

## The Thompson Family of Oxford ,Nova Scotia Settlers from Yorkshire,England

The following History of the Thompson's was written by Gretchen Clara Thompson starting around 1950,it is around 80 hand written pages,and I am reproducing it as it was written. Gretchen Clara is my Aunt,and the daughter of James Hiram Thompson of Oxford NS. At this time [Feb 2000] she is 96 years young and living in Vancouver BC.

**Richard Thompson** ,the founder of the Town of Oxford,Cumberland County,NS,is the first Thompson we have a record of.He was born in Yorkshire,England in 1744,A tennent on the Estate of a Lord Bruce.

England was in a state of depression in the 1760's following years of war,estate taxes were high and rents of tennent farmers had greatly increased causing hardship and discontentment.At this time thousands of acres of land in Nova Scotia were being granted to men of influence and speculators with the hope that they could persuade farmers to emigrate to Nova Scotia.

In 1764 a grant of 20,000 acres was given to Michael Franklin in the River Hebert -Chignecto Isthmus of Cumberland County,which became known as Franklin Manor.The area had been in the possession of French Settlers,in 1755 it was lost by France to England and the outcome was the expulsion of the Acadians.

**Michael Franklin** was born in Devonshire England in 1720.He was a relative and protege of Governor Legge of Nova Scotia and came to Halifax in possession of 500 pounds.Shortly after his arrival he opened a "dram shop""on the Halifax waterfront,later imported fine wines and soon became a prospierous bussness man.In 1762 he married a grandaughter of a prominent Boston family.In 1766 he was appointed Lt Governor of Nova Scotia.

The first farmers he persuaded to settle on his manor came from the New England States. Some of them were indifferent farmers,and soon became discontented ,and returned to there former homes.Franklin returned to England in 1769 to settle personal business affairs and stayed there till 1771,while there he got the ear of the Duke of Rutland,told him of his 20,000 acre Manor in Nova Scotia and his need of farmer settlers.He wanted only industrious men willing to work and eager to come to a world of new opportunity.The unhappy Yorkshire tennent farmers were impressed with the information of the fertile land available,at the low rate of one penny rent per acre for the first year and two pennies the following year.No financial assistance was offered or to be received.Close to one thousand Yorkshire tennents decided to emigrate to Nova Scotia and settle on Franklin Manor.The plan was so successful it was abandoned within a few years as England felt too many tennent farmers were being lost.

**March 16 1772** The first settlers sailed from Liverpool on the "Duke of York" and reached Halifax 46 days later.They went by coastal schooner to Fort Cumberland and arrived there May 21 1772,two months after leaving Liverpool.

**1773** A second shipload of Yorkshire settlers arrived in Halifax

**1774** Nine ships sailed from Hull bringing the rest of the settlers to Halifax,the last ship reached port the end of June 1774.**Richard Thompson** arrived on one of these ships in 1774,thought to be either "The Two Friends" or the "Albion"

Many of the new settlers left Halifax for Fort Cumberland by costal schooner,but a number of

men decided to walk.They were accompanied by guides but with just trails through the forest,few settlements along the way it could not have been an easy journey.

In Fort Cumberland they were given temporary lodging until suitable farm land was located. Fort Cumberland was originally Fort Beausejoir and had been built by the French,when it came under control of the English in 1755 the name was changed to Fort Cumberland. In 1926 the surrounding area became one of Canada's National Parks and the name Fort Beausejoir was restored..

Through the efforts of Michael Franklin,the Yorkshire settlers came to Nova Scotia.He was Lt Governor 1766-1776.

He was said to be a well liked man,interested in the welfare of the settlers. He later assisted in the return of some of the Acadian refugees.Refuges wanting to return were offered a land grant of 80 acres if they would swear allegiance to England ,and a number of them returned to Nova Scotia to live.Franklin was also interested in the welfare of the indians,who apparently held him high regard.He died November 8 1782 ,at the age of 62 years and is buried in Granville Nova Scotia.

### **Richard and Dorthy [Patton] Thompson**

**Richard Thompson 1744-Oct 10 1821**

**Married December 4 1774**

**Dorthy Patton [no statistics]**

Richard Thompson was born in Yorkshire England in 1744 .He arrived in Halifax NS in 1774 on a ship bringing settlers destined for Franklin Manor in the Chignecto Isthmus of Cumberland County,Nova Scotia..He settled on land in the Pointe de Bute area ,close to the present boundry of the Province of New Brunswick. On December 4 1774,he married Dorthy Patton,daughter of Mark and Sarah Patton,settlers from the New England States. They were of Irish decent. The story is that she was attending school in Boston,and had to return home to care for her mother who was ill.

She and Richard met at some time in 1774,and were married in December of that year.The only other member of the Patton Family we have a record of is Mary Patton,a sister of Dorthy.Her story is interesting and is included here.

**Mary Patton** married **John Allan** of Inverma Farm,Pointe de Bute,NB. The book "Forts of Chignecto" by Clarence Webster published in 1863 states that " the best preseved portion of a old French road,ten feet wide,is on Inverma Farm and runs from near the house to Bloody Ridge,a distance of 300 yards.

John Allan,later known as Rebel John Allan was born in Edinburgh Scotland,January 14 1747,the son of a Officer in the army of King George II of England.He came to Halifax with his parents in 1749,and was educated in Mass,USA.

In 1767 he was living in Cumberland County Nova Scotia and in 1770 was elected to the County Assembly and appointed Sheriff,holding this position until 1776. After their marrage Mary and John Allan lived on Inverma Farm.

At the time of the American War of Independance John Allan's sympathy was with the New England States. In 1776 a meeting was held in his home,attended by many settlers also anxious for Nova Scotia to become an American State. January 4 1777,Allan went to Washington's headquarters and spoke to the Continental Congress. He was appointed a Infantry Colonel,and Superintendent of Indians. In1777-1778 he and a Colonel Jonathan Eddy led severial uprising's in Nova Scotia which were defeated. Allan was declared a traitor and fled to Maine to escape arrest.

English troops invaded Inverma Farm and fighting took place. Fires were set by the soldiers and many of the farm buildings destroyed. Mary and her children hid in the woods for several days, her father Mark Patton, came to her rescue and took them into his home. Mary was arrested and taken to Halifax and detained for 7 to 8 months, she was finally released and allowed to join her husband in Maine. Allan retained his rank as Colonel and also his position as Supt of Indians [it was important that the Indians were loyal to the American cause] with his headquarters in Machais, Maine. He was given a grant of land in the Ohio Valley but continued to live in Maine. He was said to be a Merchant on Allan's Island for a time and also lived Lubec, Maine. In 1783 he resigned his Commission and moved to Lubec Mills where he died February 7 1805, at the age of 58 years. [Much of the information on John Allan came from an Encyclopedia and books in the Vancouver Library. We have no further information on the Patton Family or Mary Allan after she was allowed to join her husband in Maine. They lived in a time of much trouble and divided family loyalties. It is hoped that in a time of peace they were able to see relatives in Nova Scotia again. Maine is next to New Brunswick, so perhaps they kept in touch..

**Richard and Dorthy Thompson** lived in Pointe de Bute until 1791. They left there when their son Ralph was 17 years old, Richard 15 and Mark 13. They came down the coast of Nova Scotia by ship and went up the River Philip to where it meets the Black River. At this site on February 1st 1792 he bought 1500 acres from William Allan for 70 Pounds Sterling. This was part of the Allan Family land grant of 1785. It is now the location of the Town of Oxford NS. There he built a log dwelling for his family. He later received a Government Grant of 60 pounds to assist in the building of a saw mill. This was the first sawmill in the area and was powered by a water wheel.

Newcomers settled along River Philip, the place was first known as River Philip, then Head of the Tide, and also Slab Town, because of the piles of slabs from the mill. In 1867, the year of Confederation, it was officially named Oxford. Richard built the first frame house in Oxford, it was two stories high, and had 5 old fashioned fire places. [In the 1980's the site is occupied by the local curling rink]. The sawmill operation was a success and Richard prospered. In 1820 he gave a lot of land for the town's first grave yard, and in 1854 his son Richard gave the adjoining lot for a Methodist Church, which was built in 1855. In 1916 a monument was erected in the old grave yard inscribed-

**In Memory of Richard Thompson  
The First Settler and Pionier of Oxford  
who Died in 1821, aged 77 years  
Erected 1916**

When visiting Oxford in 1945 I saw Richard's grave stone inscribed "**I shall go to him but he shall not return to me**

**Samuel 2, 13-23"**, and wondered if it had been placed by his wife Dorthy. I could not find a stone for Dorthy and have no knowledge of the date of her death. When I visited in 1975, I found Richards stone broken and discarded. This first cemetery was used 1820-1875, now it is a small park like area with all the stones removed, only the Monument to Richard Thompson remains, on the adjoining lot a United Church now stands..

The 1791 Capitation Report for River Philip shows that Richard Thompson paid a tax of 2 shillings, 6 pence, in 1795 he paid 8 shillings, his signature is on the report. The old Capitation Tax records list only the name of the head of the household and the number of males and females of the dwelling. The English monetary system was in effect for a number of years until the 1800's. In those years one pound was worth many, many times its present day value, 1980.

Children of Richard and Dorthy [Patton] Thompson  
Ralph--Sept 25 1775--Janury 7 1865--M-Oct 22 1801--Mary Dobson--1783-Aug 18 1845  
Richard--1776-1864--M-Elizabeth Read  
Mark--1779-1823--M-Mary Read  
Abigail--1800-1882--M-J Fillmore--1790-1862  
Other children Vital statistics not available-Dorthy-Anne-Elenor-Letitia-Mary-there may have  
been son William also  
Our branch of the family is decended from Ralph and his wife Mary Dobson

**Ralph and Mary[Dobson] Thompson**

Ralph Thompson September 25 1775--January 7 1865  
Married--October 22 1801  
Mary Dobson--1783--August 18 1845  
Children--[last name Thompson]  
George Dobson--1802-1883--married--Mary Black--1815-1894  
Richard--1804  
Joseph Oxley--1806--Married-Catherine Dixon  
Amelia--1808-1846--married 1826--Stephen Reid  
William--1810--married-Frances Tait  
Abraham D--1812-1879--married 1840--Evelina Read--1823-1909  
Mary--1818--Married 1836--Thomas Dixon  
Elizabeth--1820--married William Dobson  
James C--1826-1894--married Martha Ann Wood 1840-1924  
Edward--1827--married Deborah Embree--B-1840

Our branch of the family is decended from Abraham D and Evilina Read of Sackville NB.  
Ralph and Mary Thompson lived in Oxford for the first 14 years of there marrage,six of there  
children were born there.In 1815 he bought a farm in the Conn's Mill area between Oxford and  
Pugwash,and there 5 more children were born to them.In 1980 the farm is owned by another  
Ralph Thompson,a great-great Grandson of the first Ralph.After Ralph moved to Conn's Mills  
his brother Richard and Mark lived in Oxford,probably involved in the operation of there fathers  
sawmill.One of there decendents was involved in establishing the Oxford Woolen Mills which  
remained in business for many years.According to a 1948 copy of the Oxford Journal,Ralph  
Thompson sponsored a Baptist Church in Oxford,his son James gave the lot that this church was  
built.The building is now occupied by the Church of the Nazerene..

**Abraham D and Evelina {Read} Thompson**

Abraham D Thompson August 12 1812--July 6 1879  
Married April 7 1840  
Evelina Read Dec 11 1823-- Jan 1 1909  
Abraham D-6th child of Ralph and Mary Thompson was born in Oxford NS in 1812.Three years  
later his parents moved to a farm in Conns Mills. In 1840 Abraham married Evelina Read of  
Sackville NB. They lived all of there married lives on the farm and all of there children were  
born there. Mary Elizabeth,there first child was born in 1841,there 16th and last child was born  
in 1868,27 years later.Evelina out lived six of here daughters and one son.In 1896 son Joseph  
was killed in a mine explosion in Springhill NS.  
The family was poor and life must have difficult,and full of worry and heartache in there 39  
years of married life.

My father James Hiram Thompson and his brother Bedford, grandson of Abraham and Evelina, were visiting in Oxford when Evelina died, January 1 1909, and were present at her funeral. I visited Oxford in 1975 and drove out to Conns Mill with my sister Evelyn Little and Elizabeth Beaudet to meet our second cousin, Ralph Thompson, grandson of George Hebert Thompson 1864-1948. He was living on the old family farm, he took us to a small old graveyard in the woods nearby where Abraham and Evelina are buried, close to where they had lived all their married lives. Our branch of the family is descended from their eldest son John Rufus Thompson 1847-1929.

At the time of our visit to Conns Mill we also met Ralph's father, Richard Abraham Thompson, son of George Hibert Thompson and Annie Chestnut. Richard was born in Conns Mill in 1892 and died in 1988. He is buried in the old Thompson graveyard near his Grandparents Abraham and Evelina.

**Children** of Abraham D and Evelina [READ] Thompson

Mary Elizabeth	1841-1917	Married	Robert Dobson
Saraha A	1842-1903	Married	Barney Hunter
Isabella Jane	1844-1914	Married	William Latta
Amelia	1845-1898	Married	Andrew Crawford
John Rufus	1847-1929	Married	Nancy Johnson
Nancy	1848-1881	Married	Hibert Crawford
Ralph	1851-1913	Married	Mary Brown
Matilda	1852-1877	Married	Peter Nelson
Elsiberry	1854-1884	Married	John Brown
Lucinda	1856-1895	Married	George Nelson
Joseph R	1857-1896	Married	Jane Mitchell
Edward [Ned]	1859-1929	Married	Amelia Thompson
David C	1861-1942	Married	No Record
George Hibert	1864-1948	Married	Annie Chestnut
Evelyn May	1866-1921	Married	???? Hackett
Abraham Noble	1868-1938	Married	No Record

Evelyn May Hackett and Abraham Noble Thompson lived in Taunton, Mass USA. Edward and Amelia moved to Vancouver BC many years ago, I believe most of the family lived in Cumberland County NS.

**John Rufus and Nancy [Johnson] Thompson**

John Rufus Thompson Jan 17 1847--Jan 18 1929

Married August 4 1870

Nancy Johnson Aug 6 1853-1932

John Rufus Thompson, 5th child of Abraham D and Evelina [Read] Thompson was born in Conns Mill NS on January 17 1847. He married Nancy Johnson daughter of Mathew and Dorcas [McNutt] Johnson of Mansfield NS, two days before her 17th birthday. For 26 years they lived on a farm in Little River NS, where 11 of their children were born. Their 12th child, Jessie Leon, was born in Meadovale MAN, March 4 1897

John was not a prosperous Farmer. Around 1884 he owned a sawmill that he ran with the assistance of his sons James H and Bedford. Apparently it was a successful operation, but John spent the money as fast as it was made, and the mill closed when James H and Bedford left for Manitoba in 1890.

In 1892 John also went to Manitoba and worked on farms in the Dugald-Meadowvale-Plympton area for four years. In 1896 his wife Nancy and the rest of the family moved west. They lived on a rented farm in Meadowvale, where their daughter Jessie was born. In the early 1900 sons James H and Bedford bought a farm for their father in Plympton, where he and Nancy lived until 1923. [Meadowvale and Plympton were not villages, they were school districts and Post Offices located in one of the farm houses].

For several years John and Bedford owned and operated a sawmill on Hecla Island in Lake Winnipeg in the early 1900. In 1910 lumber from the mill was used to build a large home on the Plympton Farm. The mill was closed in 1910 and John returned to farming and had some years of prosperity. It was always a pleasure for their grandchildren to visit the farm during the summer holidays..

Soon after John seems to lack financial common sense, too often he was in debt and never worried whether the bills were ever paid.. He finally mortgages the farm and invested the money in some get rich scheme with a Robert Brownell, who was also from Nova Scotia, the scheme of course was a failure. By 1922 the mortgage was foreclosed and the farm lost. In 1923 John and Nancy moved to Whitemouth MAN, and lived in a small house that son James H has built for them on his property

John died in 1929, after being bedridden for several years following a stroke, he was unable to walk, but his speech was not affected. He is buried in the Thompson Family Plot, in the Whitemouth graveyard. Nancy moved to Winnipeg in 1930 and lived with her daughter Anna Dunlop, she died in 1932 and is buried in Millbrook Cemetery beside her daughter Jessie and sister Lucinda..

Lucinda was a sister of Nancy, married to Joseph Thompson, a cousin of John. They also came from Nova Scotia, in the 1890's and settled in Meadowvale.. Lucinda died in the late 1890's in a typhoid fever epidemic. John Thompson lived till the early 1930's. In his last years he lived in a small house that my father James H Thompson built for him on his property. Joseph died of a sudden heart attack and is buried in the Thompson Family Plot in Whitemouth MAN.

Nancy Thompson was a kind mother and grandmother. Her married life could not have been easy, and neither was Lucinda's. John and Joseph were not easy to live with.

### **Johnson Family of Oxford Nova Scotia.**

The first Johnson we have a record of is Matthew Johnson, in the 1781 Capitation report of River Philip, Cumberland County NS, where he paid a tax of 6 shillings, 2 pence. He was either the Grandfather or Father of-

Mathew Johnson        B-1815

Levi Johnson            B-1820-1890

Nancy Johnson        B-1826

**Children** of Mathew Johnson 1815 and Dorcas McNutt 1827

Hiram        B-1846                    Married    Mary McCormick

Elizabeth   B-1850

Nancy        B-1853                    Married    John Rufus Thompson

Lucinda     B-1853                    Married    Joseph Thompson

Lucy         B-1857

Ida            B-1860

Gay            B-1862

Mary ann B-1865            Married    Miles Keilor

Thomas     B-1867

Cory 1870

Joseph Thompson was the son of Joseph Oxley Thompson-1806 and Catherine Dixon, Lucinda his wife was the favorite aunt of my Father James Hiram Thompson. Joseph and Lucinda had 5 children-Clarance-Harriet-Milo-Wilbert-and Elmer Cooke,[who died in France in November 1918 in the flue epidemic], Clarence lived all his life in Oxford NS.

Harriet married a Heather from NS, and died a young woman in Meadowvale MAN. Miles lived most of his life in Missoula, Montana. Wilbert lived in Rosewood MAN, married and had several children. This family was still known to the Nancy and John Thompson family.

**Children** of John Rufus Thompson and Nancy [Johnson] Thompson

Bedford Bent	B-1871
James Hiram	B-1872
John Gillis	B-1876
Anna Augusta	B-1880
Evelyn Lucinda	B-1881
Clara Purdy	B-1882
Thomas Ives	B-1884
Letetia Fulton	B-1885
Francis Kennedy	B-1888
Mary	B-1890
Jessie Leon	B-1897

### **Marrages**

Bedford Bent-March 28 1871, married in 1905 Margaret Johanassn 1888-196? they had 2 children, John 1907 and Noble 1909. In the early years Bedford and his father owned a sawmill on Lake Winnepeg, Hecla Island. In 1910 he was in the real estate bussness in Winnepeg. In 1915 he and Margaret and family lived in Whitemouth MAN for a short time and then farmed in Saskatchewan. In the 1930 they owned a farm in the Peace River area of Alberta and lived there until the late 1950's. Bedford died in hospital in Edmonton following surgery. Margaret remarried and lived in Edmonton until her death in the 1960's.

John married and had a son and a daughter [Olive] who is a journalist on a Edmonton newspaper

Noble, married and had a son who is a United Church Minister in Saskatchewan, his daughter Margaret married a

Rev Heatherington, who is a United Church Minister in Alberta.

James Hiram Thompson, 1876, married May 24 19??, Amelia Allman Jan 20 1883-June 17 1970, they had 6 children

Gretchen Clara-1903, Evelyn Beatrice-1906, Kathleen Jean-1908, James Cory-1911, Clifford Vaughn-1913, Dorcas Elizabeth-1916.

For more details see family of James Hiram Thompson

### **John Gillis Thompson and Gudrun Thudis Goudmundson**

John Gillis B-1876

Married 1902

Gudrun Goudmundson Oct 16 1887-Aug 10 1981

John and Gudrun [Runa] lived many years of their lives in Lac du Bonnet Man. He was a clever machinest and for a time was a deep sea diver, where he worked on the construction of the Port of Churchill, Man. He was injured at that time and never really regained his health. His wife Runa was a lovely looking fair haired Islandic girl [a cousin of Bedford's wife]

The marriage was not a happy one and in the 1920's they separated. In later years they lived apart in Winnipeg Man.

They had 6 children-Leonard-Clyde-Stephen-Lois Gudrun-Walter 1918-Ellan 1924..Walter married a Miss Taylor of Sioux Lookout Ont,where the family still lives. Lois married and lives near Toronto Ont. Lenord and Clyde married, and are now deceased in 1980's,Ellan is also no longer living.

#### **Anna Augusta Thompson and Andrew Dunlop**

Anna Augusta Thompson 1880-1944

Married 1898

Andrew Dunlop 1873-1928

They had 5 children-Olive Letitia 1898-1985,-Harold 1903-1955,-Garnet 1913,.They also had a son and daughter

William and Evelyn who both died in infancy. Anna was the first daughter of John R and Nancy Thompson,she was a

kind aunt to all her nephews and nieces who often visited her in Winnipeg.In 1898 Anna married Andrew Dunlop

of Praire Grove Man.He was the only son of Sandy Dunlop and his wife Ja??? Mc ????,they were of Irish decent.

Andy was a Captain of a Winnipeg Fire Hall.at the time of the 1919 general strike he went out on strike with his men in sympathy,when he was told not to. When the strike was finally settled he lost his position after many years of service.

He farmed near Dugald Man. until 1923 and then the family returned to Winnipeg where he worked at odd jobs. He died at Winnipeg Beach of a sudden heart attack in 1938.

From 1922 Anna ran a boarding or rooming house in Winnipeg,and in the late 1920's had a tourist lodge in Winnipeg Beach. She was a capable ,practical woman,well liked by her tenants. I knew my aunt Anna and her family better than the rest of my relatives having lived in her home from 1922 to 1924. She was a good wife and mother,her life was not easy,she was blessed with financial common sense and was successful. In the 1940's she developed a heart condition and died in 1944 when her sister Letitia was visiting her. Son Harold worked at various jobs and for years played the violin

with many dance bands. Son Garnet lived in Thunder Bay Ont. and worked at Canada Car and Foundry. Daughter Elizabeth was a nurse,graduated from St Bonafice Hospital in 1920,She married a Herbert White who was a Manufacturing Agent and they lived in Thunder Bay,and had one son David.In a period of six months in 1955,Herbert and David and brother Harold all died of heart attacks in Thunder Bay. Olive lived until 1985 and died in her sleep at age 86,,served by several granddaughters. She had lived a busy life and was a supervisor at the TB Sanitorium for several years.

#### **Evelyn Lucinda Thompson and William Fowle**

Evelyn Lucina Thompson 1881-1952

Married--William Fowle

Children--William-Bertram-Grant- Evelyn-Jack and David

Evelyn was a lovely looking ,popular young lady,she worked in Winnipeg and lived there with her sister AnnaDunlop. In 1902 she went to Trout Lake,BC. and worked in a hotel owned by a Mrs Jowett,well known in BC,mining circles in the early 1900's,they became friends for many years.Evelyn returned to Winnipeg and met her future husband William Fowle

He was born in England and had been a Officer in the Boer War,after their marriage they owned



a general store and farm land in Keeler Sask. and in the 1930's lived in Regina Sask. After retirement they moved to British Columbia, they both died there in the 1950's. My sister Evelyn Little knew these relatives well having lived in their home when she worked for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in Regina. In the 1989's several of her children are no longer living.

#### **Clara Purdy Thompson and Robert Steel**

Clara Purdy Thompson 1882-196?

Married 1907

Robert Steel

Clara was a quiet rather sedate person, she was the favorite sister of my father James Hiram Thompson. Robert Steel was born in Armagh Ireland. He was a veteran of the Boer War and a Captain in World War 1. He was wounded in Aug 1918, and returned to Canada in 1919. He and Clara met when they lived at Anna Dunlop's rooming house and were married in 1907. Robert was a draughtsman with the Hudson Bay Railway prior to WW1, after the war he moved to St Catharines Ont., where he was a draughtsman for the Welland Canal. They were close friends of my parent's James and Amelia Thompson and often visited in Whittrmouth Man. in the early years..

They had four children-Robert 1908-Geraldine 1909-Edward 1910- Henry 1911. in 1989 Geraldine is the only member of the family living.

#### **Thomas Ives Thompson**

Thomas Ives Thompson 1884-1918

Married 1914

Miss Blondin

Children -Ruth-B-1915 or 16

Thomas [Tom] left home when he was 16 years old. He and his father never got along and he seldom returned home. For several years he lived in Sparwood and Fernie BC., and prior to World War 1 he was a barber in Winnipeg, later he moved to Vancouver BC. and owned two barber shops. He died at age 34 in Vancouver during the Flu epidemic of 1918-19. The family lost touch of his wife and daughter Ruth.

#### **Letitia Fulton Thompson**

Letitia Fulton Thompson 1885-May 14 1978

Married-#1-Daniel Mac Donald 1911

Married-#2- William Gibson-192?

Children-Dunelda-Berkley MacDonald-William Gibson

Letitia was a small young lady. She met her first husband Daniel MacDonald in Winnipeg where he was a Insurance Agent. They had a lovely wedding at her parents home in Plympton Man. in 1911. They lived in Winnipeg in the early years of their marriage and then moved to Alexander Man., where they owned a farm. Daniel died of a sudden heart attack in the early 1920's. Letitia married William Gibson several years later, the marriage was not a happy one and they soon parted. Letitia owned a nursing home in Brandon Man., and lived there until her death in 1978. She always kept in close touch with her brothers and sisters all her life, and later with some of their children. She was a kind and gentle person.

#### **Francis Kennedy Thompson**

Francis Kennedy Thompson Feb 12 1888-Feb 9 1971

Married -John Hartt

Children- John-Francis- Lloyd-Raymond

Francis met her husband John Hartt in Winnipeg. Shortly after their marriage they lived in

Dauphan Man., where Jack owned a laundry. When it failed, they moved to Dugald, Man. he had a farm and also worked for a creamery company there part time. They moved to Winnipeg in 1923, where he was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to run their hotel laundry operation in Banff Albt., and was later transferred to Edmonton to manage their hotel laundry there. [Most of Jack's life he was in the commercial laundry business..

Francis was a clever, outgoing woman with a lot of financial ability. During WW 2, she ran the Fort Gary Lodge in Edmonton Albt. Where American army men and women often stayed on their way to and from their postings to the north..

This venture was a financial success, and at the end of the war she invested the money in a home and property close to the business section in Edmonton Albt.. Several years later she sold it at a profit and bought a home, where they lived until her death in 1971, and she was survived by her husband and three of her children. In 1988 all of them are deceased..

Francis had a keen mind, and it is regretted that a good education was not available to her. Her generation was handicapped by lack of formal education unless you were fortunate enough to live in a large town or city.

### **Mary Thompson**

Mary Thompson Nov 3 1890- Nov 10 1980

Married 1908

Charles Davies

Children-Charles-James-Geordie-Leona-Mable- Andrew-Milburn.

Mary was born in Little River NS. and was a small child when she came to Meadowvale Man.

Charles Davies was born in Wales, and he and Mary met when he was working for her father in his lumbermill on Hecla Island, in Lake Winnipeg.

They were married in the home of her brother James in Selkirk Man. in the summer of 1908. They lived all their life on a farm in the Dugald area, close to her parents home.

Mary was a plump, motherly woman. Their farm was a popular place for young relatives to visit. She was the last surviving child of John and Nancy Thompson. She died in a nursing home in Middle Church Man. just after her 90th birthday. Her husband Charles preceded her, their children live in Manitoba and Ontario..

### **George Edward Thompson**

George Edward Thompson June 1892- 1976

Married 1923

Marjory ???

Children--Marjory-Edward-Thelma.

Edward and Mary lived on a farm in Plymton Man. for several years after their marriage, and later moved to Haney BC.

where they had a garage. In Plymton they joined the Jehovah Witness Church and were not friendly to the rest of the Thompson Family. Letita was able to get in touch with the family in Haney BC., and it was through her inquiries we learned of Edward's death in 1976.

### **Jessie Leone Thompson**

Jessie Leone Thompson Mar 4 1897-Jan 9 1916

Married--1915

Carlos Lowther

Children--Daun Carlos

Jessie was the youngest child of John and Nancy Thompson, was born in Meadowvale Man.. She married Carlos Lowther

a friend of the family from Oxford NS. Their son was born at her parents home in Plympton. It was a very difficult birth and Jessie was eventually taken to St Boniface Hospital for surgery and died there on Jan 9 1916 two months before her 19th birthday. She was bedridden from the time of her son's birth. Carlos served in WW1 and was severely wounded. He remarried, a girl from Oxford NS. and they moved to Creston, BC.

Daun lived with his Grandparents in Whitemouth Man. for several years and in the late 1920's joined his father in Creston, BC.. Daun married and had a daughter, Marion. His wife Velda was a supervisor of a nursing home in Middle Church, Man. Daun died suddenly in the 1970's and is served by his wife and daughter. Jessie is buried in the Thompson Family Plot in the Millbrook Cemetery beside her mother and sister Anna and her Aunt Lucinda.

### **James Hiram Thompson and Ameila Allman**

James Hiram Thompson--B- July 31 1872 D- September 9 1946

Married-- May 24 1902

Amelia Allman January 20 1883--June 17 1970

James Hiram Thompson was the second son of John Rufus and Nancy Johnson Thompson and was born in Little River Cumberland County NS. There he attended a one room school and helped his father on the farm and later in the operation of the saw mill, where he became an experienced sawyer, at an early age. The mill was closed around 1890 and in 1891 James and his brother Bedford left for Manitoba. The first winter there he worked in the bush cutting cord wood that sold for \$1.00 a cord. Then he worked as a sawyer in the Lac du Bonnet MAN in a lumber mill of Walter Wardrop, who became his life long friend.

In early 1902 he went to Trout Lake BC. where his sister Anna Dunlop's family was living, shortly after his sister Evelyn and his fiance Amelia Allman followed. Evelyn and Clara worked in a hotel and James and Amelia were married on May 24 1902 by a Reverend S J Green. They had planned an earlier wedding but shortly after Amelia arrived James developed Small Pox. He was Quarantined in a log cabin up in the mountains and cared for by Sandy Dunlop, sister Anna's father in Law. After his recovery the cabin was burned to prevent the spread of the disease. The other members of the family had been quarentined in their home for several weeks. In the fall of 1902 James and Amelia returned to Manitoba.

In early 1903 they left for Sparwood BC where James was employed as a sawyer in a mill owned by his friend Walter Wardrop. They arrived in Sparwood a few days after the dreadful Franklin Slide of April 29 1903 where the town had been buried and many lives lost. The railway tracks were still under rock and rubble and the passengers had to detrain and walk over the rocks to the other side of the slide to where a passenger train was waiting to take them on to their western destinations..

In their oldest daughter, Gretchen Clara, was born September 28 1903, Margaret Wardrop was the attending midwife, an American lady married to a relative of Walter Wardrop.

In 1905 they were again living in Manitoba where James was in the lumbering Bussiness. He owned a sawmill on the western shore of Lake Winnipeg opposite Hecla Island. The bussness prospered for several years. He owned a steam boat " THE ASPREY" and several barges used to transport lumber to Selkirk MAN.. The winter of 1910-11 was a winter of storms and deep snow making woods operations difficult. He was unable to fulfill his contract with the Beaver Lumber Co of Winnipeg causing the closure of the saw mill..

In 1908 his wife and family were living in Selkirk Man.

Their second daughter Evelyn Beatrice was born March 1 1906 in Plympton Man., at the home of

her Grandparents. Kathleen ,was born in Selkirk in 1908, James Cory in 1911,and Clifford Vaughn in 1913,and youngest daughter Dorcas Elizabeth in Whitemouth Man , in 1916. In 1911 James was appointed Crown Lumber Inspector for the eastern part of Manitoba by the Federal Government and retained this position until 1930 when the Natural Resources of the four Western Prov came under Provincial control. He worked for the Manitoba Government for a year and then decided to take early retirement.

The Family had lived in Selkirk from 1907-08 to 1914 and then moved to Whitemouth,Man and lived there till the 1930's. After retirement James and Amelia accompanied by their son James Cory and daughter Elizabeth moved back to Oxford NS..

The years in Whitemouth were busy years,they lived in the village until the fall of 1916 and then moved to a house one mile from the village that James had built on property he had bought.In September 1918 ,son Clifford died of diphtheria at the age of five and a half years,a heartache for all the family. Thankfully our mother and Elizabeth [Bess] recovered from this dread disease. They enjoyed their years in Oxford,bought a home and also owned a woodlot that had sugar maples trees on it,and took over a old gold mine at Sheet Harbour NS. James did some work on it ,but nothing of any importance was found and in a few years was abandoned..

In the late 1930's and early 1940's they made several trips by car back west to Souix Lookout,Ont.,Whitemouth Man.,and Winnepeg and on to the Peace River country of Alberta and Edmonton to visit their children and brothers and sisters. They often camped along the way,much of the long trip was over gravel roads,and enjoyed it. There was a lot of pioneering blood in James vein's,he was a cappable woodsman,canoeist and hunter and loved the outdoor life,and Amelia did too.All his life he was known to his friends as "Chum" Thompson,not James.In the spring of 1945 he took ill with plorisy and never regained his health.He died in Oxford on September 9 1946 and is buired in the Birch Grove Cemetery in Oxford NS,afew miles from where he was born and had spent his early years. He was a good husband and father and a good friend to many people and a highly respected citizen.

Our mother Amelia lived on in Oxford after her husband's death with her daughter and her son Bill lived with her for several years. She visited her daughters and their families in Souix Lookout Ont,Vancouver BC,and Branford Ont,over the years,and on July 17 1964 accompanied by her daughter Kathleen [Shillington] she flew to England when she was 81 years old ,her only visit the place of her birth.She visited her neice Ada Hargrave[her sister Amy's daughter] and several nephews,her brother and sister were no longer living.She also visited her grandson John Shillington and his family who were living in England.. She found her old neighbourhood in Manchester greatly changed and deteriorated since she had left it for Canada in 1900 at the age of 17,on the CPR ship Lake Champlain. She often said she was glad she came to Canada and made her home here. She died June 17 1970 in her 88 year and is buried beside her husband in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Oxford NS.

She was a devoted caring wife and mother,a blessing to her husband and family..

Her father William H Allman died when Amelia was 9 years old and her mother Ann North Allman when she was 15,after her mother's death she lived with a friend she called "Aunt Sarah Ellan",Saraha Watson had been a close friend of her parents,and had been a witness to their marrage in 1863.

When Amelia came to Canada she intended to stay for 1 year. In 1901 she was working for Ann Dunlop and had become a friend of her sister Clara and Evelyn Thompson and their brother James the same year,and who she married in 1902.When she arrived in 1900,Canada was still a young developing country and certainly very different from the city of Manchester where she was

born. When she left England she could never have imagined what the future held for her and where she would be happy to spend the rest of her life, there were times of worry and much happiness and blessing. She was always known as "Millie", not Amelia and James had been known as "Chum" Thompson all his life, not James..

**James Hiram Thompson July 31 1872---Sept 9 1946**

**Amelia Allman Jan 20 1858---June 17 1970**

**Children--**

Gretchn Clara B- Sept 28 1903 M-1924 Earl Byron Wilson Feb 17 1897--June 16 1972

Evelyn Beatrice B-Mar 1 1906 M-1932 Norman Ralph Little July 7 1907-- July 12 1988

Kathleen Jeanie B- aug 5 1908 M- 1927 John Tozeland Shillington July 18 1900-- Dec 18 1985

D-Aug 1 1987

Clifford Vaughn B-Feb 23 1913 D-- Sept 3 1918

Dorcas Elizabeth B- Jan 4 1916 M- 1939 William Powley 1915-1965 M-#2-1971  
Raymond Beaudet

D- Oct 5 1997

Jan 9 1910-Jan 29 1991

**Evelyn Beatrice Thompson**

Evelyn Beatrice B- March 1 1906

Married --April 23 1932

Norman Ralph Little July 6 1907--July 12 1988

Evelyn was born in Plympton Man. at the home of her grandparents John R and Nancy Thompson, where her father was in the lumbering business on Lake Winnipeg. She attended school in Selkirk and Whitemouth Man., and after high school she took a contometer course in Winnipeg. She worked in Winnipeg for a couple of months, and then went to Regina Sask. and worked for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool until her marriage in 1932 to Norman Little.

Norman was employed by the Gutta Percha Rubber Co, and over the years worked in Regina Sask, Thunder Bay Ont, and Vancouver BC, until it closed in 1960. Their son James was born in Regina, and son Douglas in Thunder Bay.

They left Vancouver in 1960 with their son Douglas and moved to New Market Ont. for a short time and then moved to Summerside PEI where their son James had settled after leaving the RCAF. They owned a furniture store there in Summerside and lived there for several years. Later they moved to Oxford NS where Evelyn's mother was living and bought a home. After her mother died, they sold their home and moved to Collingwood NS, where her son Douglas and family lived and also her sister Bessie and her husband Ray Beaudet were living. They spent their winters in St Petersburg Florida. In 1982 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Collingwood NS.

Evelyn is a talented artist in both oil and water colors and also many lovely ceramic pieces...

Norman took ill the winter of 1987-88 and died in Amherst hospital in July 1988 of myeloma and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in Oxford NS. In October Evelyn visited Norman's relatives in Saskatoon Sask. and then came to Vancouver to visit me [Gretchn Wilson] until Nov 27, while here she saw many relatives and friends from the days she and Norm lived in Vancouver. She was especially glad to see Cliff Boyle [husband of Helen Little who died in 1970. Cliff was not in good health at that time and died March 20 1989.

Evelyn now shares her sisters home Collingwood, sons James and Douglas both live in Summerside PEI

{ Note] In 1989 evelyn moved to a apartment in Summerside PEI.

### **Kathleen Jeanie Thompson**

Kathleen Jeanie Thompson Aug 5 1908--Aug 1 1987

Married--1927

John T Shillington July 18 1900-- Dec 18 1985

Kathleen was born in Selkirk Man. She attended school in Whitemouth Man. after the family moved there in 1914 and there finished her education.

In the summer of 1926 she visited her sister in Souix Lookout Ont. and stayed there until just before Christmas of that year when she returned home. Shirley Wilson was born Dec 9 1926 while Kathleen was with them and took care of Ken Wilson, 1 1/2 yrs old while Gretchan was in hospital..

While Kathleen was in Souix Lookout she met John Shillington[called Jack]from Ottawa who had just opened a law office. They became engaged in 1926 and were married Dec 23 1927 in Winnipeg Man. They spent the next 13 years in Souix Lookout Ont. where three of their children were born, Valerie in 1928, John in 1930 and Karen in 1933. Their youngest son Ian was born in 1946 when they were living in Brantford Ont..

Jack practiced law in Sioux Lookout until 1940 when he enlisted in a Forrestry Battalion and was stationed in England until the end of the war in 1945. Kathleen lived in Ottawa for a few months after Jack went overseas and then moved back to Oxford NS. and rented a furnished home close to where her parents lived. The house was owned by Helen Atkinson who became a close friend of Kathleen for the rest of her life

Jack opened a office in Brantford Ont. after he returned home to Canada, where he and Kathleen lived for the rest of their lives. Jack ran unsuccessfully for the Provincial Conservative Party, and after practicing law for a couple of years was appointed Judge of the Juvenile and Family Court for the district in the 1950's. He suffered a stroke in the 1960's and never completely recovered. He died in Brantford on Dec 18 1985. His ashes are interned in the Shillington Family Plot in Ottawa Ont. Kathleen lived on in Brantford after Jack's death. In March 1987 she visited her sister Gretchen in Vancouver and her son Ian and his wife Valerie in California and sister Evelyn and Bess in Collingwood NS. She was not in good health at the time. Evelyn took her back to Brantford by train in July and she was admitted to hospital immediately, in hospital she was diagnosed as having a malignant brain tumor and died of a trombosis Aug 1 1987, just before her 79 birthday. Her ashes are also in the Shillington Family Plot in Ottawa Ont.. Valerie[Fleming] lives in Beamsville Ont. John lives in Preston England and Ian in Oregon USA.. Jack and Kay were survived by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### **James Cory Thompson**

James Cory Thompson Jan 2 1911---Jan 29 1942

Married 1939

Rubina Atkinson 1909--Mar 7 1988

James was born in Selkirk Man. on a cold stormy night in Jan 1911. He was the first son of James H and Amelia Thompson and was named after his father and his Great Uncle Cory Johnson. James went to school in Whitemouth Man., and later took a commercial course at a

business collage in Winnipeg Man. He did office work until 1931 when he moved to Oxford NS. with his parents and sister Dorcas Elizabeth. In 1937 he went to Soix Lookout Ont. and worked for Prospectors Airways. In 1938 he was employed by the Manitoba Forestry Dept. and stationed in Whitemouth Man.

In Jan 1934 he married Rubina Atkinson of Winnipeg July 16 1941 their daughter Judith was born in Whitemouth Man.

In the fall of 1941 James enlisted in the Canadian Army in Winnipeg.. He died suddenly in Jan 1942 and is buried in the Thompson Family Plot in Whitemouth Man.. With his death our branch of the Thompson Family ended. His widow Rubena remarried and died Jan 1988 Judith married a Clare Lawrence, they had two children, son Geoffrey 1962 and a daughter Tracy Charlotte 1963 Judith died in Nov 1988 in Vancouver BC. of melanoma.

### **Clifford Vaughn Thompson**

Clifford Vaughn Thompson Feb 23 1913--Sept 3 1918

Clifford was born in Selkirk Man. and lived there with his parents, in 1914 they moved to Whitemouth Man. in 1914.

He died Sept 3 1918 of diphtheria and is buried in the Thompson Family Plot. He was a dear little boy and his death was a heartache to his parents and family..

### **Dorcas Elizabeth Thompson**

Dorcas Elizabeth Thompson Jan 4 1916--

Married #1 William Powley [1939] William 1915--1965

Married #2 Raymond Beudet [1971] Raymond Jan 19 1910--Jan 26 1991

Elizabeth [Bess] was born in Whitemouth Man. and attended school there till 1932, when she moved to Oxford NS. with her parents and brother Jim, where she finished high school. In 1938 she went to Soix Lookout Ont. and stayed with Kay and Jack Shillington for several months and later went to Regina Sask. and lived with her sister Evelyn and husband Norman Little. Bess had a lovely voice and sang with Walter Dalke's Orchestra until her marriage to William Powley in 1939. Bill enlisted in the army that fall and within a few months was in England. Due to poor health he was returned to Canada in 1941, they lived in Three Rivers PQ. where their son William was born in October.. Their marriage was not a happy one and Bess returned to Oxford NS. and lived with her parents, and in 1946 the marriage ended in divorce.

She owned a beauty salon for a time and later upgraded her education and taught a commercial course in Oxford High School. She then taught in New Brunswick and in Hull PQ. After her marriage to Raymond Beudet they lived in Ottawa Ont. where Ray was employed with the Canada Postal Dept. In 1945 Ray retired and they moved to Oxford NS. and bought a home. It was sold a few years later and they bought a home in Collingwood NS.

Both Bess and Ray were talented artists. In the 1980 Ray's health failed due to Parkinson's disease and since early 1989 has been in the Veterans' Hospital in Halifax NS. and Bess was now living in an apartment in Halifax to be near him.

Son William Powley is now retired from the RCAF and lives in Barrington Passage NS. with his wife Paulette and their three children Beth, Billy and Suzanne. Beth graduated this year [1989] from Mount Allison University and Bill and Suzanne are both in High school. They all keep in close touch with Bess.

**My Mother's Family**  
**The Allman Family**

Owen Robert Allman and his wife Mary Taylor are the first members of the Allman family we have a record of. The statistical information came from the Burnaby Branch of The Church Of Later Day Saints of Salt Lake City ,Utah USA

this church has extensive records of many families throughout the world,.Other information came from my mother Amelia Allman Thompson.

Owen Robert Allman married Mary Taylor,May 1829 in Manchester Cathedral England  
Children

William Henry 1836-1892 Born in Birmingham Lanes,England

Owen Roberts--Christened ,March 1838 in Manchester Cathedral

Elizabeth 1842 Born in Manchester England

There is no further info on Owen Roberts C-1838,it is presumed he died in childhood.

William Henry Allman 1836-1892 Married Ann North 1839--1898 in Manchester Cathedral  
Jan 1 1863

Witness to marriage William Watson and Sarah Watson

Father of William--Owen Robert --Coach Builder

Father of Ann--Henry North-- Roller Turner

Occupation of William -- Joiner

Residence of William and Ann--at time of marriage-24 Roachdale Road, New Cross, Manchester Lanes England

Marriage performed by George Huntington M. A. clerk in Order after Bonn's

Information from the Census records April 17 1881 of the Municipal Ward of New Cross,Ancoats,District 17. Manchester,Lancs,England

Residence of William Henry Allman and family--#3 Dussets Court,William St.Ancoats,Manchester

Name	Age	Occupation
Place of Birth		
W H Allman	43	Joiner
Birmingham		
Ann	42	Wife
Manchester		
Owen	12	Scholar
"		
Amy	10	" "
"		
John	8	"
"		
Joseph	4	"
"		
William H	1	Died in Infancy

Amelia Allman [my mother]was born Jan 20 1883 at #3 Dussets Court,Ancoat Manchester. She married James Hiram Thompson [my father] May 24 1902 in Trout Lake BC.Canada.

Owen-Amy-John-Joseph and Amelia all lived to Maturity,married and had children.



The Census enumeration of 1881 spelled the Allman name incorrectly, as Allmand.  
 Ann Allman's age appears to be in error at the time of marriage, she was shown to be 3 years younger than her husband William H.. Age at time of marriage Jan 1 1863 is probably correct.

Elizabeth Allman was born 1842 was the only sister of William H, she married Joseph North, a brother of Ann North  
 Census records of April 1881 show their place of residence as 17 Elizabeth St, Ancoats, New Cross Manchester,.

Name	Age	Occupation
Joseph North	34	Labour
Elizabeth North	36	Wife
"		
Albert North	10	Scholar
"		
Mary E North	3	"
"		

The age of Elizabeth 36 seem to be in error  
 Albert age 10 was Elizabeth's son born out of wedlock  
 Mary Elizabeth age 3 was his half sister.

### **Owen Robert Allman**

Owen Robert Allman -- Married, -May 18 1829--Mary Taylor  
 Owen was a Prosperious man. He was a coach builder and owned and operated a coach line and was said to drive a coach occasionally himself thinking it was good for his health. His son William Henry was a joiner [carpenter] and they worked together. Their daughter Elizabeth had a son Albert born out of wedlock, his father was said to be a married man.. Elizabeth married Joseph North, Ann Allman's brother.

In his will Owen R left one half of his estate to his son William, one quarter to daughter Elizabeth and one quarter to her son Albert. William resented Albert being left one quarter of the estate and his own children excluded, he quarrelled with Elizabeth and tried to break the will. It ended up in court and an agreement had to be reached by a stated date and it ended up in Chancery Court when an agreement could not be reached. The property then became the property of the Crown. How valuable the property was my mother Amelia did not know, and each time the story was told over the years the value increased. Perhaps someday out of curiosity a family member will examine the records and wonder why so much trouble was caused over an estate not that valuable. My mother told me that the father of Albert North had invested in Owen's coach line and stipulated that Elizabeth and her son Albert were to be left half of the estate in his will. My mother did not know the name of Albert's father but apparently he wanted Elizabeth and his son to be protected. The children of William were never in a financial position to reopen the case and the property remained in the possession of the Crown.

### **William Henry Allman**

William Henry Allman--1836-1892 Married-Ann North--1836-1892 in Manchester Cathedral

on Jan 1 1863

William was a soldier in a cavalry unit in the Crimean War,1854-1856,and criticized the war bitterly for the rest of his life.When the war ended part of the trip home was through France,and one rainy night he slipped off his horse and deserted.. His desertion does not appear to have caused him trouble after his return to England,at the time of Queen Victoria Golden Jubilee in 1887 all soldiers were granted amnesty. He married Ann North a small gentle red haired woman in 1863

My mother told me that her father was a very difficult,domineering man,and caused his wife and children much unhappiness.He continued to brood over his fathers will,and quarreled constantly with his sister Elizabeth,in particular over an oil painting of their father that she kept in her possession,and would never let him have,and which he claimed should have been his..He developed a heavy drinking problem,and was a frustrated and unhappy man.In 1898 he took his own life.

Ann and her family continued to live at #3 Dussets Court ,Ancoat,Manchester. At the time of her death in1898 Owen and Amy were married and John and Joseph and Amelia were living at home.Shortly after their mothers death,both John and Joseph married and Amelia lived with Sarah Ellen Watson an old friend of the family. In 1900 she came to Canada and in 1902 she married my father James Hiram Thompson..

She always kept in touch with John and Owen and Ada Hargraves,her sister Amy's eldest daughter. Kathleen Shillington met Ada and her family when she visited England in 1964 with our mother. Kathleen was the only member of our family to know our Allman relatives.

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-----July 1 1989

After reading all this over,I know it should be re-written,leaving some things out and adding others,but it would just take too much time and effort,and probably end up not one bit better,and my writing even harder to read.

At least now you will know something of some of your relatives. Who can know what their lives were really like? I hope they all had many happy ones.

### **Gretchen Clara Thompson**

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Transcribers Note My name is James N Little and Gretchen Clara Thompson is my Aunt,still living [Mar 2000] in Vancouver BC. These 90 hand written pages were given to me by my Mother Evelyn Beatrice Little,Gretchen Clara's sister.. I decided to transcribe these notes into printable text on my computer so they could be printed out and given to any family member who would like a copy.. It is written out just as Gretchen has written it,except alot of the death dates were not included[not known] at the time she wrote it.. I have added some of these dates which I now have.

This paper is not copyrited,it is given freely to anybody who who wants it.

Gretchen Clara married Earl Wilson and this is another story,it is another 30 hand written pages

which I will do under a seperate cover,on the history of their family..

I hope you enjoy

James N Little