

Westmeath Township Pioneers

John Alexander Bennie (c1788-1865)

m.1 Mary Bridie (c1790-c1834)

m. 2 Helen Carswell (1811-1884)

Emigrated From: Scotland

Date: early 1830's

Date of Settlement in Westmeath Twp: c late 1840's; initially settling in Ramsay Twp, Lanark County in early 1830's

Located: EFB Con 6 Lot 22

Occupation: Farmer & teacher

Religion: Church of Scotland

1. John Alexander BENNIE, son of **William BENNIE** and **Margaret HAMILTON**, was born about 1788 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland,¹ died on 14 Jun 1865, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

John married **Mary BRIDIE** on 26 Apr 1813 in Barony, Lanarkshire, Scotland.² Mary was born about 1790 in United Kingdom and died about 1834.

Children from this marriage were:

- 2 i. **John BENNIE**³ was born in 1816 in Lanarkshire, Scotland³ and died in 1831.³
- 3 ii. **George BENNIE**³ was born in 1819 in Lanarkshire, Scotland³ and died in 1826.³
- 4 iii. **Catherine BENNIE** was born on 8 May 1821 in , Lanarkshire, Scotland,⁴ was christened on 28 Jun 1821 in Gorbals, Lanarkshire, Scotland,⁵ died on 11 Aug 1898 in Roche Fondu, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁶ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).
- 5 iv. **James BENNIE**³ was born in 1824 in Lanarkshire, Scotland.³

John next married **Helen CARSWELL**, daughter of **Robert CARSWELL** and **Helen RUSSELL**, on 27 Oct 1834 in Ramsay Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada.⁷ Helen was born in 1811 in Scotland,⁸ died on 13 Nov 1884 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁹ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Children from this marriage were:

- 6 i. **Mary Hamilton Wylie BENNIE**¹ was born in 1835 in Ontario, Canada and died on 11 Oct 1911 in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada.¹⁰
- 7 ii. **Susanna Helen BENNIE** was born in 1837³ and died in 1839.³
- 8 iii. **Robert A. BENNIE**¹ was born on 28 Oct 1840 in Ramsay Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada,⁸ died on 27 Jul 1896 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹¹ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).
- 9 iv. **Susan Helen BENNIE**¹ was born in 1843 in Ramsay Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada, died on 12 Jan 1921, and was buried in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada (Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa, Ontario).
- 10 v. **John Alexander BENNIE**¹ was born in Oct 1843 in , Lanark, Ontario, Canada, died on 18 Dec 1922 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹² and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada

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(Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

- 11 vi. **Margaret Johnston BENNIE**¹ was born on 11 Oct 1845 in Ramsay Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada,¹³ died on 15 Feb 1933 in Crossfield, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and was buried in Crossfield, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Crossfield Cemetery, Crossfield, Alberta).
- 12 vii. **Harriet Jane BENNIE**¹ was born in 1849 in Westmeath, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 13 Oct 1879 in Leadville, Lake, Colorado, U.S.A., and was buried in Leadville, Lake, Colorado, U.S.A. (Leadville City Cemetery, Leadville, Colorado).

Second Generation (Children)

2. **John BENNIE**³ was born in 1816 in Lanarkshire, Scotland³ and died in 1831.³

3. **George BENNIE**³ was born in 1819 in Lanarkshire, Scotland³ and died in 1826.³

4. **Catherine BENNIE** was born on 8 May 1821 in , Lanarkshire, Scotland,⁴ was christened on 28 Jun 1821 in Gorbals, Lanarkshire, Scotland,⁵ died on 11 Aug 1898 in Roche Fondu, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁶ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Catherine married **Peter COMRIE Jr.**,¹⁴ son of **Peter COMRIE** and **Jane MILLAR**, on 19 Jan 1841 in Ramsay Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada.¹⁵ Peter was born in 1813 in Comrie, , Perthshire, Scotland,¹⁶ died on 1 Jun 1895 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹⁷ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Mary Helen COMRIE**¹ was born on 8 Nov 1840 in Carleton Place, Lanark, Ontario, Canada,¹⁴ died on 11 Dec 1881 in , Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Mary married **David PORTER**,¹⁸ son of **John PORTER**²⁰ and **Elizabeth McDONALD**,²¹ on 5 Nov 1866 in Renfrew, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.¹⁹ David was born in 1834 in Bathurst Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada and died in 1891.

- ii. **Peter Miller COMRIE**¹ was born on 10 May 1842 in Carleton Place, Lanark, Ontario, Canada,²² died on 27 Oct 1906 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²³ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.

Peter married **Janet MATHIESON**, daughter of **William MATHIESON** and **Catherine McLAUGHLIN**, on 31 Dec 1877 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.²⁴ Janet was born on 15 Sep 1846 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²² died on 25 Jul 1910 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁵ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.

- iii. **John Bennie COMRIE**¹ was born on 12 Feb 1845 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁶ was christened on 13 Apr 1847 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁷ died on 9 Jan 1919 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁸ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

John married **Agnes ROBERTSON**, daughter of **John ROBERTSON** and **Janet BUCHANAN**, on 24 Oct 1873 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.²⁹ Agnes was born on 18 Sep 1850 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁶ was christened on 31 Mar 1851 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁷ died on 15 Dec 1932 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,³⁰ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

- iv. **James Bennie COMRIE**¹ was born on 31 Oct 1846 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,³¹ was christened on 13 Apr 1847 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁷ died on 10 Jul 1931 in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada,¹⁰ and was buried in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Brookside Cemetery, Winnipeg, Manitoba).

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James married **Elizabeth PORTER**,³² daughter of **William PORTER**¹⁸ and **Janet L WATT**, on 9 Aug 1881 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.³³ Elizabeth was born on 14 Nov 1855 in Bathurst Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada,¹⁴ died on 5 Mar 1946 in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada,¹⁰ and was buried in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Brookside Cemetery, Winnipeg, Manitoba).

James next married **Elizabeth PRETTY**, daughter of **John PRETTY** and **Maria FARRELL**, on 21 Jan 1876 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.²⁴ Elizabeth was born in 1854 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 16 Sep 1879, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

v. **? COMRIE** was born about 1849 in Ontario, Canada and died in 1851 in Ontario, Canada.

vi. **Jane Millar COMRIE**¹ was born in Aug 1852 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 19 May 1918 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,³⁴ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Jane married **Henry STOKES**,³⁵ son of **James STOKES**³⁵ and **Emily TUNN**,³⁵ on 20 Aug 1872 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.³⁶ Henry was born about 1849 in Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, died on 4 Jul 1907 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

vii. **George Bennie COMRIE**¹ was born on 22 Jun 1851 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁸ died on 22 Apr 1945 in Glenwood Springs, Garfield, Colorado, U.S.A., and was buried in Carbondale, Garfield, Colorado, U.S.A. (Evergreen Cemetery, Carbondale, Colorado).

George married **Sarah Ida WEAVER** on 18 Aug 1884 in Leadville, Lake, Colorado, U.S.A. Sarah was born on 13 Dec 1861 in Mifflinburg, Union, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., died on 21 Dec 1929 in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.,³⁷ and was buried in Carbondale, Garfield, Colorado, U.S.A. (Evergreen Cemetery, Carbondale, Colorado).

viii. **Robert Bennie COMRIE**¹ was born in Apr 1854 in Roche Fondu, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁸ died on 15 Jan 1939 in Roche Fondu, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,³⁸ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Robert married **Sophia ENGLAND**, daughter of **William ENGLAND** and **Letitia LIVINGSTON**, on 3 Jun 1885 in Oso Twp., Frontenac, Ontario, Canada.³⁹ Sophia was born on 2 Dec 1858 in Oso Twp., Frontenac, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁰ died on 30 Jan 1924 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁴¹ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

ix. **Catherine COMRIE**¹ was born in 1857 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁸ died on 6 Jun 1923 in Ottawa, Carleton Co., Ontario,⁴² and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Catherine married **Thomas Muir CARSWELL**, son of **Thomas Muir Matthew CARSWELL** and **Monique LECLAIRE**, on 23 Dec 1884 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁴³ Thomas was born about 1854 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁸ died on 8 Jul 1890 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁴ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

x. **Jessie COMRIE**¹ was born on 29 Aug 1858 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²² died on 1 Aug 1946 in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁵ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Jessie married **Hugh S. MILLAR**, son of **David MILLAR** and **Annabella McLEOD**, on 16 Sep 1885 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁴³ Hugh was born on 29 Apr 1863 in Ramsay Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁶ died in 1918 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁷ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

xi. **William COMRIE**¹ was born on 6 Jul 1860 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁸ died on 6 Oct 1942 in Toronto, York, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁹ and was buried in Toronto, York, Ontario, Canada (Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario).

William married **Margaret Theresa NOLAN** on 16 Oct 1895 in Carleton Place, Lanark, Ontario, Canada.⁵⁰

Margaret was born on 15 Feb 1871 in Ontario, Canada,⁵¹ died on 18 Sep 1940 in Toronto, York, Ontario,

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Canada,⁵² and was buried in Toronto, York, Ontario, Canada (Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario).

- xii. **Daniel Buchanan COMRIE**¹ was born on 2 Apr 1862 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁵³ died on 11 Nov 1938 in Almonte, Lanark, Ontario, Canada,⁵⁴ and was buried in Carleton Place, Lanark, Ontario, Canada (St. Fillans Cemetery, Beckwith Twp., Ontario).

Daniel married **Catherine BROWNLEE**¹ on 7 Sep 1898 in Beckwith Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada.⁵⁵ Catherine was born on 20 Nov 1866 in Richmond, Carleton, Ontario, Canada,⁵¹ died on 27 Oct 1942 in Almonte, Lanark, Ontario, Canada,⁵⁶ and was buried in Carleton Place, Lanark, Ontario, Canada (St. Fillans Cemetery, Beckwith Twp., Ontario).

5. **James BENNIE**³ was born in 1824 in Lanarkshire, Scotland.³

6. **Mary Hamilton Wylie BENNIE**¹ was born in 1835 in Ontario, Canada and died on 11 Oct 1911 in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada.¹⁰

Mary married **Rev. Alexander SMITH** in 1855. Alexander was born about 1825 in Scotland and died on 29 Jun 1900 in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Annie Helen SMITH** was born on 12 Sep 1857 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died in 1945, and was buried in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada.

Annie married **William John THOMPSON M.P.P.** on 30 Mar 1875 in North Gwillimbury, York, Ontario, Canada.⁵⁷ William was born on 31 May 1858 in Ravenswood, Lambton, Ontario, Canada,⁵⁸ died on 4 Feb 1914 in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada,⁵⁹ and was buried in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada.

- ii. **Collin SMITH** was born in 1859 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.

- iii. **Helen Galbraith Russell SMITH** was born on 19 Jul 1859 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 2 Feb 1915 in Victoria, Capital, British Columbia, Canada,⁶⁰ and was buried in Victoria, Capital, British Columbia, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, British Columbia).

Helen married **Captain David McINTOSH**. David was born in 1851, died on 29 May 1917 in Victoria, Capital, British Columbia, Canada,⁶¹ and was buried in Victoria, Capital, British Columbia, Canada (Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, British Columbia).

- iv. **William Alexander SMITH** was born on 5 Sep 1860 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada and died on 8 Nov 1939 in Brandon, Westman, Manitoba, Canada.¹⁰

William married **Mary Ann McDOUGALL**.

- v. **Mary Cameron SMITH** was born on 20 Jul 1863 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 12 Feb 1950 in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and was buried in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Elmwood Cemetery, Markham, Ontario).

Mary married **Thomas Chalmers McQUARRIE** on 13 Jan 1892 in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada.¹⁰ Thomas was born about 1859 and died on 29 Jan 1921 in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.¹⁰

- vi. **John Bennie SMITH** was born on 27 Sep 1865 in Ontario, Canada⁶² and died on 18 Nov 1958 in Saanich, , British Columbia, Canada.⁶¹

John married **Marion McMAHON** on 3 Dec 1894 in Rockwood, Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada.¹⁰

- vii. **Ida A. SMITH** was born in 1869 in Morristown, Saint Lawrence, New York, U.S.A., died on 3 Feb 1963 in Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada,⁶³ and was buried in Edmonton East, Alberta, Canada (Westlawn Memorial Gardens, Edmonton, Alberta).

Ida married **Hugh James MACDONALD** on 14 Feb 1901 in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada.¹⁰ Hugh was born about 1868 in Scotland and died on 7 Jan 1914 in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.¹⁰

- viii. **Edith May SMITH** was born on 19 Aug 1872 in New York, U.S.A. and died in 1965.

Edith married **J. W. THOMPSON**. J. died before 1901.

7. **Susanna Helen BENNIE** was born in 1837³ and died in 1839.³

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8. Robert A. BENNIE¹ was born on 28 Oct 1840 in Ramsay Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada,⁸ died on 27 Jul 1896 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹¹ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Robert married **Martha BARR**, daughter of **James BARR** and **Flora McEACHEN**, on 19 Dec 1866 in , Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.¹⁹ Martha was born in 1840 in Scotland,⁸ died on 1 Mar 1914 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁶⁴ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **John Alexander BENNIE**¹ was born about 1868 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁸ and died in 1959.⁶⁵

John married **Sarah WRIGHT**, daughter of **William B WRIGHT**⁶⁷ and **Jane THOMPSON**, on 10 Nov 1897 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁶⁶ Sarah was born about 1875 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁸ and was christened on 23 Oct 1901.⁶⁸

- ii. **Florence Ellen BENNIE**¹ was born about 1869 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁸ died on 8 Jun 1895 in , Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Florence married **William Frederick WEEDMARK**, son of **Festus WEEDMARK** and **Jane ELLIOTT**, on 10 Apr 1893 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁶⁹ William was born on 4 Aug 1874 in Richmond, Carleton, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁰ died on 24 Jan 1952 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

- iii. **Robert BENNIE**¹ was born in 1870 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁸ died in 1955, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

Robert married **Mary Elizabeth CONDIE**, daughter of **James Duncan CONDIE** and **Janet JOHNSTON**, on 16 Jun 1897 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁷⁰ Mary was born on 16 May 1874 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁷¹ died in 1957 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

- iv. **James BENNIE**¹ was born on 30 Dec 1871 in Roche Fondu, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁷² died on 4 Sep 1959 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁷³ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

James married **Nina Sarah FRASER**, daughter of **Thomas FRASER** and **Margaret MATHIESON**, on 14 Jan 1907 in Sudbury, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.⁷⁴ Nina was born on 3 Aug 1876 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²² died on 22 Oct 1960 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁷⁵ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

9. Susan Helen BENNIE¹ was born in 1843 in Ramsay Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada, died on 12 Jan 1921, and was buried in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada (Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa, Ontario).

Susan married **Horace Austin CHURCH**, son of **Gardiner CHURCH** and **Martha CONE**, on 19 Aug 1869 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁶⁹ Horace was born in 1839 in Chelsea, Quebec, died on 3 Mar 1909, and was buried in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada (Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa, Ontario).

The child from this marriage was:

- i. **Bridie CHURCH.**

10. John Alexander BENNIE¹ was born in Oct 1843 in , Lanark, Ontario, Canada, died on 18 Dec 1922 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹² and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union

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Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

John married **Wilhelmina GEHERKE**¹ on 8 Feb 1881 in Almonte, Lanark, Ontario, Canada.⁷⁶ Wilhelmina was born in Feb 1855 in Ontario, Canada, died in 1935, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

The child from this marriage was:

- i. **Helen Hattie BENNIE** was born in 1883 in White Pine, , Colorado, U.S.A., died in Oct 1959 in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada,⁷⁷ and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

11. Margaret Johnston BENNIE¹ was born on 11 Oct 1845 in Ramsay Twp., Lanark, Ontario, Canada,¹³ died on 15 Feb 1933 in Crossfield, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and was buried in Crossfield, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Crossfield Cemetery, Crossfield, Alberta).

Margaret married **George Higginson McCASKILL**, son of **Donald McCASKILL** and **Rose Mary HIGGINSON**, on 13 Aug 1868 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁶⁹ George was born on 11 Nov 1838 in Hawkesbury, Prescott & Russell, Ontario, Canada,¹³ died on 27 May 1915 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁷ and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **William McCASKILL** was born about 1870 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada and died in 1947.

William married **Matilda JAMIESON**, daughter of **William JAMIESON** and **Sarah MELLEY**, on 19 Jun 1900 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁷⁸ Matilda was born on 9 Dec 1873 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁷⁹ died on 16 Apr 1901 in Forester's Falls, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁵ and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Ross Presbyterian Cemetery, Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario).

William next married **Margaret Ann JAMIESON**, daughter of **William JAMIESON** and **Sarah MELLEY**, on 21 Dec 1904 in Presbyterian Manse, Cobden, Renfrew Co., Ontario.⁸⁰ Margaret was born on 31 Dec 1869 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁸¹ and died in 1943.

- ii. **John Bennie McCASKILL** was born on 16 Apr 1873 in Ontario, Canada¹³ and died in 1950.
- iii. **Rose Mary McCASKILL** was born on 3 Oct 1875 in Ontario, Canada¹³ and died in 1965.
- iv. **Donald McCASKILL** was born on 14 Aug 1876 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁸² and died in 1963.
- v. **Robert Lewis McCASKILL** was born on 14 May 1879 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁸³ and died in 1953.
- vi. **George Higginson McCASKILL** was born on 3 Jan 1880 in Ontario, Canada¹³ and died in 1962.
- vii. **Horace Hall McCASKILL** was born on 3 Oct 1882 in Ontario, Canada¹³ and died in 1968.
- viii. **Eleanor C McCASKILL** was born on 11 Dec 1884 in Ontario, Canada¹³ and died in 1957.
- ix. **Muriel Eugene Gordon McCASKILL**⁸⁴ was born on 1 Feb 1887 in Forester's Falls, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada¹³ and died in 1958.

Muriel married **Ross I THACKER**,⁸⁵ son of **Joseph Edward THACKER**⁸⁵ and **Margaret F. ROSS**, on 25 Oct 1921 in Forester's Falls, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁸⁶ Ross was born on 7 Oct 1892 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada¹³ and died in 1974 in Crossfield, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.⁸⁴

12. Harriet Jane BENNIE¹ was born in 1849 in Westmeath, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 13 Oct 1879 in Leadville, Lake, Colorado, U.S.A., and was buried in Leadville, Lake, Colorado, U.S.A. (Leadville City Cemetery, Leadville, Colorado).

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Harriet married **Thomas DARLING** in 1876 in Chelsea, Outaouais, Quebec, Canada.⁶⁵ Thomas was born on 18 Oct 1845 in England, died on 25 Oct 1914, and was buried in North Bay, Nipissing, Ontario, Canada (Terrance Lawn Cemetery, North Bay, Ontario).

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **David DARLING** was born on 19 Jun 1877 in Hull, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada, died on 23 Jan 1948 in Swastika, Temiskaming, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Teck Twp., Temiskaming, Ontario, Canada (Kirkland Lake Cemetery, Kirkland Lake, Ontario).
- ii. **Elsbeth Susan DARLING** was born about 1879 in Hull, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada, died on 2 Jan 1919 in Elk Lake, District of Temiskaming, Ontario, Canada,⁸⁷ and was buried in Elk Lake, District of Temiskaming, Ontario, Canada (Poplar Grove Cemetery, Elk Lake, Ontario).

Elsbeth married **Andrew Harvey PORTER** on 18 Sep 1901 in Parry Sound, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada.⁷ Andrew was born about 1870 in Kemptville, Leeds & Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada, died in 1931, and was buried in Elk Lake, District of Temiskaming, Ontario, Canada (Poplar Grove Cemetery, Elk Lake, Ontario).

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BARR	DARLING	PORTER
BENNIE	FRASER	ROBERTSON
CAMERON	JAMIESON	SMITH
CARSWELL	LIVINGSTON	STOKES
CHURCH	MATHIESON	WEEDMARK
COMRIE	MCCASKILL	
CONDIE	MILLAR	