

Emma Found

The Chinnery Daughters

Our first issue¹ of The Four Drive in 1996 raised a question as to what happened to the four daughters of James and Lucy Chinnery? We reported² the marriages of 3 (Maria, Eliza, and Lucy) of the 4 daughters of James and Lucy Chinnery, The unaccounted daughter was Emma. There were several possibilities of what happened to her. She could have died after the 1841 English census³, remained in England, or married in Canada prior to the 1851 Canadian Census when the family was next enumerated. This issue summarizes the outcome of almost 10 years of search.

Anatomy of the Search

In 1996 while researching in the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah I had recorded in my research notebook⁴ a notation of a land transfer by Isaac Chinnery to a "Wickett". I hadn't recorded any other details of the grantee as the Wickett surname had no significance to me at that time. About two years ago with the help of Barbara Millar in Toronto we found that one of the Chinnery daughters, Maria had married a Henry Wickett.⁵

On a recent trip to Ludington, Michigan, I spent several days at the county court house. First item on my research list was to determine whether the land transfer noted above was to a Henry Wickett and whether his wife was named Maria. The referenced transfer confirmed that the Grantee was a Henry Wickett. Further review of the index for deeds in the County Registrar's office came up with another land transfer where Isaac Chinnery was the grantee with a Henry Wickett and wife, Maria⁶ nee Chinnery were the Grantors. Except for these two items we can find

¹ "The Four Drive", Volume I, No. 1.

² "The Four Drive", Volume VII, No. 1

³ The James Chinnery family along with wife Lucy and daughters Emma, Maria, Lucy and Emma and two sons Eli and Keeble were enumerated in the Otley Parish of Suffolk County, England.

⁴ I use spiral bound notebooks to record the research efforts and the results both pro and con.

⁵ See The Four Drive, Volume VII, No. 1, page 1.

⁶ Maria or Mariah? Birth record and initial census notations used Maria. In her adult years she used Mariah.

no evidence that they ever lived in Mason County

This was the first time I had ever pursued land transfers in a registrar's office where I could look at the entries in the index and the copies of documents recorded in the Deed Records. Previous research of this nature had been done in Salt Lake City and the media was microfilm of the same documents. Taking advantage of this opportunity in the Registrar's office I continued to pursue the indices for entries related to Chinnery and/or Wickett.

Power of Attorney

While looking for land transfers, I came across and entry in the index as follows.

Eliza Wickett to Eli Chinnery 22/309 P A

The index showed Eliza Wickett as the grantor but review of the actual document produced names of several others. The Power of Attorney was being granted to Eli Chinnery, executor of the estate of his father James A. Chinnery to allow sale of certain parcels of land. James Chinnery died 25 March 1883.

Eliza and her siblings Maria Wickett and Lucy Watson in two separate documents. Date of this Power of Attorney being May 19, 1883. On the 26th day of May: Emma Nash, William J. Ellis, Sarah Rickard, Eliza Parker, and Elnora Galbreath granted P/A related to property of their grandfather James A. Chinnery.

The actual transfer of the property had Eli Chinnery acting on his own behalf and also as Power of Attorney for the above referenced 8 individuals. Other signatures were Eli Chinnery with wife Mary Ann Chinnery, Alfred Chinnery with wife Theresa, Delbert Chinnery and his step mother Cassie Chinnery, and his half sister Anna Stone. Henry Wickett signed along with his wife Mariah. Even though William Ellis had granted P of A⁷ to Eli he also signed along with his wife Anna. Date of this execution was 18th March 1887

Land description

NE quarter(1/4) of the NE quarter of Section 26 T18,R17 and South half(1/2) of the SE quarter (1/4) of

⁷ Power of Attorney

SW quarter (1/4) Section 23, Township 18 North of Range 17 West.

Sarah Corwin on behalf of her children executed a separate transfer. Sarah being the widow of John Anthony Isaac having previously sold his 1/9 interest in the property to Henry Wickett and wife for \$185 in November 1886. Thus we now understand why Henry had to sign along with Mariah.

Analysis

Emma Chinnery

If the 5 children listed above are Emma's, then her married name was probably Ellis. Eli taking care of the estate of James Chinnery obtained Power of Attorney for surviving siblings and living descendants. Several of the names were designated as grandchildren. So conclusion here is that Emma was deceased at the time of James Chinnery death. Thus her issue would be the beneficiaries of Emma's share.

Their names being:

Emma Nash
William Ellis
Sarah Rickard
Eliza Parker
Elnorah Galbreath

The surnames of the females being their married names and Ellis quite probably being their family name.

John Anthony Chinnery

In regards to the children of John Anthony it appears that he (John A.) was alive at the time of his father's death. But was deceased when the estate was being processed. Eli didn't require a Power of Attorney for the descendants of John A. because Sarah Chinnery, widow of John A, already had guardianship of the minor children of John and Sarah, and could thus sign on their behalf. Their children being:

Pauline
James
Lucy B
Celist Dale
Albert D.
Addie L. (deceased as infant)

We know these names from previous research efforts in Mason County. Our current research found a determination of heirs was issued by Mason County Probate Court⁸ dated 20 January 1913 upon the request of Pauline Pittard, a daughter. This determination was apparently required in order to dispose of some property within Scottville that had belonged to John Anthony Chinnery but not previously probated.

"It further appearing that at the time of death the following named persons were legal heirs of said deceased, viz:

Sarah J. Chinnery as widow, age 59 years
Albert Chinnery, a son, aged 33 years
James Chinnery, a son, age 40 years
Carl W. Chinnery, a son, aged 27 years
Celist Dale Chinnery Wilson, a daughter, aged 34 years
Lucy White, a daughter, aged 36 years

This "determination of heirs" is an important find. Even though we already knew the names of the children we didn't know the married names of the girls (except for Lucy), nor did we know the full name of Carl W Chinnery. The guardianship order issued in 1885 referred to the youngest as "Willie". Additionally from indicated age we can now estimate his birth date as circa 1884-1885 but prior to the guardianship order. This birth year is about the same as previously determined.

Timetable of Events

March 25 1883	James Chinnery death
May 19, 1883	P/A to Eli by Eliza Wickett
May 26, 1883	P/A to Eli by Emma's issue.
May __ 1883	P/A to Eli by Lucy Watson and Mariah Wickett
June 22, 1885	Israel Galbreath and wife sold their interest in "Chinnery Island" ⁹
October 26, 1886	Henry Keeble Chinnery death
Nov 22, 1886	Isaac sold land to Henry Wickett
Dec. 8, 1886	Henry Wickett & wf sold Scottville lots (5 & 15) to Isaac Chinnery
March 21 1887	Warranty Deed by Eli Chinnery et al to Ada Terry
October 8, 1887	Guardian Deed to Ada Terry ¹⁰
Jan. 20, 1913	Determination of John Anthony heirs.

Marriage of Emma Chinnery

Concluding that Emma's married name was Ellis, we now started our search for confirmation of her marriage and the full name of her spouse. We used the search engine of the LDS¹¹ to search for entries in Canada. We could only enter the last name of a possible husband. And since previous searches for Emma Chinnery had been fruitless we saw no need to search for Emma Chinnery. But rather we only entered her first name. We immediately obtained a hit and only one. The marriage of James Ellis and Emma Chimney¹². The marriage occurred in Victoria

⁹ Chinnery Island designating that portion of land along the Pere Marquette River. This parcel of land commonly known as Chinnery island.

¹⁰ This guradian deed by Sarah Corwin apparantly to correct a previous transfer supposedly made to Henery Keeble Chinnery to Ada

¹¹ <http://www.familysearch.org>

¹² I guess one needs to be more diligent in trying variant spellings.

⁸ This too was recorded in Register of Deeds records.

District of Ontario .24 Dec 1849. Since this fit previously known location for the family and time period, we are safe in concluding that this is our Emma.

We can further conclude that the family immigrated to Michigan with or about the same time as the others - so search of Census records should reveal additional information.

Census 1851-Canada

Hastings Co., Belleville

Ellis, James Tanner ENG CE 25M M M
Ellis, Emer ENG WM 23F M F
Ellis, William C CE 1M S M

(James and Eliza Wickit are the entries just preceding)

Census 1860

We found James Ellis and family listed in Decatur Township of Van Buren County. Interestingly we found the listing on the same page as for James Chinnery family(#1243) and Henry Wickett family(#1244). The James Ellis family being the next family listed(#1245).

James Ellis age 33 England
Emma age 30 England
Jane age 7 Canada
William age 5 Canada
Sarah age 3 Canada
Eliza age 1 Michigan

Census 1870

Search for James Ellis came up with following information for 1870.

Ellis, James age 45 M W Tanner bp England
----- Susan 44 F W keeping house MD
----- William 15 M W clerk in store Canada
----- Sarah 13 F W school Canada
----- Eliza 11 M W school Michigan
----- Eulora 9 M W school Michigan

Oops! something wrong here, wife shown is Susan not our Emma. Also missing is daughter Emma, but other children's names seem to agree with known information. [We do not have birth date for Emma, but she may have been the oldest and married by time of 1870 census.] So back to the search. Further digging found that James Ellis married Susanna Geltsinger in Van Buren County, Michigan on 9 April 1863. Subsequently we found a census (1910) reference with Susan living with the William Ellis family and was listed as "stepmother." So we can safely conclude that the James that married Susan was in fact the James Ellis that had been previously married to our Emma Chinnery.

When did Emma die? There was a daughter Elnora(h) born in 1861. Emma apparently died circa 1861 to April 1863.

Children of James and Emma Ellis

Emma Nash
William Ellis
Sarah Rickard
Eliza Parker
Elnorah Galbreath

Emma J. Ellis married Clayton M. Nash¹³ 8 October 1882.
Sarah M. Ellis married J.B. Rickard 5 December 1876
Elnora L. Ellis married Israel R. Galbreath¹⁴ 27 Nov. 1879.
Eliza Ellis married Calvin M. Parker 3 Jun 1877
William Ellis married Mary Anna _____¹⁵

Further research should include:

1. Death date for Emma in Michigan.
2. Above marriages from from diBean index, a review of county clerks marriage records would reveal ages and parental information.

Emma Jane Ellis

As it appears that Emma Jane Ellis had been married previous to her marriage to Clayton Nash, we decided we had to look further. Searching the LDS - IGI we found the following listing.

Joseph D. Pardee of Cass Michigan married Emma Ellis on 17 May 1869.

A search of the **1870 Census** found this young couple living in Keeter, Van Buren County, MI

Joseph Pardee age 26 bp NY
Emma age 18 bp Canada

{Thus the explanation of why the marriage record for Emma Ellis to Clayton Nash also showed her name as Emma Pardee.}

UPDATES and REVIEW of the Other Three DAUGHTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ELIZA WICKETT nee CHINNERY

Eliza CHINNERY and James WICKETT married 14 September 1846 in Victoria District of Canada. Eliza the eldest daughter of James and Lucy Chinnery was born 15 May 1827 in Otley, Suffolk County, England. Eliza and James remained in Canada and were prominate citizens in the community of Belleville¹⁶.

James Wickett

- b. 1823, Davidson, Cornwall, England
- d. 1902

& Eliza Chinnery

- b. 15 May 1827, Otley, Suffolk Co., England
- m. 14 Sep 1846, Victoria District Ontario

Children of James and Eliza

| Mary Janet Wickett
| b. 5 Jul 1847, Belleville, Ontario
| Eliza Ann Wickett
| b. 2 May 1850, Belleville, Ontario
| Mary Wickett
| b. 19 Aug 1855, Belleville, Ontario
| James Alfred Wickett
| b. 16 Jan 1858, Belleville, Ontario
| Annie Marie Wickett
| b. 26 Nov 1861, Belleville, Ontario
| Thomas Wickett
| b. 17 Nov 1863, Belleville, Ontario
| Rosetta Wickett
| b. 21 Apr 1870, Belleville, Ontario

¹³ Second marriage for Clayton Nash, additionally it may be the second marriage for Emma as record shows name as Emma J. Pardee or Ellis.

¹⁴ Galbreaths living in Kent County at time of probate of James Chinnery estate.

¹⁵ Date of marriage and last name of Mary unknown

¹⁶ **Census 1851 Canada, Hastings Co., Belleville**
James, Eliza, Mary J., and John.

LUCY WATSON nee CHINNERY

Lucy CHINNERY was the third child of Lucy and James Chinnery. She married John Watson 4 Jan 1849 in Victoria District. J.D. as he was commonly known died at age 53 in 1875. At this writing we do not know the death date for Lucy but we believe it to be 1901 to 1909. She was living with son Ezra as enumerated in the 1900 Census. The 1910 Census she was not listed with Ezra and family, though Alfred Chinnery sibling of Lucy was living with Ezra.

John Davidson Watson

b. ca 1822

d. 30 Apr 1875, Van Buren Co., Mi

& Lucy Chinnery

b. 6 Nov 1831, Otley, Suffolk Co., England

d. aft 1900

m. 4 Jan 1849, Victoria District Ontario

Children of J.D. Watson and Lucy (Chinnery) Watson

| James M. Watson

| b. ca 1850

| William Watson

| b. ca 1852

| Adeline Watson

| b. 1855, Victoria District Ontario

| Ezra K Watson

| b. 1856, Victoria District Ontario

| & Etta Gibson

| m. 20 Aug 1891, Van Buren Co., Mi

| Sarah Watson

| b. 1858, Victoria District Ontario

| Flora Watson

| b. 1861, Van Buren Co., Mi

| Albert K Watson

| b. 1867, Van Buren Co., Mi

| & Susan Ball

| m. 2 Oct 1893, Van Buren Co., Mi

MARIA WICKETT nee CHINNERY

Maria was the fourth daughter (5th child) of James and Lucy Chinnery. Maria married Henry Wickett 10 Mar 1857 in Victoria District of Canada. Maria was baptized and married as Maria but in later years signed her name as Mariah.

Henry Wickett

b. 1834

d. after 1920

& Maria Chinnery

b. 3 Jun 1836, Otley, Suffolk Co., England

d. bef 1920, Van Buren Co., Michigan¹⁷

m. 10 Mar 1857, Victoria District Ontario

| Willis J. Wickett

| b. abt 1858, Michigan

| & Emma Hopkins

| m. 25 Apr 1893, Van Buren Co., Mi

| Henry D. Wickett

| b. abt 1861, Michigan

| George G. Wickett

| b. abt 1863, Michigan

| Lillian Wickett

| b. 29 Jan 1865, Michigan

| & Frank H Rosewame

| m. 20 Mar 1886, Van Buren Co., Mi

| Wesley W. Wickett

| b. 30 May 1868, Decatur Twp, Van Buren Co., MI

| Charles C. Wickett

| b. abt 1871, Michigan

| & Grace Carlisle

| m. 18 Sep 1894

| Richard W. Wickett

| b. abt 1879, Michigan

¹⁷ We conclude this, as Henry was living alone in VanBuren County during 1920 Census. They were both alive for the 1910 Census

The Migrations of James Chinnery & Families

James (b. Rushmere ca. 1806) and Lucy Lambert (b. ca. 1805) were married 1826 in Grundisburgh, Suffolk County, England. Sometime after their marriage they moved to Otley some 5 kilometers away. He was a farmer and while members of the Otley Baptist Church they had 6 children { Eliza, Emma, Lucy, Eli, Maria and H.K.}. They were enumerated in the 1841 Census of England in Otley.

In 1842, they immigrated to Canada West (now Ontario). We find them living in Hastings County of Victoria District at the time of the 1851 Census of Canada. James's occupation listed as farmer. While living in Victoria District they had three more sons - John Anthony, 1845; Alfred , July 1848; and Isaac, April 1851.

The move to Michigan occurred about 1855 some time after Isaac was born. Currently we believe the migration of the family may have occurred in two parts. James and Lucy with younger children . Maria married Henry Wickett, 10 March 1857 and their first child was born in Michigan in 1858. We believe that the Henry Wickett family quite possibly traveled with Eli and Mary Ann and their daughter Salina (Sabina) about 1857 or 1858. Emma and Lucy married in 1849. Emma's first three children were born in Canada while the fourth was born in 1859 in Michigan. Lucy's first five children were born in Canada while the sixth, was born in Michigan in 1861. .

Eliza and James Wickett and their family remained in Canada the remainder of their lives. James Wickett was a stone mason. We find those that immigrated to Van Buren County listed in the Census of 1860 in Decatur Township of Van Buren County, Michigan. James Ellis was a tanner while all the other males continued to be farmers.

Chinnery and Eplett

Where did their paths cross? Note the following baptismal record.

Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Record.

Belleville Town - Charlotte Sabina Eplett - Parents Joseph and Charlotte Eplett. Place of birth Belleville, 1848/08/03, Baptism 1849/03/02 by Rev. J. Gemly.

Charlotte would be youngest sibling of Mary Anne Eplett. We know from birth certificate that Mary Anne was born in Great Torrington, Devonshire. Because their mother's first name was also Charlotte, this daughter was usually called Sabina. We know of another sibling, a sister Eliza that was living with Egerton in Hastings county after the death of their father (1949?) and possibly Joseph, Jr.

The first born of Eli and Mary Anne was Sabina (sometimes shown as Salina).. The gravestone in Amber Township of Mason County shows daughter name as Mary S. Death record shows as Salina Chinnery. She died at age 15 of scarlet fever. Sabina was born June 9, 1857 in Canada, this points way that emigration¹⁸ did not occur until after this date. The use of Sabina could be named after Mary Anne's sister or a possible surname in the ancestral tree.

¹⁸ Remember that emigration means to leave, I remember by "e" for exit, whereas immigration means to go into for "i"

Further research should include: (cont'd from page 3)

- 3. Eplett in Victoria District¹⁹
- 4. Marriage of Eli Chinnery & Mary Anne Gerrans Eplett in Hastings County.
- 5. Birth of Sabina (Salina) Chinnery in Hastings Co.

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

Many of our readers are probably not interested in all this Chinnery family ancestry. I would however suggest that you look at it from perspective of the research techniques used so that you may apply the same to your family research. Worth reviewing is the article "Deeds Can Provide a Wealth of Information", by Christopher Dixon, published in The Four Drive, Volume I, No. 3 January 3, 1997. As shown in this issue, land records will show other valuable information other than just land transfers.

Census records are an important tool. Information we glean from census records besides where they were living includes occupations, immigration dates, family members, approximate birth years and birthplaces to name just a few items. Living patterns/habits of early settlers, such that family members(siblings) tended to live nearby. This was surely shown in this study with daughters(Maria and Emma) with their spouses living nearby, even to be found on the same census page. A good habit here is to scrutinize the names on the current page as well as the page before and the page following. While this might not be of much help if the last name changes, or you do not know the married name. But watch for an entry if a child had an unusual first name. I recently found the married name of Albert D. Chinnery (John A.2, James¹) daughter Cleo. She was listed with her husband Glen Kilpatrick as the next family on the same sheet in 1930 census.

The internet is an indispensable tool for continuing research from your home. Volunteers worldwide are busy transcribing census records for free access via the internet. Thus use the links provided in this newsletter and apply to your family research.

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Susanna Lano, Sibling-

Recently I received an email from Jenny Collis²⁰, Western Australia as to whether I had any information as to identity of a Susanna born in 1805 to Richard and Elizabeth Lano. And if so did she marry a William Pearce. Several exchanges by email followed and preponderance of evidence seems to confirm that the Susanna marrying William Pearce was the daughter born to Richard and Elizabeth Lano in 1805. We are

¹⁹ We have been in contact with two other researchers of the Eplett family, descended from Eliza Eplett. Barbara Millar and Pamela Lyons.

²⁰ See "Introducing Jennifer Collis", page 7 this issue.

the first to admit that one of the difficulties with families identity is the common practice of repeated use of given names. As an example Richard, Elizabeth during 1800 was quite commonly used. Siblings named their children with duplicate names. So how does one conclude whether the parents of this Susanna are also the parents of our Richard Lano (married to Martha Fudge) and thus making Susanna a sibling to our great great grandfather Richard?

The first question to answer is what is the last name of the Susanna who married William Pearce in the late 1820's? William and Susanna are known to have had four children.

- William Pearce
 - b. abt 1801
- & Susanna
 - b. 1805
 - d. 25 Mar 1839
 - m. unknown date
- Elizabeth Ann Pearce
 - b. 5 Sep 1830, Easton Portland, Dorset, England
 - d. 20 Jul 1856
- William Lano Pearce
 - b. 27 May 1832
- Richard Lano Pearce
 - b. 26 Jan 1834
- Robert John Pearce
 - b. 18 Dec 1836

You will note that the middle name for the first two boys is Lano. This indicates high probability of "Lano" being a family name of Susanna forebears. But is it her maiden name?

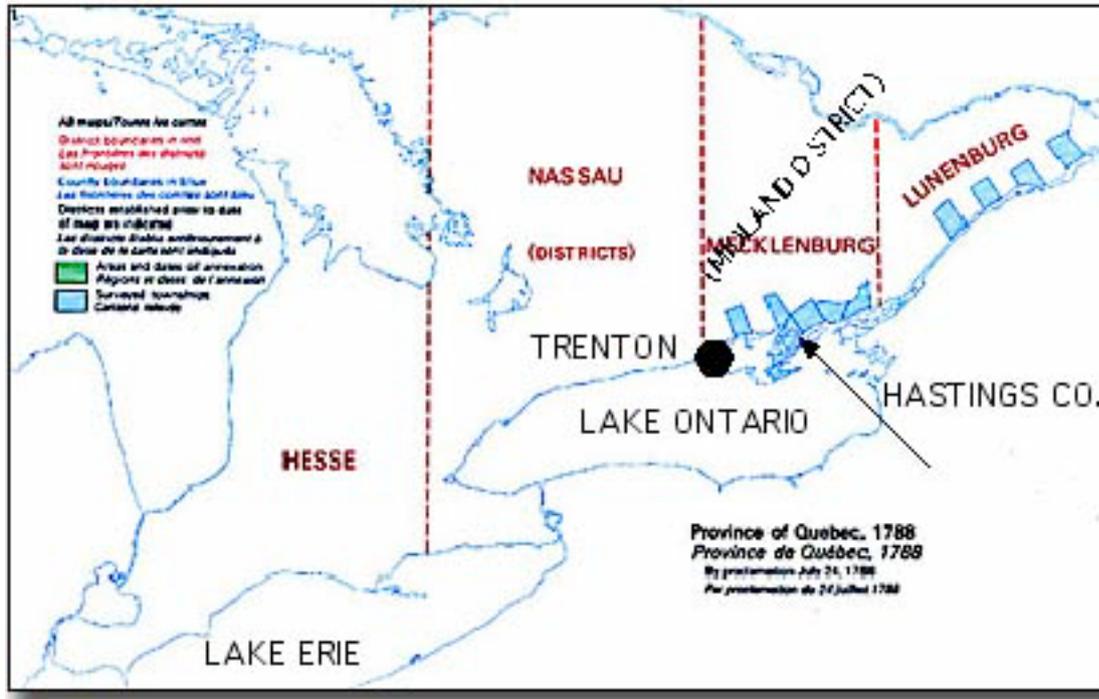
Susanna died in 1839. We then looked for an 1841 census record for the William Pearce family. We found William Pearce living in Easton with the three boys. Ages indicated in the census agreed with the birth dates shown above. But where is Elizabeth? I vaguely remembered having seen an Elizabeth living with widow Elizabeth Lano as the family group enumerated just ahead of our Richard Lano family. And sure enough there was 10 year old Elizabeth Pearce living with Elizabeth Lano, age 68. She was designated as grand daughter to head of household.

At the time of the 1851 census we find Elizabeth Pearce, age 20 again living with her father and siblings. On 2 July 1825 Susanna was also a witness for the marriage of William Pitt and Elizabeth Gibbs.²¹ If our conclusions are valid, then Elizabeth and Susanna are half sisters. Elizabeth's father having been Thomas Gibbs first husband of Elizabeth Snook Lano. The evidence here is in preponderance of Susanna's maiden name having been Lano, and also a daughter of Elizabeth Lano. Thus we conclude that Susanna and our Richard Lano as having been siblings.

²¹ Bishops Transcripts, St. George's

Canada

18th and 19th Century Canada finds us using different designations for what is now The Province of Ontario. Genealogists need to be familiar with these geographical designations to guide them in their research efforts. Initially we had "Upper" and "Lower" Canada. Contrary to what one might expect these did not refer to the furthest North and South, but rather Upper River and Lower River, an arbitrary dividing point being the Ottawa River. Since the St. Lawrence tends to run in an Easterly direction, Upper is furthest West, giving us eventual designation of Canada West.



Upper Canada

Upper Canada was established in 1791 when the Colony of Quebec was divided into the provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada.

Upper Canada was the land lying west of the Ottawa River, Lower Canada was the land lying to the east of the Ottawa River.

Population for Upper Canada

1791: 10,000

1806: 70,718

1811: 77,000

1812: 95,000

1824: 150,066

1829: 197,815

1834: 321,145

1840: 432,159

Canada West

Canada West was established in 1841. Prior to this time it was known as Upper Canada.

Population

1841: 455,688

1851: 952,004

1861: 1,396,091

Canada West became the Province of Ontario In 1867.

Hasting County²²

Hastings County was established in 1792 and named for military leader Francis

²² See "The Four Drive", Volume VII, No. 1 for additional information on Hastings County and the Victoria District of Ontario.

Rawdon-Hastings. The county is the second largest in Ontario.

Victoria District was established in 1837 from Midland District of Canada West. It was comprised of the county of Hastings.

Victoria District was located in southeastern Ontario.

Early settlers were mainly Loyalists who arrived in 1784. Among the first were members of the Mohawk Tribe from New York's Mohawk Valley. By the 1850's the southern part of the county was fairly well settled so the northern part was opened for settlement.

Trenton shown on the map on the Northern Shore of Lake Ontario was one of the busiest points for immigrants entering Canada during the 19th Century.

INTRODUCING JENNIFER COLLIS

Well, here, I am writing in your family newsletter and feeling a bit of an interloper; such a tenuous connection that I have with you all. I'm "connected" through the LANO side of the tree. First I will tell you how I am "connected" then a little bit about myself here in Australia. Most of you will have seen Don's tree and heard of Elizabeth SNOOK who married Richard LANO in 1803. Their daughter Susanna was born in 1805. Susanna LANO married William PEARCE in the late 1820's. Their son William Lano PEARCE was baptized in Portland on the 27th May 1832. And it is with William Lano PEARCE that my family comes into your tree.

William Lano PEARCE, a carpenter, married Emma GALPIN on the 14th May 1858 in Crewkerne in Somerset. Although Emma didn't give her father's name on the marriage certificate, I know that she was the daughter of William Hill Tucket GALPIN a butcher in Fortuneswell, a village on Portland. Emma was staying with her father's brother Walter GALPIN at the time of her marriage. Now, this is where our families' meet, for Emma GALPIN was a younger sister to my great grandfather James GALPIN who was born in 1832. Both Emma and James GALPIN were born in Dorset in Weymouth. The GALPIN family moved over to Portland in about 1839/40, so were not true Portlanders.

From Portland our family has spread around England and abroad. My great grandfather James GALPIN moved to London and his son William Josiah GALPIN moved to the county of Kent when he married. But the GALPIN family tree will be of no interest to you here I expect.

Now a little background of myself; I was born in England and being a very patriotic young lady told myself I'd never ever live anywhere but the marvellous island of England. How wrong can young people be! I decided in 1971, to travel the world on a motorbike and then return to England. I set out with a friend, and we crossed Europe and India on our intrepid 175cc Honda, with many adventures that I could, but won't, tell at this point. Having arrived in Australia, as part of my round the world trip, I needed a little money and so found a job in Perth. Well, what a wonderful city Perth was to a gal from dismal and dreary England (did I say it was a marvellous Island, huh! It rains all the time there). I went to Spanish classes to help me on my next leg of the journey to South America. But in the meantime found that the weather, the people, the vegetation, the sailing were all very much to my liking, so saying, I decided to stay in Perth and forfeit the

rest of my journey. Very much later on, after other adventures, I married an Australian.

Now I live just south of Perth by the ocean and by an estuary and never hanker after England at all. I have a teenage daughter with a mild disability and my time is now taken up with teenage problems, gardening and genealogy. Genealogy has really taken a hold of me, as it does, and I spend much of my time at my computer being a detective of sorts. I have written a family history of my GALPINs which I loved doing. My next tree is my father's tree. In fact, my foray into genealogy only began about 5 years ago when I was trying to find my father's family; but, that is another story and even more distant from you all.

Jenny Collis
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Western Australia
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SURFING THE INTERNET

The following URLs were used to surf the internet for information used in this issue of The Four Drive. Useful web sites for Canadian Research.

1. Ontario Gen Web
<http://welcome.to/ontariogenweb>
2. Hastings County, Ontario
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~onhastin/>
3. Ontario Vital Statistics Project
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~onvsr/>
4. Marriage Index Van Buren County, Michigan
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mivanbur/MarriageIndex.htm>
5. Michigan Government - Online information
http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18635_18646---,00.html
6. The information at the Family History Center of LDS in Utah is accessible through the family search site. Well worth the visit. www.familysearch.org
7. Your editor's website offers a quick overview of various branches of my ancestry. www.chinnery.info

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