

Family History

of

George Francis Riddell

&

Mary Jane Martin

Marriage Date: April 25, 1866

Place of Marriage: Osprey Township, County of Grey, Ontario

George Francis Riddell

Born 23 Jun 1843
Markham Township,
Canada West
(*Ontario*)
Died 3 Oct 1921
Singhampton,
Ontario
Int'd Union Cemetery,
Singhampton,
Ontario

Mary Jane (*Joanna**) Martin

Born 1847ca
Singhampton,
Canada West
(*Ontario*)
Died 2 Apr 1882
Singhampton,
Ontario
Int'd ?
Ontario

Children

William (*Hudson*)**

Born 1867ca
Ontario
Died ?
Int'd ?

John Paul

Born Jul 1873
Princeton,
Ontario
Died ?
Int'd ?

Augustus George

Born 4 Nov 1874
County of
Simcoe,
Ontario
Died 1945
Int'd Mount Hope
Cemetery,
Port Huron,
Michigan,
USA

Minnie Maud (Mother Mary Carmel)

Born 2 Jan 1876
Nottawasaga
Township,
County of
Simcoe,
Ontario
Died 25 Dec 1968
Chatham,
Ontario
Int'd St. Anthony's
Cemetery,
Chatham,
Ontario

Bertha Theodora

Born 10 Aug 1878
Singhampton,
Ontario
Died 5 Feb 1960
Waterloo,
Ontario
Int'd Mount Hope
Cemetery,
Kitchener,
Ontario

Margaret May

Born 13 Oct 1880
Singhampton,
Ontario
Died ?
Int'd ?

**Second name (Joanna) according to Mother Mary Carmel (Minnie Maude) autobiography.*

***First name (Hudson) according to Mother Mary Carmel (Minnie Maude) autobiography.*

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Revision Page

George Francis Riddell---Mary Jane Martin Family History

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (October 2013) Added Augustus', death year of 1945 and cemetery location to the header page.
- Added more accurate birth year of 1873ca For John Riddell on header page.
Added John's middle name "Paul" under header page and 1873ca entry.
Added copy of the 1871 Province of Ontario Census to support the transcription under the 1871 entry.
Added copy of the 1881 Province of Ontario Census to support the transcription under the 1881 entry.
Added copy of newspaper articles re Mary Jane's death to support the transcriptions under the 1882 entry.
Added copy of Mary Jane's death registration to support the transcription under the 1882 entry.
Also see (October 2013) entries under each biography of the six children.
- Rev B (May 2015) Added John Paul's birth date as July 1873 under Header page.
- Added references to Hudson and Joanna [per Mother Mary Carmel Riddell (*Minnie Maude*) autobiography] under header page.
Added copy of George and Mary's Marriage Registration under 1866 entry.
Added excerpts of Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) autobiography under 1882 entry.
Added additional newspaper report of Mary Jane's tragedy from Markdale Standard under the 1882 entry.
Also see (May 2015) entries under each biography of the six children.

Biography revisions:

William (*Hudson*) Riddell

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (October 2013) Added adoption information on William's sister, Margaret May, to 1882 entry.
- Rev B (May 2015) Added birth of siblings under 1873, 1874, 1876, 1878 and 1880 entries.
Added excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) autobiography under 1867 entry.

John Paul Riddell

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (October 2013) Added John's more accurate birth year 1873ca and middle name, "Paul".
Added adoption information on John's sister, Margaret May, to 1882 entry.
Added John's marriage information to 1896ca entry.
- Rev B (May 2015) Added birth of siblings under 1874, 1876, 1878 and 1880 entries.
Clarified John's first crossing of border into USA under 1890 entry.

Revision Page continued

Augustus George Riddell

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (October 2013) Added Augustus' day of birth (4th) to 1874 entry.
Added adoption information on Augustus' sister, Margaret May, to 1882 entry.
- Rev B (May 2015) Added birth of siblings under 1876, 1878 and 1880 entries.
Clarified Augustus' first crossing of border into USA under 1891 entry.

Minnie Maude Riddell

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (October 2013) Copy of Minnie's birth registration added to support the transcription under the 1876 entry.
Added adoption information on Minnie's sister, Margaret May, to 1882 entry.
Added statement "For the continuation of Minnie Maude's biography after her adoption refer to **William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History [Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel)]**" under the 1882 entry.
- Rev B (May 2015) Added birth of sisters Bertha Mary and Margaret May under 1878 and 1880 entries.
Added excerpts from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) autobiography under 1880 and 1882 entries.

Bertha Theodora Riddell

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (October 2013) Copy of Bertha's birth registration added to support the transcription under the 1878 entry.
Added adoption information on Bertha's sister, Margaret May, to 1882 entry.
Added statement "For the continuation of Bertha's biography after her adoption refer to **William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History (Biography of Bertha Mary (Theodora) Riddell)**" under the 1882 entry.
- Rev B (May 2015) Added birth of sister Margaret May under 1880 entry.
Added excerpts from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) autobiography under 1880 and 1882 entries.

Margaret May Riddell

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (October 2013) Copy of Margaret's birth registration added to support the transcription under the 1880 entry.
Added Margaret's adoption information under 1882 entry.
Added statement "For the continuation of Margaret May's biography after her adoption refer to **William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History (Biography of Margaret May Riddell)**" under 1882 entry.
- Rev B (May 2015) Added reference to Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel) under 1882 entry.

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Biography George and Mary Jane Riddell

- ◆ For George Francis Riddell's history prior to his marriage to Mary Jane Martin refer to **William Riddell---Margaret Lavin Family History**
- ◆ Little is known of Mary Jane Martin's history prior to marriage other than her parents were Hudson and Elizabeth (nee Hendry) Martin who were probably born in Ireland.
- ◆ **1866** Marriage Registrations, County of Grey. Prior to 1869. Page 135.
The registration has been divided vertically into the five following sections.

BRIDEGROOM			
NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF BIRTH
Patrick Kelly	26	Glenelg	Ireland
John Coffey	24	Sydenham	New York State
Peter Doolan	26	Glenelg	Ireland
George Francis Riddell	22	Osprey	Canada
John Coffey	30	Glenelg	Ireland
Rock Pilleter	26	Michigan	Canada
Michael Mitchell	21	Owen Sound	Canada
Michael Murphy	24	Sydenham	Ireland
Recorded the 23 rd January 1867			
Jas Douglas Clerk			

Section one

Bridegroom

NAMES OF PARENTS.

Nicholas Hally Catherine Fitzpatrick

Mathew Conroy Rose A Donahoe

Edward Doyle Jane Carthy

William Hiddell Margaret Langan

Conradus Conklin Ann Kellen

Lere Pallette Emch Carter

Patrick Ann Parwer

Patrick Murphy Elizabeth Kennedy

NAME.		AGE.	RESIDENCE.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Bridget Martin	27	Ireland	Glenelg	
Catherine O'Neil	18	Sydenham	Fronte Canada	
Elyzabet Hayes	28	Glenelg	Ireland	
Mary Jane Martin	18	Copney	Ireland	
Sarah McNeill	14	Glenelg	Canada	
Margaret Newell	16	Canada	Canada	
Honora Keefe	22	Owen Sound	Ireland	
Agnes Hally	21	Sydenham	Canada	
			Owen Sound January the 21 st	

Bride

NAMES OF PARENTS.

Laurel Martin Bridget Kernan

Edward O'Connor Johanna O'Brien

Nicholas Hally Catharine Fitzpatrick

Andrew Martin Elizabeth Hendry

Mathew McKeogh Mary Hogan

Antoine Beau Soliel Margaret Longe

Michael Keanden Mary Moroney

William Hartly Ann Brennan

1864

J H G

WITNESS.		DATE OF
NAME.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIAGE.
John Darruk		
Rose Ann Kench	Owen Sound	April the 3 rd
Sarah Riley		
Barnard Conway	Sydenham	April the 14 th
Patrick & 3 Johnna } Halley	Glenely	April the 22 nd
William Henry Kiddell		
Margaret Annettes Kiddell	Osprey	April the 25 th
James Hasko		
Alice Diller	Glenely	August the 6 th
Antoine Jean Lohiel		
Margaret Grennell	Surgeon	August the 24 th
John Scott		
Mary Keander	Owen Sound	September the 25 th
Michael Binew		
Mary Lowe	Sydenham	October the 9 th
another R. G. Priest		

Section five

J H Granthier R G Priest

A transcription of the Marriage Registration follows.

BRIDEGROOM

Name: George Francis Riddell

Age: 22

Residence: Osprey

Place of Birth: Canada

Name of Parents: William Riddell, Margaret Leanen (*Lavin*)

BRIDE

Name: Mary Jane Martin

Age: 18

Residence: Osprey

Place of Birth: Ireland (*She was born in Ontario of Irish origin reference the 1871 and 1881 Census and according to her Death Registration she was born in Canada*)

Name of Parents: Hudson Martin, Elizabet(h) Hendry

WITNESS

Name: William Henry Riddell (*George Francis' brother*)

Residence: Osprey

Name: Margaret Anastas (*Anastasia*) Riddell (*George Francis' sister*)

Residence: Osprey

Date of Marriage: April the 25th (1866)

The list of eight marriages were documented and approved as follows:

Owen Sound January the 21st 1867 T H Granothier R. C. Priest

Recorded the 23rd January 1867 Jas Douglas Registrar

- ◆ **1867ca** William, a son, born within the year.
Reference Biography of William Riddell
- ◆ **1871** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No.42. N. Simcoe. (*County*)
Sub-District C. Sunnidale (*Twshp*). Page 56
Enumerator and Date: 26th Apr 1871 A. Heslip

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

Numbered in the order of visitation:-

Dwelling houses inhabited: 185

Families: 185

Name: **George F. Riddle** (*Riddell*)

Age: 26

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Religion: R. Catholic

Origin: Irish

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Laborer

Married or Widowed: M
INSTRUCTION:-
Going to school: ---
Over 20 unable to read: ---
Over 20 unable to write: ---
INFIRMITIES:-
Deaf and Dumb: ---
Blind: ---
Unsound mind: ---

Name: **Mary Jane Riddle** (*Riddell*)

Age: 23

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Religion: R. Catholic

Origin: Irish (*Mary Jane's origin was initially recorded as American but crossed out and changed to 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: ---

INFIRMITIES:-

Deaf and Dumb: ---

Blind: ---

Unsound mind: ---

Name: **William Riddle** (*Riddell*)

Age: 4

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: ---

INFIRMITIES:-

Deaf and Dumb: ---

Blind: ---

Unsound mind: ---

A copy follows of the Census divided vertically between columns 10 & 11 and 14 & 15 resulting in three sections. See lines 17 through 19 for enumeration of the Riddell family.

Census of 1871.

Numbered in the order of visitation.						Names.	Sex.	Age.	Born within last twelve months.
Vessels.	Shr-ties.	Dwell-ing houses in con-struction.	Dwell-ing houses unin-habited.	Dwell-ing houses inhabi-tered.	Fa-milies.				
1	2	3	4	5	6				
						7	8	9	10
				182	182	Brechtat, Thomas	M.	35	
						" Mary	F.	29	
						" John	M.	11	
						" Margaret	F.	9	
						" Alexander	M.	7	
						" Mary	F.	3	
						" Allan	M.	1	
						M. Joseph Thomas	M.	35	
		1		183	183	Morrison, William	M.	22	
						" Elisabeth	F.	19	
				184	184	Lernery, Emine	M.	33	
						" Marie	F.	33	
						" Fousmie	F.	7	
						" Joseph	M.	5	
						" George	M.	3	
						" Elizabeth	F.	$\frac{10}{12}$	June
				185	185	Riddle, George	F. M.	26	
						" Mary Jane	F.	23	
						" William	M.	4	
				186	186	Lindsay, Albert	M.	34	

District No. *42. N. Simcoe*

Sub-District *C.*

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

Country or Province of Birth.	Religion.	Origin.	Profession, Occupation or Trade.
11	12	13	14
<i>Ireland</i>	<i>C. Scotland</i>	<i>Irish</i>	<i>Laborer</i>
<i>Scotland</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Scotch</i>	
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Irish</i>	
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>0</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>Ireland</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Scotch</i>	<i>Laborer</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>C. England</i>	<i>Irish</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>2</i>	<i>R. Catho</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>Laborer</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>0</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Irish</i>	<i>Laborer</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>American</i>	
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Irish</i>	
<i>Ireland</i>	<i>C. England</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Laborer</i>

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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
M								
M								
		/						
		/						
		/						
M	Dec							Wife abandoned
M	Dec			/				
M.	Dec		+	+				
M								
M			/	/				
M								
M								
M				/				

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

REAL ESTATE:-

Grand total of acres of land owned: --

No entries

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

OCCUPIED LANDS:-

Range or Concession: 4

Number of Lot: pt 6

Owner, Tenant or Employee: T

Total Number of acres occupied: --

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

No entries

Schedule No 6---Return of Industrial Establishments.

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

Woolen Knitting

Mary Jane Riddle

Fixed Capital invested in \$: *no entry*

Floating Capital employed in \$: *no entry*

Number of working months in the year: *no entry*

Average Number of People employed:

Over 16 Years; Male: *no entry*

Female: 1

Under 16 Years; Boys: *no entry*

Girls: *no entry*

Aggregate amount of Yearly Wages in \$: *no entry*

RAW MATERIAL:

Kind: Woolen yarn

Quantities: 8 lbs

Aggregate Value, in \$: 6

PRODUCTS:

Kind: Socks &c

Quantities: 24 pr

Aggregate Value, in \$:10

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

No entries

- **1873** The Canadian Parliament established the North West Mounted Police on May 23 (renamed the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1920).

- ◆ **1873** John, a son, born at Princeton, Ontario, within the month of July.
Reference Biography of John Paul Riddell
- ◆ **1873** George's father, William, died in the County of Grey (?) December 12.
Reference William Riddell---Margaret Lavin Family History
- ◆ **1874** Augustine (*Augustus*) G., a son, born in Simcoe County, Ontario, November 4.
Reference Biography of Augustus George Riddell
- **1875** Vaseline petroleum jelly was introduced by Chesebrough Manufacturing Company, whose English-born U.S. founder Robert Augustus Chesebrough, 38, made kerosene and lubricating oils until 1881 but confined himself thereafter to producing petroleum jelly.
- **1875** The Suez Canal completed in 1869 comes under British control November 27 through the efforts of Prime Minister Disraeli, who has obtained a loan from the merchant banking house of Rothschild to outbid French investors and buy up 176,752 shares in the Universal Suez Company from the profligate Egyptian khedive Ismail. Ismail is deep in debt and has secretly appealed to the British prime minister September 30 when Parliament was not in session, Disraeli has put up the British Government itself as security for the £4 million loan (N. M. Rothschild charges 2½ percent interest on the advance plus 5 percent interest per year), and he creates international consternation by purchasing control of the strategic waterway, which he regards as Britain's lifeline to India.
- ◆ **1876** Minnie Maude, a daughter, born in Nottawasaga Township, Ontario, January 2.
Reference Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell
- **1876** The Battle of the Little Big Horn June 25 ends in the massacre of a 264-man U.S. Seventh Cavalry force under Lieut. Col. George Armstrong Custer, 37, at the hands of Lakota Sioux chief Sitting Bull (Tatanka-Iyotanka), now 45, who has the help of tribesmen under the command of chieftains Gall and Crazy Horse. The Sioux have been angered by the slaughter of buffalo in Montana Territory by the advancing whites in the Black Hills gold rush, although lack of forage, cattle-borne disease, and the Sioux themselves have also played major roles in the demise of the bison. Custer has engaged some Crow scouts and set out to defeat the Sioux, force any who survive onto the reservation, and take their sacred Black Hills in violation of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty, but Sitting Bull escapes to Canada. General Alfred H. Terry, now 48, rescues Custer's subordinates Marcus A. Reno and Frederick W. Benteen.
- ◆ **1878** Bertha Theodora, a daughter, born at Singhampton, Ontario, August 10.
Reference Biography of Bertha Theodora Riddell
- ◆ **1880** Margaret May, a daughter, born at Singhampton, Ontario, October 13.
Reference Biography of Margaret May Riddell

- ◆ 1881 Reference Lovell's 1882 Business and Professional 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, furnishing splendid water-power. Montreal, Dominion and Great Northwestern Telegraph Cos. Lines have an office here. Distant from Collingwood 14 miles, from Duntroon, a station of the Northwestern railway, 6 miles. Mail daily. Population about 200.

Alges James, shoemaker
 Bell Angus, conveyancer, money broker and township clerk
 Bell John, hotel
 Blackstock Ed., proprietor Exchange hotel
 Brown Robert, proprietor Singhampton house
 Campbell Hugh, plasterer
 Chestnut Alex., waggonmaker, agent agri impls and constable
 Chittick Chas., blacksmith
 Exchange hotel, Ed. Blackstock, proprietor
 Gosnell Ed., lime burner
 Grant D., jun., proprietor Singhampton Novelty works

Grant David, J.P., postmaster
 Grant Miss Jessie, groceries
 Gregory John, lessee Exchange hotel
 Griesbough Miss, teacher
 Lang John, constable and carpenter
 Luck L. Henry, teacher
 MacFarland John, clerk
 MacFarlane Neil, gen store
 McCutcheon Wm. Henry, shoemaker
 McKinnon Neil, blacksmith
 McLean Chas., clerk
 McLean Hugh, meat market
 Martin Henry, miller
 Moore Alex., groceries
 Morton John, manager woollen mills
 Pearson Wm., J.P., grist, saw and woollen mills
 Richards James, mail carrier
 Richmond John, lime burner
 Riddell G. F., sawyer
 Sing Josiah R., J.P., conveyancer and insurance agent
 Singhampton house, Robert Brown, proprietor
 Singhampton Novelty works, D. Grant jun., proprietor
 Smith James, waggonmaker
 Snell Chas. H., M.D., physician and surgeon
 Stinson John, dry goods and hardware
 Stinson Jos., clerk and telegraph operator
Telegraph office—Montreal, Dominion and Great Northwestern Cos. Lines
 Whitson David, stone mason

Riddell G. F.,
 sawyer:
 A man employed
 in sawing timber.

- ◆ 1881 Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No.139 (*Simcoe North*).
 S. District a, Nottawasaga, Division No. 2. Page 12.
 Enumerator: John McKie. Date: (?)

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

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: 52

Families: 53

Name: **George Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 38 (*increase of 12 years since the 1871 Census*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Religion: R Catholic

Origin: Irish

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Carpenter

Married or Widowed: M

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

Name: **Mary J. Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 36 (*increase of 13 years since the 1871 Census*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Religion: Presbyterian

Origin: English

Profession, Occupation or Trade: *no entry*

Married or Widowed: ---

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

Name: **William Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 14

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: 1 (yes)

Name: **John Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 10 (*more likely age eight due to his birth date of 1873 determined by calculations of his age recorded on the 1910 USA Census and 1921 and 1922 border crossings*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: 1 (yes)

Name: **Augustine* Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 7 (*more likely age six due to his birth date of November 4, 1874 and the fact that the census would have been taken in early 1881 prior to John's seventh birthday*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: 1 (yes)

Name: **Minnie M. (Maude) Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 5

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

Name: **Bertha Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 3

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

Name: **Maggie (Margaret May) Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 0

Born within last twelve months: Octr. (1880)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

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

Note: Each child was recorded as born in Ontario of Irish origin (*due to their father being of Irish origin*) and their religion recorded as Presbyterian (*their Mother's religion*).

*Augustus was enumerated as "Augustine" in both the 1881 and 1891 Province of Ontario Census records but subsequent to those documents he is recorded as Augustus in various documents e.g. marriage registrations, censuses, draft card, etc. Augustus' birth registration has not been located to determine whether he was registered as Augustine or Augustus.

A copy follows of the Census divided vertically between columns 8 & 9 and 13 & 14 resulting in three sections.

Note: Only the lines 13 through 20 pertaining to the George and Mary Jane Riddell family were copied.

CENSUS 1881—RECENSEMENT.

Province of *Ontario*

John McEwen
Enumerator

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NUMERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION.						NAMES	SEX
Vessels	Shanties	Houses in construction	Houses unoccupied	Houses occupied	Families		
NUMEROTÉS DANS L'ORDRE DES VISITES.						NOMS	SEXES
Ateliers	Chantiers	Maisons en voie de construction	Maisons inoccupées	Maisons occupées	Familles		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

<i>13</i>				<i>52</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>Riddell</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>M</i>
<i>14</i>						"	<i>May J.</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>15</i>						"	<i>William</i>	<i>M</i>
<i>16</i>						"	<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>
<i>17</i>						"	<i>Augustine</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>18</i>						"	<i>Minnie M.</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>19</i>						"	<i>Bertha</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>20</i>						"	<i>Maggie</i>	<i>F</i>

Section one

District No. 159

SCHEDULE No. 1—Nominal Return of the Living.

TABLEAU No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants.

AGE	Born within last twelve months	Country or Province of Birth.	RELIGION.	ORIGIN.
AGE	Nés dans les douze derniers mois.	Pays ou Province de Naissance.	RELIGION.	ORIGINE.
9	10	11	12	13

George	38	"	R. Catholic	Irish
Mary J	36	"	Presbyterian	English
Wm	14	"	"	Irish
John	10	"	"	"
August	7	"	"	"
Minnie	5	"	"	"
Bertha	3	"	"	"
Maggie	2 Oct	"	"	"

Section two

S District *Kattawassa*

June 2 *No 2*

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Profession, Occupation or Trade	Married or Widowed	Instruction				Notes of Operations and Remarks
		Going to school	Leaf and Pencil	Book	Numbered Book	
Profession, Occupation or Trade	Married or Widowed	Instruction				Notes of Employment or Observations
		Attend a P'Exam	Numbered Book	Average	Attends P'Examination possible	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>M</i>	-	-	-	-	
	<i>M</i>	-	-	-	-	
		<i>N</i>	-	-	-	
		<i>V</i>	-	-	-	
		<i>V</i>	-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-	

Section three

- ◆ 1882 Reference The Enterprise and Collingwood Messenger (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*) Thursday, March 9, 1882 edition.

Singhampton

(Too late for last Issue)

A serious (and I am afraid a fatal) burning accident happened, here yesterday morning to Mrs. G. F. Riddell. It appears that between nine and ten o'clock a.m., she was preparing for washing, and the children placed some pine pitch in a dish on the stove. When it boiled it flowed over and took fire. Mrs. Riddell attempted to wipe the pitch off the stove with a cloth, but while so doing the burning fluid scattered all over her cotton dress. She

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Singhampton, Feb. 28, 1882.

- ◆ 1882 Reference Markdale *Standard* (Markdale, Ontario newspaper) Friday March 10, 1882 edition.

DREADFUL OCCURRENCE AT SINGHAMPTON.—On Monday the 27th February, at about 9 o'clock a.m., a Mrs. Riddell of this village, was observed rushing out of her house in flames. Some neighbours hastened to the spot, and after extinguishing the fire conveyed her into the house, and laid her on a bed in a perfectly nude state, and Dr. Snell was soon on hand, who pronounced her recovery almost an impossibility. The poor woman is dreadfully burnt about the breast and bowels so much so that her bowels absolutely protrude, and she is quite unable to give any account as to how the accident occurred. The only account that can be obtained is from the children, of whom there are six, Mr. Riddell not being present.

The children state that they were melting spruce gum on the stove, and that somehow it caught fire, that she seized the vessel to throw it out, but in proceeding to the door her clothing caught fire, that she thus fell and became one mass of flames. This is the only account that can be gathered of the sad affair. Her recovery is pronounced hopeless, and her appearance is frightful.

Feb. 28th 2 o'clock p. m.—A telegram has just come to Maxwell, Mrs. Riddell worse, not expected to live over 4 o'clock.

4 o'clock.—Mrs. Riddell still alive—no hopes. Dr. Snell and Barr in attendance.

The weather here is quite spring like. The snow is all gone.

Scarlet fever and diphtheria are very prevalent, and several deaths have resulted therefrom in this neighbourhood.—*Cor. O. S. Times.*

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Correspondent
Owen Sound
Times

- ◆ 1882 Death Registration #16543-82. County of Simcoe. Division of Nottawasaga.

A copy of the death registration follows. Refer to first column.

SCHEDULE C.—DEATHS.

County of *Simcoe*

Division of *Nottawasaga*

	No. 31	No. 32
Name and Surname of Deceased.	<i>Mary Jane Riddell</i>	<i>Mathew Stegney</i>
When Died.		<i>6th May 1882</i>
Sex—Male or Female.	<i>Female</i>	<i>Female</i>
Age.	<i>31 Years</i>	<i>42 Years</i>
Rank or Profession.	<i>Laborer's wife</i>	<i>Laborer's wife</i>
Where Born.	<i>Canada</i>	<i>Ireland</i>
Certified cause of Death and duration of Illness.	<i>accidental burning</i> <i>One month</i>	<i>Consumption</i> <i>Several Years</i>
Name of Physician, if any.	<i>D^r. Snell</i>	<i>D^r. Aikman</i>
Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	<i>G. H. Snell, M. D.</i> <i>Singhampton</i>	<i>Rev. John Farncomb</i> <i>Ratseau</i>
When Registered.	<i>10th May 1882</i>	<i>11th May 1882</i>
Religious Denomination of Deceased.	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Church of England</i>
Signature of Registrar.	<i>Angus Bell</i>	<i>Angus Bell</i>
REMARKS.	016543	016544

A transcription of the death registration follows.

Name and Surname of Deceased: **Mary Jane Riddell**

When Died: no date recorded (However, according to the autobiography of Mary Jane's daughter, Minnie Maude, [Mother Mary Carmel], the date of death was April 2, 1882)

Sex---Male or Female: Female

Age: 31 Years (*according to her age of 18 on her marriage registration and her age of 23 on the 1871 Census, Mary Jane's correct age would be 34 years at the time of her death*)

Rank or Profession: Laborer's Wife (*George F. Riddell*)

Where Born: Canada

Certified cause of Death and duration of Illness: accidental burning
one month

Name of Physician if any: Dr. Snell

Signature, Description and Residence of Informant: C. H. Snell M.D.
Singhampton

When Registered: 10th May 1882

Religious Denomination of Deceased: Roman Catholic (*According to the 1871 and 1881 Census, Mary Jane was Presbyterian. However, Mary was married by a Roman Catholic Priest*)

Signature of Registrar: Angus Bell

Remarks: *no entry*

- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

When I was six years old my mother died of burns received when her dress accidentally caught fire. She suffered great agony for over three weeks and died on April 2, 1882.

- ◆ 1882 Reference The Enterprise and Collingwood Messenger (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*) Thursday, April 6, 1882 edition.

The following was printed under the heading:

BREVITIES

--We learn with pleasure that Mrs. Riddell, who was severely burned at Singhampton lately, is slowly recovering.

In fact according to the autobiography of Mother Mary Carmel, her mother's death had already occurred on April 2.

However, it was not unusual for news from the outlying areas around Collingwood to be received late, especially during the winter. In this case, the news from Singhampton was most likely received by the newspaper before Mary Riddell's death.

A copy of the newspaper article follows.

—We learn with pleasure that Mrs. Riddell, who was severely burned at Singhampton lately, is slowly recovering.

- ◆ **1882** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.
George's daughters Minnie Maude, age 6 years, 3 months and Bertha Theodora, age 3 years 8 months, were adopted by his brother, William H. Riddell of Waterloo, Ontario, immediately after the funeral of their mother, Mary Jane.
- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

My father's brother, William Henry Riddell, and his wife Margaret Redmond, came to Singhampton for the funeral, and having no children of their own, they offered to adopt me and my younger sister Bertha, then 3½ years old. My father consented, the agreement was made, and after the funeral we were taken by our foster parents to live with them in Waterloo, where they had recently moved and where my new father had accepted the position of secretary in the newly organized Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Company, with head office in Waterloo.

**Reference William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History
[*Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel)*]**

Also George's daughter, Margaret May, was adopted by his sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum.

Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History

- ◆ **1882** George F. Riddell, age 37, widower, married Catharine Taylor nee Bell, age 28, widow, Collingwood, Ontario, August 16. (*Four and one half months after the death of his first wife, Mary*)
Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History



Biographies

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Biography of William (Hudson) Riddell

- ◆ **1867ca** William appears to have been born in 1867 probably in the County of Simcoe, Sunnidale Township.
Reference 1871 Province of Ontario Census.
William, being first born, had no siblings.

- ◆ **1871** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No.42. N. Simcoe. (*County*)
Sub-District C. Sunnidale (*Twshp*). Page 56
Enumerator and Date: 26th Apr 1871 A. Heslip
Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.
Name: **William Riddle (*Riddell*)**
Age: 4
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 along with his parents George and Mary Jane Riddell.

- Reference excerpt from William sister’s autobiography i.e. Mother Mary Carmel Riddell (*Minnie Maude*)

Born January 2, 1876, in Singhampton, Ontario, a little country village a few miles from Collingwood. My father, George Riddell and Mary Joanna Martin, had six children -- 3 boys, Hudson, John and Augustine, and 3 girls, Mary Maude (myself), Bertha Mary and Margaret.

According to Mother Mary, her brother, William, was called Hudson contrary the 1871 & 1881 census records. William’s maternal grandfather was named Hudson, so William may have taken his name at a later date.

- ◆ **1873** John Paul, a brother, born at Princeton, Ontario, within the month of July.
- ◆ **1874** Augustine George, a brother, born at Singhampton, Ontario, November 4.
- ◆ **1876** Minnie Maude, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, January 2.
- ◆ **1878** Bertha Theodora, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, August 10.
- ◆ **1880** Margaret May, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, October 13.

- ◆ **1881** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No.139 (*Simcoe North*).
S. District a, Nottawasaga, Division No. 2. Page12.
Enumerator: John McKie. Date: (?)

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

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: 52

Families: 53

Name: **William Riddle** (*Riddell*)

Age: 14

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: 1 (*yes*)

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

William was enumerated along with his parents George and Mary Jane Riddell, brothers John, age 10, Augustine (*Augustus*), age 7, sisters Minnie M., age 5, Bertha, age 3 and Maggie, age 0 (*about six months*).

Note: Each child was recorded as born in Ontario of Irish origin (*due to their father being of Irish origin*) and their religion recorded as Presbyterian (*their Mother’s religion*).

- ◆ **1882** William’s mother, Mary Jane nee Martin, died at Singhampton, Ontario, April 2 as the result of burns received from an accidental fire, Monday, February 27.
William was probably about 15 years of age at the time of his mother’s death..
Reference Biography of George and Mary Jane Riddell
- ◆ **1882** William’s sisters, Minnie Maude and Bertha Theodora, were adopted in April by their father’s brother, William H. Riddell.
Reference William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History [Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel)]

William’s sister, Margaret May was adopted by their father’s sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum, probably prior to their father’s second marriage of August 16, 1882.
Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History
- ◆ **1882** William’s father, George F. Riddell, widower, married Catharine Taylor nee Bell, widow, at Collingwood, Ontario, August 16.
Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History
- ◆ **1891** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. 117 Simcoe (*County*).
S. District: e, Township of Nottawasaga, No. 2. Page 34.
Enumerated by me on the 24 day of April 1891.
James Bridges Enumerator

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

William Riddell, probable age 24, was not enumerated with his father George F. and stepmother Catharine. However, his brother Augustine age 17 was enumerated.

Refer to **George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History** for further details.

There has been no further history found on William (Hudson) since the year of 1882.



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Biography of John Paul Riddell

- ◆ **1873** John was born at Princeton, Ontario in about 1873 according to his age recorded on USA border crossing documents dated June 25, 1921, along with his age recorded in the 1910 USA Illinois Census. However, the 1900 USA Illinois Census records his birth as July 1874. The year is incorrect due to substantial evidence that his brother, Augustus was born on November 4, 1874.
Therefore, John's birth date was July 1873.
Middle initial "P" determined as "Paul" from birth record of son Ernest Paul Riddell in 1902.
Refer to **John Paul Riddell---Millie Hangus Family History (1900, 1902, 1910 and 1921 entries)** for further information.

John was born into a family of one sibling; William.

- ◆ **1874** Augustine George, a brother, born at Singhampton, Ontario, November 4.
- ◆ **1876** Minnie Maude, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, January 2.
- ◆ **1878** Bertha Theodora, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, August 10.
- ◆ **1880** Margaret May, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, October 13.
- ◆ **1881** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No.139 (*Simcoe North*).
S. District a, Nottawasaga, Division No. 2. Page12.
Enumerator: John McKie. Date: (?)

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

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Houses inhabited: 52

Families: 53

Name: **John Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 10 (*more likely age eight due to his birth date of 1873 determined by calculations of his age recorded on the 1910 USA Census and 1921 and 1922 border crossings*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: 1 (*yes*)

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

Note: Each child was recorded as born in Ontario of Irish origin (*due to their father being of Irish origin*) and their religion recorded as Presbyterian (*their Mother's religion*).

John was enumerated along with his parents George and Mary Jane Riddell, brothers William, age 14, Augustine (*Augustus*), age 7, sisters Minnie M., age 5, Bertha, age 3 and Maggie, age 0 (*about six months*).

- ◆ **1882** John's mother, Mary Jane nee Martin, died at Singhampton, Ontario, April 2 as the result of burns received from an accidental fire, Monday, February 27.

John was eight years and about eight months of age at the time of his mother's death.

Reference Biography of George and Mary Jane Riddell

- ◆ **1882** John's sisters, Minnie Maude and Bertha Theodora, were adopted in April by their father's brother, William H. Riddell.

Reference William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History [Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel)]

John's sister, Margaret May was adopted by their father's sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum, probably prior to their father's second marriage of August 16, 1882.

Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History

- ◆ **1882** John's father, George Francis Riddell, widower, married Catharine Taylor nee Bell, widow, at Collingwood, Ontario, August 16.

Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History

- ◆ **1890** Reference Twelfth Census of the United States Year 1900.

State: Illinois. County: Cook.

Supervisor's District No. 1

Enumeration District No. 717.

Sheet No. 12.

Township or other division of county: North town

Name of Institution: x

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, City of Chicago.

Ward of city, 24th

Enumerated by me on the 9th day of June, 1900, Charles Hurd, Enumerator

Excerpt from the 1900 Census follows.

NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family: **John Ridell (Riddell)**

Year of immigration to the United States: 1890

Number of years in the United States: 10

However, John was recorded in the 1910 USA Illinois Census as immigrating in 1893. Also John was recorded as previously being in the USA in 1892 according to a border crossing card at Port Huron, Michigan dated June 25, 1921.

Reference John Paul Riddell---Millie Hangus Family History (1910 and 1921 entries)

The 1890 date is probably more accurate since John has not been located in the 1891 Canada Census.

- ◆ **1896ca** John, age 22 years approx, bachelor, married Millie H Angus of Wisconsin, age 19 years approx, spinster, according to information obtained from the 1910 USA Illinois Census.



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Biography of Augustus George Riddell

- ◆ **1874** Augustus was born in Simcoe County, November 4, 1874. Reference 1911 Province of Ontario Census, Draft Registration Card of September 12, 1918 and Port Huron, Michigan, Mount Hope Cemetery records.
Refer to **Augustus George Riddell---Laura Payne Family History (1911, 1918 and 1945 entries)** for further information.

Augustus was born into a family of two siblings; William and John.

- ◆ **1876** Minnie Maude, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, January 2.
- ◆ **1878** Bertha Theodora, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, August 10.
- ◆ **1880** Margaret May, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, October 13.
- ◆ **1881** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No.139 (*Simcoe North*).
S. District a, Nottawasaga, Division No. 2. Page12.
Enumerator: John McKie. Date: (?)

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

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: 52

Families: 53

Name: **Augustine* Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 7 (*more likely age six due to his birth date of November 4, 1874 and the fact that the census would have been taken in early 1881 prior to John's seventh birthday*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: 1 (*yes*)

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

Note: Each child was recorded as born in Ontario of Irish origin (*due to their father being of Irish origin*) and their religion recorded as Presbyterian (*their Mother's religion*).

Augustus was enumerated along with his parents George and Mary Jane Riddell, brothers William, age 14, John, age 10, sisters Minnie M., age 5, Bertha, age 3 and Maggie, age 0 (*about six months*).

**Augustus was enumerated as "Augustine" in both the 1881 and 1891 Province of Ontario census records but subsequent to those documents he is recorded as Augustus in various documents e.g. marriage registrations, censuses, draft card, etc. Augustus' birth registration has not been located to determine whether he was registered as Augustine or Augustus.*

- ◆ **1882** Augustine's mother, Mary Jane nee Martin, died at Singhampton, Ontario, April 2 as the result of burns received from an accidental fire, Monday, February 27. Augustine was seven years, five months at the time of his mother's death.
Reference Biography of George and Mary Jane Riddell

- ◆ **1882** Augustine's sisters, Minnie Maude and Bertha Theodora, were adopted in April by their father's brother, William H. Riddell.
Reference William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History [Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel)]

Augustine's sister, Margaret May was adopted by their father's sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum, probably prior to their father's second marriage of August 16, 1882.
Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History

- ◆ **1882** Augustine's father, George F. Riddell, widower, married Catharine Taylor nee Bell, widow, at Collingwood, Ontario, August 16.
Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History

- ◆ **1891** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. 117 Simcoe (*County*).
S. District: e, Township of Nottawasaga, No. 2. Page 34.
Enumerated by me on the 24 day of April 1891.
James Bridges Enumerator

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

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: W (?)

Families: 140

Name: **George Riddell**

Age: 46

Married or Widowed: M

Relation to Head of family: --- (*Head*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ireland

Place of Birth of Mother: Ireland

Religion: R Catholic

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Sawier (*Sawyer Definition: One whose occupation is the sawing of wood, as in lumbering or in a sawmill*)

Wage Earner: 1 (*yes*)

Unemployed during week preceding Census: ---

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **Cathrine (Catharine) Riddell**

Age: 37

Married or Widowed: M

Relation to Head of family: W (*Wife*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Scotland

Place of Birth of Mother: Ireland

Religion: Presbyterian

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

INSTRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **Augustine (*Augustus*) Riddell**

Age: 17

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of family: S (*George's son from first marriage to Mary Jane Martin*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: R Catholic

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Farm Labouror (*Labourer*)

Wage Earner: 1 (*yes*)

Unemployed during week preceding Census: ---

INSTRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **Annie (*Anna*) Taylor**

Age: 16

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of family: St D. (*Stepdaughter of George Riddell, daughter of Catharine from her first marriage to John Taylor*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ireland (*John Taylor*)

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Presbyterian

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ----

INSTRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **John A. (*Alfred*) Taylor**

Age: 14

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of family: St S. (*Stepson of George Riddell, son of Catharine from her first marriage to John Taylor*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ireland (*John Taylor*)

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Presbyterian

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Farm Labouror (*Labourer*)

Wage Earner: 1 (*yes*)

Unemployed during week receding Census: ---

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **Thomas (Angus Joseph William) Taylor**

Age: 10

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of family: St S. (*Stepson of George Riddell, son of Catharine from her first marriage to John Taylor*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ireland (*John Taylor*)

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Presbyterian

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **Georgina Riddell**

Age: 7

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of family: D (*Daughter of George and Catharine from present marriage*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Presbyterian

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **Francis (Frank) Riddell**

Age: 6

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of family: S (*Son of George and Catharine from present marriage*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Presbyterian

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **William Riddell**

Age: 4

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of family: S (*Son of George and Catharine from present marriage*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario
Religion: Presbyterian
Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

INSTRUCTION:

Read: ---

Write: ---

Name: **Cathrine (Catherine) Riddell**

Age: 3

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of family: D (*Daughter of George and Catharine from present marriage*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Presbyterian

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

INSTRUCTION:

Read: ---

Write: ---

Name: **Pearl Riddell**

Age: 1

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of family: D (*Daughter of George and Catharine from present marriage*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Presbyterian

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

INSTRUCTION:

Read: ---

Write: ---

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

Augustine was enumerated with his father George F. and stepmother Catharine along with stepsister Anna, age 16, stepbrothers John A., age 14 and Thomas, age 10, and from his father's present marriage, half sisters Georgina, age 7, Catherine, age 3, Pearl, age 1, and half brothers, Frank, age 6 and William, age 4.

For copy of the subject 1891 Province of Ontario Census refer to **George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History**

- ◆ **1891** Reference Twelfth Census of the United States Year 1900.
State: Michigan. County: Chippewa.
Supervisor's District No. 12

Enumeration District No. 19.

Sheet No. 18.

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Sault Ste Marie. Ward of city, First.

Enumerated by me on the First day of June, 1900, R Smith, Enumerator

Excerpt from the 1900 USA Census follows.

NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family: **August (Augustus) Riddel (Riddell)**

Year of immigration to the United States: 1891

Number of years in the United States: 9

Reference Augustus George Riddell---Mary Jane Hanna Family History (1900 entry)

However, Augustus was also recorded as being in the USA from 1897 to 1906 according to a border crossing card at Port Huron, Michigan dated July 24, 1915.

Reference Augustus George Riddell---Laura Payne Family History (1915 entry)

The 1891 date of Augustus crossing into the USA appears to be more accurate.

- ◆ **1892** Augustine's stepsister Anna Gertrude (Taylor), age 17, died May 18.
Reference John Taylor---Catharine Bell Family History (Biography of Anna Gertrude Taylor)
- ◆ **1896ca** Augustus' brother, John, age 22 approx, bachelor, married Millie Hangu of Wisconsin, age 19 approx, spinster, according to information obtained from the 1910 USA Illinois Census.
- ◆ **1899** Augustus Riddell, age 25, bachelor, married Mary Jane Hanna, age 23, spinster, in Waterloo Township, Ontario, December 28, 1899.

Reference Augustus George Riddell---Mary Jane Hanna Family History

&

Reference Augustus George Riddell---Laura Payne Family History
(Augustus' second marriage)

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Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell

- ◆ 1876 Birth Registration #28568-76 County of Simcoe. Division of Nottawasaga (Township).

When Born	No. <i>2</i> 028568
Name	<i>2nd January 1876</i>
Sex—Male or Female	<i>Minnie Maude</i>
Name and surname of Father	<i>F.</i> <i>George F. Riddell</i>
Name and maiden surname of Mother	<i>Mary James Martin</i>
Rank or profession of Father	<i>Farm Laborer</i>
Signature, description and residence of Informant	<i>George F. Riddell</i> <i>Laborer</i> <i>Nottawasaga</i>
When Registered	<i>31st January 1876</i>
Name of Accoucheur	<i>Mrs. Green</i>
Signature of Registrar	<i>Angus Bell</i>
REMARKS	<i>✓</i>

A transcription follows.

When Born: 2nd January 1876

Name: **Minnie Maude**

Sex—Male or Female: F

Name and Surname of Father: George F. Riddell

Name and maiden surname of Mother: Mary Jane Martin

Rank or profession of Father: Farm Laborer

Signature, description and residence of Informant: George F. Riddle
Laborer
Nottawasaga

When Registered: 31st January 1876

Name of Accoucheur: Mrs. Green

Signature of Registrar: Angus Bell

REMARKS: *no entry*

Minnie Maude was born into a family of three siblings; William, John and Augustus.

- ◆ **1878** Bertha Theodora, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, August 10.
- ◆ **1880** Margaret May, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, October 13.
- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

Born January 2, 1876, in Singhampton, Ontario, a little country village a few miles from Collingwood. My father, George Riddell and Mary Joanna Martin, had six children -- 3 boys, Hudson, John and Augustine, and 3 girls, Mary Maude (myself), Bertha Mary and Margaret.

According to Mother Mary, her mother's middle name was Joanna not Jane as recorded in her marriage and death registrations and the 1871 & 1881 Province of Ontario Census records. Her brother, William, was called Hudson contrary the 1871 & 1881 census records. William's maternal grandfather was named Hudson, so William may have taken his name at a later date. Mother Mary's birth name was Minnie Maude as recorded on her birth registration.

- ◆ **1881** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No.139 (*Simcoe North*).
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Enumerator: John McKie. Date: (?)

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

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: 52

Families: 53

Name: **Minnie M. Riddle** (*Riddell*)

Age: 5

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

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

Note: Each child was recorded as born in Ontario of Irish origin (*due to their father being of Irish origin*) and their religion recorded as Presbyterian (*their Mother’s religion*).

Minnie M., was enumerated along with her parents George and Mary Jane Riddell, brothers William, age 14, John, age 10, Augustine, age 7, sisters Bertha, age 3 and Maggie, age 0 (*about six months*).

- ◆ **1882** Minnie Maude’s mother, Mary Jane nee Martin, died at Singhampton, Ontario, April 2 as the result of burns received from an accidental fire, Monday, February 27. Minnie was 6 years, 3 months of age at the time of her mother’s death.

Reference Biography of George and Mary Jane Riddell

- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell’s (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

When I was six years old my mother died of burns received when her dress accidentally caught fire. She suffered great agony for over three weeks and died on April 2, 1882.

- ◆ **1882** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell’s (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. Minnie Maude, age 6 years, 3 months, along with her sister Bertha Theodora, age 3 years 8 months, were adopted by her father’s brother, William H. Riddell of Waterloo, Ontario, immediately after the funeral of their mother, Mary Jane.

- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell’s (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

My father's brother, William Henry Riddell, and his wife Margaret Redmond, came to Singhampton for the funeral, and having no children of their own, they offered to adopt me and my younger sister Bertha, then 3½ years old. My father consented, the agreement was made, and after the funeral we were taken by our foster parents to live with them in Waterloo, where they had recently moved and where my new father had accepted the position of secretary in the newly organized Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Company, with head office in Waterloo.

Minnie Maude’s sister, Margaret May was adopted by their father’s sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum, probably prior to their father’s second marriage of August 16, 1882*.

Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History

***Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History**

For the continuation of Minnie Maude's biography after her adoption refer to **William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History** [*Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel)*]



Biography of Bertha Theodora Riddell

◆ 1878 Birth Registration #28300-79. County of Simcoe. Division of Nottawasaga (Twnship).

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County of <i>Simcoe</i>		Division <i>8</i>	
	No. <i>7</i>	No. <i>8</i>	
When Born	<i>13th December 1878</i>	<i>10th August 1878</i>	
Name	<i>Jennet</i>	<i>Mary Bertha (Theodora)</i>	
Sex (M. or F.)	<i>F.</i>	<i>F.</i>	
Name and Surname of Father	<i>Andrew Jardine</i>	<i>George F. Riddell</i>	
Name and maiden surname of Mother	<i>Jennet Kinnaid</i>	<i>Mary Jane Martin</i>	
Rank or profession of Father	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	
Signature, description and residence of Informant	<i>Andrew Jardine Farmer Nottawasaga</i>	<i>Geo. F. Riddell Labourer Singhampton</i>	
When Registered	<i>10th February 1879</i>	<i>15th February 1879</i>	
Name of Accoucher	<i>Mrs. James Kinnaid</i>	<i>Mrs. Green</i>	
Signature of Registrar	<i>Angus Bell</i>	<i>Angus Bell</i>	
REMARKS	<i>✓</i>	<i>ALIENED BY A MEMBER OF THE VITAL STATISTICS COMMISSION SEC. 17, CHICAGO DEC 1/18</i>	

A transcription of the second column follows.

When Born: 10th August 1878

Name: **Bertha (Theodora) Mary**

Sex (M. or F): F

Name and Surname of Father: George F. Riddell

Name and maiden surname of Mother: Mary Jane Martin

Rank or profession of Father: Farm Laborer

Signature, description and residence of Informant: George F. Riddle
Laborer
Singhampton

When Registered: 15th February 1879

Name of Accoucheur: Mrs. Green

Signature of Registrar: Angus Bell

REMARKS: *see below*

The subject registration has been altered by J. P. Riddell.

A stamp, in red ink, has been applied to the bottom of the subject document. It is illegible in part and reads as follows: **Altered by Authority of vital statistics Act 191? Sec 27 S S (sub section ?)**

The signature of J. P. Riddell, Chicago, Ill. Dec 1/?8 was applied over the stamp. The year was most likely 1928 because Dec 1 fell on a Sunday in 1918 but on a Saturday in 1928.

J. P. Riddell was most likely Bertha's brother, John, born in approximately 1873 thus making his age as at about 55 years in 1928.

The only obvious change appears to be in Bertha's middle name. It appears to have been originally Theodora but red brackets were placed around this name and Mary recorded in red ink above Theodora.

It is not clear why one would have gone to the trouble of altering the document unless the alteration was to recognize Bertha's mother, Mary Jane.

Bertha Theodora was born into a family of four siblings; William, John, Augustus and Minnie Maude.

- ◆ **1880** Margaret May, a sister, born at Singhampton, Ontario, October 13.
- ◆ **1881** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No.139 (*Simcoe North*).
S. District a, Nottawasaga, Division No. 2. Page12.
Enumerator: John McKie. Date: (?)

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

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: 52

Families: 53

Name: **Bertha Riddle (Riddell)**

Age: 3

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

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

Note: Each child was recorded as born in Ontario of Irish origin (*due to their father being of Irish origin*) and their religion recorded as Presbyterian (*their Mother’s religion*).

Bertha was enumerated along with her parents George and Mary Jane Riddell, brothers William, age 14, John, age 10, Augustine, age 7, sisters Minnie M., age 5 and Maggie, age 0 (*about six months*).

- ◆ **1882** Bertha Theodora’s mother, Mary Jane nee Martin, died at Singhampton, Ontario, April 2 as the result of burns received from an accidental fire, Monday, February 27. Bertha was 3 years and 8 months of age at the time of her mother’s death.
Reference Biography of George and Mary Jane Riddell
- ◆ **1882** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell’s (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. Bertha Theodora, age 3 years, 8 months, along with her sister Minnie Maude, age 6 years, 3 months were adopted by her father’s brother, William H. Riddell of Waterloo, Ontario, immediately after the funeral of their mother, Mary Jane.
- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell’s (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

My father's brother, William Henry Riddell, and his wife Margaret Redmond, came to Singhampton for the funeral, and having no children of their own, they offered to adopt me and my younger sister Bertha, then 3½ years old. My father consented, the agreement was made, and after the funeral we were taken by our foster parents to live with them in Waterloo, where they had recently moved and where my new father had accepted the position of secretary in the newly organized Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Company, with head office in Waterloo.

Bertha’s sister, Margaret May was adopted by their father’s sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum, probably prior to their father’s second marriage of August 16, 1882*.

Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History

***Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History**

For the continuation of Bertha’s biography after her adoption refer to **William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History (Biography of Bertha (Theodora) Mary Riddell)**



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Biography of Margaret May Riddell

- ◆ 1880 Birth Registration #31176-80 County of Simcoe. Division of Nottawasaga Township.

When Born: 13th October, 1880

Name: **Margaret May**

Sex—Male or Female: Female

Name and Surname of Father: George F. Riddle (*Riddell*)

Name and Maiden Surname of Mother: Mary J. Martin

Rank or Profession of Father: Laborer

Signature, Description and Residence of Informant: George F. Riddle

Laborer

Singhampton

When Registered: 3rd November 1880

Name of Accoucheur: None

Signature of Registrar: Angus Bell

A copy of the birth registration follows. Refer to the second column.

When Born.	No. 67 031175 ✓ 11 th May 1880	No. 68 031176 ✓ 13 th October 1880
Name.	Samuel Herbert	Margaret May
Sex—Male or Female.	Male	Female
Name and Surname of Father.	Robert Smyth	George F. Riddle
Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Agnes M. Cutcheon	Mary J. Martin
Rank or Profession of Father.	Farmer	Laborer
Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	Robt. Smyth Farmer Nottawasaga	George F. Riddle Laborer Singhampton
When Registered.	1 st November 1880	3 rd November 1880
Name of Accoucheur.	None	None
Signature of Registrar.	Angus Bell	Angus Bell
REMARKS.		

Margaret was born into a family of five siblings; William, John, Augustus, Minnie Maude and Bertha Theodora.

- ◆ **1881** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No.139 (*Simcoe North*).
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Enumerator: John McKie. Date: (?)

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

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: 52

Families: 53

Name: **Maggie (*Margaret May*) Riddle (*Riddell*)**

Age: 0 (*about six months*)

Born within last twelve months: Octr. (*1880*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

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

Note: Each child was recorded as born in Ontario of Irish origin (*due to their father being of Irish origin*) and their religion recorded as Presbyterian (*their Mother’s religion*).

Maggie was enumerated along with her parents George and Mary Jane Riddell, brothers William, age 14, John, age 10, Augustine, age 7, sisters Minnie M., age 5 and Bertha, age 3.

- ◆ **1882** Margaret May’s mother, Mary Jane nee Martin, died at Singhampton, Ontario, April 2 as the result of burns received from an accidental fire, Monday, February 27.
Margaret was 17 months, three weeks of age at the time of her mother’s death.
Reference Biography of George and Mary Jane Riddell

- ◆ **1882** Margaret’s sisters, Minnie Maude and Bertha Theodora, were adopted in April by their father’s brother, William H. Riddell.
**Reference Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell & William Henry Riddell---
Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History**

Margaret May was adopted by her father’s sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum, prior to her father’s second marriage of August 16, 1882*.

***Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History**

For the continuation of Margaret May’s biography after her adoption refer to **William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History (*Biography of Margaret May Riddell*)**

