

THE FRY FAMILY

Charles Fry, a native of Somerset, England, immigrated to Canada in 1832 at the age of twenty-eight. Five years later, he married Mary Ann Snook, daughter of William John Snook. Mary Ann had come to Canada with her father about the same time as her future husband. After marriage, she and Charles resided all their years in Nobleton and district, farming on Lot 11, Conc. 9, now located on highway twenty-seven. Their family consisted of four sons and four daughters; the first was Elizabeth (1838 - 1914), then followed by John (1840 - 1916), Mary (1843 - 1930), Sarah Ann (1846 - 1847), Jennie (1849 - 1907), Henry (1851 - 1931), Thomas (1853 - 1926), and James (1856 - 1938). Charles Fry died on the farm on January 21, 1888 at the age of eighty-four years. His wife Mary Ann died on February 11, 1908, aged ninety-seven, while her father had passed away on February 15, 1862 at the age of seventy - seven. All three died in Nobleton, and are buried in the old original Lloydtown Anglican Cemetery. Mr. Fry was a Conservative in politics and a member of the Church of England.

Their eldest child, Elizabeth (1838 - 1914) married David Hesp (1832 - 1903) of Bolton and had eight children: Harry Hesp (1856 - 1945), Maria Hesp (1858 - 1916), Charles Hesp (1860 - 1923), John Hesp (1864 - 1946), Mary Hesp (1865 - 1949), Louise (1869 - 1944), Sarah Hesp (1870 - 1953), and Thomas Hesp (1874 - 1951). Harry (1856 - 1945) married Isabella Wauchope, had two sons, Forest of Western Canada, and an infant son Edward who passed away at birth with his mother in 1890. Some few years later, he married Susanna Williamson, they had a family of three; Roy of Bolton, a daughter Olive who drowned in the Bolton Humber River in 1905 at the age of eight years, and another son Charles. Maria Hesp (1858 - 1916) married John Rutledge, and had three children; Laura, Stanley, and Pearle. Charles Hesp (1860 - 1923) married Ida Ireland and they had four children; Velma, Della, Gladys, and Hilda. John Hesp (1864 - 1946) married Annie Newton and they had six children; Isabella, Stanley, Ethel, Annie, Wesley, and William. Mary

Hesp (1865 - 1949) married James Galvin and had five children; James, Edgar, Ernest, Ambrose, and Lillian. Louise Hesp (1869 - 1944) married George Murray and had a family of three; Bertha, Laura, and David. Sarah Hesp (1870 - 1953) married Samuel Ireland and had two children; Vera and Edgar. Thomas Hesp (1874 - 1951) remained a bachelor.

The second child, John Fry (1840 - 1916), married Sarah Jane Breedon (1845 - 1926), and farmed in the Nobleton area on Lot 11, Conc. 8. Their family were ten in number; John Fry (1862 - 1932), Charles Fry (1866 - 1946), William Fry (1868 - 1932), Sarah Jane Fry (1870 - 1957), Elizabeth Fry (1872 - 1933), Susan Fry (1877 - 1970), James Fry (1878 - 1964), George Fry (1882 - 1964), Thomas Fry (1883 - 1887), and Iva Fry (1885 - 1953). John (1862 - 1932) married a young lady by the name of Kate Wade, and they lived in Newmarket, having nine children; William, Annie, Elmer, Olive, Eva, Sadie, Alvin, Edith, and Norman. Charles (1866 - 1946) and William (1868 - 1932) lived most of their lives farming in Western Canada. Sarah Jane (1870 - 1957) married James Simpson and lived on Gladstone Avenue in Toronto for many years. They had one daughter Laura, and a son Lorne who was killed in World War I. Elizabeth (1872 - 1933) married William Alcox, and farmed for many years near Markdale, Ontario, where they had their six children; Ross, Delbert, Leonard, Wellington, Stella, and Clarence. Susan (1877 - 1970) married Joseph Rogers and lived in Schomberg where they raised a family of six; Sadie, Jay, Ethel, Tilda, Jim and George. James (1878-1964) married Ada Redfern (a Nobleton dressmaker) and they farmed on Highway 27 and later retired to live in Nobleton, where they are both buried today. They had two children; Orma Simpson and Joyce Proctor. George (1882 - 1964) married Beatrice Culham, they farmed at Nobleton and later Nashville. They had a family of four; Iva, Ken, Clara, and Earl. Thomas (1883 - 1887) died an infant and is buried in the Methodist Cemetery to the west of Nobleton. The last child, Iva (1885 - 1953) married Edward Penfield and had three children; George, Ella, and Hazel.

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The third child, Mary Fry(1843 - 1930) married James Kaake of King Township, and they also had ten children; Sarah Jane (1864 - 1905), Mary (1866 - 1962), Henrietta (1869 - 1928), Edwin (1870 - 1945), Violet (1872 - 1962), Charles (1874 - 1924), Alymer (1877 - 1960), George (1879 - 1964), Clara (1881 - 1957), and Florence (1884 - 1974).. Sarah Jane Kaake (1864 - 1905) married Joseph Pringle of Nobleton, and had two children; Ella and Ruby. Mary Kaake (1866 - 1962) married George Robinson, and had a family of five; Jessie, Laura, Hattie, Lydia, and Thompson. Henrietta Kaake (1869 - 1928) married James Murray and had one son Lawrence. Edwin Kaake (1870 - 1945) married Sarah Jane Breedon, and was a cattle drover and butcher in Nobleton. He had five children; Reta, Leonard, Arthur, Murray, and Doris. Violet Kaake (1872 - 1962) married William Turner of Mount Dennis, and they had no children. Charles Kaake (1874-1924) married Ida Gilmour, and had one child Edwin. Alymer Kaake (1877 - 1960) married Sylvia Welles and there were four children to the marriage; Edna, Flossie, Wilbur, and Madeline. George Kaake (1879 - 1964) married Margaret Elizabeth Jeffery. George was in the shoe business, known as Castner and Kaake, in Toronto for many years, later retiring and living in East Toronto at the Beach. He had two children; Lawson and Norma. Clara Kaake (1881 - 1957) married Al Finny and had two sons; William and Douglas. Florence Kaake (1884 - 1974), the youngest, remained single and lived in Islington.

The fourth child, Jennie Fry(1849 - 1907) married George Holden, the well known village blacksmith of Nobleton. His shop is now re-located in the Pioneer Village where Mr. Holden's grandson Norman Rose is the blacksmith. Their children were five in all; Willie Arthur (1880 - 1881), Margaret Viola (1883 - 1955), Charles Melville (1885 - 1957), Mary Ann (1887 - 1892), and Myrtle (1890 - 1940). Margaret (1883 - 1955) married William Rose of Nobleton and had a family of three; Harold (King Township Clerk), Norman, and Kathleen. Charles Holden (1885 - 1957) married Elizabeth Ezard and they had three children; Winnifred, Albert, and Ethel. Some years after his first wife's death, he married Maude Cooper. Myrtle Holden (1890 - 1940) married

George Extence of Bolton and they had two daughters; Margaret and Helen.

The sixth child was Henry Fry (1851 - 1931), who married Matilda Jane Addison of Kleinburg on April 30, 1879. The late Major Lex Mackenzie was her nephew. Their home was on Henry's father's farm, Lot 11 Conc. 9, King Township, where they raised their five children; Charles (1880 - 1968), Ethel (1882 - 1951), Florence (1885 - 1961), Ella (1888 -), and Donald (1900 -). Charles Fry (1880 - 1968) married Mabel McCutcheon and had four children; Harry, Jean, Mae, and William. Ethel Fry (1882 - 1951) married Robert Norman (a school teacher) and they lived all their lives in the United States, where they had two daughters Helen and Madeline. Florence Fry (1885 - 1961) married Alexander Cameron, a farmer and a real good natured Scotchman from Vellore in Vaughan Township, and had two children; Anne and Ross. Ella Fry (1888 -) married Alexander Lawrence, a salesman from Woodbridge, and they had two sons; Addison and Bruce. Mrs. Lawrence is now a resident of Carefree Lodge, Willowdale. Donald (1900 -), the youngest, married Cecil Johnson, an accountant of Toronto, in 1941. Six years after his death in 1955, she married Forest Kaake of Nobleton, where they now reside.

The seventh child, Thomas Fry (1853 - 1926), lived in Nobleton where he carried on his trade of a carpenter. He married Christina Barry and had a family of five; Edna (1891 - 1900), Ruben (1892 - 1964), Letticia (1894 - 1963), John Milton (1897 - 1898), and Russell Aaron (1899 -). Edna (1891 - 1900) passed away as a result of an appendicitis. Letticia (1894 - 1963) married Harry Courtney and had six children; Bessie, Jessie, Norma, Hazel, Carl, and Douglas. Ruben (1892 - 1964) homesteaded at Hughton, Saskatchewan, and remained a bachelor. He was joined in 1918 by his brother Russell (1899 -), who married Emma Knight and had three children; Aaron, Jean, and James. Russell continued on farming until 1968 when he retired to Ladysmith, British Columbia.

The eighth and youngest child of Charles and Mary Ann Fry, James Fry (1856 - 1938), married Alice Woods, and farmed on Lot 10, Conc, 8, the south-east corner of highway twenty-seven and fifteen sideroad, better known as Frys' sideroad. They had six children; Clara (1888 - 1958), Norman (1889 - 1971), Laura (1892 -), Howard (1894 - 1973), Lyman (1897 -), and Dorothy (1909 -). Clara (1888 - 1958) married Walter Sloan, farmed at Bell's Lake, and had one son Murray and an adopted daughter Lorna. Norman Fry (1889 - 1971), a bachelor, lived on the home farm until his death. Laura (1892-) married Reginald Wood of Aurora and had two children; Beth and Alan. Howard (1894 - 1973) married Minnie Watson of Aurora and had one adopted son Donald. Lyman (1897 -), having been married twice before, is now living in Nobleton with his third wife Addie Woods. Dorothy (1909 -) married Stanley Phillips of Woodbridge, and had a family of three; Shirley, Norman, and Sandra.

Although there are few in the community who still bear the Fry name, numerous descendents are to be found in the Nobleton district.



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