

Chapter Six

Joanna Francis and Henry Magee



Pic 60: Joanna Francis

Joanna (Annie) Francis (*Elisha Francis, James Francis*)^{3,53} was born February 23, 1857 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario. She married^{33,116} **Henry L Magee** (McGee) December 12, 1906 in Northcote, Renfrew Co., Ontario, son of William McGee and Elizabeth Dickson. Henry was born abt. 1860¹¹⁶ in Kemptville, Ontario. Joanna was known as "Annie" and no doubt named after her Grandmother Ferguson. She was a self-taught artist. She was the "architect" of the house that was built on the family homestead by her mother and brother Allen. The plans served as a model for several houses in the neighbourhood.

Joanna married at age 49, to "Harry", age 46. How they met, one can only speculate. Henry was from Smith's Falls, the area close by to her Ferguson and Francis roots. The marriage was performed by Rev. D.H.Hodges, assisted by Rev. Paul Pergau at the residence of the bride's mother. About 100 guests were present. There was not a bridesmaid or groomsman. 'Mr. and Mrs. Magee arrived back in Smith's Falls in the evening on the 815 train and went at once to the Groom's home on McGill St. where a reception was held. About fifteen of the nearest friends of the groom being in attendance'.³³ Witnesses were James William Mann of Renfrew and James Francis of Admaston. Unfortunately, Joanna died twelve years later³³ September 29, 1918 in Smith Falls Hospital, Smith Falls, Ontario. There were no children. Joanna is buried in the Francis plot. It does not appear that Harry was buried there. Perhaps he remarried.