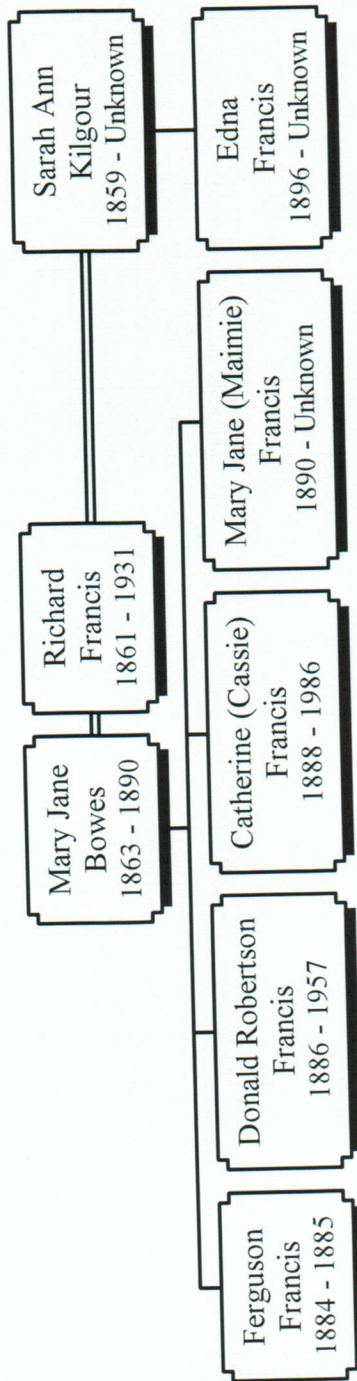


Richard Francis and m(1) Mary Jane Bowes, m(2) Sarah Ann Kilgour Family Chart



Chapter Eight

Richard Francis and m(1) Mary Jane Bowes and m(2) Sarah Ann Kilgour



Pic 65: Richard Francis



Pic 66: Mary Jane Bowes

Richard Francis (*Elisha Francis, James Francis*)³ was the fifth son of Elisha and Margaret Ann. He was born September 28, 1861 in Welford Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario^{3,53}. He married **(1) Mary Jane Bowes** January 09, 1884 in Douglas, Renfrew Co., Ontario,^{33,119}. She was the daughter of James Bowes and Catherine Smith⁹⁴, granddaughter of Robert Robertson Smith, a Warden in Bathurst District. Mary Jane was born May 30, 1863 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario^{53,120}. It was quite common to see the name spelled 'Boaz' as it sounds. Richard, age 22 and Mary Jane, age 21 were married in Douglas, close to where Mary Jane grew up in Bromley Township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. Kipp and the witnesses were Robert O'Hara of Renfrew and Jessie Bowes of Douglas¹¹⁹.

Richard and Mary Jane's first-born son died at age five months, 10 days³³. His death registration lists cause of death as inflammation of the bowels of 9 days duration¹²¹. Mary Jane had three more children over the next five years. Unfortunately, she did not have a long life, and like many other women of her day, died following childbirth, just 10 days after the birth of her last child. She died on May 8, 1890 in Renfrew, Ontario.³³ The family was split apart following Mary Jane's death. In the 1891 census⁵⁹, Richard was living in his mother's home with the baby, Mary Jane (Maimie). The other two children, Donald and Catherine (Cassie) were living with their maternal grandparents, James and Catherine Bowes.

He married **(2) Sarah Ann Kilgour** October 15, 1895 in Douglas, Renfrew Co., Ontario¹²². She was the daughter of William Kilgour⁷⁵ and Mary McCarthy. She was born April 15, 1859 in Admaston Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario. The children remained scattered at the time of the 1901 Census⁷⁶. Richard and his second wife Sarah were living at B165 Queen St. Douglas, Ontario with son Donald from Richard's first marriage (now age 15), and daughter Edna by his second marriage (age 5). Richard's daughter Cassie was living with her maternal grandparents, James and Catherine Bowes of Bromley Township. His other daughter Maimie was living with

her paternal grandmother, Margaret Francis. Richard also lived for a period in Cobden^{73,123}, and Eganville working as a harness maker. Both villages border the Bromley Township.



Pic 67: Advertisement for Francis Bros. Harness Makers c1980



It would appear from the advertisement¹²⁴ that he worked for awhile with his brother Peter who was also a harness maker. Later Richard, his wife Sarah, and daughters Cassie and Edna, moved to Detroit, Michigan. Granddaughter Winnie Balcome reports that Richard loved horses and loved to wrestle.¹²⁵ Richard died at the age of 70 and is buried at Detroit, Michigan. The date of Sarah's death is not known at present.

Pic 68: Brother Jim (left), Edna (2nd left), Sarah and Richard (right) on a visit to Renfrew County

Children of Richard Francis and Mary Jane Bowes are:

- i. Ferguson Francis, born November 11, 1884 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died April 21, 1885 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario.
- ii. Donald Robertson Francis, born October 28, 1886 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died June 20, 1957 in Sunnybrook Vet., Toronto, Ontario.
- iii. Catherine (Cassie) Francis, born July 22, 1888 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died May 22, 1986 in California, U.S.A..
- iv. Mary Jane (Maimie) Francis, born April 28, 1890 in Renfrew, Renfrew Co., Ontario; died in Oshawa, Ontario.

Child of Richard Francis and Sarah Kilgour is:

- i. Edna Francis, born July 20, 1896 in Renfrew Co., Ontario; died in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A.