

Family History

of

William Henry Riddell

&

Frances Louisa Redmond

Marriage Date: January 8 1867

Place of Marriage: Mount Forest, Ontario

William Henry Riddell

Born 18 Aug 1837
Sparta,
County of York,
Upper Canada
(*Ontario*)

Died 9 May 1912
Waterloo,
Ontario

Int'd Mount Hope (R.C)
Cemetery,
Berlin,
(*Kitchener*)
Ontario

Frances Louisa Redmond

Born 22 Aug 1845
Cobourg,
Canada West
(*Ontario*)

Died 15 Mar 1872
County of
Wellington,
Fergus,
Ontario

Int'd ?

Ontario

Children*

William Joseph

Born 16 Nov 1868
County of
Wellington,
Mount Forest,
Ontario
Died 6 Jul 1871
Fergus,
Ontario
Int'd ?

Ontario

Joseph Edward Lawrence

Born 13 May 1871
County of
Wellington,
Fergus,
Ontario
Died 27 Aug 1871
Fergus
Ontario
Int'd ?

Ontario

* Reference publication "A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography" by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886. Excerpt from "Biography of William Henry Riddell" states "Of this marriage (*wife Frances Louisa Redmond*) there were born three sons and a daughter, but by one of those dispensations by human reason, he suffered the untimely loss of his wife and children"

Two of the sons, William Joseph and Joseph Edward Lawrence, have been identified while the remaining son and daughter have not.

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Revision Page

William Henry Riddell---Frances Louisa Redmond Family History

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (April 2014) Maiden name of Frances' mother entered under 1867 entry.
Added Schedules 2 through 9 of 1871 Province of Ontario Census under 1871 entry.
Rearranged sequence of 1871-2 Gazetteer to follow 1871 Province of Ontario Census.

Biography revisions:

William Joseph Riddell

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

Joseph Edward Lawrence Riddell

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

Biography of William Henry and Frances (Fanny) Louisa Riddell

- ◆ For William's history prior to his marriage to Frances refer to **William Riddell---Margaret Lavin Family History**
- ◆ Frances Louisa Redmond was born on August 22, 1845* at Cobourg, Ontario to Edward Joseph and Alice Redmond nee Osborne.

**Calculated from age recorded on death registration.*

Frances' parents, Edward, age 66 and Alice, age 56, were enumerated in the Province of Ontario 1871 Census in Toronto, Ontario. Edward's occupation was listed as a teacher. There were also two single females listed, Elizabeth, age 27 and Caroline, age 16. They were probably siblings of Frances.

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

Excerpt from "Biography of William Henry Riddell" follows describing the accomplishments of Frances' father, Edward.

Fannie L. Redmond, daughter of Ed. J. Redmond, Esq., an educationist of varied attainments and a teacher of much success, who occupied the position of head master of the Cobourg common school for twenty-five consecutive years. Many of his pupils (Chief Justice Thos. Moss, the Canavans and others), made their mark in the legal and other professions in after years. He counted among his life-long personal friends the late lamented Dr. Bethune, Lord Bishop of Toronto, the late Judge McDonald, of Guelph, and many other distinguished men. He was Irish by birth, and was related to that noted Wexford family of Redmonds, which has given to Ireland two of the ablest men, orators and parliamentarians to be found among that gifted body of statesmen who at the present time constitute the Irish party in the British House of Commons, under the leadership of Charles Stewart Parnell.

- ◆ **1867** Reference following information on the marriage between William Henry Riddell and Frances Louisa Redmond.

Ontario, Canada Marriages, 1857-1924		
Name:	W. H. Riddell	
Birth Place:	Canada	Sparta, Upper Canada (<i>Ontario</i>)
RESIDENCE:	Mount Forest	
Age:	28	29 yrs, 4 months, 3 weeks
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1839	18 August 1837
Father Name:	W. Riddell	
Mother Name:	Margaret	
Spouse Name:	Fannie Redmond	Frances Louisa Redmond
Spouse's Age:	21	22 yrs, 7 months, 14 days
Spouse Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1846	22 August 1845
Spouse Birth Place:	Canada	Cobourg, Ontario
Spouse Residence:	Mount Forest	
Spouse Father Name:	Mr. Redmond	Edward Joseph Redmond
Spouse Mother Name:	Alia	Alice Redmond nee Osborne
Marriage Date:	8 Jan 1867	
Marriage County:	Wellington	
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Library Microfilm:		

- ◆ **1868** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records that in 1868 William undertook an agency for procuring applications for insurance to assist in floating the Ontario Mutual Life Company.
- ◆ **1868** William Joseph, a son, born at Mount Forest, Ontario, November 16.
Reference Biography of William Joseph Riddell

- ◆ **1869** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records “In 1869, desirous to gain experience of city business, he accepted a position in the counting room of the manufacturing establishment of Messrs. Wilson, Bowman & Co., Hamilton, Ontario”.

- ◆ **1870** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records “in 1870 William was made manager of their factory (*Messrs. Wilson, Bowman & Co.*) at Fergus (*Ontario*), erected for the purpose of meeting the foreign demand then existing for the Lockman Family Sewing Machine.”

- ◆ **1871** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. 34 Centre Wellington.
Sub-District d Fergus. Page 50
Enumerator and Date: John Wilson 27 April 1871
Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.
Numbered in the order of visitation:-
Dwelling houses inhabited: 169
Families: 169
Name: **W Henery Riddell**
Age: 33
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Religion: R. Catholic
Origin: Irish
Profession, Occupation or Trade: Bookkeeper
Married or Widowed: M
INSTRUCTION:-
Going to school:---
Over 20 unable to read:---
Over 20 unable to write:---
Name: **Frances Louisa Riddell**
Age: 26
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Religion: R. Catholic
Origin: Irish
Profession, Occupation or Trade: *no entry*
Married or Widowed: M
INSTRUCTION:-
Going to school:---
Over 20 unable to read:---
Over 20 unable to write:---
Name: **Wm Joseph Riddell**
Age: 2
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Religion: R. Catholic
Origin: Irish

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.

Reference following copy of Census divided vertically between columns 9 & 10 and 13 & 14 resulting in the following three sections. See lines 7 through 9 for William and Frances' family.

Page 50 } Province of Ontario
 Census of 1871 }

Numbered in the order of visitation.						Names.	Sex.	Age.
Vessels.	Shanties.	Dwell- ing houses in con- struc- tion.	Dwell- ing houses unin- habited.	Dwell- ing houses inhabi- ted.	Fa- milies.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				168	168	Cooper Rev. H. G.	M	34
						" Sarah C.	F	36
						" Peter C.	M	5
						" Walter	M	4
						" Stanley	M	3
						" Vivian L.	M	2
				169	169	Reddell W. Money	M	33
						" Frances Louisa	F	26
						" Wm. Joseph	M	2

Section one

District No. 34 *Centre Wellington* Sub-
 Schedule No. 1.—Nominal Return of the

Born within last twelve months.	Country or Province of Birth.	Religion.	Orig.
10	11	12	13
	<i>Ontario</i>	<i>of England</i>	<i>English</i>
	<i>Quebec</i>	"	<i>French</i>
	<i>Ont</i>	"	<i>English</i>
	"	"	"
	"	"	"
	"	"	"
	<i>Ontario</i>	<i>R Catholic</i>	<i>French</i>
	"	"	"
	"	"	"

District # *St. Louis*
 e Living.

Page, *50*
 Census of 1871.

14 Profession, Occupation or Trade.	15 Married or widowed.	16 Married within last twelve months.	17-19 Instruction.			20-22 Infirmities.			23 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.	
<i>Clergyman</i>	<i>M</i>								1
	<i>M</i>								2
									3
									4
									5
									6
<i>Book Keeper</i>	<i>M</i>								7
	<i>M</i>								8
									9

Section three

Schedule No. 2---Nominal Return of the Deaths within last twelve months.

No entry for William and Frances Riddell's family

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

REAL ESTATE:-

Grand total of acres of land owned: 50

Number of town or village building lots: ---

Number of dwelling houses owned: ---

Number of warehouses, stores, factories, shops, &c., owned: ---

Number of barns and stables owned: ---

VEHICLES AND IMPLEMENTS:-

Number of carriages and sleighs: ---

Number of cars, waggons, and sleds: ---

Pleasure or common boats:---

Number of ploughs and cultivators: ---

Reapers and mowers:---

Horse rakes:---

Thrashing machines:---

Fanning mills: ---

Remarks: ---

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS:-

Special or Legal name of Institution, Character and Classification: ---

Number of buildings: ---

REAL ESTATE:-

Grand total of acres of land owned: ---

Number of town or village building lots: ---

Number of dwelling houses owned: ---

Number of warehouses, stores, factories, shops, &c., owned: ---

Number of barns and stables owned: ---

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

OCCUPIED LANDS:-

Range or Concession: ---

Number of Lot: ---

Owner, Tenant or Employe(e): T

Total Number of acres occupied: ---

Number of acres improved: ---

Number of acres in pasture: ---

Number of acres of salt or dyked marsh: ---

Number of acres in gardens and orchards: ---

FIELD PRODUCTS:-

Wheat:

Wheat Acres: ---

Spring Wheat Bushels: ---

Fall Wheat Bushels: ---

Bushels of Barley: ---

Bushels of Oats: ---

Bushels of Rye: ---

Bushels of Peas: ---

Bushels of Beans: ---

Bushels of Buckwheat: ---

Bushels of Corn: ---

Root Crops:

Potatoes Acres: ---

Bushels: ---

Bushels of Turnips: ---

Bushels of Mangel wutzel and other Beets: ---

Bushels of Carrots and other Roots: ---

Hay Crop:

Acres ---

Tons of 2000 lbs., or bundles of 16 lbs., of Hay: ---

Bushels of Grass and Clover Seed: ---

Bushels of Flax Seed: ---

PLANTS, FRUITS, AND OTHER PRODUCTS:-

Pounds of Flax and Hemp: ---

Pounds of Hops: ---

Pounds of Tobacco: ---

Pounds of Grapes: ---
Bushels of Apples: ---
Bushels of Pears, Plums other and fruits: ---
Pounds of Maple Sugar: ---

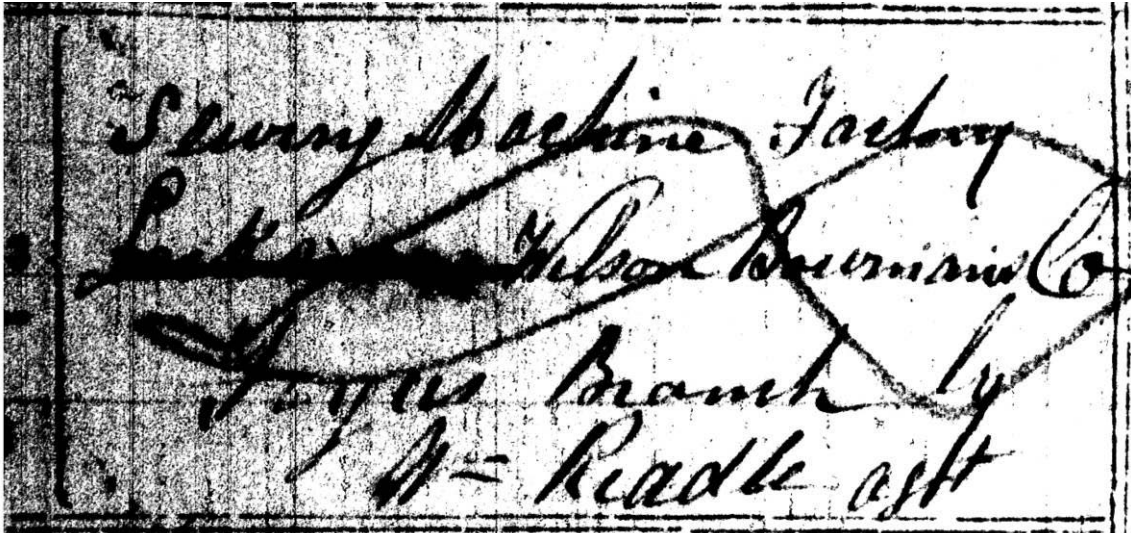
Schedule No. 5---Live Stock, Animal Products, home-made Fabrics and Furs.
Not applicable for William Riddell

Schedule No. 6---Return of Industrial Establishments.

Kind of Industrial Establishment, Name of Proprietor or Company, and other such information:

Sewing Machine Factory
Lockman Wilson Bowman Co
Fergus Branch by Wm Riddle (*Riddell*) agt

See following copy of
excerpt from Schedule 6



Fixed Capital invested in \$: 15,000
Floating Capital employed in \$: 5,000
Number of working months in the year: 60 (opens in July)
Average Number of People employed:
Over 16 Years; Male: ---
Female: 15
Under 16 Years; Boys: *no entry*
Girls: *no entry*
Aggregate amount of Yearly Wages in \$: 22,000
Moving Power:
Kind: Steam
Nominal force: horse 25
RAW MATERIAL:
Kind: Steel (?), Steelplate, Sheet Brass, Castings,
wrought Iron, malleable Iron, Iron Wire Cast Steel

See following copy of
excerpt from Schedule 6

Steel, wire, sheet plate
Sheet brass castings
wrought iron malleable
iron, iron rivet steel

Quantities: 20000

Aggregate Value, in \$: 20000

PRODUCTS:

Kind: Lockmans Sewing Machines

Quantities: *no entry*

Aggregate Value, in \$: 75,000

REMARKS:

This manufacturing commenced in January last (1871)
and the Parties cannot give a very (?) true account.

See following copy of
excerpt from Schedule 6

This manufacturing commenced
in January last and the
Parties cannot give a very
true account.

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

Not applicable for William Riddell

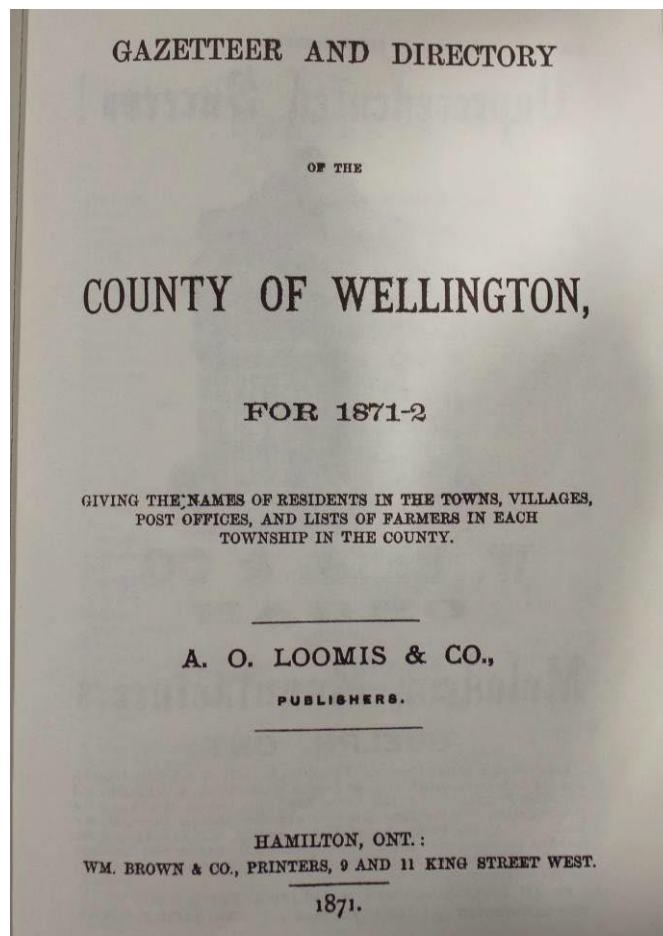
Schedule No. 8---Shipping and Fisheries.

Not applicable for William Riddell

Schedule No. 9---Return of Mineral Products

Not applicable for William Riddell

- ◆ **1871** Joseph Lawrence, a son, born at Fergus, Ontario, May 13.
Reference Biography of Joseph Edward Lawrence Riddell
- ◆ **1871** William and Frances' son, William Joseph, age two years, seven months, 20 days, died of Scarlet Fever at Fergus, Ontario, July 6.
Reference Biography of William Joseph Riddell
- ◆ **1871** William and Frances' son, Edward Lawrence, age three months, 14 days, died of Chronic Diarrhea at Fergus, Ontario, August 27.
Reference Biography of Joseph Edward Lawrence Riddell
- ◆ **1871-2** Gazetteer and Directory for the County of Wellington. Published 1871.



See following excerpts referencing the Village of Fergus, W. H. Riddell and the Messrs. Wilson, Bowman & Co's Sewing Machine Factory.

FERGUS.

An incorporated village in the township of Nichol, situated on the north and south banks of the Grand river. The village was first laid out by Messrs. Ferguson and Webster, and was incorporated in 1857. Fergus possesses excellent water power, which is largely taken advantage of to propel the mill and other machinery. The manufactories consist of sewing machines, flour, oatmeal, planed lumber, fanning mills, leather, woollen goods, ale and beer, staves and barrels. The village has two telegraph offices, and a station of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway. Distant 3 miles from Elora; 13 miles from Guelph and 61 miles from Toronto. Population 2,000.

St. Andrew's Society.—Established 30th of November, 1834. President, Dr. John Munro; Vice-President, A. D. Ferrier; Sec'y and Treas., H. Michie; Physician, Dr. John Munro; Chaplain, Rev.

George Smellie; Managing Committee, Messrs. J. Wilson, J. Watt, J. Gerrie, D. McTaggart, A. Munro, Jas. Watt, T. A. W. Gordon.

Fergus Curling Club.—Established 1838. Patron, John Watt. President, Peter King; Vice-President, Mathew Anderson; Sec'y and Treas., John Perry; Skips, H. Michie, Mathew Anderson, John Watt, James Wilson; Committee, Charles Young, James Wilson, H. Michie.

CHURCHES.—Episcopal, Rev. H. D. Cooper; Presbyterian (Old Kirk), Rev. J. B. Mullin; Canada Presbyterian, Rev. George Smellie; Wesleyan Methodist, Rev. J. G. Laird; Roman Catholic, no resident pastor; Congregational, Rev. Enoch Barker.

St. Patrick's Benevolent Society.—Established 1869. President, Charles Banting; Sec., Edward B. Teevin; Treas., Richard Moore; Committee, John Gilmour, David B. Kelly, Wm. Sweeney.

St. George's Benevolent Society.—President, Dr. Geo. T. Orton; Vice-Pres., John Bishop; Chaplain, Rev. H. D. Cooper; Sec'y and Treas., C. Powney.

Fergus Lodge No. 73, I. O. O. F., B. U.—Wm. Rodgers, N. G.; A. G. Booth, V. G.; J. Blyth, R. S.; W. Tiffin, P. S.; Dr. Orton, I. G.; — Smith, O. G.; T. Crowe, W.; A. Goforth, C.; George Anderson, R. S. N. G.; Alex. Forbes, L. S. N. G.; R. H. Perry, R. S. V. G.; F. Chinneck, L. S. V. G.; A. B. Perry, R. S. S.; R. Wilson, L. S. S. Hall over Mr. Michie's store. Meetings every Tuesday, at 7.30 in winter months, and 8 o'clock in summer.

Fergus Cricket Club.—Dr. Orton, President; W. H. Riddell, Vice-President; John Watt, Sec'y and Treas.; George Anderson, Captain.

FERGUS MANUFACTURES.—Messrs. Wilson, Bowman & Co's Sewing Machine Factory—This factory is a branch establishment of the enterprising firm of Wilson, Bowman & Co., Hamilton, manufacturers of the celebrated Lockman Sewing Machine, and gives regular employment to upwards of 100 workmen, and is capable of turning out over 200 sewing machines per week. It is a very substantial structure, being built of stone, three stories in height, measuring 35 feet x 113. The machinery is propelled by one of Northey's, of Hamilton, first-class 25 horse-power engines, with a 40 horse-power boiler, and the extra steam is utilized for the purpose of heating the establishment. The whole factory is lighted by gas, manufactured on the premises.

Morton, James, photographer
MULLIN, REV. J. B., (Church
of Scotland.)

Mumford, George

Munro, James, harnessmaker

Munro, John, M.D., M.R.C.S.E.

MUNRO, L. C., chemist and
druggist, St. Andrew, (see
card.)

Munson, Aaron, butcher

Murdoch, Robert, harnessmaker

Murray, John, shoemaker

Murray, Wm., boots and shoes

Nelson, John, miller

Nelson, Stephen, painter

NEWS RECORD, J. & R.
Craig, publishers, St. David

Noble, Peter C., photographer

North American Hotel, A. An-
derson, prop

Oakley, T. J., clerk, W., G. and
B. station

O'BRIEN, JEREMIAH, tanner

ONTARIO CLOTHING
STORE, Alex. Taylor, St.
Andrew, (see card.)

ONTARIO FOUNDRY, Ash,
Mair, & Co., prop'rs

Ontario House, Peter Grieve,
prop

ORTON, GEORGE T., (Hol-
land & Co.)

ORTON, DR., surgery, St. Da-
vid, h same

OSLER, EDWARD, barrister,
attorney-at-law, conveyancer,
opposite Post-Office, St. An-
drew, h same

Pattison, Wm., dry goods, mil-
linery

PEMBERTON, WM., (Pember-
ton & Garrod.)

PEMBERTON & GARROD,
editors and prop'rs Fergus
Express

Perry, A. B., clerk

Perry, Charles E, assistant, R.

H. Perry

Perry, Robert H., druggist,
bookseller, and stationer

PETRIE, W. D. W., clerk, 4th
Division Court, general in-
surance and loan agent, St.
Andrew, (see card.)

Phelan, Edmund, furniture

PHELAN, JAMES, fanning-
mill factory, St. George

Phillip, James, land and loan
agent, St. Andrew

PHILLIPPS, ROBERT, drug-
gist, St. Andrew

Porter, John, plasterer

POWNEY, CHARLES, hard-
ware merchant, St. An-
drew, (see adv.)

Preston, Chas., lab

QUEEN'S ARMS HOTEL,
Mrs. E. Temple, prop, St.
David

QUIRK, JOHN, conductor,
W., G. and B. Railway

Ramore, Dominick, tinware and
stoves

Reid, Robert, miller

RICHARDSON, THOS., car-
riage and wagonmaker, St.
David, h Hill, (see card.)

RIDDELL, W. H., manager
Wilson, Bowman & Co.'s
sewing-machine manufac-
tory, h St. Andrew

Ritchie, Wm., farmer

Ritchie, George, teller, Mer-
chants' Bank of Canada

Rolph, John, wagonmaker

ROBERTSON, WM., J.P, prop
Fergus flour and saw mills

Rodgers, William

Ross, James, carp

Ross, John, weaver

Ross, John C., farmer

Ross, Thos., farmer

Ross, Wm.

Royal Hotel, P. Heffernan, prop

WILSON, BOWMAN & CO.,
sewing machine manufac-
turers, W. H. Riddell,
manager at Fergus. See
adv

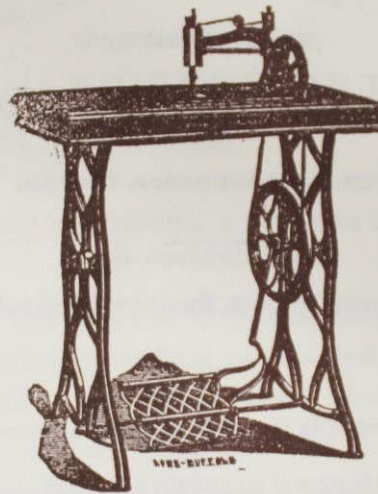
Winstanley, Israel N., barrister
&c., Tower

Wyllie, John, tanner
Wyllie, Wm., clerk
Young, Chas, mason
ZINGG, S., prop St.
Hotel. See adv

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ADV ERTISEMENTS.

THE LEADING MACHINE.



THE LOCKMAN PATENT

Has within the few years of its existence attained to the
proud position of

The Leading Sewing Machine

In the Dominion, a position the Manufacturers are
determined to preserve for it;

WILSON, BOWMAN & CO.,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

- Reference Fergus News-Record (*newspaper*). Various editions.
The following advertisement appeared on the front page throughout 1871.

The Lockman Patent
FAMILY SHUTTLE
Sewing Machine

MANUFACTURED BY
Mess. Wilson, Bowman & Co.
HAMILTON AND FERGUS.

IT is unnecessary for us to say anything in favor of the above machine, as a discriminating and intelligent public have already pronounced to be the very best Family Sewing Machine in the market.

THE LOCKMAN
TOOK THE
First Prize at the Provincial Exhibition, Toronto, 1870,
AND
1st Prizes at 19 County Fairs
Throughout Ontario, in 1870, which, considering that only about one half of the Counties offered any prize at all for Sewing Machines, must be regarded as a very great triumph.

The Lockman has lately been much improved. The Machine itself now hinges on the stand, thus enabling the operator to clean and oil the machine with the least trouble possible.

We are establishing Agencies in every section of the Counties of Wellington, Halton and Peel, and during the summer and fall either ourselves or our traveling agents will call upon those desirous of purchasing a Sewing Machine, and hope to be liberally received by an appreciative public, in our efforts to supply them with

The Great Family Favorite,
The Lockman Sewing Machine.

- ◆ 1872 Reference Frances' Death Registration #029601-72. County of Wellington. Division of Fergus.

	General No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name and Surname of Deceased.	<i>Francis Louisa Redmond Riddell</i>
When Died.	<i>15th March 1872</i>
Sex—Male or Female.	<i>F</i>
Age.	<i>36 yrs. 6 mos 22 days</i>
Rank or Profession.	<i>Wife of Informant</i>
Where Born.	<i>Coburg Ont</i>
Certified cause of Death, and duration of illness.	<i>Inflammation of the Lungs</i>
Name of Physician, if any.	<i>D. Oston</i>
Signature, description and residence of informant.	<i>Wm. H. Riddell Book-keeper</i>
When Registered.	<i>16th March 1872 Fergus</i>
Religious Denomination of Deceased.	<i>Roman C</i>
Signature of Registrar.	<i>William Ross</i>
Division.	<i>Fergus</i>
County.	<i>Wellington</i>
REMARKS.	<i>D. Oston Certifies cause of death "Chronic Disease of the Kidneys."</i>
	029601

A transcription of the death registration follows.

Name and Surname of Deceased: **Frances Louisa Redmond Riddell**
When Died: 15th March 1872
Sex---Male or Female: F
Age: 26 yrs, 6 Mos, 22 days
Rank or Profession: Wife of Informant
Where Born: Coburg, (*Cobourg*) Ont.
Certified cause of Death, and duration of Illness: Inflammation of the Lungs.
Name of Physician, if any: Dr. Orton
Signature, description and residence of informant: Wm. H. Riddell, Book keeper.
When Registered: 16th March 1872. Fergus
Religious Denomination of Deceased: Roman C.
Signature of Registrar: William Ross
Division: Fergus
County: Wellington
REMARKS: Dr. Orton Certifies cause of death Chronic Disease of the Kidneys.

- Reference Fergus News-Record (*newspaper*). Friday March 22, 1872 edition.
The following obituary was recorded. (Reference second item)

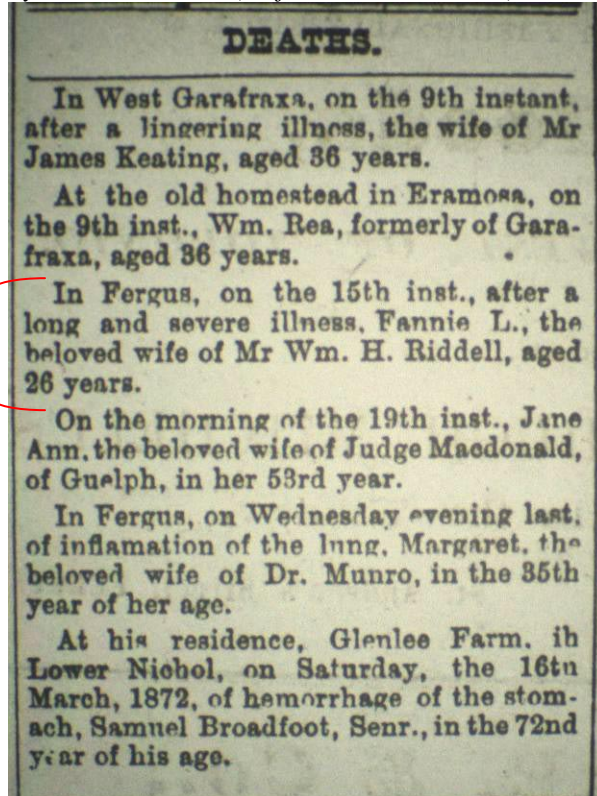
DIED.

In Fergus, on the 20th inst., of inflammation of the lungs, Margaret Brown, the beloved wife of Dr. Munro, aged 45 years. The funeral will leave the family residence, west end St. Andrew's street, at two o'clock this (Friday) afternoon. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. We understand that the stores will be closed from two until half-past three o'clock, out of respect for deceased.

15th instant

In Fergus, on the 15th instant, after a long and severe illness, which she bore with exemplary christian resignation, FANNIE L., the beloved wife of Wm. H. Riddell, Esq., aged 26 years, 6 months and 23 days. (Mr. Riddell has suffered unusually severe affliction, having been bereft of his two children and wife during the past 12 months. He has the heart-felt sympathy of the community.

- Reference Lightning Express (*Fergus newspaper*). Friday March 22, 1872 edition. *The following obituary was recorded. (Reference third item)*



Note: The interment cemetery has not been located.

- ◆ **1872** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records “In the summer of 1872, this factory (*Messrs. Wilson, Bowman & Co., Fergus, Ontario*) having shut down, owing to the depression then prevailing in all branches of business, both on this continent and in Europe, he (*William*) severed his connection with the firm”.
- ◆ **1873** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records “In the following spring (*1873*) William engaged with the Williams Manufacturing Co., Montreal, of which Sir Hugh Allan was president, as their superintendent of agencies.”
- ◆ **1873** William Henry Riddell, age 36 yrs, widower, married Margaret Hennrietta Redmond*, age 24 yrs, five months, three weeks, spinster at Toronto, Ontario, September 14.

**Margaret Hennrietta Redmond was the sister of Frances Louisa Redmond who William married eighteen months after the death of Frances.*

Reference William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History

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

The subject publication includes a Biography of William Henry Riddell from which an excerpt is printed below which covers the period of William's marriage to Frances Louisa Redmond in January 1867 through to his marriage to Margaret Hennrietta Redmond in August 1873.

In January, 1867, he married Miss Fannie L. Redmond, daughter of Ed. J. Redmond, Esq., an educationist of varied attainments and a teacher of much success, who occupied the position of head master of the Cobourg common school for twenty-five consecutive years. Many of his pupils (Chief Justice Thos. Moss, the Canavans and others), made their mark in the legal and other professions in after years. He counted among his life-long personal friends the late lamented Dr. Bethune, Lord Bishop of Toronto, the late Judge McDonald, of Guelph, and many other distinguished men. He was Irish by birth, and was related to that noted Wexford family of Redmonds, which has given to Ireland two of the ablest men, orators and parliamentarians to be found among that gifted body of statesmen who at the present time constitute the Irish party in the British House of Commons, under the leadership of Charles Stewart Parnell. Of this marriage there were born three sons and a daughter, but by one of those dispensations of Providence not always comprehended by human reason, he suffered the untimely loss of his wife and children—a bitter affliction in which he was sustained by the generous sympathy of a wide circle of relatives and friends. In 1868 the Ontario Mutual Life obtained an Act of Incorporation from the House of Assembly for Ontario, one of the conditions of which was that before the board could issue the first policy (it being a purely mutual company without any capital), 500 applications for insurance, averaging \$1,000 each, had to be procured; and to assist in floating the company (the first of its kind in Canada), Mr. Riddell undertook an agency for it, and succeeded in securing a fair share of

the required 500 charter-members, several of whom may be counted among its policy holders at the present day. Thus he was identified with the company in its infancy, little thinking that later on he would become one of its chief executive officers. In 1869, desirous to gain experience of city business, he accepted a position in the counting room of the manufacturing establishment of Messrs. Wilson, Bowman & Co., Hamilton, and in 1870 was made manager of their factory at Fergus, erected for the purpose of meeting the foreign demand then existing for the Lockman Family Sewing Machine. In the summer of 1872, this factory having shut down, owing to the depression then prevailing in all branches of business, both on this continent and in Europe, he severed his connection with the firm, and in the following spring engaged with the Williams Manufacturing Co., Montreal, of which Sir Hugh Allan was president, as their superintendent of agencies. In the fall of that year he was married to Miss Maggie H. Redmond (under authority of special indult, dated Rome, August 17, 1873), in St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, by the very Rev. Vicar-General, now Right Rev. Dr. Jamot, Bishop of Peterboro'.

*The subject memoir also summarizes the period prior to William's marriage to Frances L. Redmond. Refer to **William Riddell---Margaret Lavin Family History** for details.*

*Also the subject memoir summarizes the period after his marriage to Margaret Hennrietta Redmond through to 1885. Refer to **William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History** for details.*



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Biography of William Joseph Riddell

- ◆ **1868** William Joseph Riddell, born at Mount Forest, Ontario, November 16.
A birth registration has not been located.
The birth date was calculated from William's age of 2 years, 7 months, 20 days at death.
Refer to following death registration under 1871 entry.

- ◆ **1871** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. 34 Centre Wellington
Sub-District d Fergus. Page 50
Enumerator and Date: John Wilson 27 April 1871
Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.
Name: **Wm Joseph Riddell**
Age: 2
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Religion: R. Catholic
Origin: Irish
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.

William was enumerated with his parents, W. Henery and Frances Louisa Riddell.

- ◆ **1871** Joseph Lawrence, a brother, born at Fergus, Ontario, May 13.
Reference Biography of Joseph Edward Lawrence Riddell

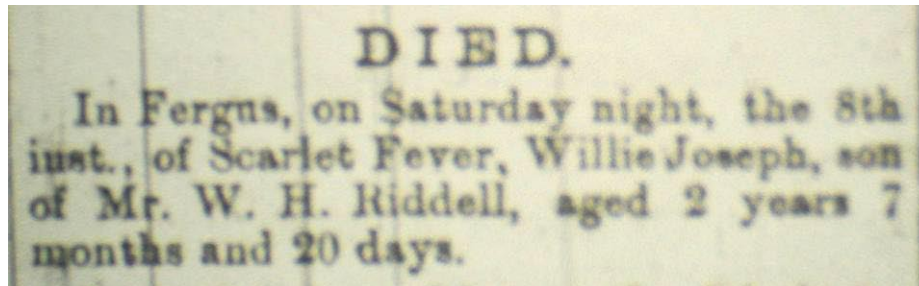
- ◆ **1871** Death Registration #016964-71. County of Wellington. Division of Fergus.
Name and Surname of Deceased: **Wm. Joseph Riddell**
When Died: July 6, 1871
Sex---Male or Female: M
Age: 2 yrs, 7 Mos, 20 days
Rank or Profession: *no entry*
Where Born: Mount Forest, Co. Wellington, Prov. Ont.
Certified cause of Death, and duration of Illness: Scarlet Fever, 36 hours.
Name of Physician, if any: Dr. Orton
Signature, description and residence of informant: Wm. H. Riddell, Book Keeper, Fergus.
When Registered: July 18, 1871.
Religious Denomination of Deceased: Rom. Catholic
Signature of Registrar: William Rojs (*Ross*)
Division: Fergus
County: Wellington
REMARKS: *no entry*

A copy of the registration follows. (Reference second column)

DEATHS.

	General No. 0	General No. 0
Name and Surname of Deceased.	<i>Albert Ironside</i>	<i>Wm Joseph Riddell</i>
When Died.	<i>July 16th 1891</i>	<i>July 25th 1891</i>
Sex—Male or Female.	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>
Age.	<i>59 yrs & 11 days</i>	<i>29 yrs 7 mos 20 days</i>
Rank or Profession.	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
Where Born.	<i>Fergus Co. of N. Prov. Ont.</i>	<i>Prov. Ont. Inverness Fergus Co. Wellington</i>
Certified cause of Death, and duration of illness.	<i>Inflammation of Bowels</i>	<i>Scarlet Fever 26 hours</i>
Name of Physician, if any.	<i>D. Murray</i>	<i>W. Orton</i>
Signature, description and residence of informant.	<i>John Ironside Michaels Fergus</i>	<i>Wm. H. Riddell Bart. Keeper Fergus</i>
When Registered.	<i>July 19th 1891</i>	<i>July 15th 1891</i>
Religious Denomination of Deceased.	<i>"</i>	<i>Rome Catholic</i>
Signature of Registrar.	<i>William Ross</i>	<i>William Ross</i>
Division.	<i>Fergus</i>	<i>Fergus</i>
County.	<i>Wellington</i>	<i>Wellington</i>
REMARKS.	016963	016964

- Reference Fergus News-Record (*newspaper*). Friday July 14, 1871 edition.
The following obituary was recorded.



DIED.
In Fergus, on Saturday night, the 8th inst., of Scarlet Fever, Willie Joseph, son of Mr. W. H. Riddell, aged 2 years 7 months and 20 days.

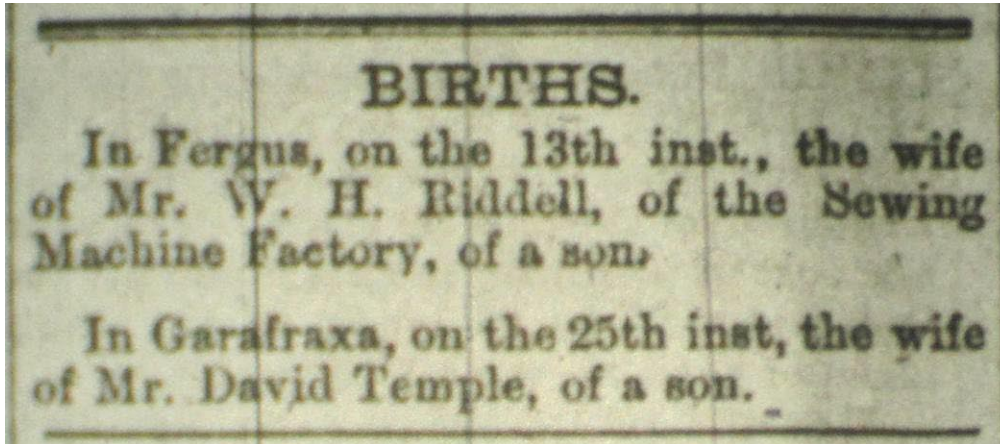
Note: The interment cemetery has not been located.



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Biography of Joseph Edward Lawrence Riddell

- ◆ **1871** Reference Fergus News-Record (*newspaper*). Friday May 26, 1871 edition.
The birth of Joseph was recorded as follows. (Reference first item)



- ◆ **1871** Reference Birth Registration #003225-71. County of Wellington. Division of Fergus.

When Born: May 13th 1871

Name: Joseph Lawrence

Sex, (M. or F.): M

Name and surname of Father: Wm. Henry Riddell

Name and maiden name of Mother: Frances Louise (*Louisa*) Redmond

Rank or profession of Father: Book Keeper

Signature, description and residence of Informant: Wm. Hy Riddell
Book Keeper Fergus

When Registered: June 30th 1871

Name of Accoucheur: Dr. Orton

Signature of Registrar: William Rojs (*Ross*)

Division: Fergus

County: Wellington

REMARKS: *no entry*

Joseph was born into a family with one other sibling, a brother William Joseph.

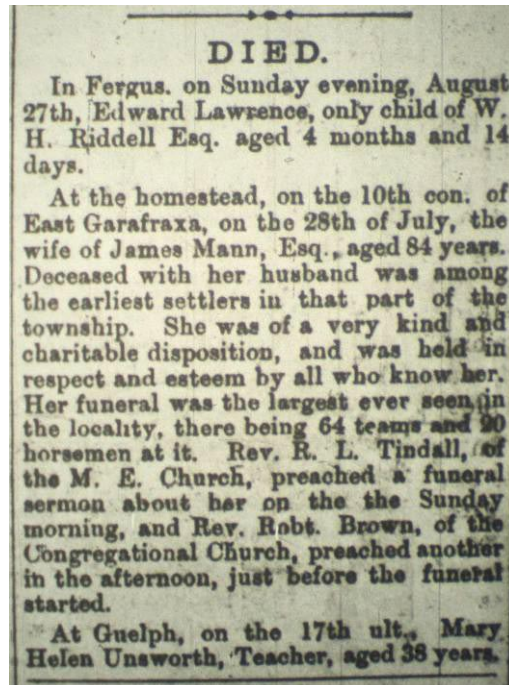
A copy of the registration follows. (Reference second column)

BIRTHS	
General No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
When Born.	May 29 th 1871
Name.	Chas. Mc. Kee
Sex (M. or F.)	M
Name and surname of Father.	Robt. Murdoch
Name and maiden surname of Mother.	Isabella Mc. Kee
Rank or profession of Father.	Saddler
Signature, description and residence of Informant.	Robt. Murdoch Saddler Fergus
When Registered.	June 20 th 1871
Name of Accoucheur.	Dr. Murray
Signature of Registrar.	William Ross
Division.	Fergus
County.	Wellington
REMARKS.	✓

When Born.	May 18 th 1871
Name.	Joseph Lawrence
Sex (M. or F.)	M
Name and surname of Father.	M ^r . Henry Piddell
Name and maiden surname of Mother.	Francis Louisa Richmond
Rank or profession of Father.	Book Keeper
Signature, description and residence of Informant.	M ^r . H. Piddell Book Keeper Fergus
When Registered.	June 30 th 1871
Name of Accoucheur.	Dr. Oston
Signature of Registrar.	William Ross
Division.	Fergus
County.	Wellington
REMARKS.	✓

- ◆ 1871 Joseph's brother, William Joseph, age two years, seven months, 20 days, died of Scarlet Fever at Fergus, Ontario, July 6.

- ◆ **1871** Reference Fergus News-Record (*newspaper*). Friday September 1, 1871 edition. *The death of Edward was recorded as follows. (Reference first item)*



Note the error in the newspaper obituary where it records Edward's age as 4 months, 14 days where his actual age was 3 months, 14 days per the following death registration.

- ◆ **1871** Death Registration #016971-71. County of Wellington. Division of Fergus.

Name and Surname of Deceased: **Edward Lawrence Riddell**

When Died: August 27, 1871

Sex---Male or Female: M

Age: 3 M & 14 days

Rank or Profession: *no entry*

Where Born: Fergus Pro (*Province*) Ont.

Certified cause of Death, and duration of Illness: General debility (?)

Name of Physician, if any: Dr. Orton

Signature, description and residence of informant: Wm. H. Riddell, Book Keeper, Fergus.

When Registered: *no entry*

Religious Denomination of Deceased: *no entry*

Signature of Registrar: William Rojs (*Ross*)

Division: Fergus

County: Wellington

REMARKS: Dr Orton Certifies Chronic Diarrhea as the cause of death.

Duration of Illness Months

*Note that the subject child was registered at birth as **Joseph** Lawrence Riddell and registered at death as **Edward** Lawrence Riddell.*

A copy of the registration follows.

	General No. ✓
Name and Surname of Deceased.	Riddell ✓ Edward Lawrence
When Died.	August 24: 1871
Sex—Male or Female.	M
Age.	1.9 m. & 11 days
Rank or Profession.	
Where Born.	Fergus, Pac. Prov.
Certified cause of Death, and duration of Illness.	Chronic Diarrhoea General debility & prostration
Name of Physician, if any.	D ^r Ostro
Signature, description and residence of informant.	W. H. Riddell Brook River Fergus
When Registered.	016971
Religious Denomination of Deceased.	
Signature of Registrar.	William Ross
Division.	Fergus
County.	Wellington
REMARKS.	D ^r Ostro certifies Chronic Diarrhoea as the cause of death Duration of Illness Months

Note: The interment cemetery has not been located.

