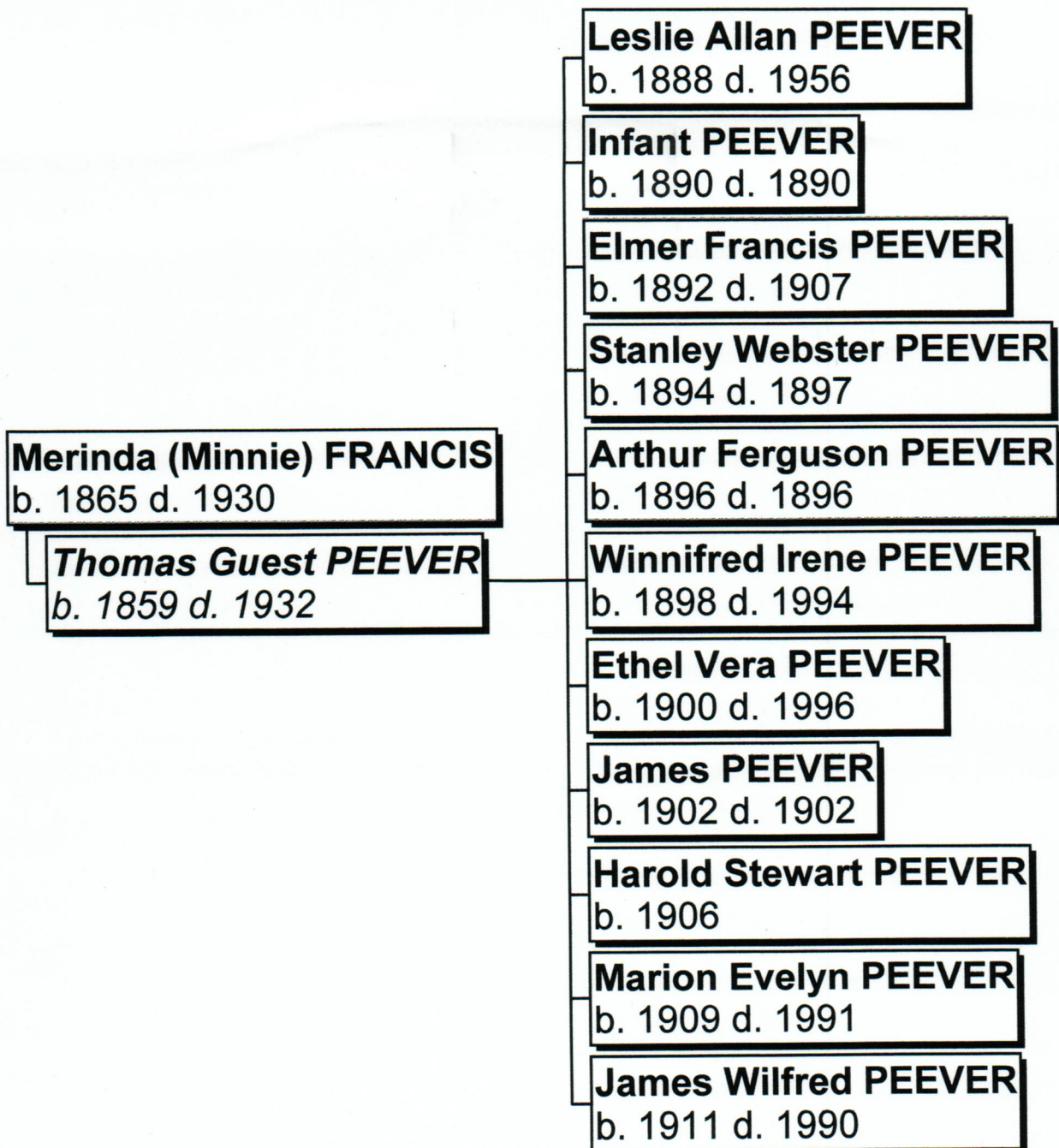


Descendants of Merinda (Minnie) FRANCIS



Chapter Nine

Merinda (Minnie) Francis and Thomas Peever



Pic 83: Merinda (Minnie) Francis



Pic 84: Minnie, Tom, and family

Merinda (Minnie) Francis (*Elisha Francis, James Francis*)^{3,134} was born August 06, 1865 in Northcote, Renfrew Co., Ontario. She was the 8th child of Elisha and Margaret Ann, the second of two surviving daughters. She married¹³⁵ **Thomas Guest Peever** July 06, 1887 in Northcote, Renfrew Co., Ontario at the age of 22. The marriage was performed by Rev. Alfred A. Radley and witnessed by James Peever Jr. and Joanna Francis. Tom was six years older and the oldest son of James Peever and Susanna Guest of Haleys in Ross Twp., Renfrew County. He was born August 17, 1859 in Haleys¹³⁴.

Tom was already farming at the time of their marriage, having purchased the 100 acre farm in Wolftown on October 9, 1883⁵⁶. This Homestead is located in Bromley Twp., Concession 5, Lot 16 W1/2. Tom's father James Peever was married twice. In a conversation⁶⁸ with Tom and Minnie's daughter Winnie Smith in 1993 when she was 95, she reported that each of James Peever's wives had 9 children. So Tom was likely quite happy to get out on his own. Harold Peever¹³⁶, son of Tom & Minnie remembers mixing mortar for the bricking of their home. This was the second house on the farm, built about 1911 and bricked some time later.



Pic 85: Tom Peever Homestead

Their life together was not without tragedy. They suffered the loss of five children with the death of three infant children, a toddler and son Elmer at age 15. Winnie Peever recalled that some of the family was stricken with diphtheria, including Minnie and Leslie. They were treated in time but at least one of the children died as a result.

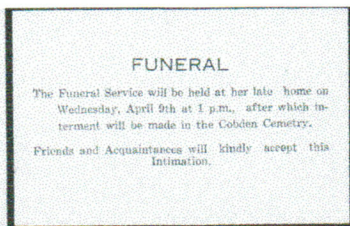
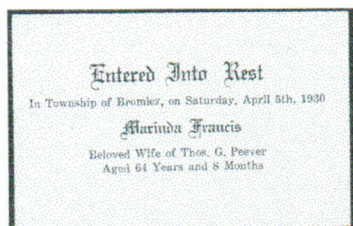


Pic 86: Minnie (Francis) Peever



Pic 87: Tom & Minnie at the farm

Minnie died April 06, 1930 in Bromley Twp., at the age of 64. Tom died two years later, November 15, 1932 in Bromley Twp., at the age of 73. Tom and Minnie were buried in Cobden Union Cemetery, Ontario¹⁰⁸.



Pic 88: Funeral Card of Merinda (Francis) Peever (above)



Pic 89: Minnie & Tom in later years(right)

Children of Merinda Francis and Thomas Peever are:

- + 1 Leslie Allan Peever, born July 04, 1888 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died July 10, 1956 in Pembroke, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- 2 Infant Peever, born December 07, 1890 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died December 1890.
- 3 Elmer Francis Peever, born May 28, 1892 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died May 06, 1907 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario of kidney disease; buried on May 08, 1907, Cobden Cemetery, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- 4 Stanley Webster Peever, born June 03, 1894 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died February 14, 1897 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; buried in Cobden Cemetery, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- 5 Arthur Ferguson Peever, born August 21, 1896; died September 11, 1896; buried in Cobden Cemetery, Renfrew Co., Ontario.



Pic 90: Leslie, Ethel, Winnie & Elmer

- + 6 Winnifred Irene Peever, born June 14, 1898 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died July 23, 1994 in Renfrew Hospital, Renfrew, Ontario.
- + 7 Ethel Vera Peever, born August 10, 1900 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died March 21, 1996 in Pembroke, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- 8 James Peever, born September 10, 1902; died September 12, 1902; buried in Cobden Cemetery, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- 9 Harold Stewart Peever, born April 30, 1906 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- + 10 Marion Evelyn Peever, born May 27, 1909 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died February 13, 1991 in Ottawa, Ontario.
- + 11 James Wilfred Peever, born October 23, 1911 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died July 11, 1990.



Pic 91: Minnie, Winnie, Harold, Leslie, Tom & Ethel Peever

*Pic 92: Peever Siblings
(front row) Billie and Winnie (Peever) Smith, Charlie Ross, Margaret (Mrs. Wilfred) Peever
(bk row) Helen and Harold Peever, Marion (Peever) Ross, Wilfred Peever, Charlie and Ethel (Peever) McKibbin*



Child No. 1 Leslie Allan Peever

Leslie Allan Peever (*Merinda Francis, Elisha Francis*)^{3,134,137}, firstborn of Tom and Minnie, was born July 04, 1888 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. He married^{134,137} at age 29 to **(1) Christy Anna MacLennan** March 31, 1917 in Calgary, Alberta, daughter of J Findley McLennan. She was born Abt. 1893 in Maxville, Ontario. Anna died³³ at the age of 30, March 11, 1923 in Wolftown, Renfrew Co., Ontario as a result of diabetes. They had not yet reached their 6th anniversary. Anna was buried in Maxville, Ontario. He married^{33,134,137} **(2) Winnifred Mary Ryan** July 03, 1924 at the home of Leslie's aunt, Mrs. Wm Francis, 379 Argyle St., Renfrew, Ontario. She was born December 19, 1890 in Pendleton, Ontario. Leslie and Winnie farmed in Bromley Twp., about 3/4 miles back of the Wolftown School, not far from his parents homestead. Leslie died July 10, 1956 in Pembroke, Ontario at the age of 68¹³⁸. Winnie died seven years later on August 27, 1963 in Pembroke, Ontario at the age of 72. They are buried in Cobden Union Cemetery¹⁰⁸.

Children of Leslie Peever and Winnifred Ryan are:

- + 1 Ronald William Peever, born September 05, 1930 in Ottawa, Ontario.
- + 2 Sheila Marinda Peever, born March 01, 1932 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario.



Pic 93: Anna and Leslie Peever



Pic 94: Winnie and Leslie Peever

Note: removed information on later generations for privacy

Child No. 6 Winnifred Irene Peever



Pic 95: Ethel Peever, Billy Smith and Winnie Peever



Pic 96: Billy and Winnie Smith

Winnifred Irene Peever (*Merinda Francis, Elisha Francis*)^{3,68,134} was the first daughter of Tom and Minnie and was born June 14, 1898 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. She married¹³⁴ at the age of 28, **William John Smith** April 06, 1927 in Cobden, Renfrew Co., Ontario. Billy was the son of William Smith and Barbara Frood and was born 2 Feb 1896 in Horton Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. They farmed along the Bonnechere River near Renfrew at Riverside Farm and later retired to Renfrew, Ontario¹³⁴. Billy died 24 Sep 1989, at the age of 93. Winnie died July 23, 1994 in Renfrew Hospital, Renfrew, Ontario at the age of 96.

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Child No. 7 Ethel Vera Peever

*Pic 97: Ethel and Winnifred
Peever*



Ethel Vera Peever (Merinda Francis, Elisha Francis)^{3,123,134,139} was the second daughter of Tom and Minnie and was born August 10, 1900 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. She was christened in the Methodist faith¹⁴⁰ on January 22, 1901, in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. At the age of 22, she married¹³⁴ **Charles Alfred McKibbon** September 06, 1922 in Wolftown, Renfrew Co., Ontario, son of Thomas McKibbon and Catherine Reid. He was 31, and was born March 15, 1891 in Wilberforce Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario.



Pic 98: Harold, Keith, Ethel, Charlie, Alton and Elmer McKibbon

Charlie and Ethel farmed in Wilberforce Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario, west of Mink Lake. Ethel was very active in the Women's Institute and the Melville United Church in Eganville. It

was common practice for there to be many visitors at the McKibbon home and often extra plates set at the table. Ethel was fondly known as Aunt Ethel to many.

Picnics at McKibbon's Island on Mink Lake were attended by many Francis clan. In the picture below, descendants of Merinda, Stewart, James, and Allen Francis are identified from several pictures that were taken that day, in the early 1950's. The children in the front row include Ken Francis, Clarence and Glenna Peever. The adults kneeling are Charlie McKibbon, Herb Francis, Mabel Francis, Lois Smith, Winnie Smith, John Parfionko, Ethel McKibbon, Margaret Peever, Essie Francis. The adults standing are Allen S. Francis, Margaret Francis, Cordelia and Stewart Francis, Ellsworth Francis, Wilfred Peever, Luella and Emerson Briscoe, Ellard Peever, Rachel Humphries, Helen Peever, Aunt Em Francis, Ena Francis, Grandma McKibbon, Aunt Kate Patterson, Sarah Phillips. Those sitting on the car at the back are Joyce Francis, Gladys Francis and Harold Peever. Not in view were Charlie Francis and Mary Briscoe.



Pic 99: Picnic on McKibbon's Island

Charlie died November 20, 1970 at the age of 79. Ethel died March 21, 1996 in Pembroke, Renfrew Co., Ontario at the age of 95. They are buried at Letts Corners Cemetery, Renfrew Co., Ontario.

Note: removed information on later generations for privacy

Child No. 9 Harold Stewart Peever



Pic 101: Harold Peever



Pic 102: Helen and Harold Peever

Harold Stewart Peever (*Merinda Francis, Elisha Francis*)^{3,136} was seventh son of Tom and Minnie, but only the second son to reach adulthood. He was born April 30, 1906 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. Harold was christened in the Methodist Church on June 20, 1906, Cobden, Renfrew Co., Ontario. At the age of 38, he married (1) **Helen Gibbons** September 30, 1944. She was born 23 Oct 1909 in Northcote, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died 13 Feb 1973 in Niagara Falls, Ontario and is buried in Rosebank Cemetery, Renfrew Co., Ontario. He married (2) on 22 Feb 1975, **Elizabeth Hunt Patterson**, born 9 Oct 1909 in Fettercairn, Scotland. Elizabeth died 1998.

Harold was very helpful in providing family history and contacts with many branches of the family. Harold and Helen spent much of their life in Niagara Falls and were great friends with the family of Donald Francis. In fact Harold's retirement home was Donald Francis' home. Harold presently resides in a nursing home in Niagara Falls.

Child No. 10 Marion Evelyn Peever



Pic 103: Charlie and Marion Ross

Marion Evelyn Peever (*Merinda Francis, Elisha Francis*)^{3, 134, 141} was the second daughter of Tom and Minnie. She was born May 27, 1909 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. At the age of 20, she married **Charles Cecil Ross** July 31, 1929 in Cobden, Renfrew Co., Ontario, son of Edwin Ross and Ann Robinson. Charlie was born February 1, 1904 in Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. Marion died February 13, 1991 in Ottawa, Ontario at the age of 81. Charlie died November 14, 1997 at the age of 93. They are both buried in Howard Cemetery, Ross Twp., Ontario¹⁴².

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Child No. 11 James Wilfred Peever



*Pic 104: Wilfred and Margaret Peever
with attendants Harold Peever and Minnie Leeck*

James Wilfred Peever (*Merinda Francis, Elisha Francis*)^{3,134,143} was the youngest of the Peever children, born October 23, 1911 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. He was christened in the Methodist faith¹⁴⁴, September 12, 1912, Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. At the age of 21, he married¹³⁴ **Margaret Ann Leeck** June 21, 1933 in Arnprior, Ontario. Margaret was born February 25, 1907. She was the daughter of Fred Leeck and Emma Krappstein. Wilfred and Margaret farmed the Peever homestead and later retired to Cobden. At the age of 70, Margaret died on May 01, 1977.

Wilfred married¹³⁴ **(2) Charlotte Mildred McCorriston** July 08, 1978. She died July 06, 1992 and was buried in Sarnia, Ontario.

Wilfred died July 11, 1990 at the age of 78. Margaret and Wilfred are buried in Cobden Union Cemetery¹⁰⁸.

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