.  
Diaries of June Allison. Picton Archives.  
Families, v. 27, no. 1, 1988. Roll call of 1837-38 volunteers.  
Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Co, 1878.

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Children of Isaac Morden and Lucy Craig:

A. [Mary] Adeline MORDEN b. c1828 (34-1861; 44-1871; 53-1881)  
dau of Isaac MORDEN and Lucy CRAIG

She married John BAKER b. c1825 (46-1871; 56-1881). John had a farm in Sophiasburgh on Con 1 West of Green Point, Lot 22 near his father-in-law Isaac's. John and Adeline had four children, two boys, two girls. This family adhered to the Church of England.

Will of John Baker, drawn up 1 June 1896. Proved 1900. John's wife Mary Adeline was to receive all household effects and furniture and to have all interest from the estate during her lifetime. Executors were instructed to sell John's real estate and invest it to produce annual interest for her use. Upon her death each grandchild was to receive \$100. Remainder of the estate was to be divided equally among the three children. If Florence Foster's share was in danger of being seized by creditors, the amount was to be paid instead to her daughter Ada "Wolreden". Neither son-in-law, Sanford Johnson or Joseph Foster, was to benefit from his will. There were three executors, one of them son William Edwin Baker of the village of Demorestville.

John died at 75 years, 7 months, on 18 July 1900 in Sophiasburgh and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton.

### Sources:

1861 census Sophiasburgh, District 2, p.28.

1871 and 1881 census, Sophiasburgh, Prince Ed Co.

Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Ed p. 45.

Wanamaker. Parliament family.

Prince Edward Co Surrogate Court. Will of John Baker, Ref. No 1320. 21 - Grant Book 15, Register 408. LDS mf 815,131. (Copy is on file in sourcebook).

Card index of cemeteries. O.G.S. library, Ameliasburgh.

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### A. Children of Adeline Morden and John Baker.

1. James E. BAKER was eleven in 1861, the eldest child of four. He seemingly died young. There was no mention of him among the "three children" of his father's will.

2. William Edwin BAKER was born in Northport, Sophiasburgh Tp. c1853 (8-1861).

At age 23 he married Emma Hamilton SMITH, daughter of Samuel N. Smith and Emma Hamilton. Emma was 19 and had been born and lived in Demorestville. The marriage took place on 6 Sept 1876 at the residence of Samuel N. Smith, Smith Mills, Sophiasburgh. Witnesses were Emma's sister Emily A. Johnson and her husband Sandford Johnson, both of Kingston. The groom was Church of England, the bride, Methodist. Rev. James M. Boyd, Presbyterian minister married them. (Ontario Marriage Registers, 1876, Prince Ed. Co, p.360, #009458.mf 1863647.

Emma lived from 1857-1938. William d. in 1938. He was one of the executors of his father's will; did not remain on the farm as it was to be sold by the terms of the will.

#### Sources:

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte p. 759.  
Wanamaker, Parliament, p. 61.

#### Children:

a. Pearl M. BAKER d. 1909. She m. Ernest CORK.

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A. Children of Adeline Morden and John Baker.

3. Emily A. BAKER b. c1855, (5-1861), Northport.

She m. Sanford JOHNSON, born Athol, Prince Edward Co, c1849, son of James and Mary Johnson. In the marriage record his residence was Kingston and his occupation was traveling agent. The couple were married in Northport on 23 Dec 1875 by the Rev. James M. Boyd, Presbyterian Clergyman, and witnesses were D. L. Bongard of Picton and Emma Boulter of Demorestville. Pioneer Life called him Sanford Johnson of Toronto.

Source:

(Ontario Marriage Registers 1876, Prince Ed Co, p.356 #009448, mf 1863647).

Children:

a. J. Franklin JOHNSON

b. Orlena C. JOHNSON

c. Inis JOHNSON

d. Fern JOHNSON

e. James JOHNSON

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4. Florence BAKER age 3, was with the Hawley family in Adolphustown in 1861 and was also listed with the children of John and Mary Baker in Sophiasburgh as Florence Hicks [Baker], age 2.

Florence H. BAKER was twice married.  
1st: Brenton R. WOOLWARD or WOOLIVER or WOLREDEN or WOLERER. John Baker's will suggests that Brenton may have died leaving debts. If any creditors tried to attach Florence's share of her father's estate the bequest was to be revoked and passed to her daughter Adeline.

She m. 2d: Joseph FOSTER of Sophiasburgh, son of Warren G. Foster and Sarah A. Dorland. There were no children. Like Sanford Johnson, in no circumstances was he to receive money from his father-in-law's estate. Pioneer Life stated in one place that he lived in Sophiasburgh (Foster family), but in another spot said U.S.A. (Morden family). Belden's Atlas showed: Joseph Foster, Con 1, W.G.P., Sophiasburgh. After Florence's death he married Edith Lazier.

Children:

a. Adeline WOOLWARD or WOOLIVER. She was called Ada in her grandfather's will.

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B. Sarah Emily MORDEN 1828-1896, daughter of Isaac MORDEN and Lucy CRAIG. Her age in census records was 32-1861, 43-1871, 52-1881. She was twice married and since both her husbands were Ameliasburgh men she lived her adult life in Ameliasburgh.

She m: 1. Peter BRICKMAN, son of William BRICKMAN and his first wife Deborah OSTRANDER, born in 1816, Sophiasburgh.

Peter's first wife was Mary Gill Conger by whom he had three children, Victoria, Theodosia and William. After Mary's death in 1845<sup>26</sup> he married Sarah Emily. This created another of Prince Edward County's intertangled relationships. Loraine Morden was Sarah Emily's aunt so Loraine became Peter's aunt by marriage. When William Brickman took as his second wife Loraine Morden she became in addition Peter's stepmother. (See page 538).

They lived in Ameliasburgh on Con 1, Lot 72, on a 200-acre farm with a stone house. A Wesleyan Methodist family. There were four children of this marriage, Adeline, Eugenia, Augusta and Edwin. The 1871 census showed Peter 54, Sarah 43, Eugenia 21, Jane A. 19, and Edward 17.

Peter died on 5 August 1872 at "55 yrs 11 mo, 21 days" and was buried in Albury cemetery. His death certificate showed that the cause of death was "palsy" and the duration of illness 3 weeks. James Redner, Rednersville merchant, informed the authorities.

Will of Peter Brickman, Ameliasburgh, yeoman, drawn up 23 June 1868.<sup>27</sup>

1. Wife Emily Brickman given the E 1/2 Lot 72, Con 1, Ameliasburgh, with part of the house: the two east rooms, 2 bedrooms, hall and part of the cellar, woodhouse, and waggon

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<sup>26</sup> Mary C., wife of Peter Brickman, died March 14, 1846, aged 27 yrs, 7 mo, 1 d. Tombstone in White Chapel Cemetery has a poem.

Victoria d. Mar 21, 1846 AE 4 yrs & [1 dy?].

William Wellington Brickman, son of Peter and Mary was b. 20 Dec 1844; bapt 17 May 1848. (Methodist Church Registers, Pr. Ed. Co).

<sup>27</sup>LDS mf 815,128. Photocopy is in my source notebook.

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house, with the understanding that the girls were to have a home with their mother until they got married. Emily also to have 4 cows, 10 sheep, 1 horse and its harness, 1 buggy, 1 cutter, for her lifetime or widowhood. Emily also to have W 1/2 Lot 72, Con 1 Ameliasburgh until son Edwin Alpheus was 21. If she married she was to have 3 cows, 7 sheep, furniture and \$200. Wife Sarah E. was to pay off all that was due of the \$1500. for the farm bought for son William W. Brickman.

2. Son Edwin Alpheus Brickman to have W 1/2 Lot 72, Con 1, 100 acres and buildings, and the E 1/2 of Lot 72 except Sarah's rooms, when he was 21. Edwin A. to pay brother William W. \$1500. in installments.

3. Daughter Mary Adalina Brickman  
Daughter Eugina Matilda Brickman  
Daughter Jane Augusta Brickman

Each one to receive the same as daughter Theodora [Theodosia?] Anderson at marriage: 3 cows, 7 sheep and \$40.

Six years after Peter's death Sarah married 2: James REDNER, born 4 Aug 1812, Ameliasburgh, son of Henry Redner Jr. and Jemima Ostrander. They were married 18 March 1878 in Belleville by Rev. J. C. Ash. James, termed "Gentleman", was 65, and Sarah was 49. Both were Canadian Methodists. Witnesses were James Conger of Belleville and Eugene Clarke of Barrie. It was a second marriage for James who had first married Letitia Anderson 1816-1876.

James was of Palatine German origin. The Redners were good businessmen who had founded the village of Rednersville and were highly respected. D. K. Redner in his account of the Redner family wrote:<sup>28</sup>

*James, an enterprising man, was a merchant and grain buyer for several years. It was this man who built the store and warehouses on the water's brink to store many bushels of grain, most of which was barley during the barley boom when so much was shipped to the United States. DKR went on to say that James married Sarah Minaker, but he may have confused two James Redners. A book on pioneer houses shows a photograph of the fine stone home of James Redner, Ameliasburgh, which had been built by his father from stone and lumber from their own farm.*<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>28</sup>D. K. Redner, It's good to Get Home (Belleville, Mika, 1983), "The Redner Family" p. 16ff.

<sup>29</sup>Margaret McBurney and Mary Byers, Homesteads, (Toronto: Univ. of Toronto Press)

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James and Sarah appeared in the 1881 census of Ameliasburgh, James 68, Sarah E. 38, and also in the household was Elizabeth Munro, age 20, daughter of Sarah's cousin Mary Munro. They were a Canadian Methodist family.

James Redner died in 1894 and Sarah two years later. She was buried beside her first husband, Peter, in Albury Cemetery, Ameliasburgh. A tall limestone post serves for both.

*Sarah E. Morden  
wife of  
Peter Brickman  
died  
Apr 6, 1896  
aged  
67 yrs, 9 mos*

### Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1878, Prince Edward Co #9479.  
Ontario Death Records 1872, Prince Edward Co #28493.  
Nathaniel Solmes Morden's notes.  
1861, 1871, 1881 census Ameliasburgh  
Wanamaker, Parliament family pp. 61-66  
Wanamaker, Brickman family, pp. 17, 23, 24,  
Wanamaker, Redner family, p.8  
Burr, Historical Sketches p.355, Albury Cemetery Records.  
Prince Edward County Wills in Picton. 863, Ref 27-24-504 Book  
A. Will of Peter Brickman.

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B. Children of Sarah Emily Morden and Peter Brickman:

1. Mary Adeline BRICKMAN b. c1848 (13-1861),  
Ameliasburgh.

She m. Roger David CONGER of Belleville, son of David and Elizabeth, on 5 Oct 1868. Roger was born in Prince Edward Co in 1838 and died in 1905. Mary A. died 25 Feb 1926 at the residence of her son-in-law George A. Kingston of Toronto. She was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Sources:

Hancocks, Prince Edward County Marriages 1858-1869.  
Belleville Intelligencer, 24 Feb 1926.

Children :

- a. Elizabeth CONGER m. George A. KINGSTON, lived Toronto.
- b. Arthur J. CONGER m. Elise EBBERT; lived at Geisman, Louisiana.
- c. Edward D. CONGER m. 1: Lillie BURR  
m. 2: Sylvia..., lived at Mercoal, Alberta.

2. Eugenia Matilda BRICKMAN b. c1850 (11-1861, 21-1871)  
m. William Alexander CLARKE.<sup>30</sup>

*William Alex Clarke, 27, born Barrie, Simcoe Co, bachelor, farmer, son of Robert and Ann Clarke, m. Eugenia Matilda Brickman, 27, res Belleville, b. Rednersville, spinster, daughter of Peter and Sarah Brickman.*

*Witnesses: Benjamin W. Wilson Clarke, Barrie and Lydia B. Cronk, Picton.*

*1 Nov 1877, Belleville. Bride and groom were Methodists. Married by Ephraim B. Harper.*

They lived in Markham and had four children:

- a. Clara CLARKE 1878-1962 m. Morley CURRIE, M.D. 1869-1944, who lived in Picton. For their three children see Wanamaker, Parliament p.62.
- b. Lucy CLARKE m. Mungo NASMITH
- c. Lottie CLARKE m. Edwin FRANKISH M.D.
- d. Roy CLARKE m. Marjorie BOOTH.

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<sup>30</sup>Ontario Marriage Records, 1877, Hastings Co, Belleville, p. 520. #003708, MF 1863648.

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B. Children of Sarah Emily Morden and Peter Brickman:

3. [Jane] Augusta BRICKMAN 1852-1930 m.<sup>31</sup> Lawrence SPRAGUE of Mountain View who lived 1845-1925.

*Lawrence Sprague, 30, res Ameliasburgh, b. Ameliasburgh, bachelor, farmer, son of Sylvenus and Emma Sprague, m. Jane Augusta Brickman, 24, res. and born Ameliasburgh, daughter of Peter and Sarah Brickman. m. Jan 31, 1877, Ameliasburgh. Both Can. Methodists.*

Source:

Ontario Marriage Records 1877, Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh p. 267.

Children:

a. Charles Grant SPRAGUE b. 26 Dec 1877, Ameliasburgh. He married Emma TERWILLIGAR 1879-1937. He died 1960.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1878, Prince Edward Co #27250.

(See Wanamaker, Parliament for their daughter).

b. Lillian SPRAGUE 1882-1956, unmarried.

c. Adeline SPRAGUE b. 1889 m. Benjamin Young ANDERSON 1890-1971. No children.

4. Edwin Alpheus BRICKMAN 1854-1928. Edwin inherited his father's Ameliasburgh farm. He m. Mary TEMPLETON 1856-1925 and lived in Toronto. They had a family of nine children who all migrated to western Canada. Edwin was living in Alberta in 1926 when he was mentioned in his sister Mary's obituary.

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<sup>31</sup> Ontario Marriage Records 1877, Prince Edward Co, p.267 Ameliasburgh, mf 1863650.

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### Children of Edwin and Mary:

a. Joseph BRICKMAN 1882-1949 m. Rebecca KINGSTON who was b. in Ireland. She d. 1950. Joseph was a mill owner at Powell River, B.C.  
3 children listed in Wanamaker.

b. Aileen BRICKMAN b. 1884; m. Roy WESTBROOK; they farmed around Viking, Alberta.  
4 children listed in Wanamaker.

c. Roger BRICKMAN married and farmed near Viking, Alberta.  
No children.

d. Sarah BRICKMAN m. Herbert COOPER and kept a store at Phillips, Alberta.  
6 children

e. William James BRICKMAN b. 20 Feb 1890, Ameliasburgh, according to a census. Wanamaker says 1889-1957. He m. Phoebe R. REEVES b. 1893. William was a bank manager at Manville, Alberta.  
A daughter, Mrs. Peter Smart of Victoria, B.C. was seeking information on the Mordens in 1965 (Picton Gazette).

f. Ella BRICKMAN m. Thurston THOMPSON. Ella was a nurse at Tacoma, Washington.  
One child.

g. Arthur BRICKMAN died young.

h. Bessie BRICKMAN b. 1894, m. John D. ELLIOTT and operated a motel at Tacoma, Washington.  
3 children listed in Wanamaker.

i. Charles Lawrence BRICKMAN b. 1897. He was a farmer near Viking, Alberta.  
m. 1: Jean .. who died with her first child.  
m. 2: Mildred. Had one child.

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C. Eliza Jane MORDEN, daughter of Isaac Morden and Lucy Craig, born 1829.

She died 26 Aug 1830 aged 1 year and 1 month. Buried Lazier-Cronk Cemetery, Sophiasburgh.

D. William Edwin MORDEN, son of Isaac Morden and Lucy Craig, born 1831.

He died 24 Feb 1852 at 20 years, 7 months. At the time of his death his father was building a fine limestone house as a wedding gift for him, but as things turned out his sister Nancy Wilson was the one who lived in it. Buried in Lazier-Cronk Cemetery, Sophiasburgh.

E. Nancy Margaret MORDEN, daughter of Isaac Morden and Lucy Craig, born 8 Feb 1834.

She married William WILSON, born 15 Sep 1826, in Ontario of Irish parents. Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte says, "*Her husband, William Wilson, was the son of Benjamin Wilson, who came to Simcoe County about 1818, and eleven years afterwards returned to Armagh, Ireland, and brought out his widowed mother accompanied by his sister Allie (who had married Joshua Pearson), and Margaret who had married Robert Cross. They all settled in Simcoe County, including William, during the first six years of his married life. In 1875 he removed to Sophiasburgh and bought two hundred and fifty acres of land, which was the old James Morden homestead, where he resides with his wife and family.*" This story does not fully agree with the known facts. William and Nancy were probably married around 1859 in Sophiasburgh. If they did live in Simcoe County it must have been in the early 1860s, for they were Prince Edward County in the Sophiasburgh census records for 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901. Research in Simcoe County records should clear this up.

## THE ISAAC MORDEN LINE

William and Nancy moved into the house near Northport, Sophiasburgh Twp, originally intended for her deceased brother William. This was on Isaac Morden's farm, Lot 24, Con 1, West of Green Point. Belden's Atlas showed another property in Northport belonging to William Wilson, possibly the same man. There were three children, William Jr, Benjamin and Lucy.

As the years passed their household swelled or shrank with the changing generations. In 1871 there were seven: William, Nancy, their three children and Nancy's parents. In 1881 this group had lost Nancy's mother. In 1891 they dwindled to three, William, Nancy, and her father Isaac, aged 91. In 1901 there were again seven. William and Nancy were approaching old age, and were sharing the house with son Frank and his wife and their 3 children. Isaac's obituary of 1893 refers to "*Mrs. William Wilson who lived on the homestead with her father...*" William and Nancy adhered to the Church of England while the rest of the family were New Connection Methodists.

William died at Northport on 27 May 1906 at age 80. Dr. Cryan said the cause of death was "Paralysis of heart, about 2 weeks' duration."

### Sources:

1871, 1881 1891 and 1901 census Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh.  
Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties 1878.  
Obituary of Isaac Morden.  
Ontario Death Records 1906, Prince Edward Co #25280. William.  
McBurney and Byers, Homesteads, Early buildings from Kingston to Toronto, University of Toronto Press, pp. 54-55.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte p. 562.

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E. Children of Nancy Morden and William Wilson (3):

1. William Edward WILSON, born c1861, Ontario.  
Age in census 10-1871, 20-1881. He married Nettie EDMUNDS  
and lived in New York City.

Children:

a. Kathleen E. WILSON.

2. Benjamin Franklin WILSON "Frank", born 28 Jan 1862,  
Ontario. He married Henrietta CRYAN, daughter of Dr.  
Cryan Sr. of Demorestville, Sophiasburgh. She was born 26  
Oct 1872. They had five children.

Children: (dates from 1901 census).

- a. William J. WILSON born 14 Nov 1894.
- b. Morden M. WILSON born 26 July 1898.
- c. Lucy J. WILSON born 17 July 1901.
- d. Franklin H. WILSON
- e. Nora WILSON

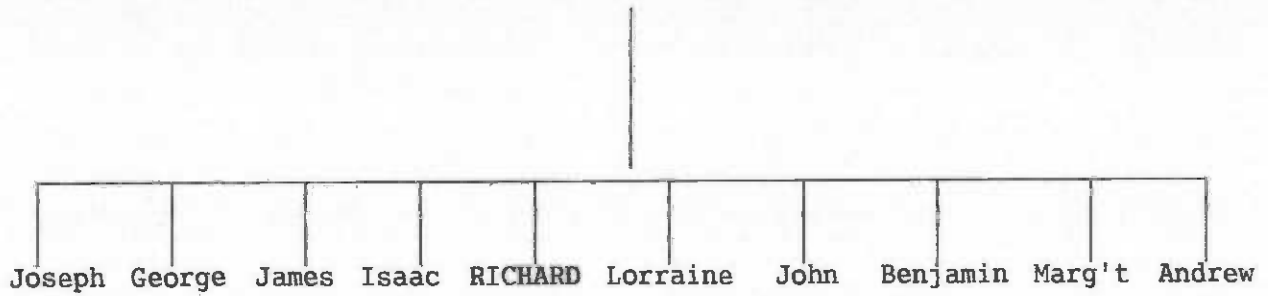
3. Lucy A. WILSON or Lucy Ann, born c1865, Ontario.  
Census ages 6-1871, 16-1881. She married Rev. [Samuel]  
Clewes NOXON, son of Grant Noxon and Philena [Peterson?],  
on 3 Nov 1885, Sophiasburgh. He was 24, born c1861,  
Sophiasburgh. Lucy was 21. At the time of marriage he  
was a farmer, and later went into the ministry. They had  
three children.

Source: Ontario Marriage Records 1885, Prince Edward  
County #10027.

Children:

- a. Janet H. NOXON
- b. Franklin C. NOXON
- c. Marjorie NOXON

JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



RICHARD J. MORDEN AND MARGARET THOMPSON

**HUSBAND: Richard J. Morden**

Born: circa 1801                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Marr:

Died: 6 Feb 1887                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Father: James Amit Morden

Mother: Margaret Parliament

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**WIFE: Margaret Thompson**

Born: circa 1806                      England

Died: 10 Jun 1884                      Big Island, Sophiasburgh Twp, Prince Edward Co

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**CHILDREN**

1 | Name: Andrew Morden

M | Born: circa 1827                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Died: 25 Feb 1867                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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2 | Name: Mary C. Morden

F | Born: circa 1829                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Marr:

To: Samuel James Munro

Died: after 1886

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3 | Name: George Morden

M | Born: 11 Jun 1830                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Marr:

To: Caroline Cronk

Marr: 28 Jan 1897                      Belleville, Ont

To: Emily Eliza Cole

Died: 10 Jun 1905                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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4 | Name: Edwin Morden

M | Born: circa 1833                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Died: 1845                              Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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5 | Name: [John] Thompson Morden

M | Born: circa 1833                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Marr:

To: Emily Eliza Cole

Died: 8 Jun 1865                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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RICHARD J. MORDEN AND MARGARET THOMPSON

HUSBAND: Richard J. Morden  
WIFE: Margaret Thompson

CHILDREN (Continued)

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6	Name: [William] Scott Morden	
M	Born: circa 1836	Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont
	Marr:	Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont
	To: [Jane] Mahala Dyer	
	Died:	

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7	Name: [Samuel] James Morden	
M	Born: 10 May 1838	Big Island, Sophiasburgh Twp, Prince Edward Co
	Marr: 27 Nov 1867	Hastings Co, Ont
	To: Albina Louise Covert	
	Died: 1914	

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8	Name: Eliza J. Morden	
F	Born: circa 1839	Big Island, Sophiasburgh Twp, Prince Edward Co
	Died: 31 Jan 1918	Hillier Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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9	Name: Isaac Morden	
M	Born: 16 Jul 1841	Big Island, Sophiasburgh Twp, Prince Edward Co
	Marr: 24 Feb 1866	Prince Edward Co, Ont
	To: Angelia Fairman	
	Died: Nov 1928	

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**V. RICHARD J. MORDEN** the fifth son of James Morden and Margaret Parliament. He was born in Sophiasburgh and was baptized on 6 Dec 1801 by Rev., Robert McDowall. His Loyalist claim was granted by Order-in-Council on 15 Oct 1823. He appeared in the muster roll of the Prince Edward County militia, Hallowell Twp, on 10 Jan 1829, aged 27.

We get a glimpse of Richard and his brother Isaac in the account book of Samuel Munro, a Demorestville merchant and business man. A lot of farmers were growing hops for the brewery business and props were needed for the hop vines. Richard and his brother Isaac delivered a load of hop poles to Samuel Munro on 5 Nov 1823. We can picture the two brothers, both just past twenty, sitting rather uncomfortably on their load of poles. Richard was paid 1 shilling, 6 pence for drawing the poles but made no purchase in the store. Isaac bought cloth for a shoemaker's apron. (A generation later one of Richard's daughters married Samuel James Munro Jr).

On 26 Dec 1837 Richard J. Morden was one of the witnesses to the marriage of Richard Southard and Sarah Andrews, both of Hallowell.

Richard married Margaret Thompson, born c1806 in England, daughter of John Thompson who had emigrated from England to Demorestville in 1817. John's wife Margaret and most of the children, including young Margaret, remained in England some years until John was settled, and then came to Prince Edward County. An account of the Thompson family appeared in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte.

Margaret's birth date is estimated from census ages (55-1861, 65-1871, 75-1881). Richard and Margaret had ten children, Andrew, Edwin, Mary, George, Thompson, Scott, Samuel James, Isaac and Emily, who were born between 1827 and 1845. In 1861 Richard and Margaret had her mother Margaret, age 84, widow, born England living with them.

## THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

Richard, known as "Black Dick", settled on a farm on Big Island, a five-mile-long island in the Bay of Quinte off the north shore of Sophiasburgh. In 1861 Richard had 106 acres on lots 15 and 16 which he valued at \$4500. and he had built a one and a half story stone house. Belden's Atlas shows that the island was divided into over fifty farms by 1878.

The index to the Sophiasburgh Township papers 1836-1859 contains numerous references to Richard J. Morden. I checked only a few:

1839. The Pathmaster assessed Richard J. Morden for work on the road, Valuation of his property 137; 6 days work assessed and performed.

1850. Richard J. Morden was one of 25 signatories to a petition of Sophiasburgh freeholders to straighten the road from Demorestville to 7th town and from Big Island to Demorestville. Jan 22.

1851. Richard J. Morden, Lot 15, Big Island, was on the list of Grand Jurors on call for duty in the Criminal Court.

1855. Richard J. Morden, Lot 16 Big Island, on Sophiasburgh Jury List.

By 1881 Richard seems to have turned his farm over to Samuel James, for he and Margaret appeared in the census as members of their son's household, aged 79 and 75 respectively.

Margaret died on June 10, 1884, aged 79. Cause of death was presumed to be a heart attack. The record says: *Died suddenly. Died before help could be got to her. Dr. Hamilton.*

June Allison noted in her diary,

*1884. June 10th Tuesday. Mrs. Margaret Morden died this morning up to her daughter Mrs Munro.*

*Wed 11th. Mrs. Morden today brought to the Island [for burial].*

*1887, Feb 8th Tuesday. A very rainy day. Mr. Richard Morden buried today.*

## THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

Richard died on 6 Feb 1887 at 85 years, 2 months. Cause, old age. Duration, 2 years. The death was reported by his son Isaac.

Richard and Margaret are both buried in Big Island Cemetery. According to the tombstone Margaret's age at death was 78 years 3 months. Their religion was reported in various censuses as Church of England and Methodist.

Richard made a will on 7 Nov 1886 in which he left \$100 to daughter Mary Munro, \$100 to daughter Emily Margarite Fairman and the rest... [at this point the microfilm is indecipherable].

### Sources:

1861, 1871, 1881 census Sophiasburgh, Big Island.  
Ontario Death Records 1884, Prince Edward Co #16327.  
Ontario Death Records 1887, Prince Edward Co #14968.  
Prince Edward Co Surrogate Court #664. 89 - Grant Book, 84, Register 532. LDS microfilm 815,129.  
Sophiasburgh Township Papers in Prince Edward County Archives, Picton.  
Diaries of June Allison in Prince Edward County Archives, Picton. Book 3, p.15; Book 4, p.25.  
J.E.R. Munro. Munro's Demorestville Picton, Prince Edward Historical Society 1989.  
Ontario Register vol.7, p.190. Southard wedding.  
Wanamaker's Cemetery Book.  
McDowall's Register.  
Reid's Loyalists Loyalist claim.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte pp 808-811.



THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE.

A. Andrew MORDEN son of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson of Big Island was born c1827 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont.

An invalid, Andrew was a tailor, single, and lived at home with his parents. In the 1861 census he was age 35.

Although handicapped he served as a citizen and there are thirteen occurrences of his name in the Sophiasburgh Township Papers 1849-1858. In 1850 he was on a list of freeholders and householders on the assessment roll of those entitled to vote for Councillor in the Demorestville ward in 1851.  
*Andrew M. Morden, valuation 22, real estate 14.*

He died 25 Feb 1867 at the age of 40 and was buried in Big Island Cemetery. Julia Allison recorded it in her diary, 1867. *Andrew Morden buried today. The sermon was preached in the Episcopal Church, Demorestville, by the Rev. S. Lader [?] Belleville. Text Job 14th Chapter and 1st verse, brought to the Island and buried.*

Sources:

1861 census Sophiasburgh, Dist 2, Big Island.  
Sophiasburgh Township Papers in Prince Edward County Archives, Picton. Book 1, p.2.  
Diaries of June Allison in Prince Edward County Archives, Picton.



THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

B. Mary C. MORDEN b. c1829 (33-1861, 42-1871), daughter of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson of Big Island, Sophiasburgh.

Mary married Samuel James MUNRO, born c1824 in Canada West, the son of Samuel Munro and Lucretia Cotter. His father was an early Demorestville merchant and businessman who flourished from 1822- and who was a power in the community. Dr Burr wrote, "...about all of the sons of the founder of the Munro family in Prince Edward County were at times engaged in general merchandise. They also shipped flour to Montreal. They carried on quite an extensive business as hotel keepers. They engaged in making potash and tanning leather. Some of them had woollen mills and saw mills, and others in agricultural pursuits...Samuel...has been a favorite name in the family for seven generations." See also Munro's Demorestville for more information and excerpts from old account books.

Samuel J. was a farmer in Sophiasburgh. The 1861 census showed them living in a one story frame house. Samuel's religion was Presbyterian. Mary's was F.C. (Friends?).

The death record shows that Samuel died in his prime on 25 Aug 1871, aged 47 years, 5 months, 3 days, at Demorestville. Cause: consumption. Apparently no expense was spared to save him since he had two doctors, Joseph P. Nash of Picton and F. Philips of Toronto. The informant was William A. Munroe [son] of Sophiasburgh.

In the 1881 census Mary was a widow age 51, with four adult children at home. Her youngest daughter Elizabeth was staying with a cousin Sarah Redner in Ameliasburgh when the census was taken.

Mary's father in his will of 1886 bequeathed to her \$100.

## THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

### Sources:

Ontario Death Records 1871, Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh #18124.

J.E.R. Munro. Munro's Demorestville, Picton, 1989.

1861 census Sophiasburgh, Dist 5, p.65.

Burr, Historical Sketches of Prince Edward County. p. 132 ff, The Munro Family, lists children on p.134.

### Children of Mary Morden and Samuel James Munro:

1. James C. MUNRO b. c1849 (13-1861, 22-1871, 32-1881). James was not in Dr. Burr's list, but he was regularly in the family in census records. In 1881 James was living adjacent to his mother. Martha [wife?] was 34 and Emma was 6.

2. Lucretia A. MUNRO b. c1851 (11-1861, 20-1871, 30-1881). Unm in 1881.

3. Andrew M. MUNRO b. c1855 (6-1861, 16-1871, 27-1881). Unm in 1881.

4. Samuel Robinson MUNRO b. c1859 (3-1861, 12-1871, 22-1881). Unm in 1881.

5. [Mary] Elizabeth MUNRO b. 1860 (10-1871, 20-1881) Unm. in 1881. Date of birth from 1861 census.

C. Edwin MORDEN b. c1833, son of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson. Died at age 12 on 19 March 1845 and was buried in Big Island Cemetery.

THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

D. George MORDEN son of Richard Morden and Margaret Thompson of Big Island, Sophiasburgh, was born 11 June 1830 in Demorestville. He chose not to follow the life of a farmer, but earned his living first as a schoolteacher, and later as an innkeeper. He also moved around within the Bay of Quinte area. In 1861 he was in Ameliasburgh teaching school. In 1871 he was an innkeeper at Fish Lake near Demorestville. In 1881 he had relocated in Cannifton, two and a half miles from Belleville, and was a hotel keeper there. His whereabouts in 1891 are a mystery for I have not found him in Belleville in that census. At the end of the century he was back in Belleville when he drew up his will.

The Sophiasburgh Township Papers listed George Morden in the index for 1852, 1853, 1856, 1857, 1858 and 1859. In those years he also bought and sold some property in Tyendinaga Twp across the Bay.

Hastings County Land Copy Books, Tyendinaga Book B. p. 259, #185.

14 March 1855.

*David William Ruttan, Tyendinaga, and Nancy his wife, sold to George Mordon of Tyendinaga, yeoman, for £17. 10s, half an acre, Pt Lot 3, Con 5.*

Tyendinaga Book B. p. 311, #220.

15 Aug 1856.

*George Morden, Sophiasburgh, yeoman, and Caroline his wife, sold to Richard Morden of Sophiasburgh for £156.5s pt Lot 3, Con 5, 1/2 acre.*

This is an astounding price increase; perhaps a building had been put on it in the interval between purchase and sale. Was the purchaser his father Richard?

George married twice, first [Sarah] Caroline Cronk, and second Emily Elizabeth Cole. Caroline was b. c1834 (27-1861). A Morden family researcher said David Cronk and Sarah Shortt were the parents of Caroline.

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In the 1861 census Caroline was called Sarah. and yet her age, 27, was right for Caroline. That particular enumerator was lazy, designating the children only by their initials, and Caroline's full name, Sarah Caroline, was altogether too much for him. The children were "E.R; F.A.; R.E.; and M.E." So far as is known there were nine children. Birth records show twins born in 1872 to George Morden, innkeeper, Demorestville, and Sarah Caroline Cronk. George's religious affiliation was listed one time as Presbyterian, and twice as Wesleyan Methodist. The rest of the family were Methodists. In 1901 he was a Universalist.

As mentioned, I have not located George in the 1891 census and surmise that he may have gone to Wisconsin where some of his children were locating. In his will George made a bequest of land in Lincoln Township, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin. Gilbert W. Morden wrote: "George lives in Chicago -- school teacher -- tavern keeper -- farmer -- and now in railway office, they say."

Caroline's death date has not yet been found, but she was still living in the 1881 census. It is possible that she accompanied George to the United States and died there.

George returned to Ontario to marry his second wife, Emily Elizabeth Cole, who was a widow of his brother Thompson, Emily had made a second marriage to Pake, and now made a third marriage back to the Morden name. Emily was born 22 July 1835.

*Morden, George, 67, residence Chicago, Ill, born in Prince Edward Co, widower, farmer, son of Richard J. Morden and Margaret,  
married Emily Pake, 61, residence Belleville, widow,  
daughter of Simon Cole and Elizabeth  
28 Jan 1897, Belleville.  
George, Presbyterian; Emily, Methodist. Married by A. Doxee.  
Witnesses: Emma B. Morden and Cassie Cole*

## THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

George died 10 June 1905 four days after suffering a paralytic stroke. He was 75 and died in Big Island. Extracts from the will of George Morden of Belleville, made 25 Oct 1898: Wife Emily E. Morden to have the use and benefits of real and personal property for life, including the interest on the Bank of Montreal account and a life estate in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24.T.22.R8 in Lincoln Twp, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, and also the interest on George's mortgage on the Cummings land (east 15 acres of E 1/2 of Sw 1/4 of NW 1/4 of 24.T.22.R.8). After Emily's death each of George's three daughters was to be paid \$50 cash: Augusta Valleau, Elizabeth Roblin and Louise Cohenour. The remainder to be equally divided between two sons Willie and Fred.

Emily Eliza Morden's will was registered in Picton Nov 7, 1934.

### Sources:

1851 census Hallowell, Prince Edward Co  
1861 census Ameliasburgh  
1871 census Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, F1, p.2  
1881 census Thurlow Twp, Hastings Co, A2. p.33.  
1901 census Sophiasburgh, Division H3, p.2.  
Ontario Marriage Records 1897, Hastings Co #6533.  
Ontario Death Records 1905, Prince Edward Co #24573.  
Prince Edward Co Surrogate Court, Will No 1579, George Morden. 19 Aug 1905. 86- Grant Book 59, Register 274. (LDS microfilm 1,435,778). Photocopy in source notebook.  
Prince Edward Co Surrogate Court. #3896, Emily Eliza Morden, Picton. (Did not see this).  
Gilbert W. Morden's notes on Morden family.  
Doug Morden's pedigree chart and group sheets.  
Hastings County Directory 1879, p.220.

THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

D. Children of George Morden and Caroline Cronk. (9)  
Information on some of the children from Doug Morden of Port  
Perry, Ontario, who knows Russell Morden's descendants.

1. [Edwin] Russell MORDEN b. 18 Feb 1854. Russell was  
still in Sophiasburgh in the 1871 census, age 16, but by  
1881 he had apparently left for Whitehall, Trempealeau  
County, Wisconsin. He settled there for the remainder of  
his life. Trempealeau was where property mentioned in  
his father's will was located.

Russell was married twice:

Married 1: Miss SLYTER. No children.

He married 2: Nellie CUMMINGS, daughter of Wallace  
Cummings and Eunice Spaulding, on 4 Mar 1892. She was  
born 25 Apr 1872. George Morden's will of 1898 mentioned  
a mortgage he held on a Cummings property in Wisconsin.  
Russell and Nellie had four children, Lucretia,  
Georgiana, Dewey and Ellen.

Russell died 14 Aug 1924, and was buried in Lincoln,  
Trempealeau Co. Nellie died 14 May 1941.

Sources:

Doug Morden of Port Perry, Ont. Pedigree chart and  
group sheets.

Larry Morden's computer printout.

Children:

a. Lucretia MORDEN, called Lou. Born 1893. She  
married George Harold BARTHOLOMEW in 1920. Lucretia  
died 1943.

b. Georgiana MORDEN born 1896. She married John  
MURPHY in 1918. Georgie died 1950.

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c. Willfred Dewey MORDEN born 8 Aug 1898, Lincoln Twp, Trempeleau Co, Wisconsin. Dewey farmed and worked as a painter in Whitehall, Wisconsin. Religion Lutheran. On 21 June 1921 he married Emma Louise KLEBIG, b. 9 Nov 1896, daughter of Gottlieb Klebig and Anna Nogosek. Her father was born in Germany. They had three sons, Richard Laverne, Russell Lowell, and Douglas Wilfred.

Dewey died 7 May 1941, Rochester, Minnesota. Louise died 26 October 1964, Whitehall, Wisconsin.

Children of Dewey and Emma Louise:

i. Richard Laverne MORDEN b. 26 Nov 1921, Whitehall. He died at age 20 on 17 Nov 1941.

ii. Russell Lowell MORDEN b. 6 June 1923 at Whitehall, Wisconsin. On 3 May 1947 he married Hazel Elvina KNUTSON, b. 9 Nov 1922. They live in Lansing, Michigan.

Children:

Charles Duane MORDEN b. 1948; called Chuck. He married Marjorie L. GLEASON. Chuck was in a construction accident. He fell from the second story, hit his head, and was in a coma for a long time before his death. They had 4 children.

Edward Allen MORDEN b. 1949, m. Joann Carol KIRKPATRICK.

Mary Elizabeth MORDEN b. 1952; m. Anton MILEKOVICH.

Robert Lowell MORDEN b. 1953.

Roland Lee MORDEN b. 1954; m. Susan Danielle LEE.

Jayne Carol MORDEN b. 1957; m. Jack HARRIS.

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iii. Douglas Wilfred MORDEN b. 5 June 1925, in Whitehall, Wisconsin. He was married 3 times and had 7 children. Douglas died 15 May 1978 at Rockford, Illinois.

He m. 1: Blanch Myrtle KNUTSON in 1946. 2 children.

Dale Richard MORDEN b. 1947.

Susan Diane MORDEN b. 1951; m. Jackie A. HOFF.

He m. 2: Irene SWARTZ. 3 children.

Roger Myron MORDEN m. Donna SKREIPIETZ.

Betty Jean MORDEN b. 1956.

Peggie Ann MORDEN b. 1957; m. Randy N. KNUTSON.

He m. 3: Janice SPANGLER. 2 children.

Lori Lynn MORDEN b. 1966.

Teresa Janice MORDEN b. 1968.

d. Ellen Louise MORDEN, b 6 September 1902, daughter of Edwin Russell and Nellie. She married Lawrence THOMPSON in March 1924.

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D. Children of George Morden and Caroline Cronk.

2. [Frances] Augusta MORDEN born c1857, from census ages 4-1861, 14-1871.

She married Alanson Stanley VALLEAU, son of Hildebrand Valleau and Phoebe Van Blaricom, baptized 9 Jan 1863 in Sophiasburgh. An account of the Valleau family appeared in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte. The Valleaus were of Huguenot and Loyalist ancestry.

The record of the marriage reads:

*Alanson Stanley VALLEAU, 28, residence Shannonville, Tyendinaga, born Sophiasburgh, Co Prince Edward, bachelor, clerk, son of Hildebrand and Phoebe Valleau married Augusta MORDEN, 20, residence Shannonville, Tp of Tyendinaga, born Sophiasburgh, Co Prince Edward, spinster, daughter of George and Caroline Morden, 22 Nov 1876, Village of Shannonville.  
Groom, Can Methodist, Bride, Presbyterian.  
Rev. Alexander Martin, E.M.M.*

Stanley was a clerk and assistant Postmaster in the village of Shannonville in 1877 and 1880. At one time he was a collector of customs, living in Deseronto; later in Toronto. Augusta and Stanley had three children, Pearl, Arthur and Ethel. Augusta was mentioned in her father's will for a small cash bequest.

Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1876, Hastings Co, #003766  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Valleau family p. 823, (reprinted in The Searchlight Winter 1981, v.1, no 4).  
Dr. W. K. Burr, Historical Sketches... Valleau Family p. 152.

Children:

a. [Ada] Pearl VALLEAU born 20 Nov 1877, Shannonville.

She married Howard VANDUSEN.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1877, Hastings Co #9655.

Children:

Stanley VANDUSEN, married with 2 children.

b. Arthur VALLEAU married Hannah SANDERSON.

c. Ethel Maud VALLEAU born 25 July 1880, Shannonville. She died a young woman.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1880, Hastings Co #10986.

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D. Children of George Morden and Caroline Cronk.

3. [Rebecca] Elizabeth MORDEN b. c1858 Demorestville, (12-1871).

Rebecca is confusing to trace since she seems to have used her two names interchangeably. She was R.E., 3 in 1861 census; Rebecca, 12 in 1871; Elizabeth 23 in 1881. To add to the difficulty, Pioneer Life called her Emily in the Morden family account and Elizabeth in the Roblin account. They agree that she married John Roblin and lived in Belleville.

She married John Franklin ROBLIN, son of George and Frances Roblin, on 29 April 1886 at Belleville. He had been born c1856 at Oak Hills, Northumberland Co. John was an engineer, 30, living in Belleville. Elizabeth was 27 and was living in Deseronto. The minister was Rev. John H. Clarkson.

"John F. Roblin, boat builder" in Belleville was listed in the 1879 Directory of Hastings Co. In the 1891 census he was termed "machinist".

In her father's will Elizabeth Roblin was given a small cash bequest. John and Elizabeth had three children, Pauline, Frankie and Walter.

Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1886, Hastings co #4635.  
1891 census Hastings Co, Belleville.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte pp 568 and 708.  
Wanamaker, Parliament, p.68.

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Children of Elizabeth Morden and John Roblin:

a. Pauline ROBLIN, born c1889 married Edgar SATTERTHWAITÉ.

No children.

b. Frances A. ROBLIN, "Frankie" was two months old in the 1891 census. She married William Henry LANGABEER (1886-1960).

Children:

i. Jack LANGABEER married Evelyn SWEETMAN.

No children.

c. Walter ROBLIN married Llewella Maudé ENGLISH. She died 1964.

Children:

i. Douglas English ROBLIN married MORRISON.

ii. Cheryl ROBLIN.

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D. Children of George Morden and Caroline Cronk.

4. Louise MORDEN born c1860 (10-1871, 21-1881). She m. Charles COHENOUR; lived Columbus, Ohio. Louisa Cohenour was mentioned in her father's will for a small cash bequest.

Children:

a. Helen M. COHENOUR married Fred L. PURDY. They had two sons and a daughter Nancy PURDY.

5. James C. MORDEN, "Jim" b. c1865. Lived Chicago, Ill. He married ..... RYAN and had 3 or more children according to Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte.

Children:

a. George MORDEN  
b. daughter  
c. daughter

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D. Children of George Morden and Caroline Cronk.

6. **Ada Caroline MORDEN**, "Addie", born 18 Nov 1868.

She died 27 June 1871 at 2 years, 7 Months, 9 days.  
Cause: disease of the brain, 4 days. Informant, Caroline Morden, Demorestville.

June Allison recorded in her diary:

*1871, June 27th, Thursday. A little girl of George Morden was buried this afternoon, the sermon was preached in the Presbyterian Church, Demorestville, by the Rev'd Thompson - brought to the Island for burial.*

Sources:

Ontario Death Records 1871 Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh, #18134.

Diaries of June Allison, Book 1, p. 18.

7. **Richard G. MORDEN** b. 22 Nov 1870, Sophiasburgh.  
He married Margaret Ann FAIRMAN called Maggie. She was his first cousin, born c1869, daughter of Leonard Fairman and Emily Morden. (See p. 214)

In 1893 when a daughter was born Richard was a grocer in Trenton. In 1894 when a son was born he was farming in Crofton, Sophiasburgh. They later lived in Lansing, Mich.

Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1870, Prince Edward Co #11389

Children:

a. **Ada Grace MORDEN** born 18 April 1893. She was called Addie. died at five years.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1893, Hastings Co, Trenton #12279.

b. **Archie Illsley MORDEN** b. 10 Dec 1894; died about age 20.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1894, Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh #28142.

c. **John MORDEN** also died age 20.

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D. Children of George Morden and Caroline Cronk:

8. Willard I. MORDEN. "Willie" Twin, born 24 Sep 1872, Demorestville. In Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte he was called Willard, and in his father's will he was Willie, yet the Ontario Birth Records show him as Frank. Perhaps his parents had second thoughts about naming twins Fred and Frank and changed the name.

Willie and Fred were to share equally in the residue of their father's estate after their mother's death. Never married.

Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1872 Prince Edward Co #16761.

9. T. Wilfred MORDEN. "Fred" Twin, born 24 Sep 1872, Demorestville. Never married. The twins lived in the United States. Since they inherited land in Trempeleau Twp, Lincoln Co, Wisconsin, that is probably where they lived.

Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1872 Prince Edward Co #16760.

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E. [John] Thompson MORDEN, son of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson, born c1833 (28-1861), Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co.

He married Emily Eliza or Elizabeth COLE, daughter of Simon Cole and Elizabeth Clarkson. They lived on Big Island, Sophiasburgh. Thompsons's name was shown six times in the index to the Sophiasburgh Township Papers 1856-1859, when the indexing stopped. He and his wife and children appeared in the 1861 census of Sophiasburgh.

John T. MORDEN, 28, farmer, born Prince Ed, religion W[esleyan]

Eliza E. 25, wife, born Prince Ed  
George L. 7, born Prince Ed  
William D. 3, born Prince Ed  
William Nobles, 19, laborer, b. Prince Ed.  
Elizabeth Snider, 16

Log house, 1 story, 1 family. Big Island, Lot 13, 96 ac, 70 cultivated. Fruit of the first quality. The orchards are all under grain or grass.  
Value of farm \$3000.

Thompson died on 8 June 1865. In his will, made on the same day, he left Emily "one third of the proceeds of my farm as long as she remains my widow and the other two thirds I give and bequeath to my beloved children, George Lester Morden and William Douglass Morden, to be used and expended in their education and for their support". He also gave Emily a bay mare and a sorrel colt and bequeathed \$50. to his brother William Scott Morden. The dying man wrote a painful trembling signature. His boys were eleven and six at the time.

Emily remained a widow for over five years. On 26 Dec 1870 she married John PAKE of Belleville, son of James Pake and Rebecca Ostrom. James was a widower, 42, farmer, living in Belleville. Emily was 34 and was also living in Belleville. Rev. G. Sanderson performed the ceremony. June Allison recorded in her diary:  
1870. Heard that the Widow Morden (Thompson Morden's widow; she was Emily Cole) and John Pake were married.

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June also recorded the tragic death of young Douglass who was drowned in the winter of 1874 while skating on the Bay.

*1874. January 4th Sunday. A very sad accident occurred this afternoon. Douglass Morden and Wm McGrath were drowned. Douglass about 1 o'clock and McGrath about 4, their bodies were recovered shortly after.*

Apparently John Pake predeceased Emily and she made a third rather startling marriage in 1897 to her former brother-in-law. This was George Morden of Chicago, an older brother of Thompson's. (See George Morden p.507 ).

*Morden, George, 67, residence Chicago, Ill, born in Prince Edward Co, widower, farmer, son of Richard J. Morden and Margaret,*

*married Emily Pake, 61, residence Belleville, widow, daughter of Simon Cole and Elizabeth, 28 Jan 1897, Belleville.*

George died of a stroke in 1905 leaving Emily comfortably provided for in his will. The will of Emily Eliza Morden was registered in Picton Nov 7, 1934. If this is the same woman she lived to 99 years. Her name had been Emily Cole, then Emily Morden, then Emily Pake, and back to Emily Morden. Someone should write a lush romantic novel about her life and loves.

### Sources:

Photocopy of the will is in my source notebook.

Ontario Marriage Records, 1870, Hastings Co.

Diary of June Allison Book 1, p. 15, 1870.

Ontario Marriage Records 1870, Hastings Co, p.89.

Ontario Marriage Records 1897, Hastings Co #6533.

Ontario Death Records 1905, Prince Edward Co #24573.

Belleville Intelligencer, Dec 28, 1870, p.3, col.2. Marriage.

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### E. Children of Thompson Morden and Emily Cole:

1. George Lester MORDEN b. c1854. George, who was eleven when his father died, was mentioned in his father's will as needing support and education. He lived in Belleville and was a clerk for Haines and Lockett, Belleville's foremost boot and shoe dealers, who did both retail and wholesale trade. They took a full-page ad in the 1879 directory.

#### HAINES AND LOCKETT

#### CITY BOOT STORE

Boots, Shoes, Trunks, valises, school and travelling bags...The place for cash buyers...Goods marked in plain figures ...etc etc.

Kimball's Belleville Directory of 1884 shows:  
*MORDEN, George L., salesman, h 152 S Bridge West ab Octavia.* 1879 and 1889 Hastings Co Directories repeat the information.

George married Anna Catherine BELL b. 16 July 1854-1930. born in the U.S.A.  
They had two daughters. George was living in Picton when he died. His will was proved 15 Jan 1943.

#### Children of George and Anna.

a. Anna Bell MORDEN born 3 March 1880, Belleville. She died 30 March 1880 at four weeks of diphtheria. June Allison of Big Island said in her diary:  
*1880 Wednesday*  
*A little baby (month old) of George L. Morden of Belleville was brought to the island and buried this forenoon - A beautiful day.*

#### Sources:

Ontario Birth Records 1880, Hastings Co, Belleville #10776.

Ontario Death Records 1880, Hastings Co, Belleville #5840.

June Allison's diaries in Picton Archives.

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b. Emma Bell MORDEN born 9 June 1882, Belleville, Hastings Co.

She married Frederick SPIELMAN, son of Martin Luther Spielman and Emma Kiel on 20 June 1903 at Big Island. Frederick was born c1877 in Altona, Pennsylvania, age 26, bachelor, clerk, and was living in Pittsburgh, PA. They were married by Rev. W. P. Rogers, Demorestville. Both were Methodists.

Sources:

Ontario Birth Records 1882, Hastings Co, Belleville #12107

Ontario Marriage Records 1903, Prince Edward Co #16,395.

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Children of Thompson Morden and Emily Cole:

2. [William] Douglass MORDEN son of Thompson and Emily, born c1858. He was only six or seven when his father died and his support and education were provided for in his father's will. At the age of fifteen he met a tragic death. The report was in the Belleville Intelligencer of Jan 10, 1874.

**DROWNED IN THE BAY** We extract the following from the *Picton Gazette*: "A young man named William Douglass Morden, son of Mrs. Peck -- formerly Mrs Morden -- aged 15 years, was drowned in the Big Bay near Big Island, on Sunday last. He was skating at the time of the accident, and being alone went down to rise no more, before assistance could reach him from the shore. With some difficulty a boat was pushed through the ice to the spot where young Morden was seen to go down, and through the assistance of Isaac Crow and others, the body was recovered after an hour's diligent search. Deceased was the only child Mrs. Peck had at home..."

June Allison of Big Island recorded the event in her diary:

1874. January 4th Sunday. A very sad accident occurred this afternoon. Douglass Morden and Wm McGrath were drowned. Douglass about 1 o'clock and McGrath about 4, their bodies were recovered shortly after.

Wed 7th. McGeath was buried today on the Bayside...

8th Thursday. Douglass was buried today, all attended the funeral. Rev'd A. Hames[?] preached text Hebrews 9th chapter and 27th verse.

Source:

Belleville Daily Intelligencer Jan 10, 1874.

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F. [William] Scott MORDEN, son of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson of Big Island, born c1836, (25-1861).

Scott married Jane DYER, born c1839, (22 in 1861). Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte called her Jane; the 1861 census called her Mahala. Larry Morden's printout called her Jane Mahala.

There is one mention of Scott in the Index to the Sophiasburgh Township papers. I have not seen the actual 1856 reference, but it is possibly the roads work list. Scott and his wife were living in Sophiasburgh in the 1861 census with one young child. Their religion was Church of England. In 1865 Scott was a beneficiary of his brother Thompson's will.

He is said to have moved to Montague, Michigan. He was gone from Prince Edward County before the 1871 census. In 1874 he was living in Wisconsin as shown by this record made by June Allison in her diary,  
*1874, Sept 1st Tues.*

*Jane Morden, (Scott's wife) buried today, they are living in Wisconsin but Jane came here to Mr. Morden's about two months ago. she had the consumption - all attended the funeral but myself.*

This is a lost trail. In 1971 when my mother was in St. Petersburg, Florida, she chanced to phone a wrong number and spoke to Mrs. Larkin whose father was William Scott Morden. Her tradition was that his ancestors came from "Prince Edward Island" in Canada, imported pedigreed cattle, and were affluent. She had four Morden nephews, Kenneth, Clayton, Harvey, and another lost in the war. I later wrote to her but failed to contact her.

Gilbert W. Morden wrote that Scott had 4 boys and 3 girls: Willie, Douglas, Lucy, Harold, Lucien, Lois and Elizabeth. I have records only for Lucy. The birth dates of the older children are from Larry Morden. They follow Jane's death date and indicate that Scott married again.

## THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

### Sources:

1861 census Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh.  
Diaries of June Allison, Book 1, pp. 33 and 41; Book 5, p.14. Handwritten manuscripts in Picton Archives.  
Sophiasburgh Township Papers in Picton Archives.  
Larry Morden of Calgary, Alberta. Morden Information Centre.  
Descendants' chart shows children.  
Gilbert Walworth Morden, notes on Morden family.

### Children of Scott Morden and Jane Dyer:

1. Lucy MORDEN born c1859 (2-1861). She married Earl DUNNING, a farmer in Big Island. The Dunning family were prosperous Sophiasburgh farmers who grew hops in a big way for the brewing industry.

June Allison wrote in her diary,  
1875, Sunday the 12th. Earle Dunning and Lucy Morden were married this afternoon. The official record says:  
*Henry Earl DUNNING 24, res Big Island Twp, Sophiasburgh; born Big Island, bachelor, farmer, son of Allen and Mary Dunning, m. Lucy MORDEN 16, res Big Island, b. Sophiasburgh, spinster, d. of Scott Morden and Jane Dyer, 12 Dec 1875 at the res of Richard I. Morden, Big Island, Sophiasburgh.*  
Witnesses: George Dunning and wife, Lizzie Dunning, Demorestville.  
Bride and groom both Presbyterian. James M. Boyd, Presbyterian clergyman.

Earl died 14 May 1888 at 35 years 5 months at Big Island, Sophiasburgh. The official record stated cause of death was congestion of the lungs. June Allison recorded:  
1888, May 19, Saturday.  
*Heard this morning that Earle Dunning died last night, was taken sick on Wednesday.*

### Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1876, Prince Edward Co #9444.  
Ontario Death Records 1888 Prince Edward Co #15640.

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Children of Earl and Lucy: My only information is from Ontario Birth Records.

a. Sherman DUNNING born 20 Sep 1877, Big Island. Ontario Birth Records 1877, Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh #25379.

b. Edna Louise DUNNING born 27 Oct 1879, Big Island. Ontario Birth Records 1879, Prince Edward Co #27356.

c. James Garfield DUNNING, son of Henry E. Dunning and Lucy Morden born 17 Sep 1881, Big Island. Ontario Birth Records 1881, Prince Edward Co #28365.

d. Sheridan DUNNING born 10 Oct 1884. Ontario Birth Records 1884, Prince Edward Co #30718.

e. Jesse DUNNING, b. 1886. The death record reads *DUNNING, Jesse, male, d. Mar 17, 1906, age 20 years. Residence Big Island. Occupation [blank]. Single. Son of Earl Dunning (deceased). Born Big Island. Methodist. Cause of death: Pulmonary tuberculosis. W. J. Gibson, M.D. Reported by W. J. Gibson, Belleville, Mar 18, 1906. Source: Ontario Death Records 1906, Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh #25273.*

Scott's other children mentioned by Gilbert Walworth Morden:

2. William MORDEN, born 1877.

3. Lucien MORDEN, born 1879.

4. Douglas MORDEN, born 1881.

5. Harold MORDEN. Res in Montague, Mich? G.W. Morden's notes not clear.

6. Lois MORDEN, born 1884.

7. Elma MORDEN.

## THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

G. [Samuel] James MORDEN, son of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson, was born 1 May 1838, Big Island, Sophiasburgh. He seems to have used the name James rather than Samuel.

In the 1861 census he was unmarried and living with his parents on Big Island.

James married Albina Louise COVERT, daughter of Henry Covert, an innkeeper, and his wife Almira Spafford, on 27 Nov 1867. She was born in Sophiasburgh on 14 May 1850 and was 11 in the 1861 census. People sometimes spell her name Alvina, but most records say Albina. The marriage record shows James was 28, Albina 18, and both were living in Sophiasburgh. The marriage was registered in Hastings County.

In the birth records of his children James was a farmer, Big Island. In the 1881 census of Sophiasburgh James had both his aged parents in his household, along with his unmarried sister Eliza, and his twelve year old niece Maggie Fairman. He was a farmer and a Methodist. Gilbert W. Morden wrote that James lived on the Jasper Dingman place and that his Post Office was likely Crofton, (which is in Sophiasburgh Twp Con 2, Broken Front).

In the 1901 census, however, "Samuel" was a farmer living in Hillier Twp with his wife "Louise" and three daughters, Ida, Annie and Mira. I have found the birth records of the girls and also that of an unnamed still-born son.

James died when he was 76 on 18 July 1914. The death record says he was Grocer and Postmaster, living on Con 1 Hillier. The cause of death was Bright's Disease which he had had for two years. Immediate cause was uremia, four days. Informant was Benjamin Cunningham, Rose Hall.

Albina died 8 Mar 1938 in Belleville. Both are buried in the Chadsey Cemtery, Hillier, west of Wellington.

## THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

### Sources:

1861 census Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh and Ameliasburgh.  
1881 census Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh.  
1891 census Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh.  
1901 census Prince Edward Co, Hillier.  
Hancocks, Hastings County Marriage Registers 1858-1869.  
Ontario Death Records 1914, Prince Edward Co #26804.  
Jeremiah Spafford. ...Spofford, Spafford, Spaford etc,  
descendants of John Spofford and Elizabeth Scoot.... Boston,  
1888. p. 304.  
Belleville Intelligencer 9 March 1938. Albina's obit.  
Wanamaker's Cemetery Book.

### Children of Samuel James Morden and Albina Covert:

1. **Ida Maud MORDEN** born 5 Feb 1872, Big Island.  
In the 1901 census Ida was a seamstress age 28, living at home. She never married. Vernon's Directory shows that in 1940 she was living at 10 Octavia St. in Belleville. The will of Ida Maud Morden was indexed in Hastings Co Wills, vol 3, [no date shown] and was probated.

#### Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1872, Prince Edward Co #16747.

2. **Annie Beatrice MORDEN** born 8 March 1879, Big Island.  
She married Charles Gilson CUNNINGHAM, born 1878, and lived in Oshawa. Around 1932 she went to live with her sister Ida in Belleville at 10 Octavia St. Annie died 5 Dec 1939 in her 61st year.

Charles who was still living at the time of her death died in 1957. They are buried together in Wellington Village Cemetery.

#### Sources:

Ontario Birth Records 1879, Prince Edward Co #27330.  
Belleville Intelligencer 5 Dec 1939. Obit.  
Wanamaker's Cemetery Book.

#### Children:

a. **Myra CUNNINGHAM.**

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G. Children of Samuel James Morden and Albina Covert:

3. Unnamed son of Samuel J. , stillborn 26 Nov 1880, Big Island, Sophiasburgh.

Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1880, Prince Edward Co #29167.

4. Mary Almira MORDEN, called "Myra", born 29 Sep 1884, Big Island, Sophiasburgh.

She married Albert BROWN, son of William L. Brown and Mary Hueston, on 6 Nov 1907 in Ameliasburgh. Albert was a bachelor age 26, living in Port Hope, occupation file cutter. Myra was a spinster age 23, living in Big Island, occupation housemaid. Rev. J. Whyte was the minister. Bride and groom were both Methodists.

In 1939 when her sister Annie died the obituary said the Browns were living in Linden, New Jersey.

Sources:

Ontario Birth Records 1884, Prince Edward Co #30758.

Ontario Marriage Records 1907, Prince Edward Co #18046.



THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

H. Eliza J. MORDEN, daughter of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson of Big Island, was born c1839, (22-1861, 40-1881).

Unmarried, Eliza was living in the same household as her parents and her brother S. James in 1881. Although the rest of the family were Methodists she adhered to the Presbyterian Church. In 1891 she was in Sophiasburgh, farmer. Her niece Maggie Fairman, was in her household.

Gilbert W. Morden called her Elizabeth and wrote in his notes that she was unmarried and lived in Crofton.

We have the record of her death:

*Morden, Miss Eliza, 78 years 6 months, died 31 Jan 1918.*

*Born Big I., Sophiasburgh, died Crofton. Single. Buried Burr's Cemetery.*

*Daughter of Richard Morden and Margaret Thompson. Cause: heart disease.*

*Dr. J. Cryan. General debility several years. Died suddenly. Informant Erastus Fairman.*

The New Burr Cemetery is in Hillier and others of the family are buried there.

Sources:

1881 and 1891 census, Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh.

Ontario Death Records 1918, Prince Edward Co.



## THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

I. Isaac MORDEN, son of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson of Big Island, was born 16 July 1841. Farmer, Sophiasburgh. He was still living with his parents in Sophiasburgh in the 1861 census.

He married Angelia FAIRMAN, called Ann, daughter of William R. Fairman and Caroline Scott of Thurlow on 24 Feb 1866. Angelia was born 1 Nov 1846 in Michigan and was 20 at the time of marriage.

Isaac lived in Sophiasburgh. Gilbert W. Morden said that he lived at Jericho, a place which I cannot find on a map. Belden's Atlas showed Isaac Morden on a 46 acre farm, Lot 55, Con 1 WGP (West of Green Point). Angelia was Presbyterian and Isaac Methodist in the 1871 census. In 1881 both were Presbyterians. In 1891 Robinson "Ferman", father-in-law aged 75, was in Isaac's household.

Angelia bore two children, a daughter Luella in 1871 and a son Clayton in 1878.

Isaac died in Nov 1928; the funeral was on the 13th. Angelia died Tues 31 Oct 1933, age 88. Both are buried in the New Burr Cemetery, Hillier.

### Sources:

Census records.

1901 census Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh H3, p.4.

Prince Edward Co Marriages.

Belleville Intelligencer 14 Nov 1928. Isaac's obit.

Ibid 1 Nov 1933, Angelia's obit.

Gilbert W. Morden, genealogical notes.

Wanamaker, Parliament family, p. 80.

Wanamaker's Cemetery Book.

Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Cos 1878.

THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

I. Children of Isaac Morden and Angelia Fairman:

1. Luella MORDEN daughter of Isaac Morden & Angela Fairman b. 9 Dec 1871, Sophiasburgh. Some records named her Lucella; others, Lewella.

She married George M. MORRIS, son of Samuel and Eliza, on 28 Sep 1892 in Sophiasburgh. George was a bachelor, 23, residence and birthplace Hallowell. They were married by S. E. Rooke. George and Luella had two daughters, Irene and Thelma.

Tombstones in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton show: Luella Morden 1871-1938; George N. Morris 1869-1944.

Sources:

Ontario Birth Records 1871, Prince Edward Co #16745.  
Ontario Marriage Records 1893, Prince Edward Co #

Children:

a. Irene MORRIS. Wanamaker says she married Ross FAIRMAN of Huff's Island and had two daughters, Loretta Fairman and Betra Fairman.

b. Thelma MORRIS married Floyd STARK. Wanamaker said they had three children: Clayton Stark, Garfield Stark, and Muriel Stark.

THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

2. Clayton MORDEN son of Isaac MORDEN & Angelia Fairman b. 23 May 1878 and entered in the birth register for that year. His tombstone erred in saying he was born in 1879. He married Nellie Mae JONES.

*Morden, Clayton, 27, residence and birthplace Sophiasburgh, bachelor, farmer, married Jones Nellie Mae, 21, residence and birthplace Sophiasburgh. Daughter of Donald Jones and Margaret Palmer. Nov 22, 1901, Ameliasburgh. Both Methodists. Rev. Jas (or Jos) Barnes. Witnesses were Albert B. File and C. E. Barnes, Ameliasburgh.*

They lived on Jericho Street, Prince Edward Co. Clayton died in 1966. His obituary notice said, "MORDEN, Clayton, Jan 26, 1966, of R.R. 3, Demorestville, (brother of Mrs. Geo Morris) in his 87th year..."

Nellie died later the same year. "MORDEN, Nellie Mae Jones of Jericho St. Born Nov 2, 1884 - Dec 17 1966 in 83d year. Widow of Clayton Morden, R.R. 3, Demorestville..." Both their obituaries mentioned a daughter, Beatrice Irene, at home. They are buried in the Burr Cemetery, Hillier.

Sources:

Ontario Birth Records 1878, Prince Edward Co #27377.  
Ontario Marriage Records 1905, Prince Edward Co #16744.  
Wanamaker. Obituaries copied from the Belleville Intelligencer and Picton Times. Nov 1965-1971. Brown notebook in Belleville Library.

Children:

- a. Beatrice Irene MORDEN

J. Possibly a son of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson of Big Island was born 1843. Consider this news item in the Kingston Chronicle and Gazette of 2 Apr 1845 (p.2, col.5).  
*MORDEN, Richard, of Sophiasburgh. His 2 year old son was scalded to death.*

## THE RICHARD J. MORDEN LINE

K. Emily N. MORDEN , daughter of Richard J. Morden and Margaret Thompson of Big Island, Sophiasburgh, born c1845, (16-1861, 26-1871).

Emily married Leonard A FAIRMAN, son of Daniel and Mary A. Fairman, on 7 Jan 1866. Leonard was 23, born c1842 in Thurlow, Hastings Co, and according to a census was of German ancestry. Emily was 20. Their church was Methodist Episcopal.

In the 1871 census of Sophiasburgh Leonard was 28 and was farming in Sophiasburgh. Emily ws 26 and they had one child Margaret Ann, 2. Belden's Atlas of 1878 showed L. A. Fairman the owner of a large waterfront farm on 2d Concession Broken Front, near Crofton. Emily Margarite Fairman was bequeathed \$100. in her father's will of 1886. It is said this family lived in Trenton.

### Sources:

Hancocks, Prince Edward County Marriage Registers 1858-1869.  
1871 census Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh, D1, p. 31.  
Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Cos 1878.

### K. Children of Emily Morden and Leonard Fairman:

1. Margaret Ann FAIRMAN born c1869 (2-1871). Margaret Ann was in her Uncle James Morden's family in the 1881 census; in her Aunt Eliza J. Morden's in 1891. She married her first cousin Richard G. MORDEN, son of George, and lived in Trenton and Michigan. Three children. See pp. 195,

2. Daniel FAIRMAN

3. William Burton FAIRMAN born 15 March 1879, Sophiasburgh.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1879, Prince Edward Co #27329.

4. Douglas FAIRMAN.

5. Frederick Morden FAIRMAN b. 20 July 1881, Sophiasburgh.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1881 Prince Edward Co #28363.

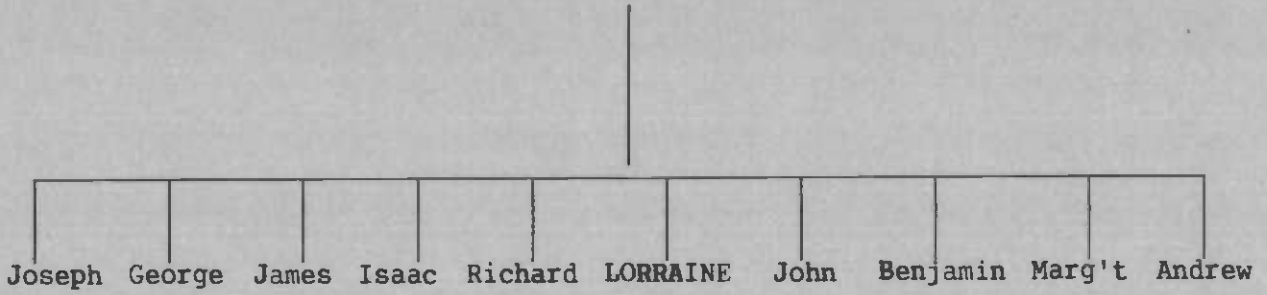
6. One child died in infancy.

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L. Possibly Lucy MORDEN b. c1848, was a child of Richard Morden and Margaret Thompson of Big Island. Lucy was in Richard's household in the 1871 census, age 23.



JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



WILLIAM BRICKMAN AND LORRAINE MORDEN

**HUSBAND: William Brickman**

Born: circa 1790 USA

Marr:

Died: 16 Nov 1863 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Father: Lewis Brickman

Mother: Mary Wanamaker

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**WIFE: Lorraine Morden**

Born: 7 Jan 1804 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Died: 4 Aug 1884 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Father: James Amit Morden

Mother: Margaret Parliament

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**CHILDREN**

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1 | Name: Deborah Brickman  
F | Born: circa 1828 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr: after 1861  
To: John Russell  
Died:

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2 | Name: Benjamin Brickman  
M | Born: circa 1829 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
To: Sarah Emeline Crandell  
Died:

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3 | Name: William Alpheus Brickman  
M | Born: circa 1833 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
To: Anna M. Jones  
Died:

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4 | Name: Elizabeth Brickman  
F | Born: Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont  
Marr:  
To: James H. Vandewater  
Died:

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**VI. LORAINÉ MORDEN** daughter of James Morden and Margaret Parliament, was born 7 Jan 1804 and was baptized by Rev. McDowall in Sophiasburgh. Undoubtedly she was named after her Loyalist grandmother Laurania Howell. As daughter of a Loyalist she received a grant of land by Order-in-Council on 8 June 1825.

Lorraine married William BRICKMAN, estimated date of marriage 1825. William, a man fourteen years older than she, was born c1790, son of Lewis (or Ludwig or Lodewyck) Brickman and Mary (Marytje) Wanamaker. In the 1851 Census he stated he was born in the United States. His ancestry was Dutch. Since the Brickman family was not included in Pioneer Life (presumably because they did not order a copy of the book) my information is based on other sources.

William lived in Ameliasburgh Twp, Prince Edward County on a 300 acre farm near Rednerville on Lots 77 and 78, Concession 1. A militia roll dated January 1829 showed him a Sergeant age 29 in the 4th Company of the 2d Regiment of Prince Edward Militia. On October 14, 1830, when he turned 40 he was transferred to the Reserve Battalion.

By his first wife Deborah Ostrander, who died around 1821, he had two children, Peter and Charlotte. These became Lorraine's stepchildren and Peter married her niece Sarah Morden.

William and Lorraine had four children: Deborah, obviously named in memory of Deborah Ostrander, Benjamin, William Alpheus, and Elizabeth (Betsy). Gilbert W. Morden wrote that one of the sons lived near Rednerville and the other at Trenton. This family was Wesleyan Methodist.

When the township of Ameliasburgh was being organized in 1850 William was the first treasurer to be appointed. In the 1851 census William was 62, Lorraine 48, Benjamin 22, Deborah 23, and Alpheus S. 19.

## THE LORAIN MORDEN BRICKMAN LINE

William died in 1863 aged 73 and is buried in Albury Church Cemetery, Ameliasburgh. In the 1871 census Loraine was living with her daughter Deborah and husband John Russell. In the 1881 census she was living with her son Alpheus and his wife Anna - age 77, widow, born Ontario, C Meth, Dutch origin.

She died on 4 Aug 1884 aged 80 years, 5 months, 21 days. Dr. File gave as the cause *general debility and old age*. I failed to find a tombstone for Loraine in Albury Cemetery.

### Sources:

McDowall's Baptisms.  
William Reid. The Loyalists in Ontario.  
Men of Upper Canada, Militia Nominal Rolls 1828-1829 by Bruce S. Elliott et al, p. 189, 191.  
1851, 1861, 1871 census of Ameliasburgh.  
Ontario Death Records 1884, Prince Edward Co #16129.  
Burr, Historical Sketches, Albury Cemetery record, p. 355.  
1879 Directory of Hastings County (includes Ameliasburgh).  
Wanamaker, Brickman family, pp. 17, 23, 24.  
Wanamaker, Parliament family, pp 74-77.  
Gilbert W. Morden's genealogical notes.  
Belden. Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, 1878.

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A. **Deborah BRICKMAN**. From her age in census records (23-1851) and at marriage we estimate she was born c1828. In 1861 she was 32, unmarried and still living in her parents' home.

On 17 January 1865 she married **John RUSSELL** of Ameliasburgh, son of Jeremiah Russell and Elizabeth. John was 62, Deborah 37. He was twenty-seven years older than Deborah and two years older than her mother and may have been a widower. He was born c1802 (age 69 in 1871) in the United States.

They had only one child, a son named Lewis after his great-grandfather Brickman. In the 1871 census of Ameliasburgh John and Deborah had in their household little Lewis age 4, and Deborah's mother Lorraine Brickman, aged 67 and widowed.

### Sources:

1851 and 1861 and 1871 Census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh.  
Hancocks. Prince Edward Co Marriages, 1858-1869.  
Wanamaker. Brickman, p.23.  
Wanamaker. Parliament.

### Children:

1. **Lewis Brickman RUSSELL** born 6 April 1867, Ameliasburgh. He was baptized by Rev. F. Coleman on 23 June, 1867.

Lewis married **Catherine WASTLE** and had two children.

### Sources:

Milner, Methodist Baptismal Records 1841-1888, Prince Edward Co. Kingston OGS 1990.  
Wanamaker. Brickman p. 23.



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B. Benjamin BRICKMAN born c1829. He was 22 in the 1851 census, 41 in 1871.

He farmed in Ameliasburgh on part of his father's farm. Belden's Atlas of 1879 showed B. Brickman with 100 acres, part Lot 77 on Con 2. adjoining W. Brickman.

In 1852 he married Sarah CRANDELL. The marriage notice appeared in the Christian Guardian:  
*On 29th Sept., at the house of the bride's father, Benjamin Brickman of Ameliasburgh, to Sarah Emeline, eldest daughter of James Crandell, of Hillier.* The clergyman was Rev. J. A. Williams.

Sarah was born in 1831 in Ameliasburgh and was 40 in the 1871 census. Seven children were listed in the 1871 census, born in the years between 1854 and 1868.

### Sources:

1851 Census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh.  
1871 Census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh C3, p.21.  
Reid. Marriage Notices of Ontario. Lambertville N.J.:  
Hunterdon House 1980.  
1879-80 Directory of Hastings Co. Includes Ameliasburgh.  
Wanamaker. Brickman, p.17.  
Wanamaker. Parliament, p.74

### Children:

1. Alice BRICKMAN b. c1854. Age 17 in 1871.
2. Frances BRICKMAN (fem.) b. c1855. Age 16 in 1871.
3. Deborah BRICKMAN b. c1857. Age 14 in 1871.
4. William BRICKMAN b. c1858. Age 13 in 1871.
5. Frederick BRICKMAN b. c1865. Age 6 in 1871.
6. Leslie BRICKMAN b. c1868. Age 3 in 1871.



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C. [William] Alpheus BRICKMAN born 1832. In the 1851 census he was called Alpheus S., age 19. He was 28 in the 1861 census, 37 in 1871, 58 in 1891.

He m. Anna M. JONES, born c1838. Her age was 23 in 1861 census, 32 in 1871, 44 in 1881, 53 in 1891.

At the time of the 1861 census this couple and three children shared the household of the Brickman parents. An 1879 Directory gave the location of W.A.S. Brickman as Con 2, part Lot 77, Rednersville. Belden's Atlas showed the one-hundred acre farm was adjacent to another owned by B. Brickman [Benjamin?].

In the 1871 census there were four children in the family: William F. 14, Ida C. 12, Minnie 3, and a four-month infant R.W. born in December 1870.

In the 1881 census Alpheus and Anna had six children ages 13 to 2: Minnie, Manley, Lillie, Estella, Nettie, Charles and Ethel. Living with them was Alpheus's mother Loraine, then seventy-seven, who died three years later at eighty.

In the 1891 census there were still six children in the home nest: Earnest 20, Lillie 19, Stella G. 17, Netta B. 15, Charles 13 and Ethel 10.

The following list of ten children is based on Census and Ontario Birth Records and Wanamaker's list. Initials and birth order vary from one record to another and Manley seems to be another name for Earnest. More research is needed here.

### Sources:

1851 Census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh, Sheet no 51.  
1861 Census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh, D4, p.48.  
1881 census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh, D1, p.19  
1879-80 Directory of the County of Hastings. Belleville, 1879.  
Wanamaker. Brickman.

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C. Children of Alpheus Brickman and Anna Jones (10):

1. William Farley BRICKMAN 1857-1935. He was 4 in the 1861 census. He married Lydia Mary FAIRMAN 1858-1933. One daughter, Mary, died young.
2. Ida C. BRICKMAN b. c1858. Age 3 in 1861 census, 12 in 1871. Not with family in 1881 census.
3. Annie May BRICKMAN b. c1861. Age 1 in 1861 census. Age 11 in 1881 census; not with her family.
4. Minnie M. BRICKMAN b. c1868. Age 3 in 1871 census, 13 in 1881.
5. Earnest BRICKMAN. His birth record shows Earnest was b. 25 Dec 1870, Ameliasburgh. He may be the infant R. W. who was four months old in the 1871 census. His name seems to vary between Earnest and Manley. Manley Brickman was age 10 in the 1881 census.  
Source: Ontario Birth Records 1874, #16639.
6. Lillian BRICKMAN b. 11(?) Dec 1871, Ameliasburgh. Age 8 in the 1881 census, 19 in 1891.  
Source:  
Ontario Birth Records 1874, Prince Edward Co #16640.
7. Estella G. BRICKMAN b. 3 Oct 1873, Ameliasburgh. Age 7 in the 1881 census, 17 in 1891. Wanamaker called her Stella and said she m. YOUNG and had a son, William.  
Source:  
Ontario Birth Records 1874, Prince Edward Co #16641.
8. Nettie B. BRICKMAN age 15 in 1891. She m. BADENOC.
9. Charles Garfield BRICKMAN 1878-1960. Age 2 in the 1881 census, 13 in 1891. He m. Martha MASSEY.  
3 children, Edwin, Ross and Marion.
10. Ethel E. BRICKMAN, 1881-1933. Did not appear in the 1881 census. Age 10 in 1891. She m. John FITZGERALD, 1870-1953.  
Three children, Ethel, Gertrude and Violet.

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D. Elizabeth BRICKMAN, called Betsey. She was not with her family in the 1851 census of Ameliasburgh.

She m. James H. VANDEWATER, son of John Vandewater and Sarah Clapp of Sidney Twp, Hastings County. The Vandewaters originated in Holland and were early settlers of New York City and were later in Boston. They sided with the Americans in the Revolution. In 1795 James's grandfather came to the Bay of Quinte and his father, John, bought a farm in Hastings County, Concession 2, Part Lot 30 Sidney Twp. A directory and an atlas published around 1879 showed several Vandewater names still on Concession 2.

James and Elizabeth had nine children.

### Sources:

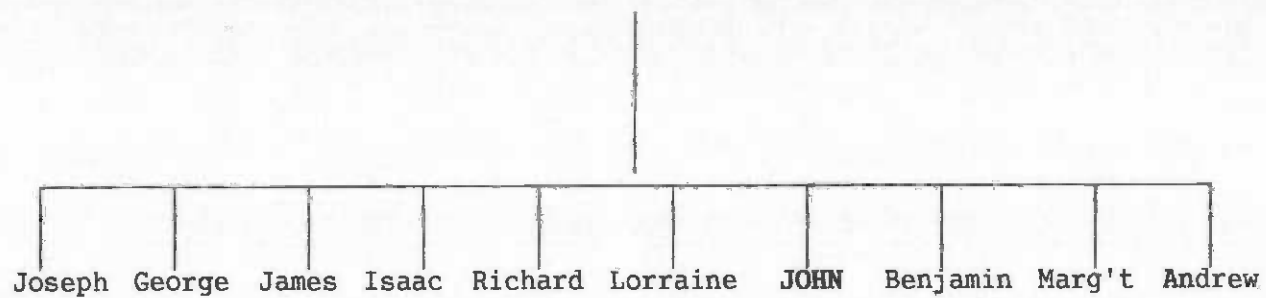
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Vandewater family p.844.  
Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, 1878.  
1879-80 Directory of Hastings County.  
Wanamaker. Brickman.

### Children (9):

1. Deborah VANDEWATER m. John WOOD. 3 children.
2. Sarah VANDEWATER m. Jacob SNYDER. 1 daughter.
3. John Brickman VANDEWATER m. Mina THOMPSON. 5 children.
4. Peter VANDEWATER m. Jane IRWIN, dau. of Alex Irwin. 8 children.
5. Daniel VANDEWATER m. Sarah THOMPSON. 4 children.
6. Catherine VANDEWATER m. J. PITMAN. 1 daughter.
7. Loraine VANDEWATER m. George THOMPSON. 9 children.
8. Charlotte VANDEWATER m. Elias HUFFMAN.
9. Caroline VANDEWATER m. Frank FOSTER.



JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



JOHN P. MORDEN AND HESTER DAVIS

**HUSBAND: John Parcels Morden**

Born: 27 Jun 1806                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Marr:

Died: 20 Apr 1866                      Belleville, Ont

Father: James Amit Morden

Mother: Margaret Parliament

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**WIFE: Hester Davis**

Born: circa 1808

Died: 17 March 1897                      Deserronto, Ont

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**CHILDREN**

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1 | Name: Mary Jane Morden  
F | Born:                      1831  
  | Died: 9 Jun 1868                      Belleville, Ont

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2 | Name: [Charlotte] Emily Morden  
F | Born: 2 Feb 1833  
  | Marr: 3 Feb 1857                      Belleville, Ont  
  |     To: William Henry Davis  
  | Marr:  
  |     To: Thomas Dickens  
  | Died: 14 Dec 1888

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3 | Name: Cornelius Davis Morden  
M | Born: circa 1833                      Belleville, Ont  
  | Marr: 27 Jan 1858  
  |     To: Matilda Maria Sprung  
  | Died: 12 Dec 1884                      Picton, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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4 | Name: Andrew Morden  
M | Born:  
  | Marr: 10 Nov 1869                      Belleville, Ont  
  |     To: Elizabeth Alford  
  | Died:

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5 | Name: Margaret Ann Morden  
F | Born: 10 Nov 1836  
  | Marr:  
  |     To: Thomas Bentley  
  | Died: circa 1900                      Toronto, Ont

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HUSBAND:John Parcels Morden

WIFE:Hester Davis

CHILDREN (Continued)

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6| Name: Lucy Adeline Morden  
M| Born: 1841  
Died: 10 Sep 1865

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7| Name: George Morden  
M| Born: 6 Jun 1845 Belleville, Ont  
Marr: 2 Aug 1871 Sidney Twp, Hastings Co, Ont  
To: [Mary Ann] Elizabeth Vandervoort  
Died: 20 Apr 1917 Owen Sound, Grey Co, Ont

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8| Name: [Oscar] Howard Morden  
M| Born:  
Marr: 12 Nov 1867 Hungerford Twp, Hastings Co, Ont  
To: Jeannie Wardrop  
Died: Winnipeg?

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9| Name: Edwin Morden  
M| Born: circa 1850  
Died: 11 July 1933 Belleville, Ont  
Unmarried

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**VII. JOHN PARCELS MORDEN** son of James MORDEN and Margaret PARLIAMENT, was born 27 June 1806 in Sophiasburgh. He was baptized 6 Sep 1806 by Rev. Robert McDowall, the pioneer Presbyterian minister. His name, John Parcels, was that of one of the early Loyalist settlers whom his grandmother had married after her first husband George Parliament died. "It is known that John Parcels settled on Lot 10, Marsh front [Sophiasburgh]... Parcels had served the Royal cause in Major Van Alstine's company..."<sup>32</sup> Since James Morden was also one of the first settlers the men had a common bond.

John Parcels Morden may have served in the Hastings County Militia when he was a teenager. John Morden, 16, of Thurlow Twp, Lot 4, Con 1, was in a militia list of the First Hastings Regiment, Belleville, 28 June 1825.<sup>33</sup>

Roll of Captain Zwick's Company of the Hastings Militia, 8 Oct 1825.<sup>34</sup>

*Morden, John, 19 Belleville*

Rev. William Case, an early Methodist minister, held a mass baptism of thirty-one adults in Belleville Chapel on 2 March 1828. Among them was John Morden, single. (Early Methodist Records p. 22) If this was John P. he was well and truly baptized, not once, but twice.

As son of a Loyalist *John P. Morden of Town of Belleville* received a free grant of land by Order-in-Council on 11 June 1840. The location was not specified in the Ontario Land Record Index.

John m. Hester DAVIS, b. c1808, daughter of Lewis Davis and Miss Lawrence. Her birth date is estimated from census records and her death certificate. Hester was probably called Hetty; in a

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<sup>32</sup> Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward, p. xvii col.3.

<sup>33</sup> The Searchlight March 1994, p.6.

<sup>34</sup> The Searchlight, Sept 1994.

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daughter's birth record she was "Betty", a slight slip. Although Hester stated her origin as German (1871 census) this was an error. Possibly her mother had German ancestry but her father was the son of a man who emigrated from Wales to Dutchess County, New York, and was killed in 1776 fighting on the British side at the battle of White Plains. Her father settled in the Bay of Quinte around 1800.

At one time John owned property in Trent-Port, our present-day Trenton - where he held a patent dated 22 Jan 1844 for 1/6 acre, Lot 29 on Queen St. on the east side of town. According to Egerton Morden they lived in Belleville where John made his living as a tailor, bailiff, and speculator. He had an abiding interest in buying and selling land and the Tyendinaga Land Copy Books show that he frequently signed as a witness to land sales. One instance of this was the sale of land by James P. Morden on 31 Oct 1842.

*John P. Morden of the town of Belleville, Tailor, the letter "P" being a letter of distinction makes oath and says he was present...*

A city directory of 1860 showed him living in a house on East Church Street. J. W. Dunbar Moodie, Susannah Moodie's husband, having failed as a settler near Peterborough, was the sheriff of Belleville at the time.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte listed nine children of John P. and Hester Morden. Mary Jane was the oldest, b. c1831, and the others were Emily, Cornelius, Andrew, Margaret, Lucy, George, Howard and Edwin. He was the last child, born c1850. These names are confirmed in census lists.

According to the 1861 census John was acting as agent to the clergy reserves. He was living in a stone house at the time of the census. His oldest daughter Mary Jane and a couple of the younger children were at home, but Margaret Anne and Lucy A. were absent, living in Wellington, Prince Edward county. Presumably three of the others had married and had their own households.

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John died 20 April 1866. "After a short illness, Mr. John P. Morden, an old resident of Belleville", said the death notice. Hester appeared as a widow in the 1871 census, with Edward and George at home with her. In 1891, aged 83, she was living with George and his wife in Deseronto, and she died there in 1897. The official record stated:

*Morden, Hester, Mar 17, 1897 at 89 years.  
Thomas St., Deseronto, b. Hastings Co.  
Heart disability - of old age. Duration of illness 3 or 4  
months.  
Physician, Vandervoort, S.D.  
Methodist*

A death notice was published in the Napanee Express of March 26, 1897.

### Sources:

Egerton Morden's notes, 1905. Ontario Archives; I have a copy.  
Rev. Robert McDowall. Baptisms. Sophiasburgh p. 40.  
William D. Reid. The Loyalists in Ontario (Lambertville, N.J.; Hunterdon House 1973).  
1861 and 1871 census, Belleville.  
Directory of the County of Hastings 1860-61  
Northumberland Co Land Patents 1798-1847; index. LDS mf 331933  
Napanee Standard, April 26, 1866, obituary.  
Weekly Intelligencer, Belleville. Apr 27, 1866, p.3, obituary.  
Napanee Express, 26 March 1897. Obituary.  
Ontario Death Records 1897, Hastings Co, Deseronto #10897.  
Gordon Crouses's cemetery notes.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte (Belleville; Mika, 1972) Morden family p. 561 ff and Davis family p. 282.

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A. Mary Jane MORDEN daughter of John Parcels Morden and Hester Davis, born 1831, 28-1861.

Mary Jane remained unmarried and was living at home with her parents in 1861. She died on 9 June 1868 at 36 years, 10 months, 9 days, according to her tombstone in Belleville Cemetery. The newspaper obituary says she died on 10 June.

### Sources:

1861 census Hastings County, Belleville.

Hastings Chronicle, 17 June 1868; obit as transcribed in Belleville Public Library card index.

Tombstone information from Gordon Crouse.

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B. [Charlotte] Emily MORDEN daughter of John Parcels Morden and Hester Davis was born 2 Feb 1833, and baptized on 20 June the same year by Rev. Thomas Bevitt. She seems to have gone by the name Emily.

In the 1851 census she was living in the household of George and Agnes Parliament in Sophiasburgh and was 18 years old.

Emily married William Henry DAVIS of Adolphustown on 3 Feb 1857. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Carroll at the residence of the bride's father in Belleville. Witnesses were J. C. Davis and William A. Williams.

It is possible but not certain that Emily's husband was William Henry Davis, son of John and Sadie Davis, who was born 7 Sep 1828 in Tyendinaga and baptized in Tyendinaga in 1851. Emily and William named a son William H.

Emily married second, Thomas DICKENS of Brighton, Northumberland County.

Mrs. Charlotte Emily Dickens, relict of Thomas and daughter of John P. Morden died on Friday 14 Dec 1888 aged 53 years, 8 months. The obituary appeared in the newspaper the following day.

### Sources:

Early Methodist Records, Smith's Creek Circuit, p.37. Emily. Methodist Church Baptismal Records, Sidney and Tyendinaga, p. 24, Davis.

1851 census, Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh p.5.

The Missing Marriages of Hastings County 1850-1861. Comp. by Don C. Kellaway. Kingston: Thee Hellbox Press, 1998.

Hastings Chronicle Feb 11, 1857, Marriage.

Linda Corupe, Births, Marriages, Deaths from the Napanee Beaver issue of 15 Dec 1888.

Wanamaker, Parliament family, p. 72.

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B. Children of C. Emily Morden and William Henry Davis:

1. William H. DAVIS became a confectioner in Picton. He married Hannah VAN ALSTINE.

Children:

a. Carl Morden DAVIS 1898-1929, married Gena Margaret McFAUL 1900-1923.

They had two children, Hannah Elizabeth Davis b. 1919 and Marion Davis b. 1923.

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C. Cornelius Davis MORDEN, son of John Parcels Morden and Hester Davis, was born c1833, Belleville. (23-1858, 36-1871).

He married Matilda Maria SPRUNG on 27 Jan 1858, daughter of David Sprung. She was 17 at marriage, born c1841, Ameliasburgh. Of Irish origin, according to a census note. The County Marriage Register calls her mother Hannah. An outline of the Sprung family by Wanamaker, however, names her Sarah Wood.

At the time of the 1861 census Cornelius was a schoolteacher in Ameliasburgh and he and Matilda had two children. Before long they settled in Picton and spent the remainder of their brief lives there. They were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

This was an active and enterprising couple, forerunners of today's two-paycheck families. In 1871 Cornelius was an auctioneer with the firm of Barker and Morden, commission merchants, while Mrs. C. D. was a milliner and dressmaker and a mother of four children. One daughter died young.

In 1878 Cornelius was among the subscribers to Belden's Atlas, giving as his business: Auctioneer, Milin'ry & Fancy Goods. He was an accountant and was also selling fire insurance. In describing Prince Edward County's insurance business the Atlas said, "*Almost every Insurance Company operating in Canada - whether fire, life, marine, accident or guarantee - has an agency in Picton. The reason is to be found in the fact, that being central, and easy of access from all parts of the District, and the only town in the county, the farmers all centre in to that place to do their trading, and consequently their insurance business also. There are two companies having their head offices here. 'The Prince Edward County Mutual Fire Insurance Company' is the name of the one which is represented by the following officers.*" After President and Vice President, we come to the Secretary's name: C. D. Morden.

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The company had its head office in a fine new brick building built in 1876 to house the county offices and court. C. D. was also secretary of the High School Board which regulated a small school with two teachers. For many years he served as Deputy Sheriff of Prince Edward.

In the Ontario Archives there is a letter written 24 July 1872 by J. S. McQuaig of Picton to A. Campbell. He suggested that P. Low be asked to appoint C.D. Morden his deputy, ...etc. Without seeing the actual letter we can only speculate on the exact meaning of this, but it seems Cornelius was climbing the ladder to high places. The Hon. C. D. McQuaig, Q.C., was the Member of Parliament for Prince Edward County for years. Philip Low Q.C was a local V.I.P. with a big turreted house on the waterfront and he was also Treasurer and Solicitor of the aforementioned Insurance Company. Was C.D. to be Philip Low's Deputy or the M.P.'s Deputy? Was this the Deputy Sheriff job already referred to?

This busy and useful existence was suddenly cut short when Cornelius and Matilda were in their prime. Cornelius died at Picton on 12 Sep 1884 when he was age 49 years, 6 months, leaving his widow and four adult children. The cause of death was "Febroid affection of the lungs". The physician was Dr. Morden. The death record said C.D. had suffered for four weeks, but considering that he had made a will in May he was surely ill for four months.

Within four years Matilda too passed on. A modern psychiatrist would probably say she fell into a deep depression. Matilda died at Picton on 4 Nov 1888 at 48 years. Cause of death: "Insomnia, for 7 days". Again Dr. Morden signed the death certificate. They are both buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton.

The will of Cornelius D. Morden was drawn up on 14 May 1884 and registered 15 Oct 1884. His affairs seems to have been rather untidy and he gave his executors directions to sell and dispose of his assets as best they could. The stock of goods and shop fixtures were to be sold and if any balance was left after debts were paid it was to be invested for his

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wife's support. The life insurance money was to be used to pay off the mortgage on some real estate and the remainder was to go to son Edwy Allan Morden.

His property, part town lot 252, north side of Main Street in Picton, could be sold and the proceeds used for rent money for Matilda, or she could occupy it and rent out part, or whatever. If she occupied it she had to pay taxes and keep it insured for \$1500. It seems that Edwy Allan was to receive \$500. although this is unclear. \$400. to son Roger Row Morden, #400. to son George Herbert Morden, and \$200 to daughter Mary Hester Powers.

Matilda Maria was to have his large Bible with clasps, Edwy Allan the combination desk and bookcase, Roger Row his watch and chain, George Herbert a gold pen and Picturesque Canada, and Mary Hester was to have a leather covered chair. Edwy Allan was to have the land and premises after his mother's death but one gathers it was not certain that much of the estate would remain.

### Sources:

Prince Edward County Marriage Registers 1858-1869.  
Ontario Death Records 1884, Prince Edward Co #16065.  
Ontario Death Records 1888, Prince Edward Co #15587.  
Prince Edward County Will, Ref. No 574, 76, Grant Book 71.  
Register 348. Photocopy in source notebook from LDS mfilm.  
1861 census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh  
1871 census Prince Edward Co, Picton.  
Belleville Intelligencer 13 Sep 1884, obituary.  
Egerton Morden's notes 1905. In Ontario Archives.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte. Sprung family p. 762.  
Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, 1878.  
Lovell's Canadian Dominion Directory 1871.  
Wanamaker, Sprung Family, 1973.  
Wanamaker's Cemetery Book.

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### C. Children of Cornelius Davis Morden and Matilda Sprung.

1. Edwy Allen MORDEN, born 28 Aug 1858, son of Cornelius and Matilda. He seems not to have liked his name and went through life identified by the initials E.A. Even his obituary used this sparse nomenclature. People were confused by it and called him Edwin or Edward or Edway.

He graduated from Picton High School in 1873 and then served an apprenticeship with the Picton Gazette. His occupation in the 1881 census was clerk, in 1891 it was job printer. To quote from his obituary, *"In 1908 he went to North Vancouver, B.C. where he was associated with his brother, George H. Morden, in the ownership of the North Shore Press published in that city. He retired in 1923 and returned to Picton. He served twelve years on Picton Council, four years as an alderman, and several years on the school boards in North Vancouver."*

He married Emma BUSBY, daughter of James and Emily Busby, on 3 Dec 1888 at Tamworth, Sheffield Twp, Lennox & Addington Co. Emma was born 23 Oct 1861 at Bath, was living in Sheffield, and was 27. "Edwin" was 30, a bachelor, and a printer. Both were Methodists.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte spelled Emma's name "Bushby". Emma was 39 when the 1901 census of Picton was taken. Apparently she did not live long and Edwy married again while he was in British Columbia. There were no children of either marriage.

His second wife was Annie M. CARSON, daughter of Thomas Gent Carson and Clarissa Palen. She was born at Waupoos, North Marysburgh. Dr. Burr wrote that she was a grandchild of Capt Thomas Carson and Phoebe Van Deusen.

Annie had been married to Egerton C. David, M.D. a Michigan doctor who came from a North Marysburgh family. When he became ill they returned to Picton. After his death Annie married Edwy in Vancouver.

To a family historian one of the most productive things E.A. and Annie did was to found the Prince Edward County Historical County Society in 1926. E.A. was

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President, his wife was Secretary, and E.A. also gave a lecture. Minutes of the early meetings are preserved in the Prince Edward County Archives.

E.A. died in Picton in June 1937 and his will was registered 14 August 1937. His obituary said "*Surviving are his wife, two brothers, George and Roger, in North Vancouver, and a sister, Mrs. Walter Powers, Picton.*" Annie M. died 1 May 1948; her will was proved 22 May 1948. Both are buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton.

### Sources:

1861 census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh.  
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pp 163, 205.  
Belleville Intelligencer 11 June 1937, E.A.'s obit.  
ibid. 5 May 1948, obit of Mrs. E. A. Morden.  
Prince Edward Co General Register of Wills. Will #4150.  
14 Aug 1937. NCB book 53, Grant Bk 53-522, p.3.  
Wanamaker's Cemetery Book.  
Prince Edward Co Archives. Historical Society Papers.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, David family p. 278.

2. [Mary] Hester MORDEN born 8 Dec 1860, Picton, daughter of Cornelius and Matilda. She was baptized 3 Feb 1874, Picton, by Rev. E. Clement.

She married Walter POWERS, son of James S. Powers on 9 Dec 1878 at the parsonage in Picton. The name of his mother in the marriage record was Margaret Powers, but a different source says she was Mary Kerr. Walter was 21, (born c1858 in Picton), and was employed as a dry goods clerk. Hester was 18, and a Methodist.

The 1881 census shows that for a time the young couple lived with Mary's parents. Gordon Crouse said Walter lived near the white church on the north limits of Picton. They later lived on Paul Street and had a grocery store on Main Street. Their first child, Arthur, born in 1879 died young. They had four other children, Nellie, Claire, Gussie and Dorothy.

Walter died 20 May 1921. Hester died in Picton on Sunday 13 Nov 1949.

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### Sources:

Eugene Morden, Belleville  
Methodist Baptismal Records 1841-1888, Prince Edward Co.  
1861 census Prince Edward Co, Ameliasburgh  
1871 and 1881 census Prince Edward Co, Picton  
Ontario Marriage Records 1878, Prince Edward Co, #9530.  
Gordon Crouse's note in The Searchlight March 1992.  
Prince Edward Co Wills, Probate Register, Book H., in  
Picton.  
Belleville Intelligencer 14 Nov 1949. Mary's obit.

### Children of Walter and Mary:

a. [Frank] Arthur POWERS born 29 Oct 1879, Picton.  
He died young.

b. Nellie Morden POWERS 1880-1968. She married Harry  
D. CLEMINSON; his mother was a MacDonald. Their  
residence was Wellington.

#### One son:

i. James A. CLEMINSON, "always lived in  
Wellington". He was Past Warden of Prince  
Edward County and past Grand Deputy Master of  
the Masonic Order.

c. Claire Audley POWERS born 23 Oct 1884, Picton.  
Unmarried, resided Picton; died 1972.

#### Source:

Ontario Birth Records 1884, Prince Edward Co #30870.

d. Augusta L. POWERS married Herb HUDGINS, editor of  
Canadian Homes and Gardens; lived in Toronto. In  
mother's obituary the name is spelled Hodgins.

#### Son:

i. Eric HUDGINS, has four children.

e. Dorothy M. POWERS, a Registered Nurse, whose  
specialty was nursing on ocean liners. She married  
D. J. Carley of Toronto.

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C. Children of Cornelius D. Morden and Matilda Sprung.

3. Evelyn MORDEN. Died young.

4. Roger Row MORDEN, son of Cornelius and Matilda, born 24 Apr 1865, Picton. He was baptized on 3 Feb 1874 by Rev. E. Clement and in this record he was named Roger Rae, but in his father's will he was Roger Row Morden.

He lived in Victoria B. C. where he was a printer. Unmarried.

Source:

Methodist Baptismal Records 1841-1888, Prince Edward County.

5. George Herbert MORDEN born 9 Aug 1867, Picton. He was baptized with the rest of the family on 3 Feb 1874.

According to the obituary of his brother Edwy the two were associated in publishing the North Shore Press in North Vancouver. George became a Methodist minister and lived in New Westminster, B.C.

He married Letitia (Hodgins) MILLER. They had two children, Herbert Jr. and Mary.

Children:

a. Herbert H. MORDEN. Possibly this is Herb Morden who served in "D" 21st Battery 4th Div in World War I. His account of a return visit to Vimy is in Picton Archives: The Vimy Pilgrimage, July 1936: Experience, Impressions and Some Random Jottings, written and compiled by Herb Morden, North Vancouver, B.C. The book contains a photograph of Herb wearing his beret with insignia.

b. Mary E. MORDEN



## THE JOHN PARCELS MORDEN LINE

D. Andrew MORDEN, born c.1839, son of John Parcels Morden and Hester Davis.

The 1861 census showed Andrew was one of three men in the employ of his cousin, Daniel Morden, who had a blacksmith shop and made carriages in Rednersville. At the time of his marriage Andrew was a mechanic in Belleville.

He married Elizabeth ALFORD, daughter of W. Alford and Elizabeth McConnell, on 10 November 1869. Andrew was 30 and Elizabeth 18; he was Wesleyan Methodist and she was Episcopalian. Oscar H. Morden of Belleville was a witness. Married by G. R. Sanderson.

Pioneer Life said that Andrew lived in Chicago and had three children, Mary, George, and Frank. According to Gilbert W. Morden the children were named Mary, George and Ernest.

### Sources:

1861 census Prince Edward County, Ameliasburgh Dist 3, Rednersville p.37.

Ontario Marriage Records vol.1, Hastings Co.

Gilbert W. Morden's notes on the Morden family.

Wanamaker. Sprung family.

### Children:

1. Mary MORDEN, called Dolly. Married.
2. George MORDEN.
3. Frank or Ernest Morden.



## THE JOHN PARCELS MORDEN LINE

E. Margaret Ann MORDEN, daughter of John Parcels Morden and Hester Davis was born 10 November 1836 and baptized on 8 May 1837.

She appeared in an 1851 census list of students at the Friend's Seminary in Bloomfield, Hallowell Twp, age 16, with her residence Belleville.

Like her sister Lucy she was among the children in her father's family in the 1861 census of Belleville, age 24, with a notation that she was absent residing in Wellington. Probably she was "M. Morden, 22, female, single" in the household of D. S. Hicks of Wellington. Daniel Hicks was the husband of her cousin Matilda Morden.

Margaret married Thomas BENTLEY and lived in Belleville. An entry in the 1879 Hastings County Directory showed: "*Bentley, T. B., accountant, Belleville.*"

They had two children. Egerton Morden noted that Margaret died around 1900 in Toronto.

### Sources:

Early Methodist Records, Smith's Creek Circuit p. 42.  
1861 Census Hastings Co, Belleville.  
1861 Census Prince Edward Co, Hillier Twp, Dist 1, Wellington Ward p.9.  
Egerton Morden's notes, 1905. Ontario Archives.

### Children:

#### 1. M. Blanche BENTLEY.

She married Francis KIDD, b. in Stafford, England c1867. "*Mr. Kidd came to Canada in 1890 at the age of twenty-three and was educated at the Jesse Ketchum School, obtaining his final diploma constituting him a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, in May 1896. At present he is financial manager of the Sanford Furniture and Woodenware, Limited, of Fenelon Falls.*"

#### Source:

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, p. 563.

2. **William BENTLEY.** A Toronto barrister. He studied law in McLaren & Shepley's offices. Unmarried.



THE JOHN PARCELS MORDEN LINE

F. Lucy Adeline MORDEN, daughter of John Parcels Morden and Hester Davis, was born in May 1841.

In the 1861 census of Belleville Lucy's name, age 19, was listed below her parents with the note that she was absent, residence Wellington. This is probably "*L. Morden, born Canada, religion WM, 17, female, single*" in the McKee household in Wellington.

Lucy's life was short and she never married. She died 10 September 1865 aged 24 years, 3 months, 27 days, and was buried in Belleville cemetery.

Sources:

1861 Census Hastings Co, Belleville.

1861 Census Prince Edward Co, Hillier Twp, Dist 1, Wellington Ward p.16.

Gordon Crouse, Cemetery notes.



THE JOHN PARCELS MORDEN LINE

G. George MORDEN son of John Parcels Morden and Hester Davis, was born 6 June 1845, Belleville.

He is apparently the George Morden of Mill Point who served in the Fenian Raids and was later awarded a medal. He was a private under Lt. Col. Campbell in the Fifteenth Belleville Battalion from the 3d to 18th June 1866 at Prescott, where an attack was expected. Medal #5073 was sent to him at Deseronto on 17 Jan 1900.

George married [Mary Ann] Elizabeth VANDERVOORT, only daughter of George Vandervoort and Catherine Hogle of Sidney on 2d August 1871. The newspaper account said they were married in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Sidney, by the Rev. John Walton. The official marriage record said they were married at the Methodist Church, Wallbridge, and that both were Wesleyan Methodists.

Elizabeth Vandervoort was born 9 Nov 1847 in Sidney Twp, and was baptized 29 Dec 1847 in Sidney. George and Elizabeth Morden had four, perhaps five children: George Jr, Lewis, Ethel, Gard, and possibly Rodney.

They lived in Mill Point, later known as Deseronto, a bustling lumber manufacturing town that revolved around the H. B. Rathbun & Son lumber company. 1879 and 1889 Directories showed George working for Rathbuns as a carpenter, and he was still there in the 1891 census, age 45. Other Mordens, my grandfather included, gravitated to Deseronto to work in the planing mills or to paint doors or to run boarding houses. The town flourished until it was destroyed in 1896 by a fire from which it never fully recovered.

Here is George's household in Mill Point Village in 1881:

MORDEN, Geo	35, b. Ont,	E. Methodist, German origin,		
farmer				
Mary E.	33	"	"	"
Geo	8	"	going to school	
L.E. (male)	5			
E.G. (female)	2			

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In 1891 the children living at home were George, Ethel and Gard, Lewis with his wife and infant, and in addition George's mother Hester, age 83, was with them. Hester did not remain with George indefinitely but returned to Deseronto and died there in 1897. The physician who cared for her was Dr. Vandervoort, probably a relative of hers.

1901 census Hastings County, Deseronto, p.5.

MORDEN, George, head of house, b. 6 June 1845, 55, Dutch origin, Methodist, laborer planing mill

Elizabeth, wife b. 9 June 1848, 52, Dutch origin

Ethel daughter b. 16 Oct 1878, 22

Gard son b. 26 Apr 1885, 15

Edward, lodger b. 18 Sep 1853, 47, painter

MORDEN, Lewis, head of house b. 5 July 1874, 26, Genl Merchant

Sophia wife b. 21 Jan 1874, 27, Irish origin, Methodist

Muriel daughter b. 8 Apr 1899, 1

COX, Blanche, lodger b. 1 July 1876, 24, telegrapher

This family, which seemed so settled in Deseronto, was another one of those which uprooted and relocated farther west, in this instance, Owen Sound, Grey County, Ontario. Perhaps one of the children made the move first and the parents followed, probably around 1908. Egerton Morden wrote in 1905 that one of the sons was married and living at Whitby, and was a commercial traveler.

Mary Elizabeth Morden died at 67 on March 1st, 1915. *"Born, Twp Sydney, Hastings Co, died Owen Sound. Lady. Married, daughter of John Vandervoort. Cause of death, pneumonia 3 days. Informant R. A. Breckenridge, Owen Sound."*

George died two years later on 20 April 1917. *"Morden, George, 71, born Belleville, Ont, died Owen Sound. Carpenter, widower. Father and mother not known. Cause: old age. Acute dilatation of heart following attack of diarrhoea, 4 days. Informant, R. A. Breckenridge, Owen Sound."* Perhaps one of the girls had married Mr. Breckenridge.

## THE JOHN PARCELS MORDEN LINE

### Sources:

- National Archives of Canada, Medal Register RG9, IIA 5, vol.5, p.3.  
Methodist Church Baptismal Records 1840-1887, Sidney & Tyendinaga p. 12.  
Ontario Marriage Records 1871, Hastings Co. Mf 1862695, p. 132.  
Belleville Daily Intelligencer 3 Aug 1871. Marriage notice.  
Ontario Death Records 1915, Grey Co, Owen Sound #14033.  
Ontario Death Records 1917, Grey Co, Owen Sound #14090.  
1881 census Hastings East, Mill Point Village, p.28.  
1891 census Hastings East, Deseronto Village, A2, p. 40.  
1901 census Hastings Co, Deseronto, p.5.  
Hastings County Directory 1879-80, p. 320.  
Gilbert W. Morden's notes on the Morden family.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Vandervoort family pp. 839-841.

## THE JOHN PARCELS MORDEN LINE

Children of George Morden and Elizabeth Vandervoort.  
This is a composite list compiled from birth records and from Vandervoort and Morden family data in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte. In 1905 Egerton Morden wrote that one of George's sons was married and living at Whitby, Ontario.

1. George E. MORDEN 18-1891, still living with his family in 1891 and working as a druggist in Deseronto.

2. Lewis Edmond MORDEN b. 5 July 1875, Belleville. 15-1891.

As the census on a previous page shows Lewis married Sophia who was born 21 Jan 1874. They lived for a while in his father's household in Deseronto.

It is probable that Lewis lived at Bowmanville. An announcement in a Napanee newspaper reported the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Morden at Bowmanville on Sunday, 29 October 1905.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1875, Hastings Co, Belleville #6133.

Children:

a. Muriel Morden b, 8 Apr 1899.

3. Ethel Gertrude MORDEN born 17 Oct 1878, Mill Point, Hastings Co. 12-1891.

She married Thomas Carlyle FRANKLIN, son of Rev. George Mark Franklin and C. A. Hanning, on 5 Sep 1910 at Owen Sound. Thomas was Anglican and Ethel was Methodist. Both were age 29 and both were living in Owen Sound. Witnesses were G. A. Morden of Owen Sound and Blanche Cox of Kingston.

Sources:

Ontario Birth Records 1878, Hastings Co, Mill Point #9060.

Ontario Marriage Records 1910, Grey Co #11590.

Belleville Intelligencer, 15 Sep 1910, p. 6.

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G. Children of George Morden and Elizabeth Vandervoort:

4. Gard Aiken MORDEN b. c1886, 5-1891. It is said that Gard was born and brought up in Deseronto, moving to Owen Sound when he was 22.

Gard was a commercial traveler, age 26, and was living in Owen Sound in 1911 when he was married.

He married Gertrude E. MUNROE, on 19 July 1911 in Owen Sound, Grey Co, Ont. She was born c1887, was 24 at marriage, daughter of Charles E. Munroe and Margaret Cuthbert.

Gard died in 1943. His name was in the index to the Belleville Intelligencer but I could not locate the obituary.

Sources:

Ontario Marriage Records 1911, Grey Co, Owen Sound, #4792.

Information on Gard was sent to Robert Lyle Price Morden by Mrs. Margaret Haist, Bud's sister-in-law.

Children:

- a. Kenneth MORDEN
- b. C. V. Bud MORDEN.
- c. George E. MORDEN "Mick"

5. Rodney MORDEN. His name was in the list in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte but I have not found him elsewhere. Perhaps the unnamed still born male, son of George Morden and Mary Ann Vandervoort, who was born 14 March 1890, Deseronto. Not in the 1891 or 1901 census and not in Gilbert W. Morden's list.

Source: Ontario Birth Records 1890, Hastings Co, Deseronto #12545.



## THE JOHN PARCELS MORDEN LINE

H. [Oscar] Howard MORDEN., son of John Parcels Morden and Hester Davis, born c1848 (18-1861).

In the 1861 census Oscar H. was age 18 and was living in the household of his Uncle Isaac Morden in Sophiasburgh. The following account of his marriage to Jeannie WARDROP appeared in the Belleville newspaper.

On the 12th Nov 1867, O. H. MORDEN, Esq, of Tweed, merchant, married Jeannie, third daughter of the late William WARDROP, merchant, Belleville, and formerly from Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland They were married at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, John Porter of Hungerford, by Rev. D. Ryan.

Jeannie's surname appeared as Wardrope or Wardrub in the birth records of children, and as Wardrobe in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte. Probably it was one of those names which at one time had several acceptable spellings.

In 1869 Oscar H. was living in Belleville when he was a witness at the marriage of his brother Andrew.

O.H. Morden was listed as a storekeeper in Tweed [Hungerford Twp] in the 1871-72 Directory. I have a record from the 1871 census of Hungerford which seems to be for Howard but which was somehow garbled in copying: J.H. Morden 28, merchant, his wife Jeanie, 27, born in Ontario of Scottish ancestry, and a daughter Lucy Maud, 2.

In May 1878 when a son George was born O.H. was an agent in Tweed. A year later, however, when the 1879 Directory of Hastings County was published he was no longer there. Apparently he had felt the call of the west and gone to seek his fortune there.

In the 1881 census Howard Morden, 31, born in Ontario, was in Winnipeg, where he was employed as a salesman and was living in the household of Fred Osenbrugge, a merchant from Germany. His family was still in Ontario. Jane was living in Trenton Village, age 33, with three children, Maud, Ida and Clarence.

Both Egerton Morden and Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte stated in 1904/1905 that Howard was living in Winnipeg. I have addresses for three children in Winnipeg but have mislaid my reference.

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Whether he died in Manitoba or Ontario is unknown, but there is a Howard Morden 1843-1918 who is buried in Mount Evergreen Cemetery, Trenton, Ontario.

### Sources:

1861 census Prince Edward Co, Sophiasburgh Dist 3.  
1871 census Hastings Co, Hungerford Twp. Div 3, p.6,  
1881 census Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
1881 census West Hastings Co, Trenton Village, B1, p. 51,52.  
Belleville Daily Intelligencer, Nov 16, 1867, p.3, col.1,  
marriage notice.  
Cemetery Search, Marilyn Adams Centre, Ameliasburgh.  
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte

Children of O. Howard Morden and Jennie Wardrop.

1. Maude MORDEN. She was called Lucy Maud in the 1871 Ontario census. Age 2 in 1871; 11 in 1881. She was later in Winnipeg. Mrs. McKee, 27 Carleton St, Winnipeg.

2. Ida May MORDEN born 6 May 1871, Hastings Co. The birth was reported by P. H. Morden, merchant, and the "Accoucheur" was T. E. Pomeroy.  
May MORDEN. Mrs. Beatty, Frost and Wood, Winnipeg.  
Source: Ontario Birth Records 1871 Hastings Co, #20275.

3. Mary MORDEN may be the same as May Morden.

4. Clarence MORDEN, born c1875, Ontario. He was 6 in the 1881 Ontario Census. Clarence became a dentist in Winnipeg; address 27 Carleton St.

5. Edwin MORDEN. His name did not appear in the 1881 census. Died young?

6. George MORDEN b. 12 May 1878, Hastings Co, Hungerford Twp. His death on 26 May, age 2 weeks, was reported by Jennie Morden.

### Sources:

Ont Birth Records 1878, Hastings Co, Hungerford #9170.  
Ont Death Records 1878, Hastings Co, Hungerford #4664.

## THE JOHN PARCELS MORDEN LINE

I. Edwin or Edward MORDEN, son of John Parcels Morden and Hester Davis, was born c1850. He was 11 in the 1861 census, 21 in 1871. His name was Edwin in some accounts, Edward in others. Unmarried.

Edwin was a carriage maker in Belleville in the 1871 census. In 1881 he was in Brighton Village, age 28, in the household of Henry Lewis, carriage maker. Edwin's occupation was painter, presumably painter of carriages. When Pioneer Life was published around 1904 his residence was Deseronto.

Around 1918 when he was about 68 he entered the Hastings County Home in Belleville and lived there for fifteen years. He died there on Friday 11 July 1933. His obituary described him as a staunch Conservative and a member of the United Church of Canada.

### Sources:

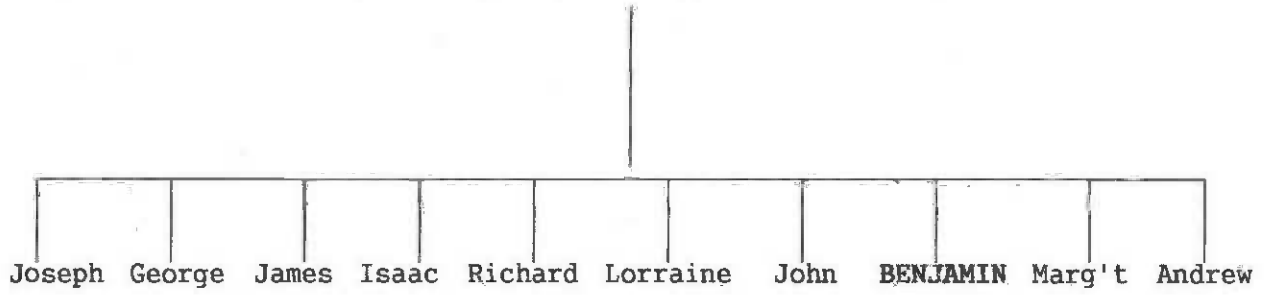
1861, 1871 Census Hastings County, Belleville.

1881 Census Northumberland County, Brighton.

Belleville Intelligencer, 7 July 1933. Obituary.



JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



BENJAMIN MORDEN AND MARY MCCORMICK

**HUSBAND: Benjamin Morden**

Born: circa 1808                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Marr:

Died: 17 Apr 1888                      Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Father: James Amit Morden

Mother: Margaret Parliament

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**WIFE: Mary McCormack**

Born:                      1803

Died:                      15 Dec 1875

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**WIFE 2: Welthey M. Drury**

Marr: 15 Feb 1876                      Wellington, Hillier Twp, Prince Edward Co, Ont

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**CHILDREN by Mary**

|  
|One daughter died young

**VIII. BENJAMIN S. MORDEN**, son of James Morden and Margaret Parliament, was born c1810 in Sophiasburgh. His middle initial in the handwriting of the day is hard to decipher and I have read it as I., S. or T. It is Benjamin S. in the death record and on the tombstone.

His name appeared in the muster roll of men between the ages of nineteen and thirty-nine in the First Regiment of Prince Edward Militia, 8 January 1829. He received free land as son of a Loyalist by Order-in-Council of 27 June 1836.

The Sophiasburgh Township Papers showed his name in 1836, 1838, 1840 and 1843. He was assessed two days of statute labor in 1836, and another two days in 1838, which was the standard rate for a young unmarried man.

Benjamin Morden was one of the witnesses at the marriage of an Ameliasburgh couple, Jacob Parliament and Agnes Huyck on 19 July 1842. He was also one of the witnesses at the marriage of John Morden and Harriet Morden in Hastings Co on 30 Apr 1844.

In the 1851 Agricultural Census for Hastings County he had a 100 acre farm in Tyendinaga Twp, on Con 5, Lot 37. As was customary in pioneer days he settled and cleared the land before paying for it. The Ontario Land Papers Index shows that Benjamin S. Morden of Tyendinaga bought from the Crown the N 1/2 of Lot 37, Con 5 Tyendinaga on 25 Aug 1853. It appears that he soon bought another farm on the same concession.

Hastings County Land Copy Books, Tyendinaga Book A.  
p. 648, #342, 15 Feb 1855.

*James Fegan, Tyendinaga, and wife, to Benjamin S. Morden, Tyendinaga, for £350, 100 acres, N 1/2 Lot 27, Con 5, plus houses, buildings, yards, gardens, orchards. etc. etc.,.*

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Despite these land purchases Benjamin was no longer in Tyendinaga in the 1861 census. Egerton Morden said in his family notes that Benjamin kept a grocery store in Cobourg, Northumberland County. The index of the 1871 census of Northumberland Co shows  
*Morden, Benjamin S. 61, b. Ont, WM, English origin, storekeeper*

Benjamin apparently married twice. His first wife was Mary McCORMACK. Mary was born in 1803 and died 15 December 1875 at age 72. She was buried in Warkworth Cemetery.

Records show that the following year he married a widow, Welthey DRURY.

*Benjamin T. Morden, 66 yrs, res Norham, Ont, b. Canada, widower, merchant, son of James and Jessy married Welthey M. Drury, 59, res Wellington, b. U.S., widow, daughter of Joseph and Mary  
Witnesses: Daniel S. Hicks and Stephen Bowerman, Wellington.  
Feb 15, 1876, Wellington. Bride and groom were Methodists.  
Rev C.A. Hanson.*

Everything about the record -- age, residence and status -- matches Benjamin, except a mother named Jessy, rather than Margaret. Perhaps the original record actually read "Peggy", the name by which his mother Margaret "Peggy" Parliament was known. In the 1881 census Benjamin was in Percy Twp, Northumberland Co, aged 73, with a wife Wealthy, aged 66, born in the United States.

Benjamin died 17 April 1888 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co. He was 80 years old and according to Dr. Cryan the cause of death was old age. It was noted in the diaries of June Allison 1888, April 19, Thursday.

*Mr. Benjamin Morden was buried today. He was living with his nephew Jim Morden out near Doxsees. Was brought to the Island [Big Island] for burial.*

Benjamin's name appeared on Mary's tombstone in Warkworth cemetery but his dates were omitted and June Allison was doubtless correct in saying he was buried in Sophiasburgh. The Jim Morden referred to was [Samuel] James, the son of Benjamin's brother

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Richard of Big Island. Jim married Albina Covert and lived near Crofton, Con 2, Broken Front, Sophiasburgh Twp. Gilbert W. Morden wrote in his notes about Benjamin "*Died about 4 years ago at Coverts. No knowledge as to family, if any.*"

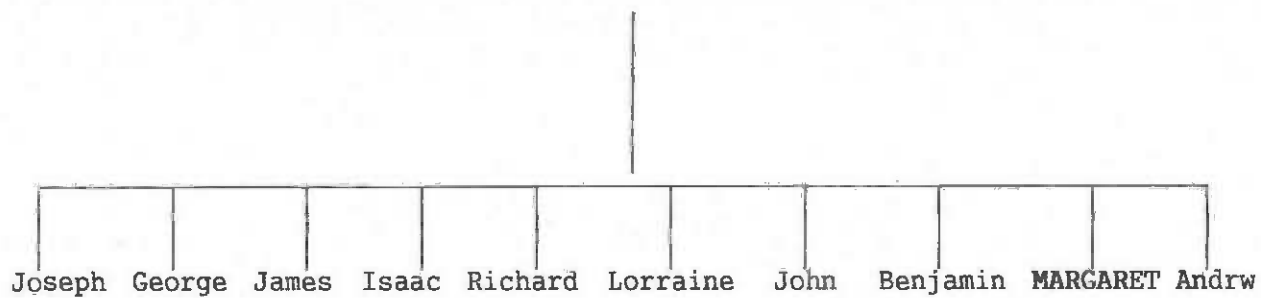
Egerton Morden wrote, "*I think he left no children.*" One daughter died young, according to Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte.

### Sources:

- Egerton Morden's notes
- Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte
- Reid's Loyalists.
- Men of Upper Canada, Militia Nominal Rolls 1828-1829 by Bruce S. Elliott et al, p. 184.
- 1851 census Hastings Co, Tyendinaga Twp. Agricultural.
- Index of 1871 census of Northumberland Twp (054-B 1 10)
- 1881 census Northumberland County.
- Hastings Co. Land Copy Books.
- Sophiasburgh Township Papers in Picton Archives.
- Ontario Marriage Records, Prince Edward Co, Wellington, mf 1863650. p.273, #009253.
- Ontario Death Records 1888, Prince Edward Co #15635.
- Diaries of June Allison 1866-1880 in Picton Archives. 28 vols indexed by Amy Vader. Benjamin in Book 5, p. 14.
- Ontario Register vol 8, p. 175. Witness.
- Ontario Register vol 7, no 1, p. 90. Witness.
- Cemetery Search, Marilyn Adams Centre, Ameliasburgh.



JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



SAMUEL HAWLEY AND MARGARET MORDEN

HUSBAND: Samuel Hawley

Born: circa 1805 USA

Marr:

Died:

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WIFE: Margaret Morden

Born: 22 Jun 1812 Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Died: after 1871

Father: James Amit Morden

Mother: Margaret Parliament

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CHILDREN

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1 | Name: Wilmot Hawley  
M | Born: circa 1838 Adolphustown, Lennox & Addington Co, Ont  
Died:

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2 | Name: Eliza Jane Hawley  
F | Born: circa 1841 Adolphustown, Lennox & Addington Co  
Marr: 9 Mar 1874 Lennox & Addington Co  
To: William Henry Sweetman  
Died:

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3 | Name: Rickson Hawley  
M | Born: circa 1846 Adolphustown, Lennox & Addington Co  
Marr: 3 Sep 1874 Lennox & Addington Co  
To: Isabella Armstrong  
Died:

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4 | Name: Mary G. Hawley  
F | Born: 21 Oct 1849 Adolphustown, Lennox & Addington Co  
Died:

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5 | Name: Mariah O. Hawley  
F | Born: 1851 Adolphustown, Lennox & Addington Co  
Died:

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6 | Name: Deborah Hawley  
F | Born: circa 1852 Adolphustown, Lennox & Addington Co  
Died:

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**IX. MARGARET MORDEN**, daughter of James MORDEN and Margaret PARLIAMENT b. 22 June 1812 (McDowall). It is possible that she never drew her Loyalist allowance for land since her name did not appear in Reid's list of grants.

She m. Samuel HAWLEY, b. in the U.S.A. c1805. There were a number of Loyalist Hawley families in the Bay of Quinte but Samuel does not seem to have put in a claim for land so his parents may not have been Loyalists. Samuel and Margaret lived in Adolphustown on Hay Bay. Meacham's Atlas showed two farms under Samuel Hawley's name, both on the waterfront, but on opposite sides of the bay, so there were probably two Sam Hawleys. My information on this family is sketchy.

Samuel was in the 1851 census aged 46, with Margaret 40, and five children, all born in Adolphustown. They were Wilmot, Eliza J., Rickeson, Mary G., and Mariah O, and ranged in ages from 13 down to baby Mary. Ten years later in the 1861 census of Adolphustown Samuel Hawley, 56, farmer, and wife Margaret, 49, were in a 1 1/2 story frame house on pt Lot 23, Con 3, Adolphustown, a 150 acre farm. The children were not with them but I found them five pages farther on in the household of Canniff Hawley. Canniff's house was home to a group of nine people who apparently had varying reasons for being there. Since Canniff was a widower he needed a housekeeper. Deborah and "Lorrin Brickmond"<sup>35</sup> may have been there either to visit or to give a hand to 19-year-old [Eliza] Jane Hawley. Canniff was a sadler and the Hawley boys were labourers helping him. Was Canniff also one of this family? brother? uncle? Little Florence Baker, who was only three, was a cousin, the granddaughter of Isaac Morden. She was undoubtedly the family pet.

In the 1871 census three children were back in the home nest: Samuel 65, farmer, German origin. b. U.S.A., religion Quaker. Margaret, wife, 58; Eliza Jane 29, Rickson 24, Debrah 19. Wilmot was in his own household in Adolphustown.

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<sup>35</sup>This would appear to be Margaret's sister Lorraine who m. William Brickman of Ameliasburgh and had a daughter named Deborah. If this is the case the enumerator reversed the ages of the two women i.e. "Lorrin" 28, Deborah 54.

## THE MARGARET MORDEN HAWLEY LINE

### Sources:

1851, 1861 1871 Census Lennox co, Adolphustown.

Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Counties of Frontenac, Lennox & Addington...Meacham, 1878.

Children of Margaret Morden and Samuel Hawley. The six names below are from various census lists. There may well have been others.

A. Wilmot HAWLEY b. c1838, Adolphustown Birth date estimated from census (13-1851, 22-1861). His name was "Wilburt" in 1861. A note in one census says Wilmot was a cripple. The 1871 census showed Wilmott in a household of his own. Wilmot Hawley was a shareholder in the United Empire Loyalist Cheese Factory which was organized in 1897.

B. Eliza Jane HAWLEY b. c1841, Adolphustown. (10-1851, 19-1861).

In 1871 she was still living at home, single, Wesleyan Methodist.

On 9 March 1874 at age 33 she m. William Henry SWEETMAN or SWETMAN, agent, 42, residing in Toronto, son of James Swetman and Mary McDonald. Born Cincinnati. He was a widower; Eliza Jane was single. His religion was Brethren.

### Sources:

Scott's Presbyterian Marriages.

Lennox & Addington Marriages 1869-1880, tr. by Linda Corupe, 1995, Vol 1, #990.

C. Rickeson H. HAWLEY or Ricketson b. c1846, Adolphustown, (5-1851, 14-1861) In 1871 he was 24, a farmer, living with his parents.

He married Isabella ARMSTRONG, daughter of Thomas and Maria, on 3 September 1874. Rickeson was 27, living in Adolphustown; Isabella was 24, living in Bath.

### Sources:

Lennox & Addington Marriages 1869-1880, tr. by Linda Corupe, Vol 1, #793.

THE MARGARET MORDEN HAWLEY LINE

D. Mary G. HAWLEY b. 21 Oct 1849, Adolphustown, baptized 1 Aug 1869, Adolphustown by Rev R. L. Tucker.

E. Mariah O. HAWLEY b. 1851, Adolphustown. Her birth date is from the 1851 census; missing in 1861.

F. Deborah HAWLEY b. c1852 (10-1861) In 1871 she was 19, going to school. [Is it possible that Mariah and Deborah were the same person and that there were only five children?]

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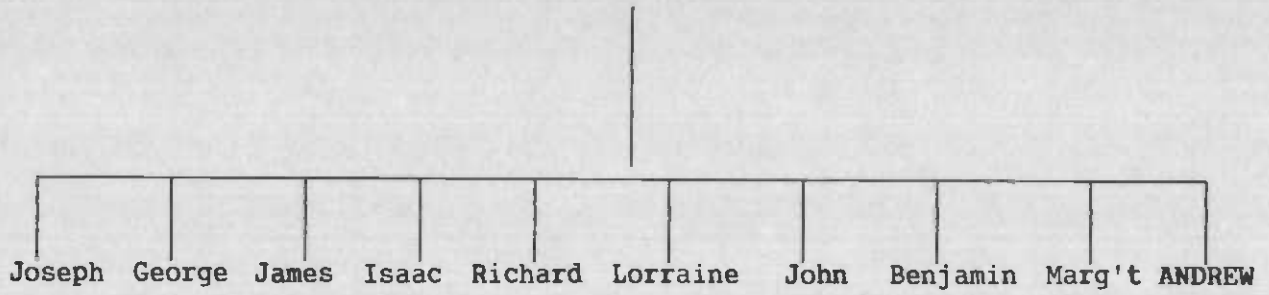
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JAMES MORDEN AND MARGARET PARLIAMENT



ANDREW MORDEN

BACHELOR: Andrew W. Morden

Born: Feb 1815

Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Died: 2 Sep 1836

Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward Co, Ont

Father: James Amit Morden

Mother: Margaret Parliament

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NO WIFE:

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**X. ANDREW W. MORDEN** born Feb? 1815, son of James Morden and Margaret Parliament.

Andrew was the youngest of the family of ten and died at age 21, unmarried. He started out his adult life optimistically by purchasing 100 acres in Tyendinaga Twp from his brother Isaac. This was the N 1/2 of Lot 10 Con 1 which Isaac had bought from Billa Flint in August 1835 for £50 and resold to Andrew M. Morden of Sophiasburgh, labourer, for £200 on 3 May 1836.

Between May and September of 1836, however, some illness or accident befell Andrew, for on 1 Sep 1836 he drew up his will.

Will of Andrew Morden. 1 Sep 1836. Abstract.

Andrew Morden of Sophiasburgh. Land in Tyendinaga, Lot 10, North Range, Con 1, together with interest in Lot 11 said Range and Con, to be sold and the proceeds divided in 9 equal shares to brothers Joseph, James, Isaac, John, Richard and Benjamin and sisters Lorain and Margaret. Mother to have 1/2 share, and "*to my nephew Andrew the son of my brother Richard a half share...my sister Margaret should have the proceeds of the location ticket which I held as the son of a U.E....*" The Doctor's bill was to be settled by brother Isaac.

His sister Margaret was closest to him in age, and was just three years older. The namesake nephew was a boy of nine at the time and a cripple. Andrew died on 2 Sep the day after he signed the will. His executors, James R. Morden, Samuel D. Cronk, and Daniel Baker, all of Sophiasburgh, sold to William Emmons for £375 the N 1/2 of Lot 10 Con 3, 100 acres. His U.E. land grant was approved after his death by Order in Council of 1 Dec 1836.

Andrew was buried near his parents in the old Lazier-Cronk cemetery, Sophiasburgh. His tombstone says his age was 21 years and 7 months at death.

Sources:

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