

Family History

of

William Riddell

&

Margaret Lavin

Marriage Date: 1831

Place of Marriage: St. Paul's Church, York, Upper Canada (*Toronto, Ontario*)

William Riddell

Born 1804ca
County of Mayo,
Ireland
Died 12 Dec 1873
County of Grey,
Ontario
Int'd Little Roman Catholic Cemetery,
Con 5, Lot 13 Nottawasaga Township
Ontario

Margaret Lavin

Bapt 14 Jul 1803
County of Roscommon,
Ireland
Died 9 Mar 1884
Hamilton, Ontario
Int'd Holy Sepulchre Cemetery,
Burlington, Ontario

Children

Mary Anne

Born Oct 1832
Bapt 18 Jan 1833
 Markham
 Township,
 County of York,
 Upper Canada
 (*Ontario*)
Died ?

Int'd ?

Elizah Jane

Born 1833
Bapt 31 May 1834
 Markham
 Township,
 County of York,
 Upper Canada
 (*Ontario*)
Died ?

Int'd ?

John Paul

Born 13 Jul 1834
Bapt 19 Nov 1835
 Markham
 Township,
 County of York,
 Upper Canada
 (*Ontario*)
Died 1917
 Tracyton,
 County of Kitsap,
 Washington State
Int'd ?
 Washington State,
 USA

William Henry

Born 18 Aug 1837
Bapt 2 Jan 1838
 Sparta,
 Markham Township,
 County of York,
 Upper Canada
 (*Ontario*)
Died 9 May 1912
 Waterloo,
 Ontario
Int'd Mount Hope
 Cemetery,
 Kitchener,
 Ontario

Margaret Anastasia

Born 31 Jan 1841*
Bapt 25 Apr 1840*
 Markham
 Township,
 County of York,
 Upper Canada?
 (*Ontario*)
Died 12 May 1918
 Kitchener,
 Ontario
Int'd *Mount Hope ?*
 R. C. Cemetery

George Francis

Born 23 Jun 1843
Bapt *no record*
 Markham
 Township,
 County of York,
 Canada West
 (*Ontario*)
Died 3 Oct 1921
 Singhampton,
 Ontario
Int'd Union
 Cemetery,
 Singhampton,
 Ontario

*Conflict between birth date and baptism date.

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Mount Hope Cemetery, Waterloo, Ontario

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington, Ontario

Roman Catholic Cemetery, Nottawasaga (*now Clearview*) Township, County of Simcoe.

Revision Page

William Riddell---Margaret Lavin

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (May 2015) Added Margaret's birth information under Margaret's early pre 1831 history.
Added excerpts from "Biography of William Henry Riddell" reference publication "A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography" under William's early pre 1831 history and 1848 entry.
Added William Riddell's entry on Tax Assessment Roll under 1852 entry.
Added William Riddell's entry as Ratepayer of Osprey Township under 1853 entry.
Added 1921 Province of Ontario Census under 1921 entry.
Also see (May 2015) entries under the Biographies of Mary Anne Riddell, Elizah Jane Riddell, John Paul Riddell, William Henry Riddell and Margaret Anastasia Riddell.

Biography revisions:

Mary Anne Riddell

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
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Added Mary's first marriage information under 1853ca entry.

Elizah Jane Riddell

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- Rev A (May 2015) Added copy of Elizah Jane's Baptism to the transcription under 1834 entry.

John Paul Riddell

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (May 2015) Added copy of John's Baptism to the transcription under 1835 entry.
Added John Riddell's entry as Ratepayer of Osprey Township under 1863 entry.
Added John's marriage information under 1866 entry.

William Henry Riddell

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- Rev A (May 2015) Added copy of William Henry's Baptism to the transcription under 1838 entry.
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Margaret Anastasia Riddell

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- Rev A (May 2015) Added copy of Margaret's Baptism to the transcription under 1840 entry.

George Francis Riddell

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.

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*Biography of William and Margaret Riddle/Riddell**

- ◆ William and Margaret's early history prior to their marriage of 1831 follows.
*The spelling of the surname was inconsistent. Generally the early family history tended to favour the Riddle spelling and the latter history the Riddell spelling.
- Margaret's Irish Baptism records follow. There are two records with variations on the contents.

Ireland, Selections of Catholic Parish Baptisms, 1742-1881 about Margarita Laven	
Name:	Margarita Laven
Parish:	Boyle
Diocese:	Elphin
County:	Roscommon
Baptism Date:	14 Jul 1803
Father's Name:	Eugs Laven
Mother's Name:	Mara McCan
Sponsor Witness 1:	Johns Brennan
Sponsor Witness 2:	Anna Laven

Ireland, Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911 about Margarita Lavin	
Name:	Margarita Lavin
Gender:	Female
Baptism Date:	14 Jul 1803
Baptism Place:	Roman Catholic, Boyle, Roscommon, Ireland
Father's Name:	Eugenius Lavin
Mother's Name:	Maria Mc Can
FHL Film Number:	989743

The County of Roscommon was adjacent to the County of Mayo which was on the west coast of Ireland (Atlantic Ocean).

Boyle is a town in the County of Roscommon east of the County of Mayo.

Reference following map of Ireland.



- Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.

Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” follows describing the early history of William Henry’s parents, William Riddell and Margaret Lavin from place of birth up to their marriage at St. Paul’s Church at York (*Toronto*) in 1831.

William Henry Riddell's father, William Riddell

was Irish by birth, having been born in the County of Mayo, Ireland, where also, we believe, were born his father and grandfather. The family, however, was of Scotch descent, and claimed kinship with the Riddells, of Glen-Riddell, in Scotland, one of whom was immortalized by Robert Burns, "Scotia's sweetest bard," in a poem written in April, 1794, on the death of his friend and patron, and whom the poet laments as "The Man of Worth, and has not left his peer."

His father was brought up a rigid Presbyterian, and having received a liberal education, was, by his parents, destined for the ministry; but in this, as the sequel will show, they were doomed to disappointment. Having mastered the Celtic language—a rare accomplishment in those days—he turned his attention to its ancient literature; but instead of finding, as he had been taught, that wherever the Catholic Church held sway ignorance and superstition flourished apace, he, on the contrary, was astonished to learn from authentic sources that when Europe was a corpse beneath the hoof of the Vandal, Catholic Ireland was the resort of students of all nations, the mart of learning and the home of worth; that she was then "the school of the west, the quiet habitation of sanctity and literature." Nor

did his inquiries rest here. He pursued his investigations into the region of polemics, and examined the claims of the various sects, to be in spiritual matters, the divinely appointed teachers of mankind, with the result that, like Noah's dove, finding no repose he returned, weary of the search after truth elsewhere, to rest his head on the bosom of the Catholic Church. This step, which was taken from conviction and after much deliberation, cut him off at once from his family, and, in 1830, he left his native country and landed in Upper Canada. In the following year he was married to Miss Lavin, in St. Paul's Church, in what was then called "muddy little York," now the metropolitan City of Toronto. Her family, as the name *La Vin* indicates, was of French extraction, the founder of its Irish branch having crossed over from sunny France to the Green Isle in 1689, with the fugitive king, James II. of England, to assist that monarch to regain his crown; and on the conclusion of peace, after the disastrous campaign of 1691, settled in the country, and having married one of "Erin's fair daughters," the family, in the course of time, became even "more Irish than the Irish themselves."

Note: Upper Canada was a colony created in 1791 when the old Province of Quebec was divided into Upper and Lower Canada. This lasted until 1841, when Upper Canada became Canada West and Lower Canada (present day Quebec) became Canada East. Together, Canada West and East, were known as the Province of Canada. Internal self-government was granted in 1848.

In 1867, the Dominion of Canada was established by the British North America Act forming the Confederation of the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia Quebec (formerly Canada East) and Ontario (formerly Canada West). Later additions to Canada were the Provinces of Manitoba (1870), British Columbia (1871), Prince Edward Island (1873), Alberta and Saskatchewan (1905) and Newfoundland (1949)

- ◆ 1832 Mary Anne, a daughter, born in Markham Township October 1832. Baptism recorded as performed January 18, 1833. **Reference Biography of Mary Anne Riddell.**
- Reference "Markham 1793-1900" Edited by Isabel Champion and published by the Markham Historical Society. Page 162.

The following was recorded under the heading:

ROMAN CATHOLIC

The earliest Roman Catholic services for Markham were almost certainly held in a chapel in the de Puisaye settlement where visiting missionary priests such as the Rt. Rev. Edmund Burke celebrated occasional masses. The first substantial permanent Catholic settlement in Markham, however, was provided by the Irish arriving in the 1820s and '30s. This group was served by missionary priests, first from St. Paul's, Toronto, and then, in the period 1840-58, from St. John Chrysostom's, Newmarket. By 1838, Thornhill had 103 Roman Catholics and Markham Village 68. **The first recorded baptism in the township was that of Mary Ann (*typo, should be Anne*) Riddle, daughter of William Riddle and Margaret Lavin, on Jan. 18, 1833, by Fr. Edward Gordon.**

The preceding was derived from information obtained from the following article:

Note: Only the first two paragraphs of the article pertaining to the early Markham Township history was reproduced.

- A BRIEF HISTORY OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM IN MARKHAM TOWNSHIP.
Written July 1977 by Father Edward J. R. Jackman, Toronto Roman Catholic Archives.
- 1. In 1798 French Royalist refugees from the French Revolution established a settlement at Oak Ridges which was called Windham. A chapel was built, possibly on or near the site of the present Ontario Government plaque commemorating the De Puisaye settlement at St. John's Anglican Church, Jefferson. For a few years around 1800 probably only occasional Masses were said in it by visiting missionary priests such as the Rt. Rev. Edmund Burke. By 1804 the settlement had died out because the French nobility could not adapt to pioneer conditions.
- 2. The first permanent Catholic settlers in Markham Township were the Irish who came in the migrations of the late 1820's and early 1830's. They were served by visiting missionary priests, first from Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Toronto, and from 1840-1858 from Saint John Chrysostom's Roman Catholic Church, Newmarket. In 1838 Thornhill had 103 Roman Catholics and Markham 68. **The first recorded baptism in Markham Township is that of Mary Anne Riddle, daughter of William Riddle and Margaret Lavin on January, 18, 1833, by Father Edward Gordon.** The first church in the area was a wood frame structure built at Thornhill in the 1840's by Fathers Quinlan and Proulx of Newmarket. Previous to this Masses had been said in private homes in the area. The Church at Thornhill was called Saint Luke's.
- ◆ **1834** Reference "Markham 1793-1900" Edited by Isabel Champion and published by the Markham Historical Society. Chapter VIII

Tories, Reformers and Rebels

William Lyon Mackenzie stood in York Riding in 1828 as champion of the oppressed as opposed to the official candidate, and was elected five times, to be expelled repeatedly from the Legislative Assembly; in 1836, he was defeated through the machinations of Lt.-Gov. Francis Bond Head. He then turned to a more direct means of protest. He attempted to stage a rebellion to install republican democracy in Canada.

The Mackenzie rebellion failed because the majority of the people in the province, whatever disaffection they may have felt for the small, interrelated group known as the Family Compact that monopolized power and advancement, did not support it. Becoming a full-blooded republican, ranting against the institutions of Upper Canada as well as the people who ran them, Mackenzie lost much of his power over the common people.

Our history books usually record the death by execution April 12, 1838 of Peter Matthews, from Pickering and Samuel Lount, former M.L.A. from Holland Landing, but there were hundreds of humble men whose names never reached the pages of history but who nonetheless played their part in bringing injustice to the attention of the British authorities, and thus hastened the arrival in a few years of Responsible Government. What part did some of the early inhabitants of Markham Township play in the drama of the December uprising in 1837, and what was their fate?

The Colonial Advocate of February 6, 1834, reported a public meeting of the Township of Markham at Mr. Hunter's tavern on the 6th Line, Unionville. Several resolutions were made condemning the repeated expulsions of the representative of the County (Mackenzie) and approving unwearied exertions as a public journalist and legislator. An address to Mackenzie was approved and signed by the following Reformers: *At this point a list of ninety-three names was recorded including William Riddle.*

The following is a copy of the "The Advocate" newspaper article including the list of names of the Reformers that attended the meeting as copied from microfilm at the Archives of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario.

Note: There were several typos and an omission (Benjamin Hare) in the "Markham 1793-1900" publication which have been corrected via the following original article from "The Advocate". The article was typed exactly as it appeared in "The Advocate".

Note: At the time of the Markham public meeting, the newspaper "The Colonial Advocate" as recorded in the "Markham 1793-1900" publication was now known as "The Advocate". The name change appeared to have occurred when William Lyon Mackenzie became Editor and Proprietor in December 1833.

MARKHAM AND LIBERTY!

(Communicated for The Advocate)

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM

The adjourned Township Meeting of Markham was held, pursuant to public notice, on Saturday the 18th ultimo, at Mr. Hunter's tavern, on the 6th con. of said Township. The meeting was respectable, and the utmost harmony prevailed. One sentiment alone seemed to pervade the entire assembly, a sentiment of contemptuous indignation at the arbitrary proceedings of the corrupt majority in the present House of Assembly; whereby the people of this county have been most daringly insulted, and unconstitutionally despoiled of the birthright of British subjects, the right of representation in the Legislature.

Mr. Justin Badgerow, being called to the Chair, and Mr. John Playter appointed Secretary, the following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted.

1. Moved by Mr. Joseph Tomlinson, seconded by Mr. Alexander Logan, Resolved,-- That the present meeting express their strong disapprobation, and utter abhorrence of the conduct of the majority of the present House of Assembly, in their expulsion and repeated re-expulsions of the representative of this county; whereby under pretence of supporting their own privileges, they have most daringly infringed, and grossly violated the just rights and privileges of the people.
2. Moved by Mr. Peter Milne, Junr., seconded by Mr. Jacob Wismer, Resolved,-- That this meeting highly approve of the conduct of Wm. L. Mackenzie, Esq., and justly appreciate his services, his unwearied exertions in the cause of the people of this province as a public journalist, and a legislator, and more especially in his late strenuous and vigorous efforts at the Court of Britain for the removal of our political grievances.
3. Moved by Mr. Jacob Wismer, seconded by Mr. John Wurtz, Resolved,--That we strongly disapprove of the conduct of His excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in continuing the existence of the present House of Assembly in their pernicious measures against the liberties of the people.
4. Moved by Mr. Duncan Weir, seconded by Mr. Alexander Logan, Resolved,--That we consider it a very great grievance to be obliged to pay taxes imposed without our consent, when unrepresented and even denied the right of representation in the Provincial Legislature.
5. Moved by Mr. John Wurtz, seconded by Mr. Duncan Weir, Resolved,--That the undermentioned gentlemen be appointed delegates to attend the County Conference to be held at York, to adopt measures for securing the election of honest, efficient members for this county; and to deliberate on such matters as may be most conducive to the general interests, viz: Messrs. Joseph Tomlinson, Alexander Logan, Peter Milne, Junr., Jacob Wismer, and Ellis Luther.
6. Moved by Mr. Ellis Luther, seconded by Mr. Jacob Wismer, Resolved,--That the following address be presented to William Lyon Mackenzie, Esq. as a small tribute eminently due to his honest integrity and indefatigable exertions in the vindication of our political rights.

ADDRESS

To William Lyon Mackenzie, Esq. the worthy tho' persecuted & expelled Representative for the County of York, U. C.

Sir,

Being assembled together for the most important purposes of consulting on the most effectual mode of rescuing our dearest rights from the daring encroachments of arbitrary power, we cannot separate without tendering you the humble tribute of our sincere and grateful acknowledgement for your long and arduous struggle in the cause of civil and religious liberty. As a public journalist you have manfully, and fearlessly exposed the heartless domineering faction who have long, and too often successfully endeavoured to lay the liberties of the people prostrate at their feet; who have monopolized to themselves and their minions every office of honor, of emolument

and of trust: while the people, the genuine source of their power, and their wealth, are vilified, and traduced by them and their parasites, the base, corrupt and mercenary hirelings of a prostituted press, with every disgraceful epithet that malice can invent, or ribaldry supply. We also bear willing testimony to the inestimable value of your services in the Legislature. When representing our interests as a Legislator, your unremitting and vigorous exertions to lay bare corruption, to expose public plunders in church and state, to detach the sacred cause of religion from the contaminating contact of politics, and the unholy and debasing alliance with the mammon of iniquity—Your energetic resistance to irresponsible Banking monopolies, and every other system of legalized fraud; to those partial and exclusive systems of education which would confine knowledge to the young scions of an artificial aristocracy, for the purpose of raising embryo priests and statesmen to perpetrate the present detestable plan of mal-administration—and to sum up the whole, your entire course of parliamentary conduct, when, always at your post, you intrepidly and honestly discharged the sacred trust committed to you, merits our warmest approbation.

We beg further, to assure you, Sir, that we highly appreciate your late valuable services at the British court, where, as agent of our claims, you persevered, “thro’ evil report and good report” with an energy worthy of the sacred in which you were engaged. Your success appeared for a time commensurate with your powerful exertions. If the high hopes that were raised and, for a season, fondly indulged have been suddenly dissipated.—If the cup of Expectation has been dashed untasted from our lips.—If the delinquents of Office instead of merited degradation have been reinstated or advanced, the fault is not yours. We acquit you of all blame. We are convinced you performed all that man could do in the same circumstances. But let not the tools of Corruption plume themselves too much on their apparent victory: they may rejoice at defeating, for a time, the ends of justice; but the object is only retarded, not destroyed, and the cause of the people will yet triumph; the cause of Truth and Justice must ultimately prevail.

From this transaction, however, the people have derived a most important and instructive lesson, they have been taught not to place too much dependence on extraneous aid; but to throw themselves on their own resources, to depend on mainly their own exertions. If they once unitedly put their shoulders to the wheels, they will raise the machine of the state from the mud and mire of corruption, and place it once more on the *Terra firma* of constitutional Liberty.

While thus publicly recording our approbation of your valuable services, we cannot forbear animadverting on the base majority of the present House of Assembly who have deprived us of the full benefit of those services. We have been most unconstitutionally despoiled of the Birthright of British subjects, the right of representation by the member of our choice, and in your repeated expulsions our dearest privileges as Freeman, have been most daringly and unjustly infringed. The day of reckoning, however, and we trust of retribution is at hand; the present unworthy representatives must soon return to their constituents. If called to render an account of their stewardship, what a dark catalogue it would present. They will, no doubt, have the effrontery, again to offer their unworthy services to their abused and betrayed constituents; but we call upon the people to beware! Though they may come with all the meanness of cringing, which

sycophants know so well how to employ, let them not be trusted. They have, already, been sufficiently tested. They have “been weighed in the balance and found wanting.” Theirs acts stand glaringly, conspicuously arrayed against their unworthy pretensions. The wolf may, to serve some predatory purpose, assume the garb of the sheep, but he is still a wolf, the ferocity of his nature remains unchanged. In due time he will doff his borrowed habiliments, he will return to his fellow prowlers, and unite with them for the destruction of the silly sheep who were the dupes of his artful dissimulation.

These tools of bad government must be reminded of their past misconduct, of their sapping the foundation of British liberty in this province. It must not be supposed that the indignity offered to the County of York, is an outrage confined to your constituents alone, it is an indignity offered to the whole province, the precedent is of a most pernicious tendency and any other place may be treated in a similar manner, should its representatives divulge honest truths unpalatable to a corrupt majority.

The Elective Franchise is not the only constitutional right that has been infringed. By your expulsion, a most daring attempt has been made on the liberty of the press, the dread of tyrants and the palladium of liberty---by punishing an honest Editor for designating bad men and iniquitous measures by their proper appellations.

To dwell longer on the misconduct of these men is a painful and needless waste of time, and the knowledge gained by the research is of a miserable description. The treatment of the respectable Freeholders of this county alone, will brand their names with lasting infamy. Their profligate waste of the public money, and their creation of a provincial debt (a glorious imitation of the envied condition of the parent state) testify the uniform consistency of their malignant proceedings. While the provincial revenue has been disinterestingly left to the unlimited disposal of the Executive, who have thus been enabled to reward the adherents of power, and to buy up Priests, Synods, and Conferences by the gross; leaving the Farmers’ Estates mortgaged for the payment of a debt unnecessarily incurred, and which, were the provincial revenue properly managed, would not be in existence.

To be in opposition to such men, is sufficient praise, their continued persecution of you, sir, must and will reflect the highest honour on your character, and furnish an the irrefragable proof of the rectitude of those principles which you have uniformly and honestly advocated and supported.

In conclusion, sir, we beg to record our unqualified approbation of your whole course of political conduct. We gratefully acknowledge the value of your services, we sympathize with you in the long protracted persecutions which you have suffered in our cause, and we now express our firm determination fearlessly to maintain those liberal patriotic principles which we have ever professed, and which you have so ably advocated. We trust, soon, to see those principles of genuine liberty triumphantly established, and we confidently anticipate the period when the present worthless faction of sycophants in this province shall be forgotten or only remembered with merited detestation---and your name stand gloriously enrolled among the *friends of your country and the benefactors of the human race*.

In accordance with these sentiments, we beg, sir, to subscribe ourselves with gratitude and esteem, your unchangeable friends.

Justin Badgerow, <i>Chairman,</i>	Matthew Forster,
John Playter, Junr. <i>Secretary,</i>	James McIlroy,
Alexander Logan,	Johnson P. Brown,
David Munro,	Wm. Read,
Trueman Pennock,	Robert Dickey,
Ellis Luther,	William Witler,
David Wismer,	Ambrose Noble,
Thomas Grundy,	Daniel Ramer,
Samuel Wood,	Peter Ramer,
John Unger,	Austin Noble,
Jacob Wismer,	Joseph Reesor,
John Wurtz,	John Reesor,
David Badgerow,	Abel Scully,
John Ramer,	John Robison,
Asahel Wismer,	William Morgan,
Peter Milne, Junr.	Henry Germain,
Martin Badgerow,	Wm. E. Beebe,
Francis Sheridan,	Simon Press,
Duncan Weir,	James M. Luther,
Benjamin Fish,	William Peters,
T. McKenna,	John McKennies,
Francis Stiver,	George Moore,
John Helmka,	Adam Break,
David Wismer, Junr.	Andrew Wideman,
David Muir,	David Byer,
Godlip Eckhardt,	Cornelius Johnson,
Joel Wurtz,	David McIlroy, Junr.
John Stomm,	James McCoy,
Christopher Reesor, Jun.	Robert Patterson,
Joseph Tomlinson,	Hugh Griffith,
Samuel Hare,	Joseph Miton,
Benjamin Hare,	Jacob Stover,
Henry Clarry,	John MacLean,
George Bishop,	Judson Harrington,
Moses Cook,	Joseph Mosses,
John Alexander,	James Boyd,
Sylvester Richmond,	Jacob Dafoe,
William Alexander,	C. Reesor,
Francis McNamce,	Caleb Mallory,
Henry Stiver,	John Baker,
Johannes Hare,	Ransom Sawyer,
Arthur Alexander,	Henry Wideman,
	Wm. A. McGee,
	William Workman,

Wilson Dennis,
E. C. Bens,
Hugh McCalip,
John Robinson,

William Riddle,
Wm. Dafoe,
Joseph Smith,
David McIlroy, Senr.

N. B. The address was not merely adopted with unanimity; it was received with one burst of cathusiastic applause.

8. Moved by Mr. Ellis Luther, seconded by Mr. David Badgerow, Junr., Resolved-- That the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to the Advocate newspaper for Insertion, and would gratefully acknowledge the favour, if other liberal Editors would give publicity to this expression of our sentiments.
The chairman having left the chair, and Mr. Trueman Pennock being called thereto,
7. It was moved by Mr. Duncan Weir, seconded by Mr. Benjamin Fish, Resolved-- That the thanks of the meeting are eminently due and hereby given to the Chairman, for his upright and impartial conduct in the chair and his strict attention to the business of the meeting---as also to the Secretary for his services on the occasion.

(Signed)

JUSTIN BADGEROW
Chairman.

JOHN PLAYTER

Secretary

Markham, January 18, 1834.

Note: Paragraphs 7 and 8 are numbered incorrectly within the article.

- ◆ **1833** Elizah Jane, a daughter, born in Markham Township. Baptism recorded as performed on May 31, 1834.
Reference Biography of Elizah Jane Riddell
- ◆ **1834** John Paul, a son, born in Markham Township, July 13, 1834. Baptism recorded as performed on November 19, 1835.
Reference Biography of John Paul Riddell
- ◆ **1837** William Henry, a son, born at Sparta, Markham Township, August 18. Baptism recorded as performed on January 2, 1838.

Reference publication "A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography" by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.

Excerpt from "Biography of William Henry Riddell" describes that William Riddell was arrested in the fall of 1837 by "royalist" while they were on their way to the city with their son, William Henry, to have a baptism performed. For the actual excerpt refer to **Biography of William Henry Riddell**

- ◆ **1840** Margaret Anastasia, a daughter, baptized on April 25, 1840. However, according to the 1901 Province of Ontario Census, she was born January 31, 1841.

Obviously there is a conflict between the baptism date of 1840 and the birth date of 1841. As can be seen in the following entry, William also sponsored a Catharine Tracy on the same date of April 25, 1840 as Margaret was baptized.

April 25th Catharine of the legitimate marriage of Thomas Tracy and Catharine McEvoy. Sponsors, William Riddle and Rose Clarke.

Wm. McDonagh (*Priest*)

For further information refer to **Reference Biography of Margaret Anastasia Riddell**

- ◆ **1843** George Francis, a son, born in Markham Township, July 23. No record of baptism. **Reference Biography of George Francis Riddell**
- ◆ **1846-7** Reference Brown's Toronto City and Home District Directory. Printed and Published by George Brown, No. 29 Yonge Street 1846. Markham Listing:
William Riddell, Lot 7, Con. 9

The Riddell family were most likely located on the east side of the Ninth Concession two lots north of the main cross road (14th Avenue) which ran east and west through the town of Sparta. The main cross road (14th Avenue) intersected between lots 5 and 6 at the Ninth Concession.

Sparta, now known as Box Grove, was east of the present day Town of Markham near the east bank of the Rouge River.

Reference "Markham 1793-1900" Edited by Isabel Champion and published by the Markham Historical Society. Pages 288 and 289.

The name change from Sparta to Box Grove occurred when the community acquired its post office in 1867.

Perhaps the name change was due to the activity at the local box factory, or in honour of the many boxwood trees around the hamlet. In spite of the new name, many old-timers continued to call it "Sparty-Wharf"----suggesting that there was, at an early date, boat traffic on the Rouge.

- ◆ **1848** Reference publication "A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography" by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.

Excerpt from "Biography of William Henry Riddell" follows describing William Henry's parents, William Riddell and Margaret Lavin 1848 move to "Queen's Bush" which is now known as the County of Grey.

In 1848 he removed to the "Queen's Bush," and took up a block of land in the wilderness lying west of Nottawasaga, in what, when surveyed some years afterwards, was called the Township of Osprey, in the County of Grey. Here, out of the forest, he hewed a home for himself and family, where he resided for a quarter of a century, until his death in 1873, much respected by all who knew him. He was, in all that the term implies, a pioneer of civilization in Western Canada, and as such deserves a place among "Representative Canadians."

- ◆ **1851** Canada West Personal Census---Enumeration District, No. *Township of Osprey* in the County of *Grey* comprising *the whole* of the said *Township*.
Census Returns 1851-2. Enumerator: James Gibson.

Names of Inmates: **William Riddell**

Profession, Trade or Occupation: Farmer

Place of Birth: Ireland

Religion: R Catholic

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 45

Married or Single: M

House (Brick, Stone, Frame, Log, Shanty, or other kind of residence): Log House

No. of Stories: 1

No. of Families occupying: 1

Names of Inmates: **Margaret Riddell**

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Ireland

Religion: R Catholic

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 48

Married or Single: M

Names of Inmates: **John Riddell**

Profession, Trade or Occupation: Labourer

Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Upper Canada, present day Ontario*)

Religion: R Catholic

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 18

Married or Single: S

Names of Inmates: **Margaret (Mary Anne*) Riddell**

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Upper Canada, present day Ontario*)

Religion: R Catholic

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 20

Married or Single: S

Names of Inmates: **William Riddell**

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Upper Canada, present day Ontario*)

Religion: R Catholic

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 15

Married or Single: S

Names of Inmates: **Margaret Riddell**** (*Probably Margaret Annastasia born 1840ca*)

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Upper Canada, present day Ontario*)

Religion: *no entry*

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 17** (*More likely age 11 since she was born in 1840ca*)

Married or Single: S

Names of Inmates: **George Riddell**

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Canada West, present day Ontario*)

Religion: *no entry*

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 8

Married or Single: S

No members of the family were enumerated under "Members absent"

No members of the family were enumerated as "Deaf & Dumb", "Blind", or "Lunatics".

No members of the family were enumerated as "Attending School".

No members of the family were enumerated under "Births or Deaths during year 1851".

**Although the entry was recorded as Margaret, it appears that an error could have been made ie the name Mary Anne should have been entered.*

Mary Anne would have been 20 years of age at this date, due to her birth date of 1832.

***Probably Margaret Anastasia Riddell, age 11.*

There appears to be no record of Elizah Jane at this date. She would have been age 17 or 18 years at this time. She may have married or died by this date.

Copy of the original 1851 Personal Census divided between columns 3 & 4, 8 & 9, 19 & 20, 30 & 31 and 35 & 36 resulting in the following six segments.

PERSONAL CENSUS—ENUMERATION DI

	Names of Inmates.	Profession, Trade or Occupation.	Place of Birth.
1	2	3	3
1	Martha Holding		Canada
2	John Holding	Latimer	do
3	Abraham		do
4	Susan		do
5	Jacob		do
6	James		do
7	Joseph		do
8	Male infant		do
9	Adam Mass	Printer	Germany
10	Mary Mass		do
11	Abraham	Latimer	Canada
12	William Piddie	Printer	Ireland
13	Margaret Piddie		do
14	John	Latimer	Canada
15	Margaret		do
16	William		do
17	Margaret		do
18	George		do
19	James Hamilton	Printer	Canada
20	John Hamilton	do	do
21	William Kyle	do	Ireland
22	John Kyle		do
23	Mary Kyle		do
24	John Kyle	Latimer	do
25	John Kyle	Printer	do
26	James Chapman	Printer	England
27	James Chapman		Ireland

TRICT, No.

Ward No. 1 OF

Religion.	Residence if out of limits.	Age next birth day.	Sex.	
			Male.	Female.
4	5	6	7	8
<i>Methodists</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>/</i>
<i>do</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>		<i>14</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>		<i>16</i>		<i>/</i>
		<i>8</i>	<i>/</i>	
		<i>11</i>	<i>/</i>	
		<i>2</i>	<i>/</i>	
		<i>1</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>Baptists</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>67</i>		<i>/</i>
<i>do</i>		<i>16</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>Methodists</i>		<i>45</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>/</i>
<i>do</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>		<i>20</i>		<i>/</i>
<i>do</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>/</i>	
		<i>17</i>		<i>/</i>
		<i>8</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>Chap England</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>Presbyterian</i>		<i>30</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>		<i>66</i>		<i>/</i>
<i>do</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>/</i>	
<i>do</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>/</i>	
	<i>x</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>/</i>

Osprey

IN THE COUNTY

	Married or Single.	Colored persons—Negroes.	Indians if any.	Residents.				Members absent.		Deaf & Dumb.	
				Members.		Not Members.		M	F	M	F
				M	F	M	F				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
1	<i>M</i>			/							
2	<i>S</i>			/							
3	<i>S</i>			/							
4	<i>S</i>				/						
5	<i>S</i>			/							
6	<i>S</i>			/							
7	<i>S</i>			/							
8	<i>S</i>			/							
9	<i>M</i>			/							
10	<i>M</i>				/						
11	<i>S</i>			/							
12	<i>M</i>			/							
13	<i>M</i>				/						
14	<i>S</i>			/							
15	<i>S</i>				/						
16	<i>S</i>			/							
17	<i>S</i>				/						
18	<i>S</i>			/							
19	<i>S</i>			/							
20	<i>S</i>			/							
21	<i>S</i>			/							
22	<i>M</i>			/							
23	<i>M</i>				/						
24	<i>M</i>			/							
25	<i>S</i>			/							
26	<i>M</i>			/							
27	<i>M</i>				/						

The whole

OF 1

Houses.				
Brick, Stone, Frame, Log, Shanty, or other kind of residence.	N ^o . of Stories.	N ^o . of families occupying	Vacant.	Building.
31	32	33	34	35
<i>Log House</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Log House</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Log House</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Log House</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Log House</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		

Agricultural Census (*for the same Enumeration District*)

Name of occupier: William Riddell

Concession or Range: CA (*Concession A*)

Lot or part of Lot: 4

NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND

Held by each Person or Family: 120

Under Cultivation: 8

Under Crops in 1851: 8

Under Pasture in 1851: *no entry*

Gardens or Orchards: *no entry*

Under Wood or Wild: 112

WHEAT

Acres: 3

Produce Bsh: 40

BARLEY

Acres: 2

Produce Bsh: 40

PEAS

A(cres): no entry

Produce Bsh: *no entry*

OATS

A(cres): no entry

Produce Bsh: *no entry*

B. WHEAT

A(cres): no entry

Produce Bsh: *no entry*

INDIAN CORN

A(cres): no entry

Produce Bsh: *no entry*

POTATOES

A(cres): 2

Produce Bsh: 200

TURNIPS

A(cres): 1

Produce Bsh: 100

Clover, Timothy or other grass seed—Bsh: *no entry*

Carrots—Bsh: *no entry*

Beans Bsh: *no entry*

Hops Bsh: *no entry*

Hay Bundles or Tons: *no entry*

Flax or Hemp: *no entry*

Tobacco Lbs: *no entry*

Wool Lbs: 20

Maple Sugar Lbs: 50

Cider Galls: *no entry*

Fulled Cloth Yards:

Linen—Yds: *no entry*

Bulls, Oxen or Steers: 4

Milch Cows: 3
 Calves or Heifers: 5
 Horses of all ages: *no entry*
 Sheep: 15
 Pigs: 8
 Butter—Lbs: *no entry*
 Cheese—Lbs: *no entry*
 Beef—Barrels or Cwts: 400 cwt
 Pork—Barrels or Cwts: *no entry*
 Quantity of Fish Cured: *no entry*
 Remarks: *There are extensive general remarks pertaining to the farmers as a collective group.*

Copy of the original 1851 Agricultural Census divided vertically between columns 7 & 8, 15 & 16, 21 & 22, 30 & 31, 36 & 37, 44 & 45 and 54 & 55 resulting in the following eight segments.

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS—ENUMERATI

Name of occupier.	Concession or Range.	Lot or part of Lot.	Number of Acres of La			
			Held by each person or family.	Under Cultiva-tion.	Under Crops in 1851.	Under Pasture 1851.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

44	Adam Mott	184	B 7	100 ✓	4	4	
45	William Pearson	Leite	4	120 ✓	8	8	
46	James Hamilton	3.N.	80	50 ✓			
47	John Hamilton	3.N.	78	50 ✓	2	2	
48	William Hyle	1.N.	76	100 ✓	8	8	
49	John Hyle	1.N.	78	100 ✓	1	1	
50	James Chapman	1.N.	74	100 ✓	14	14	
				400 6850	34 1/2	287 1/2	14

ION DISTRICT, No.

21 OF

and.		Wheat.		Barley.		Rye.	
Gardens or Orchards.	Under Wood or Wild.	Acres.	Produce Bsh.	Acres.	Produce Bsh.	Acres.	Produce Bsh.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

	96	4	40	1/2	10		
	92	4 1/2	40				
	228	6	50	1/2	10		
	112	6	60				
	114	3	30				
	186	8	160	1	20		
	100						
	76	2	40				
	390	4	00	1	20		
	50	1	20				
	99						
	94	3	60				
	124	2	60				
	06						
	112	3	40	2	40		
	50						
	28						
	92	4	30				
	99						
	986						
	3805	9 1/2	1155	17	500		
	251						

Peas.		Oats.		B. Wheat.	
A.	Bsh.	A	Bsh.	A	Bsh.
16	17	18	19	20	21

31					
32		1	30		
33		1	30		
34		1	20		
35		2	40		
36	1 30	1	40		
37					
38					
39		1	40		
40					
41					
42		1	40		
43	1 15	1	40		
44					
45					
46					
47					
48		1 1/2	20		
49					
50	2 45	22	50		

COUNTY OF

Indian Corn.		Potatoes.		Turnips.		Clover, Timothy or other grass seed—Bsh.	Carrots—Bsh.	Mangle Wurtzel.
A	Bsh.	A	Bsh.	A	Bsh.			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

		3	100	2	100			
		1	100	1 1/2	100			
		2	200	2	200			
		1	80					
		1	800					
		1	14	2	200			
		1	60	1	100			
2	10	2	300	1	100			
		1	100					
		1	60					
		1	60	1	100			
		1	60	1	100			
		2	100	2	200			
		2	200	1	100			
		2	125	1	250			
		1 1/2	180	1	50			
		1/2	60	1/2	40			
		1	60	1/2	40			
2	40	47	3877	41	170			

Beans. Bsh.	Hops. Lbs.	Hay. Bundles or Tons	Flax or Hemp. Lbs.	Tobacco. Lbs.	Wool. Lbs.
31	32	33	34	35	36

31					
32					
33					
34					20
35					40
36					40
37					
38					
39					
40					
41					
42					
43					
44					
45					20
46					
47					
48					
49					
50					104

			Maple Sugar. Lbs.	Cider. Galls.	Fulled Cloth. Yards.	Linen—Yds.	Flannel—Yds.
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44

			60		14		
			100				
			100		80		
			50				
			668		87		24



Bulls, Oxen or Steers.	Milch Cows.	Calves or Heifers.	Horses of all ages.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Butter—Lbs.	Cheese—Lbs.	Beef—Barrels or Cwts.	Pork—Barrels or Cwts.
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54

31	2	2			5				
32	2	2			7				200 cwt
33	1	2		2	7				
34	2	2		8	4				300 cwt
35	2	2		67	2				200 cwt
36	2	2	1	20	6				500 cwt 500 cwt
37	2	2							
38	2	2			4				
39	2	1		2	6				10 cwt
40	2	1	1		2				100 cwt
41	2	2		4	4				
42	2	2	1						
43									
44	2	2	2						
45	4	3	5		15	8			1000 cwt
46		1							
47									
48	3	1	2			5			
49		1							
50									
	71	60	55	7	164	101	2000		9000 31500

Quantity of Fish Cured.	Remarks.
55	56
	<p>The land of the Township where dry is good for all kinds of crop the soil to the south part is the strongest but not well watered & in some places cannot be got for digging. The made river runs</p>

Segment 8 con't below

The land of the Township, where dry, is good for all kinds of crop. The soil to the south part is the strongest but not well watered & in some places cannot be got for digging. The (?) river runs (Segment 8 continued below)

a North east course
& is level on both banks
interspersed with small
Beaver Meadows along
its whole course in
the Township the course
is very serpentine &c
As to the general value
in its present state I can
say but little for if the crop
is as much destroyed with
frost as it has been for the
last two years the most
part of the settlers will

Segment 8 con't below

a North east course & is level on both banks interspersed with small(?) Beaver Meadows along its whole course in the Township the course is very serpentine &c.

As to the general value in its present state (?) day but little for if the crop is as much destroyed with frost as it has been for the last two years the most part(?) of the settlers will

(Segment 8 continued below)

ultimately leave it altogether
for both Indian corn &
potatoes wheat &
buck wheat. The one
half was not worth the
threshing & the distance from
a Market it is not
worth more than four
Shillings per acre for the
best of the land has no
water on it. When the
land is well watered the
frost both in spring & the
fall ruins all the crops.

Segment 8 con't below

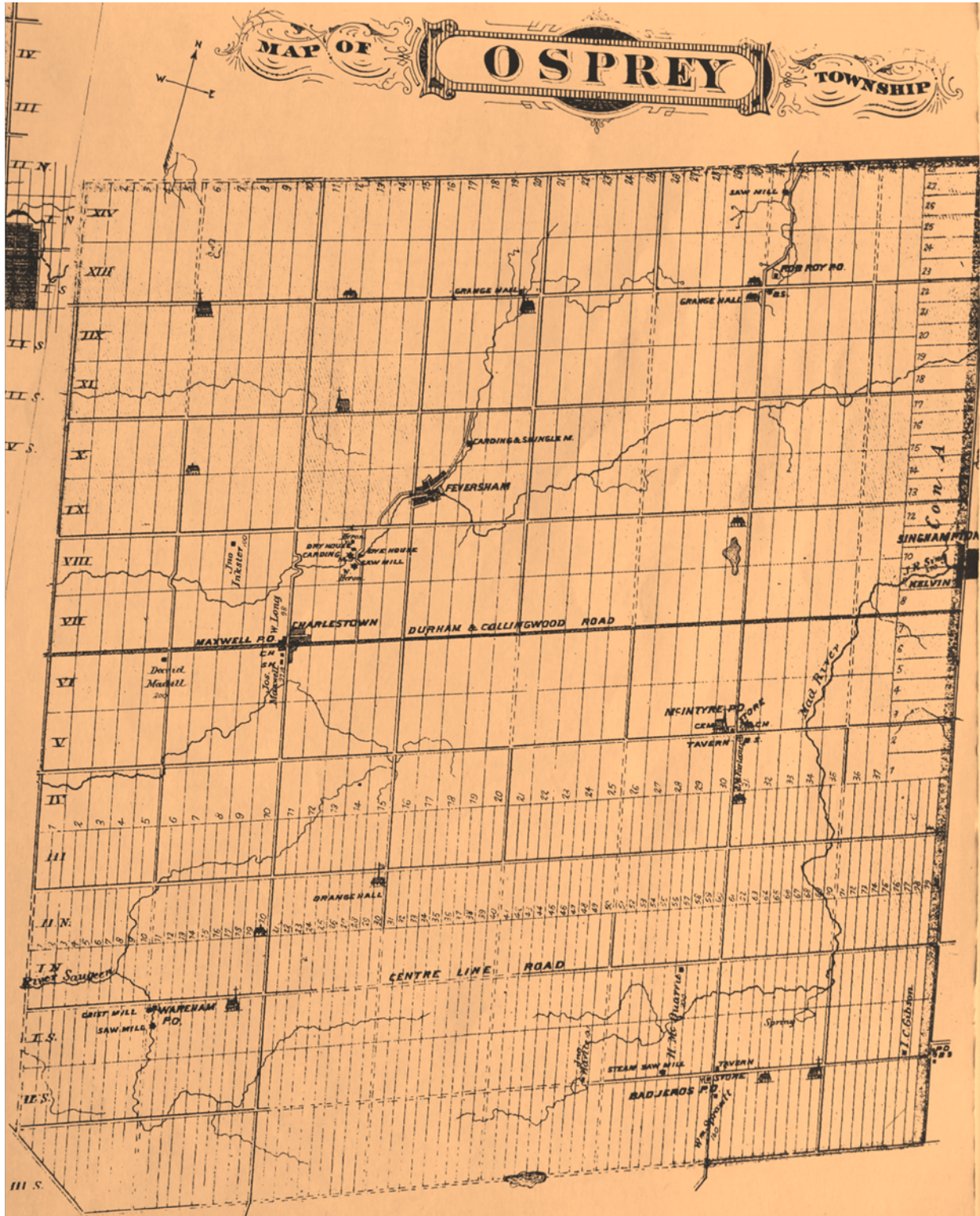
ultimately leave it altogether for (?) Indian corn & potatoes, wheat & buck wheat. The one half was not worth threshing & the distance from a Market it is not worth more than four Shillings per acre for the best of the land has no water on it (?) (?) the land is well watered the frost both in spring & fall ruins all the crops (Segment 8 continued below)

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news settlers coming
in every year. The older
would have to go out
to work as some
already does for
living leaving their
families to look
to their small
clearing &c

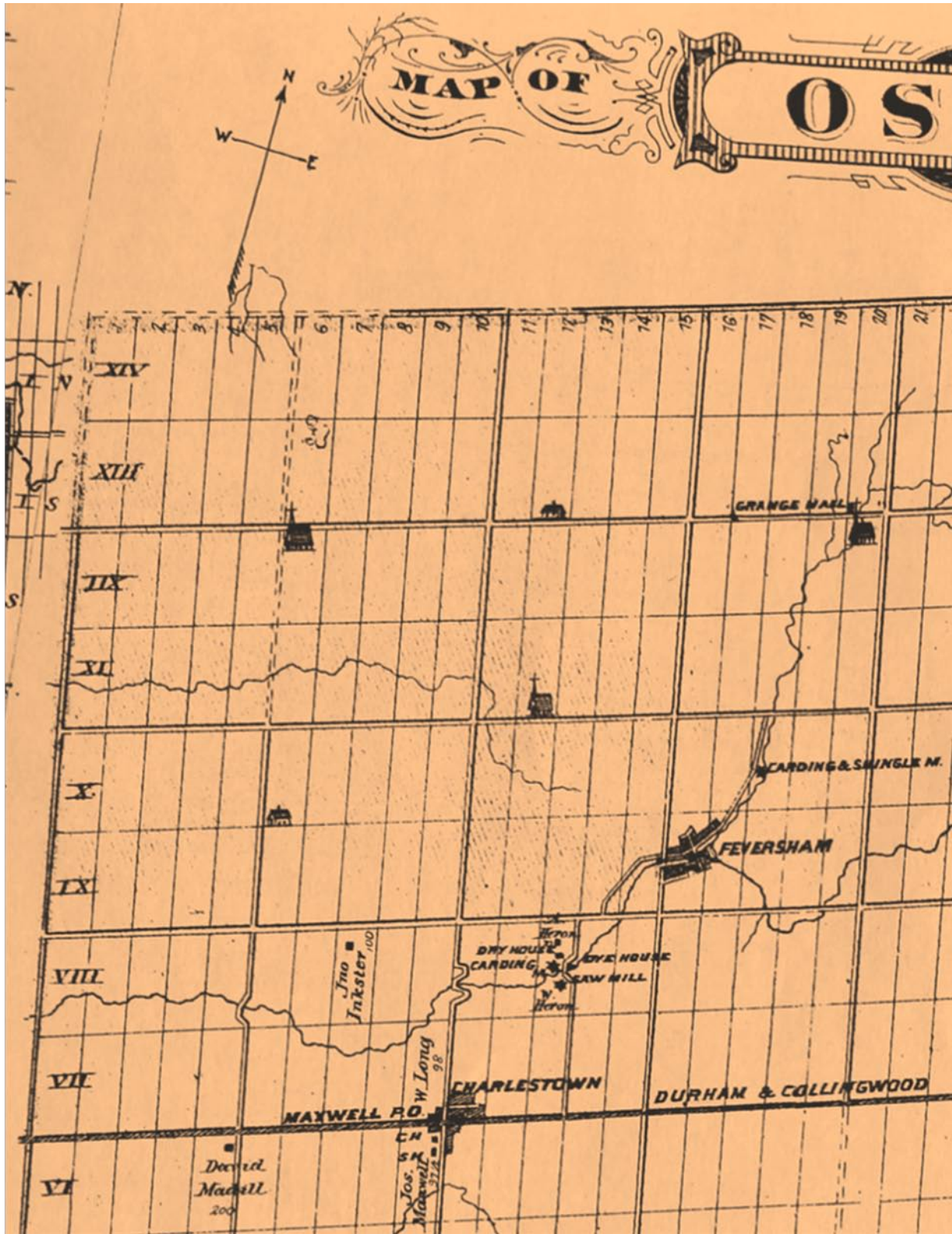
End of Segment 8

(?) if not for a few new settlers coming in every year the older (?) would have to go out to work as some already (?) (?) (?) leaving (?) families to look to their small clearing etc
(End of entry)

- The subject Osprey Township map is from an 1880 publication. On the right hand side of the map is Concession A where the Riddell family resided on Lots 2, 3 and 4.

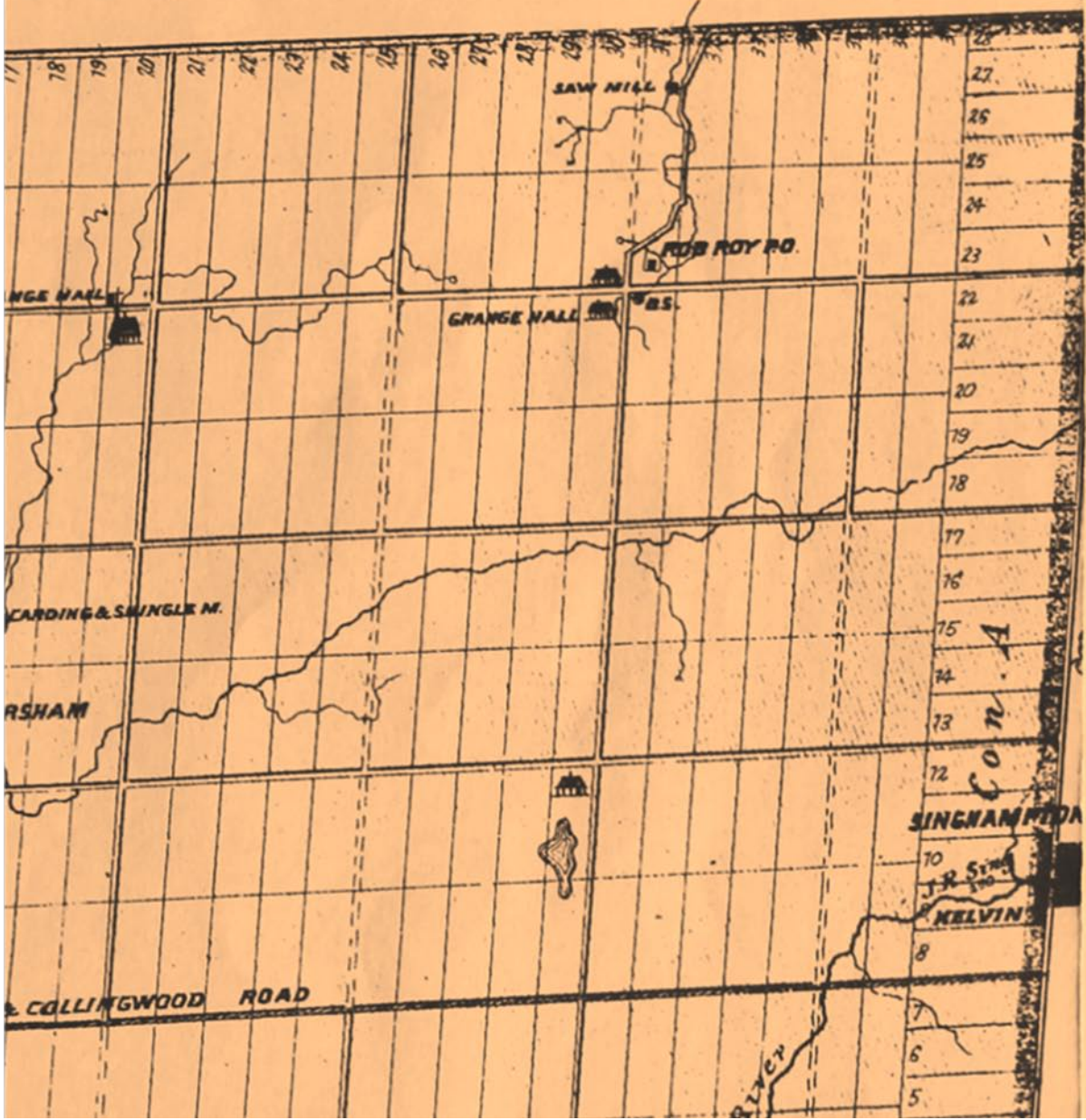


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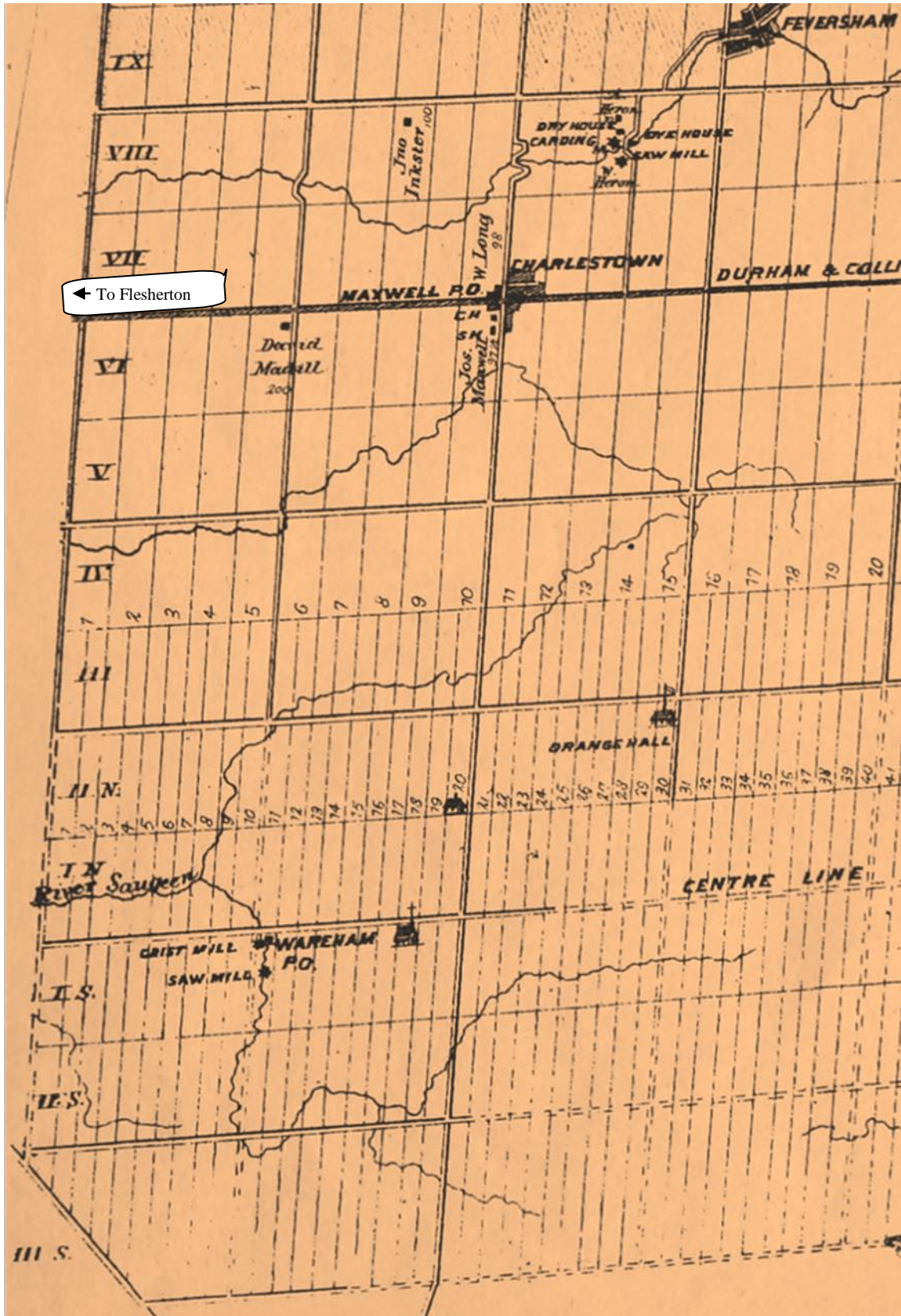


North West quarter of map showing Concessions VI North through XIV North.

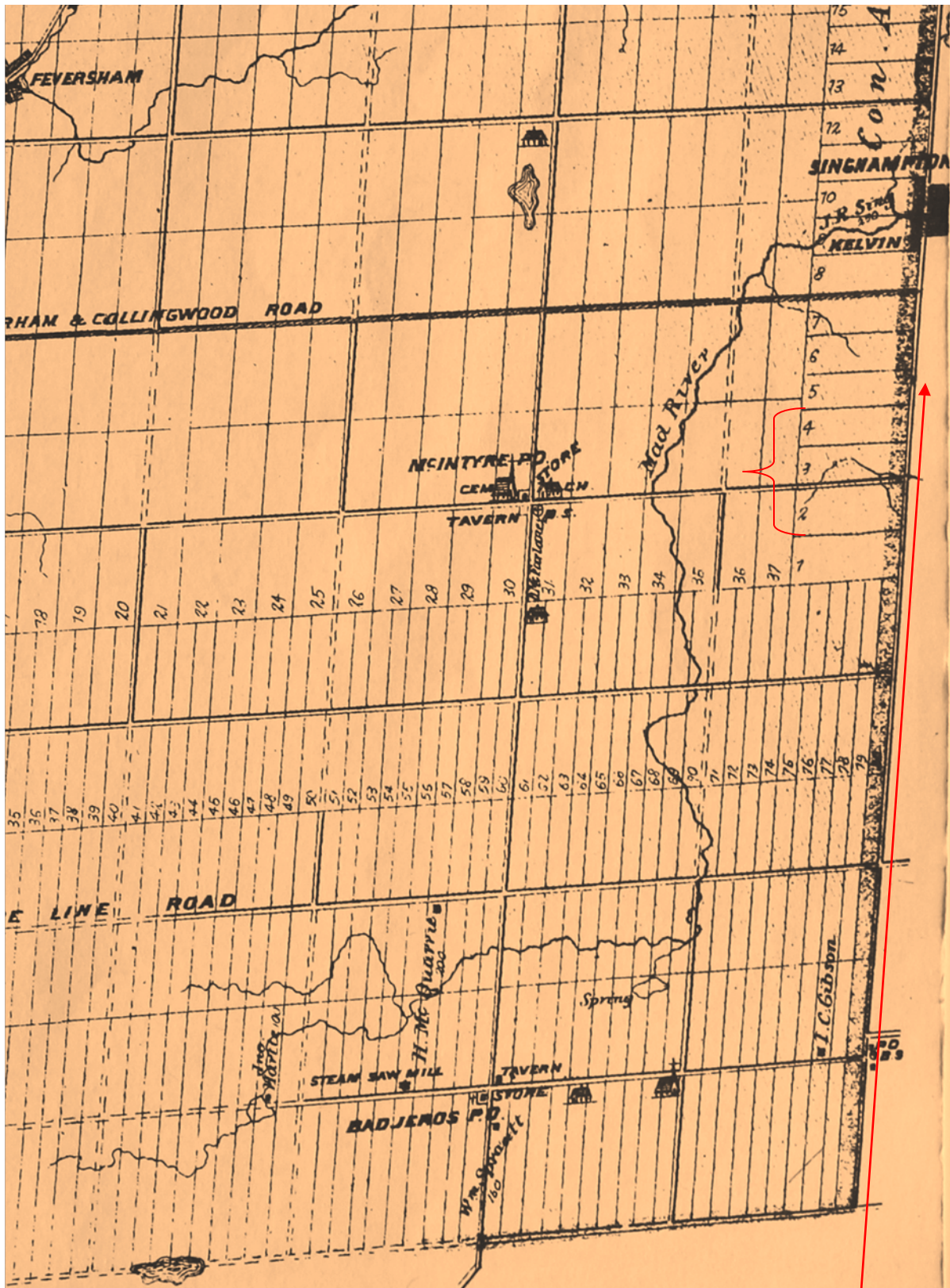
OSPREY TOWNSHIP



North East quarter of map showing the Village of Singhampton which is divided between two townships Osprey and Nottawasaga (now Clearview Township).



South West quarter of map showing Concessions I South through III South and I North through IX North.



The bracketed lots 2, 3 and 4 of Concession A pertain to the Riddell Family History. The lots front on to County Road 124 (formerly Highway 24) which goes north to Collingwood through Singhampton, Duntroon and Nottawa.

- ◆ **1852** Tax Assessment & Roll*
 Name: William Riddel
 Conc.: A
 Lot: 2, 3, 4
 # of Acres: 510
 # of Acres Cleared: 25
 Total Real Personal Prop: 248

- ◆ **1853** Ratepayers of Osprey Township*
 Name: William Riddel
 Year of Roll: 1853
 Lot: 3, 4 (*Note William's son, John, was recorded in 1863 against Lot 2. Reference Biography of John Riddell*)
 Conc.: A
 *Reference "History of the Township of Osprey" published in 2002 by the Osprey Historical Society.

- ◆ **1853ca** William and Margaret's daughter, Mary Anne Riddell, age about age 21 years, married John Cosgrove, age about 29 years, location unknown.
Reference Biography of Mary Anne Riddell

- ◆ **1854** Reference Excerpts from 1854 Osprey Township Council Minutes.
 Osprey 31st January 1854.

The Municipal Council of the Township of Osprey in the County of Grey, having met this day pursuant to the adjournment from the 16th January 1854.

.....Moved by Mr. Donald McLean and seconded by Mr. P. Badgero That Mr. William Riddle be appointed Afsefsor (*Assessor*) to this Township,
 Carried.....

- ◆ **1854** Reference Excerpts from 1854 Osprey Township Council Minutes.
 Council Room Mr. Badgeros'
 February 28, 1854

The Municipal Council of the Township of Osprey in the County of Grey, having met this day pursuant to the adjournment from 14th February 1854.

.....Mr. William Riddel having appeared before the Board requested permisfion to be allowed to resign his appointment of asessor to the Township in consequence of Family affairs. The council accepted his resignation, and appointed Mr. James Hamilton to the vacant Office who being present had the prescribed Oath of Office administered unto him.....

- ◆ **1858** Reference Excerpts from 1858 Osprey Township Council Minutes.
 January.

.....James Sproull as Treasurer and Revenue Inspector, William Riddell, Lachlan McDonald and Donald McKinnon 4th Line as Tavern Inspectors.

Pathmasters and Fence Viewers:

.....William Riddell.....

➤ **1858** The dollar currency was introduced to the Province of Canada replacing Pounds (£) Sterling in 1858.

◆ **1859** Reference Excerpt from 1859 Osprey Township Council Minutes.

January.

Pathmasters:

.....William Riddell.....

◆ **1861** Canada West Personal Census, Enumeration, District No. *Five* of *The Township of Osprey*, in the County of *Grey*.

Page 41.

Names of Inmates: **William Riddel (Riddell)**

Profession, Trade, or Occupation: Farmer

Place of Birth: Ireland

Religion: Catholick (*Catholic*)

Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*

Age next Birthday: 52

Married or Single: M (*Married*)

Members of Family: 1 male

HOUSES:

Brick, Stone, Frame, Log, &c, &c: Log House

No. of Stories: 2

No. of Families living in House: 1

Names of Inmates: **Margaret Riddel (Riddell)**

Profession, Trade, or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Ireland

Religion: Catholick (*Catholic*)

Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*

Age next Birthday: 58

Married or Single: M (*Married*)

Members of Family: 1 female

Names of Inmates: **John Riddell**

Profession, Trade, or Occupation: Labourer

Place of Birth: Canada

Religion: Catholick (*Catholic*)

Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*

Age next Birthday: 25

Married or Single: S (*Single*)

Members of Family: 1 male

Names of Inmates: **Margaret Riddell**

Profession, Trade, or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada
Religion: Catholick (*Catholic*)
Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*
Age next Birthday: 20
Married or Single: S (*Single*)
Members of Family: 1 female
Names of Inmates: **George Riddell**
Profession, Trade, or Occupation: Labourer
Place of Birth: Canada
Religion: Catholick (*Catholic*)
Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*
Age next Birthday: 18
Married or Single: S (*Single*)
Members of Family: 1 male
Names of Inmates: **Mary Riddell** (*Recorded in Census as member of family. However, relationship has not been established*)
Profession, Trade, or Occupation: *no entry*
Place of Birth: Canada
Religion: Catholick (*Catholic*)
Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*
Age next Birthday: 6
Married or Single: S (*Single*)
Members of Family: 1 female
Names of Inmates: **Margaret Mathena** (*Recorded in Census as member of family. However, relationship has not been established*)
Profession, Trade, or Occupation: *no entry*
Place of Birth: Canada
Religion: Catholick (*Catholic*)
Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*
Age next Birthday: 16
Married or Single: S (*Single*)
Members of Family: 1 female
Names of Inmates: **Catharine Mathena** (*Recorded in Census as member of family. However, relationship has not been established*)
Profession, Trade, or Occupation: *no entry*
Place of Birth: Canada
Religion: Catholick (*Catholic*)
Residence if out of Limits: Notawasaga (*Nottawasaga*)
Age next Birthday: 1
Married or Single: S (*Single*)
Members of Family: 1 female

No family members were enumerated under "Members of Family absent"

No family members were enumerated under "Deaf and Dumb", "Blind", "Lunatics or Idiots"

No family members were enumerated under "Children attending School within the year"
 No family members were enumerated under "Deaths in 1860"

A copy of the 1861 Census divided between columns 4 & 5 and 22 & 23 resulting in the following three segments. The Riddell family is recorded on lines 16 through 23.

PERSONAL CENSUS,		Enumeration, Di	
NAMES OF INMATES.	PROFESSION, TRADE, OR OCCUPATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	Married during the Year.
1	2	3	4
1 James Hamilton	Farmer	Canada	
2 Sarah Hamilton		Canada	
3 William H. Hamilton		Canada	
4 William Hamilton	Farmer	Ireland	✓
5 John Hamilton	Labourer	Canada	
6 William Hamilton	Labourer	Canada	
7 Margaret Hamilton		Canada	
8 Ann Jane Hamilton		Canada	
9 Jacob Hamilton		Canada	
10 Isaac Hamilton		Canada	
11 David Hamilton		Canada	
12 Martha Hamilton		Canada	
13 Joseph Taylor	Farmer	Canada	
14 Susan Taylor		Canada	
15 Moses Taylor		Canada	
16 William Riddell	Farmer	Ireland	✓
17 Margaret Riddell		Ireland	✓
18 John Riddell	Labourer	Canada	
19 Margaret Riddell		Canada	
20 George Riddell	Labourer	Canada	
21 May Riddell		Canada	
22 Margaret Mathona		Canada	
23 Catharine Mathona		Canada	

District No.

Five

of the Township of Acosta

RELIGION.	Residence if out of Limits.	Age next Birth Day.	SEX.		Married or Single.	Widowers.	Widows.	Colored Persons, Mulatto or Indian.	RE-IDENTS.				Members of Family absent.		Deaf and Dumb.	Blind.	Lunatics or Idiots.
			Male.	Female.					Members of Family.		Not Members.		M.	F.			
									M.	F.	M.	F.					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Church of England		28	M						1								
Ch of England		24		F						1							
Ch of England		1	M						1								
Ch of England		50	M														
Ch of England		20	M						1								
Ch of England		19	M						1								
Ch of England		16		F						1							
Ch of England		12		F						1							
Ch of England		10	M						1								
Ch of England		5	M						1								
Ch of England		4	M						1								
Ch of England		1		F						1							
Ch of England		27	M						1								
Ch of England		21		F						1							
Ch of England		19	M						1								
Catholic		52	M						1								
Catholic		58		F						1							
Catholic		25	M						1								
Catholic		20		F						1							
Catholic		18	M						1								
Catholic		8		F						1							
Catholic		10		F						1							
Catholic	Notawaoga	1		F						1							

Under Crops in 1860: 21
Under Pasture in 1860: 8
Under Orchards or Garden: *no entry*
Under Wood or Wild: 91
Cash value of Farm, Dollars: 1800
Cash value of Farming Implements or Machinery, Dollars: 40
FALL WHEAT
Acres: *no entry*
Produce in Bushels: *no entry*
SPRING WHEAT
Acres: 8
Produce in Bushels: 140
BARLEY
Acres: *no entry*
Produce in Bushels: *no entry*
RYE
Acres: *no entry*
Produce in Bushels: *no entry*
PEAS
Acres: 4
Produce in Bushels: 100
OATS
Acres: 4
Produce in Bushels: 100
BUCK WHEAT
Acres: *no entry*
Produce in Bushels: *no entry*
INDIAN CORN
Acres: *no entry*
Produce in Bushels: *no entry*
POTATOES
Acres: 1
Produce in Bushels: 120
TURNIPS
Acres: 4
Produce in Bushels: 600
MANGEL WURTZEL
Acres: *no entry*
Produce in Bushels: *no entry*
Carrots, bushels: *no entry*
Beans, bushels: *no entry*
Hops, lbs: *no entry*
Hay, tons of 2000 lbs. or bundles of 16 lbs: 10 tons³
Clover Seed, Timothy Seed, or other Grass Seed, bushels: *no entry*
Flax or Hemp, lbs: *no entry*
Wool, lbs: 25
Maple Sugar, lbs: 60
Cider, gallons: *no entry*

Fulled Cloth, yards: *no entry*
Linen, yards: *no entry*
Flannel, yards: 16
Bulls or Oxen over 3 years of age: 2
Steers or Heifers under 3 years of age: 8
Milch Cows: 3
Horses over 3 years: 1
Value of same, Dollars: 40
Colts or Fillies under 3 years of age: 1
Sheep: 10
Pigs: 8
Total value of all live Stock, Dollars: 200
Butter, lbs: *no entry*
Cheese, lbs: *no entry*
Beef in brls. of 200 lbs: 1
Pork in brls. of 200 lbs: 1
Pleasure carriages kept: *no entry*
Remarks: Crop partly destroyed by frost.

- ◆ **1862** Reference Excerpt from 1862 Osprey Township Council Minutes.
January.
Pathmasters:
.....William Riddell.....
- ◆ **1865** Reference Directory of the County of Grey in 1865, which is Reproduced from the Gazetteer of the County Published by W. W. Smith of Owen Sound in 1865.

THE TOWNSHIP OF OSPREY

William Sr. Riddle Con. A Lot 4

- ◆ **1866** William and Margaret's son, John Paul Riddell, age 31 years, eight months, one week, married Margaret Jane Young, age 20 years, seven months, location unknown, March 22.
Reference John Paul Riddell---Margaret Jane Young Family History
- ◆ **1866** William and Margaret's son, George Francis Riddell, age 22, bachelor, married Mary Jane Martin, age 18, spinster, in the County of Grey, April 25.
Reference George Francis Riddell---Mary Jane Martin Family History
- ◆ **1867** William and Margaret's son, William Henry, age 28 (*more likely 29 years, 5 months*), bachelor, married Frances Louisa Redmond, age 21, spinster, in the County of Wellington, Ontario, January 8.
Reference William Henry Riddell---Frances Louisa Redmond Family History
- ◆ **1870** Reference Excerpt from 1870 Osprey Township Council Minutes.

By-Law No. 114

To appoint officers for the Municipality of Osprey for the year 1870.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the Township of Osprey in council assembled and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That the after named parties be and hereby appointed to the respective offices for which they are so named for the year, 1870, namely.

Pound Keepers: William Crimby,.....Alexander Hannah
 Fence Viewers: John Hutchinson,.....William Kinner
 Pathmasters Division No. 1.....
 Division No. 2.....
 Division No. 3:.....
 Division No. 4.....
 Division No. 5.....William Riddell,.....

◆ **1870** Reference Lovell's 1871 (January) Province of Ontario Directory.

*** SINGHAMPTON**—A small village on the county line of Simcoe and Grey, townships of Nottawasaga and Osprey. The Mad river flows through the village. Distant from Collingwood, the terminus of the Northern railway, 14 miles; fare 75c. Mail daily. Population about 100.
 Algeo James, shoemaker
 Bell Angus, conveyancer
 Cousins John, laborer
 Creach Edward, carder
 Curtis Michael, teacher
 Dallas William, carpenter
 Ferguson Thomas, spinner
 Gowan William, innkeeper
 Grant David, carpenter
 Green Mrs. Lucinda, wid Donald, weaver
 Hutchison Samuel, weaver
 Hamilton James, postmaster, store and woollen factory
 McCorcell William, carder

Landry Elie, storekeeper
 Lang John, laborer
 McDonald John, sawyer
 McKinnon Donald, blacksmith
 Pearson William, miller
 Phillips Obediah, ashery
 Ransier Joseph, waggonmaker
 Richards James, mail carrier
 Robinson Peter, teamster
 Richmond Alfred, mason
 Rusk Thomas, blacksmith
 Riddle Miss, milliner
 Rowbotham William, innkeeper
 Sing Joseph
 SING JOSIAH R., commissioner
 SPROULE JOSEPH J., general store-keeper
 STINSON JOHN, general storekeeper
 Thompson George, saddler
 Taylor Samuel, sawyer
 Thornbury Thomas, M.D.

Who is Miss Riddle?

◆ **1871** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. **36 South Grey**.

Sub-District *h Township of Osprey, Division no 1.* Page 32.

Enumerator Josiah Gamey.

Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.

Numbered in the order of visitation:-

Dwelling houses inhabited: 109

Families: 109

Name: **William Riddle**

Age: 67

Country or Province of Birth: Ireland

Religion: R Catholic

Origin: Irish

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Farmer

Married or widowed: M (*Married*)

INSTRUCTION:-

Going to school:---

Over 20 unable to read:---
Over 20 unable to write:---
Name: **Margaret Riddle**
Age: 70
Country or Province of Birth: Ireland
Religion: R Catholic
Origin: Irish
Profession, Occupation or Trade:---
Married or widowed: M (*Married*)
INSTRUCTION:-

Going to school:---
Over 20 unable to read:---
Over 20 unable to write:---
Name: **Margaret Riddle**
Age: 26 (*more likely age 30*)
Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)
Religion: R Catholic
Origin: Irish
Profession, Occupation or Trade:---
Married or widowed:---
INSTRUCTION:-

Going to school:---
Over 20 unable to read:---
Over 20 unable to write:---
Name: **Mary Conley** (*Relationship has not been established*)
Age: 15
Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)
Religion: R Catholic
Origin: Irish
Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---
Married or widowed: ---
INSTRUCTION:-

Going to school:---
Over 20 unable to read:---
Over 20 unable to write:---
Name: **James Conley** (*Relationship has not been established*) *However, per Pat Anderson's theory, James may have been adopted upon Margaret Anastasia Riddell's marriage and became known as James Joseph MacCallum. A further note from Pat indicates James was born in Singhampton, Ontario on December 15, 1865.*

Age: 6
Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)
Religion: R Catholic
Origin: Irish
Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---
Married or widowed: ---
INSTRUCTION:-
Going to school:---

Over 20 unable to read:---

Over 20 unable to write:---

No family members were enumerated as "Deaf and Dumb", "Blind" or "Unsound mind" under INFIRMITIES.

A copy of the subject Schedule No. 1 divided between columns 10 & 11 and 12 & 13 resulting in the following three segments.

Page 31 } Province of *Ontario* Dist

Census of 1871.

	Numbers in the order of visitation.						Names.	Sex.	Age.	Born within last twelve months.
	Vessels.	Shr-tie.	Dwell-ing houses in con-struction.	Dwell-ing houses unin-habited.	Dwell-ing houses inhab-ited.	Fa-milies.				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1							Edward	M	3	-
2					107	107	George	M	1	-
3					106	106	Brownie Thomas	M	14	-
4							Jane	F	34	-
5							Mary	F	14	-
6							James	M	12	-
7							Isaac	F	10	-
8							Elizabeth	F	6	-
9					108	108	Irwin Daniel	M	62	-
10					107	107	Sophiah	F	56	-
11					109	109	Riddle William	M	67	-
12					108	108	Margret	F	70	-
13							Margret	F	25	-
14							Carley Mary	F	15	-
15							James	M	6	-
16					110	110	Taylor Joseph	M	38	-
17					109	109	Susan	F	32	-
18							Henry	F	8	-
19							John	M	6	-
20							Mary	F	5	-

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istrict No. 36 *South Grey*

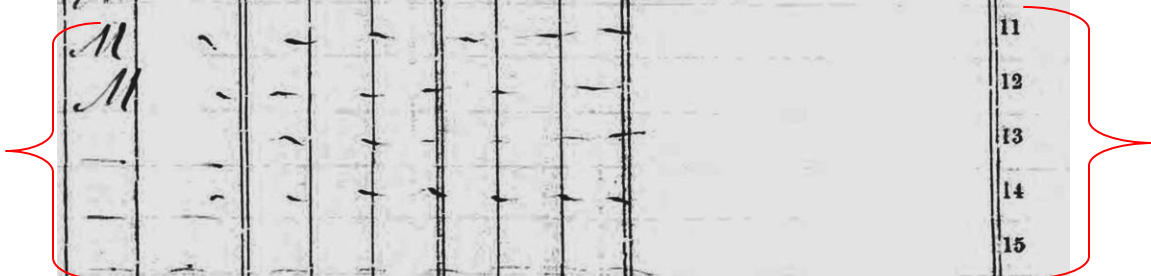
Sub-District *h. of*

Schedule No. 1.--Nominal Return of the Living.

Country or Province of Birth.	Religion.	Origin.	Profession, Occupation or Trade.
11	12	13	14
6	<i>W. Methodist</i>	<i>Irish</i>	—
<i>England</i>	<i>W. Methodist</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
6	"	"	—
6	"	"	—
6	"	"	—
6	"	"	—
6	"	"	—
<i>Ireland</i>	<i>W. Meth.</i>	<i>Irish</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
<i>Virginia</i>	"	<i>Dutch</i>	—
<i>Ireland</i>	<i>W. Methodist</i>	<i>Irish</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
<i>Ireland</i>	"	"	—
6	"	"	—
6	"	"	—
6	"	"	—
<i>England</i>	<i>W. Methodist</i>	<i>Irish</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
<i>England</i>	<i>W. Methodist</i>	"	—
6	"	"	—
6	"	"	—
6	"	"	—

Wardship of Asbury Swinnon (Page 32)
Social Survey Enumerator (Census of 1871)

Married or widowed.	Married within last twelve months.	Instruction.			Infirmities.			Dates of Operations and Remarks.
		Going to school.	Over 20 unable to read.	Over 20 unable to write.	Deaf and Dumb.	Blind.	Un-sound mind.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	18
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20



Schedule No 3---Return of Public Institutions, Real Estate, Vehicles and Implements.

Grand total of acres of land owned: 150
Number of dwelling houses owned: 1
Number of barns and stables owned: *no entry*

Schedule No 4---Return of Cultivated Land, of Field Products and of Plants and Fruits.

Range or Concession: A
Number of Lot: 2
Owner, Tenant or Employee: O
Total Number of acres occupied: 150
Number of acres improved: 25
Number of acres in pasture: 24
Potatoes Acres: 1
 Bushels: 300

Schedule No 5---Live Stock, Animal Products, home-made Fabrics and Furs.

Milch Cows: 1
Pounds of Wool: 15 (*However, there is no entry under Sheep*)
Value of home-made Cloth and Flannel: 30

Schedule No 7---Return of Products of the Forest.

Cords of Fire Wood: 25

- ◆ **1871** William and Margaret’s daughter, Margaret Anastasia Riddell, age 27, spinster married William McCallum, age 30, bachelor at Melanthon, Ontario, November 23.
Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History
- ◆ **1872** Reference Excerpt from 1872 Osprey Township Council Minutes.

By-Law No. 128

To appoint officers for the Municipality of Osprey for the year 1872.

Be it enacted by the Municipal council of the Township of Osprey, in council assembled and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That the after named parties shall be and hereby appointed and constituted as Municipal officers for the current year.

William Hicks: Assessor
Donald McFayden: Tavern Inspector
Pound Keepers: William Crimby,.....Donald McDonald South Line
Fence Viewers: David Hill,.....William Armour
Pathmasters:.....William Riddle,.....

Passed the council

Thomas Gamey Esq

this 5th of July
A.D. 1872

Reeve
James Gibson
Township clerk

- ◆ **1873** Reference Excerpt from 1873 Osprey Township Council Minutes.

By-Law No. 135

To appoint officers to serve in the Municipality of Osprey for the year 1873.

Be it enacted by the Municipal council of the Township of Osprey, in Council assembled and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That the after named parties shall and are hereby appointed to fill the respective offices in the Township of Osprey for the year, 1873.

Pound Keepers: William Crimby,.....Donald McDonald
Fence Viewers: David Hill,.....William Armour
Pathmasters:.....William Riddle,.....

Passed the 20th day
of February AD
1873

Thomas Gamey Esq
Reeve
James Gibson
Tp clerk

- ◆ **1873** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” follows describing William Riddell’s death in 1873. “Here, out of the forest, he hewed a home for himself and family, where he resided for a quarter of a century, until his death in 1873, much respected by all who knew him. He was, in all that the term implies, a pioneer of civilization in Western Canada, and as such deserves a place among Representative Canadians”
- Reference following.

Roman Catholic Cemetery
Concession 5, Lot 13.
Township of Nottawasaga
County of Simcoe.

William Riddle is interred in the subject cemetery. William’s headstone, although broken, records the following:

WILLIAM RIDDLE
DIED
Dec.12, 1873;
AGED
69 Years.

Photograph of headstone taken in August 1999 follows.



- Reference the publication “**The Outburst of the Iroquois**” Published in 1934 by **THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NOTTAWASAGA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.**

INTRODUCTION

Some gleanings of the Historical Committee in connection with the Centennial Celebration of the first settlements in the Township. Held at Duntroon, July 1st, 2nd, 1934

THE LITTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON CON. 4 (*correction Con 5*) (Author unknown)

On the fourth and fifth concessions from lot 12 to lot 22, there settled a number of sons and daughters of the Emerald Island. These brave pioneers were among the first settlers in our township. Many of them arrived in the thirties (1830s). Like all good citizens they refused to neglect their religious duties and the education of their families. These devoted Catholics, under the leadership of Joseph Birtles, Ed. Duggan, Matthew Dowling and a mechanic, Mr. Patrick McKeown, soon had a commodious little church built on lot 13, concession 5. These sons and daughters of Erin with their families, could now gather with their pastor, Rev. Father Sherria, and later Rev. Father McIneay, who said mass. But even this did not satisfy these pioneers. They organized a separate school to provide an education for their children. Mr. J. Gribbon and Miss Bolster (who was later the wife of Dr. Dack), were teachers at this school. This school was carried on for a number of years until such times as the school section was properly organized.

The little church was wrecked many years ago but there still remains on this ground the silent, modest and engraved tomb stones marking the last resting place of these brave men and women, who have left a heritage behind them that any country may well be proud of.

Concession 5 is presently known as the Fairgrounds Road.

The cemetery is located on a picturesque section of the subject road approximately three miles north of the village of Creemore in the County of Simcoe adjacent to the County of Grey.

Unfortunately the headstones were relocated to a central area of the cemetery grounds.

- ◆ **1881** Reference Census Province of Ontario. District No.134 Centre T.
S. District D, St. Johns Ward No 3 Division (*Toronto, Ontario*). Page 104.
Enumerator: Chs. Thompson Date: May 9th 1881

Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: 435

Families: 448

Name: **Wm Hy Riddell** (*Margaret Senior's son*)

Age: 43

Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)

Religion: R.C.

Origin: Irish

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Manager of Tribune (*Toronto newspaper*)
Married or Widowed: M
INSTRUCTION:
Going to School: ---
Dates of Operations and Remarks: *no entry*

Name: **Margaret (Henrietta) Riddell** (*Margaret Senior's daughter-in-law*)
Age: 32
Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)
Religion: R.C.
Origin: Irish
Profession, Occupation or Trade: -----
Married or Widowed: M
INSTRUCTION:
Going to School: ---

Name: **Margaret Sen. (Senior) Riddell**
Age: 78
Country or Province of Birth: Ireland
Religion: R.C.
Origin: Irish
Profession, Occupation or Trade: -----
Married or Widowed: W
INSTRUCTION:
Going to School: ---

Name: **Caroline L. Redmond** (*Margaret Senior's daughter-in-law's sister*)
Age: 25
Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)
Religion: R.C.
Origin: Irish
Profession, Occupation or Trade: -----
Married or Widowed: -----
INSTRUCTION:
Going to School: ---

No one in the family was enumerated as "Deaf and Dumb", "Blind" or "Unsound Mind" under INFIRMITIES.

Margaret was enumerated with her son, William Henry Riddell, daughter-in-law Margaret Henrietta Riddell and one of her daughter-in-law's sisters, Caroline L. Redmond.

For a scanned copy of the subject census refer to **William Henry Riddell---Margaret Henrietta Redmond Family History**

Therefore, it appears that sometime after the death of her husband, William, in December of 1873, Margaret went to live in Toronto, Ontario with her son, William Henry.

- ◆ 1883 William and Margaret's daughter, Mary Anne Riddell, age 51*, widow, married Cockrain William Lavin, age 56, widower at Toronto, Ontario, May 1.
*Recorded in Marriage registration as age 44 years.

This was Mary Anne's second marriage.

Reference Biography of Mary Anne Riddell

- ◆ 1884 Reference Death Registration #020385-84. County of Wentworth. Division of City of Hamilton. (*Reference second column*)

SCHEDULE C.—DEATHS.		
	County of <i>Wentworth</i>	Division of <i>City of Hamilton</i>
	✓ No. 133	# No. 134
Name and Surname of Deceased.	<i>William Thomas</i>	<i>Margaret Riddell</i>
When Died.	<i>March 14th 1884</i>	<i>March 9th 1884</i>
Sex—Male or Female.	<i>M.</i>	<i>F</i>
Age.	<i>1 week</i>	<i>84 yrs.</i>
Rank or Profession.	<i>Infant</i>	<i>Widow</i>
Where Born.	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Ireland</i>
Certified cause of Death and duration of illness.	<i>Convulsions ✓ 1 week</i>	<i>Decay of nature ✓</i>
Name of Physician, if any.	<i>E. H. Dellabaugh</i>	<i>E. A. Gardner</i>
Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	<i>E. H. Dellabaugh Hamilton</i>	<i>E. A. Gardner Hamilton</i>
When Registered.	<i>March 14th 1884</i>	<i>March 14th 1884</i>
Religious Denomination of Deceased.	<i>Episcopal</i>	<i>Roman Catholic</i>
Signature of Registrar.	<i>J. Beasley</i>	<i>J. Beasley</i>
REMARKS.	020384	020385

A transcription of the Death Registration follows.

Name and Surname of Deceased: Margaret Riddell

When Died: March 9th, 1884

Sex---Male or Female: F

Age: 84 yrs

Rank or Profession: Widow

Where Born: Ireland

Certified cause of Death and duration of Illness: Decay of Nature

Name of Physician, if any: E. A. Gaviller

Signature, Description and Residence of Informant: E. A. Gaviller
Hamilton

When Registered: March 14th 1884

Religious Denomination of Deceased: Roman Catholic

Signature of Registrar: T Beasley

Remarks: *no entry*

- Reference the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington, Ontario records.
Burial: Section G
There is no headstone.



Biographies

of

Children

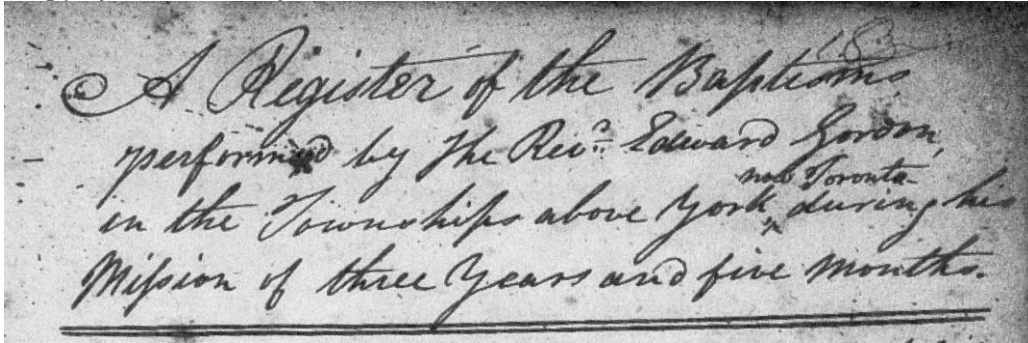
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Biography of Mary Anne Riddell

- ◆ **1833** Reference Archives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto.

A Registrar of the Baptisms performed by The Rev. Edward Gordon in the Townships above York, now Toronto, during his Mission of three years and five months. (1829 - 1833)

A copy of the notation follows.



Baptisms in 1833

Mary anne Riddle { Jan'y 18th Baptized Mary Anne, aged 3 months, of William Riddle and Margaret Lavin. (Markham) (Township). Sponsors Margaret Andrews By me, Edward Gordon Pr.

Therefore, Mary Anne was born in October 1832 into a family with no siblings.

A copy of the Baptism follows. Reference entry #3.

<u>1833.</u>	<u>Baptisms in 1833.</u>
1.	January 4 th Baptized, Margaret (Ellis) aged 9 days, of Margaret McDonell, Donald McDonell and Sarah Comerford (Varrours) Sponsors Catherine Flannigan. By me, Edward Gordon.
2.	January 16 th Baptized, John aged 2 days, of Patrick Burke and Elizabeth Devaney (York) Sponsors: James Atkinis and Ellen Hellington. By me, Edward Gordon.
3.	Jan ^y 18 th Baptized, Mary Anne, aged 3 months, of William Riddle and Margaret Lavin. (Markham) Sponsors Margaret Andrews. By me, Edward Gordon.

- Reference A BRIEF HISTORY OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM IN MARKHAM TOWNSHIP. Written July 1977 by Father Edward J. R. Jackman, Toronto Roman Catholic Archives.
An excerpt follows.
The first recorded baptism in Markham Township is that of Mary Anne Riddle, daughter of William Riddle and Margaret Lavin on January, 18, 1833, by Father Edward Gordon.
Refer to **Biography of William and Margaret Riddell** for the complete article.
- ◆ **1851** Canada West Personal Census---Enumeration District, No. *Township* of *Osprey* in the County of *Grey* comprising *the whole* of the said *Township*.
Census Returns 1851-2. Enumerator: James Gibson.

Names of Inmates: **Margaret (Mary Anne*) Riddell**
 Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*
 Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Upper Canada, present day Ontario*)
 Religion: R Catholic
 Residence if out of limits: *no entry*
 Age next birthday: 20
 Married or Single: S

No members of the family were enumerated under “Members absent”

No members of the family were enumerated as “Deaf & Dumb”, “Blind”, or “Lunatics”.

No members of the family were enumerated as “Attending School”.

No members of the family were enumerated under “Births or Deaths during year 1851”.

**Although the entry was recorded as Margaret, it appears that an error could have been made i.e. the name Mary Anne should have been entered.*

Mary Anne would have been 20 years of age at this date, due to her birth date of 1832.

Assuming Margaret is actually Mary Anne, she was enumerated with her parents, William and Margaret, sister Margaret, age 17 (*more likely age 11*), brothers John, age 18, William, age 15 and George, age 8.

- ◆ **1853ca*** Mary Anne Riddell, age about age 21 years, married John Cosgrove, age about 29 years, location unknown.
**Calculated from the age of what appeared to be their first child James R. Cosgrove in the 1861 Census. James was age seven in 1861, therefore making his birth date in about 1854.*

Reference John Cosgrove---Mary Anne Riddell Family History

&

**Reference Cockrain William Lavin---Mary Anne Cosgrove nee Riddell Family
History**
(Mary Anne's second marriage)



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Biography of Elizah Jane Riddell

- ◆ **1834** Reference St. Paul's Church Toronto Baptismal Records Jan. 1, 1834-Sept. 9, 1850.
Archivist: Father James S. McGivern, S.J.

**Registry of Baptisms
1834**

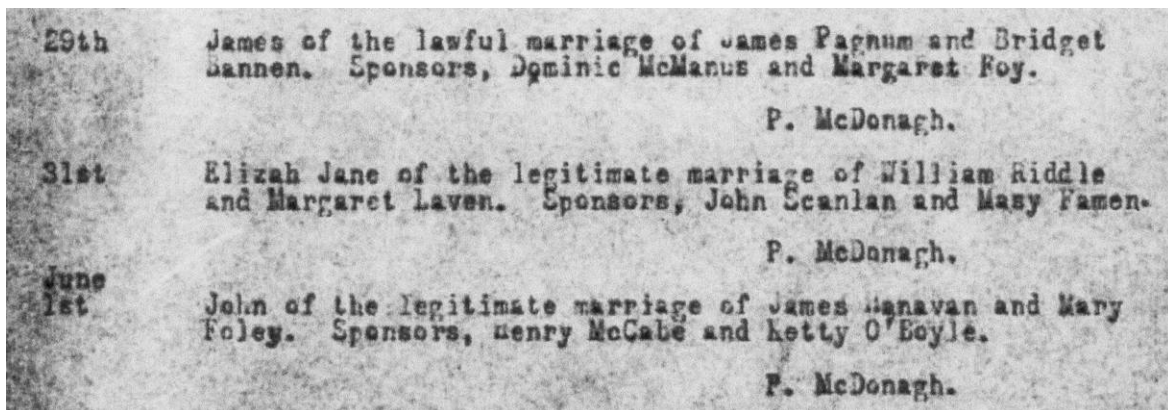
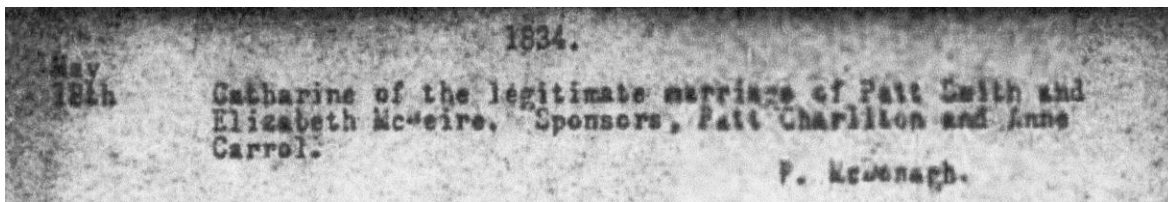
May 31st Elizah Jane of the legitimate marriage of William Riddle
and Margaret Laven (*Lavin*). Sponsors, John Scanlan and Masy Famen.

P. McDonagh (*Priest*)

Elizah Jane was born into a family of one sibling; Mary Anne, age about eleven months.

Note: It would fit appropriately that Elizah was born in 1833 in about August-September time frame. Therefore, Elizah's birth would be in between Mary Ann's birth of October 1832 and John's birth of July 13, 1834. The baptism dates would also fit.

A copy of the Baptism follows. Reference entry under 31st.



- ◆ **1851** Canada West Personal Census---Enumeration District, No. *Township* of *Osprey* in the County of *Grey* comprising *the whole* of the said *Township*.
Census Returns 1851-2. Enumerator: James Gibson.

Elizah Jane was not recorded. She would have been 18 years of age at this date. Therefore, she may have married or have died by this date.



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Biography of John Paul Riddell

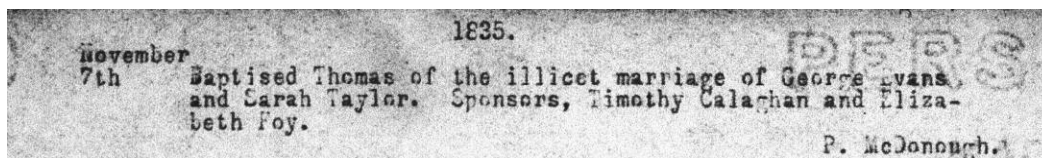
- ◆ 1834 John Paul Riddell born July 13, 1834 reference headstone in Tracyton Cemetery at Kitsap, Washington.
- Reference St. Paul's Church Toronto Baptismal Records-Jan. 1, 1834-Sept. 9, 1850. Archivist: Father James S. McGivern, S.J.

Registry of Baptisms 1835

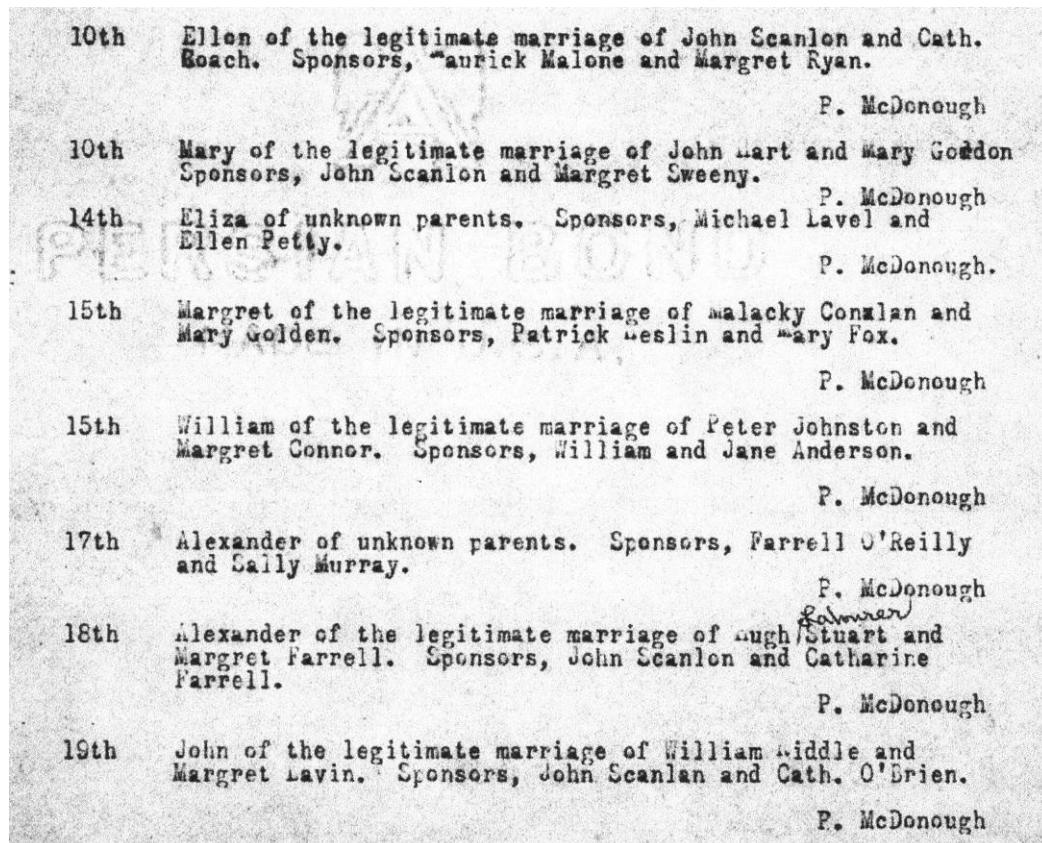
November 19th John of the legitimate marriage of William Riddle and Margret Lavin. Sponsors, John Scanlan and Cath. O'Brien.
P. McDonough (*Priest*)

John Paul was born into a family of two siblings; Mary Anne, age about one year, nine months and Eliza Jane, age about eleven months.

A copy of the Baptism follows. Reference entry under November 19th.



1835.
November 7th Baptised Thomas of the illicit marriage of George Evans, and Sarah Taylor. Sponsors, Timothy Calaghan and Elizabeth Foy.
P. McDonough.



10th Ellen of the legitimate marriage of John Scanlon and Cath. Boach. Sponsors, Maurick Malone and Margret Ryan.
P. McDonough

10th Mary of the legitimate marriage of John Hart and Mary Gordon Sponsors, John Scanlon and Margret Sweeny.
P. McDonough

14th Eliza of unknown parents. Sponsors, Michael Lavel and Ellen Petty.
P. McDonough.

15th Margret of the legitimate marriage of Malacky Conlan and Mary Golden. Sponsors, Patrick Meslin and Mary Fox.
P. McDonough

15th William of the legitimate marriage of Peter Johnston and Margret Connor. Sponsors, William and Jane Anderson.
P. McDonough

17th Alexander of unknown parents. Sponsors, Farrell O'Reilly and Sally Murray.
P. McDonough

18th Alexander of the legitimate marriage of Hugh ^{Palmer} Stuart and Margret Farrell. Sponsors, John Scanlon and Catharine Farrell.
P. McDonough

19th John of the legitimate marriage of William Middle and Margret Lavin. Sponsors, John Scanlan and Cath. O'Brien.
P. McDonough

- ◆ **1851** Canada West Personal Census---Enumeration District, No. *Township* of *Osprey* in the County of *Grey* comprising *the whole* of the said *Township*.
Census Returns 1851-2. Enumerator: James Gibson.

Names of Inmates: **John Riddell**
Profession, Trade or Occupation: Labourer
Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Upper Canada, present day Ontario*)
Religion: R Catholic
Residence if out of limits: *no entry*
Age next birthday: 18
Married or Single: S

No members of the family were enumerated under “Members absent”

No members of the family were enumerated as “Deaf & Dumb”, “Blind”, or “Lunatics”.

No members of the family were enumerated as “Attending School”.

No members of the family were enumerated under “Births or Deaths during year 1851”.

John was enumerated with his parents, William and Margaret, sisters Mary Anne*, age 20, Margaret, age 17 (*more likely age 11*), brothers, William, age 15 and George, age 8.

**Although the entry was recorded as Margaret, it appears that an error could have been made i.e. the name Mary Anne should have been entered.*

Mary Anne would have been 20 years of age at this date, due to her birth date of 1832.

- ◆ **1853ca** John’s sister, Mary Anne Riddell, age about age 21 years, married John Cosgrove, age about 29 years, location unknown.
- ◆ **1861** Canada West Personal Census, Enumeration, District No. *Five* of *The Township of Osprey*, in the County of *Grey*.
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Names of Inmates: **John Riddell**
Profession, Trade, or Occupation: Labourer
Place of Birth: Canada
Religion: Catholick (*Catholic*)
Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*
Age next Birthday: 25
Married or Single: S (*Single*)
Members of Family: 1 male

No family members were enumerated under “Members of Family absent”

No family members were enumerated under “Deaf and Dumb”, “Blind”, “Lunatics or Idiots”

No family members were enumerated under “Children attending School within the year”

No family members were enumerated under “Deaths in 1860”

John was enumerated with his parents, William and Margaret, sister Margaret, age 20, brother, George, age 18 and three persons where the relationship to the Riddell family has not been determined i.e. Mary Riddell, age 6, Margaret Mathena, age 16 and Catharine Mathena, age 1.

- ◆ **1863** Reference “History of the Township of Osprey” published in 2002 by the Osprey Historical Society.
Ratepayers of Osprey Township
Name: John Riddel
Year of Roll: 1863
Lot: 2
Conc.: A
- ◆ **1864** Reference United States 1900 Census, Washington State, County of Kitsap, Port Washington Precinct.
John immigrated to the USA in 1864, to the State of Michigan.
- ◆ **1866** John Paul Riddell, age 31 years, eight months, one week, married Margaret Jane Young, age 20 years, seven months, probably in the State of Michigan, County of Marquette, March 22.
Reference John Paul Riddell---Margaret Jane Young Family History



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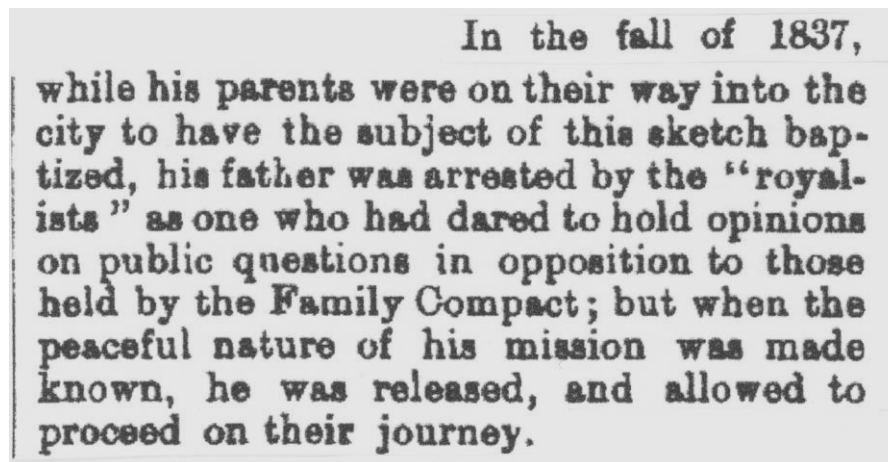
Biography of William Henry Riddell

- ◆ **1837** Reference Death Registration #31966-12. County of Waterloo. Division of Waterloo. William was born in Sparta, County of York, August 18th 1837.

William Henry was born into a family of three siblings; Mary Anne, Elizah Jane and John Paul.

- Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose Published 1886.

Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” follows describing William’s father’s “arrest”.



In the fall of 1837,
while his parents were on their way into the
city to have the subject of this sketch bap-
tized, his father was arrested by the “royal-
ists” as one who had dared to hold opinions
on public questions in opposition to those
held by the Family Compact; but when the
peaceful nature of his mission was made
known, he was released, and allowed to
proceed on their journey.

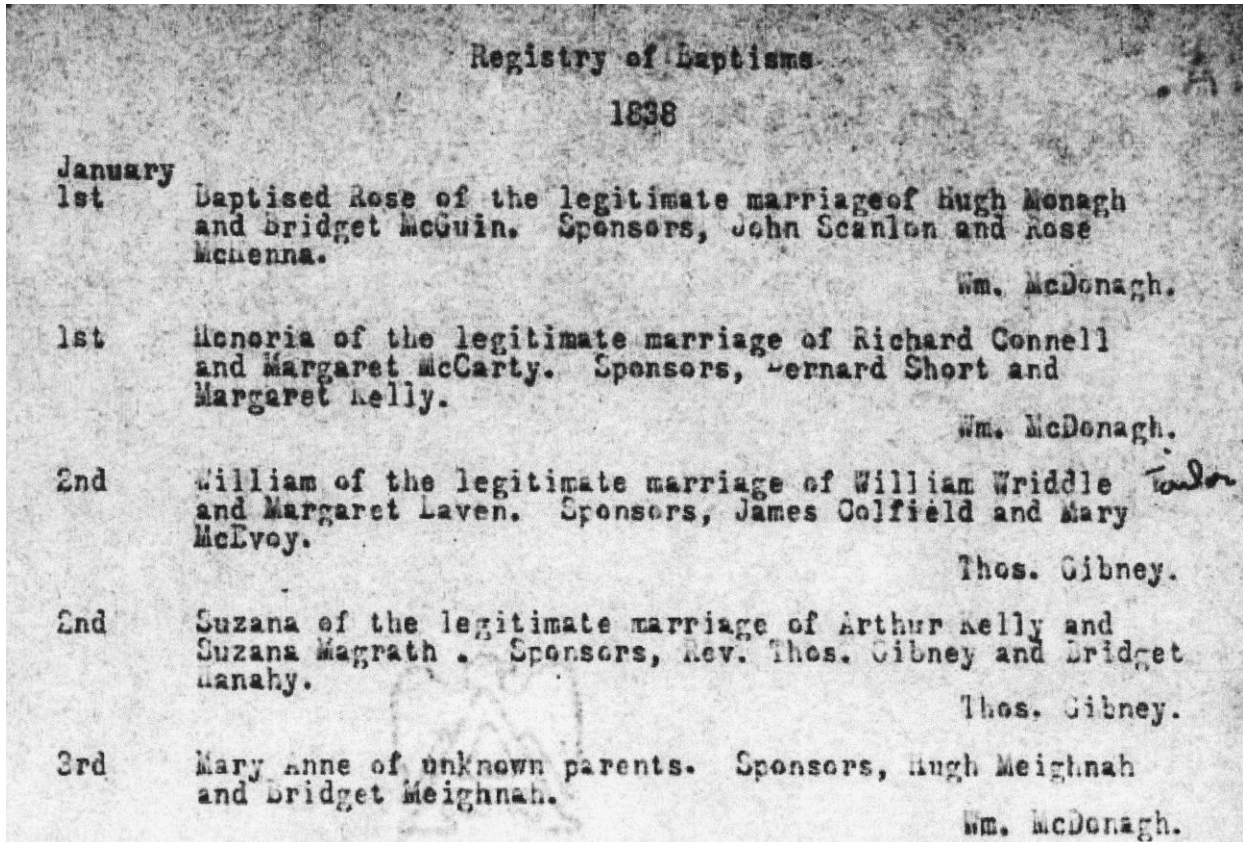
- In the fall of 1837 there were a number of battles between the Reformers and the Royalist (*Loyalist that supported the Family Compact*) after Westminster had rejected a list of demands known as the Ninety-Two Resolutions that had been submitted in 1834. The first engagement was The Battle of Saint-Denis in Lower Canada on November 23, 1837 which was the only one that the Reformers won. This was followed by The Battle of Saint-Charles (Lower Canada), November 25, the Battle of Montgomery’s Tavern (Upper Canada) in which William Lyon MacKenzie was involved, The Battle of Saint-Eustache (Lower Canada), December 14. The last major engagement was The Battle of the Windmill (Upper Canada), November 12-16 1838. Within three years of the failed rebellions, Upper and Lower Canada in 1841 were united as the Province of Canada (*Canada East, formerly Lower Canada and Canada West, formerly Upper Canada*). Internal self-government was granted in 1848. The new political entity, which suffered under great instability, came to an end in 1867 with Confederation.
- ◆ **1838** Reference St. Paul’s Church Toronto Baptismal Records-Jan. 1, 1834-Sept. 9, 1850. Archivist: Father James S. McGivern, S.J.

**Registry of Baptisms
1838**

January 2nd William of the legitimate marriage of William Wriddle (*Riddle*) and Margaret Laven (*Lavin*). Sponsors, James Colfield and Mary McEvoy.

Thos. Gibney (*Priest*)

A copy of the Baptism follows. Reference entry under January 2nd



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Census Returns 1851-2. Enumerator: James Gibson.

Names of Inmates: **William Riddell**

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Upper Canada, present day Ontario*)

Religion: R Catholic

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 15

Married or Single: S

No members of the family were enumerated under “Members absent”

No members of the family were enumerated as “Deaf & Dumb”, “Blind”, or “Lunatics”.
No members of the family were enumerated as “Attending School”.

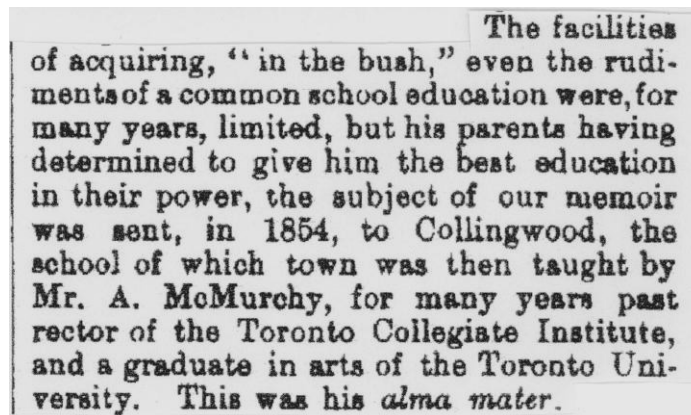
No members of the family were enumerated under “Births or Deaths during year 1851”.
William was enumerated with his parents, William and Margaret, sisters Mary Anne,*
age 20, Margaret, age 17 (*more likely age 11*), brothers, John, age 18 and George, age 8.

**Although the entry was recorded as Margaret, it appears that an error could have been made i.e. the name Mary Anne should have been entered.*

Mary Anne would have been 20 years of age at this date, due to her birth date of 1832.

- ◆ **1853ca** William’s sister, Mary Anne Riddell, age about age 21 years, married John Cosgrove, age about 29 years, location unknown.
- ◆ **1854** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose Published 1886.

Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” follows describing William’s early education in Collingwood, Ontario



The facilities of acquiring, “in the bush,” even the rudiments of a common school education were, for many years, limited, but his parents having determined to give him the best education in their power, the subject of our memoir was sent, in 1854, to Collingwood, the school of which town was then taught by Mr. A. McMurchy, for many years past rector of the Toronto Collegiate Institute, and a graduate in arts of the Toronto University. This was his *alma mater*.

- ◆ **1856** Reference William Henry’s obituary Waterloo newspaper.
William entered the teaching profession at age 19, having been educated at the Collegiate Institute in Collingwood, Ontario.
- Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose Published 1886.

Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” follows describing William’s entry into the teaching profession in 1856 up to 1865 and his subsequent move into insurance underwriting.

From
its halls, in 1856, at the age of nineteen, he entered the profession of teaching, which he followed with more than average success until the close of 1865, when he abandoned that calling for the more active if not more profitable business of fire underwriting, representing for many years the Waterloo Mutual and other companies in the counties of Wellington, Grey and Bruce.

- ◆ **1866** William's brother, John Paul Riddell, age 31 years, eight months, one week, married Margaret Jane Young, age 20 years, seven months, location unknown, March 22.
Reference John Paul Riddell---Margaret Jane Young Family History
- ◆ **1866** William's brother, George Francis Riddell, age 22, bachelor, married Mary Jane Martin, age 18, spinster, in the County of Grey, Ontario April 25.
William and his sister, Margaret Anastasia Riddell, were recorded as witnesses.
For further information refer to **George Francis Riddell---Mary Jane Martin Family History (1866 entry)**
- ◆ **1867** William Henry, age 28 (*more likely 29 years, 5 months*), bachelor, married Frances Louisa Redmond, age 21, spinster, in the County of Wellington, Ontario, January 8.

Reference William Henry Riddell ---Frances Louisa Redmond Family History

&

Reference William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History
(*William's second marriage*)



Biography of Margaret Anastasia Riddell

- ◆ 1840 Reference St. Paul's Church Toronto Baptismal Records-Jan. 1, 1834-Sept. 9, 1850.
Archivist: Father James S. McGivern, S.J.

Registry of Baptisms 1840

April 25th Margaret of the legitimate marriage of William Riddle and Margaret Lavan (*Lavin*). Sponsors, Patrick Madden and Margaret Lavan (*Lavin*).

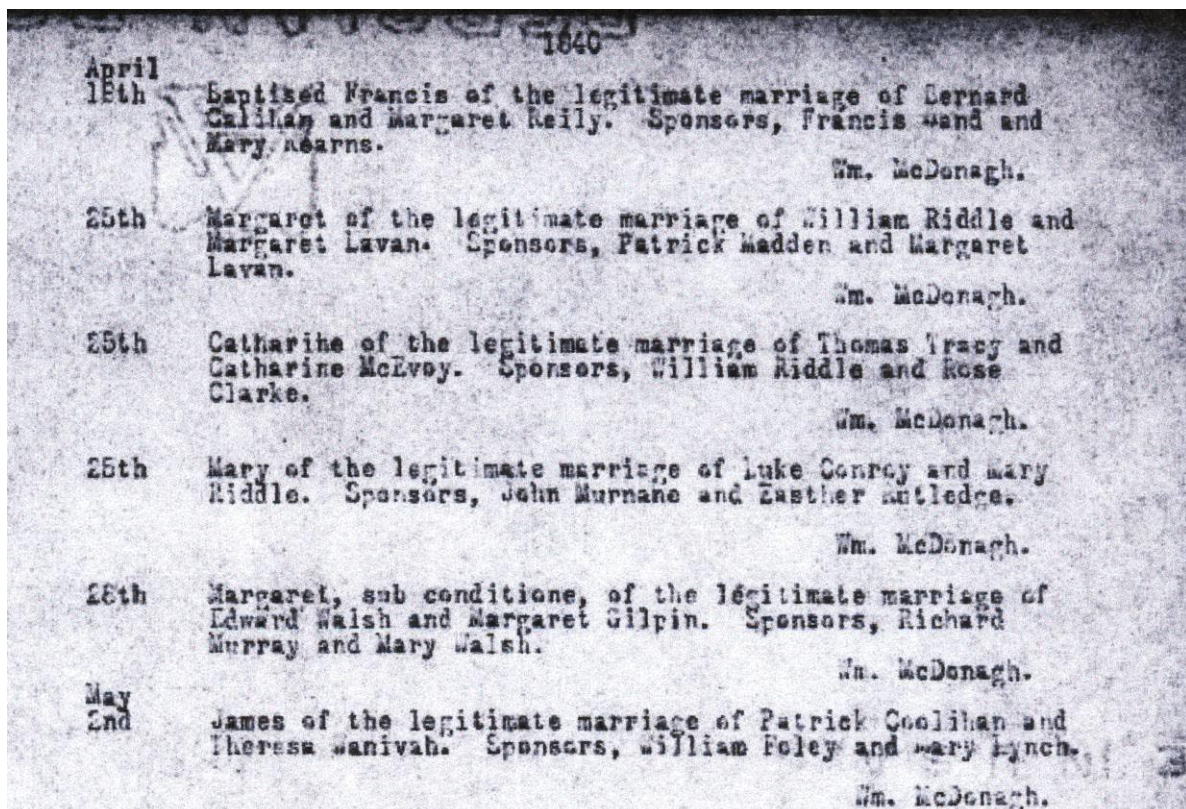
Wm. McDonagh (*Priest*)

However, according to the 1901 Province of Ontario Census, Margaret was born January 31, 1841.

Obviously there is a conflict between the baptism date of 1840 and the birth date of 1841. As can be seen in the following entry, William also sponsored a Catharine Tracy on the same date of April 25, 1840 as Margaret was baptized.

April 25th Catharine of the legitimate marriage of Thomas Tracy and Catharine McEvoy. Sponsors, William Riddle and Rose Clarke.

Wm. McDonagh (*Priest*)



Margaret Anastasia was born into a family of four siblings; Mary Anne, Elizah Jane, John Paul and William Henry.

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Census Returns 1851-2. Enumerator: James Gibson.

Names of Inmates: **Margaret Riddell**** (*Probably Margaret Annastasia born in 1840ca*)

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Upper Canada, present day Ontario*)

Religion: R Catholic

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 17** (*more likely age 11 since she was born in 1840ca*)

Married or Single: S

No members of the family were enumerated under “Members absent”

No members of the family were enumerated as “Deaf & Dumb”, “Blind”, or “Lunatics”.

No members of the family were enumerated as “Attending School”.

No members of the family were enumerated under “Births or Deaths during year 1851”.

Margaret** was enumerated with her parents, William and Margaret, sister Mary Anne*, age 20, brothers, John, age 18, William, age 15 and George, age 8.

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Mary Anne would have been 20 years of age at this date, due to her birth date of 1832.

***Probably Margaret Anastasia Riddell, age 11.*

- ◆ **1853ca** Margaret’s sister, Mary Anne Riddell, age about age 21 years, married John Cosgrove, age about 29 years, location unknown.

- ◆ **1861** Canada West Personal Census, Enumeration, District No. **Five** of **The Township of Osprey**, in the County of **Grey**.

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Names of Inmates: **Margaret Riddell**

Profession, Trade, or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada

Religion: Catholic (*Catholic*)

Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*

Age next Birthday: 20

Married or Single: S (*Single*)
Members of Family: 1 female

No family members were enumerated under “Members of Family absent”

No family members were enumerated under “Deaf and Dumb”, “Blind”, “Lunatics or Idiots”

No family members were enumerated under “Children attending School within the year”

No family members were enumerated under “Deaths in 1860”

Margaret was enumerated with her parents, William and Margaret, brothers, John, age 25, George, age 18 and three persons where the relationship to the Riddell family has not been determined i.e. Mary Riddell, age 6, Margaret Mathena, age 16 and Catharine Mathena, age 1.

- ◆ **1866** Margaret’s brother, John Paul Riddell, age 31 years, eight months, one week, married Margaret Jane Young, age 20 years, seven months, location unknown, March 22.
Reference John Paul Riddell---Margaret Jane Young Family History
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- ◆ **1871** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. **36 South Grey**.
Sub-District *h Township of Osprey, Division no 1*. Page 32.
Enumerator Josiah Gamey.

Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.

Numbered in the order of visitation:-

Dwelling houses inhabited: 109

Families: 109

Name: **Margaret Riddle**

Age: 26 (*more likely age 30*)

Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)

Religion: R Catholic

Origin: Irish

Profession, Occupation or Trade:---

Married or widowed:---

INSTRUCTION:-

Going to school:---

Over 20 unable to read:---

Over 20 unable to write:---

No family members were enumerated as “Deaf and Dumb”, “Blind” or “Unsound mind” under INFIRMITIES.

Margaret was enumerated with her parents, William and Margaret and two Conley children, Mary, age 15 and James, age 6, whose relationship to the Riddell family has not been established.

However, per Pat Anderson’s theory, James may have been adopted upon Margaret Anastasia Riddell’s marriage and became known as James J. McCallam.

- ◆ **1871** Margaret Annastasia* Riddell, age 27 (*more likely age 30*), spinster married William McCallam, age 30, bachelor at Melancthon, Ontario, November 23.

Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History

**Anastasia was recorded in the marriage registration with a double “n”*



Biography of George Francis Riddell

- ◆ **1843** George Francis born in Markham Township, July 23.
No baptism record has been located.

George Francis was born into a family of five siblings; Mary Anne, Elizah Jane, John Paul, William Henry and Margaret Anastasia.

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Census Returns 1851-2. Enumerator: James Gibson.

Names of Inmates: **George Riddell**

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada W. (*Canada West, present day Ontario*)

Religion: R Catholic

Residence if out of limits: *no entry*

Age next birthday: 8

Married or Single: S

No members of the family were enumerated under “Members absent”

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Names of Inmates: **George Riddell**

Profession, Trade, or Occupation: Labourer

Place of Birth: Canada

Religion: Catholic (*Catholic*)

Residence if out of Limits: *no entry*

Age next Birthday: 18

Married or Single: S (*Single*)

Members of Family: 1 male

No family members were enumerated under “Members of Family absent”

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Reference George Francis Riddell---Mary Jane Martin Family History

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Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History
(George’s second marriage)

