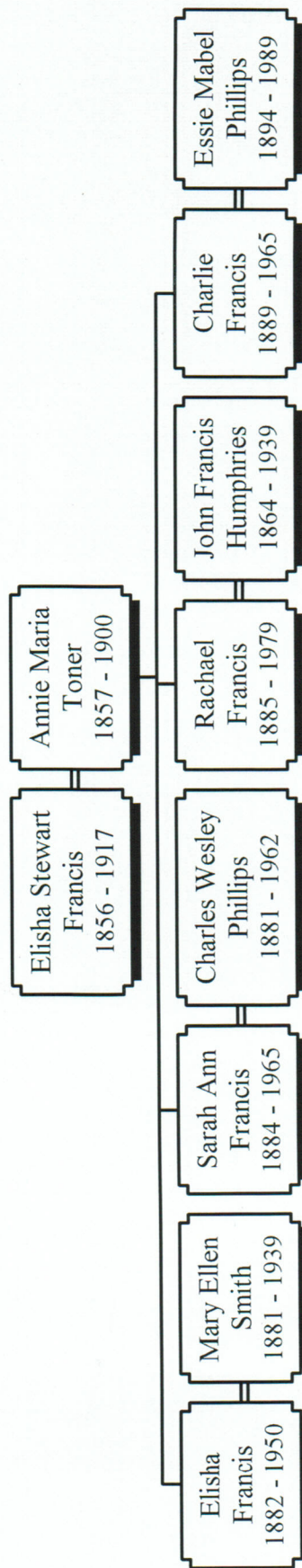


# *Elisha Stewart Francis and Annie Maria Toner Family Chart*



175 Years of Francis in Canada: Elisha Stewart Francis Family



## *Chapter Five*

### *Elisha Stewart Francis and Annie Maria Toner*



*Pic 35: Elisha Stewart Francis*



*Pic 36: Annie Maria Toner*

**Elisha Stewart Francis** (*Elisha Francis, James Francis*)<sup>3</sup> was the third son of Elisha and Margaret Ann Francis. He was born December 17, 1856 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario<sup>3,54</sup>. *Elisha*, a name passed down through at least three generations; *Stewart*, the maiden name of his paternal grandmother was known as "Stewart". He married **Annie Maria Toner** December 15, 1881 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario<sup>87</sup>, daughter of Charles and Sarah Toner. Annie was born about 1857 however little is known about her. In the 1871 Census<sup>88</sup>, she is living in a Reeves household in Wilberforce, working as a nurse at age 14. In 1881 Census<sup>89</sup>, she is working as a domestic in a McLeod household in Bromley Township. Family history passed down suggests that she was an English orphan<sup>73</sup>. The 1871 Census<sup>88</sup> lists her as Irish, born in Montreal. The picture of Annie as a young child is taken in Montreal, and it appears from her attire that she was not living in poverty.

Stewart, age 25 and Annie, age 24 were married by licence by Rev. H. Krupp. The witnesses were Alice Brennan and John Briscoe, both of Admaston Township<sup>87</sup>. Stewart and Annie were Methodists and attended the Wesley Methodist Church in Bromley Township. A financial statement



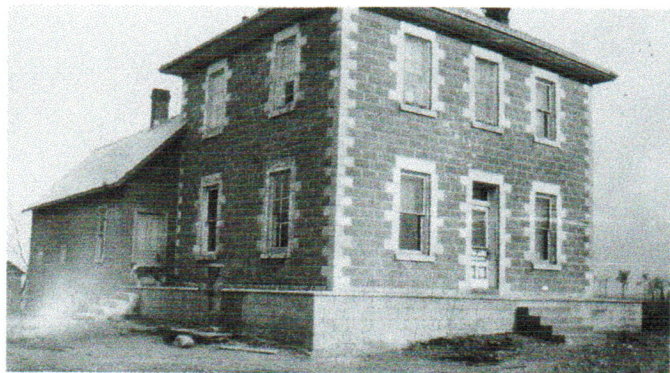
*Pic 37: Annie Toner*



of Haley's Station Circuit<sup>90</sup> of the Methodist Church, Pembroke District for the year ending May 31st, 1912 shows Stewart's financial contributions to the Wesley Church as \$12.00. Contributions from members ranged from \$.50 to \$20.00 for that year.



*Pic 38: Stewart and his team of horses*



*Pic 39: Stewart Francis Homestead*

Stewart and Annie purchased Lot 9 Concession 6 N 1/2, Bromley Township from Robert Airth on April 25, 1882.<sup>56,76</sup> This area of Bromley Township was known as the Dunmore Section. Three generations were to farm this land until it was sold in 1991. Charlie, son of Stewart and Annie continued to farm the homestead after Stewart, and his son Eldon carried on after

Charlie's death.



*Pic 40: Four Generations*

Annie died at age 43, leaving a growing family, the youngest son Charlie only ten years of age. Stewart lived to age 61 and was able to enjoy his two oldest grandchildren. Grandson Clinton Francis<sup>73</sup> recalled his grandfather looking forward to them coming for a visit from Eganville. On one occasion, Stewart sent his son Charlie to pick up his son Elisha's two children Clinton and Stewart. Clinton wouldn't go because he didn't like to leave home, so Stewart went with his Uncle Charlie to see Grandpa. Stewart came home with a pony. Clinton didn't want to be outdone so agreed to go on the next occasion at which time his Grandpa Francis took him to Cobden to buy him a new suit.

The four generation picture c1906 depicts three Francis men, little Stewart Francis, his father Elisha Francis, grandfather Elisha Stewart Francis, and great grandmother Margaret Ann (Ferguson) Francis.



Stewart died October 05, 1917 in Renfrew Hospital, Renfrew, Ontario<sup>33,47</sup> of cancer at age 61. Stewart and Annie are buried at Rosebank Cemetery<sup>54</sup>. They are Fay Bennett's (co-author) great grandparents.



*Pic 41, 42: Gravestone of Annie Toner & Stewart Francis*

Children of Elisha Francis and Annie Toner are:

- + 2 i. Elisha Francis, born July 09, 1882 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died May 22, 1950 in Cobden, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- + 3 ii. Sarah Ann Francis, born February 10, 1884 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died June 28, 1965 in New Liskeard, District of Temiskaming, Ontario.
- 4 iii. Rachael Francis, born May 08, 1885 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died March 31, 1979 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- + 5 iv. Charlie Francis, born December 12, 1889 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died April 05, 1965 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario.



***Child 1***  
***Elisha Francis***

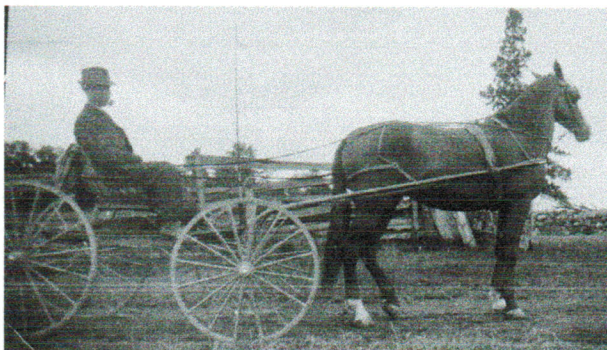


*Pic 43: Elisha Francis*

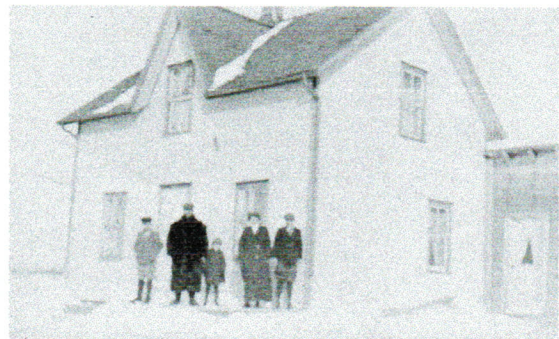


*Pic 44: Mary Ellen Smith*

**Elisha Francis** (*Stewart Francis, Elisha Francis*) was the first son of Stewart and Annie Francis, born July 09, 1882 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario<sup>76,91</sup> and named in the Francis tradition. At the age of 20, he married<sup>92,93</sup> **Mary Ellen Smith** October 22, 1902 in the Methodist faith, Cobden, Renfrew Co., Ontario. Rev. H. S. Osborn performed the ceremony and the witnesses were Gilbert Scott and Jennie Spence. They were both neighbours of Elisha. Mary was the daughter of Alexander Smith<sup>94</sup> and Jane Miskimmons and the granddaughter of Robert Robertson Smith of Douglas, a Warden<sup>95</sup> of Bathurst District (before Lanark and Renfrew Counties were divided). Mary was born April 20, 1881 in Alice Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. She was apparently christened Mary Miskimmons Smith, but she changed her middle name to Ellen because the children at school would call her “Mary skim the milk”<sup>96</sup>.



*Pic 45: Elisha with his horse Jesse*



*Pic 46: Francis family at home in Eganville*



Mary and Elisha bought a farm in Wilberforce Twp. from Mary's Uncle John and Aunt Ellen Smith<sup>73</sup>. Their three boys were born there. They decided to move north upon encouragement from brother-in-law Charlie Phillips who was already there. So on Mar 16, 1916<sup>97</sup>, they reached the north having travelled there by rail. They operated a mixed farm including dairy cattle.

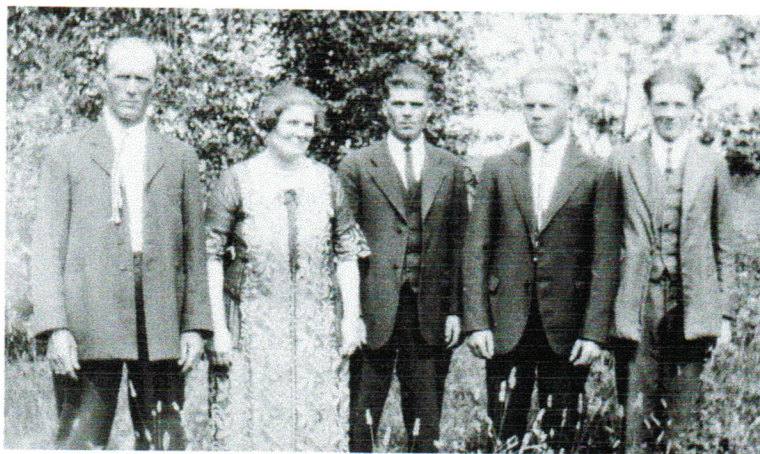
Elisha supplemented the farming income by serving as road superintendent and maintaining the telephone line for Kerns Municipal Telephone.

Their son Clinton recalled<sup>73</sup> the hardships that he and Elisha encountered when they took a team of horses into the Shanties in the winter months. Elisha was also a good carpenter and enjoyed playing the mouth harp. You may have noted from the pictures that many of the Francis men started out with a thick head of hair, but by the time they reached their senior years, it was pretty sparse on top. Mary worked hard on the farm and also was the Central for the Telephone. She came from a musical family and played the accordion<sup>98</sup>.

Mary died of a stroke on October 12, 1939 in Milberta, District of Temiskaming, Ontario<sup>99</sup> at the age of 58. Elisha sold the farm and moved back to live with his sister Rachel in Renfrew. He later joined his son Herb in Cobden where he drove taxi and helped out in Herb's garage business. Elisha died at Herb's home in Cobden, of a heart attack on May 22, 1950. Elisha and Mary are buried in Rosebank Cemetery<sup>54</sup> beside his parents and grandparents.

Children of Elisha Francis and Mary Smith are:

- + 2 i. Stewart Francis, born March 30, 1903 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died June 14, 1965 in Pembroke, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- + 3 ii. Clinton Francis, born September 15, 1904 in Eganville, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died October 22, 1995 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- + 4 iii. Herbert John Francis, born May 21, 1911 in Eganville, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died July 09, 1983 in Pembroke, Renfrew Co., Ontario.



*Pic 47: Elisha, Mary Ellen, Stewart, Clinton & Herb*

### **Generation No. 2**

**2. Stewart Francis** (*Elisha Francis, Stewart Francis, Elisha Francis*)<sup>100</sup> was the oldest son of Elisha and Mary Ellen. He was born March 30, 1903 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. At the age of 22 he married **Sarah Cordelia Beach** July 27, 1925 in Douglas, Renfrew Co., Ontario, daughter of Levi Beach and Eliza Findlay. She was born July 18, 1907 in Douglas, Renfrew Co., Ontario<sup>100</sup>. They met when Stewart had returned to Bromley Twp. to take up the barbering trade.

Stewart and Cordelia made their home in New Liskeard where he operated a barbershop that he



and his brother Clinton had built<sup>73</sup>. It later became a convenience store that Cordelia looked after, and Stewart moved to a three chair Barber Shop<sup>101</sup>. Stewart was active in the town of New Liskeard having served on town council as well as the school board. He also enjoyed curling, hunting and playing bridge. Stewart died at the age of 62, June 14, 1965 in hospital in Pembroke, Renfrew Co., Ontario<sup>102</sup> while on a visit to his brother Herb's home. He is buried in Rosebank Cemetery.<sup>54</sup> Cordelia died 14 years later on January 5, 1980 in New Liskeard, District of Temiskaming, Ontario. She is buried in Pioneer Cemetery, New Liskeard, Ontario.

Children of Stewart Francis and Cordelia Beach are:

5 i. Baby Francis.

6 ii.

Living



Pic 48: Cordelia & Stewart Francis

**3. Clinton Francis** (*Elisha Francis, Stewart Francis, Elisha Francis*) was born September 15, 1904 in Eganville, Renfrew Co., Ontario<sup>73</sup>, and died October 22, 1995 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario. Clinton enjoyed talking about family history and in a conversation to F. Bennett, recalled as a young lad of 13, going into the Shanty with his brother Stewart and two teams of horses. They pulled out green Jack pine trees, 50 to a load, and made two trips per day. They loaded by themselves and drew out three miles. He married **(1) Golda Rayburn Pacey** 1925, daughter of William Pacey and Lena Morrow. She was born March 19, 1904 in Kerns Twp., District of Temiskaming, Ontario; died December 9, 1988 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; buried in Rosebank Cemetery<sup>54</sup>. They farmed in Kerns Twp., District of Temiskaming for a short time. Clinton drove a truck drawing gravel during the building of the road from Temigami to North Bay. They separated when Golda returned home to care of her aging parents. He married **(2) Isabel McGregor**, daughter of William McGregor and Katie McDiarmid of Renfrew. She was born May 22, 1916 in Horton Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. Clinton and Isabel lived in Toronto until retiring to Renfrew. He worked as a carpenter foreman while in Toronto<sup>73</sup>. Isabel died February 27, 1992, in Renfrew at the age of 75. Clinton died three years later, October 22, 1995 at the age of 91. They are buried in Rosebank Cemetery<sup>54</sup>.

Living

**4. Herbert John Francis** (*Elisha Francis, Stewart Francis, Elisha Francis*) was the youngest son of Elisha and Mary. He was born May 21, 1911 in Eganville, Renfrew Co., Ontario. At the age of 23 he married **Bates** in St. James Anglican Church, Heaslip, District of Temiskaming, Ontario. Gladys was the daughter of Leonard Bates and Ellen Ball who had immigrated to Heaslip, Ontario from England. She was a twin, born in Heaslip, Ontario. Both Herb and survived the Great Fire of 1922 as children. Both their parents' homes were spared while neighbours on all sides were burnt out. Herb and lived in Temigami and Renfrew, and settled in Cobden in 1941, where continues to reside. Herb was a mechanic and owned his own farm machinery business. He was the Reeve of Cobden in 1954, was the coach for the mens' softball team for years, and was very



involved with the Cobden Curling Club. He enjoyed music and was an avid fiddler, playing at many dances and wedding receptions in the north and in Renfrew County. Gladys assisted in the family business. She has been very active in the Church, seniors club, curling rink and continues to curl at the age of 83. Herb died of a heart attack at the age of 72 on July 09, 1983 in hospital, Pembroke, Ontario after completing a set, playing the fiddle, at Julyfest in Cobden. He is buried in Rosebank Cemetery.

Living





**Child 2**  
**Sarah Ann Francis**



*Pic 50: Sarah Ann Francis and Charles Phillips*



*Pic 51: Sarah Ann Francis*

**Sarah Ann Francis** (*Stewart Francis, Elisha Francis*)<sup>3</sup> was the oldest daughter of Stewart and Annie. She was likely named after her grandmother Sarah Toner and was born February 10, 1884 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. At the age of 29, she married<sup>33,103</sup> **Charles Wesley Phillips** April 02, 1913 in Methodist Church, Haley Station, Ontario. He was the son of Wesley Charles Phillips and Narcissa Edmunds and was born January 23, 1881 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario<sup>103</sup>. Charlie was the brother of Essie Phillips who married Sarah Ann's brother Charlie Francis.

Until this writer started documenting the family history, I only knew Sarah Ann as "Aunt Sarann" which is the name that her nieces and nephews used. It is also interesting to note that there are very strong family resemblances between the descendants of Sarah and Charlie Phillips, and the descendants of Charlie and Essie Francis.

Charlie had already gone 'Up North' by the time he and Sarah were married. They farmed at Milberta, northwest of New Liskeard, District of Temiskaming, Ontario. Charlie died March 17, 1962 at Milberta, Ontario<sup>103</sup>. Sarah Ann died at the age of 81, June 28, 1965 in New Liskeard, Ontario. They are buried in New Liskeard, Ontario.

Children of Sarah Francis and Charles Phillips are:

- + 2 i. Lloyd Henry Phillips, born March 11, 1918 in Milberta, District of Temiskaming, Ontario.
- + 3 ii. Annie Beatrice Phillips, born June 11, 1920 in Milberta, District of Temiskaming, Ontario.
- + 4 iii. Living

A family gathering in "The North" is noted below with Elisha and Mary Francis, Stewart



Francis Elmer Kaddatz, Clinton and Herb Francis, Sarah and Charlie Phillips, children Beatrice and Lloyd Phillips.



*Pic 52: Francis and Phillips families*

***Child No. 1: Lloyd Phillips***

**Lloyd Henry Phillips** (*Sarah Ann Francis, Stewart Francis, Elisha Francis*) was born March 11, 1918 in Milberta, District of Temiskaming, Ontario. He married **(1) Dorothy Ethel Morrow** November 16, 1939 in Milberta, Dis. Temiskaming, Ontario, daughter of William Morrow and Margaret McMann. She was born November 10, 1921 in Hudson Twp., Dis. Temiskaming, Ontario, and died May 06, 1983 in Sudbury, Ontario. Dorothy was buried at Valleyview Cemetery, New Liskeard, Ontario. He married **(2) Violet (Taylor) Martin** November 08, 1989 in New Liskeard, Ontario. Lloyd died at the age of 80, June 1998.

Living



### ***Child 3*** ***Rachel Francis***



*Pic 53: R.N. Graduation of Rachel Francis*



*Pic 54: John Humphries & Rachel Francis*

**Rachel Francis** (Stewart Francis, Elisha Francis)<sup>3</sup> was the third child of Stewart and Annie. She was born May 08, 1885 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario,<sup>73,76</sup>. Rachel graduated from Guelph as an R.N. in 1923<sup>105</sup>. At the age of 47 she married the elder **John Francis Humphries**<sup>106</sup> June 29, 1932 in Toronto, Ontario, son of George Humphries and Catherine Miller. He was born September 30, 1864 in Horton Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. John was previously married<sup>107</sup> **(1) Jane (Jennie) Burwell** March 20, 1889, daughter of John Burwell and Elizabeth Crozier. She died in 1909. He married **(2) Annie McLaren** November 06, 1918 in St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, Ontario, daughter of Peter McLaren and Mary Simpson. She died in 1929. John and Rachael lived in Renfrew at 475 Barr Street. Children of John Humphries and Jane Burwell were married and on their own when John and Rachael were married. Rachael's stepchildren were Una Maud Humphries, Garland B Humphries, Elizabeth Nina Humphries, Eva Humphries, John W Humphries. John died October 28, 1939<sup>108</sup> after 7 years of marriage. There was a yearly trek of nieces and nephews to Aunt Rachel's home to celebrate her birthday. Her home was also a frequent stopping place by her Francis clan on Sunday afternoons. Rachel's nephew, Clinton and Isabel Francis came to live with Rachel in her later years until she required full time care in a nursing home. Rachel died at the age of 94 on March 31, 1979 in Renfrew, Ontario. Rachael, John and his first two wives are buried in Cobden Union Cemetery<sup>108</sup>.



***Child No. 4***  
***Charlie Francis***



*Pic 55: Charlie, Essie and family*

**Charlie Francis** (*Stewart Francis, Elisha Francis*) was the youngest son of Stewart and Annie. He no doubt was named after Annie's father Charles Toner but often told his children that his name was Charlie and not Charles. He was born December 12, 1889 in Bromley Twp, Renfrew Co., Ontario<sup>76,109</sup>. He was christened<sup>110</sup> November 22, 1893, Wesleyan Methodist, Bromley Twp., Ontario by Rev. Cassidy. At the age of 27, he married<sup>111</sup> **Essie Mabel Phillips** February 20, 1917 in the Parsonage, Cobden, Ontario. She was the daughter of Wesley Charles Phillips and Narcissa Edmunds and was born August 30, 1894, Admaston, Renfrew Co., Ontario. Essie was a sister of Charlie Phillips who married Sarah Ann Francis, sister of Charlie Francis.

Charlie and Essie farmed the family homestead Lot 9, Con 6, Bromley Twp., and raised seven children there. Sisters Rachel and Sarah sold their interests in the farm received from their father's estate, to Charlie in October 1917.<sup>56</sup> Their father Stewart had died October 5, 1917. Charlie died at the age of 75, April 05, 1965 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. Essie retired to Cobden and her son Eldon continued to farm the family farm. An annual event

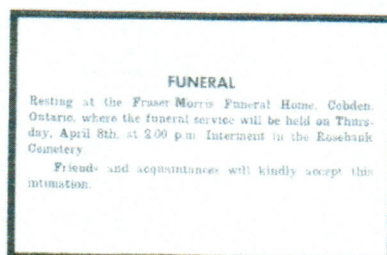


*Pic 56: Essie & Charlie Francis*

for the Francis clan was the celebration of Aunt Essie's birthday. Essie died 24 years after Charlie, at the age of 94 on May 27, 1989 in hospital at Pembroke, Ontario. They are buried in



Rosebank Cemetery, Renfrew Co., Ontario.



*Pic 57: Funeral Card  
of  
Charles Francis*



*Pic 58: Francis Cars*

The Francis family were proud of their cars. Lined up and shining! Stewart Francis, Mary (Smith) Francis, Golda (Pacey) Francis, Gladys (Bates) Francis, John Humphries, Elisha Francis, Essie (Phillips) Francis, Charlie Francis, Clinton Francis. Photographer was Herb Francis.

Children of Charlie Francis and Essie Phillips are:

- + 2 i. Gladys Francis, born August 26, 1917 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- + 3 ii. Garnet Francis, born June 25, 1919 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died October 13, 1990.
- + 4 iii. [REDACTED]
- 5 iv. Kenneth William Francis, born 1922 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died November 26, 1922 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- + 6 v. [REDACTED]
- 7 vi. Elden Francis, born March 09, 1929 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. He married Susan Isabel Johnston October 04, 1969 in Eganville, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- + 8 vii. [REDACTED]
- + 9 viii. Keith Francis, born November 03, 1934 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario; died December 23, 1978 in Mirror, Alberta.

Living