

The Brannens of Barrington Township

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Preface

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This is the third edition of this book and the first online version. Since the first two I have been able to deal with some errors and omissions and add several photographs that were not available to me earlier.

The book attempts to tell the individual stories of Archibald Brannen (1777-1827) and his Brannen descendants. It opens with the most likely story of Archibald's arrival in Barrington Township, his maturity, and his death. This subject is over 200 years old and relies on public records, oral history, and some reasonable assumptions.

After Archibald's story I have used the form of providing an entry or profile for each Brannen born in the first five generations (six generations in the case of some families). I have included adopted and or equivalent children that took the Brannen name. In the case of female Brannens I have profiled their children but not those of subsequent generations. This was necessary to maintain the focus on the Brannen name and to keep the number of entries to a manageable level. There are nine families (children of Archibald) each with a separate 'book'. These nine families contain about 550 entries/profiles.

The Brannens are not an exceptional family. From the early days they tended to pick a career, usually fishing for obvious reasons, married locally, acquired a home, and raised a family all within a few kilometres of where they were born. Those born after 1875 were more adventurous and as they matured, we saw more ship's captains, and a movement to New England, mostly Boston. They went for seasonal employment, and then around 1900 people from the area began to settle and take full time employment in the Boston area. A community of former Barrington Township natives grew up there.

Over time some of the Brannen family stepped out of the ordinary:

Horatio Harris Brannen (1873-1917) became the most famous of the Brannens because of his heroic sacrifice during the Halifax Explosion of 1917. He gave his life to try and save the City of Halifax.

Jeremiah Bruce Brannen (1833-1904) appears to have been the first successful businessman, with much credit due to his spouse Eliza McGray (1843-1933). Jerry is credited with opening the first blacksmith shop on Cape Sable Island at Clark's

Harbour. He went on to build the Brannen Wharf, the main wharf in Clark's Harbour in the late 1800's and early 1900's. He ran a lumber and coal business and maintained and sailed a schooner to supply his businesses.

William Minard Thomas Brannen (1867-1946) was the first to seek an artistic career. He was a photographer with a studio in Clark's Harbour from about 1890 to 1906. He also operated a mobile photo service around the township. Almost all photographs taken in the Township in that era were products of his work.

Annis Wickwire Brannen R.N. (1894-1986) was the first Registered Nurse in the family. She graduated from Melrose Massachusetts Training School and took additional courses at Harvard. She married J. R. Corbett M.D. They moved back to Nova Scotia in 1938. Together they organized a much-needed hospital in Shelburne for treatment and major surgery. After WWII they moved to Clark's Harbour where they established a general practice that continued until John's death in 1974. For most of that time they provided the only medical office on the island.

Ronald Brannen M.D. (1917-2010) was the first Brannen to become a medical doctor. He graduated from Dalhousie in 1944 and practiced medicine in Barrington Passage in the late 1940's and first half of the 1950's.

Boit Brannen (1909-2009) was the first of the family to pursue higher education as a career. By 1951 he had been appointed assistant professor at Northeastern University in Boston. By 1962 he had achieved a Ed. D. and a full professorship at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury CT. He was the son of Sydney Norman Brannen (1877-??).

James Arthur Brannen MBE (1882-1978) was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire in the 1944 King's Birthday Honours. He was the British Counsel for Boston MA for many years.

Wallace Brannen (1885-1961), after a career in teaching in various locations in Nova Scotia he settled in Brass Hill and was elected to the Municipal Council and the School Board. During his tenure, the Municipality undertook a major building program and consolidation of its schools.

Richard David Brannen O.D. (1936-), graduated from University of California School of Optometry in 1966. He opened a practice in Hanover NH which he maintained until retirement. He is the grandson son of Davis Emmons Brannen (1877-1922).

Herbert Charles Brannen (1944-), went to Ohio Wesleyan University and graduated from dental school at the University of Pennsylvania in 1970. After service as a dental

officer in the US Air Force he established a private practice in Northern California. He is the son of Herbert Allen Brannen (1911-1982).

Judith Kathleen Brannen (1938-2013) graduated from Dalhousie University in 1959. She later studied law at the University of New Brunswick (1978-81), and practiced for ten years with Lutz, Smith, Brannen of Hampton, New Brunswick.

Too many early Brannen descendants became master mariners to list. Abigail Brannen (1813-1855) produced three sons, William Henry Swim (1839-1920), Peter Coffin Swim (1847-1933) and Benjamin Swim (1850-1917) who all became master mariners.

Luella Decker Brannen (1877-1947) appears to have become the first of many schoolteachers from the Brannen family. Her sister Lennie four years younger followed her, and younger sister Gertrude made it three from the same family.

As expected, many Brannens answered their county's call to arms. Over time an increasing number of the Brannen family moved to the United States and so you will find veterans from both countries. Of those that served many were honoured, most notably from the First World War was James Gladwyn MacDonnell MM a corporal in the 25th Battalion. He was hit by machine gun fire on August 9, 1918, and died of his wounds August 13th near Amiens. He was honoured with the Military Medal for outstanding bravery in the field, the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. He was the son of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939).

In the Second World War Frederick Archibald Brannen MM (1920-1998) was wounded in action and was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery during fighting in France and Belgium in 1944. He was presented with his medal by King George VI at Buckingham Palace after the war.

Raymond I. Brannen (1924-2020) of Company E of the 289th US Infantry was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery. He had already been wounded twice earlier in the war when on January 15, 1945, he came under fire in Beck, Belgium. After his rifle was hit by a bullet saving him from serious injury, he was able to save a man from his company by dragging him to safety and going on to single handily clear the enemy from near-by houses. Raymond went on to become a long serving pastor Pennsylvania. He was the son of Walter Brannen (1896-1960) and the grandson of Horatio Brannen (1873-1917) both heroes of the Halifax Explosion.

John Randall Brannen (1896-1918) a private in the 85th Battalion may have been the first Brannen to die in action in Europe in WWI. He was killed August 10, 1918, at the battle of Amiens.

Four sons of William (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967) of Stoney Island NS saw action in Europe during WWII. Asa Brannen (1924-1944) was killed in action in Belgium on September 18, 1944, his brother Herbert Brannen (1919-1945) was killed in Bienen, Germany March 25, 1945. They were members of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders. The two others, Fred (1920-1998) was awarded the Military Medal and Joseph (1917-2002) came home safely.

John Peter Ferreira (1927-1946) was the son of Cleo Brannen (1907-2000). He was born in East Boston MA. He was enlisted in the USN in WW II. He was killed on Mindoro Island, Philippines July 28, 1946.

Lindsay Eaton Brannen (1919-2012) served in WWII and was awarded the Military Cross January 1945 for meritorious service in Italy.

Marjorie Isabel Brannen (1920-2012) joined the RCAF WD and served in Washington DC during WWII. Lillian Brannen RN (1922-2009) served with the army in WWII as a nurse.

It is no surprise that there is a long list of young men who were lost at sea. The early generations had little choice but to earn their living by going to sea either as fishermen or mariners. Fishing was and continues to be a dangerous career. Weather changes, and accidents far from land have taken a toll.

The first Brannen to be listed as lost at sea was the tenth child of Archibald and Mary, Joseph Brannen (1820-1845). Only twenty-five years old he drowned when a small craft he was in capsized while going to shore for bait. Twenty-one years later his only son Archibald Brannen (1841-1866) was lost at sea in a storm on the Grand Banks. He was 25 years old.

The Brannens when they became more adventurous. took seasonal work and began to emigrate to the Boston area in late 1890s. A look at the map of Nova Scotia and New England graphically shows why. Boston is the closest major industrialized city, and population was growing rapidly in that era. The transport route was through Yarmouth where a passenger ship service up to four times a week ran from 1887 into the 1950s. With low fares and rail connections from Barrington Township to Yarmouth. It was easy to get to Boston and return for family visits.

To give an idea how common this movement became my father born in 1901 had seven siblings four of them moved permanently to the US, became citizens, and raised families there. Two others spent a significant number of years in the US and had children there. Only one did not reside in the US at all.

The Boston area became a magnet because of the establishment of an expat community of people from the township which offered comfort and support for new arrivals (often relatives) ample employment opportunities, a chance for women to find employment, and it should be remembered that not every man wanted to be a fisherman or a carpenter.

To understand the behaviour of the Brannens it is important to understand what the French call *terrior*, the soil. Cape Sable Island was first occupied by the Mi'kmaq Indians, the French settled around 1655 but were removed by the British around 1756 when they rounded up the twenty families and loaded them aboard ships and burned their properties. Two groups from New England came next between 1761 and 1767. These were Quakers from Nantucket and fishermen from Cape Cod. They came for more space and its nearness to the fishing grounds. The Quakers, who were whalers, retreated after a few years while the decedents of the Cape Cod fishermen expanded.

Because of the exodus after the US war of independence a large number of loyalists, perhaps more than 12,000 came from the American colonies to Shelburne. It is often assumed that Barrington Township was settled by loyalist. In fact, despite being only about 40 kilometers away few of the loyalist came to the township and its economy remained tightly bound to the fishing industry and its connection to New England by proximity, trade, and family conn

Cape Sable Island where Archibald and Mary settled is about 13 Km by 5.5 km and was separated from the mainland by a deep fast-moving channel about one kilometre wide. Since 1951 it has been connected by a two-lane paved causeway. Prior to that, crossing to the mainland required a boat or later a ferry ride.

The Island is not practical for commercial farming. The soil is thin and rocky, but most fishermen became farmers on a small scale as importing and purchasing meat and vegetables was impractical and expensive. It was essential to be self-sufficient. Most lots were several acres, enough for firewood, grazing and hay for a cow as well as a kitchen and vegetable garden. A pig and chickens took up little room but were very important for a family. There were few oxen on the Island so most sod turning, and hay cutting was done by hand due to the rocky nature of the fields. Although gardening was difficult the Island provided ample year around supply fish, and in winter, eels. Game was abundant, both animals and birds.

The early homes were log cabins built from the trees on the lots they were constructed on. The predominate species were spruce and fir. In most cases the cabins were likely built from old growth spruce a soft wood. The earliest record of a sawmill in Barrington Township was about 1861. Prior to that lumber would have to been brought by ship

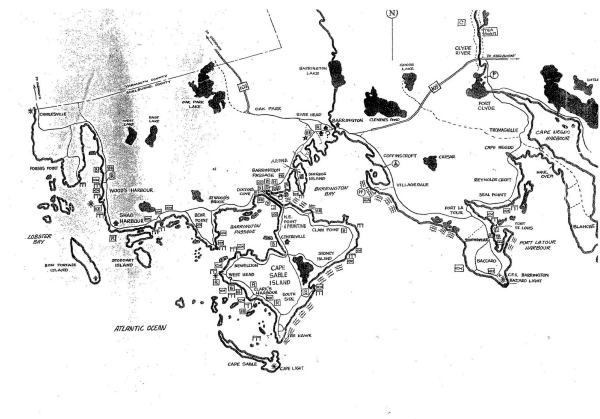
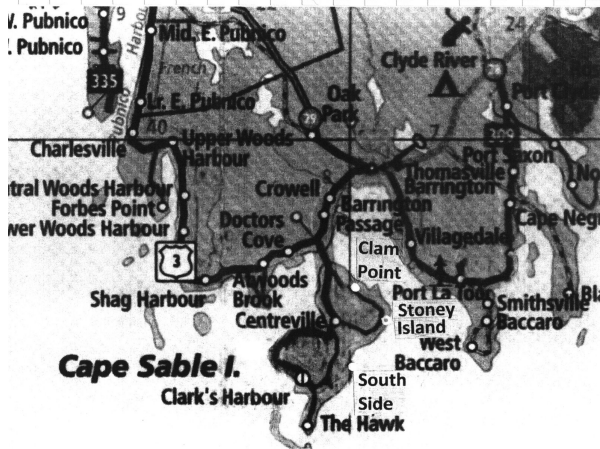
from Jordan or Shelburne. It doesn't appear that sawn lumber houses became common until after 1840. Prior to that they were the preserve of the well to do.

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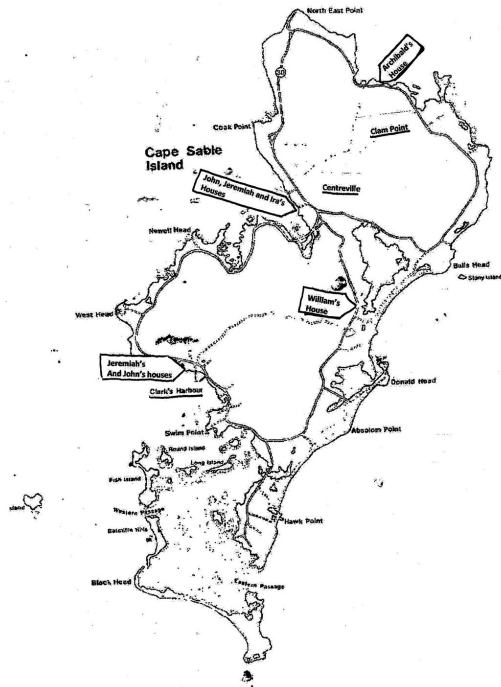
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Maps



Barrington Township



Cape Sable Island

Archibald and Mary Brannen

Archibald Brannen (1777-1827)

The Brannens of Cape Island can be traced to Archibald who came to Barrington Township in 1792. This according to notes prepared by Professor Arnold Doane. (1) Professor Doane's research was described by Dr Edwin Crowell's preface to his book *A History of Barrington Township* published in 1923, as "... employed his vacations in ferreting out the life-stories and relationships of the early settlers of Barrington." (2) Professor Doane's work likely took place between 1890 and 1911. His notes unfortunately do not indicate their date nor the people he interviewed. It is clear that Professor Doane was capturing raw oral history. In Archibald's case he was dealing with a man who had been dead about 75 years. These notes can be found at the Cape Sable Historical Society in Barrington.

The Brannen history begins in 1792 with Archibald Brannen. We know nothing of Archibald's life prior to that date. He arrived in Barrington as a fifteen-year-old in the company of Jacob Glance according to Professor Doane's notes.

Although we know nothing about Arch's previous life, we do know that Glance was relocating from Shelburne to Barrington after being burned out of his home in Roseway (Shelburne) in 1792. He came to Barrington and went to work at John Sargent's mill and settled his family on River Road. Glance had been a soldier for hire, employed by the British in North Carolina during the War of Independence and had escaped to Shelburne in 1783 after the war. This has led some people to jump to the conclusion that Arch and Glance were connected from North Carolina. There is nothing at all to confirm this. Arch would only have been six years old when Glance was escaping from North Carolina after the defeat of the British.

So, after 225 years and a through search, my conclusion is that our history begins when Arch came to Barrington in 1792.

Both Doane and later Edwin Crowell in his book History of Barrington Township used fifteen as his age of arrival. Crowell in his book on page 441 concludes "*ARCHIBALD BRANNEN came to Barrington when about 15 years of age with Glance a loyalist soldier.*"

It is likely Arch came to Barrington by way of Shelburne but there are no records of his presence in Shelburne. Considering Glance's state of affairs, it is likely he would have walked, about a full day's hike if there was an overland marked trail.

Professor Duane notes say of Archibald "*he went fishing with the Hopkinses.*" "*A.B. was a great fisherman*". (1) In Archibald's 1815 deed he is described as a fisherman. In this probate records several of his larger debts appear to be with area fish dealers. This suggests that he was a fisherman but if he was a great fisherman, he was perhaps a poor businessman. With regard to his fishing career it has not been determined if he was an independent inshore fisherman with his own boat or if he was employed as a crewman on one of the Barrington fishing schooners.

Doane notes that, "*Archibald Hopkins was named after him.*"(1) Archibald Hopkins was born in 1795 to Samuel Hopkins Jr and his wife Rebecca. (3) This date would seem consistent with Archibald, "*fishing with the Hopkines*" sometime after 1792.

Archibald first appears in the records of the township when he witnessed the signature of Samuel Hopkins in a Sale Agreement dated March 14th, 1798, and swore an oath to this before Justice of the Peace John Sargent November 1798. He would have had to have been at least age 21.

He registered his stock marks with the Township on March 24, 1801. This would have permitted him to pasture livestock on undivided lands. His mark was "*A halfpenny under the left & a halfpenny top right ear*". This indicates that at age 24 he was beginning to establish himself in the community. Professor Doane sums this up by

saying *"The dates will indicate at what time the newcomers became really domesticated..."*(1)

The next public record of him was of his marriage to Mary Atkinson (1788-??), October 14 1802, by Rev. Samuel Osborne Doane in Barrington (3). He appears to have been about 25 and Mary 16 years old. Their first son Archibald Jr. was born soon after the marriage, December 9th of that year. Mary was the oldest daughter of Robert Atkinson and Hannah Nickerson. Their marriage was recorded in both Reverend Samuel Doane's record of marriages and the Barrington Township Records. (3) Her father Robert Atkinson was a deserter from the Royal Navy who came to Barrington after leaving his ship and swimming ashore at Shelburne. He settled on Cape Island what is now Stoney Island where Mary grew up.

There is no record of where Arch and Mary spent the first years of their marriage. There is no record of where he resided in the township prior 1815 but on September 23 of 1815 he purchased 1.5 shares of land in Class # 11 in the second division of land on Cape Sable Island. This property was purchased from Ebenezer Crowell for 10 pounds and included access to marsh and meadow. The area was unsettled and they were likely the first settlers in that area of the island, now known as Clam Point. He would have had to clear land and build a house as well as create a garden in the inhospitable soil of eastern Cape Sable Island. Because of the significant period between establishing a household and his purchase, it is possible that they occupied the land and established their home there prior to the land purchase. The only indication of where the land was located comes again from Professor Doane's notes *"A.B. lived on the first good available house spot to the South Eastward of James McCoy."* (1) As land parcels were described in terms of metes and bounds. In this system the boundaries are marked by rocks, trees shorelines etc. I have not been able to pinpoint the location of the property

At the time of his land purchase on Cape Sable Island there were seven living children ranging in age from a new baby to oldest son Archibald Jr. almost 13 years old. In total they had 12 children, eleven of which appear to have survived adulthood. Of the eleven that survived nine remained in the area and established families on Cape Island, Woods Harbour, and Baccaro. Two sons Archibald Jr., the oldest, and Jeremiah, according to oral family history moved away were not heard from again.

March 22, 1821, he appears with Mary as charter members of Reverend Asa McGray's new Church of Christ. (5) At that time, his family had grown to nine living children ranging in age from one year to 18. Reverend McGray held his services in his home in Centreville near what is now the intersection of the main highway, Stoney Island Road and South Side Road. The house was across the road from the current Brannen-McGray House. This would have been a significant trek on foot across the island using an

unstructured "sled road" that passed through the forest and around the swamps from their home in Clam Point. Based on the 1870's map published by A.F.Church the road/path would appear to have been an extension of what is now known as Clam Point Road and crossed the Island and coming out in Centreville about 200 feet south of the McGray's wharf road. This would have been a walking distance of more than three and a half miles which would take at least two hours each way was over that terrain. Ownership of a beast of burden and wagon would have been an unlikely extravagance for a fisherman with no other land travel needs. Shopping, fish sales and medical treatment would have taken him to Barrington about than two miles by sail across the passage to the main land or Sherose Island where two of his major creditors, Obediah Wilson and John Sargent operated their fish store businesses.

June 22 of 1827 Archibald passed away. The Book of Records for his church in 1827 states "*June 22 Departed this life Archibald Brannen one of this church*"(5) He appears to have been around 50 when he died. He may have died of a lingering illness. This is derived from the fact that two of his creditors were doctors who attended him including his "last illness". Their claim was for £6.6.4 which seems to be a sizable sum considering his land purchase of £10 pounds. (4) At the time of his death there were six children under age 14.

His estate and the length of time to finalize probate was certainly notable by the aggressiveness of some of his creditors. He died without a will and with significant debts. He owed £127.8.7 1/2 to eleven creditors. The estate was insolvent, which should have been evident at a very early stage. Two of his creditors were doctors, one, John Fox, was owed £5 for medical services. In mid-1729, two years after Archibald's death, the doctor had James Fox petition Probate Court to become the Administrator of the estate. After his appointment, an inventory of his real and personal belongings was ordered. There was no separate mention of boat ownership in the list of assets, however the sale of personal property raised a little over 9 pounds which may have included a boat.

In April 1831 Mary petitioned the Probate Court for an allowance of some sort. In her petition, she stated her personal and removable property had been seized and sold without reservation of a bed or any other article. It was illegal to seize personal property without leaving the necessities of life.

When the estate was finally settled in 1833 after 6 years, the personal property of the Brannen's had been taken and sold for £9.19.10, and the real estate sold to son Reuben for £23.7.6. subject to his mother's dower. The house was nearly derelict. Estate expenses were £34.0.3. There was nothing left for the creditors and certainly nothing for Mary after expenses were paid.

There is no explanation for why the process was so protracted and so bitter that they stripped the house of all personal belongings. The debt to Dr. Fox was a mere £5 and clearly unrecoverable.

There is no record of where Archibald and Mary are buried however, he was both a charter and current a member of the Centreville church at the time of his death which would make the Centreville Cemetery the most likely burial site. There is no marker for many of the graves in the older part of the cemetery and no cemetery records from that era.

Mary Atkinson (1786-??)

Archibald married Mary Atkinson, the oldest daughter of Robert Atkinson and Hannah Nickerson about October 14th, 1802. Their marriage was recorded in both Reverend Samuel Doane's record of marriages and the Barrington Township Records. (3) Her date of birth was recorded in the Barrington Township records as March 30, 1786. Her father Robert Atkinson was a deserter from the Royal Navy who came to Barrington after leaving his ship and swimming ashore at Shelburne. He settled on Cape Island what is now Stoney Island where Mary grew up.

The following sketch is taken from Crowell's History of Barrington Township:

Robert Atkinson of Dorchester, Eng, was captain of the main top and ship's carpenter in a man-of-war which came to Shelburne. There he deserted, swimming ashore with a kit on a moonlit night and kept hiding until the ship left. He came through the woods to Barrington and went fishing with Richard Pinkham at the Town. About 1785 he married Hannah d. Gideon Nickerson and settled at the East End of Cape Island. (2)

Church records for the Centreville church show her as being a charter member of the church. She was baptized March 20, 1837, by Rev Asa McGray. (5)

She was widowed when she was about age 41 with seven children at home. Archibald was both insolvent and intestate when he died. It took six years to settle the estate during that time her personal and household possessions were sold at auction, which appeared to be against the law. She did remain on the property during that period. In a petition to the Probate Court April 1831, she wrote:

"That personal and moveable property hath been sold without the reservation of a bed or any other article whatever for your petitioner....."(4)

There does not appear to be any mention of her in the Centreville Church records after March 20, 1847 however the records are far from complete or exhaustive. (5)

Where she spent her final years, when and where she died and was buried have not been determined. The usual practice was for the widow to live with one of her children, or in some cases spending time with various children. Census records of her era did not identify household members by name.

Archibald and Mary produced twelve children. Their names and dates of birth are recorded in the Barrington Township Records 1994 transcription page 72. Their second born Atkinson died young in 1813, this also recorded in the Township Records. (3) Archibald Jr. and Jeremiah moved away from the Island and "were never heard from again". Their son Joseph was drowned when he was 25. Joseph's only child Salome was raised by another son Robert.

The surviving children of Archibald and Mary all settled in Barrington Township. Reuben was a fisherman and moved to Woods Harbour around 1845 some of his descendants still live on his original land there. William settled in South Side. He was a carpenter. Robert was a fisherman and settled at Stoney Island. Henry was the youngest son, he became a fisherman and settled in Baccaro sometime before 1861.

The daughters of Archibald and Mary married local men and established families on the Island. Susanna married Moses Ross of Stoney Island. Abigail married Smith Swim of Swim's Point. Sophia married Eleazar Penney and likely lived at Lower Clark's Harbour. Rebekah married twice, first to Samuel Penney and had 8 children, she then married her sister's widower Smith Swim and lived at Swim's Point.

To-day Archibald and Mary's descendants make up a significant proportion of the population of Barrington Municipality. The children of Archibald and Mary produced about 69 children that lived to maturity, 43 of those continued the Brannen name.

Footnotes

(1) Arnold Doane was born 20 August 1833 in Barrington, Nova Scotia. In June 1852 Arnold, with his brothers, Seth, Joseph and Arthur, purchased the brigantine Sevim built by Arnold's brother Captain Warren Doane at his shipyard in Barrington. They sailed to Australia where Arnold worked for several years in the goldfield at Ballarat. With the proceeds, Arnold attended the Royal Academy of Music in London, England. He then became a professor of music in Barrington and in Halifax. Doane spent years collecting data for a history of Barrington. Doane died in Barrington on 14 January 1911

(2) A History of Barrington Township and Vicinity - Shelburne County, Nova Scotia 1607-1870 was originally published by Edwin Crowell in 1923. Dr. Edwin Crowell 1853-1926 was born in Barrington Township. He had a busy life and a succession of achievements. He began as a crewman on his father's schooners

out of Barrington. He received a BA and later an MA from Dalhousie University. Between terms he taught school in and the worked as a bookkeeper before studying for the ministry and obtaining a degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Later Acadia University conferred a degree of Doctor of Divinity for his work with Free Baptist Conference and his editorship of the Free Baptist Banner. Along with his other accomplishments he was hired to make an index of Hansard for the House of Commons in Ottawa. After the death of Professor Doane in 1911 he acquired his memoranda and put them together with many changes and extensive additions. He spent about 12 years travelling interviewing and collecting additional items before writing his book which was published in 1923.

(3) Barrington Township Records: Early Records of marriages, Births and Deaths in Barrington , Nova Scotia from the year 1761. Transcribed by Patricia A. Terry A publication of the Shelburne County Genealogical Society, Storycroft Publishing, 1994

(4)Archibald Brannen's probate file

(5)Church of Christ, Cape Sable Island Book of Records 1821-1866 transcribed by Rev Hazen C. Parent

The Children of Archibald Brannen

Archibald Brannen Jr. (1802-?)

The first born, Archibald Jr. was the first child of Archibald Brannen (1777-1827) and Marry Atkinson (1788-??). He was born December 9th 1802 in Barrington Township, quite possibly at Stoney Island Where Mary's parents lived. He is said to have moved away and was never heard from again. Other than his birth, no other public record of him seems to exist. END

Atkinson Brannen (1804-1813)

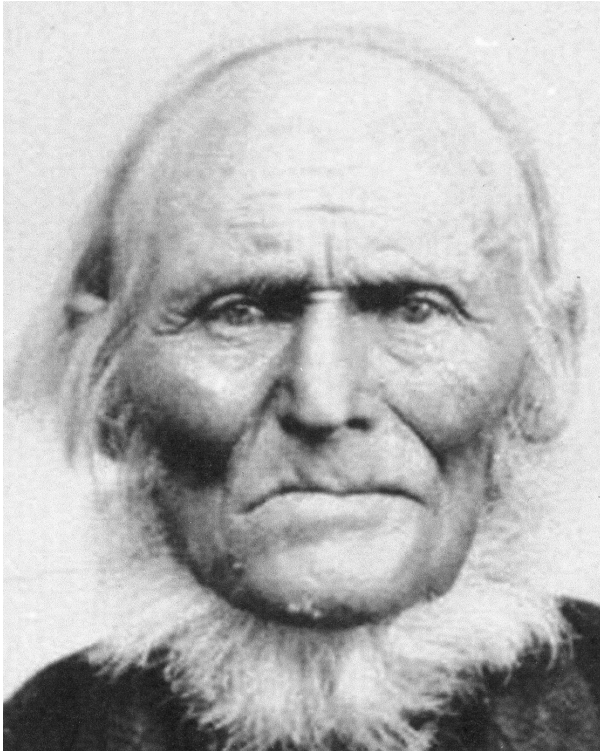
Atkinson was born June 25 1804 in Barrington Township He was the second child of. of Archibald Brannen (1777-1827) and Marry Atkinson (1788-??). He died young, at age nine May 21 1813. There are no public records other than his birth and death. END

Reuben Brannen (1805-1888)

Reuben was third son of Archibald Brannen (1777-1927) and Mary Atkinson (1786-??). He was born October 6th 1805 in Barrington Township NS. The first public record of

him occurred when he was age 26 and he purchased property in Clam Point adjacent to or near where he grew up and where his mother still resided. He paid eleven pounds on November 15th 1831 for all of Lot 6, 11th Class, 2nd Division of Cape Sable Island. Based on the price this appears to have been an unimproved lot. In May 25th 1833 he bought his parents property at auction. It was described as land and house on Cape Island subject to widow's dower and one lot of marsh. It was legally known as one and a half shares of land in class number eleven in the second division of land on Cape Sable Island. He paid 29.7.6 pounds. The was property sold by Thomas Geddes acting administrator of the estate. William Roberson was the auctioneer. Rev. Asa McGray married Rueben and Martha 'Patty' Nickerson (1815-1896), in 1834. She was the daughter of Phineas and Sarah Nickerson. He was age 29 at time of his marriage. Reuben was baptized in the Centreville Church in March 2 1837, she was baptized by Rev, McGray February 11, 1838. Their first child James Melvin was born June 1835. Their first two children James Melvin 1834 and Phineas 1837 were born at Clam Point, on Cape Sable Island. About 1843 he moved his family to Lower Woods Harbour. The rest of the children appear to have been born in Woods Harbour after the move. This is the first documented move of a Brannen from Cape Sable Island and the first Brannen to settle in Woods Harbour NS. About 1847 he purchased 100 acres and built a house on lot #9 in the General Grant of Woods Harbour next to what is now the Central Woods Harbour United Church. He was a fisherman and in 1848 he was registered part owner of a new two masted brigantine Bernice. In January 25 1854 his sixteen-year-old son Phineas (1837-1854) was drowned and was buried in the church yard. A stone marks his grave. In January 11th 1857 the Centreville Church records show he and Patty withdrawing from the Centreville church and uniting with another denomination. Since they had left their home on Cape Island fourteen years earlier this likely is a case of the church purging their rolls. The 1861 census showed a household of 8 people, six males and two females. In 1866, he along with James Brannen and others were registered as the owners of the two masted schooner Ottawa. The 1965 Hutchinson's Nova Scotia directory showed him as a farmer. McAlpine's Directories of 1867 and 9 show him as a fisherman in Woods Harbour. 9 He sold part of his property in September 5th 1868 to his son Smith and his wife Melinda for \$600. In May of that year he also sold a parcel of land described as Lots 14 and 25 comprising of 45 acres to Barney Malone. The sale price not disclosed. He died May 11, 1888 in Woods Harbour and is buried in the Central Woods Harbour church cemetery in an unmarked grave, likely adjacent to son Phineas. Patty died February 5 1896 in Central Woods Harbour. She is likely buried with Reuben and son Phineas in the church yard. Reuben and Patty had six children, five survived to maturity. Several of their descendants still live on or near their original homesite in Woods Harbour.

William Brannen



William Brannen (1807-1897)

William was the son of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??) was born June 25 1807 in Barrington Township. He married Hannah Duncan (1811-1862) daughter of David Duncan (1768-1813) and Mary Perry (1892-1866), in 1829. Some on-line family trees ascribe the middle name 'Henry' to him. I have found no record of his second name. It appears that the use of Henry as a second name is result of confusion with his youngest brother named Henry. Several family trees attributed Henry's date of death to William's. It is unknown where William and Hannah lived from the time of their marriage until they settled in South Side. The 1838 census only records him as living on Cape Sable Island. At that time the family was made up of three males and four females. His occupation was recorded as "fisherman". He purchased a large lot, number three in class one of the second division of the lands on Cape Sable Island on September 12th 1838 from Edward Hopkins for fourteen pounds and built a home and barn there. His house is clearly marked as the one nearest Centreville on the A.F. Church 1870's map of Cape Sable Island. William described his lot as being north of the creek. The lot included water front on Bakers Flats and a small island and a significant portion of "savanna". It is described as, "Commencing at the northern line near the said Burnt Woods Creek composing the one third part of the entire lot from Bakers Flats to the back line". In January 1843, he was shown as a

member of Asa McGray's Centreville church. In March of that year he was baptized and became active in the congregation and was a delegate to quarterly meetings of the local churches. He and Hannah had 11 children all surviving to maturity. Where the first three were born is unknown, however the children born after 1838 were most likely born at South Side. The 1861 census showed the household consisted of nine people, four males and five females. All were listed as being older than age 15. This is inconsistent with the facts. There were clearly four children under 15 in 1861. Church records show that Hannah passed away in March 1862 leaving young children at home. Daughter Susan was 13, Horatio 12, and Samuel age nine. The 1871 census listed William as a widower age 62, Susan Jane as age 22 and Samuel as age 17. He remarried, March 14 1872, to Jemima Nickerson (1840-1917), daughter of Alexander Nickerson (1780-1867) and Abigail Nickerson (1786-1860). She was the widow of Prince William Nickerson (1836-1867). She had a young son William Edgar Nickerson (1867-1933) age five. William became his step father. The 1881 census listed William as age 73, a carpenter, Jemima age 45, and his step son William Nickerson age 14. William, Jemima and her son William Edgar Nickerson were shown as shareholders in the South Union Outfitting Company of Cape Island around 1885. This co-op operated a general/grocery store in the community of South Side NS. On the 25th March 1890 William signed a sale agreement for his land and buildings to his step son William Edgar Nickerson for \$200. Although there was no provision for his continued residence, both he and Jemima continued to live on the property for the rest of their lives. The 1891 census listed him as an 84-year-old farmer. Jemima was age 56. Also living in the house was William Edgar age 24, his wife Waite Amelia (1870-1949) age 20 and their child Beatrice nine months old. In April 2 1892 he sold to his daughter Catherine Duncan, for one dollar, "a small island on the front of my land...being the largest wooded island joining my pasture" This appears to refer to an island in Baker's Flats. His ability to sell a portion of his property after entering into an agreement for sale with William Edgar is perhaps a result of not registering the agreement. Jemima gave a quit claim of her interest in the property to Edgar Nickerson on the 13th February 1897. This was likely to extinguish her dower rights in the property. William died sometime before 1897 and is buried in an unmarked grave likely in the Centreville church cemetery. There appears to be no record of his death. All except one of the children settled in the area. Horatio was lost at sea at age 20 and Samuel became a master mariner and moved to San Francisco CA. On March 10 1900 his son Jeremiah and wife Eliza quit claimed their interest in William's estate except for the shares in the South Union Outfitting Company for \$5.00. Jeremiah Brannen (1810-?) Jeremiah the fifth child of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??). He was born January 29 1810 in Barrington Township. He left the island and no record of his life other than his date of birth has been found. END Susanna Brannen (1811-1891) Susanna, born October 29 1811, was the sixth child of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??). She was married to Moses Ross (1806-1880)

on June 12 1829 by Rev. Asa McGray. They had seven children; it appears all but one lived to maturity. They lived at Stoney Island. They purchased a lot in class 8 which ran from the ocean to the back line. They paid 13.6.8 pounds in 1832 for the unimproved lot and built a house on east side of the road. The house is still standing. They sold the property in 1879 to their youngest son Samuel. The A. F. Church map of 1870's notes the name and location. The 1861 census found a family of 6, four males and 2 females. The 1867 Hutchinson Directory lists him as a fisherman. The 1871 census shows Susanna as age 59. A son Reuben age 19 was listed as living with them as well as Moses sister, Sarah, age 46. The 1881 census shows her as a 70-year-old widow living with her son Samuel and his family in the house the son purchased from them. In the 1891 census she was shown as age 78 living with her youngest daughter Emily and her husband Smith Brannen in Stoney Island. Her exact date of death is not known but it was sometime after 1891. She is likely buried in the small private and overgrown Ross cemetery near the beach in Stoney Island.

Abigail Brannen (1813-1855)

Abigail is listed in the Barrington Township Records as being the seventh child and second daughter of Archibald Brannen (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??). She was born September 3 1813 in Barrington Township. Church records for the Centreville church show her as being baptized March 2 1837 she is also shown as having later been baptized by Rev. Brown in either 1856 or 7. She married Archelaus Smith Swim (1809-1891) around 1839 when she was age 26. Archelaus Smith Swim was born in January 1809. He was married three times. His first wife, Jedidah Crowell, died in 1838. Smith had six children from this marriage. Abigail appears to have raised them as well as four from her and Smith's marriage. They lived at Swim's Point where he was a successful ship owner and businessman. 11 She died at about age 42 around 1855. After her death, her sister Rebecca married Smith Swim, her widower. Abigail's sons William, Peter and Benjamin were crew on their father's fishing and trading vessel and later became master mariners.

Robert Brannen (1815-1881)

Robert was the sixth son and eighth child of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??). He was born August 21 1815 just prior to Archibald's purchase of his Clam Point lot. He was a fisherman and settled at Stoney Island. He married twice, first in about 1837 to Martha Jane Crowell (1816-c1858), and then in about 1858 to Abigail Jane Trott (1827-1889). He had three children with Martha Jane, Abigail (1839-1920), Archibald Smith (1843-1908) and Joseph (1846-1911). He had one child with Jane Trott, Andrew Lovitt, (1859-1904). He also raised his brother Joseph's daughter Salome Brannen (1841-1916) after her father Joseph was lost at sea in 1845.

He appears in the 1871 and 1881 census records. Robert died in December 15 1881 and is buried in the Centreville cemetery with Jane Trott. December 10 1889, after the passing of his second wife Jane Trott, his children Smith, Joseph, Abigail and Andrew sold his land to Robert Hunt for \$30.

Sophia Brannen (1817-1900)

Sophia the third daughter of Archibald Brannen (1777-1927) and Mary Atkinson (1786-??). She was born in October 27, 1817 in Barrington Township likely on Cape Sable Island. She was baptized March 2 1837. She married Eleazar C. Penney (1814-1871) in about 1839. He was the son of Daniel Penney (1789 1871). Eleazar was the grandson of Samuel Penney, the original Penney to settle on Cape Sable Island. He was her brother-in-law. He was a brother to her sister Rebecca's husband Samuel Penney. Eleazar and Sophia lived at South Side. It appears they had several children. The 1871 census shows the family living on Cape Island with two children at home, Lewis age 16 and James age nine. Later that year, October 9 1871, Eleazar died of "inflammation". He was buried in the Old Town Cemetery in Swim's Point. The 1881 census shows her as a 63-year-old widow. Living with her is son James C. Penney. In the 1891 census she is shown as age 73 living with son Clark Penney age 30 and his wife Eunice 24. James C. and Clarke are one the same. Sophia died in 1900 and is likely buried with Eleazar in the old town cemetery at Swims Point NS.

Joseph Brannen (1820-1845)

Joseph was born January 20 1820 at Clam Point. He was the seventh son Archibald Brannen (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1786-??). He was fisherman. In about 1840 he married Letitia Spinney Cunningham (1821-1912). She was the daughter of David V. Cunningham (1792-1863) and Eunice Nickerson (1800 1851). Joseph and Letitia had three children, Archibald (1841-1866), Salome (1841-1916) and Letitia born (1843-1844). Letitia died as an infant. Joseph was lost at sea August 1845 from the Leander when he was just 25 years old. He was drowned when he and several crewmen were sent ashore at Cole Harbour to dig clams for bait. Their boat capsized near the mouth of the harbour. It appears he was lost at sea and his body not recovered. He left a young wife and two children. His daughter Salome was raised by his brother Robert. It is not known who raised Archibald like his father was lost at sea at age 25. 12 Joseph's wife Letitia remarried to Edmond Hunt. The 1861 census showed just the two of them in the family. The 1911 census showed her as living with her daughter Salome Brannen-Powell (1841-1916 and her husband Samuel Powell (1840-1919) in Centreville. Letitia was age 90. She died October 9 1912 in Centreville and was buried in the Cemetery there.

Rebecca Brannen (1822-1904)

Rebecca was the eleventh child of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (188-??). She was born at Clam Point January 3 1822. Church records show she was baptized March 2, 1837. She wed twice. She married her first husband Samuel Penney (1813-1855?) in January 3, 1842. They lived at South Side. They had eight children who lived to maturity. All of them would have been under age 15 at the time of Samuel's death. Her second husband was Archelaus Smith Swim (1809-1891) the widower of her older sister Abigail. They married around 1856 and appear to have had one child together, Jethro Crowell Swim (1858-1928). The 1871 census showed that three of her children, Laura, Abijah, and Samuel Jr. from her marriage to Samuel Penney were living with them as well as Jethro from her marriage to Smith. She inherited a portion of her husband's substantial estate. Rebecca died about 1904 at Swim's Point.

Henry Brannen (1824-1905)

Henry was born September 23 1824 at Clam Point NS. He was Archibald Brannen (1777-1927) and Mary Atkinson's (1788-??) eighth son. Henry is listed in the Barrington Township Records as the youngest child of Archibald and Mary. January 28 1843 Henry Brannen is listed as a member of the Centreville church. September 26 1845 he fathered an illegitimate child by Eleanor Nickerson . The child was William Watson Brannen (1847-1924). He was raised by his grandparents Heman Nickerson. Henry and Eleanor did not marry. In 1845 Henry married Mary Huskins (1822-1905). Together they had ten children who all lived to maturity March 6 1847 the Centreville church records show he was received as a candidate for baptism. He was baptized March 7th. February 4th 1852 Henry and Mary sold the back part of lot 4 Class ten to Joseph K Smith for 5 pounds. The document was registered July 22 1853. Henry purchased a property from Robert Brown for 35 pounds. The property was described as 1/2 Lot 4 Class 10. The document was registered March 25 1853. October 1855 Henry and Mary sold the north east corner of lot 5 Class 1? (likely 10) to Robert Brown for 15 pounds. In 1855 he is shown as an owner in the Lady of the Forest a two masted schooner. There were 8 shares. February 27 1858 church records show him as removed from membership of the Centreville church. The 1861 census shows him head of a household of 9, 4 males and 5 females. The 1871 Lovells Directory showed him as a fisherman living in Baccaro, by 1871 he had moved to Baccaro and was a fisherman. In the 1881 census he was living in Port La Tour age 60 with wife Mary age 59 along with children William 31, George 19, Jessie 16 and Archibald 14. The ages of William and Susan vary from other records. Henry and Mary sold Part of Lot 4 to James Brown December 19 1881. The 1891 census has him living in Port LaTour. He was age 66 a fisherman married to Mary age 67. Living with them was their son Archibald a fisherman age 24,

his wife Clara age 21 and a granddaughter to Henry, Leslie, age nine months The 1896 and 97 McAlpine Directories shows him a fisherman at Baccaro. The 1901 census indicates he was 77 and she was 78. They were living in Rockville with their daughter Martha. 13 Henry died in Rockville NS January 5 1905 while living with his daughter Martha. Mary died in May 1905 also in Rockville. There is a document selling his land at Baccaro for \$225. registered August 22 1909. The document number is BAR 502906557 and is dated June 10 1903. It is signed by James R., Prince William, George, Archibald, Susan Smith, and Madora McLean (of Boston). The property was sold to John E. Christie and David Connell Henry was the second Brannen to leave Cape Sable Island and the first Brannen to settle in Baccaro NS.

Reuben Brannen Line

Reuben Brannen (1805-1888)

Reuben was from the second generation of the Brannens of Barrington Township. He was third son of Archibald Brannen (1777-1927) and Mary Atkinson (1786-??). He was born October 6th, 1805, in Barrington Township NS. The first public record of him occurred when he was age 26 and he purchased property in Clam Point adjacent to or near where he grew up and where his mother still resided. He paid eleven pounds on November 15th, 1831, for all of Lot 6, 11th Class, 2nd Division of Cape Sable Island. Based on the price this appears to have been an unimproved lot.

In May 25th, 1833, he bought his parents property at auction. It was described as land and house on Cape Island subject to widow's dower and one lot of marsh. It was legally known as one and a half shares of land in class number eleven in the second division of land on Cape Sable Island. He paid 29.7.6 pounds. The property was sold by Thomas Geddes acting administrator of the estate. William Roberson was the auctioneer.

Rev. Asa McGray married Rueben and Martha 'Patty' Nickerson (1815-1896), in 1834. She was the daughter of Phineas and Sarah Nickerson. He was age 29 at time of his marriage.

Reuben was baptized in the Centreville Church March 2, 1837, she was baptized by Rev, McGray February 11, 1938. Their first child James Melvin was born June 1835.

Their first two children, James Melvin 1834 and Phineas 1837, were born at Clam Point, on Cape Sable Island. About 1843 he moved his family to Lower Woods Harbour. The rest of the children appear to have been born in Woods Harbour after the move. This is the first documented move of a Brannen from Cape Sable Island and the first Brannen to settle in Woods Harbour NS.

About 1847 he purchased 100 acres and built a house on lot #9 in the General Grant of Woods Harbour next to what is now the Central Woods Harbour United Church.

He was a fisherman and in 1848 he was registered part owner of a new two masted brigantine *Bernice*.

On January 25, 1854, his sixteen-year-old son Phineas (1837-1854) drowned and was buried in the church yard. A stone marks his grave.

On January 11th, 1857, the Centreville Church records show he and Patty withdrawing from the Centreville church and uniting with another denomination. Since they had left their home on Cape Island fourteen years earlier this likely is a case of the church purging their rolls.

The 1861 census showed a household of 8 people, six males and two females. In 1866, he along with James Brannen and others were registered as the owners of the two masted schooner *Ottawa*.

The 1965 Hutchinson's Nova Scotia directory showed him as a farmer. McAlpine's Directories of 1867 and 9 show him as a fisherman in Woods Harbour.

He sold part of his property in September 5th, 1868, to his son Smith and his wife Melinda for \$600. In May of that year he also sold a parcel of land described as Lots 14 and 25 comprising of 45 acres to Barney Malone. The sale price not disclosed.

He died May 11, 1888, in Woods Harbour and is buried in the Central Woods Harbour church cemetery in an unmarked grave, likely adjacent to son Phineas.

Patty died February 5, 1896, in Central Woods Harbour. She is likely buried with Reuben and son Phineas in the church yard.

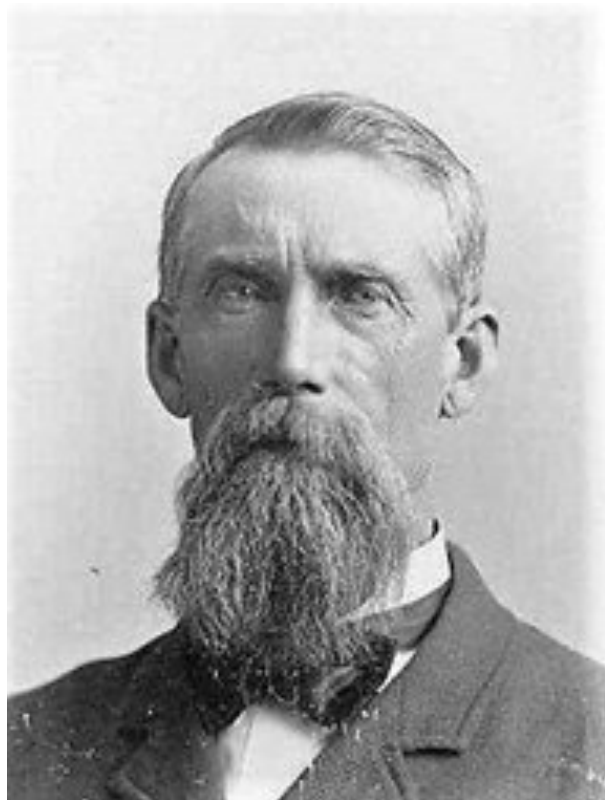
Reuben and Patty had six children, five survived to maturity. Several of their descendants still live on or near their original homesite in Woods Harbour.

THE THIRD GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF REUBEN BRANNEN (1805-1888)

1-3-1

James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918)



James Melvin was the first-born child of Reuben Brannen (1805-1888) and Martha Patty Nickerson (1815-1896). He was born on June 15 1835 on Cape Sable Island but grew up in Central Woods Harbour.

He appears in the Centreville Church records as a member. The date of the entry is not evident. His parents were members of that church while they lived on Cape Sable Island.

In 1858 he married Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918) She was the daughter of Rev. Henry A. Stokes and Aseneth Nickerson.

The 1865 area directory lists James M. Brannen as a fisherman in Woods Harbour. The 1881 census reported them living in Shag Harbour NS area with eight children at home. He was shown as a fisherman.

In 1886 he was listed as one of the owners of the two masted schooner *Ottawa*. His father Reuben was also part owner; there were seven shares in the vessel.

In the 1891 census they were living in Yarmouth NS. He was listed as a carpenter aged 55. There were four children living with them plus a servant in the household, Jamie Smith, aged 49. There were two other Smiths, Hepsabeth age 29 with an occupation as

a "milk operation" and Lila Smith aged ten. The census code for their relationship in not clear.

The 1900 US census lists him as age 64 born March 1836 living in Everett MA working as a carpenter. He was married to Jedidah age 60 born September 1839. Living with them was Sydney M. age 23 born July 1876, he was a ticket agent, Lizzie A. age 25 born March 1875, a dress maker, and James A. age 17 born Aug 1882 working for Raluman's Ice Cream.

In the 1910 US Census Jedidah was living with her daughter Emma Holmes. She was listed as age 70 and said she had been married 51 years. He was not listed at that address.

He died March 22, 1918, in Lynn MA, his wife Jedidah died a month later.

1-3-2

Phineas Brannen (1837-1854)

He appears to have been born on Cape Sable Island about 1837. He was the second child of Reuben Brannen (1805-1888) and Martha Patty Nickerson (1815-1896). He drowned in 1854 when he was only seventeen years old. He is buried in the Lower Woods Harbour church yard. There is a marker there for his grave in the church yard in Central Woods Harbour.

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1-3-3

Isaac F. Brannen (1842-1919)

Isaac was the son of Reuben Brannen (1805-1888) and Martha Patty Nickerson (1815-1896). He was born on July 26 1842 on Cape Sable Island but grew up in Central Woods Harbour.

He married Abigail "Patty" Strahan-Murphy (1852-1921) February 3, 1878. She was the daughter of Wentworth Murphy and Cynthia Nickerson. They had three children, Frank (1878-1919), Everett Reuben (1880- ??), and Nellie R. (1882-1982). Isaac was a fisherman. Patty had a daughter Mary Strachan from her first marriage who came to live with them.

In the 1881 census he was shown as age 36 married to Abigail. In the 1891 census Isaac was age 45 and Abigail age 39, living with them was Mary Strachan, Patty's

daughter aged 16, Frank age 12, Everett age 10 and Nellie eight years old. Isaac was shown as a farmer.

In 1897 he appears in the McAlpine's directory as a fisherman at Lower Woods Harbour. In the 1901 census he was living in Woods Harbour, described as a farmer. There were three children, Frank and Everett, fishermen and Nellie age 18 at home. Mary and a granddaughter Alma were also living in the household.

He died January 18, 1919, of old age and influenza. Patty died about three years after him December 4, 1921.

1-3-4

Archelaus Smith Brannen (1847-1934)



Smith was the fourth son of Reuben Brannen (1805-1888) and Martha Patty Nickerson (1815-1896). He was born June 1, 1847, in Woods Harbour. He was a fisherman.

His father Reuben sold a property to him September 5, 1868. The property was described as Lot 9, 100 acres at Woods Harbour. The sale price was \$600.

Smith married Melinda Wolf Malone (1854-1922) at Woods Harbour 20 April 1872. She was the daughter of Andrew Malone and Armina. He was age 25 and she was 18 years

old. He was a mariner. She was not employed. Witnesses were Elizabeth Nickerson and Michael Malone. They had eight children from their marriage.

He appeared the 1881 census as age 34, a fisherman with a wife and four children. The 1891 and 1901 census shows him as a fisherman living in Woods Harbour with his wife and seven children.

Smith Brannen, described as a sailor, crossed to Boston on the *SS Boston* June 11, 1903

December 9, 1905, Smith and Melinda sold a lot in Woods Harbour next to the burying ground and the Free Baptist Church to his son William Noble for \$100. It was registered on August 15, 1906, as BAR 502906553.

In the 1911 census he was shown as age 65 living in Woods Harbour with his wife and four children: Lennie, Gertrude, Wallace and Arthur. He was described as a fisherman

Melinda died May 3, 1922, in Woods Harbour and is buried there in the Greenwood cemetery.

The 1930 US census found him to be an 85-year-old widower living in Cambridge MA in rented accommodations. He was not employed. He declared his immigration year as 1923. Living with him were daughters Luella D. age 52, a secretary, Gertrude age 45, a bookkeeper, Lennie Slaunwhite age 49, his widowed daughter and has granddaughters Lucille, age 25, a typist and Hilda age 24 also a typist who were the children of his son Noble.

Smith died in Arlington MA May 1934 and was buried in Greenwood cemetery Woods Harbour with Melinda.

1-3-5

Vincent Jeremiah Brannen (1852-1933)



Vincent was the fifth child of Reuben Brannen (1805-1888) and Martha Patty Nickerson (1815-1896). He was born in Woods Harbour on July 1, 1852.

On December 31, 1874, he married Aseneath Stoddard (1851-1934) the daughter of Nelson Stoddard and Abigail Nickerson. They had six children.

In the 1891 census he is shown as age 28 and she 30. He was a fisherman living in Woods Harbour. There were three children. There also appeared to be a 17-year-old helper in the household.

Vincent was listed as a shareholder with ten shares in the Eureka Outfitting Co., a community co-op. On July 1st 1900 he signed as a director.

The 1901 census shows him as age 39, Asneath as age 41. They were living in Woods Harbour. There were five children at home.

In 1906 he was shown as a part owner in the single masted sloop *Lottie G*, named for his youngest daughter. There were sixty-four shares. He was listed as a mariner.

The 1911 census showed him as age 59, a fisherman in Woods Harbour. At home were four daughters. Ola was 28 years old working as a cashier in a restaurant. Ruby and

Pearl (twins) were age 21 and teachers. Lottie was 19 years old and a teacher. In the 1921 census Vincent was shown as age 64. Living with him was his wife, aged 68 and daughter Ruby age 35, a schoolteacher.

He died March 20, 1933, in Woods Harbour NS. Asenath died a year later April 9, 1934. Both are buried in the Greenwood cemetery in Woods Harbour NS.

1-3-6

Phineas Gordon Brannen (1854-1935)

Phineas was youngest child of Reuben Brannen (1805-1888) and Martha Patty Nickerson (1815-1896). He was born September 13, 1854, named for an older brother who drown at age 17 just months before his birth.

The 1881 census shows him as age 23 living with his parents Reuben and Martha in Woods Harbour.

He married Sarah Ellen Nickerson (1863-1944) on Jan 5, 1884, in Woods Harbour. She was the daughter of Joseph Nickerson and Jane Kendrick. They had no children.

In the 1891 census he was shown as age 36 living in Woods Harbour. His 76-year-old mother Martha was living with them.

April 7, 1892, he was a passenger on the *SS Yarmouth* going to Boston. He was 37 years old and listed a fisherman.

The 1901 census showed him as age 46, a fisherman in Woods Harbour.

Phineas Brannen served as Postmaster at Central Woods Harbour from December 1, 1901, until 9 May 1905 when he resigned.

The census of 1911 shows him and Sarah living in Woods Harbour. He was 57 and a fisherman.

He died March 30, 1935, in Central Woods Harbour of old age and influenza. He was 81. He is buried there.

END

THE FOURTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF JAMES MELVIN BRANNEN (1835-1918)

1-4-1

Emma Mary Josephine Brannen (1862-1943)



Emma was born April 1862 in Woods Harbour. She was the daughter and first born of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918).

In 1881 Canadian census she was age 21 living at home with her parents and siblings in Woods Harbour; she was not employed.

April 3 1884 when she was 22 years old, she married John F. Holmes (1884-?), a shoemaker. He was the son of Isaac Holmes (1813-1886) and Deborah Rickard (1821-1879). They had three children, Edgar C. born in 1886, Hattie (1885-1950), and Marion born in 1895.

Emma J. and John F. Holmes appear in the 1900 US census at Congress Street Portland Maine. They were two children, Edgar C., age 14, born March 1886 and Marion born August 1895. Emma is listed as from Nova Scotia born Apr 1862. His nephew Chandler W. Holmes was living with them. Their third child, Hattie was not in the household. She was about 14 years old and living with her aunt Annetta, Emma's sister.

John was a section hand on the railway. He died in 1900 in Portland ME because of a work accident.

The 1910 US census found her living on 611 Broadway, Everett Ward, MA. She was aged 49, a widow working as a sewer in a shoe factory. Her mother, Jedidah, age 70,

was living with her. There was a boarder Alexander Clark age 38 (He married Emma's sister Elizabeth Brannen (1872-??) February 7, 1911). Emma's immigration year was shown as 1880 her mother's 1891

She married John A. Cook around 1911 as she appears in a 1915 state census as being married to John. He was the widower of her younger sister Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-C1910) He had five children from his first marriage to Annie with them and a four-year-old son Milton who may have been a child from Emma and John's marriage

In the 1920 census Emma was shown as age 59 and John as 58. There were five children at home including Milton age seven. John's daughter-in-law (Sydney's wife) Mary age 18 was living with them. Emma gave her immigration year as 1875.

The 1925 RI census showed Emma as age 63 and John aged 57. There were three children at home: John age 20, Frank age 17 and Milton 14 years old. Sydney and his family lived next door.

In the 1930 US census they were living in Rhode Island with no children at home. He was a carpenter. Sydney was living on the same street.

Emma died in Providence RI in 1943. It is not known when or where John died.

1-4-2

Henry Allen Brannen (1864-1954)



Henry was born April 1862 in Woods Harbour he was the son of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918).

In the 1881 census he was shown as age 16 living with his parents in Woods Harbour.

He married Mary Louise Coleman in Lynn MA on July 17, 1888. She was born October 25, 1869. She was the daughter of John B. Coleman and Adora Ellen Burns (Adria Pike?). They had one child Adria Allen Brannen (1889-1963).

The 1900 US census shows him age 30 employed as a fireman. It indicates he immigrated in 1882. He was married to Mary, age 30 born October 1869. She was born in MA. Their daughter Adria aged ten was born July 1889 and was living with them as well as her mother Adria Pike age 50. Her mother Adria was listed as a housekeeper.

In the 1920 US census they were empty nesters. In the 1930 census his sister Ella J (Ellen) Brannen (1866-1957) age 63 was living with them in Lynn MA.. Ella was a sales lady in a department store. He was a shoemaker and also became deputy chief of the Lynn fire department.

His wife, Mary Louise, died in Rhode Island.

In the 1940 census he was shown living in Ellsforde WA, age 73. He was living with his daughter Adria and family.

He died April 1954 at age 89 in rural, Okanogan, WA. and is buried in Ellisforde WA.

1-4-3

Ellen J. Brannen (1866-1957)

Ella was born about 1866 in Woods Harbour she was the daughter of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918). She was known as Ella throughout her adult life.

She appears in the 1881 census as age 14 living with her parents and siblings

She married Ernest M. Stoliker (C1869-??) June 24, 1888, in Lynn MA. He was the son of James and Laura Stoliker. They were both age 22 and it was the first marriage for both.

She appeared as a passenger on the "Boston boat" October 10, 1894. She was shown as age 28 and gave her name as Stolker. She was travelling with her mother, age 58, her sister Elizabeth, age 22, brother James, age 12 and niece Hattie Holmes, age 7.

Ella appears in the 1910 US Census living with Ernest M. Stoliker and her in-laws James G. and Laura on 172 Essex Street in Saugus MA. Ernest was age 40 and was a farm labourer working for his father, a farmer. There were no children listed. Her immigration year was 1889 (or 1895). They had been married for 23 years. Ernest appears to have died prior to 1920. The 1920 census found her living at 162 Huntington Av. in Boston. She was age 50. The head of the house was William F. Green age 54. He was a druggist. She was listed as a housekeeper. Her sister, Annetta, a widow and a housekeeper, was also living there.

In the 1930 census she was living with her brother Henry in Lynn MA. She was age 63. She was working in a department store as a saleslady and indicated she was married.

The 1945 US census found her living in Dade City FL with her sister Annetta Chamberlain. Ella was 78 years old.

She died in Dade City FL April 1957.

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1-4-4

Annetta Martha Brannen (1869-1965)

Nettie was born September 15, 1869, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918).

The 1891 census found her living with her parents in Yarmouth NS. She was 22 years old.

She married George A. Chamberlain (1869-1920) December 24, 1892, in Medford MA. He was the son of George Edward Chamberlain and Elsinora (or Alice Maude) Spinney. She used the name Nettie on her marriage information. It was the first marriage for both. They had one child Henry Austin. born in 1895.

The 1900 census he was shown a Gene age 30. He was a manufacturer of ice cream confections. She is shown as age 30, born September 1869. Her immigration year was 1884. They had a son Henry A., born February 1895. Also living with them was her brother James A. age 17 born August 1882. James was a driver of an ice cream wagon. There was a servant Annie Fletcher aged 29 and Hattie Holmes a niece, the daughter of Hattie's Nettie's sister Emma, age 14 living with them.

The 1920 census found her living at 162 Huntington Av. in Boston. The head of the house was William F. Green age 54. He was a druggist. She was listed as a widow and a housekeeper. Her sister Ellen/Ella a housekeeper was also living there.

She appears in the 1940 US census living in Miami FL with her sister Lizzie, Elizabeth Eldora Brannen (1873-??). She was shown as age 71. The 1945 census showed her address as Dade City FL. Living with her was her sister Ella Brannen age 78. In the Florida state census of 1945, she was living in Miami with Alex and Eldora as well as her sister Ella.

The 1958 city directory for Miami showed her as the widow of Gene living at 105 NE 22nd Street.

She died May 15, 1965, in Miami FL.

1-4-5

Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914)

Annie was born July 13, 1870, in Yarmouth NS. She was the daughter of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918).

She married John Albert (Arthur, Arron?) Cook (1867-1940) September 30, 1888, in Brookline MA. He was the son of Albert Cook and Saba McLeod He was aged 21, a

carpenter. Annie was 18 years old and not employed. Both were born in Yarmouth. It was the first marriage for both. They had a large family of 13 children.

The 1901 Canadian Census lists them as living in Yarmouth NS with eight children, He is listed as a truckman.

The 1910 US census found them in Providence Rhode Island living at 703 Manitou Street. He was age 42 and she was age 39. He was a house carpenter. He emigrated in 1886 and she emigrated in 1888. There were nine children at home. The oldest, six children were born in Canada and emigrated in 1905. The oldest two Sabra E. and Beatrice L. worked as cutters in a cotton mill.

Anna died in North Scituate RI April 1914 and is buried in Pocasset cemetery.

John appears in the 1915 state census married to Annie's sister Emma J. Brannen (1862-1943). John and Emma had Emma's children, Sabra, Anna, John, Robert, Frances and Milton living with them. Emma was the widow of William Ellsworth Holmes (1862-??) and the children's aunt as well as stepmother.

1-4-6

Elizabeth Eldora Brannen (1873-??)

Lizzie was born in March 14, 1873, in Yarmouth NS. She was the daughter of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918).

In the 1891 census she was age 19: living with her parents.

She appeared as a passenger on the "Boston boat" October 10, 1894. She was shown as age 22. She was going to Lynn MA. She was travelling with her mother, brother James and niece Hattie Holmes.

The US census has her living in Everett Ward 4 Middlesex MA. She was single living with her parents and two siblings Sidney and James A. She was shown as a dress maker.

She married Alexander Clarke (1870-1946) February 7, 1911, in Malden MA. Both were living in Everett MA. He was the son of William Clarke and Miltilda. At the time of marriage, Alex was a 41-year-old shoemaker, and she was a dressmaker. He was boarding with Lizzie's sister Emma Brannen (1862-1943) and his future mother-in-law Jedidah Stokes Brannen (1838-1918) Witnesses were Matilda Cresswell and Judith Stokes. Her name appears as Eldora Elizabeth Clarke.

They had one child Marion A. Clarke (1913-2000).

In the 1930 US census he was shown as age 50 working in a shoe shop. Marion age 19 was living with them.

The 1940 US census found them in Miami FL. She was listed as age 65 and he 69 years old. Their daughter Marion was age 28. Lizzie's sister Nettie Brannen Chamberlain (1868-1965) was also living with them. Nettie was age 71.

She appeared in the 1945 Florida state census. Living with them was daughter Marion and Lizzie's two sisters Ella and Annetta.

Her husband died August 12, 1946, in Miami.

In the 1949 city directory for Miami, she was shown as the widow of Alex.

I have not been able to find her date of death.

OBITUARY:

ALEXANDER CLARK. 75. of 105 NE 22nd at., died yesterday at his home. He came to Miami ten years ago from Lynn, Mass. He was a member of the First Methodist church. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and a daughter, Miss Marion A. Clarke.

1-4-7

Davis C. Brannen (1874-1876)

Davis was born November 23, 1874, in Woods Harbour he was the son of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918).

He died as a young child April 23, 1876.

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1-4-8

Sydney Norman Brannen (1878-1959)

Sydney was born July 8, 1877, in Woods Harbour he was the son of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918).

In the 1891 census he was shown as age 13 living with his parents.

The US census of 1900 found him living with his parents in Everett MA on Hancock Street. He was age 23, born July 1876. He was working as a ticket agent.

October 14, 1908, he married Lillian Alma Lincoln in Hodgdon, ME. He was 31 years old. and listed as a Steamship agent. They had two children, Boit born in 1900, and Saba born in 1901.

The Wakefield city directory for 1917 shows him living at 32 Cedar, employed as a tourist agent. His wife's name is listed as Alma.

In the 1930 census he was shown as age 51 and married to Lillian G. Their son Boit L. age 20 was living at home. Boit was a ticket seller in a tourist office.

His World War Two draft registration shows him as age 64 still living at 32 Cedar Street, Wakefield, MA. He was employed by the W.P.A. Geodetic Survey.

The 1940 census shows his wife's name as Alma likely her middle name. He was employed as Chief Timekeeper WPA work. Their son Boit was living at home. Boit had completed four years of college and was working as a painter.

In 1942 he was living in Wakefield MA according to his WWII draft registration card.

Their son Boit Brannen (1900-??) went on to become an assistant professor at North Eastern University and later a full professor at Danbury State College in Danbury.

Sydney died in 1959 in Stoneham MA.

1-4-9

Carrie Brannen (1879-??)

Carrie was born in 1872 in Yarmouth NS. She was the daughter of James Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918).

She appears in the 1881 census as age one living with parents in Shag Harbour.

She apparently died very young.

END

1-4-10

James Arthur Brannen MBE (1882-1978)

James was born July 8, 1877, in Woods Harbour he was the son of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918).

The 1900 US census shows him as 17 years old living with parents in Everett Ward 4 MA. His employment not decipherable.

He married Edna Alberta Tyrell-Lynch the daughter of John Tyrell and Dora Mosher August 28, 1909, in Everett MA. They had no children.

The 1910 US census shows him age 27. His occupation was shown as Consular, industry diplomat. He was renting his house.

Became naturalized US citizen in Miami FL 14 November 1910

The 1920 US census shows him as age 36 married to Edna living at 30 Oxford Street

August 20, 1921, James and Edna appear on the manifest of alien passengers of the US for the *SS Sam Gil* sailing from Cristobal and Limon he is listed a British Vice Consul 35 years old living in Arlington MA.

The 1930 census has him as Vice Consul, British Consulate. His immigration year was 1898. He was age 46. His wife Edna was a Registrar, Consular Services.

The 1940 US census has him as age 56 living in Arlington, MA on 12 Upland West. He was also there in 1935. He declared his employment as Vice Consul. He was living with his wife Edna age 53.

The 1944 King's Birthday Honours celebrating the official birthday of King George VI, announced on 2 June 1944 for the United Kingdom and British Empire, New Zealand, and South Africa, announced James Arthur Brannen, British Counsel for Boston was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Edna died in 1966 in Kentville NS. James died in Stuart FL January 24, 1978.

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1-4-11

Baby Brannen (C1884-1884)

A child of James Melvin Brannen (1835-1918) and Jedidiah Catherine Stokes (1839-1918) died in infancy in 1884.

END

THE CHILDREN OF ISAAC F. BRANNEN (1842-1919)

1-4-12

Frank Isaac Brannen Jr. (1878-1919)

Frank was the first-born child to Isaac Brannen (1842-1919) and Abigail Murphy (1852-1921). He was born December 1, 1878, in Woods Harbour NS.

He appears in the 1891 census as age 12. In the 1901 census he is shown as a fisherman. In the 1911 census he was shown as age 31 single, a fisherman living with his sister Nellie and her family.

It appears he did not marry.

He died December 18, 1919

END

1-4-13

Everett Reuben Brannen (1880-1957)



Everett was born July 19, 1880, in Woods Harbour. He was the child of Isaac Brannen (1842-1919) and Abigail Murphy (1852-1921).

In the 1881 census Everett Reuben was less than a year old. In the 1901 census Everett was aged 20 living at home. He was shown as a fisherman

Everett married Anne H. Scott (1881-1907) December 6, 1904, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Thomas and Lydia Scott. They appear to have had no children. She died about 1906.

He married Clatis Belle Garron (1885-1947) on April 20, 1907, at Woods Harbour. She was the daughter of John Garron and Isabel Abbott. They had eight children.

The 1911 census shows him as a resident of Woods Harbour. married to Clatis. They had two sons at home Everett 11 months old and Isaac W. age two.

Clatis died about in 1947 in Woods Harbour and is buried in Greenwood cemetery. Everett died November 9, 1957, and was buried with Clatis.

1-4-14

Nellie Rae Brannen (1884-1982)



Nellie was born August 24, 1884, in Woods Harbour. She was the daughter of Isaac F. Brannen (1842-1919) and Abigail Murphy (1852-1921).

She married Leonard Henry Goodwin (1881-1971) January 9, 1908. Leo was the son of George Norman Goodwin and Abigail Frost. He was a fisherman They appear to have had two children Howard Laughlin Goodwin (1910-1940) and Marion born in 1913.

The 1911 census found them in Woods Harbour They had one child, Howard 11 months old. Living with them was her brother Frank and her mother Abigail-Murphy Brannen. The 1921 census showed their address as Argyle NS. There were two children at home.

Leo Died December 10, 1971, in Pubnico NS. Nellie died May 10, 1982, also in Pubnico where they are buried.

The Children of Archelaus Smith Brannen (1847-1934)

1-4-15

Marion Evangeline Brannen (1873-1950)

Eva was born June 1, 1873, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the oldest child of Smith Brannen (1847-1934) and Melinda Wolf (1854-1922).

She appeared in the 1891 census as age 18 and still living at home with her parents and siblings in Woods Harbour.

She married William E. Atwood (1873-1944) on May 10 1898 in Boston MA. He was the son of Joseph Atwood and Sarah Pierce.

They moved to Boston MA. In the 1900 US census she was shown as age 26 and William as age 27. They had one child Juanita eight months old. George Atwood age 20 was living with them at Maverick St. in Boston MA

The 1910 census found them in Everett MA. He was employed on a milk route. There were four children, Juanita age ten, Roberta age seven, Gertrude age four, and Marion age one. Also living with them were her sisters Luella and Gertrude, as well as her cousin Ola.

William died about 1944 in Boston. She died about 1950 in Boston MA.

1-4-16

Luella Decker Brannen (1877-1947)

Louie was born on August 8 1877 in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Smith Brannen (1847-1934) and Melinda Wolf (1854-1922).

She appeared in the 1881 census as age three born 1878. In the 1891 census she was indicated as age 14 living with her parents and siblings in Woods Harbour.

She trained as a schoolteacher.

There is a record of Miss L. Brannen travelling from Yarmouth to Boston on the *S.S. Boston*, February 8, 1894. There is also a record of Miss L. D. Brannen age 24 crossing on the *S.S. Boston* sailing from Yarmouth September 26 1901 with Catherine Brannen age ten. The Port of Arrival was Boston MA.

Louie appears in the 1910 US census as age 32, single living in Everett, MA. Her year of immigration was listed as 1902. She was a lodger living with her sister Eva, Marion Evangeline Brannen-Atwood (1873-1950). She was employed as a stenographer. With her was her sister Gertrude Brannen age 27 and single, and her cousin Ola Brannen age 30 and single. Gertrude was a stenographer and Ola was a cashier in a restaurant.

In the 1930 US census she was living in Cambridge MA. She was single living with her father Smith Brannen age 85 as well as her sisters Gertrude age 45, and Lennie Brannen-Slaunwhite age 49, a widow. Also, with them was her nieces, Lucille Brannen age 25, Hilda Brannen age 24. They were her brother Noble's daughters.

The 1935 Arlington city directory shows Luella D. as a steno, Lucille M. as a clerk, Gertrude E. as a bookkeeper and Brunhilda L. a photographer living at 70 Freeman.

The 1940 US census shows Louella Brannen age 55 single as head of the house at 70 Freeman in Arlington. Living with her was her sisters, Lennie Slaunwhite age 53, a widow, Gertrude age 50 single and also her nieces Hilda single 34, as well as Lucille single age 35. Luella was a credit executive at a shoe polish concern. Lennie was not employed. Gertrude was a bookkeeper at a woodworking company. Hilda was a typist at an optical concern. Lucille was a file clerk at an insurance company

Luella obtained a late registration birth certificate from Nova Scotia 28 January 1943

She died in 1947 in Arlington MA. She is buried in the Greenwood cemetery in Woods Harbour NS.

1-4-17

William Noble Brannen (1879-1963)



He was born on January 7 1879 in Woods Harbour NS. He was the fourth child of Smith Brannen (1847-1934) and Melinda Wolf (1854-1922).

He appeared in 1891 census as age 12 living with his parents and siblings in Woods Harbour NS.

William 20 was on the passenger list of the *SS Yarmouth* travelling to Boston July 8, 1899. At age 21 on September 16, 1900, he appeared on the passenger list of the *SS Boston* sailing from Yarmouth to Boston.

He married Cassie Belle Nickerson (1877-1919) December 24, 1901, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of James C. Nickerson and Susan Malone. They had three children of their own: Althema (1908-1987), Viola Belle (1910-1997) and Noble Cleveland (1911-1995)

June 21, 1903, he appears on the passenger list of the "Boston Boat" with his brother Arthur. They were going to Boston

December 9, 1905, he bought a lot in Woods Harbour next to the Free Baptist Church from his father Smith for \$100. It was registered on August 15 1906 as BAR 502906553.

Sometime after 1905 he hired Hadley Smith and his brother to build a new house near the road and next to the church. The old house on the site was eventually sold and demolished.

The 1911 census shows him born 1878, fisherman married to Cassie born 1897, they had four children at home in Woods Harbour.

His first wife Cassie died in 1919 at Woods Harbour and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery there. In the 1921 census he was shown as a widower with five children at home: Lucille, Hilda, Althema, Viola Belle, and Noble. He was listed as fisherman aged 42.

May 2, 1926, he married Eliza Maude Kendrick (1882-1979) the widow of Harry Greenwood. She had two daughters from her first marriage. She did not have any children with William.

On July 28, 1942, he and Eliza sold their Woods Harbour property to his son Cleveland Brannen (1911-1995).

William died September 21, 1963, in Woods Harbour and is buried in the Greenwood cemetery. Eliza out lived him and died May 24, 1979. She is buried with her first husband in Shag Harbour NS.

1-4-18

Lennie Mae Brannen (1881-1962)



Lennie was born on March 14 1881 in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Smith Brannen (1847-1934) and Melinda Wolf (1854-1922).

She trained as a teacher and became proficient in German.

She married Rev. Lindsay Slaunwhite (1864-1913) March 6, 1910. They had two children, Lucille (1904-1981) and Hilda Slaunwhite (1905-1993). He lived only until July 22, 1913, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery.

Sometime before the 1910 census her daughters Lucille and Hilda went to live with her brother William Noble and his wife Cassie Bell. They took the name Brannen.

Sometime after her husband's passing, she moved to Arlington Mass. and lived with her sisters Luella and Gertie. She did not resume her teaching career.

The 1930 US census found her on Orchard St. in Cambridge MA. She was a widow aged 49. She and Lucille and Hilda were living with her father, Smith, and sisters Louie and Gertrude.

The 1940 census shows her age 53 living with her sisters, Gertie age 50 and Louie age 55, a widow, at 70 Freeman in Arlington MA. Also, there were Hilda single age 34 and

Lucille single age 35. Louella was a credit executive at a shoe concern. Lennie was not employed. Gertrude was a bookkeeper at a woodworking company. Hilda was a typist at an optical concern. Lucille was a file clerk at an insurance company.

She never worked after moving to the US. It is believed she suffered from premature senility for several years prior to her death July 22, 1961, in Arlington MA. She is buried in Puritan Lawn Memorial cemetery in Peabody.

1-4-19

Gertrude Evelyn Brannen (1883-1976)



Gertie was born March 1883 in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Smith Brannen (1847-1934) and Melinda Wolf (1854-1922).

She appeared in the 1891 census as being eight years old living with her parents and siblings in Woods Harbour.

She trained as a teacher but did not teach after moving to the US.

Gertie appeared in 1928 and 1931 Cambridge city directories living at 73 Orchard. She was shown as a stenographer, living with her father, Smith. Her sister Luella was a secretary and nieces, Brunhilda and Lucille were clerks.

The 1930 census showed her single, age 45, living with her father. She was working in a torpedo factory.

The 1935 Arlington city directory shows Gertrude E., a bookkeeper, Luella D., a steno, Lucille M., a clerk, and Brunhilda L., a photographer living at 70 Freeman.

The 1940 census shows Gertrude age 50 and single. Her sister Luella Brannen was age 55 and single Luella was head of the house at 70 Freeman in Arlington. Also, there were her sisters Lennie Slaughnwhite age 53, a widow and Hilda single 34 a niece, and Lucille single age 35 a niece. Luella was a credit executive at a shoe concern. Lennie was not employed. Gertrude was a bookkeeper at a woodworking company. Hilda was a typist at an optical concern. Lucille was a file clerk at an insurance company.

Gertrude died April 1976 in Boston and was buried in the Puritan Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Peabody MA.

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1-4-20

Wallace Ellsworth Brannen (1885-1961)



Wallace was born December 2, 1885, in Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Smith Brannen (1847-1934) and Melinda Wolf (1854-1922).

The 1901 census reported him as age 17 living at home. He appeared in the 1911 census as age 24 and single. He showed no employment. He was living at home in Woods Harbour. In the 1921 census he was shown as age 35 a schoolteacher in Woods Harbour still living at home.

In 1931 he completed a Cadet Instructors Course in Halifax for the military and qualified as a cadet instructor. It is also about this time that he briefly sold life insurance for the Great West Life Insurance Co.

He married Winnifred Euphemia Bower (1902-1974) at Lower Ohio NS August 20, 1931. She was the daughter of Bertram Bower and Mary Etta MacGowan. They had three children, two lived to maturity.

He was a schoolteacher for 38 years. He taught in Woods Harbour, Oxford, Parrsboro, Truro, Shelburne and Barrington.

The 1949 voter's list listed him and his wife in Brass Hill. He was a teacher.

According to the Minutes and Reports of the Barrington Municipal Council for the 100th Annual Meeting in 1956 he was both an elected councilor for Barrington Municipality and Chairman of the School Building Committee as well as being Chairman of the Barrington Municipal School Board.

He died May 30, 1961, and is buried in Hillside Cemetery in Brass Hill NS. Winnifred remarried to Sidney W. Nickerson. She died January 21, 1974, in Shelburne NS and is buried beside Wallace in Brass Hill.

OBITUARY:

Wallace Ellsworth Brannen, Brass Hill, Shelburne Co., N. S., passed away at his home on Tuesday. The deceased was well known throughout the province having taught school in Oxford, Truro, Parrsboro, Shelburne and Barrington Passage during his 38 teaching years.

He was born 75 years ago, in Woods Harbour, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Smith Brannen. He was a former President of the Red Cross in this area, a member of Temple Baptist Church and a Sunday School teacher for many years. He also served on the Board of the Children's Aid Society.

Retired for the past 10 years, he still maintained his interest in school affairs and was Chairman of the Municipal School Board.

surviving besides his wife, the former Winnifred Bower of Ohio, two daughters Belinda (Mrs. Don LaFergy) Shelburne; Judith (Mrs. John Alward) Halifax; two sisters, Gertrude and Lennie (Mrs. Slaunwhite) Arlington, Mass.

Service was held Sunday at Temple Baptist Church with burial at Hillside Cemetery.

STORY:

The 1961 Barrington Municipal High School yearbook was dedicated to Wallace.

W. E. Brannen, ex-teacher,

Principal and Chairman of the Municipal School Board,

We, the students of Barrington Municipal High School do respectfully dedicate this, our 1961 Yearbook issue of "Harbour Lights", to Mr. W. E. Brannen. The staff of the High School join us in paying tribute to a man who given all his working years to education, working in many capacities.

Mr. Brannen was born at Wood's Harbour in 1885. After receiving his High School education, he attended Provincial Normal College in 1911-12 where he received his Teaching License. Following graduation from Normal College became Principal of Oxford Academy, a position he held for nine years, moving to Canso for two years and Parrsboro for five years.

He substituted in Truro for a half year, taught in Shelburne two years and at Barrington Passage seventeen years. Adding to this a few months teaching in Wood's Harbour and a half year at Bear Point gives a total of thirty-eight and one-half years teaching.

He permanently retired from teaching in 1954 but his interest, efforts and knowledge were not lost to this Municipality as he was elected to Council in 1955. From the Council he was appointed to the School Board where he took over as Chairman. Because of ailing health, he resigned from the Council. In 1956 he again became chairman of the School Board but because of health he was forced to resign later in the year. In 1957 he came on the School Board for the third time, this time as a government appointee and was immediately made chairman, a position he has held since.

We all join in paying tribute to Mr. Brannen for his dedicated service to matters of education and in particular to the part he played in the consolidation of the schools of this Municipality. We wish him improved health and many happy years of retirement.

STORY:

Wallace Brannen, (1885-1961) was involved in education for most of his life. He taught school locally (Woods Harbour, N. S. and area) before attending Normal School in Truro, N.S. He then taught for a number of years in various locations such as Parrsboro and Oxford, N. S.

In his mid forties he left teaching for a brief period and sold insurance for Great West Life. A bachelor until then, it was during this period that he met Winnifred Bower, married her and started a family. They settled in Shelburne where he taught for a year or two, then moved to Barrington, N.S. and there he assumed the position of principal of the school in Barrington Passage, where he remained for the rest of his teaching career.

He, as well as Winnifred, became very involved in community affairs, both believing very strongly in "giving back" to the community. They were both members of Temple Baptist Church and were involved in various activities connected with it. Wallace taught a very popular men's Sunday School class for many years where many topics, along with religion, were discussed at great length. He also belonged to the Red Cross Society as well as other organizations current at the time.

After retiring in 1951, he retained his interest in education. He became Chairman of the School Board and was a driving force in the move to school consolidation and later to the construction of Barrington Municipal High School.

E-mail from Belinda Brannen-LeFergy, daughter March 2019

1-4-21

Arthur Douglas Brannen (1888-1984)



Arthur was born October 12, 1888, in Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Smith Brannen 1847-1934 and Melinda Wolf 1854-1922.

The 1911 census found him age 22 single living in Woods Harbour with parents and siblings. He was not employed.

He married Meda Louise Knowles (1889-1980). Their marriage took place December 25, 1913, in Springfield MA. The first marriage for both. Meda was the daughter of James Knowles (1864-1942) and Eleanor Doane Wyman (1864-1913). She was shown living at home in Barrington and he was an accountant living at 2576 Mance Street in Montreal. They had six children.

The 1921 census found him in Barrington Passage age 32 married to Meda with three children at home. He was an insurance agent making \$1,000 per year

He ran a general insurance business from an office in his home in Barrington Passage/Crowells for over forty years. His son Herbert joined him in the business after his army service and took over when Arthur retired

Meda died in Shelburne February 17, 1980, and is buried Barrington Passage NS. Arthur died August 24, 1984, in Shelburne and is buried with Meda in the Forest Hill cemetery in Barrington Passage.

OBITUARY:

Arthur D. Brannen, 95, died Friday, August 24, 1984 in Roseway Hospital. Born in Woods Harbour, he was a son of the late Smith and Melinda Brannen He is survived by five sons, Douglas Brannen of Collingwood, Ontario, Ronald Brannen of Brockville, Ontario, Robert of Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, Herbert, Barrington Passage, and Lindsay, Seattle, Wash.; a daughter Eleanor, (Mrs. Dean Watt) Barrington Passage; 21 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife the former Meda Knowles; two brothers Noble and Wallace; and five sisters, Gertrude, Eva, Luella, Lenny and Kathleen. The funeral service was held on Monday, August 27, 1984 from Temple Baptist Church, Barrington Passage, with Rev. Loyd Baker officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Barrington Passage.

1-4-22

Kathleen Farrell Brannen (1891-1907)

Kathleen was born on December 29, 1891, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Smith Brannen (1847-1934) and Melinda Wolf (1854-1922).

She died at age 15, May 3, 1907, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Woods Harbour.

END

THE CHILDREN OF VINCENT JEREMIAH BRANNEN (1852-1933)

1-4-23

Freeland Clayton Brannen (1875-1938)



Freeland was born on August 5, 1875, in Yarmouth, N.S. He was the first child of Vincent Brannen (1852-1833) and Aseneath Stoddard (1881-1934).

June 11, 1902, Freeland Brannen age 25 is listed as a passenger going to Boston on the *SS Prince George*.

He married Ethel Isola Nickerson (1879-1945) September 20, 1899. She was born July 5, 1877, in Woods Harbour, N.S. She was the daughter of Isaiah Cyrenus Stoddard and Leah Hatch. They had six children.

In the 1901 census he was age 25 married to Ethel age 21 with a child, Thelma, nine months old. He was living in Woods Harbour and working as a fisherman. In the 1911 census he was age 35; they now had five children and were still living in Woods Harbour. In 1921 there were still five children at home. His daughter, Thelma, was now 21.

He died August 10, 1938, in Malden MA and was buried in Woods Harbour. Ethel died February 21, 1945, in Woods Harbour and is buried with her husband

1-4-24

Gordon Phineas Brannen (1878-1924)

Gordon was born in Woods Harbour NS on May 15 1878. He was the second child of Vincent Brannen (1875-1938) and Aseneath Stoddard (1879-1945).

In the 1901 census he was single age 22, a fisherman living with his parents.

He married Eliza Beatrice Goreham (1881-1926) January 1, 1907, in Woods Harbour. She was the daughter of Arthur James Goreham (1863-1937) and Rachel Jane Nickerson (1863-1917). They had two children.

The 1911 census shows Gordon, Beatrice and daughter Veronica living in Woods Harbour. He was a fisherman. In the 1921 census he was shown as age 42. There were two daughters at home, Veronica (1907-1995) and Rachel Ruth (1914-1955).

He died while lobstering April 30, 1924. His death certificate shows he died of a Pulmonary Hemorrhage April 30, 1924, at age 42 years 11 months. He is buried in Greenwood cemetery in Woods Harbour. She died two years later December 24, 1926, in Woods Harbour and is buried with her husband.

1-4-25

Ola Mineva Brannen (1880-1972)

Ola Mineva Brannen 1880-1972 was born in Woods Harbour NS July 31, 1880. She was the third child of Vincent Brannen (1875-1938) and Aseneath Stoddard (1879-1945). Ola married Herman Wallace Nickerson (1873-1943) October 12, 1912, in Portland Maine. She was shown as being 30. He was listed as a 39-year-old fish canner. She was not employed. They gave their address as Woods Harbour NS.

Ola was Herman`s second wife, his first wife was Delilah Mood who died young leaving five children age 14 or less. Ola became stepmother to these children and she and Herman had two children of their own, Mayola born 1917 and Elizabeth born in 1920.

Herman died October 25, 1943, in Woods Harbour and was buried there. Ola died January 23, 1972, in Woods Harbour and was buried with Herman.

OBITUARY:

HERMAN WALLACE NICKERSON Shelburne County lost a valued citizen in the death of Herman Nickerson, of Wood's Harbor, who died at the Yarmouth hospital, after an illness of several weeks. The deceased was born at Wood's Harbor, sixty-nine years ago. When a young man he followed fishing in the United States for several seasons. Returning home, he conducted a lobster cannery in partnership with the late Frank

Mood. Of late years he was prominent fish merchant and handled large amounts of fish annually and will be greatly missed in future days. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, an Oddfellow, in religion, Baptist and in politics a Liberal and prominent in the Council of that party. He was twice married. His second wife survives. His first wife was Delilia Mood, and the second Ola Brannen. These are the following children by the first wife, Mrs. J. M. Nickerson, and Miss Sadie Nickerson, Shelburne; Ellis and Ennis, of Newton Heights; Mrs. Glen Sutherland, Clyde River; George, at home. The following children by the second marriage survive, Elizabeth Nickerson, California; and Mrs. Robert Crowell, Wood's Harbor; Mrs. Robert Lloyd, of Lockeport, is a sister. The late Capt. Enos Nickerson, the famous fish killer of Gloucester, was a brother. The deceased was upright in all his business dealings, whose word was as good as his bond. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon from his late residence with a large attendance of friends and relatives from many parts of the county.

1-4-26

Ruby Violet Brannen (1888-1968)



Ruby was born in Woods Harbour NS October 14, 1888. She was a twin to Pearl. They were children of Vincent Brannen (1875-1938) and Aseneath Stoddard (1879-1945).

In the 1921 census she was 35 living at home, a schoolteacher. She did not marry and had no children.

She spent her teaching career in Woods Harbour schools.

She died January 15, 1966, and is buried in Woods Harbour.

END

1-4-27

Pearl Vaughan Brannen (1888-1977)



Pearl was born in Woods Harbour NS October 14, 1888. She was a twin to Ruby. They were children of Vincent Brannen (1875-1938) and Aseneath Stoddard (1879-1945).

She married Morely Baxter Dickie (1886-1970) in Everett MA April 17, 1932

The 1934 Malden city directory shows them living at 15 Mt. Vernon. He was described as a Chauffeur. In 1937 they were at 32 Mt Vernon, and he was shown as an operator at Boston Electric Railway.

She appears in the 1940 US census living at 106 Mt. Vernon Av. Melrose Mass. She was aged 51. Her birthplace was listed was Canada.

They appear in the 1947 Melrose Directory at 106 Mt Vernon, and he is still an operator.

Morley died December 1970. Pearl died in Melrose MA in 1977 and is buried in the Wyoming cemetery there.

END

1-4-28

Lottie Genesta Brannen (1891-1971)

Lottie was born in Lower Woods Harbour NS April 7, 1891. She was the daughter of Vincent Brannen (1875-1938) and Aseneath Stoddard (1879-1945).

In 1906 she had a single masted sloop named after her, LOTTIE G. Her father was part owner.

She married Arnold Gray Lent (1896-1971) in Weymouth NS July 28, 1916. They appeared to marry shortly after his enlistment in the Canadian Army.

The 1921 census showed her as age 30 living in Weymouth North. He was aged 25. Living with them was Alice Lent age 59, her mother-in-law. She appeared in the 1965 Canada voters list in Annapolis, Kings NS. She appeared in the 1974 Canada voters list in RR # Weymouth NS.

She was a schoolteacher.

Arnold died September 20, 1971, in Weymouth NS. Lottie died December 24, 1975, also in Weymouth NS

END

FIFTH GENERATION

THE CHILD OF EMMA JOSEPHINE BRANNEN (1862-1943)

1-5-1

Hattie Ellsworth Holmes (C1885-1950)

Hattie was the daughter of Emma Brannen (1862-C1943) and John Ellsworth Holmes (C1962-C1900). She was born in Yarmouth Nova Scotia October 2, 1885.

Her father was killed at work in 1900. In the 1900 census Hattie was shown as age 14 living with her aunt Nettie in Providence RI.

She married Fredrick David Grove (1877-1941) in Lynn MA July 20, 1903. He was the son of David Grove (1852-??) and Henrietta Green (1855-??).

They lived in Los Angeles and had three children, Adria Ellsworth (1905-1972), Fred David (1908-1961) and Leonard W. (1913-1958).

The 1920 census showed her as age 33 with three children living in Bristol MA.

In the 1940 census she was age 63 living in Los Angeles CA, He was age 53. Living with them was her mother Mary Cook. Age 80 described as her mother and Ella Stoliker age 73 her aunt.

Her husband Fred Grove died June 21, 1941, in Los Angeles and is buried in Forest Lawn memorial park Glendale CA. Hattie died in Los Angeles October 4, 1950.

Obituary:

Mrs. Hattie E. Grove Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie E. Grove, 65, retired matron of Page Military Academy, will be conducted by Forest Lawn Mortuary today at 3:30 p.m. in the Wee Kirk o' the Heather. Mrs. Grove died Wednesday at her home, 208 Breeze St., Venice. She leaves two sons, Frederick and Leonard; a daughter, Mrs. Adria Jewell, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of this area. Her mother, Mrs. Emma Cook, Foster City, Long Island, also survives.

END

THE CHILD OF HENRY ALLEN BRANNEN (1864-1954)

1-5-2

Adria Allen Brannen (1889-1963)



Adria was born in Lynn MA July 7, 1889. She was the daughter of Henry Allen Brannen (1864-1954) and Mary Louise Coleman (1869-??).

She married William Ernest Peterson 1886-1948 in Lynn MA July 17, 1919. He indicated in the 1920 census he was born in Sweden. They had three children Adria (1921-2006), William Jr (1925-), and Henry (1927-).

She appeared in the 1920 US census as married with no children living in Tonasket WA.

The city directories for Lynn MA in 1924, 27, and 31 show Adria and William living there. He was a photo engraver.

In the 1940 US census the two sons were still at home. They were living in Ellisforde WA. She indicated she had two years of collage. He was a farmer.

Her husband William died May 23, 1948, in Portland OR. She died April 3, 1963, in Tonasket WA.

OBITUARY:

Adria A. Peterson, 73, died Wednesday after a four-month illness. She was born in Massachusetts, July 7, 1889, and came to Washington with her family in 1930, settling on a farm here. Her husband, William Peterson, died in 1948. Mrs. Peterson was a member of the Brethren Church Rebeccas and Garden Club at Tonasket.

Surviving are her sons, Bill and Hank Peterson, both of Oroville; her daughter, Mr. Oliver Weddle, Tonasket; and 18 grandchildren.

THE CHILD OF ANNETTA MARTHA BRANNEN (1886-1965)

1-5-3

Henry Austin Chamberlain (1895-1964)

Henry was the only child of Annetta Martha Brannen (1869-1965) and George A. (Gene) Chamberlain (1869-??). He was born February 4, 1895, in Somerville MA.

In the 1900 census he was shown as age five living in Providence RI. with his parents. His cousin Hattie Holmes age 14 was in the household as well as James A. Brannen his uncle.

He married Ada J. in 1916. They had one child Virginia (Ginnie) (1920-1988).

His WWI Draft Registration Card shows his birthdate as 1894. It was filled out on June 17, 1917. He indicated he was a salesman for Babbit & Co. and that he was married and supported his wife and his widowed mother. He was living in Cambridge MA.

In the 1920 census he was age 25, living in Lowell MA and married to Ada J. age 27. The 1927 city directory for Lowell MA listed him married to Ada. There were no children.

In the 1930 US census he was shown as being born in 1895. He was married to Ada J. There was one child Virginia, age nine at home and his mother Annette age 57. He was a field supervisor working for a soap manufacturer and living in Watertown MA.

July 12, 1932, he and Ada appeared on the passenger list of the SS Cuba travelling from Havana Cuba to Key West FL. They gave their address as Atalanta GA.

Henry and Ada divorced in Florida in 1939. He married Rowena Rowschleger June 29 1940 in Herando FL.

Henry died August 1964 in Dade FL. He is buried in Kennesaw Memorial Park, Marietta GA, beside him is his daughter Ginnie C. Smith (1920-1988).

END

THE CHILDREN OF ANNA LADREW BRANNEN (1870-1914)

1-5-4

Sabra Elsworth Cook (1890-1987)

She was born February 25, 1890, in Nova Scotia. She was the oldest daughter of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

The 1891 census found her in Yarmouth. The 1901 census she was shown as age eleven living in Yarmouth NS.

It appears she moved to Rhode Island with her family in 1905. In the 1910 US census she was shown as a cutter in a cotton mill. She was living with her parents and siblings in Providence RI. She was 20 years old.

She married Erwin Linly Clark (1887-1950) in Rhode Island January 15, 1915. He had previously married to Mary I Godfrey (1885-??) in 1908.

Sabra and Erwin appeared in the 1915 RI state census as living in Gloucester RI. She was shown as age 25. Her sister Anna Cook age 17 was living with them.

They had only one child, Linly Ellsworth Clark (1915-1995). His draft card date 1917 refers to a wife and child.

About 1918 Erwin changed his name to Ashley and settled near Albany NY. It appears Clark was perhaps an alias as his father's last name was Ashley.

In the 1920 census Sabra was living with her sister Anna and her husband Walter Bray. Sabra was using the name Clark and declared she was married. Her son Linly was not with her.

Erwin married Elizabeth Pixley (1907-1985) in Watervliet NY May 23, 1927.

The 1930 census found her son Linly age 14 living with his father, Elizabeth, and two children ages 2 and 3 in New York state.

In the 1930 and 1940 census Sabra indicated she was a widow. She was employed as a parole officer for the Connecticut State Farm for Women. She was a resident on the farm.

Her son Linly Clark officially changed his name to Ashley in 1971. He died in 1995 in South Carolina.

Erwin's date of death is uncertain. Sabra died July 1987 in Scituate RI and is buried in Pocasset cemetery.

END

1-5-5

James Melvin Cook (1891-1895)

Melvin was born January 2, 1891, in Nova Scotia. He was the son of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

James died in Yarmouth NS in 1895 aged 3 or 4. He is buried in the Mountain cemetery in Yarmouth NS.

END

1-5-6

Nettie Rae Cook (1892-1980)

Nettie was born December 27, 1892, in Nova Scotia. She was the daughter of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

She appeared in the 1901 census as age nine.

She married George Bassett (1872-1965) Jr. October 29, 1911, in Rhode Island. He was the son of George Bassett and Euphelia Merrett (1837-1917). Nettie and George had three children, George Arthur Jr., Henry Ludrew and Robert Melvin.

The 1915 Rhode Island census listed her as age 22 living in Providence. George was age 40. There were two children George Jr. age two and Henry six months old. In the 1925 RI census she was shown as age 30. There were three children, George Jr. age 12, Henry aged ten and Robert age eight.

The 1920 census listed her as age 24 and George as 48 years old.

The 1930 census showed her age as 39. There were three children: Arthur 17, Henry 15, and Robert 13.

The 1932 city directory listed George and Nettie at 60 Wash Av. Cranston RI.

In the 1935 census George indicated he was divorced.

Nettie married Rennie Hargraves (1885-1950) sometime before 1934 as the city directory for 1934 showed her using the name Hargraves.

Her son Robert's 1940 draft card describes her as Nettie Bassett Hargraves 9 Birch St, Cranston RI. In 1942 Rennie indicted on his draft registration card that Nettie was his wife.

Rennie died in 1950. George died December 1965 in Warwick RI. Nettie died October 1980 in Rhode Island.

END

1-5-7

Benrice Sharwood Cook (1894-1983)

She was born February 15, 1894. She was the daughter of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

She appeared in the 1901 census as age seven living in Yarmouth NS.

She moved to the US with her parents in 1905.

She married Herbert James Staples (1889-1969) in Rhode Island January 14 1912. He was the son of Dallas Staples (1853-1923) and Clara Thompson (1872-1932).

In the 1910 US census she was shown as working as a cutter in a cotton mill. She was living with her parents and siblings in Providence RI.

In the 1930 census she was shown as age 34 living in Warwick RI. There were two children at home, Ruth (1915-2006) and Virginia (1921-1989). The 1940 US census shows only Virginia left at home with them.

Her husband, Herbert, died December 23, 1969, in El Cajon CA. She died September 20, 1983, in El Cajon CA and is buried in Alpine, San Diego County, CA.

END

1-5-8

Ruth G. Cook (1895-1974?)

Ruth was born September 15, 1895, in Nova Scotia. She was the daughter of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

The 1901 census found her age six in Yarmouth NS.

It appears she moved with her family to the US in 1903.

The 1910 US census shows her in Providence RI with her family. Her mother appears to have died about 1910.

About 1916 she married Howard Luther Hopkins (1897-1924) in Burrillville RI. He was the son of George Franklin Hopkins Jr. (1861-1933) and Mary Ellen Colwell (1865-1941). He was appointed post master for Oakland RI August 23, 1919. They do not appear to have had children.

In the 1920 census she was shown as age 25 married to Howard age 23. They were boarders in Burrillville RI.

Howard died April 7, 1924, in Burrillville RI and is buried in the Pocasset cemetery Cranston RI.

Ruth remarried August 30, 1930, to Lewis Richard Klempp (1892-1956) in Yuma City CA He was the son of Ferdinand Klempp (1848-1914) and Josephine Bottler (1870-1943). Lewis was a WWI veteran.

She appeared in the 1940 census as Ruth J. Klempp, age 45. She was living with her sister Lillian and Clifton Bray in Burrillville RI. She was described as Clifton's sister-in-law,

He died April 6, 1956, in Providence RI and in buried in Pocasset cemetery.

Ruth may have died in 1974 in Worcester MA.

END

1-5-9

Robert Cook (1907-??)

Robert was born 1907 in Yarmouth NS. He was the son of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

He appeared in the 1915 Rhode Island census as age eight. He was living with his parents and siblings in Providence RI.

I have found no other public record of him.

END

1-5-10

Sydney Melvin Cook (1897-1977)

He was born February 25, 1897, in Yarmouth NS. He was the son of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

He was shown as age four in the 1901 census.

He moved to the US with his family about 1905. He appeared in the 1910 US census. His mother died about 1910 when he was about 13 years old .In the 1920 US census he was shown as age 23 living with his father and stepmother Emma Brannen (1862-1943).

He married Mary Irene Corsair (1901-1989) about 1920 in Rhode Island. They appear to have had five children.

The 1925 Rhode Island census showed him as age 29 living in Warwick RI. He was married to Mary age 23. They had three children at home, Norma, Sydney Jr. and Olive.

In the 1930 census he was living in Rhode Island with five children. His parents lived on the same street.

They divorced and each later remarried He appears to have married Rena Vivian Wethers (1900-1991) in Texas. She died February 20, 1991

He died April 30, 1977, in Live Oak County TX of a hearth attack and is buried in Cenizo Hill cemetery in Mathis TX. His death was reported by Sydney Cook Jr. He was a carpenter.

Mary died January 27, 1989, in California.

END

1-5-11

Anna A. Cook (1898-1987)

Annie was the daughter of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940). She was born in Nova Scotia October 10, 1898.

In the 1901 census she was shown as age three. She appears to have moved to the US about 1905. She appeared in the 1910 US census as age 16. Her mother died about 1910.

She appears in the 1915 Rhode Island census as age 17 living with her sister Sabra.

She married Clifton Walter Bray (1895-1965) June 24, 1917, in Rhode Island. They had one child Lillian Diana Bray (1918-2002)

In the 1920 US census she was found in Burrillville RI married to Clifton Bray. They had one child Lillian Bray. Also living with them was Annie's older sister Sabra Cook-Clark (1890-1987).

In the 1930 census she is shown as a naturalized citizen. There was one child Lillian at home.

Walter died November 1965 in Burrillville RI. Annie died October 1987 in Pascoag RI and is buried in the Pascoag cemetery.

END

1-5-12

Albert Cook (1900-1901)

Albert was born about 1900 He was the son of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook 1867-1940.

Albert was found in the 1901 census as age one. He died as an infant later in 1901.

END

1-5-13

Hattie E. Cook (1903-1918)

She was the daughter of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1914) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940). She was born June 5, 1903, in Nova Scotia.

She appeared in the 1905 Rhode Island census in Providence RI. The 1910 US census lists her as Hattie E. Cook age six years.

Her mother died when she just a child.

Hattie died as a teenager in 1918 and is buried in Pocasset cemetery.

END

1-5-14

John Chamberlain Cook (1906-1988)

He was born December 18, 1906, in Providence Rhode Island. He was the son of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-C1910) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

He was five at the time of the 1910 US census. There were eight siblings at home with him.

His mother died about 1914 when he was only about eight years old.

He appeared in the 1920 US census as age 15. John appears in the 1925 Rhode Island census as age 25 living at home with his father and stepmother in Providence RI.

He married Thelma L. Jones (1910-1999)

In the 1930 US census he was shown as age 30 a carpenter married to Thelma. They owned their own home in Warwick

RI.

The 1935 state census showed him as age 20 living with his parents and siblings.

In the 1940 US census they were still living in Warwick RI.

He died March 17, 1988, in Chepachet RI. She died May 29, 1999, in Adelphi Maryland.

END

1-5-15

Franklin MacLeod Cook (1906-1976)

Frank was born August 8, 1906, in Rhode Island. He was the son of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1910) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

In the 1910 US census he was shown as age three.

His mother died about 1910 when he was only about three or four years old.

1920 US census he was shown as age 12, living with his father John and stepmother and aunt Emma Brannen (1862-1943). Emma was his mother's sister.

In 1935 he was shown living with parents and siblings. He was 17 years old.

He married Helen who was born in MA November 29, 1903.

In the 1940 US census he was shown as age 33 married to Helen. He was an assembler living in Providence RI and working for General Fire Extinguisher. There were no children at home.

He appeared in the 1943 and 1947 Providence city directories with Helen. There were no children at home.

Frank died April 15, 1976, in Cranston RI of diabetes mellitus. He was cremated at Pocasset cemetery. His death certificate noted he was divorced.

END

1-5-16

Frances E. Cook (1909-1979)

Frances was born January 3, 1909, in Lynn MA. She was the daughter of Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1910) and John Albert Cook (1867-1940).

She was shown as three months old in the 1910 US census.

Her mother died when she was very young perhaps in 1910. April 1914. He was raised by his stepmother Emma Brannen (1862-1943).

In the 1920 US census she was ten years old living with her father John and her stepmother Emma Brannen (1862-1943). Emma was her mother's sister.

She married Erling B. Owren (1907-1989). They had one child Patricia Sargent Owren (1936-1990).

They appeared in the 1937 city directory for Providence RI.

In the 1940 US census Francis was shown as age 29 with one child. They were living in Johnston RI.

She died in Johnston RI December 29, 1979, of lung cancer, pneumonia and was buried in Swan Point cemetery in Providence RI. Erling died October 13, 1989, in North Scituate RI.

END

1-5-17

Milton MacGrey Cook (1911-1996)

Milton was born May 10, 1911, in Scituate RI. He was the son of Albert Cook (1867-1940) and Anna Ladrew Brannen (1870-1910)..

In 1915 he was five years old living with John A. and Emma in Scituate RI.

He appeared in the 1920 US census in Rhode Island as age seven. He was living with his father and Emma Brannen-Holmes-Cook (1862-1943).

He appeared in the state census for Rhode Island in 1925 as age 14.

In the 1930 he appeared in the Cumberland RI city directory at Mendon Road.

The 1935 state census found him age 14 living with parents and siblings

His October 16, 1940, draft card showed his wife as Fannie Ellen Cook living in Weyland MA. He was age 29 and working for Taylor Bros. & Cox.

He died September 7, 1996, in Wayland MA.

END

THE CHILD OF ELIZABETH ELDORA BRANNEN (1893-??)

1-5-18

Marion A. Clarke (1913-2000)

Marion was the daughter of Elizabeth Eldora Brannen (1893-??) and Alexander Clarke (1870-??). She was born September 4, 1913, in Massachusetts.

She appeared the 1920 and 1930 US census reports living in Lynn MA.

In the 1940 US census she was shown living with her parents and aunt in Miami. The 1945 Florida State census also found her in Dade County FL.

She worked for the Prudential Insurance Company.

She died March 9, 2000, in Hialeah FL.

She does not appear to have married.

END

THE CHILD OF SYDNEY NORMAN BRANNEN (1878-C1959)

1-5-19

Boit Lincoln Brannen Ed.D. (1909-2009)

Boit was born December 4, 1909, in Wakefield MA. He was the son of Sydney N. Brannen (1877-??) And Alma. Lincoln (C1878-??).

He appears in the 1930 and 1940 census as single and living with his parents in Wakefield MA.

He married Louise Allman (1909-2005) in Cambridge MA in 1943. They appear to have had only one child, Elaine.

The Boston city directory for 1951 indicated he was an assistant professor at Northeastern University. The 1962 and 1964 Danbury CT city directories showed him married to Louise. He was employed as a professor at Danbury State Collage. She was a teacher.

In 1990 he retired from Western Connecticut State University in Danbury CT. and moved to Hendersonville NC.

She died November 5 2005 in Albuquerque NM, He died September 26, 2009, in Bernalillo NM. He had been a resident of Albuquerque NM.

STORY:

Boston Hearld April 1, 1956

18 are promoted by Northeastern

Promotion of 18 faculty and administrative staff members of Northeastern was announced yesterday b Dr. Carl Dei president. The promotions become effective July 1.

Raised to full professors were.....Professor Boit L. Brannen....

STORY;

Boit Brannen 1909-2009 was likely the first of the family to pursue higher education as a career. By 1951 he had been appointed Assistant professor at Northeastern University in Boston. By 1962 he had achieved a Ed. D and a full professorship at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury CT.

Bruce Brannen

THE CHILDREN OF EVERETT REUBEN BRANNEN(1880-1957)

1-5-20

Isaac Wilfred Brannen (1909-1975)

Isaac was born in Woods Harbour NS January 14, 1909. He was the oldest son of Everett Reuben Brannen (1880-1957) and Clatis Belle Garron (1885-1947).

He appeared in the 1911 census as age two. In the 1921 census he was shown as age 12.

He did not serve in WWII but worked as an electrician in Halifax NS during the war.

He died February 16, 1975, in Yarmouth NS and is buried with his brother Havelock in the Greenwood cemetery. He did not marry.

END

1-5-21

Everett Allison Brannen (1910-1955)



Allison was the son of Everett Reuben Brannen (1880-1957) and Clatis Belle Garron (1885-1947). He was born July 16, 1910, in Woods Harbour NS.

He appeared in the 1911 census as age 11 months.

In the 1921 census he was shown as age ten.

In WWII he served overseas in the Royal Canadian Army.

After the war he returned to Shag Harbour.

He was described as a talented gunsmith.

He died of a heart attack October 4, 1955, in his father's car.

STORY:

An excerpt from The Veterans of Shelburne County V2:

Brannen, Alliston Everett Royal Canadian Army. Born about 1910 in Woods Harbour, Shelburne County; died 1955. Son of Everett Rueben and Clotis Bell (Garron) Brannen. His siblings were: Isaac, Marguerite, Lillian, Havelock, Fraser and Frederick.

END

1-5-22

Fredrick Bordon Brannen (1912-1969)



He was the son of Everett Reuben Brannen (1880-1957) and Clatis Belle Garron (1885-1947). He was born May 3, 1912, in Woods Harbour NS.

In the 1921 census he was age nine living in Woods Harbour.

He married Margaret Sweeney. They had at least one child, Wayne.

He served in WWII. He was stationed in Halifax on U-boat patrol around Nova Scotia.

On the 1945 Halifax voters list he is shown at 69 Elm Street with Mrs. Fred. He was a seaman with RCNVR.

On the 1953 Halifax voters list he was living at 98 London Street with Mrs. Frederick. He was a trolley operator for NSPC in Halifax.

On the 1965 Halifax voters list he was living at 6462 London Street with Mrs. Margaret Brannen. He was a trolley operator. It appears the streets were renumbered.

He died January 7, 1969, in Halifax.

END

1-5-23

Charles Havelock Brannen (1913-1980)



Havelock was the son of Everett Reuben Brannen (1880-1957) and Clatis Belle Garron (1885-1947). He was born September 4, 1913, in Woods Harbour NS.

In the 1921 census he was shown as age seven.

He married Neruda M. Taylor (1914-1998) about 1935. She was the daughter of Austin W. Taylor (1884-1971) and Bessie Martin (1889-1937). They had eight children.

In the 1953 voters list there is a Havelock Brannen, schoolteacher at Forbes Point.

He died in Yarmouth January 19, 1980, and was buried in the Greenwood cemetery in Woods Harbour. Neruda died October 1, 1998, in Woods Harbour. She is buried in Greenwood cemetery.

OBITUARY:

Charles Havelock Brannen, 66, of Carleton, died Saturday, Jan. 19, at Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

Born in Woods Harbour, he was a son of the late Everette and Clatis (Garron) Brannen.

He was president of the Retired Teacher's Association.

He is survived by his wife, the former Neruda Tayler; four sons, Everette, Trenton; Robert, St. John's; DeVern, Dartmouth; Franklyn , Carleton; four daughters, Patsy (Mrs. Lloyd Cleveland), Pubnico; Nelda, Wendy, Ethel, all of Halifax; a brother, Fraser, Shag Harbour; two sisters, Marguerite (Mrs. John Nickerson), Shag Harbour; Lillian, San Marino, Calif.; two grandchildren.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Isaac, Alliston, and Fred.

Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery, Woods Harbour.

END

1-5-24

Marguerite Nellie Brannen (1919-2009)



She was the daughter of Everett Reuben Brannen (1880-1957) and Clatis Belle Garron (1885-1947). She was born June 6, 1919, in Woods Harbour NS.

In the 1921 census he was shown as age one.

She married John Cecil Nickerson (1914-2003) He was the son of Lewis S. Nickerson (1894-1977) and Sarah M. Waybrat (1897-1992). They had two children Kaye and John Jr.

She died March 11, 2009, in Yarmouth and is buried in the Old Farm cemetery in Shag Harbour.

OBITUARY:

Nellie "Marguerite" Brannen, Shag Harbour, Shelburne Co., passed away on March 11, 2009, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born in Wood's Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Everett and Clatis (Garron) Brannen. She was a member of Wesleyan Church, Wood's Harbour, where she had been very active throughout the years. She was church clerk and Sunday school teacher for many years. She was secretary and treasurer of the Missionary Society. She enjoyed her church and church members very much. Marguerite was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a true homemaker, donating her time to looking after her family. She is survived by daughter, Kaye (Tommy) Ross, North East Point; son, John (Helena), Shag Harbour; granddaughters, Cindy, Shag Harbour; Julie Kaye (John) Leslie, Yate, England; sister, Lillian, Arizona; brother, Fraser (Phyllis), Shag Harbour; sisters-in-law, Dot, Shag Harbour; Carrie, Mary, Barrington Passage; brother-in-law, Roy (Ivy), Shag Harbour; many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, John; brothers, Isaac, Alliston, Fred Havelock. Burial will be in Old Farm Cemetery, Shag Harbour

END

1-5-25

Lillian Maude Brannen (1922-2009)



She was the daughter of Everett Reuben Brannen (1880-1957) and Clatis Belle Garron (1885-1947). She was born May 1, 1922, in Woods Harbour NS.

Lillian served in the army as a nurse in WWII.

She travelled to Boston July 16, 1959, on TWA from California. She gave her address as 87 Congress St. Pasadena. She had a Canadian visa.

Lillian lived in Pasadena at least from 1951 to 1962. For most of that time she lived at 87 Congress St. She worked as a nurse at the Huntington Memorial Hospital.

She was found living in Sun City AZ in 1993 to 1995.

She died July 2 2009 in Peoria AZ.

She did not marry.

STORY:

Lillian Brannen, my aunt, was in the Women's Army Corp during WWII. She was a practical licensed nurse. She was stationed in Ontario. She never went overseas. After

the war she went to the US. She was a nurse in the hospital in Ossining, New York. She went out to California in about 1956. When she retired, she moved to Arizona. She passed away in 2009. She never returned home. END

1-5-26

Fraser Gordon Brannen (1932-2015)



He was the son of Everett Reuben Brannen (1880-1957) and Clatis Belle Garron (1885-1947). He was born February 24, 1932, in Woods Harbour NS.

He married Phyllis Elvina Banks (1934-2015) September 25 1954. She was the daughter of Clarence Banks and Florence Hopkins. They had three children, Shelley, Roland and Jennifer.

Phyllis died August 3, 2015, at age 80 in Lockport NS.

He died August 3, 2015, at Surf Lodge in Lockport NS.

OBITUARY:

88, Shag Harbour, passed away March 4, 2020, at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, Yarmouth. Born January 24, 1932, he was a son of the late Everett and Clattie (Garron) Brannen. Fraser greatly enjoyed gospel music and watching the Toronto Blue Jays. In

his younger years he loved hunting and fishing. He was very faithful in reading his bible; scripture was important to him. He is survived by children, Roland (Sherrie) Brannen, Jennifer (Jody) Goreham; grandchildren, Becky Smith, Lacey Brannen, Holly Malone, Bradley Goreham; step-grandchildren, Terri-Lee Harrington, Crystal Williams; great-grandchildren, Lynix Malone; step-great grandchildren, Damien Williams, Shelby Williams; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents he was predeceased by wife, Phyllis (Banks) Brannen; daughter, Shelley Smith; siblings, Isaac, Alliston, Fred, Havelock, Marguerite, Lillian; and granddaughter, Kristin Goreham. Cremation has taken place under. Interment to follow in the Old Farm Cemetery, Shag Harbour

BRANNEN, Phyllis Elvina - 80, Shag Harbour, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2015 at Surf Lodge, Lockeport. Born December 6, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Clarence and Florence (Hopkins) Banks. Phyllis is survived by her husband of 60 years, Fraser; children, Shelley Smith, Roland (Sherrie) Brannen, Jennifer (Jody) Goreham; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two step-great grandchildren; two sisters, Eileen Atkinson and Shirley Sears; and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her parents she was predeceased by brother, Lawrence Banks; and twin sister, Eunice. Cremation has taken

END

THE CHILDREN OF NELLIE RAE BRANNEN (1884-1982)

1-5-27

Howard Laughlin Keith Goodwin (1910-1940)



Laughlin was born August 15, 1910, in Central Woods Harbour. He was the son Nellie R. Brannen (1884-1982) and Leonard Henry Goodwin (1881-1971).

He appeared in the 1921 census living with his parents and sibling in his grandfather's house in Argyle NS.

He married Myrtle Rosetta Young (1914-2006) in 1934. They had three daughters: Shirley Maxine (1934-2017), Almas Jean (1937-1999) and Shiela.

Howard died September 30, 1940, in Kentville NS and was buried in Lockport NS. He was only 30 years old at death.

END

1-5-28

Marian Alma Laverne Goodwin (1913-2009)



Marion was born May 14 1913 in Central Woods Harbour. She was the daughter Nellie R. Brannen (1884-1982) and Leonard Henry Goodwin (1881-1971).

She appeared in the 1921 census living with her parents and sibling in her grandfather's house. She was eight years old.

She married James Olen (Tim) Harris. They had one child Karen.

In the 1940 census she was shown as age 31 living at home. She was not employed

She died November 13, 2009, at Surf Lodge in Lockport NS.

STORY:

I have never seen clippings regarding my mother however here is a small overview. As a young person while she was in school she was quite athletic and competed in track events in which she usually came home with the ribbon. In later years she became a top 5 pin bowler in a local league and competed in many tournaments She went to Normal College in Truro when she was 16 and became a schoolteacher. She retired from teaching in the mid fifties. Following that she worked in bank then as a bookkeeper at a car dealership. As a young woman she was an avid traveller and at 85 travelled by train to Toronto to watch her Blue Jays play at the Skydome. Her whole life she was a passionate reader. She loved knowledge reading the paper cover to cover

daily and watching the news however many times a day it was on. She read constantly and if she did not have a book to read she would read a dictionary or encyclopedia. An 800 page book was a day read for her. She continued to love sports and watched every hockey and baseball game that was on tv...

A message from her daughter Karen Goodwin-Mattatall

OBITUARY:

HARRIS, Marian Alma Laverne - Shelburne passed away peacefully in Surf Lodge Nursing Home, Lockeport on November 13, 2009. Born in Central Woods Harbour on May 14, 1913, she was a daughter of the late Leonard Henry and Nellie Rae (Brannen) Goodwin. At the age of 17, Marian attended Normal College in Truro where she received a teacher's license. She taught school in Gunning Cove, Birchtown and East Jordan. Marian also worked in the bank in Toronto and in Shelburne. In later years she worked as secretary at Ferretti's Garage and accountant for her husband's oil business. As a young woman, Marian was very athletic, competing and winning several track events as well as shooting competitions. She often won those events competing against male athletes. She was an avid bowler, reader and sports enthusiast well into her senior years. Marian is survived by daughter, Karen Mattatall (Michael), Shelburne; grandchildren, Eden D'Entremont-MacVicar (Andrew), Ottawa; Kirsten Godbout, Fort MacMurray; Michael Jr., Halifax; great-granddaughter, Phoebe MacVicar, Ottawa, as well as nieces, Sheila Stuart, and Shirley Hilchie, both of Fall River. She was predeceased by her husband, James Olen (Tim) Harris and brother Laughlin Goodwin. Cremation has taken place.

END

THE CHILDREN OF MARION EVANGELINE BRANNEN (1873-1950)

1-5-29

Juanita P. Atwood (1898-1970)

Juanita was born in November 1898 in Pelham NH. She was the daughter of Marion Evangeline Brannen (1873-1950) and William E. Atwood (1873-1944).

In the 1900 US census shown as eight months old, born in Canada. They were living on Maverick St. in Boston. In the 1910 census she was ten years old living in Everett MA.

In the 1920 census she was age 20 working for the Rayon Company. She was a naturalized citizen. She was still single and living with her parents.

She married Carl Wittmore. Davis (1899-1945). He was a teacher at the time of their marriage.

In 1930 the census reported her and Carl living with his father in Everett MA. She was shown as age 30. There were no children.

In the 1940 census she was age 39 living with her family. She was working as a salesgirl in a department store. Her husband was boarding in Malden MA and working as a chauffeur. It would appear the marriage ended prior to 1940.

In his 1942 draft registration he gave George B. Davis as someone would always know where he was. He was working for Tufts College.

Carl died in 1945 and is buried in Glenwood cemetery in Everett MA.

She died in September 1970 in Brighton MA.

END

1-5-30

Ruperta Evaliee Atwood (1903-1992)

Ruperta was born June 13, 1903, in Massachusetts She was the daughter of Marion Evangeline Brannen (1873-1950) and William E. Atwood (1873-1944).

She appeared in the 1920 US census as age 16.

In the 1930 census she was shown as, a comptometer operator for a milk company. She was age 26 , single, and living at home with her parents and sister Ruperta. Also, in the household were cousins Tema and Viola Brannen.

The 1940 shows her as age 36 living at home with parents and sisters Gertrude and Juanita.

She appeared in the city directory in 1963 and 1989 as being employed by Hancock Mutual Life.

She died September 13, 1992, in Brighton MA.

She does not appear to have married.

END

1-5-31

Gertrude Mae Atwood (1905-1999)

Gertrude was born September 3 190 in Everett MA.5. She was the daughter of Marion Evangeline Brannen (1873-1950) and William E. Atwood (1873-1944).

In the 1920 US census she was shown as age 14.

She married Gordon Noone. Estabrook (1903-1969) in 1929 in Somerville MA. He was an insurance adjuster.

In the 1930 census she was shown as married. She was 24 years old and her husband aged 23. They had no children.

The 1940 census reported them living in Braintree MA. She was age 34 and he was age 33 years. There were three children: Robert 8, Richard 5, and Allen age one year.

In the 1963 and 1965 Boston city directory she was shown as a clerk at the Hancock Life Insurance Co.

Gordon died December 22, 1969.

In 1993-5 she was shown as living at 104 Dustin St. Brighton MA. This address is next door to her sister Marion.

She died September 3, 1999.

END

1-5-32

Marion Kathleen Atwood (1908-1993)

Marion was born September 25, 1908, in Everett MA.. She was the daughter of Marion Evangeline Brannen (1873-1950) and William E. Atwood (1873-1944).

In the 1920 census she was shown as age 11. As well as her three sisters, Luella and Gertrude Brannen, her cousins. were in the household.

She appeared in the 1930 census as age 21, single, and living at home with her parents and sister Ruperta. Also in the household were cousins Tema and Viola Brannen. Marion was an Addressograph operator for a milk company.

The 1940 shows her as age 31 living at home with parents and sisters Ruperta and Juanita.

She married Frank Dearborn December 12, 1947, in New Hampshire. He was 21 years old, and she was age 28. Nothing more has been found about Frank, or the marriage. There is no public record of her using the name Dearborn.

She married a second time to Edward Tapper II. City directories from 1956 show them living at 102 Dustin. Beginning in 1964 the directories show her as a widow of Edward. Her sister Gertrude is shown as living next door in 1993-5.

It does not appear there were children.

She died May 17 1993 is buried in Mount Auburn cemetery in Cambridge MA.

END

THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM NONLE BRANNEN(1879-1963)

1-5-33

Lucille Marie Brannen (1904-1981)

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Lucille was the daughter of William Noble Brannen (1879-1963) and Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1981). She was born Woods Harbour NS August 19, 1904.

The 1911 census showed her as six years old, living with her parents and siblings.

The 1921 census reported her living in Woods Harbour, single and age 17.

She was shown as Brannen and a daughter of William Noble Brannen.

Lucille and her sister Hilda eventually moved to the Boston area where they lived with her grandfather Smith Brannen, their three aunts as evidenced by the 1930 census. She declared her arrival on November 29, 1924. In the 1930 US census she was living in Cambridge. She was employed as a typist for an office equipment firm.

She was listed in the 1931 city directory as a clerk residing at 730 Orchard.

She appeared in the 1935 Arlington MA city directory as residing at 70 Freeman St.

She appears in the 1940 census she was living with her sister Hilda and aunts in Arlington MA. She was single and 36 years old. She was a file clerk at an insurance company.

She died October 1, 1981, in Boston and is buried in the Puritan Lawn Memorial cemetery in Peabody MA.

END

1-5-34

Brunhilda Leone Brannen (1905-1993)



Hilda was the daughter of William Noble Brannen (1879-1963) and Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1981). She was born Woods Harbour NS August 16, 1905.

In the 1911 census she was five years old.

The 1921 census reported her living in Woods Harbour, single and age 16 years. They were shown as Brannen and the daughter of William Noble Brannen.

Hilda and her sister Lucille moved to the Boston area November 29, 1924, where they lived with her grandfather Smith Brannen and their three aunts. She was employed as a typist by a printing office.

In the 1930 census she was age 26 living in Cambridge MA

She appeared in the 1935 Arlington MA city directory as a photographer residing at 70 Freeman St.

She appears in the 1940 census she was living with her sister Lucillea and aunts in Arlington MA. She was single and 35 years old

She died in Hudson FL March 15, 1993, and is buried in Puritan Lawn cemetery Peabody MA.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN In Hudson, FL. formerly of Arlington on March 16. 1993. Hilda L. sister of Viola McNeeley of Hudson. FL and Cleveland Brannen of Woods Harbour Nova Scotia.

Service at the Saville Funeral Home. 418 Mass Av. ARLINGTON CTR, March 19. at 1 pm Friends may visa from 12 to 1 pm.

END

1-5-35

Althema Geraldine Brannen (1908-1987)



Tema was the daughter of William Noble Brannen (1879-1963) and Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1981). She was born in December 30, 1908, in Woods Harbour NS.

She appeared in the 1911 census. In the 1921 census she was age 12 living in Woods Harbour NS.

November 19, 1934, she was granted US citizenship.

She married Franklin Howard Shaw (1902-1987) February 23 1936 in Stoughton MA. He was the son of James Albert Shaw (1879-1966) and Lillian Ann Elwin (1882-1962). There appears to have been two children, one daughter, Geraldine Ann Shaw (1936-1953) and a son Frank Jr. from the marriage.

They appeared in the 1940 census. They were living in Somerville MA. There were two children at home, Geraldine and Frank Jr.

Franklin Sr. died April 19, 1987, in Arlington MA. Tema died shortly after on March 31, 1987, in Hartford CT. She is buried in Peabody MA in the Puritan Lawn Memorial cemetery.

END

1-5-36

Viola Belle Brannen (1910-1997)



Viola was the daughter of William Noble Brannen (1879-1963) and Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1981). She was born in May 2, 1910, in Woods Harbour NS.

She appears to have moved to the US and obtained naturalization October 2, 1933, when she was age 23.

She married Malcolm McLeod McNeilly (1911-1979) July 16, 1938, Somerville MA. They appear to have had three children. Their children were a daughter Jacqueline Diane McNeilly (1950-1999), and two sons, William and Douglas.

Her husband, Malcolm, died February 5, 1979, in New Port Richey FL. Viola died January 11, 1997, in Hudson FL and was buried in the Puritan Lawn Memorial cemetery in Peabody MA.

END

1-5-37

Noble Cleveland Brannen (1911-1995)



Noble was the son of William Noble Brannen (1879-1963) and Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1981). She was born in May 2, 1910, in Woods Harbour NS.

He married Myrtella Pearl Sears (1916-1996) in Woods Harbour May 11, 1940. They had five children:

Cassie Belle Brannen (1941-)

Theodra Louise Brannen (1942-)

Lucille Natlie Brannen (1947-2012)

Ward Brannen (1951-)

Cedric Brannen (1953-)

Noble enlisted in the navy on May 11, 1941 "For the Duration" and served on a number of ships. He was discharged in 1945. He suffered a back injury during his service. He was a stoker L/Sto (M). He received his War Service badge April 18, 1945.

July 28, 1942, he purchased the Woods Harbour homestead from his father.

After the war he returned to fishing.

He died March 18, 1995, in Yarmouth NS and is buried in Woods harbor NS. Myrtella died December 13, 1996.

STORY:

An excerpt from The Veterans of Shelburne County V2:

Brannen, Cleveland Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. Son of William Noble and Cassie Belle (Nickerson) Brannen. Married (1) Willa Mae Sears. Married (2) Myrtella Sears on 21 May 1940. Cleveland enlisted in Halifax in 1940 and trained on the patrol boat HMCS French. He then served on the minesweeper HMCS Truro which was doing convoy duty between Sydney and Newfoundland. Later he was transferred to the minesweeper HMCS Trois Rivieres. When the war ended Cleveland was in a hospital in Montreal for back surgery.

STORY:

The following is an extract from Stories That Should Be Told: by Edrie M. Nickerson:

..."On a convoy trip, with three ships to Newfoundland, we received word to proceed to an area where a sub had been spotted. By the time we arrived it had already torpedoed the ferry Caribou. There were survivors in the water but another ship had been detailed for that work. We proceeded to drop depth charges but were not sure of a "kill".

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Noble (Cleveland) - 83, Woods Harbour, Shelburne Co., died March 18, 1995, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born at Woods Harbour, he was a son of the late W. Noble and Cassie (Nickerson) Brannen. He was a veteran of the Second World War, serving in the Royal Canadian Navy. Surviving are his wife, the former Myrtella Sears; sons, Ward, Cedric, Woods Harbour; daughters, Cassie (Mrs. Herbert Newell), Woods Harbour; Theo (Mrs. Joseph P. Amiro), Middle East Pubnico; Lucille (Mrs. Kenneth Morton), Shelburne; sister, Mrs. Viola McNeilly, Florida; stepsisters, Mrs. Natalie Pierce, Woods Harbour; Mrs. Martha Maxwell, Barrington; seven grandchildren; a

greatgranddaughter. He was predeceased by sisters, Lucille, Hilda, Althema. Visitation 2-4, 7-9 p.m. today in H. Huskison's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral 2 p.m. Tuesday in Central Woods Harbour Baptist Church, Rev. Darrell Chase, Rev. Harold Bubar and Rev. Charles Bain officiating. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Woods Harbour. Donations to Woods Harbour Volunteer Ambulance Service or Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Myrtella Pearl - 80, Woods Harbour, Shelburne Co., died December 14, 1996, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born at Woods Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Rowena (Nickerson) Sears. Surviving are sons, Ward, Cedric, Woods Harbour; daughters, Cassie (Mrs. Herbert Newell), Woods Harbour; Theo (Mrs. Joseph Amiro), Middle East Pubnico; Lucille (Mrs. Kenneth Morton), Shelburne; brothers, Donald, Burton, Woods Harbour; sisters, Mrs. Ruth Bain, Sandford; Mrs. Anita Smith, Shag Harbour; seven grandchildren; a great-granddaughter. She was predeceased by her husband, N. Cleveland; brothers, Cedric, Mervin, John Albert, Herbert, Lindsay, Eugene, Chesley.

END

THE CHILDREN OF WALLACE ELLWORTH BRANNEN (1885-1961)

1-5-38

Roger Graham Brannen (1933-1933)

He was the first-born child of Wallace Ellsworth Brannen (1885-1961) and Winnifred E. Bower (1902-1974). He was born January 19, 1933, and died five days later January 24 1933. He is buried in Lower Ohio NS,

END

1-5-39

Belinda Roselie Brannen (1934-2019)



She was the daughter of Wallace Ellsworth Brannen (1885-1961) and Winnifred E. Bower (1902-1974). She was born September 19, 1934.

She attended Dalhousie University and Mount Saint Vincent in Halifax NS.

She married Donald (Dee) Lefurgey (1909-2007). He was the son of Osborne Lefurgey and Katherine Gordon. They had four children John, Dawn, Melinda, and Julia.

He died April 6, 2007, in Summerfield PEI. Belinda died November 20, 2019, in Kingston ON..

OBITUARY:

Belinda was a lifelong reader who imparted her love of books to her children. She had a fondness for mysteries and in later life found pleasure in writing them, tapping out 500 words per day after racing through her morning crossword puzzle. She possessed a quiet dignity, an intellect and wit. But mostly, to her children, she was simply a wonderful mother (who always insisted she had wonderful children). She was born in 1934 to Wallace and Winnifred Brannen. She had an older brother who died shortly after birth and a younger sister, Judith. Belinda grew up and was educated in Nova

Scotia and received a B.A. and B.Ed. from Dalhousie, and in later years an M.Ed. from Mount Saint Vincent. Although she taught for many years, she had a brief stint as a social worker, and felt she may have had a true affinity for that career. She was a patient listener, always at the ready with thoughtful, practical advice. Belinda was married in 1957 to Donald (Dee) Lefurgey. They had a whirlwind courtship and eloped shortly before she left for a pre-arranged trip to Europe. When she returned they started married life. Four children arrived over the next six years, John (Linda), Dawn (Derek), Melinda (Tom) and Julia (Dean). The family stayed in Barrington for a time and then moved to Halifax and Annapolis Royal. Belinda and Dee retired to Prince Edward Island where Dee was born. They had a cottage on the ocean, not far from Borden. There they were visited by friends and relatives, their children, and eventually by their eight grandchildren, Sam, Luke, Ronnie, Brannen, Clarke, Esmé, John, and William. Dee died in 2007 and shortly afterwards Belinda moved to Ontario. She lived near John for a few years and then moved to Kingston to spend time near Julia. She was an imaginative cook, believing nutritious food to be preventative medicine, and adopted a vegetarian diet in middle age. She was stoic in the face of the debilitating arthritis from which she suffered her entire adult life. Belinda was also predeceased by her sister, Judith and her childhood friend, Margaret Churchill. She enjoyed life, family, stimulating conversation, a happy hour tippie, and a good book. She will be sorely missed. Her children would like to imagine her departed loved ones waiting for her with a glass of wine, anxious to get caught up.

OBITUARY: Donald "Dee" Lefurgey We are saddened to announce that Donald "Dee" Lefurgey of 98 Tracey Avenue, Albany, died suddenly in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, on Friday, April 6, 2007, after suffering from lung disease. Raised in P.E.I., he was a very good athlete when young and was a member of several P.E.I. and Maritime championship teams. His particular strength was baseball. Starting as bat-boy he continued to play and was part of several of the great "Curran & Briggs" teams of the 1940's and 50's. After leaving P.E.I., he spent many years in Nova Scotia where he was employed with the Department of Community Services. From 1970 until his retirement, he served both as Executive Director of Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County as well as District Supervisor for the area. His fondness for people and his willingness to lend his aid to worthwhile projects gleaned for him a large network of friends. Upon his return to P.E.I., after retirement, he became involved with various activities and organizations. These included Parkinson's, Toastmasters and the Summerside Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was tremendously honoured to be named Legionaire of the Year in 2006. He was predeceased by his parents, Katherine (Gordon) Lefurgey and Flight/Sgt Osborne Lefurgey, brother Robert and grandson Blake. Surviving are his wife Belinda, his brother Ross, son John (Linda), daughter Dawn (Derek), daughter Melinda (Tom) and daughter Julia (Dean). Also

surviving are eight grandchildren: Sam, Ronnie, Luke, Brannen, Clarke, Esme, John and William. END

1-5-40

Judith Kathleen Brannen (1938-2013)



Judith was the daughter of Wallace Ellsworth Brannen (1885-1961) and Winnifred E. Bower (1902-1974). She was born October 24, 1938, at Brass Hill NS.

She received her undergraduate degree from Dalhousie University in 1969 and her law degree from the University of New Brunswick in 1981.

She first married John W. Alward. They had three children, Lisa, Peter and Gavin. They divorced and she married Lawrence Merritt Machum (-2005) in April 2, 1976. He had four children, Gregory, Lauren, Geoffery, and Grant. He died March 10 2005 in Saint John NB. They had no children together.

She died April 19, 2013, in Fredericton NB of colon cancer.

OBITUARY:

Judith Kathleen Brannen. October 24, 1938, to April 19, 2013. After a brave struggle with colon cancer, Judith died peacefully at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital in Fredericton, New Brunswick, at the age of 74. Blessed with lifelong good humour, Judith spent her early years in Brass Hill, Barrington, Nova Scotia, and attended Dalhousie University (1955-59). She studied law at the University of New Brunswick (1978-81), practicing for ten years with Lutz, Smith, Brannen of Hampton, New Brunswick. She is predeceased by her parents, Wallace and Winnifred Brannen; her brother, Roger Brannen; and her husband, Lawrence M. Machum. She is survived by her sister, Belinda Lefurgey; her first husband, John. W. Alward; and her three children, Lisa Alward (John Ball) of Fredericton, Peter Alward (Jennifer Crane) of Saskatoon, and Gavin Alward (Mary) of Halifax. Also by her four step-children, Greg Machum (Ann) of Fredericton, Lauren Cosman (Mike) of Rothesay, Geoff Machum (Kim) of Halifax, and Grant Machum (Jane) of Halifax. In addition, she is survived by her six beloved grandchildren, Hilary, Jack, and Peter Ball, Theo Crane-Alward, and Olivia and Emily Alward. And by her fourteen step-grandchildren, Melissa, Michael, Emily, David, and Heather Machum, Jonathan and Justin Cosman, Andrew, Matthew, and Max Machum, and Henry, Alexander, Amelia, and Mary Machum. She will be much missed by her nieces, Dawn, Melinda, and Julia, and her nephew, John, as well as by her many good friends, including her dear walking companion, Jane Wasson.

At Judith's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A small family gathering will take place at a later time. Her remains have been cremated, and her ashes will be scattered as she wished. A strong Brannen woman to the end, she will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, her keen interest in people, books, and politics, and the caring attention she gave to everything in life

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THE CHILDREN OF ARTHUR DOUGLAS BRANNEN SR. (1888-1984)

1-5-41

Arthur Douglas Brannen Jr. (1916-2005)



Douglas was born March 15, 1916, in Doctors Cove, NS. He was the son of Arthur Douglas Brannen Sr. (1916-2005) and Meda Louise Knowles (1889-1980).

He married Frances Lewis July 10 1940 in Truro NS. She was born December 5, 1917, in Halifax, NS.

Children of Arthur and Frances:6

Frank Douglas Brannen, born October 25, 1943, Truro, N.S.

Lindsay Fredrick Brannen was born May 3, 1945, in Truro NS.

Leslie Louise Brannen was born February 19, 1947, in Truro, NS.

Paul Gordon Brannen was born April 24, 1951, in Truro, NS

Joan Emily Brannen was born May 22, 1955, in Truro, NS

He appears on the manifest of inbound passengers travelling 1st class on the RMS Newfoundland from Halifax to Boston October 9th, 1948. The home address was listed as 441 Forest Av Spartansburg, South Carolina. He was travelling with Frances and two children, Frank D. age five and Lindsay F. age two.

He and Frances sailed from Liverpool England on the RMS Francona (Canard Line) for Quebec June 26, 1952. Their last UK address was 61 Tower Building Liverpool England. He was a textile Executive

The voters list of 1972 shows A. Douglas Brannen working for Harding Carpets, wife Frances, and Paul a student. were living at 315 Fifth Street in Collingwood ON.

He died in 2005.

END

1-5-42

Ronald Ellsworth Fraser Brannen M.D. (1917-2010)



Doctor Brannen was born June 15, 1917, in Barrington Passage, NS. He was the son of Arthur Douglas Brannen Sr. (1916-2005) and Meda Louise Knowles (1889-1980).

He graduated from Acadia University in 1939. He then attended Dalhousie medical school. He enlisted in the RCAF in 1943 and graduated in 1944 from medical school. He achieved the rank of Flight Lieutenant in the RCAF. After discharge in August 1945, he returned to Barrington. Dr. Brannen opened a general practice.

He married Dorothy Eileen Wilson October 29, 1947, in Barrington Passage, NS. She was born August 11, 1924, in Barrington Passage, NS. The children of Ronald and Dorothy are:

Ronald Anthony Brannen was born May 16, 1949, in Shelburne, NS

Elizabeth Anne Brannen was born June 25, 1950, in Yarmouth, NS,

Alison Jean Brannen, born October 16, 1952, in, Shelburne, NS

Peter Gregory Brannen was born October 20, 1956, in, Toronto, ON

The 1949 voters list has him as a doctor living in Crowells NS. Mrs. Ronald is listed as well as Arthur, his father, Herbert, his brother both in insurance, and Robert an engineer. Archibald Brannen, retired, and his wife were also on the voters list.

The 1953 voters list still had him living at Crowell's NS. Dr. Brannen had a general practice in Barrington Passage in the late 1940's and early 1950's. He closed the practice and moved to Toronto to study and practice a specialty in diagnostic radiology.

The 1957 voters list has him at 9 Robin Hood Rd in Islington Toronto with Dorothy. He was a Radiologist. He was on staff of the St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto

He moved to Brockville later in 1957. The 1974 voters lists shows him living at 36 Fairknowe Drive in Brockville with Dorothy and his daughter, Alison, a student. He retired in 1982.

He died March 14 2010 in Brockville.

STORY:

Excerpt from the Veterans of Shelburne County V2:

Brannen, Ronald Ellsworth Fraser Flight Lieutenant. Royal Canadian Air Force. Born 15 June 1917 in Barrington Passage, Shelburne County. Son of Arthur Douglas and Meda Louise (Knowles) Brannen. Married Dorothy Eileen Wilson on 29 October 1948 and they had four children: Ronald, Allison, Elizabeth and Peter. Ron graduated from Acadia University in 1939 with a BSc degree and from Dalhousie University in 1949 with his M.D., C.M. He enlisted in the Air Force in July 1943 and was stationed at Bagotville, Quebec, at the Convalescent Hospital in St. Andrews, New

Brunswick and in Moncton. He received his discharge in August 1945 and began his medical practice in Barrington Passage. He later took four years of post graduate training in Diagnostic Radiology in Toronto General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children. He was on the staff of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto for two years before transferring to the Brockville General Hospital in 1957. Ron retired in 1982 and continues to live in Brockville, Ontario.²³⁵

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Ronald Ellsworth, MD - June 15, 1917 - March 14, 2010 Peacefully after a lengthy illness, in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of Dorothy (Wilson) of Brockville. Father of sons: Ronald, and partner Don Maracle, Belleville, Peter and wife Deborah, Alberta, and daughters: Elizabeth (Donald) Raizenne, Kanata and Alison (Craig) Fraser, Toronto. Proud grandfather of Michelle Raizenne, Matthew (Jaime) Raizenne, Timothy Raizenne and Amanda Fraser. Recent great-grandfather of Miles Raizenne. Predeceased by parents Arthur D. and Meda Brannen and brothers A. Douglas (Collingwood) and Robert M. Brannen (Belleville). Survived by Lindsay Brannen, Washington, Herbert Brannen and Eleanor Watt, Nova Scotia. Dr. Brannen moved to Brockville with his young family in 1957 becoming the first resident Radiologist at the Brockville General Hospital. After serving the Brockville community for twenty-five years, he retired in 1982. Prior to his tenure in Brockville, Dr. Brannen had specialized in the study of Diagnostic Radiology at Toronto General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children. He had also served for one year on the Brockville General Hospital or charity of your choice would be appreciated. Visit a celebration of life online memorial at the medical staff at St. Michael's Hospital prior to his relocation to Brockville. Interment will take place at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

MILITARY OBITUARY:

*Name of Deceased: Ronald Ellsworth Brannen Gender: M (Male) Age at Death: 92
Death Date: 14 Mar 2010 Cause of Death: illness Obituary Date: 16 Jan 2011
Newspaper Location: Canada Birth Date: 15 Jun 1917 Spouse's Name: Dorothy E. Wilson Parents' Names: Arthur D. and Meda Brannen of Barrington Passage, Nova Scotia and Childrens' Names: Michelle Raizenne, Ottawa; Matthew (and Jaime) Raizenne, Toronto; Timothy Raizenne, Kanata, and Amanda Fraser, Toronto Siblings' Names: A. Douglas and wife Francis (Lewis) "Buddie" of Collingwood, Ontario; Robert M. Brannen of Belleville, Ontario; Dean Watt of Barrington Passage, Nova Scotia; Walter W. Wilson and wife Ruth of Barrington Passage, Nova Scotia Military: Royal Canadian Air Force*

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION BIOGRAPHY:

Ronald Ellsworth Brannen: Biography:

License expired on 22 Jul 1986 Graduated at Dalhousie University in 1944

Specialty: Diagnostic Radiology (01 Jan 1956)

Specialty: Radiology, Diagnostic Gender male License number 15983

Special services: Specialty: Diagnostic Radiology (01 Jan 1956)

Deceased on 14-Mar-2010

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Dorothy Eileen (Wilson) - Died peacefully in Brockville on March 24, 2019 in her

'95th year. Wife of the late Dr. Ronald Brannen. She will be sorely missed by her children

Ronald (Don Maracle), Elizabeth (Donald Raizenne), Alison (Craig Fraser) and Peter.

Cherished grandmather of Michelle Raizenne, Matthew Raizenne (Jaime Cini), Timothy

Raizenne (Andrea Strentse) and Amanda Fraser (Lina Bibars). Great grandmother of Miles,

William, Luke and Abigail. Only daughter of Fred and Amanda Wilson of Barrington Passag

Nova Scotia. Dear sister of the late Walter "Buzz" Wilson, She will be missed by sister-in-law

Ruth Wilson and cousin Phyllis Amiro. Dorothy or "Dot" as she was known to her many friends

\was loved and cherished. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church community

'and a life member of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario through her 30 years of

work al the Brookville General Hospital. She was a kind and generous lady whose joy for lite

'was fulfilled through her family and her many accomplished activities - travelling, music, golf,

bridge, dancing, cooking and entertaining.

Interment at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

1-5-43

Lindsay Eaton Brannen M.M.(1919-2012)



Lindsay was born July 7, 1919, in Barrington Passage, N.S. He was the son of Arthur Douglas Brannen Sr. (1916-2005) and Meda Louise Knowles (1889-1980).

He married three times, first to Patricia Erlene Gates Feb 8, 1942, in Port Williams, NS. She was born in Port Williams, NS., and died about 1948. He married Sarah Louise Morrison May 8, 1950, in St. Peters NS. She was born in Glace Bay, NS. He married Maurine R. Barrett (1921-) July 4, 1979, in Bellevue WA. She was born in Monroe, WA.

He served in WWII and achieved the rank of Lieutenant. He was awarded the Military Cross January 27, 1945, for meritorious service in Italy.

The Children of Lindsay and Patricia were, Charlene Mari Brannen born September 17, 1943, and Sheilagh Brannen born. May 14, 1944

The child of Lindsay and Sarah was Lindsay Brannen.

He applied for US naturalization in August 1958. He was married to Sarah. He declared he had three living children.

He died April 12 2012 in Tacoma WA.

STORY:

An extract from The Veterans of Shelburne V2:

Brannen, Lindsay Eaton "Tex" MC [Military Cross] Born 8 July 1919, in Barrington Passage, Shelburne County. Son of Arthur Douglas and Meda Louise (Knowles) Brannen. Married Patricia Gates. They had a son, Lindsay, and two daughters, Sheilagh and Charlene. Married Sarah Morrison.

The citation covering the award of the Military Cross to Capt. Lindsay Eaton Brannen of Port Williams and Barrington Passage has been announced by the Department of National Defence, Ottawa, as follows:

On August 30, 1944, during the breaching of Gothic Line, Lieut. Brannen, a platoon commander in '13' Company was ordered to attack. He led his platoon around the left flank and up the saddle towards the top of the feature. When almost to the top his leading section was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire from the left flank. Leading part of his platoon and another section he did a right flanking movement and gained the top. His platoon was then subjected to extremely heavy enemy fire followed by a counter attack which he successfully held off until able to move his platoon to better fire positions. Lieut. Brannen remained on the objective without cover and successfully directed a section from another platoon to a position where they could bring fire to bear on a second counter attack coming up the reverse slope. Subsequently, although his weapon was jammed, he attacked single-handed a camouflaged enemy machine gun post and took three prisoners. During this entire action Lieut. Brannen displayed great determination, courage and leadership and a steadfast loyalty to duty under difficult circumstances.

OBITUARY: ed 26 May 2014 by tomsmith140

Lindsay Eaton Brannen

Passed in Tacoma, Washington, United States on April 12th, 2012 Lindsay Eaton Brannen Sr. (1919-2012) passed away of natural causes at the age of 92 on Thursday April 12th. He was a long-time resident of Bellevue, Washington and more recently Tacoma, Washington. He spent most of his career in Life Insurance as General Agent for Great West Life and Canada Life in their Seattle Offices. This was followed by various entrepreneurial and investment pursuits throughout his retirement. Lindsay was a decorated World War II veteran, spending 4 years in Europe as Captain with Canadian Army ground forces. He graduated from Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada. He is survived by his wife, Maurine Brannen; and children, Len Brannen, Sheilagh Earnest and Sherry DeLeon; a sister, Eleanor Dean of Barrington Passage, Nova Scotia; and eleven Grandchildren.

END

1-5-44

Eleanor Kathleen Brannen (1921-2019)



Eleanor was born in Barrington Passage NS September 18, 1921. She was the only daughter of Arthur Douglas Brannen Sr. (1916-2005) and Meda Louise Knowles (1889-1980).

She married Dean Nickerson Watt (1919-2001) August 30, 1941. He was the son of Delbert Watt (1890-1941) and Jeannie Mae Goodwin (1892-1928). They had five children, Eleanor Watt (1944-), Arthur Rodney Watt (1946-1980), Anna Watt (1948-), Robert Watt (1957-) and Cynthia Watt (1966-).

He served in the RCAF in WWII.

They appear in the 1957 Canada voters list. They were living in Crowells NS. He was a lineman.

Dean died March 21, 2001, in Barrington. He is buried in Brass Hill NS. Eleanor died December 31, 2019, and is buried beside Dean in Brass Hill NS.

STORY:

An extract from the Veterans of Shelburne County V2:

Watt, Dean Nickerson Royal Canadian Air Force. Born 13 April 1919 in Barrington Passage; died 16 March 2001 at Yarmouth Regional Hospital, Yarmouth. Son of. Delbert and Jennie Mae (Goodwin) Watt. Married Eleanor Kathleen Brannen on 30 August

1941. They had two sons, Arthur and Robert, as well as three daughters: Eleanor, Cynthia, and Anna .

OBITUARY:

WATT, Eleanor Kathleen- 98, Barrington, It is with great sadness that the family of Eleanor Kathleen Watt announces her passing, on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 in Bay Side Home, Barrington. Born in Barrington Passage on September 18, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Meda (Knowles) Brannen. Eleanor enjoyed family camping trips in her younger years. She played piano and had a passion for music. She was a very fun loving grandmother and absolutely loved her grandchildren and thought the world of them. She is survived by her children, Eleanor (Ira) Ross, Anna Francis, Robert Watt, Cindy (Aaron) Quinlan; grandchildren, Shelley Ryer, Frankie (Connie) Ryer, Robert (Gina) Ryer, Julian Francis, Jonathon (Vivian) Francis, Ashley (Tyler Day) Mahaney, Ryan (Danielle) Watt, Chelsea (Dan) Quinlan, Colby Quinlan, Logan (Janya) Quinlan, Tyler (Chasity) Quinlan; 14 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Dean Watt; son, Arthur Watt; brothers, Douglas Brannen, Lindsay Brannen, Ronald Brannen, Robert Brannen, and Herbert Brannen. Interment to follow in the Hillside Cemetery, Brass Hill.

END

1-5-45

Robert Maynard Brannen (1924-1996)



Robert was born October 10 1924 in Barrington Passage, Nova Scotia. He was the son of Arthur Douglas Brannen Sr. (1916-2005) and Meda Louise Knowles (1889-1980).

He graduated from Acadia University and from N.S. Technical College with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a plant manager for Canada Cement Lafarge for many years.

He married Pamela Ann Pringle September 9, 1991, in Bannockburn ON. She had two sons Mark and Frank, with previous husbands.

He died June 30, 1996, in Bellville ON.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Robert Maynard - 71, Bannockburn, Ont., died June 30, 1996, in Belleville General Hospital, Ontario. Born at Barrington Passage, Shelburne Co., he was a son of the late Arthur D. and Meda (Knowles) Brannen. He was a graduate of Acadia University and Nova Scotia Technical College, where he obtained a degree in mechanical engineering. He was employed for many years with Canada Cement LaFarge as a plant manager in many areas across Canada before retirement. Surviving

are his wife, the former Pamela Pringle; stepsons, Mark Page, Frank Cudmore, Bannockburn; brothers, Douglas, Collingwood, Ont.; Ronald, Brockville, Ont.; Lindsey, Palm Desert, Ont.; Herbert, Barrington Passage; sister, Eleanor (Mrs. Dean Watt), Barrington. Funeral was held July 4 in Madoc Chapel.

END

1-5-46

Allan Herbert Brannen Sr. (1926-2011)



Herb was born March 3, 1926, in Barrington Passage NS. He was the youngest son of Arthur Douglas Brannen Sr. (1916-2005) and Meda Louise Knowles (1889-1980).

He married Shirley Mae Smith on December 21 1950 in Shelburne, N.S. She was born March 28 1929 in Shelburne NS

The children of Herb and Shirley were:

Linda Diane Brannen was born August 5 1951 in Shelburne, N.S

Allan Herbert Brannen, born August 9, 1953, in Shelburne, N.S.

Laura Leigh Brannen, born May 16, 1956, Shelburne, N.S.

Sandra Andra Mae Brannen, born August 16, 1960, Shelburne, N.S.

Herb served with the West Nova regiment during WWII.

After his WWII service he returned and worked with his father in his insurance agency. He eventually took over the business when his father retired.

Shirley died March 29, 1998, in Barrington Passage, N.S. Herb died at age 85 June 6 2011 in Shelburne. They are both buried in Forest Hill cemetery in Barrington Passage NS.

STORY:

An excerpt from the Veterans of Shelburne County V2:

Brannen, Allan "Herbert" F59007 Private. West Nova Scotia Regiment. Royal Canadian Army. Born 20 March 1926 in Barrington Passage, Shelburne County. Son of Arthur Douglas and Meda Louise (Knowles) Brannen. Married Shirley Mae Smith on 21 December 1950 at Trinity United Church, Shelburne. They had four children: Linda, Allan, Laura and Sandra. Herbie enlisted in Halifax and trained" in Yarmouth, Debert and Aldershot, Nova Scotia. Following the war, Herbie had a successful insurance business. His hobbies are golfing and care of his lawn and grounds.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Allan Herbert Sr. "Herb" - 85 of Barrington Passage, passed away peacefully at Roseway Hospital in Shelburne on June 6, 2011, after a lengthy illness. Born in Barrington Passage, he was the son of the late Arthur Douglas and Meda Louise (Knowles) Brannen. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Shirley Mae (Smith); brothers Douglas, Ronald and Robert. In 1944 he enlisted and was a private with the West Nova Scotia Regiment Royal Canadian Army. For many years he owned and operated Brannen's Insurance Agency in Barrington Passage, NS. He was a Past Master of the Philadelphia Masonic Lodge, an avid golfer, card player and Montreal Canadiens fan. He is survived by a brother, Lindsay (Maureen) of Tacoma, Washington; sister, Eleanor Watt of Barrington Passage, NS; daughter, Linda (John) Aiton of Fredericton NB; son, Allan (Martha Wickens) of Barrington, NS; daughter, Laura Duemmmling, Orlando, Fla.; daughter, Sandra (Trevor) Newbold, Barrington Passage, NS; grandchildren, Heather (Bryan) Landry, Peterborough, Ont.; Ms. Joanna Aiton, Fredericton, NB; James Brannen, Barrington, NS; Sarah (Andre) Atkinson, Stoney Island, NS; Ruth Brannen, Halifax, NS; John Brannen, Sackville, NB; Amanda (Ivan) Maldonado, Adam Duemmmling, Lisa Duemmmling, all of Orlando, Fla.; Nacole and Megan Newbold, Barrington Passage, NS; great-grandchildren, Shirley and Margaret Andow,

Fredericton, NB; Rose Landry, Peterborough, Ont; and Ajax Brannen, Barrington, NS; and many nieces and nephews.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Shirley Mae age 69, Barrington Passage, Shelburne Co., died March 29, 1998, at home. Born in Shelburne, she was a daughter of the late James Chandley and Blanche Lenora (Harris) Smith. She was an active member of Temple United Baptist Church, choirs and numerous charities. Surviving are her husband, A. Herbert Brannen Sr.; son, Allan Brannen Jr. and wife Martha (Wickens), Coffinscroft, Shelburne Co.; daughters, Linda and husband John Aiton, Woodstock, N.B.; Laura and husband Richard Duemmling, Orlando, Fla.; Sandra and husband Trevor Newbold, Freeport, Bahamas; brothers, Doug and Arthur, Shelburne; Harold, Ontario; Gerald, LaHave, Lunenburg Co.; sisters, Jean (Mrs. Alfred Kenney), Windsor, Hants Co.; Marion (Mrs. Allan Beveridge), Halifax; Dorothy (Mrs. C.D. Morrison), Liverpool, Queens Co.; grandchildren, Heather Aiton, Joanna (Mrs. John Andow), James, Sarah, Ruthie and John Brannen, Amanda, Adam and Lisa Duemmling, Nacole and Megan Newbold. She was predeceased by brothers, Lawrence, Earle, Gordon, Wilfred, Donald and William. Cremation to follow. END

THE CHILDREN OF ADRIA ALLEN BRANNEN (1889-1963)

1-5-47

Adria Allen Peterson (1921-2006)



Adria was born in Lynn MA January 9, 1921. She was the daughter of Adria Allen Brannen (1889-1963) and William Ernest Peterson (1886-1948).

The census found her living with his parents in Lynn MA in 1930.

She married Oliver Ernest Weddle November 2, 1939, in Ellisforde WA.

They had eleven children.

Oliver died June 6, 1966. She remarried to George Robert Wilson. Adria died October 23, 2006, in Tonasket WA.

END

1-5-48

William Ernest Peterson (1925-2006)



He was born in Lynn MA in 1925. He was the son of Adria Allen Brannen (1889-1963) and William Ernest Peterson (1886-1948).

He was baptized in the Lutheran church in Waterbury CT October 14, 1923.

The census found him living with his parents in Lynn MA in 1930 and in Ellisforde WA in 1940.

His Draft Card showed him age 21 single living in Walcott CT and working at the Fulton Market.

He married Sandra Lynn Kramer June 26, 1976.

He died in 2006 in Washington State.

END

1-5-49

Henry Alden Peterson (1927-2008)



Hank was born April 3, 1927, in Lynn MA. He was the son of Adria Allen Brannen (1889-1963) and William Ernest Peterson (1886-1948).

The 1930 census found him in Lynn MA. In the 1940 census he was living in Ellisforde WA.

In 1954 he married Lee Ann Callison (1931-2018) in Portland OR. She was the daughter of Arthur J. Callison (1907-1967) and Ann Wayslenko (1907-1991). Lee Ann was a widow with one young child. Hank and Lee Ann had four children together.

Hank died September 29 2008 in Tonasket WA and is buried in the Mountain View Memorial cemetery Ellisforde WA.

Lee Ann died August 13, 2018, in Bothell WA.

END

THE CHILDREN OF FREELAND CLAYTON BRANNEN (1875-1938)

1-5-50

Thelma Leona Brannen (1900-1976)



Thelma was born in Woods Harbour NS June 28, 1930, She was the daughter of Freeland Clayton Brannen (1875-1938) and Ethel Isola Nickerson (1879-1945).

She appeared in the 1921 census as age 21 living at home with her parents. She was not employed.

About 1921 she married Alfred Louis Doucette (1901-1959). He was the son of Vincent Doucette (1854-19250 and Catherine Hill (1865-1933).

They had three children, Vincent Clayton Doucette (1921-1963) and Barbara Ann Doucette who lived to maturity while their son Donald died at age four.

The 1930 and 1940 censuses found the family in Lynn MA with two children at home, Vincent age 17 and Barbara five years old.

They appeared in the city directory as Alf L. and Thelma L. living at 17 Hovey St. in Lynn. He was a switchboard operator at LG & Co.

Alfred died in Lynn MA in 1959; She died August 19, 1976, also in Lynn MA.

END

1-5-51

Abigale Madolin Brannen (1901-1988)



Abbie or Doley was born November 14, 1901, in Crowell's NS. She was the daughter of Freeland Clayton Brannen (1875-1938) and Ethel Isola Nickerson (1879-1945).

She married George Nelson Stoddard (1897-1984) June 16 1920 in Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Alexander Swansburg Stoddard and Lucy Emma Nickerson. Nelson was a fisherman. They had one child, George Whitman Stoddard (1921-1992).

She appears in the 1921 census as age 19 with a two-month-old child George H. Stoddard.

She was a teacher in the Woods Harbour schools.

Nelson died July 17, 1984, and is buried in Woods Harbour.

Abbie died November 21, 1988, and was buried with him in Greenwood Cemetery.

OBITUARY:

Abbie M. Stoddard, 80, died Saturday, November 21, 1981 at home. Born in Woods Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Freeland and Ethel (Nickerson) Brannen. She was a member of Balmoral Rebekah Lodge 39. She is survived by her husband, Nelson; a son, George, Woods Harbour; two brothers Burton and Clayton, both of Woods Harbour; three grand-children and three great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers Bennie and Victor; sister, Thelma, and granddaughter. Annette. The funeral service was held Tuesday November 24, 1981 in the Wesleyan Church, Upper Woods Harbour with Rev. Kenne Gavel officiating assisted by Rev. Michael Stone. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery,

OBITUARY:

Woods Harbour: George N. Stoddard, 87, died Tuesday, July 17, 1984 in Roseway Hospital, Shelburne. Born in Woods Harbour, he was a son of the late Alexander and Lucy (Nickerson) Stoddard. He was a veteran of World War 1, serving overseas with the 112 Battalion. He was wounded twice in France. He was a former member of the Barrington Area Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and the Clark's Harbor Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

He is survived by a son George, Woods Harbour; two sisters, Mrs. Rosalie Lewis, Lynn, Mass., and Mrs. Theodosia Blades, Little Compton, R.I., three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Madolin Brannen; two brothers, Murray and George A.; five sisters, Viola, Hazel, Sadie, Fenella and Alfreda; and one granddaughter. . Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery,

END

1-5-52

Benjamin Gordon Brannen (1904-1962)



Benjamin was born on December 10 1904 in Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Freeland Clayton Brannen (1875-1938) and Ethel Isola Nickerson (1879-1945).

Benjamin appears in the 1921 census at Woods Harbour age 17, a fisherman with his father.

He was on the ship's passenger list February 1923 going to Boston. His home address was Lower Woods Harbour. His nearest relative was his father Freeland Brannen. He was listed as a fisherman. He was listed as 18 years old and single. He was going to his sister's home, Thelma Brannen-Doucette (1908-1976) at 21 Spenser Av Lynn MA.

August 2, 1924, he married Rose Andrews (1903-1992). They divorced before 1933. There is no indication that there were children from the marriage.

On December 24 1927, he made a request for citizenship. He was age 23 married to Rose. He gave his arrival date in the US as 1922.

On November 8 1934, he married Mildred Blanch Armsworthy (1910-1996) in Manhattan NY.

They had seven children: Nelson George (1934-1969), Laura (1939-2005), Charlotte, Judith, John, Marsha, Annette (1943-2010) and Kelly.

He appears in the 1949 and 1957 voters lists for Lower Woods Harbour along with Mrs. He was listed as a fisherman in 1949.

Their oldest child Nelson George (1934-1960). was lost at sea. He drowned April 1960 when he went out to spundge (spear) sculpins for lobster bait. The outboard motor slipped out of gear, and he was thrown in the water.

Benjamin died in Yarmouth NS July 16, 1962, and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in Woods Harbour NS. His wife Mildred died in Yarmouth NS February 28, 1996, and is buried with him in Woods Harbour NS.

END

1-5-53

Victor George Brannen (1906-1973)



Victor was born December 21, 1906, in Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Freeland Clayton Brannen (1875-1938) and Ethel Isola Nickerson (1879-1945).

In the 1911 and 1921 Canadian census he was living with his parents and siblings in Woods Harbour.

On November 18 1933, he married Mertie Eileen Chetwynd (1919-2000). She was the daughter of Ernest Chetwynd and Harriet Charkin. They had six children.

He enlisted for duty in WWII and served overseas with the army. After the war he returned to fishing.

June 17, 1973, he had a heart attack aboard *BTO Plus* and died at sea. He is buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Woods Harbour.

They lost two of their sons at sea on the *Colville Bay*. April 3, 1974. Victor Burton was the captain and Nathan Cyrenus a crew member. Their ship failed to return and a search found planks, plywood, a hatch cover and 12 trawl tubs. As these items were scorched it was assumed there had been an explosion and fire. The captain and 6 crew were all lost.

Mertie died August 30, 2000, in Liverpool NS and is buried with Victor in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Woods Harbour.

STORY:

Brannen, Victor George Royal Canadian Army. Born 21 December 1906 in Woods Harbour, Shelburne County; died 17 June 1973 at sea of a heart attack.²³⁶ Son of Freeland and Ethel (Nickerson) Brannen. Married Mertie Eileen Chetwynd on 18 November 1933. They had four sons: Lawrence, Edric, Victor and Nathan, as well as two daughters: Teresa and Faye.²³⁷ Victor served overseas. Following the war he was a fisherman. Buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Upper Woods Harbour. (Photo courtesy Shelburne Coast Guard)

END

1-5-54

Burton Leroy Brannen (1908-1994)



Burton was born March 12, 1908, in Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Freeland Clayton Brannen (1875-1938) and Ethel Isola Nickerson (1879-1945).

He appears with his family in Woods Harbour in the 1921 census. He was shown as age 13.

He married Violet Pauline Nickerson (1912-1991) May 2, 1931. She was the daughter of Robert Howard Nickerson and Annie Goodwin. They had three daughters, Doris, Goldie, and Sylvia.

He served four years overseas in WWII with the West Novas. After discharge he returned to his fishing career.

Violet died November 30, 1991, in Yarmouth NS and is buried in Woods Harbour. Burton died May 16, 1994, in Yarmouth NS and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery with his wife.

STORY:

An extract from the Veterans of Shelburne County V2:

Brannen, Burton Leroy West Nova Scotia Regiment. Royal Canadian Army. Born in 1908 in Woods Harbour, Shelburne County; died 16 May 1994 at Yarmouth Regional Hospital, Yarmouth at the age of 86. Son of Freeland and Ethel (Nickerson) Brannen. Married Violet Nickerson on 2 May 1931. They had three daughters: Doris, Goldie, and Sylvia. Burton served overseas with the West Nova Scotia Regiment for four years. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 148, Clark's Harbour and a member of the Wesleyan Church. Buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Lower Woods Harbour,

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Burton LeRoy - 86, Woods Harbour, Shelburne County, died May 16, 1994, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born at Woods Harbour, he was a son of the late Freeland and Ethel (Nickerson) Brannen. He was a member of Wesleyan Church, Woods Harbour; former member of Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 148 and veteran of the Second World War serving four years overseas in the Western Nova Scotia Regiment. He is survived by three daughters, Doris, Woods Harbour; Goldie Blizzard, North East Point; Sylvia (Mrs. Albert Roy), Hunts Point; brother, Clayton, Woods Harbour; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Violet Nickerson; two brothers, Benjamin, Victor; two sisters, Thelma, Madolin. Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. tonight, 2-4, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in H. Huskison's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Thursday in Calvary Baptist Church, Woods Harbour, Rev. Darrell Chase and Rev. Harold Bubar officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Woods Harbour.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Violet Pauline — 79, Wood's Harbour, Shelburne County, died Saturday in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born in Argyle Sound, she was a daughter of the late Howard and Annie (Goodwin) Nickerson. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Wood's Harbour, former member of Rebekah Lodge. She is survived by her husband, Burton; three daughters, Mrs. Doris Waltherr, at home; Mrs. Goldie Blizzard, Kentville; Sylvia (Mrs. Albert Roy), Hunts Point; a sister, Mrs. Minola Badge, Yarmouth; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by six brothers, Glen Howard, Percy, Guy. Oland, Earl; three sisters, Freda, Olive, Doris two half-brothers, John, Charles; a half-sister, Kathleen. l.

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1-5-55

Clayton Freeland Brannen (1917-1994)



Clayton was born in 1917 in Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Freeland Clayton Brannen (1875-1938) and Ethel Isola Nickerson (1879-1945).

He appeared in the 1921 census.

He married Evelyn Clara Fox (1912-2001). They had three children, Mervin, Herbert Clifford, and Claudia Bernice.

He was a WWII veteran of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.

He died June 8th, 1994, in Yarmouth NS.

STORY:

An extract from the Veterans of Shelburne County V2:

Brannen, Clayton Freeland Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. Born in 1917 in Woods Harbour, Shelburne County; died 8 June 1994 at Veterans Place, Yarmouth at the age of 77. Son of Freeland and Ethel (Nickerson) Brannen. Married Evelyn Fox. They had three sons: Mervin, Herbert, Eddie and a daughter, Claudia. Clayton enlisted before December 1941. He served with the Town Police in Liverpool, Queens County for a number of years before returning to Woods Harbour.²¹⁵ He was a member of the

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 148, Clark's Harbour and a member of the. Cavalry United Baptist Church, Woods Harbour : Clayton's body was donated to Dalhousie Medical School.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Clayton Freeland - 77, Woods Harbour, Shelburne County, died June 8, 1994, in Veterans Place, Yarmouth. Born at Woods Harbour, he was a son of the late Freeland and Ethel (Nickerson) Brannen. He was a member of Calvary United Baptist Church, Woods Harbour and Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 148, Clark's Harbour. He was a veteran of the Second World War. He is survived by his wife, the former Evelyn Fox; two sons, Mervin, Herbie, both of Clam Point; daughter, Mrs. Claudia Brown, Clark's Harbour; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by three brothers, Benjamin, Victor, Burton; two sisters, Madoline, Thelma. The body has been donated to Dalhousie Medical School. A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Monday in Calvary United Baptist Church, Rev. Darrell Chase and Rev. Harold Bubar officiating. No flowers by request. Donations may be made to Woods Harbour Volunteer Ambulance Service. Arrangements are under the direction of H. Huskilson's Funeral Home, Barrington.

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THE CHILDREN OF GORDON PHINEAS BRANNEN (1878-1924)

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Veronica Pauline Brannen (1907-1995)



Veronica was born in Woods Harbour NS May 13, 1907. She was the daughter of Gordon Phineas Brannen (1878-1924) and Eliza Beatrice Goreham (1881-1926).

She married Percy John Sullivan (1899-1950). He was the son of Daniel Sullivan and Isabella Lockhart. They separated and divorced before 1931. Percy died of cirrhosis due to alcoholism in Massachusetts January 7, 1950. He is buried at St. Josephs in Boston MA. They had one child Arthur R. Brannen (1929-)

Veronica married for the second time August 8, 1931, in Woods Harbour NS, to Howard McKinnon Larkin . He was the son of Andrew Larkin and Christina Nichols. They had several children including:

Gordon Larkin (1932-2006)

Barbara Larkin (1937-1937)

Mayola Larkin (1939-1995)

Veronica died October 9, 1995, in Woods Harbour and is buried in Old Farm cemetery in Shag Harbour. Howard died June 29, 1992, and is buried with her.

END

1-5-57

Rachel Ruth Brannen (1913-1955)

Rachel was born in Woods Harbour NS November 16, 1913. She was the daughter of Gordon Phineas Brannen (1878-1924) and Eliza Beatrice Goreham (1881-1926).

She was employed as a stenographer in Bridgewater NS for Nickerson Transfer in 1939.

She married Arnold Wyman Cleveland (1914-1956) July 11, 1939. He was the son of Lyman Cleveland and Litita M. Wyman. They had at least one child Patricia Cleveland.

Rachel died March 8, 1955, in Bridgewater NS. He died in Nova Scotia February 2, 1956.

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THE CHILDREN OF OLA MINEVE BRANNEN (1880-1972)

1-5-58

Mayola Nickerson (1917-2005)

Mayola was born in 1917. She was the daughter of Ola Mineve Brannen (1880-1972) and Herman W. Nickerson (1873-1943).

She appeared in the 1921 census as age four living with her parents in Woods Harbour.

She married Albert Thomas (Bob) Crowell (1918-2010) July 25, 1941, in Woods Harbour. He was the son of Everett Crowell and Blanche LeChasseur. They had four children: Janice, Stephanie, Chris and Graham.

He was a salesman/ merchant in Woods Harbour.

They appeared on several voters lists in Woods Harbour.

Mayola died June 21, 2005, in Yarmouth NS. Bob also died at the Yarmouth hospital, July 1, 2010.

OBITUARY:

Albert "Bob" Crowell Wood's Harbour, Shelburne County, in his 93rd year, passed away quietly on July 1, 2010 at Yarmouth Regional Hospital. He was a son of the late Everett and Blanche (Le Chasseur) Crowell, stepson of the late Addie (Nickerson) Crowell.

Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mayola (Nickerson); brothers, Henry, Donald, and Douglas and sister, Irene (Victor) Smith.

He is survived by sister, Pauline (Bruce) Marlin; daughters, Janice, Toronto, Stephanie, South Ohio; sons, Chris (Jyll), Halifax, Graham (Brenda), Barrington, 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Bob was born on a homestead in Saskatchewan and, at the age of 2, moved back to Nova Scotia with his family following the death of his mother. His father farmed at Williamston in the Annapolis Valley and they moved back to the family home in Shag Harbour when Bob was 9 years old. He served in the RCAF during WWII, afterwards living in Wood's Harbour until his death and was active in business in South Western Nova Scotia for over 50 years. He was the Charter President and Past-President (1962-64, 77-78) as well as Secretary (1973-74) of the Barrington Area chapter of the Lion's Club. He also served as Deputy District Governor (1973-74) and held numerous positions on committees and teams within the club, rarely missing a meeting or function since its inception. Bob enjoyed meeting people and was always eager to engage in conversation and debate. He loved dancing and, until recently, regularly attended seniors' dances in the area. In short, he enjoyed life and will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Cremation has taken place.

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1-5-59

Martha Elizabeth Nickerson (1920-1995)



Elizabeth was born April 19, 1920. She was the daughter of Ola Mineve Brannen (1880-1972) and Herman W. Nickerson (1873-1943).

She appeared in the 1921 census as being age one in Woods Harbour with her family. She was listed as Elizabeth.

July 22, 1937, when she was age 22, she moved to the US and petitioned for citizenship.

In the 1940 census she was single, age 19, and indicated she had two years of college. She was working as a stenographer for an insurance company and living at the YWCA.

She became a naturalized citizen in 1942. The Boston city directory listed her a a secretary in 1941.

She married a man named Goddard some time before 1958. In 1958 there were to airplane flights indicating her name as Goddard and showing her permanent address as Port Rico. It is the only public records I have found where she used the name Goddard.

The 1967,8 and 9 Boston city directories show her as Nickerson employed by the Beth Israel Hospital.

The 1981 city directory listed her as retired.

She died in Tampa FL November 29, 1995.

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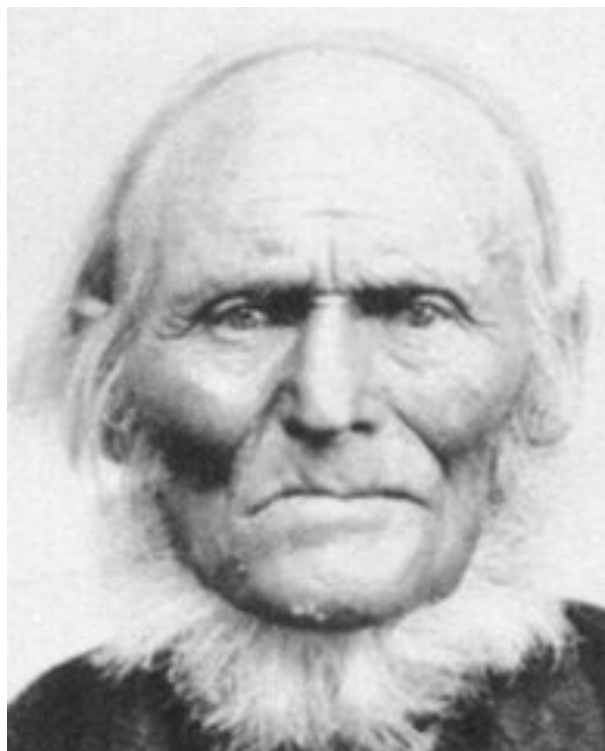
William Brannen Line

THE WILLIAM BRANNEN LINE

William Brannen (1810-1897) was the son of Archibald Brannen (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1876-??). William and Hannah had twelve children. William was part of the second generation of Brannens and his children were the third generation of Brannens in Canada.

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William Brannen (1807-1897)



William the son of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??) was born June 25 1807 in Barrington Township.

He married Hannah Duncan (1811-1862) daughter of David Duncan (1768-1813) and Mary Perry (1892-1866), in 1829. Some on-line family trees ascribe the middle name 'Henry' to him. I have found no record of his second name. It appears that the use of Henry as a second name is result of confusion with his youngest brother Henry, as several family trees attributed Henry's date of death to William's.

It is unknown where William and Hannah lived from the time of their marriage until they settled in South Side. The 1838 census only records him as living on Cape Sable Island. At that time the family was made up of three males and four females. His occupation was recorded as "fisherman".

He purchased a large lot, number three in class one of the second division of the lands on Cape Sable Island, on September 12th 1838 from Edward Hopkins for fourteen pounds and built a home and barn there. His house is clearly marked as the one nearest Centreville on the A.F. Church 1870's map of Cape Sable Island. William described his lot as being north of the creek. The lot included waterfront on Bakers Flats and a small island and a significant portion of "savanna". It is described as,

"Commencing at the northern line near the said Burnt Woods Creek composing the one third part of the entire lot from Bakers Flats to the back line".

In January 1843, he was shown as a member of Asa McGray's Centreville church. In March of that year he was baptized and became active in the congregation and was a delegate to quarterly meetings of the local churches.

He and Hannah had 11 children all surviving to maturity. Where the first three were born is unknown, however the children born after 1838 were most likely born at South Side. The 1861 census showed the household consisted of nine people, four males and five females. All were listed as being older than age 15. This is inconsistent with the facts. There were clearly four children under 15 in 1861.

Church records show that Hannah passed away in March 1862 leaving young children at home: Daughter Susan was 13, Horatio 12, and Samuel age nine.

The 1871 census listed William as a widower age 62, Susan Jane as age 22 and Samuel as age 17.

He remarried, March 14 1872, to Jemima Nickerson (1840-1917), daughter of Alexander Nickerson (1780-1867) and Abigail Nickerson (1786-1860). She was the widow of Prince William Nickerson (1836-1867). She had a young son William Edgar Nickerson (1867-1933) age five. William became his stepfather.

The 1881 census listed William as age 73, a carpenter, Jemima age 45, and his stepson William Nickerson age 14. William, Jemima and her son William Edgar Nickerson were shown as shareholders in the South Union Outfitting Company of Cape Island around 1885. This co-op operated a general/grocery store in the community of South Side NS.

On the 25th March 1890 William signed a sale agreement for his land and buildings to his stepson William Edgar Nickerson for \$200. Although there was no provision for his continued residence, both he and Jemima continued to live on the property for the rest of their lives

The 1891 census listed him as an 84-year-old farmer. Jemima was age 56. Also living in the house was William Edgar age 24, his wife Waite Amelia (1870-1949) age 20 and their child Beatrice nine months old.

In April 2 1892 he sold to his daughter, Catherine Duncan, for one dollar, *"a small island on the front of my land...being the largest wooded island joining my pasture"* This appears to refer to an island in Baker's Flats.

His ability to sell a portion of his property after entering into an agreement for sale with William Edgar is perhaps a result of not registering the agreement.

Jemima gave a quit claim of her interest in the property to Edgar Nickerson on the 13th February 1897. This was likely to extinguish her dower rights in the property.

William died sometime before 1897 and is buried in an unmarked grave likely in the Centreville church cemetery. There appears to be no record of his death.

All except one of the children settled in the area. Horatio was lost at sea at age 20 and Samuel became a master mariner and moved to San Francisco CA

On March 10 1900 his son Jeremiah and wife Eliza quit claimed their interest in William's estate except for the shares in the South Union Outfitting Company for \$5.00.

THE THIRD GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BRANNEN (1807-1897)

William had eleven children. All lived to maturity.

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Diana L. Brannen (1832-1869)

Diana was oldest child of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862). She was born about 1832 on Cape Sable Island.

January 28, 1843, Diana Brannen was listed as a member of the Centreville church.

In 1853 she married Eleazer Paul Crowell (1826-1910) on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of Eleazer Crowell Sr. (1786-??) and Sarah Swim (1789-1899) They appear to have had five children together.

She died February 10, 1869, and is believed to be buried in the Old Town Cemetery in Swim's Point with Eleazer. Diana died young at age 37 leaving three young children, Adelia aged three, Florence age six, Jeremiah age seven. Older children, Lydia Ellen age 14, and Wilson (sometimes shown as John A.) were also still at home.

Her husband Eleazer married again to Lydia Jane Penney (1850-1915) on May 1, 1870.

The 1871 census found Eleazer married to Lydia Jane Penney. Diana's children Wilson, Lydia Ellen, Jeremiah, and Adelia were living with their father and their stepmother.

Florence was raised by a Forbes family and took their last name. Diana's youngest child Adelia later resided with her aunt Lydia Ann Brannen (1843-1888) (Diana's sister) and Elijah Nickerson.

Jeremiah Bruce Brannen (1833-1904)



Jerry was the oldest son of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862). His birth date is confirmed by the 1901 census as November 18 1833. His birth is also recorded the Barrington Township records.

He married Hannah Nickerson (1839-1862), in 1860. She was the daughter of Judah Nickerson (1801-1895) and Elizabeth Smith (1809-1887). Hannah was a sister to Jeremiah's sister, Rebecca's husband. Hannah died March 26 1862 and is buried in the Old Town Cemetery. Jerry erected a stone memorial to her that reads:

BRANNEN

Erected by J. B. Brannen in memory of Hannah his beloved wife who died March 26, 1862, aged 23 years.

They had only been married about two years when she died. They had no children.

He married Mary Elizabeth McGray (1843-1933) November 9, 1863. She was the daughter of John Colby McGray (1810-1887) and Elizabeth Smith (1812-1904). He was described on the marriage certificate as a widower. Rev. E. G. Eaton presided as a

Baptist minister on Cape Sable Island. One witness was Jerry's new father-in-law John Colby McGray. Eliza came from a family that produced ministers, ship's captains, merchants, and politicians. She was an energetic woman and greatly contributed to his business success.

March 21, 1865, there is a record of his purchase of land in Clark's Harbour from Judah Nickerson. Judah Nickerson and his wife Elizabeth were the parents of Hannah, his first wife. He paid \$225.40 for a large lot including 676 feet of shore frontage and running all the way east to the main road. This would currently be the south side of Bruce Street including the frontage on Main Street Highway #330 and included what is now the F. A. Brannen Memorial ballpark. This purchase excluded an adjacent piece of swamp 12.5 rods by 21 rods lying on the shore which he later acquired for \$140. In the purchase document he was described as a fisherman.

McAlpine's Nova Scotia directory 1868-9 shows him on page 544 as living on Cape Sable Island as being a fisherman. The 1871 Canadian census shows him as age 37, a fisherman, a Free Baptist and married to Mary E. who was age 27. There were four children shown to be living with them at that time, John aged five, William T. age three, Francis age two, and Susan J. five months old.

Lovell's Province of Nova Scotia Directory for 1871 shows Jeremiah Brannen listed on Cape Sable Island as a blacksmith on page 1563. The book *CAPE SABLE: Not Just an Island* by Sonia M. Wickens attributes Jeremiah as having the first blacksmith shop in Clark's Harbour. The Brannen Blacksmith Shops continued to serve Cape Island until 1940 through the secession of his son John and grandson Ira.

February 22, 1872, Jeremiah was one of the "*trustees in and for school district number twenty -one*" who purchased a school site. The property was the old Temperance Hall on Main Street. This suggests he was becoming actively involved in town affairs.

The 1881 Census shows him as age 47 a blacksmith and a Free Baptist married to Mary E. age 37. There were eight children living at home, John aged 15 is listed as a blacksmith, William T. age 13, Francis age 12, Susan J. age ten, Mary age eight, Cassie age five, George age two, and Minnie one year old.

The 1891 Census shows him as age 58, a master mariner and a Free Will Baptist. Their oldest son John had married and left home. Eight children remained at home and perhaps a lodger Albert Brannen aged 28. Albert was shown as a fisherman living with them (His last name may have been a recording error).

January 10, 1895, for \$775.00 he purchased a house, barns and land in Centreville in part 7 of the second division. The house was located near the east end of Centreville bridge. It was built around 1860. The house and barns no longer exist.

By the later 1890's he had established a number of businesses in Clark's Harbour. In addition to his successful blacksmith shop he had a lumber and coal business, a wharf of sufficient depth and length to accommodate coastal steamers, and a schooner to service his lumber and coal business and commercial trade. He also harvested hay from his low laying land. His three sons were involved in the Brannen commercial interests. John operated the blacksmith shop, Francis was master of the schooner and Willy operated a variety store and a photography and framing business. The move to Centreville and his sons involvement suggests he was retiring from at least some of his business interests after 1895.

April 26, 1899, Jeremiah and wife sold their Clark's Harbour property to their sons, Francis Annis and William M. The sale was an undivided half interest to each, to Francis Brannen for \$600. and to William M. Brannen for \$550. The sale excepts the lot and house occupied by John H. Brannen which measured approximately 150 by 170 feet. The property being sold included the main dwelling house, William's house/photo studio, about 650 feet of water frontage, wharf, schooner, coal shed and stable. Also included was an operating lumber and coal business.

The 1901 Census showed him as age 67, born 18 November 1833 and described as a farmer. He still had three children living at home, Cassie Belle aged 23, George age 20, and Eleanor age 18.

February 6, 1904, Jeremiah died of Bright's disease and was buried in the Centreville Cemetery. After he passed away, she continued to operate the farm in Centreville for a number of years.

On August 21, 1906, the heirs of Jeremiah conveyed to Clissie Brannen the 116 feet of frontage of land and the house occupied by John and Clissie on what was at that time known as Brannen Road now Bruce Street in Clark's Harbour for \$1.00.

July 12, 1920, Mary E. Brannen widow of Jeremiah B. Brannen sold the Centreville property to William M. Nickerson for \$1,000. Jeremiah's heirs all had quit claimed their interest to the property in 1918.

Eliza died September 20, 1933, at age 90. She is buried with her husband in Centreville.

STORY:

Jerry Brannen lived at Clarks Harbour and married Hanna Nickerson. She only lived one year and they had no family. Later he married Mary Eliza McGray of Centreville. He owned a vessel and had a coal and lumber business getting his coal from Cape Breton and lumber from Bridgewater. He also had a blacksmith business and worked in

there mostly in the winter time. In the late 1890's he retired and moved to Centreville and went into farming had several cattle, a horse and buggy and planted large gardens with apple and plum trees and even grew some grapes. He remodeled the small barn and had a nice big barn with large windows in it. He had a raking and mowing machine and all kinds of tools. He had a place for everything and everything had a place. The barn was so clean. When he left Clarks Harbour his son John took over the blacksmith shop and worked there until 1923.

Ira's grandmother Mary Eliza was one great woman. When she lived at Clark's Harbour she had a family of 9 children but kept boarders, helped her husband plank or put plank on his vessel also helped caulk it, made mats and quilts and all sorts of work. After her husband died, she run the farm. Had her place as clean as usual each morning she brushed the cows and washed the floor down took the manure out with her wheelbarrow and one time built a hen house. She was a nice housekeeper and a surpurb cook. Lived to be 90 years old.

Lottie (Penney) Brannen, granddaughter in law, 1984

STORY;

An excerpt from *Sea Captains in the Barrington Township* by Trudy D. Atkinson 1998:

Jeremiah B. Brannen (1833-1904) son of William and Hanna (Duncan) Brannen who married (1) Hanna Nickerson (1839-1862) a daughter of Judea and Elizabeth (Smith) Nickerson and married (2) Mary Elizabeth McGray (1843-1933) daughter of John C. and Elizabeth (or Mary Eliza) (Smith) McGray. Jeremiah Brannen lived in Clark's Harbour and was a sea captain as well as a shipwright and a blacksmith. He was involved in offshore sailing, and the coal and lumber business trades in Clark's Harbour where he built a large wharf. He owned many schooners which he captained for transporting his stock in trade. He also lived in Centreville.

STORY:

An excerpt from *The Islands Look Back* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society in 1981 edited by Margaret Messenger

Brannen's Blacksmith Shop

by Dorothy O'Connell

This smitty's workshop was far removed from the shading chestnut tree; rather, his shop stood on a hill overlooking the bleak Atlantic at Clark's Harbour, Cape Sable Island.

Jeremiah Brannen started his blacksmith shop around 1865 close to the spot where Etheron Nickerson's house now stands. Later he moved it to the head of the lane, on the opposite side of the road, in order to be near the main highway. He had plenty of work and was always busy. In fact he was so busy that in order get everything done he often had to keep his young son, John, out of school to help with the shoeing of oxen and horses, as well as other work that was ahead of him.

When Mr. Brannen became older and unable to carry on his trade, John took over his father's business.....

STORY:

An excerpt from *An Island Town* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society 1984 author Margaret Messenger

Around California Hill

.....It was probably many years after the first wharf was built that Jeremiah Brannen constructed a large wharf to accommodate his coal and lumber business. He owned his own schooner which was used mainly for transporting the materials he sold. Jeremiah also had a blacksmith shop. Originally, this was located near the shore, ...Jeremiah owned the property that had belonged to Levi Nickerson, and he built a new house on top of the hill. Part of Levi's old house was moved to form an addition at the back of it, thus adding a summer kitchen and what used to be called a back pantry.

STORY:

The following excerpts are taken from *Our Island Reminisces*, published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society 1986, author Margaret E Messenger, *The Wreck of the Cherokee*, pages 46-50

.....Elizabeth Brannen was hanging clothes when she saw something on the water that looked like a bit of wreckage. As she watched, it looked as if a white object was being raised aloft for a few seconds, then lowered. Running to the house for a spy glass, she saw that there was indeed, trouble in the bay. She alerted a man who ran quickly to the wharves with the cry of "wreck!" - a cry that was not unfamiliar in a community so near treacherous currents and ledges of Cape Sable.

Those on shore were able to see that there were people on what was left of the brigantine, and they hastily prepared to go to their rescue. The wind moderated a bit but was still freezingly cold, and the water in the harbour was white and choppy.

Elizabeth watched her husband and neighbours set out and also saw them turn back long before they were near the wreck. While she wondered what had gone wrong with the rescue attempt, she saw them start out again. The men had lost sight of the wreck and had to come back to get its location from another point. It was a time of great concern -worry about those on the piece of wreckage and worry about those who were attempting the rescue.

Elizabeth's husband Jeremiah Brannen was in charge of the rescue boat, one that had to be rowed through the heavy seas. On shore there was also work for Elizabeth to do. She knew that Jeremiah would bring some of the rescued to the house, and dry clothes, warm beds, and clam broth would be needed.....

At sea, Jeremiah and his crew were faced with extremely difficult problems. The people on the wreck were in critical condition, some too weak to speak a word, and no one capable of catching a rope. Gradually, the rescuers worked in close to the wreck, a dangerous procedure in the heavy seas. Two women and a child were brought aboard first, then the rest of the passengers and crew.....

Four of the passengers were taken to California Hill (opposite the present ball park) ((Note: this was the Brannen residence)) where emergency beds had been set up in the living room.....one of the crew was also brought there - the mate Mr. Francis Annis.....

While burial arrangements were being made for the five who had died, the mate Francis Annis, was sleeping in another room at Jeremiah Brannen's house and being cared for by Elizabeth. Since there was no doctor on the island, she did the best she could, applying dressing, providing proper nourishment, and insisting that he rest. Eventually he recovered and by the time he was ready to leave, the Brannen's had become very fond of him. One of their sons, who later became a well-known sea captain, was named for him.

2-3-3

Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911)

Eleanor was born on Cape Sable Island January 13, 1836. She was the third child of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862). She married George Washington Smith (1826-1909) the son of Solomon Smith and Lucretia J. Nickerson in 1854 on Cape Sable Island. They had eight children

In the 1881 census she was shown as Ellen age 45. There were four children at home Davis, Junetta, George Jr., and Austin. The 1891 census shows her age as 56, living in Woods Harbour married to G. W. Smith Sr. Two sons were living at home Austin age 18, an unmarried fisherman, and George Jr. age 23, married to Lizzie with a daughter Luna

(Alda), age one. Also living in the household was Davis Brannen (1877-1922) shown as age 11. He was likely Eleanor's nephew, the son of her brother William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) who had died two years earlier.

In the 1901 census she was shown as age 65. He was age 74. Living with them was George Jr., a granddaughter Alda age 11 born 19 February 1890, and a grandson Davis M. born 15 Oct 1892. The 1911 census found her living with her son Austin and his family in Woods Harbour, she was 75 years old.

George died July 21, 1909. Eleanor died July 8, 1911, in Woods Harbour and is buried there with George.

2-3-4

Rebecca M. Brannen (1840-1927)

Rebecca was born February 18, 1840, at South Side NS. She was the daughter of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862).

She married Joshua Nickerson (1839-1902), a fisherman, around 1859 on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of Judah Nickerson (1801-1895) and Elizabeth Smith (1809-1887). He was also the brother of Rebecca's brother Jeremiah's first wife Hannah. Rebecca and Joshua had three children.

The 1871 census shows them with three children at home, Austin age nine, Smith aged six, and Lucie age one. In 1881 they again appear in the census. Rebecca was age 42, the three children were still at home Austin F. age 19, Smith F. age 15 and Lucinda age 11. In 1891 Hartley Cooper. Nickerson (1887-1961) age five was shown living in their household. He was the son of Martin Nickerson (1860-??) and Sarah A. Nickerson. He was born February 17, 1887, in Barrington Township NS. It appears he was raised by Rebecca and Joshua.

The 1901 census shows Joshua as a fisherman living in Clark's Harbour. His birthdate is shown as February 19, 1839. Rebecca M. was age 61. There were no children at home.

Joshua died December 9, 1902, in Clark's Harbour NS.

The 1911 census shows her as a widow living with her son Smith Nickerson in Arcadia NS. The 1921 census shows her age 83 living in Arcadia with her son Smith aged 55, his wife May, age 54, and their daughter Pearl age 32. Rebecca was a widow.

Rebecca died May 10, 1927, in Yarmouth NS.

2-3-5

William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889)



William Thomas was born at South Side NS November 18, 1840. He was the son of of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862).

He married Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913) about 1862 in Woods Harbour. Virginia was the daughter of Amasa Nickerson (1816-1890) and Sarah Nickerson (1821-??). Virginia was the sister of WT's sister Lydia's husband. WT and Virginia had 13 children.

October 20, 1864, there was a grant of land, (100 acres) to W. T. Brannen and others in Woods Harbour. The consideration was \$54.00. He was the first of William Brannen's children to settle in Woods Harbour.

He acquired Goodwin's Island, described as having 43.24 acres. It is located 2 miles off Woods Harbour NS. He appears to have constructed a home and buildings and operated his fishing operation from there. The 1881 census found him on Goodwin's Island with 10 children at home.

He died of a heart attack in 1889 on his island. His son Horatio, who was sixteen at the time rowed to the mainland to get a doctor, but his father was dead by the time he could return with help.

He left a family of eleven children at home. WT is buried in the Centreville cemetery; his grave is marked with a prominent stone.

The 1891 census showed Virginia as a widow with a family of eleven children at home.

The estate of William T. Brannen was listed as a shareholder of six shares in the Eureka Outfitting Company of Woods Harbour as of July 1st 1900.

Virginia out lived her husband by 24 years. She died June 19, 1913, at 12 Cutter Street Somerville MA and is buried with him in Centreville.

STORY:

An excerpt from Ester Brannen memories 1983:

William died suddenly on November 10 1890. It is not known when William and Virginia moved to Goodwin's Island where William operated a lobster cannery, but it is believed that most of the family of thirteen were born at Woods Harbour. Goodwin's Island had been granted July 13, 1879, to Samuel Nickerson, who was William's uncle. He sold the island to William, and after his death, his widow, Virginia, sold it to her son, Ezra. Ezra sold shares to three of his brothers, David, Lawless and Horatio. In 1979, their heirs sold the island for to Douglas Construction for \$10,000.

Grandmother Brannen suffered a fatal heart attack (in Massachusetts), She was brought back to Centreville and buried from our home. Her sons in accordance with her wishes, had Grandfather Brannen's body brought down from Woods Harbour and buried beside her (in the Centreville Cemetery).

STORY:

The following is an abridgement of a letter written in 2000 to Connie Sargent by Thelma Salmas a great-grand-daughter:

William Thomas Brannen married Virginia Nickerson. William Thomas was my great great-grandfather. He was a cooper and lived in the Woods Harbor area and rumor has it he was a drinker.

Virginia Nickerson's Father was Amasah Nickerson. William Thomas and Virginia had 13 children

2-3-6

Lydia Ann Brannen (1843-1888)

Lydia was born in South Side NS on March 18, 1843. She was the daughter of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862).

She is shown in Centreville church records as having been baptized by Rev. Brown in either 1856 or 7.

She married Elijah Nickerson (1842-1928) April 18, 1866. He was a master mariner, the son of Amasa Nickerson and Sarah Nickerson. He was a brother to Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913), the wife of Lydia's brother William Thomas (1840-1889). Lydia and Elijah appear to have had only one child, Elijah Nickerson Jr. (1870-1870). The child died in infancy.

Lydia appears in the 1881 census as being 36 years old and married to Elijah a ship's captain. They were living in Woods Harbour. Adelia Crowell (1866-??) At age 16 was living with them and going to school. Adelia was her niece, the daughter of Lydia's sister Diana who died when Adelia was less than five years of age. Adelia married Joseph A. Swaine (1862-1887) on March 7, 1883.

Lydia Ann died at age 45 on October 31, 1888 and is buried in Woods Harbour. Elijah outlived Lydia by many years. He died in 1928.

END

2-3-7

Catherine Brannen (1845-1915)

Catherine was born at South Side NS December 26, 1845. She was the daughter of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862)

She is shown in Centreville church records as having been baptized by Rev. Brown in either 1856 or 7.

She married David Duncan (1837-1920) son of Samuel Duncan (1800-1860) and Grizelda Crowell (1808-1883) June 17, 1865, on Cape Sable Island. They settled in West Head and had four children

The 1871 census shows her as age 26 with three children at home, Ella age four, Thomas age three and James age two years.

Catherine appears in the list of shareholders in the South Union Cooperative Company. She held one share which cost \$10. The purpose of the company was a general dry goods and grocery business serving South Side NS.

They appear in the 1881 census living on Cape Sable Island. He was a fisherman. There were four children at home. The 1891 census shows David as a fisherman with four children living at home. Estella age 24, Thomas age 23, James's age 22 and Andrew age 17. The boys were all listed as fishermen.

April 2, 1892, she purchased from her father "a piece or parcel of land laying on the South Side of Cape Island.....it being a small island on the point of my land, the southern boundary of which is the creek and being lot number 3 in class number 1, being the largest wooded island joining my pasture".

Catherine Brannen Duncan appears in the 1901 census as age 56 married to David a fisherman. No children were at home. In the 1911 census there is a grandson Samuel Duncan age 9 living with them.

She died October 31, 1915, and is buried in the Evergreen cemetery Lower Clark's Harbour. Her husband outlived her by five years. He died January 30, 1920.

STORY:

Found in undated notes made by Annis Brannen-Corbett RN, Catherine's grandniece:

Aunt Katherine Brannen, Mrs. David Duncan lived in a house directly behind the old Baptist Church in Clark's Harbour. She brought water lilies from Boston and New York, sewn into the hem of her petticoats. Known as the waterlily lady of Cape Island. She planted them in ponds and ditches of the 'savannah'. She also made wax flowers for memorial wreathes. The practice of the time was to remove the brass identification plates from caskets and then mount them in wreaths and display them in parlors. She was a great church worker at both church and Sunday school.

2-3-8

Lavina Brannen (1848-1921)

Lavinia was born January 6, 1848, at South Side. She was the eighth child of William Brannen (1807-1897 and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862).

Lavinia was married twice. She married her first husband Jeffery Jacob Sears (1843-1879) March 7, 1867. He was the son of Josiah Sears and Lorena Nickerson. He was lost at sea in the *Village Belle* in 1879. They had five children that survived. At the time Jeffery died the children were all under 12, Cora Belle age 11, William H. age eight, Eugenia age five, Susan age four and Gertrude age two years.

Her second marriage was to William Addison Sears (1863-1931). They married in Barrington Township February 25 1885. He was a fisherman, the son of Reuben Sears and Joanne Kelly. They had two children of their own, Nina Ray Sears (1886-1976) and Chesley Mackenzie Sears (1888-1910).

She appears in the 1891 census as age 42 living in Woods Harbour with three children at home; Nina A. age four, Chesley age two, and Gertie Sears age 13. Gertie was Lavinia's daughter from her first marriage.

In the 1901 census there were only two children, Nina and Chesley, still at home plus a domestic servant George Connell age 16 who was also living with them. Lavinia appeared in the 1911 census as age 63 living with Addison age 48. There were no others in the household.

She died in Woods Harbour January 17, 1921. William died ten years later, July 13, 1931, also in Woods Harbour.

2-3-9

Susan Jane Brannen (1849-1929)

Susan was born in South Side NS April 4, 1849. She was the daughter of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862). She married Ezra Matthew Jeffery (1845-1903) on April 7, 1878, in Woods Harbour. He was the son of Matthew Jeffery (1817-1846) and Jane Goodwin (1817-1897). Susan was about age 29 when she married. He appears to have had two surviving children with his first wife Lala Nickerson (1848-1877), Elijah and Davis. Susan raised the children as their stepmother.

The 1881 census shows three children, Elijah E. age 11, Davis D. age seven and her child Otis W. age one year. The 1891 census shows her living in Woods Harbour age 42 married to Ezra M. Jeffery age 45 a fisherman. There was a son Elijah age 21 a fisherman living with them. There is no mention of Davis who was 18 or Otis Wardlow age 11.

On July 1st 1900 she was shown as owning one and two thirds shares in The Eureka Outfitting Company, a community co-op.

The 1901 census confirms her birthdate as 1851. At home were, Wardlow age 21 a fisherman, Roy age 19 a fisherman, Etta age 18 and Alice M. age 14

Ezra died in Woods Harbour on April 7, 1903, and she married for the second time in 1908 to Mark Atwood (1846-1932) of The Hawk NS. She was age 59; he was age 62.

The 1911 census shows her as age 62 living at The Hawk, born April 1849, married to Mark Atwood age 65. He was born in April 1846. Mark was a fisherman. There was a son Samuel Atwood age 30, born August 1880, a fisherman, living with them. He was her stepson from Mark's first marriage Susan and Mark had no children together.

In the 1921 census Mark was listed as a fisherman/farmer aged 75, Susan was age 72. They lived at The Hawk NS.

She died December 16, 1929, of carcinoma of the stomach and was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Woods Harbour 18 December 1929. Mark died March 13, 1932.

2-3-10

Horatio Harris Brannen (C1850-1871)

Horatio was born about 1850 in South Side. He was the tenth child of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862).

He was age 21 when he was lost at sea. It appears he had never married.

His death is recorded in the Marblehead, MA records as September 19, 1870, "Drown at sea".

The *Lost Mariners of Shelburne County V2 1991* shows him as being lost from the *Topaz* on the Sambro Ledges March 1871.

END

2-3-11

Samuel D. Brannen (1853-After 1911)

Samuel was born at South Side NS June 3, 1853. He was the youngest child of William Brannen (1807-1897) and Hannah Duncan (1811-1862).

Samuel's life contains two mysteries; his marriage to "Mina" Lawrie and where, and when he died.

The 1871 census shows Samuel Brannen age 17 living at home in South Side with his father William and sister Susan J., age 22. He was shown as a fisherman.

There is a Gloucester MA marriage record December 5, 1873, showing Samuel D. Brannen, a Gloucester fisherman, age 20, son of William Brannen and Hannah Duncan of Nova Scotia, marrying Mina Lawrie (1856-1911). She was age 18, the daughter of James Lawrie and Alice Wilkinson of Nova Scotia. It was the first marriage for both, and both were residents of Gloucester. Rev Whittaker, Methodist, presiding.

There is a story in her family about Margaret Caroline Lowrie which briefly tells her life story, but it contains no mention of Samuel, however Mina Lawrie and Margaret Caroline Lowrie are clearly the same person.

There is a record of Saml. D. Brannen of Gloucester becoming a naturalized US citizen March 28, 1876. His birthdate is given as June 3, 1853, born in Nova Scotia. Card #B655. USCC in Boston MA.

Margaret Messenger's family tree showed Samuel with a wife named Sadie Jordan and two children Horatio, unmarried, and William, killed in the Spanish American War. She shows no details, and I have found no public records of these, either wife or children.

The San Francisco City Directory of 1890 and 1891 page 232 lists a S. D. Brannan as master of the bark *Aureola* with an at office 48 Market St, San Francisco, CA. There is also a Report of Chief Police of San Francisco that names the vessels that shipped non-union crews and were given police protection while anchored in the stream: 1899 April 14 and May 19 the bark *Aureola*.

The Great Register of Contra Costa County CA in 1894 lists Samuel D(illegible) Brannon age 38, 5 feet 8 inches in height, light complexion, blue eyes, light colour hair residing in Crockett, CA, occupation master mariner. He gave his country of nativity as "Mass." The date of registration was August 24, 1894.

There is a passenger and crew list for the S.S. *Willscott* sailing from Hong Kong September 22, 1902, and arriving in Honolulu Hawaii December 27, 1902. S.D. Brannen age 48, married, is listed as mate. He listed his country as "Mass". and his last residence as New York. He was listed as being in good health and never having been in prison.

1903 City Directory for San Francisco shows Samuel D. Brannan living at 132 6th Street SF. He was listed as a master mariner. 1904 he is listed at 23 1/2 6th Street. 1905 he is listed at 233 6th Street (these could be errors in transcription and may be the same address as above)

There is a San Francisco city directory entry for Mrs. Sadie Brannan R 1250 Golden Gate Av. Several family trees have shown Samuel married to a Sadie but no confirmation of this marriage or relationship has been discovered.

1908 he was listed at 2053 Sutter Street and in 1911 he was again shown at 23 6th Street.

All the city directory listings show him as Brannan which seemed to be a San Francisco spelling as no Brannen, Brannon and few Brennens were found in the directories.

The date and location of his death are unknown.

STORY:

Margaret Caroline Lowrey aka Lowrie, Laurie, was born in Pt Hawksbury Nova Scotia approx 1856. to James and Alice (Wilkinson) Lowrey. At a very young age, 18, she came to Gloucester MA as a maid and lived at 7 Middle St in a house belonging to Eliza Steele. Shortly thereafter she gave birth to Charles Steele (Jr), in 1873, illegitimately. Charles C Steele was listed as a hackdriver on the birth certificate, but there was never a record of a marriage between a Charles Steele and Caroline Lowrey. Carrie later married John Clark and lived at 8 Beacon St. They had hard times and had to burn furniture for enough heat in the early years. She had several children by Mr Clark. Charles had a difficult time living with his new family so Caroline sent him back to Pt Hawksbury to be raised by a family member. Her mother and father came to Gloucester and lived at 27 Addison St .Her sisters Temperence E. married Alfred McPherson, and Irene, married Basil W Boesh who had a daughter Olga that died at age 14. -Believe Irene was "Aunt Suse" Caroline went on to raise and educate a fine family, all, including Charles, very successfully. She seemed to have close relations with her son Charles's family as many Sunday dinners were visited at the Clarks by Grandfather Steele and crew. She gave birth to several Clark children. The children seemed to have been educated well as to later vocations, attorneys etc. so I have to think that Carrie (or Maggy) and John H. worked very hard to support them all- She died in January 7, 1911.

STORY:

Samuel Brannen (1854-??) son of William and Hanna (Duncan) Brannen, who married Sadie Jordan. He lived on the West Coast of Canada where he sailed as master mariner to Alaska and Mexico.

Sea Captains in the Barrington Township by Trudy Atkinson 1998

END

THE FOURTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF DIANA L. BRANNEN (1832-1869)

Diana Brannen and Eleazer Crowell had five children; they are the fourth generation of Brannens.

2-4-1

John Wilson Crowell (1853-??)

Wilson (John?) was the oldest child of Eleazer Crowell (1826-1910) and Diana Brannen (1832-1869). In some places he is shown as John A. and in others as Wilson. It appears they are one the same. He was born on Cape Sable Island October 1, 1853.

His mother died February 10 1869 when he was age 16. His father remarried in May 1870.

In the 1871 census he was shown as Wilson age 17 living at home with his father and stepmother Lydia Jane Penney (1850-1915). Also, with them were his three siblings and a half brother aged two months.

He appeared as John A. in the 1881 census, age 27, single, a fisherman, living with his father, and stepmother in Clark's Harbour.

He appeared as Wilson Crowell in the 1891 census as age 33, a lodger living with his father and stepmother, Lydia Jane, in Clark's Harbour. It appears he was a farmer. This is the last known public record of him. It is possible he married and moved to the Boston MA area.

END

2-4-2

Lydia Ellen Crowell (1855-??)

Nellie was oldest daughter of Eleazer Crowell (1826-1910) and Diana Brannen (1832-1869) she was born on Cape Sable Island June 1855. She was fourteen years old when her mother died on February 10, 1869.

She married Albion Cran Gould (1847-1930) January 9, 1873, on Cape Sable Island. He was shown as "Dr." which does not appear to have been a medical accreditation. He was born in Bridgton ME to Asa and Jane Gould. Nellie and Albion had four children George A. (1874-1935) born on Cape Sable Island, Percy L. (1882-1920) born in Charlestown MA, Florence M. (1884-1943) also born in Charlestown, and Edward Gould (1894-??). She appears to have divorced Albion.

Nellie and Charles Crowell Nickerson (1859-1936) appeared together in the 1910 US census. She was shown as age 41 and he age 51. Living with them were three of his children. This was her second marriage. He was a widower, the son of Amasa Nickerson (1816-1890) and Sarah Nickerson (1820-1897).

In the 1920 US census Nellie as shown as age 62 and Charles age 61. Living with them was Edward Gould age 36. He was Nellie's youngest child.

Her first husband Albion died in Carthage Missouri December 20, 1930. At the time of his death, he was a widower and a merchant aged 83.

Charles appears to have died in Nova Scotia in 1936.

She married for the third time to Joseph Garland (1860-??). He was from New Brunswick.

END

2-4-3

Jeremiah Crowell (1862-1924)

Jeremiah was a child of Eleazer Crowell (1826-1910) and Diana Brannen (1832-1869). He was born on Cape Sable Island September 6, 1862. He was only six years old when his mother died on February 10, 1869.

He appeared in the 1871 census as age eight living with his father, stepmother Lydia Jane Penney (1850-1915), brother John Wilson, and four half siblings.

He was listed in the 1881 census as being age 19. He was living with his father and stepmother in Clark's Harbour. His employment was not given.

About 1890 he married Emma Ida Swim (1866-1942) on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of George Henry Swim (1842-??) and Abigail Nickerson. They had three children Beatrice Hamilton (1891-1975), Hibert Wellington (1893-1960) and Warren Lester (1897-1968).

Jeremiah was "lost at sea" August 25, 1924, from the schooner *Proctor Brothers*. Emma lived on until September 8, 1942. She is buried in Clark's Harbour NS.

STORY:

He was a resident of Clark's Harbour. He was lost at sea at the age of 59 when he was fishing from a Gloucester schooner Proctor Brothers. His dory capsized while he was checking trawl.

Lost Mariners of Shelburne County V2

END

2-4-4

Florence Sophronia Crowell (1863-1957)

Flossie was the daughter of Eleazer Crowell (1826-1910) and Diana Brannen (1832-1869) she was born on Cape Sable Island about November 30, 1863. She was only about six years old when her mother died in February 10 1869.

She does not appear in the 1871 census with her father and her siblings. It appears she went to live with another family. It is likely a family named Forbes as she seems to have taken the name Forbes before her marriage.

About 1895 she married Clifford Doane Crowell (1874-1948). He was the son of Moses Crowell. They had three children Maggie born in 1895, Iona born in 1896, and Desmond born in 1898.

Clifford died November 16, 1948, in Woods Harbour NS and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery there. Flossie died May 13, 1957, in Woods Harbour and is buried with Clifford.

END

2-4-5

Adelia Lewis Crowell (1864-??)

Adelia was the daughter of Eleazer Crowell (1826-1910) and Diana Brannen (1832-1869) she was born on Cape Sable Island September 26, 1864. She was only about three years old when her mother died February 10, 1869.

In the 1871 census she was recorded as age five. She was living with her father and her stepmother Lydia Jane Penney (1850-1915). She appears in the 1881 census living with Elijah Nickerson and her aunt Lydia Ann. Brannen (1843-1888) in Lower Woods Harbour. She was age 16 and recorded as Adelia Crowell. She was still in school.

March 7, 1883, she was married to Joseph H. Swain (1862-1889) by Rev. Gower and witnessed by Jessie Hopkins and Eliza A. Hopkins. His parents were William Braddock Swain and Ruth Hannah Hopkins.

Joseph died January 11, 1889, on Cape Sable Island at age 27. His father William Swain died in the same year.

I have found no evidence of her life after the death of Joseph, and I do not know if they had children or if she remarried. She had a difficult time losing her mother at age three and her husband at age 25.

END

THE CHILDREN OF JEREMIAH BRUCE BRANNEN (1833-1926)

Jeremiah and Eliza had nine children. Their children are the fourth generation of Brannens.

John Howard Brannen (1865-1926)



John was the oldest son of Jeremiah Brannen (1833-1926) and Mary Elizabeth McGray (1843-1933). The birth registration for John can be found in Registration year 1865 Book 1821-page 7 number 70. His last name is shown as *Brennen*. The original document *Births Registered in the County of Shelburne 1865-66* shows Jeremiah, his father, listed as a fisherman residing on Cape Sable Island. His mother Elizabeth McGray. The day of his birth is the 3rd. The month was December. The year of his birth was 1865. The date of registration appears to be April 10, 1866; however, the column titles and the listed information doesn't always conform. The accepted date of his birth has always been November 15 1865 and that is how his headstone is inscribed.

John appears in the 1871 Canadian census as age five. Ten years later in the 1881 census he was shown as being age 15 and a blacksmith living with his parents in Clark's Harbour. John worked for his father in his blacksmith shop from the time he was a child. According to his son Ira he could neither read nor write.

Dec 26, 1889, he married Clissie Ann Newell (1872-1962) the daughter of Eldridge Wood Newell (1848-1938) and Viola Kenney (1852-1907). Their parents' homes were in sight of each other in Clark's Harbour.

In the 1891 Census he was listed as 26 years old, a blacksmith, a Free Baptist married to Clissie age 18 and living separately from his parents in Clark's Harbour. There were no children in the household.

AN ISLAND TOWN written by Margaret E. Messenger in 1984 on page 42, refers to the house John and Clissie occupied in Clark's Harbour. *"Although John eventually bought a home in Centreville and started a blacksmith shop there, he continued to work part time at Clark's Harbour. He had previously built a house on what is now Bruce Street....."* When Archibald sold his holdings, which surrounded John's house. It was described as: *".....other land of said Jeremiah B. Brannen occupied by John H. Brannen...."*. There are photos of the property which was located about 150 feet from Main Street on the south side of the lane. This property was part of a larger parcel owned by Jeremiah, his father, that ran from Main Street to the water. The house has been gone for a number of years. It was an attractive house with a mansard roof and a number of bay windows. It was described as second empire mansard roof with steeply curved lower slope with dormer windows. The front fence was unique in being decorative iron, a function of his blacksmith trade. Charles Atkinson of Newellton built several houses like it on the island (including his own) and he may have been the builder. It is believed that all of the children except Laura were born while they lived in this house which suggests it was constructed prior to 1892. In the 1980's, Ira, John's son who was born in that house retrieved piece of the iron from the fence as a souvenir, the house had been torn down by then.

On October 2 1897 John and Clissie sold a piece of property on School Street in Clarks Harbour for \$650. to Sanford Kenney. The source of this property is unknown, perhaps a gift from his father.

On page 282 of Mc Alpine's Maritime and Newfoundland Gazetteer John's advertisement:

J. H. BRANNEN

General Blacksmith

Hardware and Wood Turning

Having just fitted up with new and improved Machinery, I am prepared to execute, with dispatch, all orders in above lines

Special Features: Sawing and Fancy Turning,

Stovepipes, Vessels' Blocks made and Ironed, Wheel-

barrows made and ironed, Tacklers, Boat Anchors of all sizes

and lots of useful articles, manufactured and in stock.

CLARK'S HARBOUR

On the 21 of August 1906 the heirs of Jeremiah sold to Clissie the 116 feet of frontage of land and the house occupied by John and Clissie on what was at that time known as Brannen's Road, now Bruce Street for \$1.00.

Mc Alpine's Directory for Nova Scotia 1907-8 on page 732 lists "*Brannen, John H. gen. blksmith, Clark's Harb.*"

July 6, 1908, Clissie sold the Clark's Harbour house she and John occupied to Harris Nickerson for \$1,000.00. At approximately the same time they moved to Centreville and occupied what became known as the McGray-Brannen house and lands around it. It was purchased from the trustee of Asa Ellsworth McGray's estate. The only recorded transfer is by way of a release of mortgage to John and Clissie in 1927. The date the deed was written was 1929. It was a large lot with approximately 400 feet of water frontage, a nice house built in 1852, a barn, another building at the shore, and wood lots located near Amos Creek.

On April 8th 1910 John bought a property in Centreville for \$100.00 from Mary Elizabeth (McGray) Brannen his mother. She had purchased this property from John McGray, her father. It appears to be/or near Lot 17 of the 1st Division. This property was re-conveyed to Clarence Newell his son-in-law for \$1.00 November 2 1926.

The 1911 Census shows him living in Centreville age 45, born 1866, married to Clissie age 40. There are seven children living with them, Ina the oldest child had married in 1909 and was not living with them. John is shown as a Baptist while Clissie and the Children are listed as Advent. He indicated on the census he could read and write English; this was probably not true. He is shown as a blacksmith with his other occupation as an engineer on a steamboat. This would be consistent with his son Ira's story that his father worked as the marine engineer on the salvage boat *Coastguard* with Horatio Brannen for a time around 1910.

Sometime before 1920 John acquired a federal government contract to tend the channel buoys in the harbour and channel around Clark's Harbour. This provided a \$100 a year income for the family. This would be the equivalent to \$1,165. 2018 dollars.

The 1921 Census shows him as age 55 and living in Centreville. There were two daughters and two sons living with them. Ira was age 20, a blacksmith working for him, and Shirley, a labourer also working for him, Laura age 10 and Cleo 13 years old, were students.

July 1, 1922, John and Clissie sold the Clark's Harbour blacksmith shop, which had been relocated to the east side of Main Street, to John Daly for \$200.

December 8, 1926, John died of Hepatitis. His death certificate was signed by Dr. Brown December 10, 1926. He was buried in Centreville December 17th. At death he was 61 years and 21 days according to his death certificate.

Ira took over the Centreville blacksmith shop and bought the house, barn, shop and property including wood lots from Clissie for \$1,000 on July 8 1929. Clissie retained an apartment in the north end of the house which she occupied when she was not visiting her family in the US.

Clissie outlived John by many years. She died in 1962 and is buried in the Centreville cemetery with John.

STORY:

John and Clissie were both born in Clarks Harbour and all the children were born there except Laura. They both belonged to the Salvation Army and worked with them for years. John and Clissie were such nice people so pleasant and good natured. John was a jolly man liked fun and lots of people around him. In 1908 he moved to Centreville bought that we lived in and made the McGray fish store into a blacksmith shop, but he loved the water and always had a boat, when work was slow in the shop he would go out in his boat.

In the fall men come to have their oxen shoed and it was a busy time, several there at a time and when he went in for dinner, he would ask the men to go in also, so Grammie never know how many or who she would have for dinner and it was the same when Ira took over the shop. Grampie John passed away Nov 20, 1926. He gave the shop to Ira because Ira had always worked with him. We bought the house from Grammie. Moved there Dec 13th, 1926.

Lottie Penney Brannen, daughter-in-law, 1984

STORY:

.....There are two times I can recall being in close touch with him (John) I cannot tell you my exact age the first time I visited the old homestead. I had not started school so it must have followed that I was three or four years old at the time. He was a tall slim man with a mustache and always spoke in a kindly manner.

I was scraping the frost off one of the kitchen windows which had a crack in it. a dangerous thing to be doing. I sliced my finger. Grandpa picked me up and tied a bandage on my finger. I still have the scar. He then put me down and picked up a piece of firewood- the kind used for kindling; in no time he had whittled a small boat suitable for sailing in a wash basin. It even had a paper sail on it.....

The second time I saw the old homestead I had already started school. I spent a lot of time in the blacksmith shop just across from the house. My grandfather permitted me to turn the crank on the bellows. It was interesting to see him shoe a horse. First, he would remove the old shoe and then used a rasp to even up the hoof. He would then make a shoe from a drawing of the hoof and heat a piece of iron in the forge. Referring to the drawing he would roughly shape the shoe and then throw it back in the forge for reheating. Again, he would continue to shape and when it looked right he would plunge the shoe into a half-barrel with water in it. Then he would place the shoe on the hoof to see if more needed to be done. If it did he would reheat the shoe and work until it was right. Once he was satisfied, he would heat the shoe and place the red-hot shoe on the hoof of the horse. I always looked away because I thought the horse was being burned.....

There were always a lot of men hanging around the shop. Those who had a shoeing job to be done or just to hang around and chew the fat. Anyway, this is what I remember of grandfather Brannen.

This is a excerpt from a letter to Bruce Brannen from Russell (Brannen) Brannon who was a grandson of John and a son of John Beverley. The letter is dated 5 Jan 1996

STORY:

An excerpt from *The Islands Look Back* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society in 1981 edited by Margaret Messenger

Brannens Blacksmith Shop

by Dorothy O'Connell

This smitty's workshop was far removed from the shading chestnut tree; rather, his shop stood on a hill overlooking the bleak Atlantic at Clark's Harbour, Cape Sable Island.

Jeremiah Brannen started his blacksmith shop around 1865 close to the spot where Etheron Nickerson's house now stands. Later he moved it to the head of the lane, on the opposite side of the road, in order to be near the main highway. He had plenty of work and was always busy. In fact, he was so busy that in order get everything done he often had to keep his young son, John, out of school to help with the shoeing of oxen and horses, as well as other work that was ahead of him.

When Mr. Brannen became older and unable to carry on his trade, John took over his father's business. John too found more work than he could handle by himself, so he hired Maurice Smith of Barrington to help him.

In the year 1908 John opened another blacksmith shop at Centreville. He purchased the building that had been the McGray fish store and grocery store and converted it into a workshop. At the same time he bought the home of Nehemiah McGray.....

John kept both places operating for a few years. When the shop at Clark's Harbour was especially busy he would often stay there for a week at a time in order to catch up on the work. He knew no eight-hour days as we have now. He started at daybreak and often worked until late in the evening.

When he stayed at Clark's Harbour he slept and ate in the room which was also his office. He was a good cook, as well as a smithy, so he prepared his own meals. My sister and her husband to be (his son Ira) called on him one evening. "My! What an aroma of baked beans and brown bread! It would put young women of today to shame."

John's sisters and brothers had all grown up and gone away from home, his father had passed away, and his mother was left alone. She was active for her age and loved to cook, so she often baked a pie or cake to send down to John for dessert. She then hailed someone going that way to take her goodies to him. In these days the speed of travel was rather slow. Most folks travelled on foot or by horse and buggy, and it was very easy to stop a passer-by travelling with a horse.

John and his wife were a very devoted couple, and somewhat adventurous, John owned a sailboat and frequently sailed down to Clark's Harbour to his work. His wife often accompanied him when he went this way and she visited friends while he was working. On one occasion, when they were sailing home, the wind died out completely, obliging to anchor and spend the night in their small boat.

Due to helping his father, Mr. Brannen was unable attend school and had very little "book learning". I have been told when someone ordered an article he drew it on his books. He could always remember who wanted the work done, and he explained it to his wife who kept the books and collected the bills.

In those days there was no electricity on the island, all work had to be done by hand. Hard coal was for the fires needed to heat the great iron rods which had to be shaped into different articles that had been ordered. The iron used came from Yarmouth on the boat LaTour and was landed at McGray's wharf.

The shop in Centreville being larger than the one at Clark's Harbour had more rooms. In one room was the forge and anvil, in another was his turning lathe for making stand and chair legs, and also stair banisters. There was a small office as well.

A forge is a large sort of fireplace with an open fire for heating the iron so that it can be shaped in whatever article is required. An anvil is a block of iron on which the heated

iron is hammered and shaped with large hammers. \the hot iron must be handled with large tongs and thrown into a large tub of water to temper it.

Mr. Brannen not only made shoes for horses and oxen, he put them on as well. He did iron work for wagon wheels, trucks and bob-sleds; and he also made gaffs, anchors, and other articles for fishermen.....

After a few years Mr. Brannen closed his shop at Clark's Harbour and operated only the one at Centreville, with his son Ira helping him. When he passed away in 1926, Ira took over the business and purchased the old homestead. By this time horseshoes were bought in Halifax and shipped to the smithy, thus eliminating some of the work.

A change was also taking place in fishing equipment. Fishermen were using engine haulers, and in addition to making anchors and baskets, Ira was being called upon to make rollers to help hauling the traps over the side of the boat. Rollers sold for \$3.75 (Baskets are large iron rods , put together in such a way they cover the propeller of the boat and protect it from buoys.)

The blacksmith shop was also a gathering place for men, especially on stormy days. Many a story was told and everything from politics to religion was discussed. On the opposite side of the road the smithy's wife was always prepared to feed (without charge) anyone who had to wait over the noon hour to have his order filled.

John Brannen was born in 1866, and in 1890 married Clissie Newell of Clark's Harbour. To the couple five daughters and three sons were born.

Mr. and Mrs. Brannen worked with the Salvation Army at Clark's Harbour for a number of years. After they moved to Centreville they joined the Baptist Church there. Mrs. Brannen sang in the choir and was a great worker in the church and Sunday school.

One daughter Cleo, now serves with the Salvation Army , as does one of her daughters. For John Brannen's family there is a record of three generations of blacksmiths, and three generations of Salvation Army service.

When Mr. Brannen passed away in 1926 and Mrs. Brannen in 1962, they left behind fond memories for all those who knew them.

STORY:

An excerpt from Our Island Reminisces published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society 1986 author Margaret Messenger

".....John Brannen (1865-1926) used his ability to sketch in a very practical way to help with his work. He made a catalogue of the articles he could produce in his shop

and beside each he marked the price. This must have been a great convenience for his customers who could choose what they needed without having to give a detailed description....."

STORY:

Wrecking off the Cape

My father often told me the story of he and his brother going out on a salvage boat "off the Cape" with their father John when they were young boys. It would appear he was about nine or ten years old at the time. John was working with his cousin Horatio Brannen who was captain and Lawless Brannen his brother the diver on a ship called the SS Coastguard. The boys were supposed to stay in the cabin and away from crew and divers but of course they didn't.

His story of two children on a salvage boat remained with me long after his passing because it seemed such an exciting adventure for small boys. I discovered that in the 1911 Canadian Census John listed his "Employment other than at chief occupation or trade if any." as "engineer" on a "steamship". His length of employment in 1910 at "other employment" was 16 weeks and income \$240. At his occupation or trade 26 weeks with an income of \$250.

That date fitted with the time frame of my father's story and indeed the wrecking boat was a steam ship and his skill and value to the operation he would be described as a ship's engineer. He was also a cousin to the master.

There is a story in Archelaus Smith Museum's book Island Echoes published in 1985 about Horatio's career and on pages 23-4 I found Horatio was given command of the Coastguard around 1900 and the most noted wreck they worked was the S.S. Hungarian which sank in 1860 but was salvaged 51 years later;, that would be about 1910-11. On page 25 there are two photos of a diver being assisted by a man with a moustache and a unique cap very much like one John was photographed in around 1911 or 12.

When I was growing up I lived in John's former home. In the barn was a large pile of mahogany trim that had be salvaged from the Hungarian. In our house is a desk he built for Clissie to do the blacksmith shop bookkeeping. It was completely built from mahogany from the Hungarian including a one piece drop front door/desktop cut from the ship's bar. It currently resides in my basement in Ottawa.

There is one additional Brannen connection, John's youngest brother George Horton was likely also part of the crew on this salvage operation. The 1911 census record shows him living in Centreville and employed as a seaman of a steamship at that time.

Bruce Brannen, 2016, Grandson of John H. Brannen

STORY:

When Jeremiah retired, his eldest son, John continued the blacksmith business, having worked in the shop since he was a young boy. Although John eventually bought a home in Centreville and started a blacksmith shop there, the continued to work part of his time in Clarks' Harbour.

STORY:

McGray - Brannen House Centreville

This wood frame, 1 1/2 storey house is located on land that once belonged to, and contained the home of, Rev. Asa McGray, who was the first Free Will Baptist preacher in N.S. and the initiator of the Baptist movement on Cape Sable Island around 1821. An old cellar, possibly that of the Rev. McGray home, is located on this property. This home is an example of a New England Colonial style dwelling and has several details worthy of mention: two bay windows- one square and the other round segmental; four knee or kneeling windows which form a frieze at the front of the home; return eaves with slight eave overhang; and an ell at the southern side. There is also a small ell at the northwest side of the home which was originally the office of Nehemiah McGray, the son of Asa Turner McGray, and the grandson of Rev. Asa. Nehemiah lived here after his father's death and served as an American Consul as well as being the representative for Shelburne County in the House of Assembly in Halifax from 1878 until 1882. This small ell addition to the home was built for Nehemiah at approximately this time; it later became an apartment for his widow, Mary Jane, after his death.

The home was built by James C. Smith in 1851-2 and its original owner was Asa Turner McGray, merchant, who also had a store in the field near the house. The home was owned and occupied by the McGray family until 1927, when it was sold to John Brannen, a blacksmith. John's son, Ira and his wife, Lottie, later owned it as well as their son, John L. Brannen.

The rather elaborate style of this home for the year in which it was built would seem to emphasize its' original owner's wealth and importance in the community.

It is to be considered a landmark building due to its historical importance in the area.

Sources of Information: Book entitled Our Island Heritage Registry of Deeds and Probate Office, Barrington

Two notes to the above article which prepared for the Municipality of Barrington:

The house passed out of the McGray ownership in 1910, however John Brannen was the son of a McGray.

Clissie retained an apartment in the house after her sale to Ira until at least the late 1930's.

Bruce Brannen 2019

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William Minard Thomas Brannen (1867-1946)



William (Known to his family as Willie.) was born in Clark's Harbour NS August 12, 1867. He was the son of Jeremiah Brannen (1833-1904) and Elizabeth McGray (1843-1933).

The 1871 Canadian census listed him as age three living with parents in Clark's Harbour NS. He is listed as age 13 in the 1881 census and a student. The 1891 census shows him as age 24, listed as Willie, single and living with his parents in Clark's Harbour. His employment is illegible.

Sometime in the early 1890's he set up a photography shop in one of his father's buildings and he also had a salon on wheels that he used to go from place to place

taking pictures. The photographs were captured on glass plates that he later developed into prints.

On September 4, 1895, he married Maggie Homer Coffin (1872-1945) of Barrington, daughter of William K. Coffin a master mariner. No mother's name is given. They had no children.

Around 1895 he had a house built on his father's property at the corner of the main road and the lane to his father's wharf, now known as Bruce Street, but then known as Brannen Road.

In 1896 he appeared in the McAlpine's Nova Scotia Directory as *Wm M. Brannen Photo Clark's H.*

June 15, 1899, his father Jeremiah sold him an undivided half interest in Clark's Harbour property, along what is now known as Bruce Street, to the shore except for the parcel occupied by John H. Brannen. The other half interest was sold to his brother Francis Annis. William's price was \$550. His father's businesses except the blacksmith shop were included. These businesses included the lumber and coal business, the Brannen Wharf and a schooner. After purchase the business became known as Brannen Bros.

February 1900 there was a major fire that destroyed his store and studio that was located near Brannen Bros. Wharf. He was slightly injured, and his stock and equipment were destroyed. It was described in a newspaper account as "*About midnight flames were discovered breaking through the roof of the large store of Brannen Brothers at their wharf at Clark's Harbour. The building was destroyed with all its contents....*". He reopened his studio in his home on the main road.

July 25, 1900, Francis Annis and Belle Brannen sold a portion of lot number 3 class 4 to William M. and wife for \$1.00. This lot included his home and studio on the main road and its shore frontage. This transaction would have separated Will's property from the jointly owned lands of the Brannen Bros.

1901 Canadian Census showed him as age 33, born August 12, 1867. He was living in Clark's Harbour working as a photographer and artist. Others in the household were Laura Brannen age 17, his niece, and James Worth age 38, a boarder.

January 10 1901, he and Maggie took a mortgage loan (BAR 59) from Charles M Freeman for \$600. on Lot 3 Class 4 described as being 56' X 38' X 70' X 870'. The mortgage was redone February 10th, 1902, for \$636. In January 1903, he obtained a mortgage from his father of \$730. A release of this mortgage was granted February 16 1903. Jeremiah was deceased by then.

Newspaper advertising from January 15, 1902, shows he operated a store likely in his house:

If you are collecting

Presents for your friends you can get them at BRANNEN'S STORE

Photo views, Photo Frames, Pictures of all kinds---framed and unframed, Views on glass and paper weights, Fancy Opal and Ebony Articles.

Framing and Enlarging Pictures in Crayon, Water Colors and Sepia is a Specialty.

Also remember, you will find at Brannen's Fruit Store a nice variety of Seasonable Fruits, Choice Confectionary Ice Cream, Fancy Cakes, Nuts Cigars and Canned Goods.

1906 February 26 he departed on CP Rail for the US. This would suggest he had disposed of his Clark's Harbour property and business by this time.

The 1907 city directory for Seattle showed him as Brannen living at 1404 N. 41st Street. It does not mention Maggie or his employment. The city directory for Seattle in 1909 listed him as Brannon working as a frame maker at Globe Wallpaper Co. and still living at 41st. In 1910 his occupation listed as a framer and in 1911 his occupation is listed as a photographer. The 1912, 13, and 16 City Directories for Seattle he was listed as Brannon working as a frame maker at Globe Wallpaper Co. and still living at 41Street.

April 1 1913, he partitioned for naturalization giving his arrival date as February 26 1906.

The 1917 to 1925 city directories for Seattle listed him as Brannon married to Maggie running an art goods store at 3520 Fremont Av. living at 1404 N 41st St. 1926 City Directory had him at same home address but business address now 4243 University Way. His business was described as pictures and picture framing. In the 1929 city directory he is listed as running a picture and picture framing store at 4528 University Way and living at 1404 41st Street. He is listed as Brannon and in the 1939 & 1940 city directories the business was still located at University Way and his home address at 41St Street. There is a photo of him in front of his store with the name *Brannon's Art Store* painted on the window.

Maggie passed away April 10, 1945, in Seattle. He died April 7, 1956, at age 78 in Seattle. (Ref ID 1576 Film # 2032516),

It is believed that he was lame.

STORY:

An excerpt from *An Island Town* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society 1984 author Margaret Messenger

Around California Hill

.....A third son, William, had a photography shop on the upstairs floor of a building located near his father's house.....In February 1900, there was a very bad fire at the store and this building burned. A newspaper account at the time gave this description: " About midnight flames were discovered breaking through the roof of Brannen Brothers at their wharf at Clark's Harbour. The building was destroyed with all its contents. The upper story was occupied by a photograph saloon and was filled with a large stock of picture molding, frames etc., all of which were consumed. In attempting to rescue these articles Mr. Brannen was overcome and fell to the floor and was rescued with difficulty. There was slight insurance on the property and the loss was a heavy one. By dint of hard work, the contiguous buildings and the wharf were saved from destruction. The neighbours raised a purse of over \$100 on the spot for Mr. Brannen whose entire stock of pictures and cameras was destroyed".

Following the fire, William Brannen moved his photography shop to his house which stood on the at the corner of Main Street and Brannen Lane (now Bruce Street). A large skylight and huge windows in an upstairs room provided the light needed for his work. Many of his photographs are still be found on Cape Sable Island. When he moved to the United States his home was bought by "The Firm" and converted into the Symonds Hotel.....

STORY:

An excerpt from *The Islands Look Back* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society 1981 edited by Margaret Messenger:

The Symonds Hotel by Maxine Shand

Nearly forty years have passed since the Symonds Hotel was torn down, and a building that was once a landmark is now only a memory.

Constructed early in the 1900's at the corner of Main and Bruce Streets it was originally a dwelling, the home of William (Will) Brannen who in 1895, married Margaret Coffin. Directly behind his house, and on the lane that now leads to the baseball park (Bruce Street), stood his brother John's home. In fact, the Brannen family owned all the property from the hotel to the water.....

STORY:

William was a photographer and had a salon on wheels and used to go from place to place taking pictures.

They were on glass plates. We have some of them here yet of his (The McGray Brannen House).

He went out west in 1907 and still carried on his work.

Lottie (Penney) Brannen, 1980

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Francis Annis Brannen (1869-1944)



France was the third son of son of Jeremiah Brannen (1833-1904) and Elizabeth McGray (1843-1933). He was born in Clark's Harbour NS February 7, 1869. He was named after a survivor of a shipwreck off Clark's Harbour that had recuperated at the Brannen home.

He appears in the 1871 and 1881 Canadian Census as living with his parents in Clark's Harbour. He was recorded as age two and as age 12.

Around 1881 he began his life at sea when he went as cook on a coasting vessel when he was only about age 12. By 1889 he became master of the *Rheuama*. The 1891 Canadian census lists him as age 22 still single living with his parents. There is no employment listed for him.

July 15, 1892, he married Belle Dickie (1868-1936) age 23 daughter of Dr. Davis S. Dickie (1839-1893) and Prudence R. Wickwire (1845-1891). Her father was a medical doctor in Port La Tour. France was age 23 living in Clarks Harbour, a master mariner. He lists his father as a master mariner. His brother William was a witness for the marriage.

Around 1895 he took over his parents' home on California Hill in Clark's Harbour when they moved to Centreville. On June 15 1899 his father Jeremiah sold him an undivided half interest in the Clark's Harbour property along what is now Bruce Street to the shore except for the parcel occupied by John H. Brannen. The other half interest was sold to his brother William M. The price was \$600. It appears to have included the coal and lumber business, the wharf, and the vessel. They carried on the business as Brannen Bros.

July 4, 1899, he is listed as a passenger on the SS *Boston* sailing from Yarmouth to Boston. He is shown as age 30 a resident of N.S. His destination was MA.

In February 1900 there was a fire in one of the buildings on the Brannen Brothers property described in a newspaper account as "*About midnight flames were discovered breaking through the roof of the large store of Brannen Brothers at their wharf at Clark's Harbour. The building was destroyed with all its contents....*"

July 25, 1900, Francis and Belle sold a portion of lot number 3 class 4 to William M. Brannen and wife for \$1.00. This separated William's home from the jointly owned business property.

In 1901 the census record shows him as age 32, a merchant married to Belle. The children at home were Annis aged six, Prue age two, Alvora age one, and a 2-month-old baby girl, Norma.

On page 25 in the book *Our Bygone Days* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society there is an apparent reference to Francis Annis:

" *In November 1902, Captain Brannen in his schooner Hazel Glen was on the way from Prince Edward Island to Clark's Harbour with a large cargo of oats and other produce when she went aground on a reef in Barrington Passage and sprang a leak. Although she was refloated at high tide, both vessel and cargo were badly damaged.*"

July 10th 1902, he published a notice that he was selling his coal C.O.D. He had closed his books in coal trade and was giving his accounts to an attorney to collect in full.

April 2, 1906, he published the following advertisement in local newspaper:

Property and Business for Sale

Tenders will be received up to July 15th 1906 for the property and business of the undersigned consisting of a large DWELLING HOUSE, STABLE, COAL SHED (3 years old 750 tons capacity): Lobster Factory (on wharf): wharf lately rebuilt (400 feet by (?). One set 4 ton scales (5 years old) Hay land cutting 4 tons of hay. Waterfront about 650 feet best location here considering water privileges wharf need by Cann's line steamers. Property in good repair generally. A chance of a life time to any party or company wishing to start in a coal or general business.

Also for sale a schooner "Nellie Hansom" 16 tons register in good condition sails used less than two years. Will be sold cheap.

Can give possession of property 60 days after sale. Not bound to receipt of highest of any tender.

F. A. BRANNEN

Clark's Harbour, April 2, 1906

In May 1910 he is shown arriving in port at Sumas WA at age 41. He is described as a master mariner from Clark's Harbour NS. His destination is shown as Seattle WA. At that time, he made a declaration to become a US Citizen.

The 1911 Canadian census shows him as age 42 living in Clark's Harbour, He was a master mariner on a steamboat. There were 4 children at home. He is shown as having \$1,500 of life insurance.

February 18, 1914, he is recorded on the manifest of the *S.S. Lusitania* sailing from Liverpool England. He was listed as age 45, a master mariner and a Canadian. His permanent address was Clark's Harbour NS.

On March 10, 1917, he became a naturalized citizen of the US. At that time his address was 77 Sacramento St., Somerville MA and his occupation was seaman (second officer). His date of birth was given as February 7, 1869.

In January 1918 he appeared on page 33 of the US Navy Register " *Class Four Qualified for or in training for duty afloat*". His date of birth listed as Feb 7, 1869. He held the range as Ensign. His date enrolled was Mar 21, 1917.

The 1920 US Census has them living at 159 Avon St., Somerville MA. They were renting. Their daughter Annis was age 24, a nurse, and Prudence was age 21, a secretary at a college, Alvora age 19 and Norma age 18 were students living with them. He is described as a captain of a steamer.

The 1925 city directory for Somerville MA has Francis, Belle and two daughters, Norma a nurse, and Prudence a secretary, at 33 Russell Rd. He is listed as a master mariner. The 1927 and 1929 city directories of Somerville MA showed him living at 41 Walker Rd. His daughter Prue is shown as still at Russell Rd. with him.

In 1928 he applied for daughter Annis' birth certificate and gave his address as 41 Walker Street Somerville

The 1930-1 Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the United States Navy and Marine Corp. listed him as Lieutenant Commander (N.R.) West Somerville MA.

The 1930 US census has them living at 24 Electric Av. in Somerville. He was age 61 married to Belle also age 61. He was not employed, and his year of immigration is shown as 1913. Prudence, age 29. was a secretary at a college and was living with them. They were renting. None are shown as naturalized, and he is not shown as being a veteran of US military.

June 28, 1930, the Town of Clark's Harbour expropriated lands owned by Francis Annis for the purpose of a park. The compensation was \$325. This property had been used as the town baseball park for many years.

The 1933 Melrose city directory showed him at 522 Lebanon and a master mariner.

Belle died in 1936 and is buried in the Wyoming cemetery in Melrose MA

The 1940 US census has him as age 71, a widower living in New York NY, at 308 West 28th Street. He is listed as a naturalized citizen. He is shown as a master mariner, renting his home. The highest grade he completed was 2nd grade. He is shown as a wage or salary worker in government work with the USN but working no hours and receiving no pay.

Margaret Messenger in her family tree indicates he retired from the sea several years before his death due to ill health.

May 6, 1941, he travelled from Yarmouth to Boston on the SS *Yarmouth*.

He died in September 1944 and is buried with Belle in the Wyoming cemetery in Melrose MA.

On July 8, 1981, Clark's Harbour ballpark was named F.A. Brannen Memorial Park. This was part of the property purchased by Jeremiah Brannen in 1865 and sold to Francis and his brother William. It was the last remaining part of his father's holding that was still in Brannen ownership.

STORY:

An excerpt from *An Island Town* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society 1984 author Margaret Messenger:

...Jeremiah's second son, Francis, took over the coal and lumber business, including the vessel. He had spent the early part of his life at sea, starting out at age twelve as a cook on a coasting vessel. Advancing rapidly, he took charge of the schooner Rheuana when he was twenty. By the time he returned home, he had become a successful skipper. He lived in the house on the hill that had been his father's and was conveniently close to the business. The wharf that had been built by his father he extended into deep water, making it possible for larger vessels to dock safely, an important addition to Clark's Harbour's port facilities. Later Capt. Francis was placed in command of the steamboats engaged in coastal trading, and at times, he made voyages to the West Indies. It was after he became involved in the operation of steamers that he decided to move to Massachusetts, and when that country entered World War I, he served in the United States Naval Reserve Forces.

STORY:

Francis Annis Brannen (1869-1944) son of Jeremiah B. and Mary Elizabeth (McGray) Brannen, a sea captain who lived in N.S. and the USA. He married Belle Fellow Dickie (1869-1902) daughter of Dr. Davis S. and Prudence Dickie, who lived in Port LaTour at one time. He was captain of the coasting vessel "Rhuama" in N.S. as well as captain of vessels "Emma B." and "Conrad S.". He was master of steamships "Wanda", "Edgar R.", "Willfred C." and "Amelia". He lived in the USA during World War I and joined the Navy Reserves.

Excerpt from *Sea Captains in the Barrington Township* by Trudy Atkinson 1998

STORY:

Steamship Masters of Cape Sables. By Capt. A. N. MacGray

Capt. Francis A. Brannen

Born February 7, 1869, this widely known Master of fore-and-afters and both small and large steamships began his salt water training in fishing boats and shallops at the tender age of ten. At 12 he became cook of a coaster, and at 17, like many another Cape Sable boy, gravitated to Gloucester, here he followed most branches of the fisheries. The one skipper, whom he reveres to this day, was the highly successful Capt. William Atkinson ..

He next engaged in steamboat service on the American coast, until, at 20, he returned home and took charge of the schooner "Rheuarna", engaged in general coastwise trade. During the following five years he was [Master of several vessels and became part, or sole owner of some of them, among which was the "Emma B" and 3-Master, Conrad S." His native energy and enterprise scored for him many outstanding successes, while ashore, he conducted a considerable coal and lumber business-extending his wharf property to deep water, sufficient to safely dock craft. of 500-tons dead weight capacity, -an expensive, but greatly needed improvement to the port facilities of his native Clarks Harbour,. He took a keen interest in civic affairs and was a leading spirit in many of them.

In 1893 he entered the field of steam. becoming Master of the Lockport steamer "Wanda". Later, he sailed the coastal steamers Edna R, Wilfred C. and Amelia, -. the latter plying between Halifax, and way ports. In 1909 he became Master of the S.S. McElwain, operating largely in the pulp-wood trade, between Gulf of St. Lawrence and U. S. ports, but at times making West Indian voyages, while successfully operating this and other steamers for several years. he had taken up residence at Somerville Mass. When the U. S, entered the World War he enrolled in the U.S. Naval Reserve Forces and on May 10 1917 he was assigned command "US Patrol No. 40". In July of the same year he was assigned Navigator of the "US Yanktown" and proceeded overseas.

His next assignment was to the USS battleship Virginia, based in Gibraltar, as an Warrant Officer. Shortly after he was transferred to patrol duty in the English Channel and North Sea-serving on both destroyers and mine sweepers and on one of which he was in charge of the gun crew thus participating in active duty on four combat ships of the U. S. Navy. In this service the rigid rules of personnel rating prevailed. Most destroyers were under command of a Senior or a Junior Grade Lieutenant of the regular Navy. All Reserve Officers serving under them were barred from holding a commission of equal rank, thus, many able Masters and Officers of the Merchant Marine who were so enrolled and assigned to combat ships, seldom reached. Higher than the rating J.G. this rule worked as a serious hardship to many....

After the Armistice, he commanded the U. S. S. Lake Geneva and Lake Wimico. in European waters, running to New York, he entered the employ of the U.S. Shipping

Board; having been dis-enrolled from the Naval Reserve on August 15. 1919, Here his command was the S S. Chappet, engaged in over-seas trade, Later he was transferred to their 11,600 ton (D,W) S.. S. Edenton, and still later to their. 10 000-ton (D.W.) S. S, Archer. In these ships he voyaged to Northern European and Mediterranean ports, in all of which he made a highly creditable record.

With the 1921 slump in shipping, he accepted service as Chief Officer with the Ore Steamship Co. a subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel Co., and was assigned to their S.S. Firmore, of 13,000 D. W. capacity; engaged in the transport of Cuba-mined ore to North American ports. During the temporary illness of his Captain, he was assigned the command, in which capacity he made two or more voyages.

In 1922 he became Master of the 4-masted auxiliary schooner Cashier of 1400 tons; making several voyages from New York to Gulf of St. Lawrence ports. in the heavy timber trade.

During the period of these latter services, he gradually developed an exceedingly painful rheumatic condition, which became acute, and Naval Hospitalization followed., The cold and exposure, and the drenching work of chasing submarines and sweeping mines, in the wintry waters of the turbulent North Sea, had finally overcome his physical resistance, and thus his activities afloat were ended.

Excepting for this misery-making condition, which has been considerably alleviated by recent treatments, he remains hale and hearty, -in which his keen sense of humor plays no unimportant part while the warm glow of friendliness which characterized his wide association with the people of the South Shore of Nova Scotia, in the long ago, still burns undiminished.

From the Shelburne Coastguard February 23 1956.

The author Arthur N. McGray was born in Centreville on Cape Sable Island in 1862 and died in Somerville MA in 1949. Francis Annis Brannen died in 1944. This article appears to have been written prior to WW2.

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Susan Julia Innes Brannen (1871-1942)



Innes was born in Clark's Harbour NS October 8 1871. She was the fourth child and oldest daughter of Jeremiah Brannen (1833-1904) and Eliza McGray (1843-1933).

The 1891 Census shows her as age 21, born about 1870 living at home in Clark's Harbour with parents and two siblings, Willie and Francis.

January 16, 1889, she married Samuel Albert Swim (1860-1934) in Clark's Harbour. He was age 27, she was age 18. He was known as "Shorty". He was, a mariner, the son of William Henry Swim (1839-1920) a mariner and Matildia Watt. Innes' father was also described as a mariner. Her name on the marriage record is Ennis Brannen. Maurice Nickerson was the witness. Innes and her husband lived in a large home at Swim's Point.

The 1901 census shows her as age 29, born 1871, married to Albert S. Swim age 38. There were four children Alexander R. age seven, Mildred A. age four, Merle age two and William age one year. The 1911 census shows her as age 39 and listed as Innis Swim. There were five children at home.

May 1921 she and her daughter Mildred were passengers on the boat to Boston. She did not appear in the 1921 census in Clark's Harbour. Based on the oral history she and

her husband separated several times. He was considered a difficult person who was not good with his family or employees.

Her husband died January 25, 1934, at Clark's Harbour and was buried in Oakvale cemetery in Clark's Harbour.

Her death certificate shows her date of death as April 29, 1942, at Clark's Harbour. The cause of death Coronary Thrombosis. She is buried in Oakvale cemetery in Clark's Harbour with her husband. Her obituary misspelled her name as Ennis.

STORY:

From the book *An Island Town* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society 1984 author Margaret Messenger:

Albert (Shorty) carried on a successful business at Swims Point for many years, buying fresh fish and lobsters. He processed boneless cod, sent iced halibut to Yarmouth on the Cann boats which called twice a week at the Point and shipped lobsters to Boston. Known locally as "Shorty" he built a large house which stands only a short distance from the entrance to the Swims Point road. When Albert retired the business was taken over by his son Evan. For a time, his company engaged in extracting oil from fish livers.

STORY:

From the book *Island People* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society 1984 author Margaret Messenger:

He lived opposite the cemetery on the Swims Point road. He was a well-known businessman. He married Susan Innes daughter of Jeremiah Brannen. they had 8 children. Albert Evan married Annie daughter of Job Duncan, Alfreda was not married, Merle married Florence Thibodeau, Alexander married Gladys Wigglesworth, Flossie Belle died at age 6 and 2 died in infancy

STORY:

Extracted and edited from an e-mail from a daughter of one of Shorty and Innes neighbours:

Shorty's fish business was on Swim's Point. His home was there on the corner of Swim's Point Road. Merle lived in that house until he died, and his son Gayton lived there until his death.

Mom says Innes left Shorty many times because he was so cruel, and that Shorty would cry and she would return. Mom does not know where Susan would go when she would

leave Shorty. One son was beaten so much by Shorty that he left home and went to, I think, Lunenburg area.

I think Shorty was considered a very wealthy man, as was his son Evan. He left a nice-looking house there near our original (place). When I was a young child, the property was partly surrounded by a stone wall with iron chains and gates.

OBITUARY:

Mrs. Ennis Swim Clarks Harbor—There passed away on Wednesday evening, April 29th, from a heart attack, Mrs. Ennis Swim. She had been in poor health for some time but had improved in health until she was suddenly stricken and passed away as above stated. She was in her 71st year and was a woman of sterling Christian Character and will be greatly missed by a host of friends. She leaves four sons; Merle, in Yarmouth, Alexander in Boston; William in Ontario in the army, and Evan at home and one daughter, Freda at home; four sisters, Mrs.. Frank Cole in Port Washington, Long Island, N, Miss Lena Brannen in Atlantic City, Mrs. Arthur Creamer, York Harbor, Me , and Mrs. Mamie Nickerson at home, also three brothers, Capt. Franc's Brannen in New York; William Brannen in Seattle, Washington; and George Brannen in Boston. The funeral was held on Sunday after-noon at 2 30 o'clock from the 'United Baptist Church, Rev. A. M. McNintch conducted the service

2-4-10

Mary (Mame) Elizabeth Brannen (1874-1962)



Mame's Nova Scotia Record of Birth shows her birthdate as 13 May 1872 on Cape Sable Island. Her parents were Jeremiah Brannen (1833-1904) and Eliza McGray (1843-1933). Her father Jeremiah was described as a fisherman in her birth registration. This was a late registration, and it clearly gave an incorrect year as her older sister was born only seven months earlier.

In the 1891 Canadian census she was reported as age 14 born in 1877 and living with her parents in Clark's Harbour

August 17, 1893, she married Freeman Crowell Nickerson Jr. (1868-1929). He was the son of Freeman Nickerson Sr. (1829-1892) and Lucinda Smith (1833-1870). He was a fisherman. Their home in Clark's Harbour was just south of the I.O.O.F. hall. They had five children.

The 1901 Census shows her as age 26 married to Freeman. *She is reported as being born May 13, 1874.* There were three children at home Louisa M. age six born May 26, 1894, Elizabeth Marie age two, born October 30, 1898, and Flossie B. age six months, born October 5, 1900.

The 1911 Canadian census shows her as age 36 born May 1872. There were five children at home. The 1921 Census she is listed as 48 living in Clark's Harbour with

Freeman age 51, a fisherman. There were two children at home Donald, age 19, and Joyce age 16

Freeman died and was buried in Oakvale cemetery November 17, 1929. She died August 24, 1962, in Lockport NS and is buried in Oakvale cemetery at Clark's Harbour NS with her husband.

STORY:

Mary Elizabeth was always known as Mame and was always Aunt Mame in my family. Any visit to her home usually resulted in a card or board game.

Bruce Brannen 2013

2-4-11

Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1962)



Cassie was born October 7, 1877, in Clark's Harbour. Her parents were Jeremiah Brannen (1833-1904) and Eliza McGray (1843-1933).

The 1881 Canadian census found her age five living in Clark's Harbour NS. She appears in the 1900 US census as living at 188 Louisbourg Pl. Somerville, MA as a roomer along with her sister Minnie Herman Brannen (1880-1991). Both were single.

She was shown as born April 1880 and working as a servant. It shows her as arriving in the US in 1899. The 1901 Canadian census shows her as age 23 living at home with her parents in Centreville NS.

December 10, 1908, she married Frank Murray Cole formerly Francis Marie Jeffroy, in Centreville NS. He was a fisherman and a native of France. There were no parents listed on the marriage documents for Frank. Cassie lists her father as a sea captain. Frank was a shipwreck survivor and came to Clark's Harbour when his ship the *Pioneer* foundered on Seal Island NS.

The 1911 Canadian census found Cassie and Frank living in West Head NS. His date of birth was listed as December 1881, age 29, from France. He was listed as employed as a fisherman and doing odd jobs. They had two children at home, Francine, and Madeline age one. They were twins born August 1909. The 1921 Canadian census shows Cassie age 42 with four children at home all born in Canada. Frank is described as a fisherman.

They built a large home at the corner of the Main Road and Smith Lane in Lower Clark's Harbour. The house still stands.

They moved to Port Washington NY around 1925 after a storm destroyed his boat. He took a job as a yachting captain. It is suggested that perhaps at one time he worked on J. P. Morgan's yacht.

The US census on 1930 found them living in North Hempstead NY. Her and the children's arrival year was 1925. His arrival year was listed as 1899. He was recorded as captain of a boat. They had two children living with them Elaine born about 1912 and Elliott born about 1918.

In the year 1935 they were still listed as living in North Hempstead NY.

The 1940 US census lists them at 324 Main Street North Hempstead NY. She was still listed as a Canadian citizen age 63. Her education is listed as grade eight. Frank was a captain on a private yacht, his age reported as age 56. Elliott their son was still at home, age 22, working as a truck driver. His employer's name was illegible.

Frank died 7 October 1952. She died in 1962. Their son Elliott was buried in the Nassau Knolls Cemetery in Port Washington Long Island NY. It seems likely that Frank and Cassie Belle may be in the same cemetery.

STORY:

Cassie Belle Cole

.....a member of the First Baptist Church and extremely active in various social events. She is the wife of the late yachting Captain Frank Cole who came here from Canada in 1926 and had been associated with Purdy's Shipyard for many years. She is the mother of three daughters, Mrs. Adolph J. (Francine) McNamara of 88 Bar Beach Road, her twin sister, Mrs. Madeline Edwards of 22 Neulist Avenue and Mrs. Peter A. (Elaine) Walters of 73 Highland Avenue. Mother also of the late Elliott L. Cole of 26 Dunes Lane, she has, three grandsons, Elliot G. Cole of Dunes Lane, James McNamara of Lynbrook and Peter R. Walters of Highland Avenue, and two great grandsons, Peter Reed Walters of 73 Highland Avenue and Kevin McNamara of Lynbrook. Besides her immediate family, including her sons-in-law, also attending the birthday celebrations were Hartley Crowell of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Ray Ramon of Westbury, close friends of the family.

STORY:

Frank. Cole

Frank Cole was shipwrecked at Seal Island on the ship Pioneer. Tradition says that he came from St. Malo, France, and was sixteen years old at the time of the wreck. He stayed for a while at Seal Island and was later brought to Clark's Harbour by Mr. Joseph Symonds whose father had also been shipwrecked. At Clark's Harbour he was taken to Mr. Symonds' brother, Frank, who was the operator of the Symonds Hotel. He was treated there as one of the family.

Jeremiah and Elizabeth Brannen lived not far from the Symonds' home. It was inevitable that, sooner or later, Frank Cole would meet the Brannen family. He not only met them but fell in love with one of the daughters. In December 1908, he and Cassie Brannen were married. They moved to Elam, New York, and Mr. Cole passed away there in 1952.

Excerpt from *Yesterdays Island* by Margaret Messenger published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society 1898.

2-4-12

George Horton Brannen (1878-1955)



George was the youngest son of Jeremiah Brannen (1833-1904) and Eliza McGray (1843-1933). He was born September 4, 1878. His birth date was sworn to by his sister Susan Innes who was eight years old at the time of his birth.

He appears in the 1881 census as age two. George appears in the Canadian 1891 census as being 13 years old living with his parents in Clark's Harbour.

September 1899 George is listed as a passenger going from Yarmouth to Boston. He was aged 21 and employed in fishing.

He married Edith Kenney Wickens (1878-1967) November 21, 1900, in the Free Will Baptist Church at Clark's Harbour. She was the daughter of Charles H. Wickens and Jane Smith.

In the 1901 Canadian census he and Edith are shown living with his parents in Centreville. The report does not indicate that they had any children. He appears to be listed as a mariner.

April 17, 1902, he was listed as a passenger on the *S.S. Boston* from Yarmouth to Boston. He was age 23 employed in fishing.

The 1911 Census shows him living in Centreville. At that time, he was 33 years old and working as a seaman on a steamboat and a farmer with his time split between the two. His income from his main occupation, seaman was \$250. and he had another \$100. from farming. This time frame corresponds with Horatio Brannen's salvage business and his salvage work on the *SS Hungarian*. As they were cousins it is very possible that his shipboard employment was on the *SS Coastguard*, a ship Horatio was master of at that time and that George' brother John was marine engineer.

Living with him in 1911 was his wife Edith age 32 and children, Marion age ten, Bruce age six, Margaret age five, Austin age four and Ruth two years old. Also living with him was Eliza his mother aged 68 and an aunt, Cynthia age 59 who was a private family nurse. He was living in his mother's house next to the Centreville bridge that Jeremiah and Eliza bought in 1895. This suggests he did not leave his parents' home until he moved to the US.

In 1914 he moved to Eliot ME. This date was found in his 1920 US census report. He was living with Edith and the family at South Beech Street Manchester NH. Edith indicated she was a married woman.

He registered for the US WW1 draft on September 7, 1918. He gave his DOB as September 4th, 1878. His address was listed as South Beech Street Manchester NH and his occupation as quartermaster for the Nantucket Steamboats. His nearest relative was given as Edith.

The 1920 US census has him living in Manchester with Edith and children Marion age 18, Bruce age 15, Margaret age 14, Austin age 12 and Ruth ten years old. The 1924 city directory has him at 618 South Beech Street and described as a mariner. Bruce is also listed at that address working as a clerk.

The 1930 city directory still has him at the same address and employment. Also, at that address was Austin a stenographer, Margaret a bookkeeper and Ruth a clerk. The directory information is incorrect.

According to Robert Sheppard, his grandson, he left his family in 1929 and moved to 36 Elmwood Street Roxbury MA.

September 3rd, 1930, George is listed as a passenger on the *S.S. Prince George* going from Yarmouth to Boston.

The 1937 City Directory has him at the South Beech Street address working as a carpenter. Ruth and Austin are shown at the same address. This is incorrect, he had left the family prior to that date.

The 1940 US census does not list George as living with Edith and the family at South Beech Street. Edith still declared she was a married woman.

His US Draft Registration Card 01001 from 1940 shows his address as 332 Granite St, Quincy, Mass. He was 62 years old and employed at the Hingham Ship Yard. His contact person was Jennie Brannen, East Holden Maine.

He died September 28, 1955. He is buried with Jennie F. Brannen (1894-1981) in Hillside Cemetery in Penobscot, Hancock County, ME. Family members believed he left the family sometime prior to 1930 and refused any further contact. He appears to have entered a long-term relationship with Jennie sometime prior to 1940.

STORY:

From a letter from Austin Brannen to his brother Weldon dated February 17, 1978

....Mother was married on November 21 1900, at the age of 21. Father was one year older than her, and he was last heard from April 1929, in Boston where he was a building contractor. I was working in Boston myself, at that time and consulted with some private detectives to find out what happened to him, but nothing ever came of it.....

STORY:

From an e-mail from Bob Shepard September 2010

.....George H's WWll registration lists his person to contact as: Mrs. Jennie Brannen of East Holden , Maine. We found the graves of George H. and Jennie F. in the Hillside Cemetery, No. Penobscot, Maine. The dates on the stone are the same as George's Social security claim. The claim date was Nov. 2nd 1955 with a death date of Sept. 28th '55.....

2-4-13

Minnie Herman Brannen (1880-1981)



Minnie was born in Clark's Harbour NS April 17, 1880. She was the daughter of Jeremiah Brannen (1833-1904) and Eliza McGray (1843-1933).

She married Arthur Morton Creamer (1879-1942) February 1, 1904, her address was given as Centreville NS, his was Waldoboro Maine.

Their son Edward L. Creamer (1913-1967) was adopted. It is not known when he came into the family.

The 1919-21 city directories for Cambridge MA show them as living at 37 Wendell, Cambridge. Arthur was a butcher. The 1927 city directory for Portland ME, show them at 212 Middle Street, Portland. He was a steward.

The 1930 census showed them at State Road 1A York Harbour ME. She was age 49, he was age 50 and their adopted son Edward was 17 years old.

The 1934 city directory for St. Petersburg FL shows the family including Edward living at 1008 14th Av.

The 1940 census showed them at Main Street State Road 1A York Harbour ME. All three worked in a hotel food shop catering department.

Arthur died in 1942 in York ME.

Around 1955 her younger sister Eleanor Brannen (1883-1964), who had never married, came to live with her.

Minnie died at age 101 in York Harbour ME February 4, 1981, and is buried in the First Parish Cemetery in York Village ME with Arthur and her sister Eleanor.

2-4-14

Eleanor Leaston Brannen (1883-1964)



Lean was born May 17, 1883, in Clark's Harbour. She was the youngest child of Jeremiah Brannen (1833-1904) and Eliza McGray (1843-1933).

She never married. She moved to the US in 1904 and spent the rest of her life there. At first, she went to the Boston area where many of her relatives were already living. She appears to have worked as a waitress in both the Boston MA and the Atlantic City NJ areas.

The Atlantic City directories of 1950 and 1954 list her as living at 41 S. North Carolina Av in Atlantic City and working in the cafeteria at the YMCA.

She retired around 1955 and returned to her native Cape Sable Island with the intention of living there. Those plans did not work out and she moved to Maine to live with her sister Minnie.

She died May 2, 1964, at age 80. Her obituary shows her name as Brannon. She was buried in the First Parish cemetery, York Village, ME May 5th. At the time of her death, she was living with her only remaining sibling Minnie Herman Brannen (Mrs. Arthur Creamer) (1880-1981).

She appears on the same tombstone as Minnie and Arthur as Brannon.

Her SSN number was 150-07-4010.

OBITUARY

Portsmouth Herald (Portsmouth, New Hampshire) 1964_05_04.

Miss Eleanor Brannon YORK HARBOR — Miss Eleanor L. Brannon, 80, of this town, died Saturday at York Harbor Born in Nova Scotia, May .17, 1883, she was the daughter of Capt. J. B. and Mary E. McGray Brannon. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Arthur Creamer of York Harbor and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Notices BRANNON — Miss Eleanor L. Brannon, age 80, of York Harbor, died May 2. Funeral services, Tues. at 2 p.m. at the Roger K. Lucas Funeral Home, Calling hours, Mon, evening,

STORY:

I believe I only encountered my great-aunt Eleanor (who was known as Aunt Lean in the family) once sometime in the mid 50's when she returned to Cape Island and arrived at our house with the apparent desire to make it her home. My father was her nephew and because we lived in a large home and always welcomed visitors, she perhaps thought my parents would welcome her to our home as a boarder. It may have taken a few days for my parents to realize her intent. As my parents were not accustomed to turning any one away this caused some distress for my mother who was experiencing health problems and already had my paternal grandmother Clissie for extended visits. In any event the problem was resolved when Eleanor was taken ill and sent to the hospital in an ambulance. She didn't return and I never saw her again.

Bruce Brannen 2014

END

THE CHILDREN OF ELEANOR BRANNEN (1836-1911)

2-4-15

Stephen Smith (1852-1928)

Stephen was the first-born child of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). He was born October 11, 1852, in Woods Harbour NS.

He married Susan Jane Nickerson (1853-1908) in Woods Harbour December 24, 1872. She was the daughter of Seth Hall Nickerson (1829-1903) and Mary Anne Daley (1824-1903). They had four children.

They appeared in the 1891 census, living in Woods Harbour. He was age 40 and she was age 37. There were four children at home, Mary L. and Effie, shown as age 15, Etherington age 13 and Charles S. age 11.

In the 1901 census he was shown as age 49 and Susan age 47. With them were their sons Ethern age 23 and Charles age 20 and his niece Clara Nickerson age nine was living with them.

Susan died April 12, 1908.

In the 1911 census he was shown as a widower age 60 living in Woods Harbour. His son Charles was living with him.

He married Georgina "Doty" Nickerson-Malone (1853-1947) November 29, 1911. She was the adopted daughter of Ephraim Nickerson (1822-1904) and Agnes Johnson (1827-1897). She was the widow of Lovitt Malone (1853-1897).

Stephen died October 4, 1928, in Woods Harbour NS.

END

2-4-16

Davis Emmons Smith (1855-1883)

Davis was the second child of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). He was born about 1855 I Woods Harbour NS.

He was listed in the 1881 census as living at home. He was single.

He was lost at sea at about age 28 in 1883.

He did not marry.

He is memorialized on a stone in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Woods Harbour NS with his brother George Jr.

END

2-4-17

Dorcas Ann Smith (1856-1934)

Annie was the daughter of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). She was born April 13 1856 in Woods Harbour NS.

She married William Alfred Nickerson (1852-1934) in Woods Harbour January 13, 1875. He was the son of Soloman Lester Nickerson (1821-1891). They appear to have had nine children,

The 1881 census found her at home, age 24 and single in Shag Harbour. The 1891 census shows her married to Alfred and age 34. There were four children at home. In the 1901 census she was living in Woods Harbour with five children at home. In the 1910 US census she was shown as Age 52 living in Everett MA with seven children at home. In the 1920 census they were living with her father-in-law in Boston.

She died February 27, 1934, at age 77 in Moultonborough NH. The death certificate showed her birth as April 13, 1856.

END

2-4-18

Alwida Jaunita Smith (1859-1936)

Alwida was the daughter of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). She was born July 10, 1859, in Woods Harbour NS.

She married George Wellington Nickerson (1850-1905) December 17, 1874, at Clark's Harbour. She was age 16 he was age 24. He was the son of Asa Nickerson (1826-1856) and Sarah Covell Smith (18??-1917) They appear to have had seven children, Sarah Jane born 1878, James Ephraim born 1880, and George Emmons born 1881 and Edrick Roy born 1883, Cora, Alwilda Jr. and a baby (1890-1890).

The 1900 US census found them in Somerville MA with five children at home, James, George, Edrick, Cora and Alwilda Jr.

George died May 23 1905 in Somerville MA of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and is buried in West Head.

She married Smith Duram Baxter (1855-1946) May 5, 1909, in Somerville MA. It was his third marriage and her second. He was master mechanic. He was the son of Phillip Baxter and Charlotte Cove.

The 1910 census showed him as age 54 and Jane as age 50. There were six children at home all shown with the Baxter last name.

In the 1920 census he was shown as age 63 and Jane age 60. Living with them was his daughter Agnes Baxter age 20, Jane's son Edrick age 36 and his wife Alice E. Baxter described herself as a daughter in law.

She died May 27, 1936, in Watertown MA. He died in 1946 and is buried in Belmont cemetery.

OBITUARY:

BAXTER-In Cambridge, May 27, Alwida J., wife of Smith D. Baxter of 71 Oxford av. Funeral services at Belmont Street Baptist Church, Templeton parkway, Watertown, Friday May 29 at 2:30 p.m.

END

2-4-19

Jonathan Smith (1860-??)

Jonathan was the son of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). He was born about 1860 in Woods Harbour NS.

According to *The History of Barrington Township* he married the daughter of David Morrissey.

END

2-4-20

Nathaniel Smith (1864-??)

Nathaniel was the son of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). He was born about 1864 in Woods Harbour NS.

I have found no public records for him.

END

2-4-21

Juanetta L. Smith (1865-1941)

Junietta was the daughter of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). She was born about November 29, 1865, in Woods Harbour NS.

She married Asa Norman Penney (1861-1928) December 28, 1886. He was the son of Eleazar C Penney (1814-1871) and Sophia Brannen (1817-1900). Junietta and Asa were cousins, their mothers were sisters. He appears to have been raised by his grandparents Daniel and Sarah Penney. In the 1881 census he is shown living with them along with his siblings, Roswell, Joanne, Maretta, and Reuben.

Junietta and Asa appeared in the 1900 US census. They were living in Somerville MA. Their son Roswell age 11 was living with them. The 1910 census showed them living in Medford MA. Roswell was still living with them.

Asa died December 12, 1941, in Malden MA....

END

2-4-22

George Washington Smith Jr. (1867-1908)

George was the son of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). He was born about November 22, 1867, in Woods Harbour NS.

George was married twice. He married his first wife Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Wilson (1870-1894) December 28 1889 at Shag Harbour.. She was the daughter of Lewis Wilson (1840-1904) and Mercey Devine (1840-1913). They had three children Alda Juanita born 1890, Davis Emonds born 1892, and Lewis Hartley (1894-??). Lizzie died August 25, 1894, leaving three very young children.

His second wife Margaret Sarah Nickerson (1880-1973) took place October 1, 1902, at West Head NS. They had two children of their own Keith Desmond (1903-1982) and Ethel E. (1906-1969).

George and Leslie Crowell went out lobstering from Seal Island January 29, 1908, in a motorboat and were never seen again.

He is memorialized on a stone in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Woods Harbour NS with his brother Davis.

Margaret married again. She died August 22, 1973, in Clark's Harbour. She was buried with her second husband Thomas Eldridge Penney (1876-1943).

END

2-4-23

James M. Smith (1870-1870)

James was the son of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). He was born February 17, 1870, and died March 17, 1870, Woods Harbour NS.

END

2-4-24

Austin Franklin Smith (1872-1954)



Austin was the son of Eleanor Brannen (1836-1911) and George Washington Smith (1826-1909). He was born October 27, 1872, in Woods Harbour NS.

The 1891 census has him living at home at the age of 18. He was a fisherman.

He married Delphine Sears (1873-1949) July 21, 1892, in Shag Harbour and settled in Woods Harbour. She was the daughter of Charles Sears (1852-1901) and Barbara Nickerson (1853-1881). They had at least eleven children.

The family appeared in the 1911 census living in Woods Harbour. Austin was age 39 and Delphine was age 38. There were nine children at home plus his mother Eleanor.

He was a carpenter.

Delphine died July 6, 1949. He died November 16, 1954, at Upper Woods Harbour NS. They are buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Woods Harbour NS.

END

THE CHILDREN OF REBECCA BRANNEN (1840-1927)

2-4-25

Austin Freeland Nickerson (1862-1896)

Austin was the oldest child of Rebecca Brannen (1840-1927) and Joshua Nickerson 1839-1902. He was born on Cape Sable Island August 12, 1862, and appears in the 1871 census as age 9. He also appears in the 1881 a 19 and living at home.

He married Sarepla "Sarah" Ann Nickerson (1864-1952) June 24, 1882. She was born in Clark's Harbour; she was the daughter of McCallum Duncan Nickerson (1838-1908) and Rebecca Jane Kenney (1884-1937). They had three children, Ethel Myrtle (1884-1968), Daisy M. (1888-?) and Milward Freeland (1895-1958).

In the 1891 census he was shown as age 29 married to Serapla age 26. There were two children. He was a fisherman.

He was lost at sea from the *Helena Maud* August 29, 1896. A memorial is in the Oakvale cemetery in Clark's Harbour NS.

Sarah moved to BC and died in Prince Rupert BC January 27, 1952, at age 87. She is buried in the Fairview cemetery there with her son Milward Freeland (1895-1958).

END

2-4-26

Smith Freeman Nickerson (1866-1954)

Smith was born on Cape Sable Island March 3, 1866. He was the son of Rebecca Brannen (1840-1927) and Joshua Nickerson (1839-1902).

He married Sarah Mae Eva Kenney (1867-1956). They had one child Perley Trueman (1888-1955).

In the 1901 census he was listed as a barber in Clark's Harbour. The 1911 census found him living in Arcadia and working as a tinsmith. In the 1921 census he was listed as age 55 a commercial fish merchant. Living with him was his wife Mae, his son Perley age 32 and his mother Rebecca age 83.

He died January 12, 1954, and is buried in the Arcadia Cemetery with his wife Mae (1867-1956) who died November 4, 1956, and son Perley T. Nickerson (1888-1955).

END

2-4-27

Lucinda A. Nickerson (1870-1904)

Lucinda was the youngest child of Rebecca Brannen (1840-1927) and Joshua Nickerson (1839-1902). She was born January 1, 1870.

She appears in the 1871 Canadian census as Lucy, age one year, and in the 1881 census as age 11.

She died at age 34 May 29, 1904, in Boston MA.

It appears she never married.

END

THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM THOMAS BRANNEN (1840-1889)

2-4-28

Effie Hannah Brannen (1864-1889)

Hannah was born in Woods Harbour in 1864. She was the oldest child of William Thomas Brannen 1840-1889 and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913). She married Rev. William P. Dodson of Maryland. They were missionaries.

He was associated with the Bishop Taylor Mission and was appointed as the presiding elder of the Angola district in Africa. They took up residence there sometime after the Mission commenced in 1885.

She died in Pungo Andoago, Angola, Africa, of yellow fever and childbirth complications January 21, 1889. It appears the child did not survive. She was buried in Africa.

She was listed in the Mission's records as "*our honoured dead E. Hannah Dodson age 26 January 21, 1889, in Pungo Andoago*"

Rev. Dodson continued his missionary work in Africa.

OBITUARY:

Effie Hannah Brannen, daughter of William B. and Virginia Brannen of Woods Harbour Nova Scotia came to Africa in 1886. Her time was spent in Nhangue-a-Pepo and Pungo Andongo. Coming from a life of struggle and trial, she seemed to blossom out mentally and spiritually among us and find rest for her soul. Her time was spent studying, teaching, and helping generally. In 1885 she became the wife of W. P. Dodson. Four happy months were spent together and then God called our beloved sister to himself, at the age of twenty-six. She triumphed in death, saying "Jesus stands by." We all loved her and felt that her character could be expressed by the words spoken by Jesus of Nishanth "In whom is no guile."

END

2-4-29

Lalah Belle Brannen (1865-1940)



Lalah was born July 31, 1865, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913). She received a late birth registration from The Province of Nova Scotia on July 27, 1936, attested to by her cousin Mathilda Nickerson.

The 1881 census has her age as 15 living at home in Lower Woods Harbour

In September 22 1883 she appeared on manifest of the *Anne M. Bill* sailing from Pubnico to Boston. She gave her age as 18.

On October 6 1886, she gave birth to a child, Harry Chetwynd (1886-1949) in Boston. She was unmarried. The father was Henry Elma Chetwynd (1862-1894). The child, Harry, was raised by his grandparents Israel F. Chetwynd (1829-1911) and Mary Jane Nickerson (1837-1909).

The 1891 census shows her age 23 living with her parents in Woods Harbour.

In January 4 1893 she married Robert E. Garland in Somerville MA. He was the son of Joseph Garland (1832-1872) and Mary Jane Horseman (1832-1863). He was age 33, and she gave her age as 26. It was his second marriage and her first. Her father's name is recorded as David and her mother's as Virginia. She was working as a domestic. Their marriage is also recorded in the church records. Robert had four surviving children from his first marriage. Lalah became stepmother to these children aged two to 14. Lalah and Robert had five children of their own. Three of those lived to maturity.

She appears in the 1900 US census as age 33; she gave her birth date as July 1866. There were four children at home, William born in 1896, Virginia born in 1898, George born in 1890, and Esther born in 1891. Also living with them was Nellie Brannen, her younger sister who was born in 1882.

The 1920 census recorded them at 37 Sewell Street in Somerville MA. She was shown as age 52 that she immigrated in 1886 and that she was a naturalized citizen. He worked on the railroad. There were three children at home. Virginia, Pearl and Blanche plus his adult son George age 30 along with his one-year-old son Willie.

The 1924 city directory shows them living in Quincy at 37 Sewall. Her mother, Virginia, was living with them.

Robert died about 1927 in Boston MA.

The 1930 US census found Lalah living at 122 Lakeview Av. Queens NY. The head of the household was William C. Perry. He was originally from Canada. He was 65 years old and a widower who had worked for a bank as special officer. Lalah was listed as age 62; and as Garland; a widow. She was described as a housekeeper. The 1940 census does not include Lalah in the household, there was another housekeeper listed. No record of a marriage of Lalah to William was found.

She died August 13, 1940, in Queens NY and was buried Aug 17, 1940, Brooklyn, Kings County, NY in The Evergreens Cemetery 1629 Bushwick Ave, Brooklyn NY 11207-1849 Burial record #329261

STORY:

My husband's great-grandmother, Lalah Belle Brannon Garland Perry, born 13 July 1865, Nova Scotia, Canada. Married Robert Edward Garland 4 January 1893 in Boston, MA. Edward died in 1927. Lalah married Robert C. Perry after Edward's death, exact date yet unk. Lalah & Edward had 4 children, William M., Virginia B., Minerva Pearl & Blanche Thelma.

- Linda (Myers) LaMere

2-4-30

Ezra Mathew Brannen (1866-1946)



Ezra was born 22 July 1864 at Woods Harbour. He was the son of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913).

The 1881 Census showed him as age 13 living with his parents and nine siblings in Woods Harbour.

The 1891 McAlpine's Directory listed him as a fisherman in Woods Harbour.

The 1891 census lists him as single age 22 living at home in Woods Harbour with his widowed mother.

He married Cynthia Swain (1859-1913) August 12, 1893, in Bear Point NS by Rev. Holiday of Bear Point. They had four children. She was the daughter of Reuben Swaine and Louisa Nickerson.

The 1901 Census shows him as age 34 born July 22, 1866, working as a lobster packer in Woods Harbour. He had three children at home plus two brothers living with him. In the 1911 census he was 45 years old married to Cynthia age 50 with four children at home.

Cynthia died on June 6, 1913, is buried in Centreville. He married Ardith Anne "Addie" Smith (1881-1948) in Centreville January 2, 1914. They had one child Ezra Norman (1917-2009).

Both of his older sons enlisted in army and served overseas in WWI. In 1917 his oldest son William "Willie" Thomas Jr (1895-1959) was seriously wounded and lost a leg in Europe. August 10, 1918, his son Randall (1896-1918) died from wounds in Amiens France. Ezra was granted a government pension due to the loss of his son Randall.

The 1921 census shows him living in Centreville married to Addie with one child, Norman aged four.

He was later appointed postmaster and given the contract for mail delivery to the Island post offices. Ezra Brannen was the McGray Post Office Postmaster from November 15, 1924, to October 27 1927 when he resigned.

His wife Adrith was appointed Postmaster Dec 31, 1929, and resigned 21 May 1947

He died in Yarmouth Hospital February 23, 1946. Dr. Burton signed the certificate on February 25. He was buried in Centreville the 25th

STORY:

An excerpt from Ester Brannen's account of her early life:

Father had a lobster canning factory on Goodwin's Island as his father before him. Apparently , he moved there shortly after my birth. It was equipped for family living, also providing living quarters for the factory workers, oddly enough I do not remember any of this.

EZRA M. BRANNEN HONORED ,

A very happy evening was spent at the home of Mrs. B. S. Abbott. Somerville, August 20, where a family reunion took place in honor of Ezra M. Brannen, of Centreville, C, S. I. who is visiting relatives in Boston, Thirty one were present, twenty-nine being relatives. Of the thirteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Brannen, Woods Harbor, nine are living, Effie, the eldest of the family, died many years ago in Africa, where she went as a missionary, Capt., Horatio was killed in the Halifax explosion-ion; Capt. Davis was accidentally shot while moose hunting in Prince Rupert. B. C. and Capt., Lawless drowned off Port Maitland, Yar, Co. Those living are Lalah, (Mrs. Wm. Perry): Blanche, (Mrs. G. Barnett); Elizabeth (Mrs. O'Connell); Esther (Mrs. C. Flynn); Nellie (Mrs. G. Cadrain); Alice (Mrs. B, S, Abbott); Ezra, Sam and Captain Arthur, These were united Tuesday for the first time in years, The evening was spent in dancing, the grand march being led by Ezra Brannen and Mrs. Wm. Perry. Delicious refreshments were served; the color scheme of ' _ the tea table being yellow and green. This was followed by an elimination waltz the prize being won by Ezra Brannen_ The evening closed with singing 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow' and Auld Lang Syne, Those present were: Mrs. G. Barnett, Mrs. Wm Perry, N. Y.; Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connell, Malden; Mr. and Mrs. Chas, Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Cadrain and daughter Virginia, Wayland; E. M. Brannen, Centreville, and his daughter Mr., J. E. West, Quebec City; Mr. and Mrs. S. Brannen, and children, Arthur, Ruth and Sam; Mr. and Mrs, Brant Brannen and daughter Barbara, Wayland; Mr., and Mrs., R. O'Connell, Yarmouth, W. Brannen, Brookline; Mr. and Mrs. B, S, Abbott and daughter Marjorie, Mrs. Junie Penney, Medford; Miss M. Melrose, of Brookline; D, Brannen, Miss B. Wilson, Allston; Mrs., W. Bent, Cambridge; Mrs., Wm. McInnis, Somerville and C. Richards, Wayland, Mass, We seldom can be together. For fate has kept us apart... But in memory oft we wander To the scenes that are dear to our hearts.

Though many miles divide us. And each other we seldom see, Still in love our hearts are united, And so it will ever bey

STORY;

Ezra was WT's (Willie's) dad, my father's grandfather. He had many tragic events in his life, but my father remembers his grandfather as a cheerful, energetic man. Ezra lost his son John Randall in WW1, his brother Horatio in the Halifax explosion, his wife Cynthia, and his brother Davis, killed in a hunting accident in western Canada, Lawless and Davis travelled out west together, Alberta and BC. Lawless, another brother was drowned off Yarmouth, near the Bay of Fundy, while fishing.

My Dad remembers Ezra as a well-dressed man, always driving a new car. He came to Sunday dinners in Woods Harbour at WT's(Willie's) from Centreville. My mother knew him as well and she always told me what a charmer he was. I like to cook and Mom always said that I must get that from Ezra. He wore suits and spats and loved to dance.

When my father knew him, it was a mystery as to where he obtained his relative wealth as he did not work. He would have been in his 60's then. Ezra met my father at the train station in Shelburne when he came back from the war and drove him and Bruce Jamieson to Woods Harbour. Ezra worked as a cook on a merchant vessel that travelled from NS to Boston at the turn of the 19th century. He brought back a \$5 American Indian head gold coin that he obtained in Boston. It would be worth perhaps a week's wage back then. Not something that would be purchased as a souvenir. Certainly not with a growing family at home. This was passed on to WT, (Willie) who passed it to my father, and it is now in my possession in its original box from the Atlantic National Bank of Boston dated 1909.

Alan Brannen July 14, 2014, e-mail

STORY:

Ezra's daughter Ester recorded stories from her early life for her son-in-law Richard Garrity in 1983. The following are some excerpts from her interview:

...Father had a lobster canning factory on Goodwin's Island, as his father before him. Apparently, he moved his family there shortly before my birth. ...I do not remember any of this..

.... Goodwin's Island originally had been a grant of land to my grandmother's brother. My father sold equal shares to four of his brothers..

....(Later)Father had bought a house in Lower Woods Harbour...I do not remember the year father sold our house.....and moved to Centreville Father bought the house from a McGray.

STORY

Ezra, known in the community as Ezrie, was not only postmaster in Centreville but had the contract to drive the mail from the Barrington Passage station to all the post offices on the Island. As a result, he had one of the very few cars on the Island that was driven during the depression. He also had a small pension from the death of his son Randall.

Jack Brannen, former neighbor, 2014

2-4-31

Mary Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1944)



Her birth is recorded as 5 December 1868 in Woods Harbour. She was the daughter of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913).

In the 1891 census she was listed as age 20 living in Woods Harbour with her widowed mother.

She married George Obediah O'Connell (1872-1963) August 3 1893 in Bear Point NS. They had five children.

In the 1901 Canadian census she is shown as married to Obediah. She was 28 and they were living in Yarmouth. There were four children. The 1911 census showed her as age 32 living in Yarmouth. In the 1921 census they had three children at home, Daniel 21, Guy 18, and Earl. Three served in WWII; two suffered wounds in action.

l 17. They were living on Argyle Street in Yarmouth.

He enlisted on 10 April 1915, gave his date of birth as 14 August 1875. He was a fisherman. He was married and lived in Yarmouth. His birth records show August 14, 1872. It appears he added his age for his enlistment papers.

In the 1921 census there were three remaining children at home, Daniel 21, Guy 18, and Earl 17. They were living on Argyle Street in Yarmouth.

She died May 26, 1944, in Yarmouth. George died November 1963 in Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax. They are both buried in Mountain cemetery in Yarmouth NS.

OBITUARY

GEORGE O'CONNELL First World War veteran, George O'Connell, formerly of Yarmouth, died in Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, last week. The son of the late Silas and Mary Elizabeth. (Brannen) O'Connell of Shag Harbour, Shelburne County, was 93 years of age.

He is survived by four sons, Harold and Guy, Yarmouth, Earl, England, and Roy, in Massachusetts, His wife predeceased him in 1942. They had resided in Yarmouth until about 30 years ago.

Mr. O'Connell enlisted in the 40th Battalion Canadian Army, in 1915, and later served in France the famous, 25th Battalion.

He was a well-known fisherman and was the last remaining member of the crew of the late Capt. John Simms.

Funeral services were held from Sweeny's Funeral Home, with Rev. Miller, pastor of Temple Baptist Church officiating. The interment was in Mountain Cemetery.

2-4-32

Blanche Nora Brannen (1872-??)



Blanche was born April 26, 1872, in Woods Harbour. She was the daughter of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913).

She appears in the 1881 census living in Woods Harbour. She was age ten living with her parents and siblings under the name Nora. In the 1891 census she is shown as age 19, single, living with her widowed mother and siblings in Woods Harbour and again she was called Nora.

May 24, 1896, a child was born in Somerville MA to Blanche Nora Brannen and Walter Sinclair. Walter was a clerk originally from Philadelphia PA. Their address was shown as 24 McLean St. Boston. There are photos of Hildebrand as a small child with Blanche and he also appears in a family portrait. He is believed to have died in France the first world war in 1917.

Blanche had hopes of becoming an actress and may have had some minor stage experience in this era.

Blanche married George Barnett (1881-1964) in 1909. They had no children together. They appeared in the 1910 US census living in New York City at 312 West 47th Street. George was age 29 and Blanche gave her age as 28. He was a plumber and she was a dressmaker working at home. With them was a 12-year-old, Hildebrandt Barnett and

Nellie Brannen age 24, her sister, who was employed as a retail saleslady. Both Blanche and Nellie indicated their birthplace as MA.

In the 1915 NY census he was shown as working for the railroad and she doing housework They lived at 851 Halsey St Brooklyn. In the 1930 census they lived on Grand Concourse Blvd. He was a taxi driver. Living with them was Ernest Brannen (1901-1973) her nephew age 34 and Ethel Brannen, Ernest's wife, age 30. There was a Barnett family (Harry) next door.

In the 1940 census Blanche and George were living in 143 Wadsworth Av New York City he was shown as age 59 and she gave her age as 58 (She was actually 68 years old.). She was a naturalized citizen. He was a taxi driver.

In April 1959 there was a 50th anniversary party for Blanche and George hosted by her brother Arthur and held in Cochituate MA at Esther's home. Blanche's siblings Arthur from Eliot ME, Alice from Somerville MA, Nellie from East Kingston NH were in attendance.

George died February 8, 1964. Blanche's date and the location of death are unknown.

2-4-33

Horatio Harris Brannen 1873-1917



Nova Scotia Birth Records show him born 27 Dec 1873 at Woods Harbour to William Thomas. Brannen (1840-1889) a fisherman and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913) who were married 1863 at Woods Harbour.

The 1881 census shows him as eight years old living with his parents and siblings in Woods Harbour.

The 1891 census shows him as single age 18 living with his widowed mother in Woods Harbour along with his siblings. He was a fisherman.

Mc Alpines Nova Scotia directory of 1896 shows him as a fisherman at Clark's Harbour on page 1460.

The 1901 census shows him as age 28, a fisherman living in Clark's Harbour. He was married to Susan. They have 4 children Harris, Walter, Viola and Ernest.

He entered the salvage business as captain of the *Twilight* which did salvage work off Cape Sable.

There is a record of his registration of the sloop *Fly* that was built in 1906. The length was 32 feet. His residence was shown as Woods Harbour and he was described as a mariner. He appeared to be part owner.

The salvage ship the SS *Coastguard* was registered to the Provincial Wrecking Company of Barrington. This was a steamer with sails, recorded as built in 1904. The vessel had one deck and was 72 feet in length with a gross tonnage of 72. It is believed he took command not long after she was built. The Coastguard carried out salvage operations around Cape Sable. Most notably was the salvage work done on the SS *Hungarian* which had gone down in 1860. This project went on for several seasons in the 1909-11 era.

July 5 1909 Horatio purchased Part lot 6 Class 4 2nd division of Cape Sable Island for \$50 from Vincent Nickerson, his father in law. He built a new home on the lot.

September 4th 1910, he sold a piece of property at Stoney Island to his brother Lawless for \$5.00. This property had earlier been conveyed to both Horatio and Lawless by William B. Smith.

July 14, 1911, he purchased 1/4th of Goodwin's Island from his brother Ezra for \$25.00. The island had been owned by his father, W.T., and it appears Ezra was acting as executor of his father's estate.

He became master of the SS *Deliverance* which carried out salvage work out of Liverpool. When the SS *Deliverance* was taken into naval service as a mine sweeper, he went with the ship. The SS *Deliverance* was run down and sunk in fog in 1916. All crew were saved. He was the last to leave the sinking ship.

He is listed in the service files of the RCN. His occupation listed as Master Mariner Service Number OFF VR-10

After the loss of the SS *Deliverance* he took command of the SS *Stella Maris* for the Halifax Dock Graving Company. He was killed in the Halifax explosion. He is considered a hero for his efforts and is recognized in a memorial in Halifax. He is also featured in the Nova Scotia Museum in Halifax. He has been portrayed in films about the explosion.

His body was shipped to Clark's Harbour for interment. He had been decapitated and was identified by his wife and his neighbor, Allan Nickerson, by a deformed finger.

He is buried in Clark's Harbour at Oakdale Cemetery.

STORY:

The following is a profile of Horatio Brannen extracted from the book, *The Halifax Explosion: SS Stella Maris and the Cape Island Connections* by Bruce Brannen, self-published 2017

Captain Horatio 'Race' Harris Brannen was born December 27, 1873, on Goodwin's Island. He was the sixth child of William Thomas Brannen 1840-1889 and Virginia Nickerson 1845-1913. His father died young when Horatio was only 16. The family oral history suggests he rowed to the mainland to get a doctor, however his father died before he could return. In 1891 the Canadian Census showed him living with his widowed mother and siblings in Woods Harbour. He was a fisherman.

April 28, 1894, he married Susan Nickerson 1870-1956 of West Head NS, in Clark's Harbour. She was the oldest child of Vincent Nickerson 1847-1933 and Hannah Newell 1849-1937. Their sons Harris Horatio and Walter Trueman were born in 1894 and 1896. Census reports and McAlpine's Directories of 1891, 1896 & 1901 showed him as a fisherman. It appears he settled on Cape Sable Island after his marriage. The 1901 census showed him living in Clark's Harbour with four children. It is believed he became a master mariner by the time he was 21 years old. He became a member of the #70 Sea Side Lodge of the I.O.O.F.

He entered the wrecking/salvage business as both a captain and as a diver working on wrecks near Cape Sable. Wrecking was the common word in that era to describe the dismantling of sunken ships. His first command of such a ship was the Twilight a 37-ton sloop he took command of around 1900. SS Coastguard was registered to the Provincial Wrecking Company of Barrington sometime after she was built in 1904. Horatio took command sometime between 1904 and 1906. He always recruited his crew from family, neighbours, and seamen from the area. Over the coming years two of his sons, Harris and Walter were crewmembers. Three of his brothers, Davis, Lawless and Arthur Winbourne, as well as cousins John Howard Brannen, and George Horton Brannen, two brother-in-law's Walter C. and Aubrey Nickerson, and at least two nephews William Thomas Brannen and Sidney Malone, were all crewmembers for him at one time or another.

He received a Government of Canada award for the rescue of the crew of the shipwrecked Canadian barkentine Edith Sheraton on June 6th 1905. He also is credited rescuing two of the crew of the fishing smack Mystery who lost contact with their ship in the fog and drifted for three 3 days without food or water.

Not only had he become a master mariner but also an accomplished deep-sea diver. Helmet diving suits consist of a waterproof one-piece suit made of canvas and rubber that entirely covers the wearer except for the head and hands. The diver wears leaded boots weighing about 40 lb. and a metal helmet with side and front windows covers his

head. A non-collapsible pipe connects the helmet to an air supply on the deck. An attached lifeline hauls the diver to the surface. Four of the Brannen brothers were divers. Diving skills were essential in the wrecking business.

Wrecking" became a lucrative business. The famous Cape Sable Ledges were not far offshore. They have been the graveyard for many ships that strayed off course. The most notable wrecking operation that he mounted was that of SS Hungarian which foundered in 1860. From about 1909 they dove on her wreck for several seasons. It proved to be a successful project as evidenced by the fact that several of his crew built or purchased substantial homes in that period.

July 5 1909 Horatio purchased a lot in West Head from his father-in-law for \$50 and constructed a new home with the first concrete foundation on the Island. His red house is still there and still owned by his descendants.

In late July 1911 Captain Brannen and the SS Coastguard went to the aid of HMCS Niobe a large navy cruiser of 11,000 tons. Near midnight she was overtaken by thick fog and went aground on Blond Rock just off Cape Sable. She refloated on the next tide and despite a hole of ten by twenty feet in her hull as able to make Clark`s Harbour. There was serious concern that she would be lost due to taking on water. Using her pumps and augmented by those of the SS Coastguard pumping 24 hours a day they were able to stabilize the ship while naval and Coastguard divers patched the hull. She was moved to Halifax for repairs and eventually became the RCN depot ship in Halifax Harbour and played a significant role in the 1917 Halifax Explosion story.

The Southern Salvage Company of Liverpool NS (which became part of the Brookfield companies) took over the Provincial Wrecking Company and the SS Coastguard. They then built SS Deliverance, a larger ship that was launched in 1914. She was a wooden hulled ship formerly known as the Gerald Turnbull before being salvaged and rebuilt. She was 111 feet long and displaced 280 tons. Built to be an up to date salvage/ wrecking ship, she was equipped with two derricks, air compressors, diving apparatus, powerful pumps and wireless radio. Captain Brannen moved to the larger Deliverance about March of 1915 and took his son Walter and brother-in-law Aubrey M. Nickerson with him. Later his sons Harris and Walter joined him.

When Canada entered the war in August 1914, it began to build a coastal navy from trawlers, yachts and tugs by chartering them, usually with accompanying non-military crews. The Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve was created, and mariners and fishermen recruited.

Horatio was one of the first to enlist in the RNCVR and was assigned VR# 10. This would suggest his enlistment was likely early 1915. It appears SS Deliverance was likely taken over by the RCN for minesweeping duties in mid October 1915 and was

then referred to as HMCS Deliverance. Captain Brannen was considered to be on active duty while Deliverance was chartered to the RCN. Most of his crew was also enlisted in the RNCVR.

June 15 1917 while sweeping near Portuguese Cove in thick fog Deliverance was run down by the Norwegian ship SS Regin. Captain Brannen attempted to beach Deliverance at Herring Cove with the aid of her companion ship but water got to the boilers before they made it in and she went to the bottom. No one was lost in the accident. The captain was the last off the ship staying on board until she was almost submerged.

Captain Brannen, his brother Davis, sons Harris and Walter were all enlisted in the RNCVR during WW1 and actively involved in minesweeping duties in the Halifax Harbour approaches. Captain Brannen settled his family including Walter, who was still single, in a house at 51 Duncan Street, Halifax. Harris who was married, lived a short distance away with his family at 2 Murray Place near the North West Arm.

After the loss of HMCS Deliverance the naval authorities eventually directed her officers to report to PV-V a converted trawler leased, and being used as a minesweeper out of the North West Arm. Both Captain Brannen and his son Walter who were employed by Brookfield accepted their employer's offer of positions on SS Stella Maris another of the Brookfield company's ships before receiving the Navy's directive. In June 1917 Horatio took over command of Stella Maris from his youngest brother Arthur Winbourne Brannen. His salary was \$170.00 per month. When he took over the position as master of Stella Maris, Captain Brannen was no longer deemed to be on active duty by the RNCVR and neither was his crew. He sought confirmation of this and was told that he was not released from the navy and could be recalled at any time they needed him.

SS Stella Maris was a former RN gunboat that in recent times had been converted and equipped for salvage and wrecking. She was also chartered by the RCN at \$50 a month with crew. The contract appeared to allow Stella Maris to take on private salvage jobs. One of his major salvage attempts, as master of Stella Maris was SS Kristianiafjord. She was a large Norwegian passenger liner sailing from New York to Norway on June 15 1917 when she ran aground near Cape Race, Newfoundland. There were 1,144 passengers and crew on board at the time, but no lives were lost. Captain Brannen and his Stella Maris crew went to the aid of the grounded ship and were able to stabilize her but a storm a few days later on the 28th of June resulted in her sinking. They had returned from Buctouche NB on December 5th after going to the aid of two ships that had encountered problems in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

On the morning of December 6th 1917, they had been tasked with towing two scows to Bedford Basin from the Brookfield dry dock. He was on the bridge of the Stella Maris when Imo and Mont-Blanc collided. When he saw the fire aboard the Mont-Blanc he immediately made the decision to go to the aid of the ship in trouble. While working under the instructions of the senior naval authority at the scene to mitigate the impending disaster by towing Mont-Blanc away from the pier, he was decapitated by the explosion.

The bodies of Captain Brannen and the men killed on Stella Maris and entombed in the hull, were not quickly recovered. Mr. Brookfield tried for several days, but with the dry dock so depleted of men he had great difficulty in raising a party to go on the ship. One day he started out in his automobile with the intent of getting some men in the vicinity on along the road to assist in recovering the bodies but when he got to Young Street his automobile was commandeered and he was ordered to take an injured man to the hospital. The rest of the afternoon was spent looking for a hospital to admit the man. The following day he sent a car with four men but they were not successful. According to Harris Brannen, it was not until Sunday the 20th, before the bodies were taken off.

Captain Brannen's daughter Mable wrote in 1965: "I found my way home to find that great damage had been done there. Windows shattered.....The corner walls must have opened...."

Horatio's wife Susan closed the Halifax house and left with her three daughters and sons Ernest and Claremont to return to her West Head home with his body. She and neighbor Alan Nickerson provided positive identification based his deformed finger. He was buried in Oakvale Cemetery at Clark's Harbour on December 27, his birthday. Sixteen-year-old Ernest was employed by a men's clothing store, Pages, in Halifax returned to his job there and daughter Viola returned to school in Halifax after the funeral.

His widow Susan in her declaration for the Halifax Relief Commission said she had no savings; no investments and he had no life insurance (as a diver he did not qualify for life insurance). Her only asset was the family home at West Head NS valued at about \$1,000. There were no other assets.

A Clark's Harbour neighbour wrote to S.M.Brookfield, Captain Brannen's employer and a well-connected businessman:

Some time before the explosion in Halifax Dec. 6th Captain H. H. Brannen of "Stella Maris" went to the Naval authorities in Halifax and asked them if they considered him discharged from the Naval Service. They told him that they certainly did not and that they would call upon him at anytime that they had need of him.

Would you, as a friend of Captain Brannen, inquire about this matter and see if there is a pension due his widow as she will need it with the family that she has now, also, when Captain Brannen lost the S. S. "Deliverance" he lost about, \$500, and again when he lost his life on the "Stella Maris" he had a considerable sum of money on him, besides other securities which are lost to his family. Now there is no personal gain for me in this, but I have known Captain Brannen since we were boys together besides being a neighbour and I feel that anything that we can do would not be too much for a man who so nobly laid down his life.

Hoping that you will look into this for his widow

I remain,

George E Nickerson JP

From H.L.Holmes Commander to Admiral Superintendent. H.M.C.S. Dockyard Feb. 25, 1918:

.....I beg to report that as far as known in "Niobe" Mr. H.H. Brannen was instructed to join P.V. 5 on or about the 5th July in accordance with telegram, but further instructions were received from the Captain Superintendent ZZ. of the 13th of July stating that Officers from 'Deliverance' should be sent to P.V. 5 Monday, the 18th of July. It is understood H.H. Brannen would not take this appointment as he had already been offered an appointment in another ship by a private firm

The Halifax Recovery Commission granted a monthly pension of \$84.00 (\$60.00 for his wife Susan, and \$8.00 for each child until they reached age 17). She was given \$200. by the HRC for loss of personal effects and his employer Brookfield gave her \$100.

His widow, at a cost of \$150 erected a suitable monument in the Oakvale Cemetery. When his estate was finally probated expenses, and cash had balanced at \$976.00.

It appears around 1920 his widow, Susan, and the children except Harris moved to Malden MA. For the rest of her life she spent her summers at the West Head NS home and the rest of the year in the US with her children. Members of the family joined her for at least part of the summer. Walter's son Raymond says he spent every summer from age 5 to 18 at his grandmother's house in West Head. She visited her children in the US in the cooler months, staying frequently with Thelma. She passed away in Bloomfield NJ April 30 1956 while living with Thelma. Her daughter Mable purchased the house in West Head. Ownership in the house has remained in family and it is still used by the family as a summer residence.

Captain Brannen's sons gave up the sea; Harris, the oldest, went to work for the Canadian Government after the war and became a regional radio inspector in the

Maritimes. Walter moved to the US in 1921 and eventually became a representative for General Motors. Ernest and Claremont never went to sea. Claremont died young of pneumonia at Walter's home in New York City in 1929.

On the 67th anniversary of the explosion The Halifax Explosion Memorial Bell Tower was dedicated in Needham Park over looking the site of the explosion. Captain Brannen was recognized on the memorial:

Canada Ports Corporation

In memory of Horatio Harris Brannen

Captain of the salvage tug "Stella Maris"

The Nova Scotia Maritime Museum in Halifax maintains a permanent exhibition of the Halifax Explosion in which Captain Brannen is prominently featured.

Unfortunately, the Canadian navy has never acknowledged his contribution or sacrifice and his name does not appear on the cenotaphs of either Clark's Harbour or Wood's Harbour. He was a resident of the former and native of the latter.

STORY;

Shelburne Gazette, February 6th 1918

Capt. Brannen's Great Work.

One of the outstanding characters who lost his life in the great Halifax disaster was Captain Horatio H. Brannen, commander of the S.S. Stella Maris, who was making a heroic effort to reach the burning Mont Blanc and tow her to a place of greater safety before the catastrophe came.

Captain Brannen was born at Woods Harbor, Shelburne County, forty-five years ago, and so was just coming into manhood's fullest prime when his life was so tragically cut off. When a mere lad, he came to Clark's Harbor, Cape Sable Island, and engaged in fishing, where his enterprise and integrity soon won for him a foremost place. He was not content to fish along the smaller lines and soon began to push out into the larger lines of lobster fishing and of deep-sea fishing. His enterprise and good judgement soon attracted the attention of others and about the year 1900, he was given command of the S.S. Coastguard, then owned by the Barrington Wrecking Company and engaged in salvage operations in which a good degree of success was attained. The Coastguard, passing to the ownership of the Southern Salvage Company of Liverpool, Captain Brannen went with her into the service of that company. Later, Captain Brannen was

given the command of a larger craft, the S.S. Deliverance, in which he continued his work of salvaging.

The most noted wreck upon which Captain Brannen worked was the old S.S. Hungarian wrecked off Cape Sable Island about sixty years ago. After this ship had lain on the bottom fifty-one years, captain Brannen and his crew attempted to salvage her cargo. They worked several seasons upon her and were richly rewarded. Very interesting relics of this famous wreck are to be seen today in the late home of Captain Brannen in Clark's Harbor.

When the Canadian naval ship, the Niobe, foundered off Cape Sable, it was Captain Brannen and his crew who went to her assistance, hauled her off the rocks, fixed her up so that she went to Halifax for repairs in the dry dock.

At the outbreak of the war, the S.S. Deliverance was taken into naval service and Captain Brannen went with her. The boat was engaged in minesweeping and so continued until run down and sunk by a Norwegian bark off Portuguese Cove early last season. Captain Brannen stuck to his ship until she was going down when, after a severe struggle he escaped with his life. After the loss of the S.S. Deliverance, Captain Brannen took command of the S.S. Stella Maris, for the Halifax Dock Graving Company. In this capacity, he went to Newfoundland to rescue the S.S. Chritianafford and later to the Magdalen Islands and rescued two ships that had got into trouble there.

Captain Brannen had never been discharged from the naval service and, on the morning of the great disaster, he was taking the S.S. Stella Maris into Bedford Basin when he was sent to the aid of the burning ship. Aided by British blue-jackets he was trying to reach the Mont Blanc with a line in the hope of towing her to a place of greater safety when the explosion came. -

Shelburne Gazette

STORY

Taken from the Martime Hertiage Data

While taking barges into Bedford Basin STELLA MARIS had to maneuver quickly to avoid the outgoing Imo. After Mont Blanc and Imo collided, Stella Maris quickly anchored the barges and went to assist the burning Mont Blanc. Stella Maris trained a water hose on the burning munitions ship and, when it was clear the fire was uncontrollable, made preparations to tow the Mont Blanc away from Pier 6. At this point Mont Blanc exploded. Stella Maris was gutted by the explosion and her wreck was washed ashore south of Pier 6. Most of her crew including her captain, the noted

salvor Horatio Brannen, were killed. Five of her crew managed to survive the explosion. Remarkably, the hull of Stella Maris was rebuilt, and she was later returned to service.

STORY;

An excerpt from the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic web site

<http://www.rvtravelog.com/canada.dir/nsmaritime.dir/nsmaritime1.htm>

Captain Horatio Brannen was in command of the tug Stella Maris. After the collision between Imo and Mont Blanc, he gave orders to anchor the scows his ship had towed and approach the burning vessel. His firehoses proved useless against such a fire. When Mont Blanc exploded, Captain Brannen and his crew were trying to fix a tow to drag the ship away from Pier 6. Stella Maris was badly damaged. Captain Brannen and eighteen of her twenty-four crew were killed. Captain Brannen had had a portrait taken which was intended as a Christmas gift for Mrs. Brannen. She was told of it and went to the photographer's studio, where the owner presented an extra framed copy to the captain's small daughter.

STORY:

He was portrayed in the movie, and his part was played by Brian Downey in the 2003 TV movie Shattered City: The Halifax Explosion.

STORY:

Horatio H. Brannen (1873-1917) son of William T. and Virginia (Nickerson) Brannen who married Susan A. Nickerson (1870-1956) daughter of Vincent and Hannah (Newell) Nickerson. He lived in Clark's Harbour and was killed in the Halifax Explosion. He commanded the "S.S. Coast Guard" ship owned by the Barrington Wrecking Company and he was employed in salvage operations. Later he commanded the "S.S. Deliverance" in salvage operations

Sea Captains in the Barrington Township by Trudy Atkinson 1998.

2-4-34

Esther Brannen (1875-??)



Esther known as Essie was born in Woods Harbour July 7 1875. She was the daughter of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913).

In 1893 she married John R. Crowell (1866-1939) in Boston. She was 18 years old. He was age 22 and described as a laundryman. She was described as a domestic. Both gave their residences as Boston and their places of birth as Nova Scotia.

She divorced from John Edgar Crowell before 1898 and he remarried September of that year.

In 1922 she took in David Brannen (1916-1985). He was her brother Davis' son. Davis and his wife both died in British Columbia. David had two sisters, that were raised by Alice Mable and Nellie. David would have been about six years old when he came to live with her.

The 1924, 1927 and 1936 city directories for Boston shows her as president of Crowell's Wet Wash Laundry Inc. 51 Langdon, Roxbury MA, and living in Wayland. She is listed as Esther Brannen.

July 19 1927 in Yarmouth she married Charles F. Flynn (1891-??) He indicated his age as 36; a catholic, bachelor. She was shown as age 42 but was likely between 50 and 52 years old. She used her maiden name Brannen. She indicated she was divorced.

Witnesses were her sisters Lalah B. Garland of 148 Spring St Quincy and Blanche G Barnett 621 W 135th Street, New York.

The 1929 Weston city directory listed Charles F. Flynn and wife Esther. The employment was a laundry in Roxbury. They lived at Old Conn Path and Indian Road.

The 1930 census showed them living at Indian Road, Wayland. She was president of the laundry and a naturalized citizen. She indicates her age as 44 but was likely closer to 55; he was 39. David was no longer living with them.

The 1937 Boston city directory shows them living at 883 Huntington Av in Roxbury. In 1942 Charles Draft Registration showed them still living on Indian Road Cochituate, MA.

Her date, location of death and burial are unknown.

2-4-35

Lawless Farlow Brannen (1878-1933)



Lawl was born in Woods Harbour March 14, 1878. He was the son of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913). He appeared in the 1881 census as age four living in the Woods Harbour area.

The 1891 census has him as 14 living in Woods Harbour with his widowed mother

Lawless age 21 Davis age 20, and William age 20 were on the passenger list of the *SS Yarmouth* travelling to Boston July 8, 1899

The 1901 Census found him single age 23 boarding with his brother Ezra in Woods Harbour and listed as a fisherman. He gave his date of birth as November 1878

The marriage record shows he and Olive Garron married May 4, 1901, in Upper Woods Harbour. He was age 23 and she age 19. She was born December 16, 1881, in Central Woods Harbour. She was the daughter of John Eldridge Garron (1852-1899) and Sarah Ann Swaine (1853-1936). He was shown as a fisherman born and living in Upper Woods Harbour. They had two children Alden (1902-1995 and Helen Alta (1905-1979).

February 5 1909 Lawless purchased a property at Clark's Harbour for \$850. August 19, 1910, Lawless purchased a property from Lavinia Nickerson for \$200. September 4th, 1910, he purchased a piece of property at Stoney Island from his brother Horatio for \$5.00. This property had earlier been conveyed to both Horatio and Lawless by William B. Smith. July 14, 1911, he purchased 1/4th of Goodwin's Island from his brother Ezra for \$25.00. The island was owned by his father W.T. and it appears Ezra was acting as executor.

Lawless was a deep-sea diver and worked with his brother Horatio ``wrecking`` off Cape Sable. Around 1910 they did salvaged work on the wreck of the *SS Hungarian*.

The 1911 Census shows him as age 33 married to Olive living in West Head. There were two children living at home. He is listed as a diver.

About 1918 his brother Arthur W. appears as a passenger on the *SS Yarmouth* on passage from Yarmouth NS to Boston MA. He is listed as a mariner, age 30 from Newellton, going to New York, NY. He is on his way to visit his brother Lawless Brannen at 24 State Street NY for an indefinite period. The State Street address is in Battery Park at the lower end of Manhattan.

According to the book *Lost Mariners of Shelburne County Volume 2* he moved to New York where he also worked as a diver, He later gave up diving and moved to Somerville Mass where he operated a laundry. This seems to skip his move to Prince Rupert BC. He moved to BC with his brother Davis after the war and worked with him as a diver and fisherman until Davis death in 1922.

October 2, 1922, he was hunting with his brother Davis E. Brannen and others near Welcome Harbour on Porcher Island in British Columbia when Davis was killed in a hunting accident. Oral history suggests that he and his brother had moved west together. The newspaper report of the accident said that Davis had arrived 4 years

earlier in Prince Rupert and had been engaged as a diver and had been halibut fishing for a short time.

The 1923 and 1925 and 1927 Boston City Directory lists him at Brannen`s Wet Wash Laundry 164 Border in East Boston. Also, listed is his brother Arthur W.

He was issued an Alien Certificate on October 16, 1925. He was described as 5'7" age 47 weight 185 pounds, light brown hair and blue eyes. His destination was Somerville MA.

The 1925 City Directory for Somerville shows Lawless, Olive and their two children Helen and Alden living at 27 Howe. That address also seems to be the address of the laundry.

It appears he and Olive separated sometime before 1926. The 1926 and 1927 City Directory shows Lawless living in Everett MA and working at Brannen's Wet Wash Laundry 64 Border in East Boston

The US 1930 Census shows a Lawless Brannen of approximately the same age as a lodger on 12 Salem Place in Malden MA. He was listed and an agent for a laundry. He declared he was married. Also lodging there was Rebecca Manuel age 35 a trained nurse in from Nova Scotia. She indicated she was single. They were both classed as aliens.

According to Lost Mariners V2 he returned to Nova Scotia to engage in the lobster fishing industry. Lawless was drowned 28 April 1933. His boat was later found in the breakers off Brier Island, Digby County, Nova Scotia, but his body was never recovered.

Olive died February 7, 1968, in Yarmouth NS and is buried in Mount Pleasant cemetery in Woods Harbour.

STORY:

An excerpt from page 150 Lost Mariners of Shelburne County Vol II

Captain Lawless Farlow Brannen. Born in Woods Harbour 4 March 1878, Captain Lawless Farlow Brannen was the son of William Thomas and Virginia (Nickerson) Brannen, and brother of Captain Horatio Harris Brannen who died in the Halifax Explosion 6 December 1917. Lawless married at Upper Woods Harbour 4 May 1901 Olive Lavinia Garron, daughter of John and Sarah (Swain) Garron. Olive was born 16 December 1881 and died 7 February 1968. A deep-sea diver by profession, Lawless Farlow Brannen had explored a number of wrecks in this area. Later he worked in New York where he followed his chosen career. When the company for whom he worked wanted him to go abroad he gave up diving and operated a laundry in Boston. In time

he returned to his native Woods Harbour to engage in the lobster fishing industry Lawless drowned 28 April 1933. His boat was later found in the breakers off Brier Island, Digby County, Nova Scotia, but his body was never recovered.

Children of Captain Lawless Farlow and Olive Lavinia (Garron) Brannen. i. Alden born in Woods Harbour 1 March 1902, died in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, 4 December 1995. Married 17 December 1931 Essie Jemima Blades. ii. Helen Alta born in Clarks Harbour 9 July 1905, died in Woods Harbour 26 November 1979. Married James Matheson.

STORY:

Lawless was drown off Brier Island Digby County, 28 April 1933 his body was never recovered. What I have always been told is that Lawliss went out West to BC and Alberta with his brother Davis, where Davis was killed in a hunting accident, this would have been during the WW1 years.

Alan Brannen e-mail July 21, 2014

2-4-36

Davis Emmons Brannen (1879-1922)



Davis was born in Woods Harbour NS November 1, 1879. He was the son of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913).

In the 1881 census he was age two living with his family in Lower Woods Harbour. The 1891 census found Davis Brannen 11 years old living with George Washington Smith and his wife Eleanor Brannen. Eleanor was Davis' aunt.

In 1899 his father died suddenly of a heart attack.

Davis 20, William 20 and Lawless 21 were on the passenger list of the *SS Yarmouth* travelling to Boston July 8, 1899

In the 1901 census he was listed as single boarding with his brother Ezra in Woods Harbour. He was a fisherman. Also living there was his brother Lawless. He gave his date of birth as November 1879.

June 8, 1901 he was a passenger going to Boston on the *SS Yarmouth*.

September 21, 1901, he married Emma Sears-Marden (1862-1937) age 38 a widow. He was age 23, a fisherman. They were residing at Woods Harbour. Witnesses were Etta Smith and Selma Nickerson. Rev James W. Smith married them.

June 8, 1902, he was a passenger on the *SS Prince George* going to Boston. He was listed as age 21 and single.

His daughter Lala (1902-1990) was born August 1902.

June 21, 1903, he was a passenger on the *SS Prince Arthur* going to Boston. He was age 25, married, and a fisherman. Also, on this passage was Frank Brannen age 25 and single. Frank was a fisherman

March 6, 1906, Davis purchased a property in Upper Clark's Harbour from M. G. Nickerson & Co. for \$800.

According to Trudy Atkinsons research he acquired the property lying to the east of the McGray's Wharf Road in 1909. He obtained a mortgage from James McGray the vendor on July 2, 1909. At the same time he conveyed his interest in the Clark's Harbour property to James McGray for \$1.00 (BAR5029066929). He built the house that still exists on the Centreville property.

The 1911 Census shows him head of the house age 33, married to Emma age 50, living in Centreville. His birthdate is shown as Sept 1877. He is shown as a seaman on a steamboat as well as farming. There is one child Lala born August 1902. This date corresponds to Horatio's salvage work on the *SS Hungarian*. This suggests he was a crewman on the *SS Coastguard* at this time and would account for his ability to build an impressive home in Centreville.

July 14, 1911, he purchased 1/4th of Goodwin's Island from his brother Ezra's wife Cynthia for \$25.00. The island had been owned by his late father W.T. and it appears she was acting as executor.

Davis and Emma appear to have separated sometime around 1915-16 as he had a child David Emmons Brannen (1916-1985) with Lila Mae Clark (1891-1922) born in Chester NS March 1 1916. Two other children were born to that relationship. Lila Mae's death certificate shows her as a housewife from 1917. His death certificate shows he had lived in Prince Rupert for 5 years.

Davis E. Brannen appears on the *List of Ships of the Royal Canadian Navy With Their Officers*. He was Temp. Ch. Boatswain on the 418-ton trawler sweeper, *Beline* (*Baliene*). The date of assignment was January 1 1918. RCN records show him as enlisting April 16 1916. December 6th 1918 he was in command of the *HMCS Beliene*. The *Beleine* was a coastal patrol minesweeper, a converted trawler. That morning Davis was aboard the *Baliene* when she was on duty and minesweeping just outside Halifax Harbour with the trawler/minesweeper *HMCS PV-IV*. The ship was mentioned in "*Ships of the Halifax Explosion*": *Commissioned: 01 Feb 1915. Baliene was an ocean going tug which was converted to a minesweeper under charter to the Canadian Government. She was manned by a civilian crew.....Beliene: Canada: Minesweeping trawler Sweeping Harbour approaches for mines Felt explosion, undamaged, continued sweeps.*

He continued as master of *HMCS Baliene* until she was paid off sometime around February 15, 1918, when he resigned his commission.

From Halifax he moved to Prince Rupert BC in 1918 with Lila, son David and his brother Lawless. With Lawless he set up a diving operation and went halibut fishing.

January 20, 1920, Davis signed the sale agreement to sell his Centreville property to his nephew William Thomas "Willie" Brannen. He signed the document in BC. The sale was registered June 23 1923 showing a \$1.00 sale price.

In the 1921 census he is shown living at 620 6th Street Prince Rupert with his wife (shown as Mary) and 2 children, David and Virginia. He was listed as a fisherman.

Lila died of acute cholecystitis July 22, 1922, and is buried in Prince Rupert.

Davis was killed in a hunting accident on Porcher Island BC October 2 1922 and was buried in Prince Rupert BC. The Prince Rupert Daily News described him as a well-known diver, and formerly a deep-sea captain on the Atlantic coast who saw service in the navy. His death occurred less than three months after Lila Mae's passing.

His children with Lila Mae, David, Virginia, and Jean Margaret were raised by his family members in New England. David was raised by his aunt Esther, Jean Margaret was raised by her aunt Alice Mable. She changed her given names to Margery Thelma. Virginia raised her aunt Nellie Rae.

His first wife, Emma, died in 1937 in Oak Park NS while his oldest child Lala died February 1990.

STORY:

Davis Emmons. Brannen, The well known diver was the victim of a terrible hunting fatality which occurred near Welcome Harbour on Porcher Island yesterday morning about 7:45 o'clock when , mistaken for a deer which he was carrying on his back and which concealed his own form, he was instantly killed by John Currie , of the contracting firm of Mitchill and Currie.

It appears. that deceased had shot a deer in the woods and was carrying the carcass out on his back. Coming into the view of Mr. Currie, who was a member of the same party but who set out in a different direction, nothing but the moving deer could be seen. Mr. Curried shot and the bullet entered the unfortunate man's neck and the base of his head, piercing right through and causing what must have been instantaneous death.

As soon as he had discovered the tragedy, Mr. Currie got in touch with L.F (Lawless) Brannen a brother of the deceased and S.W. Taylor, both of whom were members of the same expedition. Between them they carried the body for some distance through the woods to a point where other members of the party were met and the remaining journey to the beach was made.

The entire party returned to the city about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon with news of the tragedy and Mr. Brannen's remains. The Provincial police and Walter Gale acting government agent were immediately notified and preliminary statements were taken by the latter. Other members of the party besides those mentioned were W.E. Williams, M. Gonzales, Paul Aivazoff and Fred Roberge. They all set out on the ill-fated expedition on Saturday afternoon.

There will likely be an inquest although no definite arrangements have been made pending the return of J.H. McMullin government agent from the south tomorrow on the steamer Prince George. In the mean time the remains are in the hands of Hayner Bros. undertakers. The Prince Rupert Daily News

2-4-37

Alice Mable Brannen (1881-1963)



Alice was born in Woods Harbour February 10, 1881. She was the daughter of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913).

She married Benjamin S. Abbott (1881-??) in North Conway NH November 1 1903. He was the son of Hosea Abbott.

In the 1910 US census they were living at 198a Pearl Street Somerville MA. They were both age 29. He worked for the City of Somerville in the Department of Scales. Her immigration year was shown as 1889. There were no children.

The 1930 US census shows the Abbotts living in Somerville MA. He was in weights and measures, and she was a garment worker aged 46. They had an adopted daughter Margery Thelma, age eight born in British Columbia June 7th, 1921. She was the daughter of Alice's brother Davis E. Brannen and his wife Lala Mae Clark. Lala Mae died suddenly in July 1922 in Prince Rupert BC. Davis died less than three months later in a hunting accident. There were two other children raised by two other of Alice Mable's siblings.

The 1940 US census and city directory listed them on 65 Rogers Av. in Somerville MA, he was age 59 and she was age 56, Marjorie was age 18. He worked for the city in weights and measures. Margery T. B. was listed as a student.

Alice died June 17, 1963.

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2-4-38

Nellie Rae Brannen (1882-1962)



Nellie was born August 24, 1882, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of William https://prod.content.atticus.io/images/NellieGE8R1JPTzDN3_compressedfiletype_jpeg_ce.jpeg Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913).

She appeared in the 1900 US census living with her sister Lalah Belle and her family in Somerville she was age 18 and single.

Nellie appeared in the 1910 US census living in New York City 312 West 47th Street with sister Blanche and her husband George Barnett and Blanche's son Hildebrandt Barnett. Nellie was age 24 and employed as a retail saleslady. Both Blanche and Nellie indicated their birth place as MA. Although they both had been born in Canada.

The 1920 Census showed her living in Boston, a lodger, single, age 39. She came to the US in 1889. She was working in a laundry as a laundress.

At the time of her marriage to George Joseph Cadrain, (1887-1970) June 25, 1922, she was living in Brookline and working as a laundress and gave her age as 34 (1888) but it she was likely age 40. They married in Acworth NH.

In 1930 they were living in Boston Mass on 34 Bickerstaff Street, He was age 45 and she claimed to be age 40 They had an adopted daughter Virginia aged 11 living with them. Virginia was born in Prince Rupert BC to Davis Brannen (1877-1922) and Lila Mae Clark (1891-1922). Her parents both died within months of each other when she was three years old. She was adopted by her aunt and George Cadrain. She chose to retain Brannen as her second name and became Virginia Brannen Cadrain. In 1940 they were living in East Kingston NH, Nellie was shown as age 53 according to the census but likely 58. He was shown as age 53 as well. There was a 56-year-old hired hand living with them, Andrew Gould.

When she applied for a delayed birth registration, she provided sworn statements from her oldest sister Mary Sears and a relative Theodora Nickerson that she was born August 24, 1882.

The East Kingston City Directory for 1947 shows, Nellie and Husband George living at Depot Rd. He was working in Boston as a machinic it also refers to Miss Virginia B. "rem to Raymond"

In 1957 the Exeter city directory showed them living at Depot Rd. In 1959 they were living in East Kingston NH.

George died in Milton MA August 1, 1970.

Nellie died February 24, 1962, and is buried in Hillside cemetery East Kingston NH.

STORY:

At this time (his death) Davis and Emma would have been separated and Davis was married to my grandmother, Lila Mae Clarke with 3 young children, David Arthur, Virginia (St Laurent), and Jean (my mother).

From an e-mail from Bev Cavanaugh December 30, 2014.

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2-4-39

Samuel Derrick Brannen (1886-1957)



Sam was born in Woods Harbour January 8, 1886. He was the son of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913).

The 1916 city directory showed him living at 324 Cadman Dr., Dorchester and working as a washer. Oral history refers to him as being a fighter (boxer) in this era.

In 1916 he married Minnie Lois Spencer (1891-1976) in Boston MA. She was the daughter of Charles Spencer (1853-??) and Florence Lillian Troop (1857-1912).

His WWI draft registration card dated June 5, 1917, or 8 shows him as age 29 born January 8, 1888. He was employed by H. D. Malone at 5 Barnes St. Boston as a laundryman. He was married with no children. It is possible he added two years to his birthdate as later census reports, his 1942 draft registration and death certificate suggest his birth year was 1886.

On September 2, 1919, the *Gertrude DeCosta* arrived in Boston from fishing. On the ship's manifest was Samuel D. Brannen age 31. He was listed as a seaman 5 foot 8 inches and weighing 166 pounds. His nationality was Canadian.

The 1920 Census shows him as age 34 employed "At sea". He is married to Minnie L. age 29 from New Brunswick. There were two children, Charles H. age one year and

seven months and illegible one month old (Arthur). Viola, a niece aged 20 and a bank clerk was living with them. They were at 18 Argyle, Boston. The 1921 Boston directory has Samuel D. living at 18 Argyle Dorchester and employed as a fisherman.

The 1924, 1930, and 1932 city directories for Quincy MA show a Samuel D. Married to Lois S. He was a laundryman living at 98 Spring.

The 1930 census shows him living at 98 Spring St. He was age 44 (31 when married) Minnie as 39 (age 26 when married). He is a washer in a laundry. They had four children at home. Charles H. age 11, Arthur W. age ten, Ruth age five and Samuel D. Jr. one year old.

In 1934 the Boston directory has him working for his sister Esther Brannen at Crowell's Wet Wash.

October 5, 1937, and August 29 1938 a Samuel Brannen was a passenger on the SS *Yarmouth* going to Boston

His draft registration in for WWII in 1942 lists his age as 56 and birthdate January 8, 1886. His home address is 3327 W 134th Street Hawthorne CA. His contact is Arthur S. Brannen at the same address. He was unemployed.

The California Voter Registration of 1952 for Los Angeles County has a listing for Samuel at 134th. Av. He was a registered Democrat. Also listed was Mrs. Barbara A. Brannen at 3316 W 134th Place also a Democrat this appears to be the same street and nearby address to where Samuel lived in 1942. This is likely the wife of Charles Hildebraut Brannen, Samuel's oldest son

Samuel died in Hawthorne February 15, 1957. Minnie died November 13 1976 in Contra Costa CA.

OBITUARY:

15 February 1957 Portsmouth Herald

Word was received here today from Hawthorne Calif. of the death of Samuel D. Brannen brother of Arthur W. Brannen of River Road.

Other survivors include four sisters, Mrs. George Cadrain of East Kingston NH, Mrs. George Barnett of New York City, Mrs. Charles Flynn of Wayland Mass. and Mrs. Benjamin Abbott of Somerville Mass. and nieces and nephews.

2-4-40

Arthur Winbourne Brannen (1887-1971)



Arthur was born in Woods Harbour. He was the son of William Thomas Brannen (1840-1889) and Virginia Nickerson (1845-1913). His year of birth has been questioned. He originally used March 1, 1887, when he enlisted in the US Navy and his naturalization application. Later he used 1890 as his birth year.

In the 1911 Canadian Census he is recorded as Winburne married to Lizzie and living in Newellton with his in laws Charles Atkinson (1850-??) and Emma. He is shown as a sailor.

RCN records according to author J.G Armstrong in his book *The Halifax Explosion and the RCN: Inquiry and Intrigue* show Arthur as master of the SS *Stella Maris* in May 1917.

About 1918 he appears as a passenger on the SS *Yarmouth* on passage from Yarmouth NS to Boston MA. He is listed as a mariner, age 30 from Newellton, married, wife Elizabeth Brannen going to New York, NY. He indicates he had been in the US before in 1912-13 in Rochester MA. He is on his way to visit his brother Lawless Brannen at 24 State Street NY for an indefinite period.

In 1918 he resided in Wayland MA with Elizabeth and children Herbert born 26 August 1911, Ralph born 26 September 1912 and Warren born 20 December 1914. The children are listed as being born in Nova Scotia.

He enlisted in the US navy on August 24 1918 and was released June 14 1919. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the US. Navy due to his experience as a diver and ships master.

In the 1920 City Directory he is shown at the Beaconsfield Laundry at 1597 Beacon in Brookline. His residence was 74 Kent Street Brookline.

He appears in the 1921 Canadian census living in Newellton, age 34, married to Elizabeth. There were three children at home Herbert age nine a student and Ralph aged eight and Warren age six. He is shown as a laundry man with his own laundry. This is a census error as he was living in the US in 1921 and operating a laundry there. By then Elizabeth and the children were back and living in Newellton.

In 1922 he again appears in the Brookline City Directory associated with Brannen's Wet Wash and Laundry still living at Kent Street in Brookline.

He appears in the immigration records for 1925 number 2217158. Born 1 March 1887 he was a laundryman married to Elizabeth, living in Wayland. Date of admission September 21, 1925

In 1927 he appears in the Brookline directory associated with Brannen's Wet Wash which has moved to 164 Border St. East Boston. His residence was Wayland MA.

The 1930 US census shows him as age 40 living in Brookline Mass as a boarder, divorced. His birthplace is shown as Canada and his emigration was in 1894. He was the proprietor of a laundry and not a US citizen.

January 21, 1932, he joined the Masons, Brookline Lodge. He gave his date of birth as March 1 1890.

Although he continued to support Elizabeth and regularly return for visits to Newellton to see the family, they eventually divorced sometime before 1937.

He appears in a record of marriages for Wayland MA. as marrying Frances Hastings (1905-2004) of Wayland on December 7, 1937. She was the daughter of Bertrand Phillips and Anna Dunn. It was her first marriage; she was age 32. He indicated he was divorced, 47 years old and a laundryman. They had one child, Anna Virginia (1939-1995).

The 1940 Brookline Directory shows him married to Frances H. He was the proprietor of Brannen's Laundry at 74 Kent Street and residing at 39 Somerville Road. He is shown as age 50 and a naturalized citizen.

Arthur W. Brannen was Chairman of general committee at 36th annual charity ball of Canadian Club of Boston.

September 4 1941 Arthur and Frances were on the passenger list of the SS *Yarmouth* going to Boston.

In April 1942 he completed a WWII Draft Registration Card. He gave his name as Arthur Winbourne. He said he was 52, born March 1 1890 in Woods Harbour. Closest person was Mrs. A. W. Brannen at 39 Somerset Rd. Brookline. His place of employment was Brannen's Laundry at 74 Kent Street, Brookline, he was self-employed. He stated his height as 5 feet 8.5 inches and his weight as 168 pounds.

The 1944 Brookline directory showed he and Frances at 39 Somerset Rd, Brookline.

Due to reoccurring health problems he retired early and became a "gentleman farmer" in Eliot MA.

He died in 1971.

STORY:

Arthur was referred to in the newspaper as a `selectman` for Wayland MA. the meaning is as follows:

In most New England towns, the adult voting population gathered annually in a town meeting to act as the local legislature, approving budgets and laws. Day-to-day operations were originally left to individual oversight, but when towns became too large for individuals to handle such workloads, they would elect an executive board of, literally, select(ed) men to run things for them.

These men had charge of the day-to-day operations; selectmen were important in legislating policies central to a community's police force, highway supervisors, poundkeepers, field drivers, and other officials.

STORY:

My Grandfather Arthur Wimbourne Brannen was known to me as Daddy Art. I saw Daddy Art frequently - he often came to the farm in Wayland while we lived there, and I remember going to the laundry he owned in Brookline especially when my Father worked there. I remember being allowed to iron the handkerchiefs. It was an exciting place for me as a child with all the hustle and bustle and noise and machines. My

Mother and I would sometimes go to downtown Boston and eat clam chowder and lemon meringue pie at Pieroni's restaurant and ride the swan boats on Boston Common. I remember Daddy Art as a very dignified and reserved man as was his generation. Having little formal education, he was the classic self-made man.

Arthur Brannen had lost his Father when he was very young - how young depends on which year he was born. However, he had many older brothers who filled the role. He became a salvage diver working for older brother Horatio. In 1911 they were salvaging the wreck of The Hungarian off of Cape Sable Island. The Hungarian had gone down in February of 1860 before the lighthouse was erected on Cape Sable. Some materials were recovered from the wreck at the time but further salvage was begun in 1911 with new technology. The captain's watch was found, pieces of the table silver, bolts of cloth as well as steel was salvaged. I remember seeing coins and cloth from the wreck and a silver tray remains in the family. Horatio was 38 and Daddy Art was 21 by his reckoning and 24 by mine. He always said he was only 13 when he started work with Horatio. He married Elizabeth Atkinson and my Father, Herbert Allan was born in 1911, Ralph Samuel in 1912 and Warren Ellsworth in 1914.

Daddy Art was commissioned a Lieutenant in the US. Navy and granted United States citizenship because of his diving abilities. We don't know what prompted him to do this but it certainly was a bold move and indication of his abilities. He obviously went to New England at this time and Elizabeth and the boys remained in Newellton, living near her parents.

Horatio's death in the Halifax Explosion in 1917 may have influenced Daddy Art to stay in Massachusetts and get out of the military - or that may have been his intention all along. In any case, he bought a laundry in Brookline, Massachusetts, a farm in Wayland and moved Elizabeth and the three boys to the farm. They lived there for several years but he and Elizabeth divorced and she took the boys back to Cape Sable Island where they finished growing up.

STORY:

Daddy Art was active in the community - he belonged to the Canadian Club, Masons, Eastern Star and Kiwanis. In 1937 he married Frances Hastings and had daughter Anna Virginia in 1939. He was a successful businessman and served three terms on the Building and Finance Committee of the Brookline School Board. Quite an accomplishment for a man who had 6 years of formal schooling. He had stomach problems and underwent 3 operations in 1939 and his health was never robust after that. He sold the laundry and moved to a farm in Eliot Maine in 1931 where he became a gentleman farmer of sorts. He died in 1971.

Arthur Brannen's life was full of tragedy as well as success. Besides growing up without a father his brother Horatio died a violent death in 1917, his brother Davis was shot in a hunting accident in 1922, his son Warren was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1938, his son Ralph was confined to a wheelchair with polio, his brother Lawless had been lost at sea in 1933, and after Arthur's death his daughter Anna was rendered quadriplegic in 1975 in a car accident and Anna's daughter Roseanne killed in a car accident when she was 17. Definitely an unfortunate string of tragedies.

As of this writing in 2000, Arthur Brannen's living descendants are 4 Grandchildren and 4 Greatgrandchildren. His second wife Frances still lives on the property in Eliot Maine.

An extract from a letter from Thelma Selmas to Connie Sargent.

THE CHILD OF LYDIA ANN BRANNEN (1843-1888)

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Elijah Nickerson Jr. (1870-1870)

He was the only child of Lydia Ann Brannen (1843-1888) and Elijah Nickerson Sr. (1842-1928). He was born June 23, 1870, and died as an infant July 8 1870.

END

THE CHILDREN OF CATHERINE BRANNEN (1845-1915)

2-4-42

Estella Duncan (1867-1905)

Estella was born July 20, 1867, on Cape Sable Island. She was the first child of Catherine Brannen (1845-1915) and David Duncan (1837-1920).

In the 1871 census she was age 4, in the 1881 she was age 14 and in the 1891 she was age 24 and a domestic living at home.

She married John R. Fraser (1870-??) April 22, 1893. He was from Waterville NS. They had two children Irving David (1896-1901) and John Wesley (1898-1898). Neither child survived to maturity.

In the 1900 census she had one son Irvin.

She died April 15, 1905, in Boston of Angina Pectoris. She is buried in Mt. Hope cemetery. She was only 38 years old.

END

2-4-43

Thomas Duncan (1867-1934)

He was born July 3rd, 1867, the second child of Catherine Brannen (1867-1905) and David Duncan (1837-1920). The 1891 census showed him living with his parents He was age 23 and single.

He married Frances L. Penney (1873-1902) November 9, 1892. She was the daughter of Hannah Penney. He was a fisherman. The 1901 census showed his wife Frances born January 31, 1873. His brother James born 25 Feb 1870 was living with them.

Thomas and Frances did not have children, and she died young October 19 1902 at age 29.

He married Carrie Ann Ross June 16, 1905. She was the daughter of James Freeman Ross (1852-1910) and Zilphia Atkinson (1853-1909). She was the widow of George Thomas Atkinson. She had a daughter, Laura Mildred Ross (1894-1992).

The 1911 census showed his wife Carrie, seven years younger born Sept 1874. They were living on Main St. Clark's Harbour. With them was Laura born March 1894 his stepdaughter, and Mildred noted as "illegitimate". She was born February 1911 and was three months old. I have not found any further record of her. She perhaps was the daughter of Carrie's daughter Laura Mildred.

The 1921 census found him on Main Street Clark's Harbour with his wife Carrie age 46. He was listed as a fisherman.

He drowned on April 16, 1934. Carrie died February 1, 1966, in Lockport NS.

STORY:

He fished for lobster from Seal Island. He drowned April 16, 1934, while tending his traps. His body was found

washed up on the beach the next day." Lost Mariners V2

END

2-4-44

James Jackson Duncan (1869-1940)



James was born February 25, 1869, on Cape Sable Island. James was the son of Catherine Brannen 1867-1905 and David Duncan (1837-1920).

He appeared I the 1871 census as age two.

The 1891 census showed him living with his parents He was age 22 and single and working as a fisherman.

The 1901 census showed him living with brother Thomas. He was recorded as age 31 born in 1870.

He married Helen Ida Penney February 27, 1909, in Yarmouth NS. She was the daughter of Albert Swim Penney (1853-1900) and Arletta Jane Ross (1856-1946). She was also his sister-in-law,

McAlpine's directory in 1906 shows him a resident of Shelburne County NS.

There is a record of his part ownership in the sloop Aerolite built in 1906.

The 1911 census showed him as age 39 a resident of Deep Cove NS. There were two children Kathleen (1911-1994) and Nellie (1908-1988). Two children followed Nevera

Ann (1915-1995) and Russell Clayton Crowell (1916-1946) Russell was the son of Roy Crowell who was raised by James.

He died December 5, 1940, in Wolfville NS. His death certificate shows he had only been there four days

END

2-4-45

Andrew Gordon Duncan (1874-1931)

Andrew was born February 10, 1874, on Cape Island. He was the child of Catherine Brannen (1867-1905) and David Duncan (1837-1920).

The 1891 census found him living at home with his parents in Clark's Harbour. He was 17 years old and working as a fisherman.

November 4, 1895, he married Athalia Amelia "Minnie" Penney at South Side NS. She was the daughter of Albert Swim Penney (1853-1900) and Arletta Jane Ross (1856-1946).

The 1901 census showed his birthdate as February 10, 1874. He was married to Minnie born January 6, 1880. They had three children, Herbert age four born November 4, 1896, Lawton age two born May 2, 1898, and Lewis F. ten months old born May 8 1900. Bernice Swim age 15, a domestic, lived with them.

He was shown on the Canada, Seafarers of the Atlantic Provinces records as owner of the sloop *Thalia D.* built 1904.

In 1911 the census found the family living on Ellenwood Island. They had six children living with them, Herbert, Lawton, Lewis, Samuel. Athena and Estella.

The 1921 census found him living on Alma Street in Yarmouth NS. There were five children at home. He was described as a manager.

He died October 10, 1931. Minnie married again to William H. Doughty. She died April 2 1949.

END

THE CHILDREN OF LAVINA BRANNEN (1848-1923)

2-4-46

Cora Belle Sears (1868-1923)

Cora was born Aug 18, 1868, on Cape Sable Island. To Lavinia Brannen (1848-1921) and her first husband Jeffery Jacob Sears (1843-1879).

She appears in the 1881 Canadian census as age 12 living with her widowed mother and siblings.

She married Norman Devine (1868-1915) Apr30 1890 at Bear Point NS. He was the son of Arthur Devine and Rosanna Wilson of Charlesville NS.

They had four children:

1. William 1903-1907 who died young.

2. Jean Evelyn 1891-1968

3. Jacob A. 1893-1967

4. Glen Whitney 1907-1988

Norman died 1915 at Woods Harbour. Cora died Oct 3, 1923, Hebron NS and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Woods Harbour NS with her husband Norman and son William.

END

2-4-47

Jacob Sears 1870-1870

Jacob was born in 1870 on Cape Sable Island to Lavinia Brannen 1848-1921 and her first husband Jeffery Jacob Sears 1843-1879. Jacob died as an infant.

END

2-4-48

William H. Sears (1871-??)

William was born May 28, 1871, on Cape Sable Island. to Lavinia Brannen (1848-1921) and her first husband Jeffery Jacob Sears (1843-1879).

He appears in the 1881 Canadian census as age ten living with his widowed mother and three siblings.

I can find no public records of him after the 1881 census.

END

2-4-49

Eugenia Sears (1874-1890)

Eugenia was born Feb 15, 1874, on Cape Sable Island. to Lavinia Brannen (1848-1921) and her first husband Jeffery Jacob Sears (1843-1879).

She appears in the 1881 Canadian census as age seven living with her widowed mother and siblings.

She married Frank Elmer Mood (1869-1927) Apr 30, 1890, Bear Point.

She died Oct 17, 1890, on Cape Sable Island and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in Woods Harbour. She was only age 21 at death. There appears to have been no children.

Frank married again to Ina Dorothea Nickerson (1875-1961).

END

2-4-50

Susan Sears (1875-1888)

Susan was born December 1875 on Cape Sable Island. to Lavinia Brannen (1848-1921) and her first husband Jeffery Jacob Sears (1843-1879).

She appears in the 1881 Canadian census as age five, living with her widowed mother and siblings.

She died at age 13 April 14, 1888, on Cape Sable Island.

END

2-4-51

Gertrude Sears (1878-??)

Gertrude was born about 1878 on Cape Sable Island. to Lavinia Brannen (1848-1921) and her first husband Jeffery Jacob Sears (1843-1879).

She appears in the 1881 Canadian census as age two living with her widowed mother and siblings.

1891 census she was 13 living with mother and stepfather and two siblings in Woods Harbour.

There are no public records of her after 1891.

END

2-4-52

Nina Ray Sears (1886-1976)

Nina was born October 13, 1886, on Cape Sable Island. to Lavinia Brannen (1848-1921) and her second husband William Addison Sears (1863-1931).

In the 1891 census she was age four living with mother and father in Woods Harbour.

In 1921 census she was age 36, married to Locksley Crowell (1891-1963) age 36 They were living with her widowed father in Woods Harbour.

She died August 2, 1976, at Woods Harbour and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery.

END

2-4-53

Chesley MacKenzie Sears (1889-1910)

Chesley was born October 6, 1889, on Cape Sable Island. to Lavinia Brannen (1848-1921) and her second husband William Addison Sears (1863-1931).

He was born Oct 6, 1889. In the 1891 census he was age two living with mother and father in Woods Harbour

He died September 10, 1910, lost at sea from the *Good Luck*.

He has a memorial in Greenwood Cemetery in Woods Harbour.

END

THE CHILDREN OF SUSAN JANE BRANNEN (1849-1929)

2-4-54

Otis Wardlow Jeffery (1879-1956)

He was born October 19, 1879, in Woods Harbour NS. He was the oldest son of Susan Jane Brannen (1849-1929) and Ezra Matthew Jeffery (1849-1929).

He appears in the 1881 and 1891 census as a child at home ages one and 11. In the 1901 census he was 21 a fisherman, single and living with his parents in Woods Harbour.

According to his granddaughter Sally Johnson Dewald he emigrated to the US in about 1904 and never returned to Canada. He married in about 1906. They lived and raised a family of four girls and one boy in Washington state. He died in Phoenix AZ in 1956 while visiting his daughter.

END

2-4-55

Raymond Chesley Jeffery (1881-1961)

Ray was born May 2, 1881, in Woods Harbour. He was the son of Susan Jane Brannen (1849-1929) and Ezra Matthew Jeffery (1849-1929). In the 1901 census he was 19 years old working as a fisherman. He was living at home with his parents. He was single.

He married Eva Dell Larkin January 8, 1908. They lived in Woods Harbour NS and had four children, Evelyn born in 1910, Bradford born in 1912, Dora born 1913 and Anna born in 1918.

The 1911 census showed him employed as a teamster. He was married to Eva. They had one child Evelyn born July 10th, 1910. The 1921 census found them living in Woods Harbour with four children at home.

He died July 6, 1961.

END

2-4-56

Veleria Etta Jeffery (1882-1984)

Etta born January 27, 1882, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Susan Jane Brannen (1849-1929) and Ezra Matthew Jeffery (1849-1929). In the 1901 census she was shown as single, living at home. She was not employed.

She married James Letson Nickerson (1875-1965), January 1, 1908. He was the son of Samuel H. and Selina Nickerson. James was a fisherman. They had five children, son Clifford Jeffery Nickerson born September 6, 1909, Inez about Feb 1911, and Lebonde born about 1913, Chesley born about 1915 and Doris born February 1921.

In the 1921 census she was shown as age 38 and he age 45. There were five children and two of his cousins in the household in Woods Harbour NS.

James died October 22, 1965, in Yarmouth NS. Etta died September 16, 1984, in Woods Harbour.

END

2-4-57

Alice Mae Jeffery (1886-1935)

Alice Mae was born November 27, 1886. She was the daughter of Susan Jane Brannen (1849-1929) and Ezra Matthew Jeffery (1849-1929)

She married Crowell O. Malone (1883-1930). They had two children, Emerson born 1905, and Ruth Mae born 1916.

Crowell died in May 15 1930 in Woods Harbour. She died May 31 1935 in Woods Harbour and is buried in the Mount Pleasant cemetery there.

END

THE FIFTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF JOHN HOWARD BRANNEN (1865-1926)

John and Clissie had eight children. All their children lived to maturity; they are the fifth generation of Brannens.

2-5-1

Ina Viola Brannen (1892-1978)



Ina was born September 4, 1892, in Clark's Harbour. She was the first born of the children of John Brannen (1865-1926) and Clissie Newell (1872-1962). Ina's birth details were sworn by her mother November 14, 1939 *"I am her mother, and she lived with me until her marriage."*

There is an early photograph taken by William M. Brannen, photographer, her great uncle. She was about one year old in the photo.

She appeared in the 1901 Canadian census as age nine living with her parents in Clark's Harbour. Her religion is listed as Salvation Army.

She married Harry O. Chetwynd (1886-1949), April 1, 1909. The marriage took place in Somerville MA. She was 18 and shown as being born in Boston MA. (Not correct) He was shown as the son of Henry and also born in Boston MA. He was the child of an unmarried relationship between Harry Alma Chetwynd (1862-1894) and Lilah Belle Brannen (1865-1940). His employment was given as motorman for the B. E. Rail Company. She was shown as a factory operative. His address was 27 Dana St., Somerville and hers 198-A Pearl St., Somerville MA.

The 1927 city directory for Quincy MA showed the couple living at 9 Highland Av, Ward 1.

In the 1930 census they were living in Duxbury, Plymouth, MA. She was age 38 and he was age 41. He was listed as a lobster fisherman. They had three children at home, Harry 19 shown as a mason, Clyde age 17 and Norma age 15. In the 1940 US Census they had added an 'e' to become Chetwynde. She was shown as age 48 and he as age 53. They were living on Chapel Street in Duxbury. He was a laborer with an income of \$1,000. per year. They owned their home worth \$3,500. Clyde was shown living at home. Clyde, age 27 was an American citizen and working as a laborer at odd jobs. Harry Jr. was then married with a three-year-old child. He was renting and apartment in their house.

Harry O. signed his Draft Registration as Harry Sr. They were living at Chapel St., Duxbury MA. Harry was age 55 born in Boston October 5, 1886, and working for National Fireworks Co. in Hanover MA.

Harry died March 1, 1949, in Duxbury MA and is buried there. Ina died January 26, 1978, in Quincy MA and buried beside Harry in Duxbury.

STORY:

Harry and Ina met in Novy at a baseball game on Cape Sable Island, he played regularly, even though from Woods Harbor. I don't know which went to Mass. first, but they both ended up in Somerville, but on different streets. Married in 1910 on Dana St..... My Dad was born in Somerville in 1911 (Harry Arthur Chetwynde), then they went back to Novy where my uncle, Clyde, was born, then back to Mass. to have my aunt Norma. Clyde was born in the original farm house (still there).....

Harry and Ina moved to Duxbury, and he had a lobster boat and she had a job canning crabmeat. My folks lived next door, and when I was 4 or 5, I used to go over and "help" her; one piece for the can and one piece for me. We always lived in towns near by, so I spent a lot of time with my grandparents. Ina played the guitar (by ear) and we played games and walked to the library often.

From an e-mail from Connie Sargent, granddaughter August 2014.

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John Beverley Brannen (1895-1975)



John Beverley was born in Clark's Harbour November 6, 1895. He was the oldest son of John Brannen (1865-1926) and Clissie Newell (1872-1962). He was always known as Bev.

The 1901 census listed him as Beverley, age five living with his family in Clark's Harbour.

Sometime around 1906 when he was about 11 years old he contracted rheumatic fever which damaged his heart. Dr. Brown warned his parents that he was unlikely to live to age 21.

He worked with his father in his blacksmith shop when he was in his early teens. Around 1914 he went to Boston area and worked in a block and tackle factory. Due to the results of rheumatic fever, he did not qualify for military service in WWI.

In September 1915 he married Mildred McLeod (1897-1985) in Somerville MA. She was from Milton NS. They had ten children all of them lived to maturity.

There is a photo of taken with him and his brothers, Ira and Shirley, in Schenectady NY. This would likely be the winter of 1920-21. They worked there together in what was referred to the block and tackle factory.

The 1921 Canadian census listed him as living at Milford Street, Milton, Queens County, He was listed as John B. Brannon married to Mildred with children Russell, May and James. His occupation was listed as blacksmith.

In 1922 the family moved to Schenectady NY. He was working at American Locomotive along with his brother Shirley.

The 1925 New York census found him living in Schenectady, age 28 married to Mildred with four children. He was listed as John B. Brannon Living at 135 Lafayette.

He was injured at work likely in early 1925. The injury prevented him from employment with any significant exertion He received a \$500 settlement from the company. In late 1925 the family moved to Boston. In Boston he joined as a partner with his brother Shirley who already had a painting business on the go.

The 1929 city directory shows John B. Brannen living at 497a Medford in Somerville MA. He was a foreman working at 111 Hillsdale Rd. He was also shown under a second listing as John B Brannon a painter at the same address.

1930 US census found him living at 681 Broadway in Everett MA with wife Mildred and seven children He was employed as a painter. His name was given as John B. Brannen.

Around 1931 he changed the spelling of his name to Brannon. No legal change was made but the children born after this date were registered as Brannon.

Around 1934 he became supervisor of a crew of 52 painters at Tufts College in Medford.

December 28, 1935, there is a John Brannen assistant engineer on the *Playmayd* arriving in Gloucester MA from Halifax. He is 38 years old 5 feet 9 inches and 170 pounds. This was their oldest son Russell evidently using his father's identification as he was only eighteen years old.

In 1936 while in NS on vacation Mildred decided she did not want to return to Boston. Bev resigned from Tufts and sold their house in Saugus MA and returned to NS. John their youngest child was born July 24, 1936, in Dartmouth NS.

The 1945 voters list shows Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brannon living at Albro Lake Rd. He was a painter. His son Russell and his wife appear to be living there as well. In the early 1950's he had a floor finishing business. In the mid 1950's he purchased a lot Caledonia Road in Dartmouth and built a home there.

The 1972 voters list shows J. B. Brannon retired and Mrs. J. B. a housewife living at 204 Caledonia Rd. in Dartmouth along with son Reg. Their son John H. Brannon, and his wife lived next door at 200 Caledonia Rd. he was a pipefitter.

He died April 17, 1975, in Dartmouth. Mildred out lived him by ten years and died April 28, 1985. They are buried in the Dartmouth Memorial Gardens, Dartmouth.

STORY:

A letter from Russell Brannon to Bruce Brannen March 1 1995

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As I look back on the events leading up to two brothers acting like pouting children, it makes one wonder how such stupidity could exist.

Something which you may not have heard before, is that my father had rheumatic fever at age eleven. The family doctor said he would be very fortunate if he lived past 21 years of age.

He worked with his father in Clarks Harbour for a number of years. Among the things a blacksmith did in the early days was make block pulleys for ships, and when World War II broke out my father was not eligible for military service. He went to Boston and worked in a block and tackle factory during the war, except for brief trips home.

My first trip to the United States came in 1922. We went by boat from Yarmouth. After arriving in Boston, we took the train to Schenectady, New York, where my father and uncle Shirley were working at the American Locomotive. Shirley and my father had been renting a flat. We moved in with them and stayed there until my father had his back injured in a work accident.

Dad was laid up in a hospital for a number of months. He was unable to do any work which required physical exertion. American Locomotive offered him a lifetime pension or a \$500.00 settlement.

He took the \$500.00. We moved to Boston in late 1924. Shirley had a painting business on the go and Dad joined him as a partner. They got along really well and Shirley was a regular visitor to Winchester, where we were living. After a year in Winchester, we moved to another town nearby - Woburn. Massachusetts. My Uncle, Heber MacLeod, my mother's brother, occupied the lower apartment, while we had the upper. Heber worked in a tannery.

From Woburn, we moved to Roxbury, Massachusetts. (An old family joke was - it was cheaper to move than pay rent). In Roxbury, we lived on Elmwood Street. Shortly

afterward, Aunt Cleo showed up and lived with us for more than a year. She worked in one of the large stores in Boston as a clerk. Uncle Shirley, who was living in East Boston on the site of what is now Logan Airport, was a frequent visitor for Sunday dinner. Shirley and my father would often take me to Boston Garden for wrestling and boxing matches. At that time, they were real buddies.

While we were living on Elmwood Street, Aunt Cleo met a Portuguese fellow by the name of John Ferara, (sic) (Ferreira) and they were later married. Cleo moved to East Boston where John's parents were living. Dad took an instant liking to John and he and Cleo would visit us often. I cannot say whether Shirley and John were more than casual acquaintances. John died some time in the mid '70s. (1966)

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Aunt Laura also dropped by once in a while. I really don't know if she was married at that time, but I do know she married a Smith (Smithy Bateman) from the Island. I can never remember Uncle Shirley ever wearing anything but a blue serge suit. He always smoked cigars and looked the prosperous business man, was always good to us youngsters. He always brought each of us something when he came to visit. He married a girl much younger than himself and the first time Dad saw her, he took an instant dislike, so Shirley didn't bring her around very often.

When the stock market crashed in 1929, things changed drastically for all of us. We moved to a cheaper location - still in Roxbury - but more remote from the centre of the city proper. That was on Fort Avenue. The painting work was so scarce that there was only enough work coming in for one of the brothers to make a half way decent living, so Dad decided to head for New York to try and get something to do. He found work at a taxi company. It was all night work, cleaning the cabs for the next day's work. He used to find some loose change behind the seats and this helped ease things for him. It was a dangerous place to work in Harlem, even in those times. He always had a piece of lead pipe in his pocket to drive away guys who sneaked in to steal what they could from the cabs or men who worked there. After seven months, he packed it in and came back to Roxbury. About that time, Dad met a real estate man by the name of Simms. He handled rental properties. He gave my father some work to do in Somerville and later decided to keep my father on.

We moved to Somerville and lived on Pearl Street in a tenement house. (Otherwise known as Bedbug Heaven). The work load warranted a helper, so Shirley and my father were once again working together. We moved again, this time to Everett, Massachusetts, which was a fair sized city. Of course, we took some of the local inhabitants along - the bedbugs and cockroaches. It was there that my sister, Eleanor, had a serious accident. She was playing on the second-floor balcony with some other

children and was either pushed or fell to the pavement below, splitting her skull from over the left eye back to the nape of her neck. The doctors didn't hold out much hope. After weeks in the hospital, she came home. She did not seem to know anyone. We would talk to her, but she didn't seem to recognize us. She never said a single word, so we accepted the thought that she would be a mute because of the damage to her head. About a month after that, she suddenly began to talk and knew everyone. It was a very happy day for the whole family. Eleanor lives in Sudbury, Ontario now, and is in her sixties.

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In the meantime, Shirley and my father were eking out a living working for Mr. Simms. It was now 1931 and the depression was no better. Dad sold Fuller brushes door-to-door to supplement his income. I was in high school at that time and probably the shabbiest one attending school. Things got so bad that even Mr. Simms took pity on us. He told my father he had a house in Saugus which had been empty for a number of years. Saugus is three miles from Lynn, separated by a salt water swamp. Going out without some citronella on your bare body parts was just inviting the mosquitos to a feast of human flesh.

On one of his trips to Boston, my father met a fellow by the name of George Peach. He was from Gold River, Nova Scotia, and they had known each other at an earlier time. Peach was boss painter at Tufts College in Medford. He told Dad there was a part time job opening up and to see a Mr. Henson who was supervisor of maintenance at the college, which encompassed 152 buildings. Dad got the job, so we were able to get off welfare which we had been on for almost a year. Each week, people who were on welfare would go to the town hall and get a grocery chit good for bread, margarine, sugar and some flour. You also got a 15 pound sack of cracked wheat for cereal.

Dad got his first car, a Ford touring car, which he painted fire engine red. When we went for Sunday drives, it seemed every other car on the road would honk at us. I spent many Saturdays in an old tin garage passing tools to my father who would periodically tear down and rebuild the engine.

While my father was working part time at Tufts College, Shirley was carrying on with the painting end for Mr. Simms. Eventually, George Peach retired and my father was made boss painter of 52 men. He intended to hire Shirley as soon as there was an opening. It was summer holidays so I worked with uncle Shirley washing ceilings and sanding woodwork and other odd jobs. We got along great. With my father working full time, Shirley began to resent the fact that he had to scrape out a living working for Simms. One day he became a bit irritable and started pumping me about how much money my father was earning and how we could afford better things. I told him I didn't

know how much my father earned, but he persisted in pumping me about other matters. Finally, he blew his top and sent me home and told me to tell my father he was through with the whole setup. So that was the end of brotherhood as we understand it. They never spoke to each other again. (Note: Uncle Shirley came to Dartmouth early in the seventies and went to visit my mother and father. He never got inside the door. (Had I known he was in Dartmouth, he would have found a welcome at my house)).

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It was while we were living in Saugus that my father started getting bills addressed to him from people he didn't know. When he did not reply to them, he began getting threatening letters from lawyers and collection agencies. It got so bad that he decided to do something about it. In the Boston telephone directory there were more than 50 J. B. Brannen's listed. Obviously, this mail was being sent to the wrong J. B. Brannen. My father, at that time, changed the spelling to Brannon. So that is how the change came about. It was not done legally. In 1957 when I applied for an amateur radio licence, I was told I needed a copy of my birth certificate. I went to the Bureau of Vital Statistics and applied for a copy. They told me there was no such person as Russell Brannon. I asked them to check again, and they came back with my name spelled with an "en" at the end. So, now I get mail with my name spelled both ways. Not amusing.

So there you have it. With one fell swoop, my father disassociated himself from the whole family. There are many more details which I could mention, but as you said, your father was a story teller who perhaps embellished. I have given you the facts as they occurred.

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A letter from Russell Brannon to Bruce Brannen Jan. 5, 1996

Dear Bruce,

It was so nice to receive the information on the various members of the Brannen clan. I read every page twice and found there was some holes that I could fill. I should say "can" fill. You mention a "block" factory. That was located in Albany on the Mohawk river. My Dad always referred to it as a block and tackle factory. This was due to the large demand for these items during the first war. Of course, my father was not eligible for military service. He had Rheumatic fever at the age of 11 years. Doctors told the family he would never live to see 21 years. My second name is Howard- The second name of my grandfather. You never knew John Howard. There were two times I can recall being in close touch with him. I cannot tell you my exact age the first time I visited the old homestead. I had not started school so it must follow that I was three or

four years old at the time. He was a tall slim man with a mustache and always spoke in a kindly manner.

I was scraping frost off one of the kitchen windows which had a crack in it. A dangerous thing to be doing. I sliced my finger. Grandpa picked me up and tied a bandage on my finger. I still have the scar. He then put me down and picked up a piece of firewood-the kind used for kindling, in no time at all he had whittled a small boat suitable for sailing in a wash basin. It even had a paper sail on it.

The one thing I remember most vividly was breakfast. People ate very hearty because they worked hard. I recall Grandma Clissie frying slabs of ham on the kitchen stove. There was the smell of coffee and the sizzle of eggs frying. Home made biscuits with newly made butter which was churned right there in the kitchen. I don't know about the winter months but I know the cream to make butter was kept in a wooden bucket which was lowered into the well.

On that trip I can remember kerosene lamps were in use and the glass shades had to be cleaned each morning to remove the soot. The one thing that stands out is the bricks, covered with carpet sewed around the out side. These were put in the oven and heated. The one night I remember I slept between your father and Uncle Shirley. The hot carpet covered bricks were at the bottom of the bed to keep your feet warm.

The second time I saw the old homestead I had already started school. spent a lot of time in the blacksmith shop just across from the house. My grandfather permitted me to turn the crank on the bellows. It was interesting to see him shoe a horse. First, he would remove the old shoe and then used a rasp to even up the hoof. He would then make a shoe from a drawing of the hoof and heat a piece of iron in the forge. Referring to the drawing he would roughly shape the shoe and then throw it back in the forge for reheating. Again, he would continue to shape and when it looked right, he would plunge the shoe into a half-barrel with water in it. Then he would place the shoe on the hoof to see if more needed to be done. If it did, he would reheat the shoe and work until it was right. Once he was satisfied, he would heat the shoe and then place the red-hot shoe on the hoof of the horse. I always looked away because I thought the horse was getting burned.

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The shoe was nailed in place. The nails protruded right up through the hoof of the horse and were snipped off. I once saw an ox brought in. It was moved into position and a large canvas support was passed under the ox and it was partially hoisted up. I believe this was done because oxen, if free, could deliver a kick that could lay a man up.

There were always a lot of men hanging around the shop. Those who had a shoeing job to be done or just to hang around and chew the fat. Anyway, this is what I remember of Grandfather Brannen. When the old fellow died, we,-my father got a telegram and immediately took the train to Yarmouth and attended the funeral. Evidently, he died of pneumonia because he was looking after the channel buoys at that time-often in rain and fog.

In 1933-ten years before you were born. A friend and I -Harold Henry decided to go around N.S. just for the sake of doing it. We had arrived from Saugus for a N.S. vacation, but my mother decided she did not want to go back to the states, so Dad went back, sold the house in Saugus along with the furnishings. He did send pictures, books and other items of a personal nature.

He stayed on there until 1936. The only person he saw of the family was me. I was second engineer on a ship owned the Nova Scotia shipping Company which was founded and operated by Ralph Hendry. an old boy-friend of my mother from Liverpool, and later Halifax Harbour Master.

Harold Henry and me left Dartmouth late in July and began hiking and thumbing rides down the south shore toward Yarmouth. We each had a fifty-cent piece for emergency use. After a week we wound up in Barrington Passage. We took the ferry to the island and hiked to the old homestead. We were just in time for haying so we pitched in and between tossing hay and killing snakes we spent almost two weeks there. Your Dad had a single car garage with a car which I have forgotten the make. He took Harold and one of the boys and me for a drive on Stoney (Island) beach. I went in for a swim but it was probably the shortest on record. I swear my skin was blue.

It was while we were visiting that your father told me he had made arrangements with my father, that if he died, I was to become a member of your family.

I remember your mother as being one of the most beautiful women I had ever seen. My friend Harold was completely taken up her. We had a wonderful time to be sure. Good wholesome food, a comfortable bed and plenty of hard work which was enjoyable.

By the way the house was lit by electricity which was produced by a many-finned windmill over the blacksmith shop used to be. I believe the bulbs were the 32-volt type like we used on ships.

As you know Pauline and I visited the island quite often. We always enjoyed listening to your Dad tell stories. He would also take us to Clarks Harbour to the fish plant. We watched men building Cape Island Boats. We visited the museum. We also met and chatted with a man who was known as the unofficial ambassador of The Island. I

believe his name was (Dewey) Nickerson. We saw the old fence surrounding the old burial grounds which Grandfather Brannen made in the blacksmith shop.

I guess you know that we spent our honeymoon on the Island and stayed in the old house. After we were married Grammy Brannen would come to Dartmouth once in a while and stay with us. Those were the days of memories. By the way, we visited Roseway Hospital in Shelburne just a few days before your mother died. We had gone to Bide-Awhile and found out she had a stroke. We spoke to her and called her name but there was no sign of recognition. My heart was acting up-Pauline was just beginning to drive so we did not get to the funeral.

STORY:

In her spare time mom (Mildred) played the organ for different churches for food money. In her younger days she played piano for silent movies. She also played accordion trumpet mouth organ... etc

Edited from the unpublished *The Life & Times of Earle Frederick Brannon*

STORY:

.....dad had been working at the American Locomotive Works running a drop forge hammer run by steam operated by foot pedal he would pick up a piece of red hot metal with the tongs place it on the steel table step on the pedal and a big heavy hammer would flatten the hot metal he would turn it over and over until the piece lost heat then put it back in the fire repeat until it was shaped as required. One day it flew off and hit him in the stomach and damaged his spine.

He lost the job and when he was well enough he started to paint houses later he became boss painter at Tufts college now Tufts University by now he had moved to Saugus my memory from here on was much better.

Edited from the unpublished *The Life & Times of Earle Frederick Brannon*

STORY:

(Around 1930)....about this time I realized why we moved so much in the Boston area depression was in full swing and I suspect that we were evicted because we could not pay rent so the final move to Saugus brought us closer to Nova Scotia.

Edited from the unpublished *The Life & Times of Earle Frederick Brannon*

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Myrtle Irene Brannen (1905-1982)



Myrtle was born in Clark's Harbour 15 June 1905. She was the sixth child of John Brannen (1865-1926) and Clissie Newell (1872-1962).

In 1925 she married Clarence Newell (1900-1977). She was working as a maid for a wealthy family. He was fishing there. They returned to Centreville in 1926 where their first child, Gloria, was born. November 2, 1926

Clarence purchased a property in Centreville from his father-in-law John Brannen.

They returned to the US and were living in East Boston in 1928 when Buddy was born. They again returned to Centreville where they settled and their children, Carol, in 1931, Cleo in 1932, Larry in 1937 and Roger in 1941 were born. Their home was just north of the current site of the Fire Station and at that time next door to her brother's Ira's home in Centreville. In total they had six children.

In 1941 Clarence went to Labrador to work as a carpenter. The money he made allowed them to purchase their Doctor's Cove home. In 1952 he returned to work in Labrador for the summer.

For a number of years in the forties and early nineteen fifties her mother, Clissie, boarded with them.

In 1955 they purchased a lot in Shelburne and constructed a home there. Their daughter Gloria had settled in Shelburne. They did not like living in Shelburne and they sold the home in 1957 and moved into the Jethro Newell house, his parent's former home, in Newellton. In 1959 they moved back to the US where they worked for five years at a small college.

August 1, 1962, Myrtle and Clarence sold their Newellton home to Francis and Ralph Nickerson. Francis was their son-in-law, the husband of daughter Carol. In June 1965 they again returned to Nova Scotia and built a new home in Barrington Passage. They moved in in December 1965.

Clarence was a municipal councillor for Barrington Municipality from 1965 to 1973. In 1977 he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He did not recover from surgery and died in the Yarmouth Hospital November 31 1977 and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Barrington Passage NS November 16 1977

Myrtle outlived Clarence by five years. She died June 29, 1982. She buried with Clarence in Forest Hills cemetery in Barrington Passage.

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Cassie Edna Brannen (1898-1989)



She was the third child of John Brannen (1865-1926) and Clissie Newell (1872-1962). She was born in Clark's Harbour June 13, 1898.

Edna and her cousins Flossie and Marie worked at the cotton mill in Yarmouth. Flossie and Marie were daughters of "Aunt Mame". This likely explains why Edna and Kenneth Keith Smith (1894-1956) were married in Yarmouth. They married June 13, 1918, when she was age 20 and he was 24 years old. He was the son of Frederick C. Smith (1864-??) and Marjorie.

The 1921 census shows Edna age 23 and Kenneth age 27 and their daughter Evelyn two years old living in Newellton.

They purchased a lot on the Newellton Creek and had Bill Smith of Centreville construct a new home for them.

She appears on the voter's lists for 1949 and 1957.

Kenneth died of a heart attack aboard his boat while lobstering April 14, 1956. He is buried in the Newellton Cemetery.

Edna was the mother of ten children. She was a long-time member of the Newellton Church. Her hobby was crocheting. After selling the house in Newellton she lived in a senior's apartment in Clark's Harbour. She spent her later years, almost 15, in the Roseway Manor in Shelburne. She died at age 90 in 1989 and is buried with Kenneth in the Newellton Cemetery.

STORY:

Delayed Registration of Birth

Found in Registration year 1898 page 9900889

DOB 13 June 1898 at Clark's Harbour NS

" I am the mother of Cassie Edna Brannen and the date of her birth is recorded in a family record scroll containing all names and dates of birth of my children, and the same is now in my possession"

signed Clissie Ann Brannen

22 Nov 1956

STORY:

Coastguard newspaper article June 1988:

Mrs. Edna Smith celebrated her ninetieth birthday on June 3. She was born in Clark's Harbour and attended school there. On June 13, 1918, she married Kenneth Smith of Newellton. The same date on which they both celebrated their birthday. Mrs. Smith has had a very busy life as mother of 10 children, but she found time to do beautiful crocheted work without the aid of a written pattern. She is a member of Neweilton Church and was active there until moving back to Clark's Harbour where she lived at Senior Citizens Apartments. Due to ill health, she has been in Roseway Manor for the past 12 years. She is still alert, has a good sense of humor and she is still up and dressed each day and ready for company which she really appreciates.

OBITUARY:

Smith, Cassie (Edna) _ 90, Roseway Manor, Sandy Point, formerly of Newellton, died in the Roseway Hospital after a short illness. Born in Clark's Harbour, she was a daughter of the late John and Clissie (Newell) Brannen. She was a member of Newellton Baptist Church. She is survived by five sons, Keith, Eldridge, both of North Rustico, P.E.I.; Noble, Freddie, both of Newellton; Frank, Saint John, N.B.; Four daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Perry, Barrington; Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Mrs. Mildred Blades, Mrs. Greta Stoddard, all of Clark's Harbour; a brother, Shirley, Massachusetts; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Mumford, Boston; Mrs Cleo Ellis, Pennsylvania; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth; a daughter Carolyn. Funeral was held form the Newellton Baptist Chruch with Rev. A. D. (Billy) Newell, and Rev. Donald Scheel officiating. Burial was in the Newellton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any charity.

Card of Thanks:

Smith: The family of the late Edna Smith wish to pay thanks for many pleasant visits and prayers for her while she was in Shelburne and for us at her passing. Thanks too for flowers, cards, food and phone calls. Also, the comforting words from pastors Bill Newell, Don Scheel and Robie Atkinson and all the music so beautifully rendered. To bearers, Kenney's Funeral Home, Roseway Manor & Roseway Hospital and all, "Your caring will not be forgotten." From the Children & Grandchildren

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William Ira Brannen (1901-1982)



Ira was born February 3, 1901, at Clark's Harbour NS. He was the second son and the fourth child of John Brannen (1865-1926) and Clissie Newell (1872-1962). He always went by his middle name, Ira, as there were many boys named William around his age in the community.

He appears in the 1901 census as two months old living in Clark's Harbour. Around 1906 he and his brother Bev contracted rheumatic fever. He always said they were put in a tent out back of their house in Clark's Harbour to isolate them while they recovered. There were no treatments except fresh air and rest.

In 1911 he appears in the census in Centreville living with his parents and siblings. His birth date is shown as February 1899 (incorrect). He was shown as being a fisherman (he was 10 years old and definitely not a fisherman). It shows he spent 9 months at school in 1910. There is confirmation he attended school in the school year 1912-13. He claimed went to school through grade six. From that time on he worked with his father in the blacksmith shop as well as the usual farm chores that went with a small household farm.

There is a photo of Ira and his brothers Bev and Shirley likely taken in the winter of 1920-1 in Schenectady NY when all three worked at a block and tackle factory in the

tri-city area. Ira appears in the 1921 census as a blacksmith working for his father. He was 20 years old living at home in Centreville.

December 31, 1921, he married Lottie Blanche Penney (1902-1992) in a snow storm in Clark's Harbour. They spent their first month of marriage living with his parents. Later that winter he went lobstering with his brother-in-law Kenneth Smith at Deep Cove. When he came back in May of 1922 they rented and fixed up an old house that was across the road from the beginning of the McGray wharf lane. George, their first child was born there December 14th, 1922, in the rented house.

In 1923 he went to Boston to find work, In Nov 1923 he appears as a ship's passenger going to Boston, he was listed as age 22, a blacksmith, his home was Centreville and his wife was Lottie. He declared he had \$25 with him, and he was joining his uncle Capt. F. A. Brannen 32 School Street. He was 5 feet 9 inches tall, and he was born in Clark's Harbour. He had Lottie and George join him later. In January 1924 Lottie was listed with her sister Norma Penney on the ship to Boston. Her final destination was East Boston. She was going to meet her husband Ira at 111 Lexington Street. She was age 21. Her infant son George was not listed on the manifest. They rented rooms in East Boston. There is a photo of them taken there.

Around June 1924 they returned to the Island and son Jack was born August 25, 1924, in the rented house in Centreville.

Ira returned to work with his father in the blacksmith shop at Centreville. In the summer of 1926, his father became ill with hepatitis and died in December 1926 leaving the business to Ira who also bought the house, barn, shop and property including wood lots from his mother Clissie for \$1,000 on July 8, 1929. He also inherited his father's \$100.00 per year contract with the Dominion Government to maintain channel buoys. He was the 3rd generation blacksmith carrying on the Brannen blacksmith business on Cape Island. The Brannen Blacksmith Shop lasted from 1865 to 1940. Blacksmithing was known as "the master trade" because of how essential it was in traditional village life in that era.

In 1930 as the depression deepened and collecting from customers became a serious problem. He took a job managing a farm in Centreville for Rob Nickerson. The family moved to the farm about a mile from their own home. He continued to do some blacksmith work in the evenings as well as maintaining the channel buoy contract. Their fourth son Ralph was born while they were at the farm.

The combination of his employment at the farm, his blacksmith work and the channel buoy contract allowed him to buy a late model, 1929 Essex car in 1931. At that point in the depression, they were only a few cars on the whole island. There were three in

Centreville and his was the only one in regular use except the one used to deliver the mail to post offices. A car was definitely a luxury at that time.

In 1933 they returned to their home, and he returned to full time blacksmith work and later added a new shop at Clark's Harbour. To do so he moved a storage building located at the shore which dated from McGray's ownership. He also acquired a Model T Ford which he converted to a tractor. The family's needs were always provided for by raising cows, pigs, chickens, and growing hay and kitchen crops on the property.

In 1940 the blacksmith business had fallen off. The era of blacksmiths had passed. He had accumulated some debts due to the difficulty in collecting from customers during the depression, so he took a job with Evan Swim at Clark's Harbour. Both George and Jack joined him there at various times. In 1942 they had to close the house and rent a place in Clark's Harbour due to gas rationing and his work being mostly there. Son Bruce was born in the rented house in Clark's Harbour August 22, 1943. Later that year they moved back to Centreville and he went to work for Kenney & Ross at Stoney Island as plant foremen.

About 1953 he quit Kenney & Ross when he was denied a raise. Reg Ross' response was "*No one is indispensable.*" Ira put on his coat and walked out. B.C. Packers quickly approached him, and he joined them as second plant engineer and in due course became plant engineer. He worked for them for 14 years. He acquired Province of Nova Scotia certification as a stationery engineer/fireman, and for refrigeration.

January 17, 1963, they sold all of Lot 2 Block N except George's lot for \$150 to Bernice and Leroy Quinlan. This property ran from the highway to the shore.

He retired in 1967 and after that did only a bit of consulting. After retirement he filled his time doing home maintenance, shingling, and painting around his house and barn.

August 21, 1975, they sold a lot 100' x 1500' to Robert and Mary Brannen for \$1.00 (BAR2147) and later he sold the land across the highway to the shore.

Over time his health declined. He had suffered heart attacks from the time he was 55, no doubt, as a result of having rheumatic fever in childhood. He had a pacemaker installed and prostrate surgery. Near the end he was moved to the nursing home in Shelburne. He died in 1982 at age 81. He is buried in the Centreville Cemetery.

Lottie lived on in the home for several years. When her health declined, she sold the house remaining property their son Jack and moved to a retirement apartment in Barrington Passage. She spent her later years in a nursing home in Shelburne. She died September 2 1992. and is buried with Ira and son Ralph in Centreville.

OBITUARY:

Centerville: W. Ira Brannen, 81, died Saturday, November 20, 1982 in Roseway Hospital, Shelburne. Born in Clark's Harbour's he was a son of the late John and Clissie (Newell) Brannen.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lottie Penney; four sons, George, Port Clyde, John, Brampton, Ontario, Robert, Toronto, and Bruce, Ottawa; a brother Shirley, Bellerica, Mass.; Three sisters, Mrs. Edna Smith, Shelburne, Cleo, Philadelphia, and Laura Sommerville, Mass.; 16 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son Ralph; a brother Beverly, and two sisters, Ina and Myrtle.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 23, 1982 in Kenney's Funeral Home, Barrington with Lic. Frank Hudgins officiating. Burial was in Centerville Cemetery.

STORY:

Ira and his brother John Beverley contracted rheumatic fever when young boys. These were times of primitive health care. Fresh air was the general prescription for recovery. With rheumatic fever death was common and even with recovery there was usually heart damage. My father told me on many occasions that they were put in a tent behind the house to recover. Both did recover. Later in his early 50's Ira developed a "heart trouble". Bev's heart condition seemed to have developed much earlier and was more acute.

Bruce Brannen, Ottawa 2013

STORY:

Delayed Registration of Birth Nova Scotia:

"This is to certify that I have this day examined a school register for Shelburne County for the school year ending July 1913. Listed among the entries in the said register I have found the following entry:

Name: William Ira Brannen

Age: 11 years, 6 months on Aug 1, 1912

Parent name: John Brannen

signed: Deputy Registrar General, Nova Scotia

Dated: Halifax N.S. April 7 1967"

STORY:

Lottie (Penney) Brannen wrote a bit of family history in the mid 1980's when she was about 82 years old.

We were married Dec 31st 1921 at Clarks Harbour went in an old car with side curtains. There was a lot of snow and banks. Had to get out and push sometimes. We stayed at Ira's home for a month then went on Deep Cove Yar. Co. as Ira was going hired with Kenneth Smith lobstering. Came home the last of May. Ira planted a garden, then we rented an old house and started to make it fit to live in and moved in. George was born Dec 14th, 1922. It was the coldest winter. Ice froze all across to Bear Point. Was the first time in 40 years. In April there was no work so Ira went to the USA and sent for me to come over in June. We rented a few rooms for \$10.00 per week and his wages were \$21.00 a week. We stayed there a year and moved home. Jack was born Aug 25, 1924, the day he was born a man hung himself in the school house at Clarks Harbour and we couldn't get a Dr., had a midwife instead, the next day was a hurricane and tore things apart buildings down. We lived there until Dec 1926 in the meantime Ira's father was sick all summer and passed away the last of Nov and we moved to their house as Ira bought it from his mother. Moved into this house Dec 13, 1926. His father gave him the blacksmiths shop as he was the only that worked with him. We were there three weeks when Bob was born. Couldn't get any help so didn't have much time in bed. Ira was so busy in the shop lots of oxen to shoe and he would bring the men for dinner a lot of days. They were busy days with cows, pigs, churning butter to make and all the baking to do but it was a way of life also make all the children's clothes, knit socks, mittens and sweaters. The only thing I didn't like was haymaking. In 1930 Ira took a job looking after Rob Nickerson's farm and we moved there in June. Ralph was born in August 1930. In 1931 Ira sold some things and worked nights in the blacksmith shop and we bought a car an Essex. His father had the channel buoys to tend for years paint and keep them in place for a \$100. a year after his father died, they gave the contract to Ira which was really a big help. We moved back here in 1933. The depression was on and no work or money, but we did farming, had cows, pigs, hens and made out OK. He still worked in the shop 'mostly handing out'. In 1940 he went to Clam Harbour to work for Evan Swim in a lobster factory for \$40.00 a month. In the summer he took Geo. to help and Jack got the hay and did the work here. Next spring both boys went to Clam Harbour and worked all summer at Swims Point, worked until 12 o'clock as well as all day. I sure hated it for them to work so hard, hurt me so. The next spring George went to New Glasgow to Tech. College. We moved to Clarks Harbour as gas rationing was on. That was 42. George went in the service, Jack went away. Bob worked on a farm in Yar. Co., then Jack enlisted it sure broke me up and after awhile 1943 Bob went to Liverpool to work and Bruce was born in Aug 1943. Bob enlisted in the fall. We moved home and Ira went to work for Reg Ross at Stoney Island canning fish. Worked there almost 10 years then went to BC Packers as engineer worked there 14 years. Retired 1967 Ira also had a licence for refrigeration one for fireman and an engineer's

licence. In 1951 Ralph went to Halifax to work at Simpson's ----- three weeks he got polio was in an iron lung on his 21st birthday in the lung. Died Aug 30th.

STORY:

The following is a excerpt from *The Life and Times of J.L.B.* by Ira's son John (Jack) Brannen published in 2009:

When my grandfather Brannen died in December 7, 1926, he gave his blacksmith business to my father, who had worked with him. My parents bought his house from my grandmother. We moved there December 13th, 1926. On the 31st my brother Robert was born. The house was the best one in Centreville. It had been built for A. T. McGray a merchant around 1851. The property was very large with a lot of buildings. The house had thirty doors with four of them leading outside. It had thirty-four windows. It had a large barn for cattle and machinery. Next to the house was another building in which my dad kept his old Model T. Across the road was a former general store that had been run by several generations of McGray's. This had been turned into a blacksmith and woodworking shop by my grandfather who bought the property in 1908. At the shore there was an old wharf and a building to keep the boat supplies in. My dad later moved the building to Clark's Harbour for a second shop. The house had an apartment in the back where my grandmother Brannen lived for a while.....

.....While living on the farm in 1931 my dad purchased a 1929 Essex automobile. It was only 2 years old at the time. Cars were few and far between on the island at that time. There were only 3 in Centreville and the Essex was the newest and the only one used regularly. This was during the Depression and times were very tough, so a car was certainly a luxury. As well as running the farm he still did evening work in the blacksmith shop, and he had a Government contract for a \$100 a year. Compared to most families during the depression we were 'well off'.....

.....After moving back to the old homestead Dad decided the six of us should take a trip and tour Nova Scotia. With a large box mounted on the back of the Essex for food storage and a piece of canvass for a tent, we were ready to go. The first day, with the car doing 30 miles an hour on dirt roads we made it to Martin's Point on the South Shore not far past Bridgewater. We had to camp near trees so Dad could cut poles to hold up the canvass. We went on to Halifax the next day and toured the Public Gardens. From there we crossed to the Bay of Fundy shore and 'The Valley'. We visited many interesting places on the trip. For a family from a small island in the midst of the Depression this was a great trip and a chance to see some of the province.....

.....A few years later the Barnum and Bailey circus came to Yarmouth. It was one of the biggest circuses in the country. It consisted of two trains full of tents and animals. Dad took George, Bob and I. We got to Yarmouth in time to see them unload and set up

in a large field near town. There were lots of animals and the large tent with 3 rings. What a day it was for us, something we will always remember.....

.....My Dad loved baseball. If there was a game in Clark's Harbour he would drop what he was doing and go to the game and take us with him. He also liked swimming in the summer months. He made sure we all learned to swim. With our property bordering on water there were plenty of opportunities to swim and

not far to go.....

.....My dad was a 3rd generation blacksmith. Blacksmiths in small villages were more than fabricators of iron, they were also wheelwrights, tinsmiths and provided wood working for their communities.

My dad's blacksmith shop was across the road from our house. It was originally the A. T. McGray General Store. He did not use the large part and tore part of it down. With the material he built a garage for the car near the house. The shop was divided into 2 parts, one for the blacksmith work, shoeing oxen and horses and the other into a woodworking area with saws, lathes and other woodworking machines. A one- cylinder two- flywheel engine with ran the equipment in the shop. Over- head belts could be switched to run each piece of equipment. The lathe was used to make parts for things like wheelbarrows, spokes and furniture legs. In earlier times a windmill on the roof ran the belts. When the windmill was blown off in a storm it was later installed on a large rock near the house. In the blacksmith portion there was a sling of heavy canvas, and a roller to pull the canvas tight to hold the ox steady. The ox's head was strapped to a beam. Each leg had a bench to rest his feet on in order to apply the shoes. Horses were more docile and didn't require special equipment for shoeing.....

.....He later opened a second blacksmith shop at Clark's Harbour in a building he moved from a location on the shore below our house. The building had likely been there from the time the McGray's lived on the property. Both the McGray's and the Brannens used it for supplies for sailing vessels. The Clark's Harbour shop was used for blacksmithing and tinsmithing. He made stovepipes and fuel containers as well as items of the blacksmith trade.....

.....My dad was in charge of maintaining the channel buoys in Clark's Harbour. In the summer months they were marked by iron can buoys. But due to ice in the winter months they were changed and marked with wooden spar buoys. He had an old boat that was unfit for fishing. It didn't have a house on it, and it leaked. The engine was a small one cylinder "make and break". In the middle of the boat was a winch for lifting the weights for the buoys. This is where I came in; it was my job to crank the winch. When not doing that, I would be busy on the hand pump to keep the boat from filling with water. After we changed all the buoys we would start for home with six or

eight of those large buoys in tow. It was slow going with that small engine. In the spring the job was done in reverse. We put the can buoys back in place. The strain of the winch pulling up the weights and the boat lying over partly on its side did not bother me at the time, but thinking back now, I am surprised we didn't pull the old boat apart. My dad received one hundred dollars a year from the government to maintain those buoys; not much money for all the work but it was certainly needed.

STORY:

An excerpt from *The Islands Look Back* published by the Archelaus Smith Historical Society in 1981 edited by Margaret Messenger

Brannen's Blacksmith Shop

by Dorothy O'Connell

After a few years Mr. Brannen closed his shop at Clark's Harbour and operated only the one at Centreville, with his son Ira helping him. When he passed away in 1926, Ira took over the business and purchased the old homestead. By this time horseshoes were bought in Halifax and shipped to the smithy, thus eliminating some of the work.

A change was also taking place in fishing equipment. Fishermen were using engine haulers, and in addition to making anchors and baskets, Ira was being called upon to make rollers to help hauling the traps over the side of the boat. Rollers sold for \$3.75 (Baskets are large iron rods , put together in such a way they cover the propeller of the boat and protect it from buoys.)

The blacksmith shop was also a gathering place for men, especially on stormy days. Many a story was told and everything from politics to religion was discussed. On the opposite side of the road the smithy's wife was always prepared to feed (without charge) anyone who had to wait over the noon hour to have his order filled.....

STORY:

McGray - Brannen House Centreville

This wood frame, 1 1/2 storey house is located on land that once belonged to, and contained the home of, Rev. Asa McGray, who was the first Free Will Baptist preacher in N.S. and the initiator of the Baptist movement on Cape Sable Island around 1821. An old cellar, possibly that of the Rev. McGray home, is located on this property. This home is an example of a New England Colonial style dwelling and has several details worthy of mention: two bay windows- one square and the other round segmental; four knee or kneeling windows which form a frieze at the front of the home; return eaves with slight

eave overhang; and an ell at the southern side. There is also a small ell at the northwest side of the home which was originally the office of Nehemiah McGray, the son of Asa Turner McGray, and the grandson of Rev. Asa. Nehemiah lived here after his father's death and served as an American Consul as well as being the representative for Shelburne County in the House of Assembly in Halifax from 1878 until 1882. This small ell addition to the home was built for Nehemiah at approximately this time; it later became an apartment for his widow, Mary Jane, after his death.

The home was built by James C. Smith in 1851-2 and its original owner was Asa Turner McGray, merchant, who also had a store in the field near the house. The home was owned and occupied by the McGray family until 1927, when it was sold to John Brannen, a blacksmith. John's son, Ira and his wife, Lottie, later owned it as well as their son, John L. Brannen.

The rather elaborate style of this home for the year in which it was built would seem to emphasize its' original owner's wealth and importance in the community.

It is to be considered a landmark building due to its historical importance in the area.

Sources of Information: Book entitled Our Island Heritage Registry of Deeds and Probate Office, Barrington

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Shirley Jeremiah Brannen (1903-1998)



Shirley was the fifth child of John Brannen (1865-1926) and Clissie Newell (1872-1962). He was born in Clark's Harbour March 31, 1903. The 1911 census shows him as age nine living in Centreville with his family.

The 1921 Canadian census shows Shirley living with his parents in Centreville. He was single, age 18, a labourer working for his father. Later that year went to Schenectady NY and met up with his brothers Bev and Ira. They worked in the block and tackle factory there. He moved to Boston in 1923.

The ship's record for November 1923 B&Y SS Company shows Shirley age 20 as a passenger from Yarmouth to Boston. His calling or occupation was listed as blacksmith, his last permanent address was Centreville, and his destination was 167 Falcon St., East Boston. He was listed as 6 feet tall.

Sometime prior to 1925 he established a painting business and in 1925 he was joined by his brother Bev. The 1927 City Directory shows Shirley living at 389 Meridian in East Boston and working as a shoe worker. His mother Clissie is living with him.

He married Estelle Marie Boissonneault in 1928. She was very young perhaps sixteen. They had two children Shirley born in 1928 and John Robert born in 1930.

The 1929 City Directory shows him living at 4 Trenton in East Boston and working as a pipefitter. His mother Clissie is also living with him.

The 1930 Census has him living on Falcon Street age 27 employed as a house painter, Estelle is shown as age 18. Daughter Shirley is one year, and 6 months old and son Robert is eight months old. His younger sister Laura Brannen-Bateman age 19 was living with them, she was unemployed.

There is a record of his passage on the SS *Evangeline* to Boston September 2 1934 travelling with his mother Clissie.

January 21, 1935, at age 31 he was granted US Naturalization. He had acquired the nickname of "Stick" among those who knew him well.

The Boston city directory of 1935-6-7 and 8, shows Shirley and Estelle living at 48 Falcon in East Boston.

There is a record of his passage on the SS *Evangeline* from Yarmouth to Boston July 20 1936. With him was Estelle and children Robert and Shirley.

Shirley and Estelle separated in late 1938 or early 1939 and Stella went to live with Smith Bateman who was Shirley's brother-in-law, his sister Laura's husband. Their children Shirley and Robert became wards of the state. It is believed that they had little contact with their father after that.

July 21, 1939, there is a record of his passage on the SS *Evangeline* from Yarmouth to Boston. There is a Ruth Brannen travelling at the same time, she was a cousin.

In the US Census of 1940 Shirley is shown as age 39 married to Estelle age 28 with the two children; daughter Shirley age 11 and Robert age ten was living with them. Shirley gives his highest completed grade as 8. He was a painter, interior and exterior. They were living in Boston at 647 Saratoga Street. (This data must have been collected in early 1939 as they were no longer living together in 1940.)

Shirley and Stella divorced around 1942 and November 28, 1942, Stella married Smith Bateman the ex-husband of Shirley's sister Laura.

Shirley married again. His New Hampshire marriage certificate for his marriage to Nellie Maude Smith-Burrows (1901-1983) dated 16 December 1942 showed him living at 18 Summer Road, Billerica, MA. She gave her address as 28 Summer Road. He was age 39, divorced, this was his second marriage. He was listed as a painter. She was age 40 and divorced. It was her second marriage. She was listed as a bookkeeper. Her father was James Parker Smith age 72, a farmer in St Stephens NB. Her mother was the late Helen A. Grant born in St Stephen NB. They were married by Denton J. Neily.

The 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957 and 1959 City Directories found Shirley and Nellie living on Summer Road Billerica MA; telephone # MO3-8139. He was a painter. The phone directory had a listing for him at 28 Summer Street Billerica 506-663-8138 for the years 1993-4-5. The zip code was 01821-5802.

She died November 30, 1983, in North Billerica MA. He died February 1 1998 in Dorchester MA and is buried in Billerica MA with Nellie in the North Cemetery, Billerica.

STORY:

My Uncle Shirley and Nellie used to try to visit the Island each summer in the 1950's. They stayed with his sister Edna in Newellton. He always came in a new or at least very late model car, most years a Buick. He always wore a light-coloured suit and loud tie. Please remember he was visiting Cape Sable Island where suits were for weddings and funerals and where working ¼ pickup trucks were common and premium passenger cars almost non-existent. He also smoked the largest cigars available. He did not want his show of success to be missed and could be found any where there might be a gathering of more than two people. He was a big man at least six feet tall and always well tanned and always looking for a chance talk. He spoke loudly and often about his Boston experiences. He loved to lead sing songs, his voice above all others. Nellie made sure there were gifts for all young nieces and nephews.

Shirley was my Favourite "rich uncle". What kid would not be impressed? He even went to the Red Sox games (casual ticket stub in his pocket) he even knew the Yankee roster. My mother was not impressed with any of it and knew he was just a show off. I imagined him as wealthy but in realty he ran a small painting company and lived in modest home in Billerica MA and probably spent his disposable income on his trips to Nova Scotia.

Bruce Brannen, nephew 2019

OBITUARY:

BATEMAN, Marie Estelle "Stella" (Boissonneault) of Dorchester, Ma., passed away on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the age of 98. She was the beloved wife of the late Archibald Smith Bateman; devoted mother of Shirley A. Brannen of Dorchester and the late John Robert Brannen; cherished grandmother of Diane & Charles Klotz of Florida, Joanne & Gerald Powers of Kingston, Christine & William Diaz of Florida; Marilyn & Eric Fredericksen of Derry, N. H. and Estelle & Thomas Flett of Norton. Also survived by many great grandchildren; great great grandchildren. Funeral was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 4 from the H. Huskison's Memorial Chapel, Barrington, Rev. Alvin McComiskey officiated. Interment was in the River Dale Cemetery, Riverhead.

Memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Society. Marie's family is grateful that she lived her life to the fullest and was very active until her final day.

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Cleo Leaston Brannen (1907-2000)



Cleo was born November 16, 1907, at Clark`s Harbour. She was the seventh child of John Brannen (1865-1926) and Clissie Newell (1872-1962).

She first appears in the census in 1911 as a child living with her parents. In 1924 at age 16 she left home and moved to the Boston area.

A record of her crossing on the `Boston Boat` exists for her February 1924 passage on the B&Y SS Company. She declared her permanent home was in the US in West Somerville MA.

She lived with her uncle Bev and his family, first on Elmwood Street Roxbury for perhaps a year. She was employed as a clerk in a store. While there she met John Ferreira (1906-1967). He was a native of Madeira, Portugal and was her future husband.

According to Russell Brannon after Roxbury she moved to East Boston near to John`s parents. They married June 16, 1927.

The 1930 US Census spells her name as Clio Firriera. She shown as age 22 married since 1922 to John aged 23. There are three children John Jr age one and Laura and Arthur also listed as age one. John is listed as being from Portugal, Cleo from Nova Scotia. His employment was as a stationary fireman. In 1934 they begin appearing in the Boston city directories. In 1934 he was shown as a fireman, and they were living on Trenton St in East Boston.

In 1935-6-7-8-9 and 1941 and 1942 they were shown to be living at 154 Falcon St in East Boston.

In 1940 she appears in the US census as age 33 living on Falcon Street in Boston and is described as an alien. She was working 21 hours a week as an ironer for \$600 per year. She declared she had a grade 8 education. There are four children at home John Jr. age 12, Laura 11, Arthur 10 and Edward age eight years.

The 1946, 1947, and 1951 directories showed his employment as a marine engineer and their address as 71 Lexington Street in East Boston. The 1952 directory showed their address as 107 Lexington. 1898The directories for 1954-6-8-9 and 1960 showed his employment as engineer and a new address of 58 Homer St.

John died in 1966 however the 1967 and 1968 directories have them living at 123 Lexington Street in East Boston and his employment as a marine engineer working for The Boston Tow Boat Co.

Sometime after 1966 she married Albert Ellis (1898-??) a second marriage for both of them. According to his daughter they lived in Brooklyn. She indicated they were both active in the Salvation Army church. Albert was was an officer in the Salvation Army.

She died in 2000 at age 92. She is buried with John in Woodland cemetery in Everett MA.

OBITUARY:

Portland Press Herald (ME) - Saturday, June 17, 2000 Cleo Ferreira Ellis, 92, formally of Pine Wood Manor at Ocean Park in Old Orchard Beach, died June 16, 2000, at Springbrook Nursing Center. She was born in Nova Scotia, a daughter of John and Clissie Newall Brennan. She moved from Clarkes Harbor in Centerville, Nova Scotia, at the age 16 to Brookline, Mass. In 1927, she married John Ferreira and they settled in East Boston. She came to Ocean Park in 1993. She was a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star in East Boston and a former local officer for the Salvation Army. She enjoyed reading and crocheting. Her husband died in 1968 and a son, John Ferreira,

died in 1946. Surviving are two sons, retired Salvation Army Maj. Arthur Ferreira of Old Orchard Beach and Edward Ferreira of Tewksbury, Mass.; a daughter, retired Maj. Laura McEwen of Old Orchard Beach; 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Visiting hours will be 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at Dennett, Craig and Pate Funeral Home, Maj. Mary Jane Teneyck officiating. Burial will in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass.

DEATH RECORD:

Name: Cleo Ellis SSN: 031-05-6522 Last Residence: 04064 Old Orchard Beach, York, Maine, USA Born: 16 Nov 1907 Died: 16 Jun 2000.

STORY:

Application for delayed Nova Scotia registration of birth:

Registration Year 1907 page 9210043

DOB 16 Nov 1907 at Clark's Harbour NS

"That I Clissie Ann Brannen am the mother of Cleo Leaston Brannen and she lived in my house until she became of the age of sixteen years."

signed :Clissie Ann Brannen 22 June 1942

STORY:

An excerpt from a letter from Russell Brannon to Bruce Brannen March 1995:

.....In Roxbury , we lived on Elmwood Street. Shortly afterward, Aunt Cleo showed up and lived with us for more than a year. She worked in one of the large department stores in Boston as a clerk.

.....While we were living on Elmwood Street, Aunt Cleo met a Portuguese fellow by the name of John Ferara, and they were later married. Cleo moved to East Boston where John's parents were living. Dad took an instant liking to John and he and Cleo would visit us often.....

STORY:

There was a man named John Ferreira who dropped by a few times possibly with Aunt Cleo he usually brought something, food or toys.

From the unpublished *The Life & Times of Earle Frederick Brannon*

END

Laura Matilda Brannen (1911-1961)



Laura was born September 30, 1911, in Centreville after her family moved there from Clark's Harbour. She was the youngest child of John Brannen (1865-1926) and Clissie Newell (1872-1962) and the only one born in the Centreville house.

In the 1921 Canadian census Laura was age ten living in Centreville.

She married Archibald (Smithy) Smith Bateman (1908-1996) the 7th December 1929 in Centreville. He was the son of John Bateman (1875-1957) and Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945). Smithy was age 21 and described as a labourer. She was age 19 and a housekeeper. Her brother Ira and sister Myrtle were witnesses to the marriage. They had four children.

In the 1930 US Census Laura Bateman was living with her brother Shirley and his family at 48 Falcon Street East Boston. There are no children shown with her. She shown as age 19. Later in 1930 while they were living in Stamford CT their first child Jeanette was born June 12th.

Laura and her husband Smith Bateman purchased a house in Centreville in 1931, they lived there for several years.

September 7, 1935, and again December 21, 1937, Laura, and her daughters Jeanette and Mary J. were passengers on the SS *Evangeline* going from Yarmouth to Boston.

In 1938 they moved back to East Boston. Laura and Smith separated in late 1938 or early 1939. They sold their Centreville house in 1939. The house still stands. It was located three houses south of her brother Ira's house (her parent's former house) where the South Side Road joins the main road.

Their fourth child Sandra was born after their separation. The four children remained with Laura. Smith moved in with Laura's brother Shirley's estranged wife Stella.

The 1938 and 1939 and 1941 and 1942 Boston city directory showed her living at 163 Condor Street in East Boston with her husband Smith A. Bateman a bargeman. In 1940 and 1942 she appears as Laura Bateman head of the household at 163 Condor Street, age 29. There were 3 children living with her. She was not employed.

Around 1941 she met Peder Murburg (1916-1996) a Norwegian sailor. They married in 1945. They had two children Ingrid and Ronald. Her six children stayed with her.

The Boston city directory for 1953 shows their residence as 10 Common St. Charleston. He was a painter. The 1960-61-62 city directories for Boston shows them living at 23 Union Street Charleston.

Laura was granted naturalization June 20th, 1960.

Peder died December 25, 1996, in Tewksbury MA. Laura died in 2005 in East Bridgewater, MA.

STORY:

In 2019 Ingrid Bateman Roome, Laura's daughter replied to my question.: *She struggled financially with 4 girls to raise, Smithe always made such they had clothes and visits to him and Stella.*

I am not exactly sure how she met my dad, he was a merchant marine, and probably in a port of Boston. He was the love of her life and she his. He had a ruff childhood and ran away at 11 or 12 and joined the merchant marines. My sister Jeanette loved him and said he was good to them.

There were times when she worked. She loved studying the Bible and trying to sew or quilt

The Children of Francis Annis Brannen (1869-1944)

They had five children; they are the fifth generation of Brannens.

THE CHILDREN OF FRANCIS ANNIS BRANNEN (1869-1944)

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Annis Wickwire Brannen RN (1894-1986)



Annis was born December 2, 1894, in Clark's Harbour NS. She was the oldest daughter of Francis Annis Brannen (1869-1944) and Belle Dickie (1868-1936). Her delayed birth registration was made in Aug 1928. Dr. Brown certified he was present at her birth.

She appears in the 1911 Canadian census as age 16 living in Clarks Harbour with her parents and three siblings.

She was listed as a passenger on the Boston boat August 1916. She was age 21, employed as a nurse. Her home was Clark's Harbour and her nearest relative was F. A. Brannen, her father. She was going to Melrose MA. She was listed in the 1920 US census as age 24 living with her parents and three siblings at 61 Avon Street Somerville. Her immigration year was 1914. She was not a naturalized citizen. She was shown as a nurse in a doctor's office.

In 1914-1917, she trained at the Melrose Hospital in MA. where she received her R.N. certification. In 1918-1919, she took the course as a lab technician at Melrose Hospital and Huntington Hospital, Harvard Medical School. In 1921 she visited a classmate in Viking, Alberta and started a municipal hospital there in the town of Viking, and was the superintendent. In July 15 1922, she married Dr. John Robert Corbett then of Edmonton, and returned to Melrose, MA where they lived for the next 15 years.

Annis and Dr. Corbett took in a child, Marie Derrah, born in 1919. At the time she came to live with them she was likely somewhere between ten months and two years old. She stayed with them until about the time she started the first grade at school. She was not legally adopted but treated and considered as their child. The family of Marie raised objections based on the Corbett's religion. They were protestant while Marie's mother was Roman Catholic. Marie was removed and placed in a convent to be raised.

In the 1930 US census Annis was living in Melrose at 794 Main Street. Emigration year was shown as 1922. She was not employed. They had a boarder Barry Burgess, age 42, a physician.

On September 28, 1937, she was a passenger on the SS *Yarmouth* travelling to Boston

Along with her husband they moved to Shelburne and organized a hospital for treatment and major surgery in 1938.

In 1943 they moved to Clarks Harbour and set up a general practice that they operated until John's retirement in 1974.

She appears in the 1949 voters list in Clark's Harbour

Annis and Dr. Corbett did not have children of their own but they adopted and raised Prudence who was born in 1947. She was named for Annis' sister.

Dr. Corbett died Nov 13, 1974, in Yarmouth and is buried in Centreville.

Annis spent the final years of her life in a wheelchair living with her daughter Prudence and her family at The Hawk NS. She died June 1, 1986, at The Hawk NS and is buried with the doctor in Centreville.

STORY:

Unsubstantiated remarks about doctors

To the editor: Re: Letter by Judy Conrad, R.N., Surgery and obstetrics not the issue, in the November 14 issue of your newspaper. It just so happens that for the past year I have been doing extensive research on the doctors, and medical services and care in the western end of Shelburne County. Ms. Conrad steps back in time 20 years but, by comparison, I can remember the past 50 years. So let's take a look at the past, as her letter suggests. I could do it from a patient's point of view but, for the moment, let's look at historical facts. A surgical and obstetrical hospital for this county was the brainchild of none other than Dr. John R. Corbett and his wife Annis Brannen Corbett, R.N. of Clark's Harbour.

They saw the need for such a hospital and cared enough to give up their practice in the United States, and move to Shelburne in 1938. With their own money they purchased land in the town and made plans for a 50-bed cottage hospital. I have before me invoices made out to Dr. Corbett for medical and surgical equipment and supplies. Here we have the beginnings of a county hospital by a couple from the western end of the county. So, before Ms. Conrad does any more bellyaching about the doctors from this end of the county, perhaps it would be a good idea for her to delve more closely into the past, and find out exactly how much our doctors and taxpayers have contributed to the support of the Shelburne Hospital over the years. Furthermore, Ms. Conrad mentions today's Shelburne doctors "spend lunch hours attending meetings with hospital staff." Again, looking at the late Dr. Corbett's records, let's take a peek at his work-load and compare. He was the public health officer for the town (i.e. he was required to inspect all eating establishments and the schools on a regular basis) ; the coroner for Shelburne County; a government-appointed medical caretaker for all local seamen; he was responsible for the medical needs of the civilians at the Military Base at Sandy Point (We must not forget that the road to Sandy Point was at that time a narrow, rocky, muddy road that was full of potholes) ; the doctor on call for the Poor Farm; did home deliveries of 105 babies the first year at \$15 per case; made house calls at all hours of the day and night, seven days per week, regard-less of weather conditions; attended to all accidents and emergencies, including one at the Half Moons light station. His first emergency was that of a man with a severe scalp wound, and in a half-drowned, unconscious condition. Dr. Corbett and his wife did all this and more, without any back-up doctors. He had expected to have Dr. L.P. Churchill as one colleague but he was called into military service, and the other was Dr. Fuller who died suddenly of a heart attack. Today, as back then. I know for a fact that our local doctors frequently miss meals to attend to emergencies. Rarely can they squeeze in enough time for a meeting or a social event. Let's rely on facts and figures. Ms. Conrad's unsubstantiated remarks about the doctors and people in Western Shelburne County and their lack of support for Roseway Hospital rates nothing more than a "spit in the bucket." Sincerely Hattie A. Perry Barrington

Hattie Perry a Barrington author wrote this letter to the editor of what appears to have be the Shelburne Coast Guard on an unknown date.

STORY:

DR AND MRS JOHN ROBERT CORBETT OF CLARK'S HARBOUR

by Prudence Blades

Annis Wickwire Brannen-Corbett was born the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Francis Annis Brannen of Clark's Harbour, and the grand-daughter of Dr David Somerville

Dickie of Canning, Kings County, Nova Scotia. In 1914-1917, she was in training at the Melrose Hospital in Mass. where she received her R.N.'s. In 1918-1919, she took the course as lab technician at Melrose Hospital and Huntington Hospital, Harvard Medical School. In 1921 she visited a class-mate in Viking, Alberta and started a municipal hospital there in the town of Viking, and was the superintendent. In July of 1922, the fifteenth day, she married Dr. John Robert Corbett then of Edmonton, and returned to Melrose, Massachusetts where, Dr. Corbett practiced for fifteen years. John Robert Corbett was born to Jesse and Katherine Corbett of South Granville, Prince Edward Island. He left the province when a boy to enter St. Stephen's College in Alberta. He next entered the University of Alberta. After completing his studies there, he went to McGill University, Montreal, from which he graduated in medicine with the degree of M.D., C.M. After his graduation, he spent some time in hospitals in Montreal and then pro-ceeded to Boston. He practiced in Melrose, Mass. until 1938. During this time he was on the surgical staffs of the Melrose Wakefield Hospital and the New England Sanatorium.

In 1938, Dr. and Mrs Corbett came to Shelburne, N.S. upon advice of friends to organize a hospital for the treatment of major surgical patients. Dr.Corbett came well recommended by his colleagues as a surgeon in the various hospitals he had served. He was licensed with the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom as well as having registration in the United States of American which makes him Dr. J.R. Corbett M.D., C.M., L.G.M.C. An item in the "Canadian Medical - Association Journal" of June 1941,. page 646, states: "A hospital for Shelburne is to become a reality, following the purchase of land and the preparation of plans by Dr. J.R. Corbett of Clarks Harbour. The first hospital in the county, the new institution will be beautifully situated on the banks of Shelburne harbour." A site was picked, land was bought at the head of Shelburne Harbour and they went into temporary quarters to be temporarily called the Shelburne "Cottage" Hospital. Plans were drawn to start the building. Two large donations, one Canadian and one American were to be made to make this possible but they were caught in World War II and Shelburne was made a joint United States and Canadian Base. Dr. Churchill was called into service and Dr. Corbett had to take over Dr. Churchill's practice, the mariners, the public health officer for Shelburne, the schools, poor farm, in addition to running the small temporary quarters of the Shelburne "Cottage" Hospital.

Re the small hospital after emergency treatment, patients were sent on if able, if not, popped into bed. It was a hard task and they were busy until roads were built and buildings were set up. Once the Shelburne hospital was started, they knew eventually this would be passed over to Shelburne, so they gave up their plans and sold a 36 inch castle pressure sterilizer to the Halifax Infirmary and also sold the site of their hospital and at this time they went to New York City where Dr. Corbett did post graduate work

in surgery until July of 1943. when he returned to Canada. He came to Cape Sable Island and has done general practice until 1974. In August of 1974, the Town Clerk Mrs Hattie Crowell of Clarks Harbour, and the Mayor, Mrs Augusta Nickerson, with some members of the Town Council paid a visit to Dr and Mrs Corbett. Mayor Nickerson presented them with a beautiful plaque from the citizens of Clarks Harbour. It reads:

Presented to Dr & Mrs J.R. Corbett by the citizens of Clarks Harbour in grateful appreciation of your years of dedicated and untiring service to the people of this Community. This shows that some people still care about the wonderful work that Dr and Mrs Corbett

STORY:

Clark's Harbour, Shelburne Co.. 20th August 1955

Dear Mrs. Corbett

The Clark's Harbour Home and School wish to thank you for your very interesting lessons on Home Nursing and to thank you also for your generous contributions to the children's playground equipment fund.

Sincerely, Mrs. Ina Daley, Secretary

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Prudence Dickie Brannen (1898-1984)



Prue was born May 5, 1898, in Clark's Harbour. She was the daughter of Francis Annis Brannen (1869-1944) and Belle Dickie (1868-1936).

She became a naturalized US citizen in 1916. July 1917 she is listed as a passenger on the S.S. *Prince Arthur*, a ship going to Boston. She is shown as age 19 a schoolteacher. She was going to 162 Lowell St. Somerville. She had \$40.00. She appeared in the 1920 US census as age 21 working as a secretary at a college. She was living with her family on Avon Street Somerville MA. In the 1930 US census she was shown as age 29 and single. She was living with her parents at 24 Electric Av. She was a secretary at a college. Her immigration year was shown as 1914.

She married Dr. Alfred Doane Brown (1897-1962) July 19, 1934, in New York City. Alfred was also from Clark's Harbour and evidently, they knew each other from there. He was a son on the legendary Dr. Brown of Cape Sable Island. Alfred was a veteran of WWI.

In the 1940 US census she was shown as married to Dr Alfred Brown living on West Wyoming Av in Melrose. He was a dentist in private practice. She was age 41.

Alfred's 1942 Draft Card showed his address for his home and business as 12 Wyoming Av.

In the 1946 city directory Alfred and Prudence were listed as having a summer residence at Rowley Shore, Gloucester MA.

Alfred died July 15, 1962, in Boston. Her last residence before she passed away November 6, 1984, was Rockport, MA. She died in Gloucester MA.

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Alvora Somerville Brannen (1900-1968)



She was born January 25, 1900, in Clark's Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Francis Annis Brannen (1869-1944) and Belle Dickie (1868-1936). She is listed as age one in the 1901 census living at Clark's Harbour. In the 1911 census she was shown as age 11 born January 1900. She was still living at Clark's Harbour.

She was on the passenger list of a ship going to Boston November 1916 with her sister Norma and her mother Belle Brannen. They were going to 7 Sacramento Street Somerville.

She married Alvah Watson Abbott (1900-1978). He was a college graduate, apparently divorced. They had three children, Elaine (1924-1966), Alvah W. Jr. (1926-2001) and Frances B. (1931-??).

In 1930 they were living in Somerville MA at 80 Raymond Av. She was age 30. He was a creditman at a stove company. They had three children.

The 1944 city directory has them living at 106 Chestnut in Gardner. She was a stenographer at Thayer Co. where he also worked. Their daughter Elaine was still living with them.

Alvora died April 1 1968 in Augusta ME. She and Alvah Abbott are buried in a small cemetery outside of Waterville ME on a road that leads to Sidney.

END

2-5-12

Norma Dickie Brannen (1901-1980)



Norma was born February 4, 1901, in Clark's Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Francis Annis Brannen (1869-1944) and Belle Dickie (1868-1936). She appears as age ten in the 1911 census living in Clark's Harbour.

Norma and her mother and sister moved to the US in 1916. Norma was listed on the passenger list of a ship going to Boston November 1916 with her sister Alvora and her mother Belle Brannen. They were going to 7 Sacramento Street Somerville.

She appears in the 1920 US census as age 18 living in Somerville MA with her family.

She married Milton Arthur Day (1901-1980) around 1925. They had five children Mary, Norma, Margaret, Milton Jr (1929-) and Esabella. Mary and Esabella died as infants.

In the 1930 US census she was shown as married to Milton Day age 30, she was age 29. There were four children. He was a gas works labourer. They were living at 140 Austin Place Cambridge MA.

They appeared in the 1940 US census at School Street, Woburn with only three children at home. He was a foreman at a sewer project and was shown as age 38. Norma was shown as age 39, a naturalized citizen. Children, Margaret, Milton Jr. and Norma were living at home.

In 1942 he was shown as self employed living at 210 School Street, Woburn MA.

Milton died February 26, 1958, in Woburn MA and is buried in Puritian Lawn Cemetery in Peabody MA

Norma died May 14, 1980, in Yarmouth NS.

END

2-5-13

Isobel Eaton Brannen 1906-1907

Isobel was born in Clark' Harbour NS in 1906. She was the youngest daughter of Francis Annis Brannen (1869-1944) and Belle Dickie (1868-1936).

She died as an infant in 1907.

END

THE CHILDREN OF SUSAN JULIA INNES BRANNEN (1871-1942)

2-5-14

Flossie Belle Swim (1890-1896)

Flossie was born in Clark's Harbour July 31, 1890. She was the daughter of Susan Julia Innes (1871-1942) and Samuel (Shorty) Swim (1860-1934). She died as a young child only six years old on November 23, 1896, and buried in Oakvale cemetery in Clark's Harbour NS.

END

2-5-15

Alexander Rose Swim (1894- 1954)

Alexander was born at Swim's Point NS March 12, 1894. He was the son of Susan Julia Innes (1871-1942) and Samuel (Shorty) Swim (1860-1934). In the 1901 census he was shown as age seven and in 1911 shown as 17.

He married Gladys Glendening Wigglesworth (1893-1966) October 2 1917. She was the daughter of William Thomas Wigglesworth (1853-1933) and Celia Keddy (1856-1912). They had nine children.

The 1920 US census shows him married to Gladys with one child Frederick five months old.

In March 22 1922 there is a record of him returning to Canada from USA. He declared he was married, a fish dealer formerly of Liverpool, and his father's name was Albert. He had entered the US in fall of 1918 to work. He had been living in Somerville MA.

The 1930 US census shows an A. Swim age 36 married to Gladys living in Boston. There were five children all listed as having been born in Canada. He was a fish buyer. The 1940 US census shows him on Norton Street in Boston. There were seven children at home.

His 1942 draft registration card shows him at 75 Norton. He declared he was unemployed.

He died October 19, 1954, in Boston MA

Gladys appeared in the Boston city directory in 1964 as a widow. Three of her children, Rose born 1928, William born 1932, and Gloria born 1938 were living with her at 75 Norton St Dorchester MA.

END

2-5-16

Mildred Alfreda Swim (1896-1977)



She was born at Swim's Point August 31, 1896. She was the daughter of Susan Julia Innes (1871-1942) and Samuel (Shorty) Swim (1860-1934). In the 1902 census she was shown as age four and in the 1911 census as age 14.

In May of 1921 she is shown travelling with her mother on the boat to Boston.

She does not appear to have married or had children.

She died December 13, 1977, and is buried in the family plot in Oakvale cemetery in Clark's Harbour.

END

2-5-17

Merle Dundas Swim (1898-1968)



He was born July 21, 1898, at Swims Point NS. He was the son of Susan Julia Innes (1871-1942) and Samuel (Shorty) Swim (1860-1934). He appears in the 1901 census as age two, and in the 1911 census as age 11.

In 1921 he and his brother William age 20 were passengers on the "Boston Boat". They were listed as seamen going to Somerville MA.

He married Florence Evelyn Muree (1922-2012). They had three children, Gayton Dundas (1942-2014), Ward Sterling (1944-1945) and Dean.

They lived in Brooklyn NS. after marriage but moved to the family home in Clark's Harbour in 1946.

The 1949 voter's list showed him as a labourer living with Florence.

The voter's list of 1965 shows him as a gentleman living in Clark's harbour with his wife. He apparently lived there in his parent's former house at Swim's Point Road.

He died June 23, 1968, and is buried in the Brooklyn cemetery at Brooklyn NS. Florence died August 27, 2012, and is buried with Merle.

OBITUARY:

SWIM, Florence Evelyn - 90, of Villa St. Joseph du-Lac and formerly of Clark's Harbour, Shelburne Co., passed away August 27, 2012 in the Villa. Born January 8, 1922 in Pubnico, she was a daughter of the late Dennis and Elnora (Gray) Muree. Florence was a much loved and cherished mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She devoted her life to her home and her family and was well known for both her cooking and her hospitality. In her early married life, she lived in Brooklyn and often talked about how much she loved living there. In 1946, she moved to Clark's Harbour to live in the Swim family home and ran a bed and breakfast out of her home for a few years. She is survived by sons, Dean (Edna) Swim, Shag Harbour; Gayton Swim, Clark's Harbour; sisters, Edna White and Annie Surette, both of Yarmouth; daughter-in-law, Carole Swim; grandchildren, Michael (Susan) Swim, Rebecca Symonds (Tony Woodworth), Robert (Kimberly) Swim, David (Miranda) Swim, Helen (Blake) Nickerson, Lance Swim (Sharon Balalong), Stephen Swim (Melissa Ryer) and Jennifer Swim (Lloyd Benoit); as well as seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by husband, Merle; son Ward in infancy; brother, William. Interment followed in Brooklyn Cemetery.

END

2-5-18

William Jeremiah Swim (1900-1962)



He was born April 25, 1900, at Swims Point NS. He was the son of Susan Julia Innes Brannen (1871-1942) and Samuel (Shorty) Swim (1860-1934). In the 1901 census he was listed as age one, the 1911 showed his age to be ten.

When he enlisted in WWI, January 30, 1819, he gave his middle name as Jerry and his DOB as October 25 1899 (There is a possibility he increased his age to enlist as other sources state his DOB as 1900). He was with the Nova Scotia Regiment; his number was 3180371.

In 1921, he indicated his age as 20. He and his brother Merle, age 22, were passengers on the "Boston Boat". They were listed as seamen going to Somerville MA.

He married Muriel Carolyn Duncan (1905-1990). They appear to have had five children, Verne Merle (1929-2010), Courtney (1933-1970) and three more.

He is found on the manifest of the SS *Sonia* Aug 26 1940 going from NS to NY. He was an able seaman aged 41. He indicted his height was 6 feet and his weight was 170 pounds. He had been with the ship since June. The captain was Norman Smith.

He died at Brooklyn NS August 28, 1962. Muriel died August 16, 1990.

END

2-5-19

Albert Evan Swim (1903-1953)



Evan was born October 19, 1903, at Swims Point NS. He was the youngest child of Innes Brannen (1871-1942) and Samuel Albert Swim (1860-1934). He married Annie Phillips Crowell (1907-1998) August 17, 1925. She was the daughter of William H. Crowell. They had seven children:

Glendean Innis (1926-1967)

Royden William (1927-1993)

Paul Evan (1929-1985)

Clair Rita (1932-1997)

Cyril Bruce (1933-2001)

Melba June (1935-1994)

He took over his father's businesses when his father passed away. The businesses were centered in Clark's Harbour/Swims Point and Clam Harbour NS. They focused on the fishing industry, buying, processing fish and lobsters. They also processed cod livers

into oil. In addition to these he owned the Vimy Block in Clark's Harbour which contained a theater with bowling alleys and a pool parlor upstairs.

He died suddenly at age 49 January 21, 1953, when he took his own life with a gunshot wound. He was likely an alcoholic and suffered from depression. He was buried January 23, 1953, in the Oakvale cemetery in Clark's Harbour.

Annie died November 4, 1998, and is buried with Evan in Clark's Harbour NS.

STORY:

The following is excerpted from Jack Brannen's book *The Life and times of JLB*. It tells of some of Evan's businesses in the early 1940's.

My first job was in 1940 working for Evan Swim, a fish broker at Swim's Point. My Dad and brother George already worked there. I started out helping with shingling the old building, whitewashing the walls, and pouring new concrete floors. Next, a 3 masted vessel arrived with a load of salt from the West Indies and my job was to use a small truck as back up. My truck would be used when none of the bigger larger trucks was available. (Later) I was laid off until it was time to harvest ice in the winter. I had only about 2- or 3-weeks work that fall and was unemployed until February when the ice was thick enough to be cut. This time my job was to push the blocks of ice to the ramp to the icehouse.

In the spring of 1941, I was hired back on to go to Clam Harbour to work in a lobster factory. The rest of the crew came down in three lobster boats that were used for buying lobster along the harbours in the area. Dad and my brother arrived shortly after us. We borrowed a boat and rowed across to the factory on the island.

Once we got operating, my job was to pick the meat out of the lobster arms. This was a very tedious job. The days the factory operated we had to take the packages of lobster meat to the cold storage in Halifax which was approximately sixty miles away.

After the lobster season was over(and) we got back, we found Evan had bought the theatre which had been closed for a few years. Upstairs were four bowling lanes and four pool tables. The theatre was heated with a hot water radiator. To fill the system in the cold weather we had to carry a pail of water from a well across the road, up two sets of stairs (until it was full). After a few weeks Evan bought a pump. So that ended that part of my job. Another job was to refinish the bowling alleys because a lot of bowlers 'tossed' the balls so hard it dented the alleys. To sand them, we used a large wooden box full of bricks with sandpaper on the bottom. The box was dragged up and down the alleys until they were smooth. Then they were shellacked, and when dry, wax

applied. The box, this time with a cloth pad, was dragged up and down again to polish the wax.

Cod livers became available in the spring and Evan reopened his cod liver oil plant for the season. The livers were put in an old bread mixer, and then beet pulp added until it was like porridge. The liquid was drained off into a pail, then dumped into forty-five-gallon drums. These were taken to Yarmouth to be refined and bottled.

After the liver plant closed in October for the season, we fixed up an old building to store salt. A few days later the salt vessel arrived. With salt off, the ship needed ballast, so George and I had to haul tons of rock from Hawk Beach to the ship.

With the salt job done in December Dad and I went to Barrington to cut firewood for the theatre.

In the winter of 1942, I was back harvesting ice again but this time I got to drive the car that pulled the ice up the chute. After we finished the ice, I was laid off for a while, but I was called back to work in March to haul fish products to Yarmouth. I got all the trucking jobs. The fish I was hauling was dried fish that was shipped by freight boats from Yarmouth to Boston. I made several of these trips bringing back coal or sawdust for the icehouse. Then in April 1942 I went back to Clam Harbour. This time the factory wasn't operating. I was put in charge of buying lobsters from the local fisherman for between 10 and 15 cents a pound. On Saturday the lobsters were picked up by a small boat and taken out to a larger ship and on to the market in Boston. I also had to go into Halifax to get supplies for the boats and cookhouse. We kept some of the lobster in crates until we had a truckload. Once I had enough, I made a night run to Clark's Harbour

When we left Clam Harbour that May, it was the end of operating the factory or buying lobsters in that area for Evan Swim.

I was just back from Clam Harbour when another load of salt arrived on the same three masted vessel. After the vessel was unloaded, I hauled all the salt out of the storage building and that was the end of Evan's salt business.

Back home, and working for Evan Swim again, I was driving a truck to Halifax with dried fish twice a week. In the summer the local fishermen used to go out and live on the islands off Cape Sable near their fishing grounds. They would split, salt and dry their catches and in the fall when they came home, they would sell their fish to a fish broker. He shipped them to Halifax, as there was nowhere locally to get them packaged.

I made two trips a week as it took 2 days for a trip with loading, travel and unloading. On the way back I would pick up a load of fish skins at a place in Halifax and bring them back to the glue factory on Stoney Island Road. Every second week I would go down to the Eastern Shore and buy cod fish out of pickle. Each fisherman down there salted their own fish and usually had their own boat and wharf. As they usually didn't have cars there were no driveways to the wharves. You just took the shortest route across their fields. My dad went with me a few times. The fish were small, so it took a long time to get a load. It meant visiting a lot of fishing wharves.

As well as my Halifax trips in January 1943 I had a boxcar of wallboard to be unloaded and delivered to the bowling alley for its new walls. Along with the wallboard they needed a load of strapping from Shelburne.

I had planned to quit driving for Evan, which I did. I was getting tired of the long hours of driving and small pay. I went to Yarmouth for a few days but didn't find anything suitable, so I asked my old boss for another job. As it turned out my dad needed a helper to work with him putting up the wallboard.

That year when we put the ice in the icehouse, I used the truck to haul up the ice. After the ice was done, I quit again.

END

THE CHILDREN OF MARY ELIZABETH BRANNEN (1872-1962) Mae Nickerson (1894-1983)

Louisa Mae Nickerson (1894-1983)



Louie Nickerson was born May 26, 1894, in Clark's Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Mame Brannen (1872-1962) and Freeman Nickerson (1868-1929).

She and her sister Flossie worked at the cotton mill in Yarmouth NS around 1918 along with their cousin Edna Brannen.

She married Smith Thomas Messenger (1886-1973) November 16 1912 in Clark's Harbour. They had eight children.

They appear in the 1921 census as living in Clark's Harbour with five children at home. He was 34 and she was 27 years old.

Smith died October 10, 1973, in Clark's Harbour NS

She died December 16, 1983, Shelburne NS and is buried in Oakvale cemetery in Clark's Harbour NS with Smith.

OBITUARY

Clarke's Harbor: Louie M. Messenger, 89, died Friday, December 16, 1983 in Roseway Manor, Shelburne. Born in Clark's Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Freeman and Mary (Brannen) Nickerson. She attended the United Baptist Stone Church, Clark's Harbour.

She is survived by three sons, Donald and Gerald, both of Clark's Harbour, and Bruce, Bridgewater; two sisters, Mrs. Flossie Allen and Joyce (Mrs. Leo Tobin) , both of Stoughton, Mass.; 13 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and a great great grandson. She was predeceased by her husband T. Smith; three sons, Lawrence, Carl and Bernard; two daughters Valerie and Olive; a brother Donald, and a sister Marie. The funeral service was held on Monday, December 19, 1983 in the United Baptist Stone Church with Rev. Frank Hudgins officiating. Burial was in Oakvale Cemetery

END

2-5-21

Elizabeth Marie Nickerson (1898-C1979)



Marie was born in Clark's Harbour October 3, 1898. She was the daughter of Mame Brannen (1872-1962) and Freeman Nickerson. (1868-1929).

She and her sister worked at the cotton mill in Yarmouth NS around 1920.

She married Bernard Thomas Grace (1892-1962) March 13 1920 at Arcadia NS. He was the son of Thomas Henry Grace and Lucy Larkin. They had four children, Arthur Grace (1920- 1989, Walter Grace (1920-??), Mildred Gertrude Grace (1923-1996) and another daughter.

The 1921 census showed her age 22 living in Clark's Harbour with nine-month-old twins Walter and Arthur.

In 1951 she was living in Halifax and working as a housekeeper. She divorced Thomas, who died at Mader's Cove NS in 1962, and moved to the US.

In 1957 she was granted US citizenship while living in Roxbury MA.

In 1974 she was listed as a widow living with her son Arthur in Walton NS

At the time of her brother Donald's death in 1979 she was shown as a resident of Halifax. Her date and location of death is unknown.

END

2-5-22

Flossie Belle Nickerson (1900-1994)



Flossie was born October 5, 1900, in Clark's Harbour. She was the daughter of Mame Brannen (1872-1962) and Freeman Nickerson. (1868-1929).

The 1901 Census shows Flossie Belle aged six months. Her birthdate was shown as October 5, 1900. She was living with her parents Mame Brannen (1872-1962) and Freeman Nickerson (1868-1929), and siblings Louie age six, Elizabeth age three.

The 1911 Census shows her as age eleven living with her parents and four siblings at West Head.

She was recorded as crossing on the Yarmouth to Boston boat November 1917 and June 1920.

Around 1918 she worked at the cotton mill in Yarmouth with her sister Marie and her cousin Edna Brannen.

She married Harvey Burton Allen (1898-1947). They had six children:

She lived in the US, and she became a US citizen.

He died in 1947.

In 1951 she was living in Roxbury MA.

January 9, 1957, she was granted US citizenship. She was living in Roxbury.

Flossie died August 15, 1994, in Stoughton MA. She is buried in the Evergreen cemetery in Clark's Harbour.

END

2-5-23

Donald Belmont Nickerson (1902-1979)

Donald was born in Clark's Harbour May 24, 1902. He was the son of Mame Brannen (1872-1962) and Freeman Nickerson. (1868-1929).

The 1921 Canadian census shows him as being 19 years old and working as a fish packer.

He married Bertha Marie Atwood (1908-1999) February 14 1925. They had three children Alfreda, Shermaine, and Marsha.

Various voter lists show him as a fisherman living in Clark's Harbour.

He died July 4 1979 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery at lower Clark's Harbour. Bertha died about 1999 and is buried with her husband.

OBITUARY

Donald Belmont Nickerson, 77, of Clark's Harbour died July 4, 1979 in the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born in Clark's Harbour, Cape Sable Island, he was the son of the late Freeman Nickerson and Mary (Brannen) Nickerson. He is survived by his wife, Bertha Marie (Atwood); three daughters, Alfreda (Mrs. Warren Nickerson), Clark's Harbour; Shermaine, (Mrs. Cecil Atkinson), Yarmouth; Marsha. (Mrs. Brian Nickerson), Clark's Harbour; and four sisters, Mrs Louie Messenger, Clark's Harbour; Mrs Flossie Allen, Waltham. Mass.; Mrs. Marie Grace, Halifax; and Mrs. Joyce (Leo) Tobin, Roxberry, Mass. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 6, 1979, at 2 p.m. from Kenney's Funeral Home, Barrington, the Rev. Stanley Fidler officiating. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery, The Hawk, Cape Sable Island.

END

2-5-24

Kathleen Joyce Nickerson (1904-2003)



Joyce was born in Clark's Harbour December 29, 1904. She was the daughter of Mame Brannen 1872-1962 and Freeman Nickerson. 1868-1929.

She had a child Kathleen B. Nickerson born in Clark's Harbour 1924 when she was 20. It is not known if she was married or the identity of the father.

She married James Leo Tobin (1903-2012) before 1927. They had two children Leo Bertram Tobin (1927-1969) and Joyce M. (1929-).

The 1940 US census listed two children of Leo and a step daughter Kathleen Nickerson age 16, born in Canada.

Kathleen Joyce Tobin died at age, 99 in Stoughton December 9 2003.

OBITUARY

Kathleen Joyce (Nickerson) Tobin, 99, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Copley at Stoughton Nursing Home in Stoughton. She was the wife of the late James Leo Tobin. Born in Nova Scotia, Canada, she was a resident of Stoughton for more than 35 years. Mrs. Tobin was a homemaker.

In her younger days she enjoyed dancing.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathleen B. Hayes of Dover and Joyce M. Nee of Stoughton; her grandchildren Thomas J. Nee, Robert B. Nee, Bruce Hayes, Dana Hayes, Wade Hayes and Christopher Hayes, and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband James Leo Tobin, five brothers and sisters and her son Leo B. Tobin.

Funeral services were held in the Farley Funeral Home, 358 Park St., (Rt. 27) Stoughton on this morning, Thursday, Dec. 11, at 11 A.M. Burial followed at Dry Pond Cemetery, Stoughton.

Source: Stoughton Journal, Dec. 11, 2003

END

THE CHILDREN OF CASSIE BELLE BRANNEN (1877-1983)

2-5-25

Francine Cole (1909-1983)



She was born August 4, 1909, in Clark's Harbour. She was the daughter of Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1983) and Frank Cole (1883-1952). She was a twin to Madeline Cole (1909-1988).

In the 1911 census report she was shown as age one living with her parents on Cape Sable Island. In the 1921 census she was still in Clark's Harbour. She moved with her family to Port Washington around 1925.

Francine Cole married Adolph J. McNamara (1901-1971) September 5, 1929. He was the son of Frank S. McNamara (1858-1932) and Amelia Bruening (1861-1932). They lived at 88 Barbeach Rd., Port Washington NY.

In the 1930 census they were living in Port Washington without children. They had one son James McNamara (1933-1993).

Francine and Adolph appeared in the 1930 census without children. In the 1940 census they were in North Hempstead NY with one son, James.

Adolph died May 1971 in Port Washington Francine died January 1983 also in Port Washington NY.

END

2-5-26

Madeline B. Cole (1909-1988)



She was born August 4, 1909, in Clark's Harbour. She was the daughter of Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1983) and Frank Cole (1883-1952). She was a twin to Francine Cole (1909-1983).

in the 1911 census report she was shown as age one living with her parents on Cape Sable Island. In the 1921 census she was still in Clark's Harbour and age 11. She moved with her family to Port Washington around 1925.

She married William Joseph Kurtz (1905-??) at Sea Cliff NY March 30, 1929.

She appears in the 1930 US census as 20 living in North Hempstead NY years old. NY. She was married William Kurtz. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Canada or a charity of your choice in Mrs. Brannen's memory

In 1935 she was living in Los Angeles CA and married to Edgar Tedford age 40.

The Quincy MA 1939 city directory showed her living there. The 1940 US census showed her living in Portland ME and married to Edgar Tedford (c1899). She was not an American citizen.

She married three times; her third husband was William Edwards.

She had no children.

She died July 27, 1988.

END

2-5-27

Margaret Elaine Cole (1912-2013)



Elaine Cole was born February 3rd, 1912, in Clark's Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1983) And Frank Cole (1883-1952).

She appears in the 1921 census living with her parents and siblings in Clark's Harbour NS.

She moved to Port Washington NY around 1925. She appears in the 1930 US census as single age 18 living in North Hempstead NY.

She married Peter A. Walters (1907-1972) in 1972. They had one son, Peter Robert Walters born August 20th, 1933. Her husband Peter passed away July 1972 at North Port NY and is buried in Knolls cemetery.

Her son Peter Robert Walters married Joan P. Reed Born November 27th

Elaine passed away July 31st, 2013, at just over 101, at Huntington Station NY and is buried in Knowles cemetery.

OBTITUARY:

Margaret Elaine Cole Walters of Northport, Suffolk, NY and Melbourne, Brevard, FL, died peacefully on 31Jul2013. At 21, she was proud to become an American citizen. She

was preceded in death by her parents Captain Frank and Casandra Brennen Cole, her twin sisters Francine McNamara (Adolf) and Madeline Edwards (Bill), her brother Elliot and his wife Betty Fiigon Cole and Elaine's husband Peter A. Walters. She is survived by her son Peter Robert Walters and his wife Joan Reed Walters, her grandson Peter Reed Walters and his wife Karen, her granddaughters Melissa Anne Walters-Bonamo and Lisa Walters-Bonamo, her great grandchildren Victoria Ann Walters and Peter Karl Walters, and many nieces and nephews. Elaine, as she preferred to be addressed, requested no memorial service.

END

2-5-28

Elliott Leslie Cole (1918-1959)



Elliott was born in Clark's Harbour October 3, 1918. He was the son of Cassie Belle Brannen (1877-1983) And Frank Cole (1883-1952).

The 1921 census listed him as age three living in Clark's Harbour NS.

He moved with his parents to Port Washington around 1925 when he was seven years old.

In the 1930 US census he was shown as age 12 living with parents in North Hempstead NY. In the 1940 census he was 22, single, a truck driver living with his parents.

Elliott served in the USN from September 21, 1943, to December 13, 1945. He was a seaman first class assigned to the USS Midway during WW2.

He married Betty Jane Fiigon (1919-2006). She passed away in Florida. They had one child Elliott Geffroy Cole born July 1943.

Elliott Geffroy married Linda Jeanne ????? and had one child Julianne.

Elliott Cole died Sept 25, 1959, and is buried in Knolls cemetery Port Washington NY.

OBITUARY:

Elliott L. Cole, 41, of 26 Dunes Lane, Manorhaven, died on Friday, September 25th, following an apparent brain injury from a fall which occurred in a local store on Sunday, September 20th.

A native of Clark's Harbor, Canada, he came. to Port Washington when he was 7 years old, with his parents Mrs. Cassie Cole of Neulist Avenue and the late Frank Cole.

An operating, engineer, he had been with the Grant Park Construction Company in Lynbrook at the time of his death. Formerly he was with Salerno and Sons, a local construction firm for more than seventeen years.

He served with the US Navy Air Corps as an aviation machinist on USS Midway during World War II.

He was a member of the Port Washington Lodge No. 1010 of Free and Accepted Masons.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, the former Miss Betty Fiigon, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Fiigon of 33 Irma Avenue and the late Port Police Chief Austin Monroe Fiigon: a son, Elliot Geffroy Cole, a student at the Paul D. Schreiber High School and three sisters, Mrs. Adolph (Francine) McNamara of Bar Beach Road, Mrs. William (Madelyn) Edwards of Neulist Avenue and Mrs. Peter (Elaine) Walters of Highland Avenue,

Masonic Services were held on Sunday, September 27th at the Rollins Funeral Home where he reposed, following, religious services conducted by the Reverend William Bruce Reed D.D., minister of the First Methodist Church. Interment Nassau Knolls Cemetery. OLE-Elliott L., on September 25, 1959, of 226 Dunes Lane, Manorhaven, Port Washington, L.I. Beloved husband of Betty, devoted father of Elliot J.; beloved son of Cassie Cole; dear brother of Francine McNamara, Madelyn Edwards and Elaine

Walters. Religious service 8:00 PM, Masonic service 8:30 PM Sunday, September 27th at Rollins Funeral Home 9 Madison St., Port Washington. Interment Monday, 2:00 PM at Nassau Knolls Cemetery, Port Washington.

THE CHILDREN OF GEORGE HORTON BRANNEN (1878-1955)

2-5-29

Marion Brannen (1901-1980)



Marion was born September 27, 1901, in Centreville NS. She was the daughter of George Horton Brannen (1878-1955) and Edith Wickens (1878-1967). She moved with her parents to Manchester ME around 1914.

March 20, 1920, she married Giles Willis Fernald (1899-1975) in Manchester NH.

The 1920 census found her in Manchester NH single, living at home and working in a silk mill. The 1930 US census shows her married to Giles Willis Fernald and living in Eliot, Maine. There were four children Lillian, Margaret age eight, Gordon and Barbara. He was a supervisor clerk at the Navy Yard. Her immigration date was given as 1904. She was not a naturalized citizen at that time.

In the 1940 US census showed her living in Eliot, York, Maine, she was a naturalised citizen married to Giles W. There are three children at home, Lillian F age 19, Gordon A. age 17 and E. Barbara age 15.

The 1952 Portsmouth directory shows her as manager of the Silver Slipper Hosiery Shop and living in Eliot. Married to Giles.

In 1957 she was a clerk at Goodman's Boys Shop living in Eliot.

Giles died January 14, 1975, and Marion passed away April 14 1980.

END

2-5-30

Charles Austin Brannen (1902-1903)

He was born in Centreville NS in 1902 He was the son of George Horton Brannen (1878-1955) and Edith Wickens (1878-1967).

He died as an infant in 1903.

END

2-5-31

Jeremiah Bruce Brannen (1904-1979)



Bruce was born in Centreville NS on June 20, 1904. He was the son of George Horton Brannen (1878-1955) and Edith Wickens (1878-1967). He moved with his parents to Manchester NH around 1914.

He married Madalyn Hunter Evans Johnson (1901-1997) November 2, 1925, in Pittsburgh PA. She had been married previously and had a small child, William Evans Johnson born January 4, 1922. William Evans took the Brannen name.

Bruce worked as a labourer in a steel mill in Pittsburgh until sometime after 1930 and then Bruce and Madalyn moved to Eliot ME where he operated a Citgo gas station. They lived in Manchester NH for a while.

They had four other children, John, Ruth, Norma Jean and Edith.

They had a cabin on Great East Lake in Maine and enjoyed having the grandchildren visit.

He died February 5, 1979, in Eliot ME and he is buried in MT Pleasant cemetery.

END

2-5-32

Margaret Brannen (1905-1995)



Margaret B. was born November 9, 1905, in Centreville NS. She was the daughter of George Horton Brannen (1878-1955) and Edith Wickens (1878-1967). She moved with her parents to Manchester NH around 1914.

After she graduated in 1923 from Manchester Central High School, she worked for a number of years at the National Life Insurance Agency in Manchester. She retired January 1, 1979.

She married George Francis Smet (1905-1985), a native of Belgium April 19, 1936, in Lebanon NH. He arrived in the US in 1911.

They had 3 children, David Austin Smet (1937-1954), Phillip George Smet (1941-1999) and Jonathan Bruce Smet (1946-).

George died February 1985. She passed away August 9, 1995, and was buried August 12th St Patrick's Cemetery in Newport NH.

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OBITUARY

Margaret B. Smet , 89 Grandview Avenue died August 9, 1995, at New London Hospital.

She was a 1923 graduate of Manchester Central Hight School.

She employed at National Life Insurance Agency in Manchester for 13 years.

Mrs. Smet was an avid bowler.

Past Presidents Club.

She was a long-time communicant of St. Patrick's Church.

She was born Nov 9, 1905, in Centreville, Cape Sable Island, the daughter of George and Edith (Wickens) lived in Newport for more than 60 years. Her husband George Smet died in 1985.

She leaves two sons Phillip G. Smet, Rutland, VT and Jonathan, Van Nuys, CA, two grandsons, Christopher---VT and Andrew D. Smet, Van Nuys Calif and-----Brannen, Tucker GA.

David Smet died in 1954.

Rites of Christian burial was celebrated \Aug 12 in St. Patrick's Newport, with Rev. Joseph Mahoney----. Burial was in St Patrick's Cemetery Newport.

END

2-5-33

Charles Austin Samuel Brannen (1907-1979)



He was born in Centreville NS May 9, 1907. He was the son of George Horton Brannen (1878-1955) and Edith Wickens (1878-1967). The 1911 census showed him age four living in Centreville. He moved with his parents to Manchester NH in 1914.

In the 1930 US census he was shown as 22 years old living with his parent in Manchester NH. In the 1940 US census he was shown as single, working as a stenographer in Washington DC. He was shown as a naturalized citizen boarding in Washington.

The 1956 Torrance CA city directory showed him living at 178 Manhattan Av. in Hermosa Beach CA. He was working as a bookkeeper at a brick company.

He became an actor located in Los Angeles. He died there and was buried June 24, 1979, in Hollywood, CA in the Hollywood Forever Cemetery, Section 1 at Opening, Right Wall Facing East. Section 4, Bottom Small Crypts. Alcove of Repose.

He never married.

STORY:

From a letter from Austin to his brother Weldon February 17, 1978

....I was the first year of school when we left....As I recall so well....Lord Fauntroy curls I remember when they were chopped off, I have in my belongings to this day, some of those blond locks.....

From a letter from Austin to his brother Weldon May 10, 1978

On the subject of differences between brothers, I remember people used to say they couldn't believe Bruce and I were from the same parents, we were so unlike. Some folks used to say to me, "If you would only be like your brother." Which always drove me straight up the wall. Hey, man, each is an individual. Viva la difference.....I

From and e-mail from Mark Brannen, Austin's nephew, to the Author September 2010

Austin was an accountant by trade and lived in Hermosa Beach - moved there in the 50's and stayed til his passing. I only met him one time at Grandmother's funeral in Manchester in 1967. I had planned to see him when I was in LA with a helicopter flight in the late 70's, but he was not able to get together. He was a huge Dodgers' fan and season ticket holder. He always lamented on his trips to NH that he could not get the west coast scores in the paper. He did summer stock in New England and continued that in LA, becoming friends with many of the stars of the 60's and 70's - particularly the "Wagon Train" cast members. He was one of the funniest people I ever met and when Dad was on the phone with him, the laughter never stopped. He never married but stayed in touch with other Brannen clan who moved to CA and AZ - loved his family.

END

2-5-34

Ruth Elizabeth Brannen (1909-2002)

Ruth was born 6 March 1909 at Centreville NS. Dr. J. A. Turnbull was listed as the physician in attendance. Ruth was the daughter of George Horton Brannen (1878-1955) and Edith Wickens (1878-1967). On her birth registration her father George was listed as a butcher.

She moved to Manchester NH with her parents around 1914.

In the 1930 census she was age 21 living at home with her mother and two brothers and a sister. She was working as a bookkeeper.

She married Harold Joseph Bohan (1898-1962) May 27, 1939, in Manchester NH. He was age 39 and she was age 30. On her marriage certificate her father George was listed as a contractor aged 70, residence unknown.

1940 census shows her living in Manchester on Massabesic Street and employed as a stenographer in a law office. Harold was a bookkeeper in a bank.

They had one child G. Robert Bohan born May 6, 1940. Their son died in 1969.

Harold died October 30, 1962. Ruth died September 28, 2002, in Manchester NH.

END

2-5-35

Weldon Marshall Brannen (1921-2013)



Weldon was born in Manchester NH on March 1 1921. He was the son of George Horton Brannen (1878-1955) and Edith Wickens (1878-1967). He was the youngest child of George and Edith and the only child born in the US.

In the 1930 census Weldon was nine years old living at 618 South Beech Street Manchester with his mother Edith who is listed as married. His father George Horton is not shown as residing there. At that address were sisters Ruth E. Brannen age 21 and

Margaret E. Brannen age 24, both are listed as bookkeepers. His brother Austin age 22 was also living at home working as a clerk.

In the 1940 census Weldon is shown as age 19 living with his mother Edith at South Beech. He was a stenographer in retail auto sales. He was single. Weldon's birthplace is shown as New Hampshire. In the 1942 Manchester directory Weldon is shown is still living with his mother at 618 South Beech and working as a stenographer at Mack Motor Truck.

The 1945 city directory shows Weldon as being in the Military but enumerated at South Beech Street. December 4, 1945, he married Estelle E. Elliott known as Junie. They had two sons, Michael (1947-) and Mark (1950-).

In the 1946 directory Weldon was listed as an office clerk at Mack Motor and married to Estelle.

In the 1951 city directory he is shown as an office manager Mack Motor Truck Company. He was married to Estelle E. and living at South Beech where his mother Edith still lived. His brother Bruce Brannen is listed as a parts manager at Queen City Motors Inc. In 1957 Edith is no longer listed at So Beech, Weldon and Estelle were now listed at 184 Gilford and he was still office manager at Mack.

He died December 9, 2013, in McDonough, GA

STORY:

February 9, 2014, I spoke to Junie (Estelle) by Phone. Weldon died about 6 weeks earlier and was cremated and not buried in a cemetery. She provided me with the date of their marriage and the names of their children. They met when her brother who was serving with Weldon in the Navy introduced them, she said she had no knowledge of what happened to George Horton, Weldon's father', or his brother Charles Austin. Ruth married Joe Bohan and had 3 boys; Marion moved to Eliot Maine.

Bruce Brannen 2014

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Weldon Weldon Marshall Brannen, age 92, of McDonough , Ga. passed away on December 9, 2013. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire on March 1, 1921, to George Horton Brannen and Edith Wickens Brannen.

He married Estelle Elliott (Junie) on December 4, 1945. Weldon retired from Mack Trucks and Whitley Concrete Company. He was World war II veteran of the U.S. Navy

Survivors including his wife and two sons Michael Elliott Brannen (Marsha) of McDonough, Ga. and Mark Alan Brannen (Yvonne) of Evans, Georgia. In addition are 4 grandchildren Robert M. Brannen of Augusta, Ga. Glenn A. Brannen (Sharon) of Augusta, Ga, Staci L. Crowe (Robert) of McDonough, Ga. and Ryan M. Brannen of McDonough, Ga. Also 5 great-grandchildren Ashlynn E. Lindsey, Conlin J. Crowe, Harper E. Crowe, Jasper T. Brannen, and Alexander C. Brannen. The body has been donated to the Emory School of Medicine.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. at the McDonough First Baptist Church, West Campus, 2176 Jonesboro Road with Dr. Charles Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association.

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THE CHILD OF MINNIE HERMAN BRANNEN (1880-1981)

2-5-36

Edward Creamer (1913-1967)



He was the adopted son of Minnie Brannen (1880-1981) and Arthur Creamer (1879-1942). The date he joined the family is unknown.

The US Census of 1930 show him as age 17 living with his parents at State Road 1A in York Harbour Maine.

The 1934 city directory for St. Petersburg FL shows the family living at 1008 14th Av. including Edward.

December 16, 1938, he appears on the passenger list of the SS *Yarmouth* sailing from Yarmouth to Boston. He appears to be travelling with his aunt Eleanor L. Brannen

He is identified in the 1940 US census as being 27 years old living with his parents at Main Street Route 1A in York Harbour ME and working as an assistant steward in the retail food catering department. It appears he worked with his parents at a hotel.

An Edward L. Creamer was listed at 12616 Condor Dr. Jacksonville FL date unknown.

He served in WWII as a Corporal in the US Army.

He died October 10, 1967. He is buried in the First Parish Cemetery in York Village ME with his parents and Aunt Eleanor.

END

THE CHILDREN OF LALAH BELLE BRANNEN (1865-1940)

2-5-37

Harry O. Chetwynde (1886-1949)

Harry was born October 5, 1886, the child of an unmarried relationship between Harry Alma Chetwynd (1862-1894) and Lilah Belle Brannen (1865-1940). He gave his place of birth as Boston. He was raised by his grandparents Israel and Mary J. Chetwynd in Woods Harbour. He appeared in the 1891 census as age four, living in Woods Harbour with grandparents.

He appears on the passenger list of the SS *Boston* April 10, 1897. He was listed as age ten travelling with his grandfather a fisher aged 60.

When he married Ina Viola Brannen (1892-1978) in 1909 he gave his employment as motorman at the B. E. Ry. Co. He was age 22 and it was his first marriage. He was living at 27 Dana Street in Somerville.

They had three children, Harry Arthur (1911-1906), Clyde Howard (1912-1992) and Norma Viola (1914-2001).

He added an "e" to his name and became Chetwynde,

He registered for the WW1 US Draft June 5, 1917. He was 29 years old. He gave his birthdate as October 4, 1888. His home address was 4 Wigglesworth Somerville. He claimed to be born in Boston. He was a worker employed by Crowell's Laundry at 51 Lauglan St. Boston. He claimed a wife and 3 children.

According to his granddaughter, Connie Sargent, around 1940 he had a lobster boat and went lobstering and in the summer he used his boat for tours.

He signed his WWII Draft Registration as Harry Sr. living at Chapel St. Duxbury. He was age 55 born in Boston October 5, 1886, and working for National Fireworks Co. in Hanover Mass.

He died in March 1949 in Duxbury MA. and is buried in Duxbury.

STORY:

Harry and Ina met in Novy at a baseball game on Cape Sable Island, he played regularly, even though from Woods Harbor. I don't know which went to Mass. first, but they both ended up in Somerville, but on different streets. Married in 1910 on Dana St..... My Dad was born in Somerville in 1911 (Harry Arthur Chetwynde), then they went back to Novy where my uncle, Clyde, was born, then back to Mass. to have my aunt Norma. Clyde was born in the original farm house (still there).....

Harry and Ina moved to Duxbury and he had a lobster boat and she had a job canning crabmeat. My folks lived next door, and when I was 4 or 5, I used to go over and "help" her; one piece for the can and one piece for me. We always lived in towns near by, so I spent a lot of time with my grandparents. Ina played the guitar (by ear) and we played games and walked to the library often.

From an e-mail from Connie Sargent, granddaughter August 2014.

END

2-5-38

Lalah Garland (1894-1894)

Lala was born April 1894 in Somerville MA. She was the daughter of Lalah Belle Brannen (1865-1940) and Robert Edward Garland (1859-1927).

Lala died as an infant later in 1894.

END

2-5-39

William Garland (1896-Before 1914)



William was born in 1896 in Somerville MA. He was the son of Lala Belle Brannen (1865-1940) and Robert Edward Garland (1859-1927).

He appeared in the 1900 census with his family.

He died young some time before 1914.

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2-5-40

Virginia B. Garland (1898-1969)



Virginia was born October 25, 1898, in Somerville MA. She was the daughter of Lala Belle Brannen (1865-1940) and Robert Edward Garland (1859-1927).

She appeared in the 1900 census with her family.

The 1920 US census found her in Somerville MA aged 21 living with her parents and siblings Pearl and Blanch, Her stepbrother George Garland age 30 was also living there.

She married Albert H. Thomas (1898-1969). They had at least one child William Thomas (1918-1990).

Virginia died at March 5 1969 in Hawthorn CA. Her husband Albert also died in Hawthorn CA that year. They are buried in Redondo Beach CA.

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2-5-41

Pearl Minerva Garland (1900-1960)



Pearl was born July 23, 1900, in Somerville MA. She was the daughter of Lala Belle Brannen (1865-1940) and Robert Edward Garland (1859-1927).

She appears in the 1920 census along with two siblings. She was the only child still living with her parents in 1924.

She married William L. MacInnes (1896-1975). There appears to have been four children.

They were living in Revere MA in 1930

Pearl died in Hawthorn CA November 8, 1960. Her husband William died in Hawthorn CA November 12, 1975. They are buried in Redondo Beach CA.

END

2-5-42

Blanche Thelma Garland (1905-1973)



Blanche was born May 30, 1905, in Somerville MA. She was the daughter of Lala Belle Brannen (1865-1940) and Robert Edward Garland (1859-1927).

She appears in the 1920 census along with two siblings.

She married Walter F. Bent (1912-1971) in Nashua NH June 10, 1936. They at least one child Cynthia F. Bent born about 1939.

She died August 3, 1973, at Long Beach CA. Her husband Walter died December 22, 1971, also at Long Beach CA.

END

THE CHILDREN OF EZRA MATTHEW BRANNEN (1866-1946)

2-5-43

William Thomas Brannen (1895-1959)



Willie was born November 15, 1895, in Lower Woods Harbour NS. He was the oldest son of Ezra Matthew Brannen (1866-1946) and Cynthia Swain (1859-1913).

In the 1901 Census he was listed as age 6, birthdate 15 November 1894. He was living in Centreville with his parents and 4 siblings.

In the 1911 Census he was listed as age 16 living at home in Centreville with 3 other siblings. His date of birth is shown as November 1895.

He worked for his uncle Horatio Brannen on the *SS Coastguard*. He was first rejected for service on August 5, 1914, one day after war was declared, when he tried to enlist because he was recovering from rheumatic fever. His actual enlistment date was April 10, 1916, when he was accepted by the 219th Highlanders. He was shipped overseas aboard the *RMS Olympic* October 13, 1916.

He was assigned to the 85th Battalion Canadian Infantry. He fought at Courcelette, Vimy Ridge and Hill 70 where he was wounded. He lost a leg. The date of birth on his army papers varies by one year from the family records, birth certificate and tomb

stone. The army records show his date of birth as November 15, 1894, perhaps to enlist early.

He returned home after recovering from his wounds in Halifax on June 18, 1918.

He met his wife-to-be, Annie Bungay, (1897-1981) in Halifax while recovering from his wounds. She was an RN. They married January 29, 1919, and had eleven children.

According to Trudy Atkinson's research he purchased the property immediately south of the McGray's wharf road from his uncle Davis in 1919 and sold it in 1926. He was listed on the deed as a merchant.

In the 1921 census in which he was the census taker he claimed his occupation was Framer. He was married to Annie and had one daughter Alma aged one. They were living in Centreville

William T Brannen was appointed as Postmaster at Lower Woods Harbour 8 April 1938 and held that position until he resigned 23 April 1957. He was succeeded by his son Arthur.

William T. Brannen was a municipal councilor from 1929 to 1932. In 1932 he was again elected councilor and became Deputy Warden in 1933 after the death of Minard Nickerson. In 1935 he became Warden of the Municipality of Barrington until 1938.

During the second World War five of his sons served in the military, Edward and Alfred were in the RCN, Randall, the RCAF and Archie the army.

His birth certificate application was made February 28, 1949. Proof of date was based on the Family Bible and oath by Mary E. Nickerson who was present at the birth. The place of birth was stated as Lower Woods Harbour.

Death Certificate shows date of death March 31, 1959, and burial April 3rd in Lower Woods harbour. Annie died March 10 1981 in Lower Woods Harbour. They are both buried in Greenwood cemetery.

STORY:

The following appeared with photos in the Halifax Herald just days before word was received that Willie had been seriously wounded

NOVA SCOTIA BROTHERS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHTING.

W. T. BRANNEN PTE. J. R. BRANNEN , two young men are with the brave lads who were in the glorious successful charge at Vimy Ridge that brought undying glory. To

this time fortunately they have not yet been included in the casualty lists. They are the sons of E. A. Brannen, of Centerville, Cape Sable Island Shelburne county.

STORY:

WT was a fisherman and lobsterman before going to war. Dad tells me he was a crack shot and he would go out early Christmas morning to bring back a goose for the family dinner, this on one leg, he had a prosthetic leg but he didn't like to use a cane. He was also Reeve of the county for many years.

Alan Brannen, grandson e-mail 2014 July

My Father, John Randall Brannen was born in Centreville, CSI on August 14, 1921. He was named after Willie's brother who was killed at Amiens, August 10, 1918. Willie had been grievously wounded earlier at Lens and lost a leg. I remember as a boy sitting on his lap in Woods Harbour and he would stick my finger into the hole in his arm where shrapnel had worked its way out! Dad has been the only family member to visit John Randall's grave in France, in the British Cemetery at Foquescourt. Both Willie and John Randall were with the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders, instrumental in taking Vimy Ridge.

Alan Brannen, grandson e-mail 2014 July

My grandmother Annie Bungay was born in Coombs Cove Nfld. and was a nurse during WW1, when my grandfather was sent home after being wounded, he lost a leg, had it amputated twice, was badly wounded with shrapnel throughout his back and arms. Annie was his nurse in Halifax during his recovery.

Alan Brannen, grandson e-mail 2014 July

STORY

Excerpts from His sister Ester's memories:

The war years 1914-1918 were hard on all of us. My two brothers enlisted....Bill because of a severe attack of rheumatic fever could not pass the physical but later he joined the 219th regiment.....Bill was severely wounded—a body full of shrapnel---loss of a limb---but finally was able to return to Nova Scotia after a long and painful rehabilitation.

2-5-44

John Randall Brannen (1896-1918)

John Randall was born May 8, 1896, in Lower Woods Harbour NS. He was the oldest son of Ezra Matthew Brannen (1866-1946) and Cynthia Swain (1859-1913).

He appeared in the 1901 census with his family in Woods Harbour.

Before enlisting October 30, 1915, he had been a teacher prior to enlisting.

He served overseas in several of the major battles. He was a private with the 85 Battalion Canadian Infantry Nova Scotia Highlanders, instrumental in taking Vimy Ridge.

He died August 10, 1918, at the battle of Amiens from wounds suffered the day earlier and is Buried at Fouquescourt British Cemetery Plot: II. A.I.

STORY:

The following appeared with photos in the Halifax Herald just days before word was received that Randall had been killed in action

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STORY:

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Alan Brannen July 14 2014 e-mail

STORY:

Excerpts from His sister Ester's memories:

I remember my brother Randall making 98/100 in chemistry in his final (of high school) , a record for a country school with so little equipment.

The war years 1914-1918 were hard on all of us. My two brothers enlisted, Randall, in the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders....Randall was killed on August 10 1918, during the third day of the Battle of Amiens,,,,,Randall is buried at Fouquescourt, Somme, France.

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STORY:

Pte. John Randall Brannen, born September 5, 1896, was the son of Ezra M. and Cynthia Brannen, Centreville. He was a teacher when he enlisted in the 85th Canadian Infantry. He was killed in action in France on August 10, 1918 and was buried in Fouquescourt-British Cemetery, which is about 35 kilometers east of Amiens, France. His gravestone bears this inscription, "Remembered With Honour".

Excerpt from Archalus Smith Museum publication.

STORY:

END

2-5-45

Esther Everette Brannen (1898-1989)



Esther was born November 29, 1898, in Lower Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Ezra Matthew Brannen (1866-1946) and Cynthia Swain (1859-1913).

She appears in the 1901 Canadian census age three living in Woods Harbour with her parents. She appears in the 1911 Canadian census age 13 living in Centreville with her parents

She was on the passenger list going to Boston in March 1916. She was age 18, a salesclerk. Her last permanent residence was Centreville, her father Ezra. She was on her way to Somerville MA.

September 2, 1918, she married Major James Edward West (1891-1978) in St Paul's Baptist Church, Montreal QC. He was a native of Ireland. They had four children, Randall, Maureen, Betty, and Patricia

Esther E. and James E. West appear in the 1921 census for Algoma West, Sault Ste. Marie, Wirckas Station. He was 29. His birthplace was Ireland and year of immigration 1912. His employment was not legible. She was 23. They had two children, Harry R.K. and Helene E., aged two years and six weeks. Also living with them was her sister Gertrude E. Brannen, age 18 a student.

According to her memories she dictated in 1983 they lived in Montreal, Sault Ste Marie, Port Arthur, Toronto, Quebec City.

Her husband James died January 18, 1978. She died February 5, 1989, in Montreal QC.

END

STORY:

The following are excerpts from Esther's memories in 1983.

Our school in Centreville was only a one room school covering grade and high school ,...I was often called on by the teacher to help out by teaching the primary classes.... Our teacher (in 1912) resigned. The trustees received permission for me to teach the remainder of the 1912/13 term. I went to Clark;s Harbour to finish my tenth year of high school. I decided to work finishing my high school education at night school at Dorchester High.

I applied for office work at the Woolworth Co. Inside of a year, I was promoted to charge of the office.

It was on (one of my) trips from Nova Scotia to Boston when I met my future husband. My marriage opened up a whole new world on September 1, 1918, I left Boston to be married in Montreal.

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2-5-46

Ellen Gertrude Brannen (1903-1996)



Gertrude was born January 16, 1917, in Centreville NS to Ezra Matthew Brannen (1866-1946) and Ardith Anne Smith (1881-1948).

After finishing school in Nova Scotia she moved to Boston and lived with an aunt.

She moved to Sault Ste Marie and lived with her sister after her sister's first child was born, about March 1920.

She appears in the 1921 census living with her sister Esther and family in Sault Ste Marie. She was 18 years old and a student.

She married Richard West Jr. (1902-2011??) November 8th, 1922, in Sault Ste Marie, MI. She was 19 and living in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. She was a stenographer, and he was a butcher. They had four children.

Gertrude E. Brannen appears on a passenger list Aug 25, 1939, travelling on the SS *Evangeline* to Boston.

She appears in the 1972 voters list for Sault Ste. Marie, ON along with husband Richard a butcher. They were living at 56 Kitchener Road. Also living with them were Richard Brannen West (1924-2017). and Marjory Grace West (1934-2017).

The 1963 Algoma West voters list shows her, her husband Richard a butcher, Richard Jr. a chrome worker, and Marjory.

She died in 1996 and is buried in Greenwood cemetery in Sault Ste Marie. He died 2011 and is buried with Gertrude and along with children Richard Jr (Buddy) and Marjory.

END

2-5-47

Ezra Norman Brannen (1917-2009)



Norman was born January 16, 1917, in Centreville NS to Ezra Matthew Brannen (1866-1946) and Ardith Annen Smith (1881-1948).

He appears to have lived in Centreville and taught school in Clark's Harbour after completing school.

He married Winnifred Kathleen Maxwell (1921-2006) about 1941. They had three children, two lived to maturity

He served in the RCSG during WWII.

After the war he taught briefly at Clark's Harbour High School and lived in Centreville. The 1949 voter's list showed him as an insurance salesman living in Centreville.

He then attended Queen's University in Kingston, ON. And in 1950 he joined the staff at the new Yarmouth Vocational High School and spent the rest of his career teaching there.

His daughter said his great joy was driving a new car and he did so as often as possible.

Winnifred died September 21, 2006, in Yarmouth and is buried in Clark's Harbour NS.

He died March 11, 2009, and is buried in Oakvale cemetery in Clark's Harbour NS with his wife.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Ezra Norman "Norm" It is with great sadness that we announce Norm's sudden passing March 11, 2009, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born in Centreville, Shelburne Co., January 16, 1917, he was a son of the late Ezra and Adrith (Smith) Brannen. He served in the Royal Canadian Signals Corp. during the Second World War as a Radar Instructor in Kingston; Ont. Norm's was a graduate of Queen's University and taught at Yarmouth Vocational School from its opening in 1950 until his retirement in 1972. He was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Winnifred Kathleen (Maxwell). Norm is survived by daughters, Sharon (Andrew) Fahey, Calgary, Alta.; Diane (Bill) Wyman, Chebogue; grandchildren, Leanne, Punta Gorda, Fla.; Ian, Kingston, Ont.; great-grandchildren, Sophia and Scarlett, both of Punta Gorda. At Norm's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A private family graveside service will take place in Oakvale Cemetery, Clark's Harbour, at a later date, Rev. A.D. "Bill" Newell officiating. The family wishes to thank Linda Hilton, the staff of the Emergency Department, and especially Dr. Tom Muise and family physician, Dr. Chester Wyman

END

THE CHILDREN OF MARY ELIZABETH BRANNEN (1868-1944)

2-5-48

Daniel L. O'Connell (1894-1959)

Daniel was born June 7, 1894, in Shag Harbour NS. He was the son of Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Brannen 1868-1944 and George O. O'Connell (1872-1963). His date of birth is confirmed by the 1901 census however e gave an other date on enlistment of 1896.

He appears in the 1901 and 1911 census as living at home. He was shown as ages 7 and, 16.

He enlisted Nov 8, 1915, and served overseas in France in WWI including three months at the front where he served at Vimy Ridge. He was discharged May 22, 1919, in Halifax.

He married Helen Landry (1897-??) October 21, 1919, in Yarmouth. They had four children.

In the 1921 census he was shown as age 21 working at the cotton mill.

He moved to New Brunswick in the 1960s where he worked for the Saint John Dry Dock for many years.

He died in Saint John NB June 18, 1959, and is buried in the Cedar Hill Extension cemetery in Moncton.

There was no mention of his wife Helen in his obituary.

OBITUARY:

The death of Daniel L. O'Connell occurred last Thursday at his residence in Saint John N.B. following several months of illness. He was resided in Yarmouth for 45 years before going to Saint John. Born in Shag Harbour Shelburne County, he was the son of George and the late Mrs. O'Connell and had been resident of the city for 16 years. Employed with the Saint Dry Dock for many years he retired about three years ago. He served in both World Wars. From 1915 to 1919 he was overseas with the 13 Battalion Royal Highland Regiment and during the Second World War he was a member of the Veterans Guard of Canada.

Besides his father he is survived by two sons, George H. O'Connell, at home and Daniel J. O'Connell of Saint John: two daughters Mrs. Richard Tanner of Halifax N.S., and Mrs. Frank Tanner of Nova Scotia.; four brothers Earl O'Connell of Aldershot, England: Roy O'Connell of Boston Mass. And Harold and Guy both of Yarmouth N.S.; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. The funeral was held Saturday with interment at Cedar Hill Extension Cemetery.

STORY:

Private O'Connell enlisted with the 63rd Nova Scotia Draft Battalion at Halifax, NS. He went overseas, embarking Halifax on January 22, 1916, on the SS Missanabie, arriving in Plymouth, England, on January 30, 1916 and embarked for France on September 27, 1916 for service with the 13th Battalion. While serving in France he became ill and was

hospitalised on November 16, 1916 and transferred to England. He was returned to duty in England on February 2, 1917. He served in England and France and returned to Canada on May 7, 1919.

Wartime Heritage Association web site

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Harold St Clair O'Connell (1898-1967)

Harold was born July 14, 1898, in Yarmouth NS. He was the son of Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Brannen 1868-1944 and George O. O'Connell (1872-1963). The 1901 census confirms his date of birth.

He appears in the 1901 and 1911 census as living at home. He was shown as ages four and fourteen in the census reports.

He enlisted in the army November 10, 1914. He gave his DOB as July 12, 1896. He declared he had been in the militia for two years. He served with the 25th Battalion and spent four months at the front. He was wounded in his right leg and ankle.

In the 1921 census he was shown as married to Mildred Mary Guinan (1897-1927) age 24. He was a spinner living in Yarmouth. There was one daughter Margaret Mary O'Connell age four. They had four children however only one lived past infancy.

Mildred died in a fire August 27, 1927. He died April 1, 1967. He is buried in the Our Lady of Calvary catholic cemetery in Yarmouth

END

2-5-50

Roy Edward O'Connell (1898-1966)



Roy was born July 17, 1899, in Shag Harbour NS. He was the son of Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Brannen 1868-1944 and George O. O'Connell (1872-1963). The date given in the 1901 census confirms his birth date.

He was shown as age two in the 1901 census. He appears as Loid with his family in the 1911 census as age 12.

He enlisted in the Canadian army June 8, 1915. Before enlisting he had been a cook. He gave his date of birth as 1896; he was about 15 when he enlisted.

He married Anna Helen. Surette (1902-1988) May 11, 1920. She was the daughter of Jean Surette (1872-1968) and Delpdhine Muise (1875-1953). They had seven children.

In the 1921 census he was shown as age 21 married to Helen Annie Surette age 18 with daughter Rose Blanche aged six months.

The 1930 census found in Malden MA working for a laundry. There were three children at home, Blanche aged nine, Henry aged seven and John age two years.

They appear in the 1937 Malden city directory at 59 Bryant Street.

He appears to have dropped the "O" and went by the name Connell.

It appears they separated or divorced sometime after 1940.

He married Evelyn Hogan (1905-1975) they had one child Raymond (1947-2008)

He died July 13, 1966, in Stoneham MA and is buried in St. Patrick's cemetery in Stoneham.MA.

Evelyn died in 1975.

Helen later married to Fredrick Garrett (1913-1949). She died in 1988.

END

STORY:

Private Roy O'Connell was the son of George Obediah O'Connell (1892-1963) Mary Elizabeth Brannen O'Connell (1868- 1933). His brother, Daniel O'Connell also served during WWI. Private O'Connell enlisted with the 40th Battalion at Halifax, NS. He went overseas, arriving in England on October 25, 1915, and embarked for France on January 19, 1916. He was taken on strength with the 25th Battalion on January 20, 1916, and served in England and France with the 25th Battalion. He returned to England on April 8, 1919, and returned to Canada on May 10, 1919 Wartime Heritage Association web site

2-5-51

John Guy O'Connell (1899-1976)



Guy was born October 12, 1899, in Shag Harbour NS. He was the son of Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Brannen 1868-1944 and George O. O'Connell (1872-1963).

He appeared in the 1901 and the 1911 census reports as age one and age ten. In the 1921 census shows him as age 18 living at home with his family on Argyle Street Yarmouth NS. He was listed as a labourer/garbage.

February 4, 1918, he had a child with, Geraldine Elizabeth Hubbard (1918-2007). Birth records note "Illegitimate". The child's name was changed to Geraldine Elizabeth Connors.

He married Saraphie Mary (Sarah) Doucette (1907-1996) October 25, 1923. They had two surviving children:

James Clifford (Joc) O'Connell (1925-2018)

Pauline Mildred O'Connell (1927-2018)

He may have had a relationship with Marie Lea Saulnier (1901-1926)

He served in the army during WWII and remained in the service after the war. After retirement from the military he worked in the N.S. liquor store.

He died May 26, 1976, in Yarmouth NS and is buried in the Our Lady of Calvary cemetery in Yarmouth NS.

END

2-5-52

Earl O'Connell (1903-1975)



Earl was born June 9, 1905, in Rockville NS. He was the son of Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Brannen 1868-1944 and George O. O'Connell (1872-1963).

He appeared in the 1911 census at 6 Main Street in Yarmouth NS. In the 1921 census he was age 17 living at home. He was not working.

He married Jeannie Thebault (1911-1943) and they appeared to have had eight children.

He served in the army in WWII and was wounded and was decorated. After the war he remained in England and married Sarah Sweetman (1913-2003) in 1947. She was from Liverpool, England. They had five children.

He returned to Yarmouth in 1971.

He may have had a relationship with Marie Lea Salunier (1901-1926)

He died at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax June 24, 1975.

OBITUARY:

Earl O'Connell 17 Clements Street Yarmouth died at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax on Thursday June 24, 1975, at the age of 72.

Born in Yarmouth Nova Scotia he was the son of George and Elizabeth (Brannen) O'Connell.

Mr. O'Connell was a veteran of the second world war, having served with the Western Nova Scotia's 39-45. He was wounded in Italy during the service. After the war he made his home in England for 25 years and then returned to Yarmouth in 1971.

Surviving are his wife the former Sarah Sweetman, Yarmouth, daughters May O'Connell. England; Louise, Boston Massachusetts ;Joyce (Mrs. George Walker), Pubnico; Phillis (Mrs. Alfred d'Entremont), Pubnico; Margaret, (Mrs Barry Harwood), Arcadia; and Alice (Mrs. F. Wright) England; John, Oxford, England; Martin, England; Robert, Chebogue, brother Guy, Yarmouth; 40 grandchildren.

Remains rested at Sweeny's Funeral Home and funeral services were held at the Ritchie Chapel on Saturday June 28 at 11 a.m. with Rev. E. Ingraham officiating.

Interment was a Yarmouth Memorial Cemetery.

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THE CHILD OF BLANCHE NORA BRANNEN (1872-??)

2-5-53

Hildebrand D. Sinclair (1896-C1917)



He appears in the Birth Registry of Somerville Mass as being born May 24, 1896, in Boston to Blanche and Walter Sinclair. Her birthplace is shown as Boston Mass, and Walter's, Philadelphia PA. His name was spelled Hildebrand. Walter's employment was as a clerk.

The 1910 census listed him as a stepson of George Barnett. He was age 12 and born in Massachusetts. His father's birthplace was shown as Pennsylvania.

In the 1915 New York census he is not listed with his parents.

He is believed to have died in France in WW1 about 1917.

END

THE CHILDREN OF HORATIO HARRIS BRANNEN (1873-1917)

2-5-54

Harris Horatio Brannen (1894-1984)



Harris Horatio Brannen 1894-1984 was born November 20 in Clark's Harbour NS. He was the oldest child of Captain Horatio Brannen 1873-1917 and Susan M. Nickerson 1870-1956. From an early age he helped out as a crewman with his father on SS *Coastguard*. In 1912 when he was eighteen, he joined the staff of the Canadian Marconi Company station at Cape Sable as a "learner." On September 29 1914 he married Blanche Mildred Smith (1886-1985). Their first child Cyril was born September 1916. In total they had five children.

It appears he enlisted in the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve on August 26 1915 and was assigned as a wireless operator 3rd class at the Cape Sable station. Although his enlistment number has not been confirmed it is believed to be VR 395. Because to the similar name as his father naval records sometime confuse his father's VR number. He joined his father's ship HMCS *Deliverance* in minesweeping duties in Halifax Harbour approaches about September 1916 and served as a crewmember until that ship was run down and sunk June 15 1917. After that Captain Superintendent of *Niobe* directed the officers to report to PV-V converted trawler contracted to the RCN for minesweeping duty. These orders gave report dates a July 5th and also later July 18th. It appears as radio man he was assigned to the radio equipped PV series ships that were on duty and so he is identified as being crewmen of various PV ships over time.

STORY:

From a letter to his sister Thelma, December 1965:

The morning of the explosion I was at sea on a mine sweeper, sweeping the channel outside Halifax Harbour. We saw the smoke billowing up over the city and thought the oil tanks at Imperoyal were on fire. Listening in I picked up a message that was being sent to Sable Island and learned what had happened. It was about 2 PM when we returned to port and I was able to contact Blanche.

One of the first things that I did was to look up Walter he told me that dad had been killed but Walt was in a pretty bad state of shock and I thought he might be mistaken. From there I went to all the hospitals, morgues, etc. searching but no "trace".

It wasn't until Sunday 20th that his body was recovered still on board the "Stella Maris" which tho badly damaged was still afloat and had drifted ashore in a cove below the Dock Yard. I am not positive but believe the funeral was held the next Sunday, Dad's birthday, December 27th.

STORY:

On April 27 1918 he wrote to his commanding officer and asked to be transferred from wireless operator to mate Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve. He pointed out he had a Mate's Certificate of Competency for Passenger Steamer Coasting and he had nine months experience in minesweeping aboard the HMCS *Deliverance*. Nothing seems to have come from this application perhaps as the war was winding down and the coastal defense ships were being paid off.

After the war he settled his family in Chebucto Head NS and began work at the Chebucto Head direction finding station at the mouth of Halifax Harbour. The 1921 Canadian census confirmed his address and described him as Telegrapher Operator. At that time, they had three children, Cyril born 1916, Gordon born in 1918 and Gerald born 1920. Later he went on to supervise the Yarmouth range finding station. In 1926 he was appointed the Senior Radio Inspector for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in Saint John NB. In total they had five sons. William was born in 1922 and John about 1927. During this time, he had become the first "ham" station owner in Saint John NB.

The 1945 voters list showed them living at 9 Maple Row Saint John listed as being a radio inspector along with his wife and his son William, a driver, Gerald in active service and son Gordon also in active service.

In 1948 he was promoted to assistant superintendent of radio and later as superintendent of radio regulations at Moncton from where he retired November 21. He died in January 6 1984 in Moncton NB.

The 1953 and 1957 voters list has him and Blanch living at 16 Harvard St in Halifax. His employment is as a radio inspector.

He died January 6 1984 in Moncton NB. Blanche died June 25 1985 in Moncton NB.

STORY:

From Radio Alumni.Ca:

1960 - A distinguished career in the service of the radio branch, extending back 45 years, came to a close when Harris H. Brannen, regional superintendent, radio regulations, retired on November 21, 1960.

Mr. Brannen received his first training as a radio operator in 1912 with the Canadian Marconi Company on Sable Island. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy and until the end of the First World War served as a warrant officer telegraphist on patrol boats and minesweepers.

In 1918 he took a post as radio operator at the federal government finding station on Sable Island. He subsequently served at Chebucto Head, Yarmouth and, from 1926 to 1948, Saint John.

In 1948 Mr. Brannen was promoted to assistant to the superintendent of radio at Halifax, where he remained until being appointed regional superintendent of radio regulations at Moncton.

Mr. Brannen was honoured by his associates from throughout the Maritime region on November 18, 1960, when he was presented with a suitable gift by J. A. Lenahan, regional director, air services.

STORY:

As far as Horatio Harris Brannen the son: He was married and lived in Portuguese Cove, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada in 1921 but died on Cape Sable Island on 6 Jan 1984. I remember that he used to bring his mother to visit my parents when I was younger and so I assumed that he lived in Halifax.

From an e-mail from Donna Baker, August 2014

2-5-55

Walter Truman Brannen (1896-1960)



Walter Truman Brannen 1896-1960 was the second child of Horatio Brannen 1873-1917 and Susan Nickerson 1870-1956. He was born October 5 1896 in West Head NS and grew up on Cape Sable Island.

A Nova Scotia birth certificate confirms his date of birth. NS

Walter appeared in the 1901 census as age four living in Clark's Harbour with his family.

From an early age he helped out as crewman with his father on SS *Coastguard* in his father's salvage operations. In sworn testimony in early 1918 he said he had been going to sea since March 5 1915 when he signed on with SS *Deliverance* and served until it was run down and sunk in June 15 1917. On October 6 1915, he enlisted in the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve as class 2A, VR# 399. After the HMCS *Deliverance* was sunk in June 1917 he transferred along with his father to SS *Stella Maris* as first mate at \$15.00 per week. They joined *Stella Maris* which like *Deliverance* was owned by the Brookfield companies instead of going to the PV-V as directed by the navy. It appears that they took up their new positions prior to the navy's directive.

While on the *Deliverance* he had acquired a Mate's Coastwise Certificate. On the morning of December 6 1917, he was the first mate on *Stella Maris* and at the wheel while towing two scows in Halifax Harbour. He testified that the captain was directing the movement of the ship. After the collision of the two ships, he, following the Captain's orders, anchored the scows and prepared to fight the fire with the ship's hoses. When they got within 50 yards that plan appeared impractical. They backed off and he was directed to bring the towing hawser from the hold. After being sent back to get the heavier 10-inch hawser, he was on the ladder while the second mate William S. Nickerson was in the hold working on that order when the explosion occurred. Walter was blown into the hold and remarkably survived with only bruises, a cut on his face, and a punctured eardrum. He was briefly knocked unconscious and showed symptoms of shock. The explosion stripped him of his clothes and blackened his skin.

Blanche Smith Brannen, Walter's sister-in-law in a letter December 12 1965:

Some kind of conveyance brought Walter and Will Nickerson, Josie's husband to our house and we were called in from the field. Walter's face had been fixed by a doctor or nurse but they had very little clothes on and were black and dirty, one was wrapped in a red tapestry old fashion table cloth and the other in an old bedspread. Josie and I washed and dressed them.....Freddy Sievert helped me take Walter home.....

The Workman's Compensation gave Walter a settlement of \$58.17 and the Halifax Recovery Commission provided a settlement of \$63.00 against his claim for lost clothing and personal effects.

Shortly after the disaster he became master of a small tugboat, SS *Dalbert D.*, employed by the Admiralty in Halifax Harbour.

January 21st 1918, he testified at the inquiry into the explosion and his recollections of the events are described in the transcript of his examination.

On March 15 1918 he was 3rd officer on SS *Lord Kelvin* a cable laying/repair ship built in 1916. On that date they departed for the Irish Coast. In May of 1918 he was drafted or applied to join the Nova Scotia Regiment. It is unlikely that he was called to duty as he was already enlisted in the RNCVR.

After the war, he moved with his family to Malden MA. He indicated on his application for US citizenship that he entered the country January 1 1921. In 1923 he married Evelyn Moraine (1906-1942) of Bear River NS. In 1924 the city directory showed him as a laundryman living in Malden MA and working for his uncle Arthur Winbourne Brannen.

His application for US citizenship shows his arrival in the US as January 1 1921.

In 1924 his son Raymond Irving was born. In 1925 they were living, and he was working in New York City. He gave his employment in his 1939 citizenship application as an insurance Investigator and Adjuster.

In 1924 the City Directory of Malden Mass listed him as living at 50 Bainbridge with his wife Evelyn, his mother Susan, widow of Horatio. His brother Ernest Brannen was also living with them. Walter was shown as a laundryman.

November 11 1942 while living Richmond VA his wife Evelyn suddenly passed away. At that time Walter was shown as having a General Motors position. He later married Winnifred Scott (1904-1996). They had no children.

In the 1940s he was listed in Boston city directories as a salesman. His obituary indicated he had been a field representative for General Motors.

Boston City Directories for 1944,1945,1948 and 1951 show Walter and Winnifred F. living at 60 Percival in Dorchester. He is listed as a salesman and her a clerk.

He became a naturalized United States citizen January 29 1945. He died November 28 1960 in Onset MA at age 64 and is buried in Centre Cemetery in Wareham MA.

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His son Rev, Raymond Brannen served in WWII in the US Army. He was wounded twice and awarded the Silver Star.

OBITUARY:

Walter T. Brannen, 64, died suddenly of a heart attack Monday at his home at 66 East Boulevard, Onset. He was the husband of Mrs. Winifred (Scott) Brannen.

Mr. Brannen was born in Clark's Harbor, Cape Sable Island, Nova Scotia. He was the son Horatio and Susan (Nickerson) Brannen who were natives of Cape Cod before moving to Canada.

A retired field representative for General Motors Corporation, he was a member of the Cape Cod Kennel Club. Mr. and Mrs. Brannen bought their home on East Boulevard in 1944 and moved there permanently in 1953.

Besides his widow, he leaves a son Rev. Raymond Brannen of Chester, Pa. pastor of the Garden City Chapel in Chester, Pa.; two grandchildren; two brothers, Harris of Moncton, New Brunswick, and Ernest M. of Dorchester; and three sisters, Mrs. Viola

Wilder of upper Montclair, N.J., Mrs. Thelma Dasburg of Bloomfield, N.J., and Mrs. Mabel Merchant of Dorchester.

Rev. Raymond Shaffer of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham, officiated at the funeral service today. Burial was at Center Cemetery, Wareham.

2-5-56

Viola Belle Brannen (1899-1968)



Viola was the daughter of Horatio Brannen (1873-1917) and Susan Nickerson (1870-1956). She was born in Clark's Harbour NS September 1 1899.

She was living on Duncan Street in Halifax with her family December 6th 1917 at the time of the great Halifax disaster. She was unhurt but her father was killed and their home damaged. They had to close the house and return to their Cape Sable Island home.

There is a invoice for \$63.85 from the Halifax Ladies College and conservatory of music dated February 2 1918 for Miss Viola Brannen. This covered a period of Nov 17 to December 4 1917 plus lessons and music books. She returned to the college for the winter semester but had to withdraw due to the family's financial distress.

She moved with her mother and several siblings to the us in in about 1919. This provided her with employment opportunities no found in Nova Scotia

She married Philip V Wilder (1895-1974) in Manhattan June 6 1922. Certificate number 16177. They had two children Marjorie Wilder (1923-2001) and Phylis Ann Wilder (1931-??).

The 1925 New York census found her at 612 W 135th in NYC. He was shown as age 30 and her 25. Daughter Marjorie was age two. He was a Chauffeur. They were living with or in the next apartment to her brother Walter, his wife Evelyn and son Raymond age one.

In the 1930 US Census she was living in Adams Mass age 30. She married when she was 22. She immigrated in 1919 and was not a naturalized citizen at that time.

She appears the 1940 US Census married to Phillip V. Wilder. He was a Special Agent for an Insurance Company making \$3,000 a year. They lived on Park Av.in East Orange NJ. They had two daughters Marjorie 17 and Phillis age 9.

They appeared city directories for Montclair NJ in 1947 and 1955 as living at 9 Windsor Place.

She died June 17 1968 in Montclair NJ, her husband Philip died April 1974 in Chatham MA.

STORY:

The sun was shining on that fateful day morning of December 1917 as a girl friend and I walked together to school. The fire bells were ring and I can remember how pretty they sounded in the clear cool air.

We had stopped in at a small store where books and school supplies were sold. My friend and I had made a few purchases. We had been out of the store only a few minutes when I saw a big flash and then all the windows in the store had been shattered. If we had stayed there a few minutes longer, I think that we would have been seriously injured or maybe killed. My first thought was that the Germans had bombed the city.

My friend ran through a narrow alley to reach her home but there were high buildings on either side of it and I was afraid that another bomb would fall any minute and that the buildings would topple over on me and I would be crushed. I could see my mother and other members of the family on our porch from across a fenced field, but I could not seem to get to them.

The there was fear of another explosion in the city, so people were ordered to go to a large park. I found myself among many strangers and in great fear. After some time, a sailor came with a large megaphone and told us "Everything is alright. You may go home now. That's official.". So, I found my way home to find that great damage had been done there, Windows shattered.

I had a pastel aqua coloured wool dress that I was very fond of. It was now hanging near a corner of a clothes closet. The corner walls must have opened and closed again as part of my dress was caught between them.

At night a blizzard swept the city. Snow wind and cold. I remember our windows were boarded and covered with some heavy material. It was a night of terror to me as I could hear and feel the wind blowing through the broken windows.

Can also remember in the early evening my older brother being led home by my sister-in-law and some other person. I did not recognize him. His face was blackened by smoke.

A day or two later I was told that my father had been killed. I can recall a kind neighbor who lived next door, who knew of the tragedy of my father before I did, being sorry for me and giving me chocolate candy bars.

It was all a shocking experience for a young girl twelve years of age. I shall never forget it.

Mable Brannen, written about 1989 for a book proposed by her sister Thelma.

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2-5-57

Ernest Milburn Brannen (1901-1973)



Ernest was the son of Horatio Brannen (1873-1917) and Susan Nickerson (1870-1956). She was born in Clark's Harbour NS February 9 1901.

He was living on Duncan Street in Halifax with his family December 6th 1917 at the time of the great Halifax disaster. He was unhurt but his father was killed and their home damaged. The family had to close the house and return to their Cape Sable Island home.

He was working in a men's wear store in the city and returned to work after returning from his father's Clark's Harbour funeral.

He, along with his mother and most of his siblings moved to the Boston area in 1919.

He married Ethel May Nelson (1905-1991) July 27 1929 in The Bronx NY

1924 City Directory for Malden Mass shows him living with his brother Walter and his wife Evelyn and his mother Susan at 50 Bainbridge. He was a clerk.

The 1936 City Directory has them at 103 Templeton Dorchester. He was working as a painter.

September 15 1942 he is listed on the USAT Algonquin from Trinidad to New Orleans. His home address is given as 103 Templeton St. Dorchester. He was listed as a naturalized citizen September 12 1938 and what appears to be a regimental number is shown as USC p/p 681875.

The 1944 Boston city directory show Ernest M. and Ethel M. Brannen at 103 Templeton in Dorchester. He was listed as a foreman.

The 1951 Boston city directory has him as a painter living at 26 Kay in Dorchester with Ethel.

He died in August 1973 in Dorchester MA. Ethel died December 28 1991.

END

2-5-58

Adria E. Brannen (1903-1903)

Adria was the daughter of Horatio Brannen (1873-1917) and Susan Nickerson (1870-1956). She was born in Clark's Harbour NS April 8 1903.

She died as an infant of whooping cough.

Her date of death was September 7 1903

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2-5-9

Mable Hannah Brannen (1905-1981)



Mable was the daughter of Horatio Brannen (1873-1917) and Susan Nickerson (1870-1956). She was born in Clark's Harbour NS January 28, 1905.

She was living on Duncan Street in Halifax with her family December 6th 1917 at the time of the great Halifax disaster. She was unhurt but her father was killed and their home damaged. They had to close the house and return to their Cape Sable Island home.

March 1927, she married Michael Leo Merchant (1902-1990). They had three children,

The 1930 US census shows her and Leo living at Spring Street, Medford. His father Peter is living with them. Leo is a truck driver for a laundry.

In the 1940 US census Mable was living at 26 King Street in Dorchester. She was 35 years old, and Leo was 37. His father Peter and their two children Marilyn age eight and Clare age four were living with them

In the 1953, 1960 and 1966 Boston city directories she is shown living at 26 King Street Dorchester.

She died August 26, 1981, in Yarmouth NS and is buried in Clark's Harbour NS. Her husband Leo died December 4, 1990, in Shelburne NS and is buried with Mable.

STORY:

The sun was shining on that fateful day morning of December 1917 as a girl friend and I walked together to school. The fire bells were ring and I can remember how pretty they sounded in the clear cool air.

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Mable Brannen, written about 1989 for a book proposed by her sister Thelma.

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2-5-60

Thelma M. Brannen (1908-2006)



Thelma was the daughter of Horatio Brannen (1873-1917) and Susan Nickerson (1870-1956). She was born in Clark's Harbour NS January 22, 2006.

She was living on Duncan Street in Halifax with her family December 6th 1917 at the time of the great Halifax disaster. She was unhurt but her father was killed and their home damaged. They had to close the house and return to their Cape Sable Island home.

She married Albert Dasburg

She appears in the 1940 US census age 32 living on Allwood Rd Clifton, NJ. She was married to Albert who worked for a brokerage company. There were two children at home, Albert age five and Donald age two.

In the 1947 Bloomfield directory they are shown living at 51 North Street. He was an auditor in New York.

In the 1957 Bloomfield NJ city directory she appeared living at 51 North Av. with Albert a comptroller in New York. Their son Albert I. Jr. and his wife Winnifred appeared to be living with them.

She died in 2006 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery Brielle, NJ

STORY:

Born 1908 Thelma was the seventh child. While leaving home for school on that sunny morning, called for my friend Margarie Newcome so we could walk to school together. As Marjorie came down the stairs passing the stained-glass window the explosion shattered the window slicing her cheek as you would slice an apple almost to the core.

Her cheek hung by a narrow piece of skin. I remember her mother picking up the long apron she was wearing and holding the cheek back in place.

Marjorie's father, being home at the time, ushered us to the basement convinced the Germans were bombarding the city, and there would be another attack at any moment.

Frightened, my thoughts were I want to go home; but Mr. Newcome felt it would not be safe to venture out on the street.

After what seemed like a very long time, he finally took me home; but I was not to stay there for long as the Canadian soldiers were going through the streets ordering everyone to leave their homes and move to an open park like area.

We were instructed to sit on the ground and wait until they were convinced all danger had passed.

Later in the afternoon, we were informed we could return to our homes.

Lacking communication by phone, Mother was very concerned about Father, Walter, and Harris.

Later in the afternoon, sister-in-law Blanche came to our house and suggested that she take me to her home to spend the night. It was getting dark and entering her house with the windows boarded up or draped with blankets was another unpleasant experience. Once again my thoughts were "I wish I could be home with Mother".

I do remember seeing Cyril, my one-year-old nephew, sitting on the floor with his toys.

This day that had dawned like spring, by late afternoon, it was as though the explosion had shattered the heavens and the city of Halifax lay under a blanket of snow.

A severe winter blizzard added to the tragedy.

Saturday, two days later, brother Harris took me home.

I wonder if Mother didn't wait until it was dark to tell me Father had been killed to hide the hurt and tears on her face.

We stopped in a bake shop and when the owner saw I was crying she asked why. It was then Mother told her I had just learned that Father had been killed. She gave me a cup cake, and told me she was sad also.

After the funeral, Harris, Walter, Viola and Earnest returned to Halifax and work, and Viola returned to finish her semester at Halifax Ladies College. Mother, Mabel, Claremont, and I remained home.

As Father's salary ceased and Mother's income was reduced to sixty dollars a month, to maintain the house and raise her three younger children became difficult. The sixty dollars a month was granted by the Halifax Relief Commission, which Mother accepted with gratitude. Lacking funds for further education, Viola dropped out of college. Margorie Newcomes injury, considered minor, was not attended to for three days. She bore the scar for the rest of her life. Later, Walter and Viola sought employment in Boston so Mother took us to Malden, Mass., to make a home for her children to be together.

Thelma Brannen written about 1989

END

2-5-61

Claremont Vernon Brannen (1909-1929)



Clairmont was the youngest child of Horatio Brannen (1873-1917) and Susan Nickerson (1870-1956). He was born in Clark's Harbour NS October 31, 1909.

He was living on Duncan Street in Halifax with his family December 6th, 1917, at the time of the great Halifax disaster. He went directly to school and was in the school yard, so he escaped injury. The Chebacco Road School was turned into a morgue. He was unhurt but his father was killed and their home damaged. The remaining family had to close the house and return to their Cape Sable Island home.

He moved with his mother and several siblings to Boston about 1919. After school he moved to New York City where his sister and her brother Walter were living. He went to work for a bank there. He was living with his sister when he died in Manhattan NY November 9 1929 at age 20. His death certificate number was 26807.

STORY:

As far as Claremont Vernon Brannen '96 he did die in Manhattan on 9 Nov 1929 and what I have is that he was employed with a bank in the New York area, took sick with pneumonia and died in a few days...

from an e-mail from Donna Baker August 2014

OBITUARY:

William C. Nickerson was informed Saturday by telegram of the sudden death in New York, of his nephew, Claremont Brannen, youngest son of Susie N. Brannen and the late Capt. Horatio H. Brannen, who was killed in the Halifax Explosion. Mr. Brannen was 20 years of age and held a responsible position in New York City. He was "Clare" to all who knew him, a young Man of good qualities and endeared himself to all those who had a good fortune to cultivate his friendship: His mother was summoned by wire to New York and left immediately on receipt of same on Friday last but failed to reach him before he expired on Saturday morning. He leaves beside the sorrowing mother, three brothers, Walter and Ernest in New York, H. H. Brannen now of Saint John, N. B., and three sisters, Mrs. Phillip Wilder, Mrs. Leo Merchant and Miss Thelma, Medford Mass. The body will arrive by boat from Boston and be conveyed to Clark's Harbor for burial beside his late father in the family lot in Oakvale cemetery. Funeral will be on Sunday. Service at the home and Stone Church.

OBITUARY:

CLARK'S • HARBOR, Nov. 18—Deepest sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Susan N. Brannen, widow of Captain H. H. Brannen, who lost his life in the Halifax explosion, in the passing at New York on Saturday, Nov. 9, of her youngest son Claremont, at the early age of twenty years. The deceased, who was employed in a bank in the above city, was ill only a few days of pneumonia.

Besides the widowed mother there are left to mourn his brothers, Harris, of Saint John. Walter and Ernest of New York; sisters, Viola (Mrs. Phillip Wyle) North Adams, Mass., Mabel (Mrs. Marchant) Medford, Mass., and Thelma, also, of Medford. The body, accompanied by members of the family, arrived on Friday, the funeral taking place on Sunday afternoon with interment in the family plot at Oakvale cemetery.

END

THE CHILDREN OF DAVIS EMMONS BRANNEN (1877-1922)

2-5-62

Lalah Mabel Brannen (1903-1990)

Lalah was born August 30, 1903, in Shag Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Davis Emmons Brannen (1877-1922) and his first wife Emma Mary Sears-Marden (1862-1937).

She appears in the 1911 census living in Centreville with her parents.

Her parents appear to have separated prior to 1916.

She married George Irving Hopkins (1897-1985) in 1925. He was a US Army veteran of WWI. They had two children Herbert I. Hopkins (1926-1998) and Donald Hopkins (1934-2008).

She became a US citizen in February 1929.

1930 US census for Malden showed her as age 26 living on Lynn Street. There was one child Herbert age four years and two months. Living with them was her mother Emma Brannen, age 67 a widow.

Her mother died in 1937, perhaps in Oak Park NS.

The 1940 US census shows Herbert age 15 and Donald age five with them.

Her husband George died October 1985 in Seabrook NH. Lalah died February 1990 likely in Seabrook NH.

END

2-5-63

David Emmons Brannen (1916-1985)

David was born March 1, 1916, in Chester NS. He was the son of Davis Emmons Brannen (1877-1922) and Jennie Elizabeth Wilson (1911-1959)

In the 1921 census he was 5 years old living in Prince Rupert with parents and two siblings.

His mother and father died within a few months of each other in 1922. David and his 2 sisters moved to Massachusetts and were raised by aunts. David was raised by his aunt Esther Brannen (1875-??).

According to the 1930 US census he was no longer living with Esther.

In October 1935 he married Jennie Elizabeth Wilson in Wayland. They were both age 24 and living in Wayland. He was working in a laundry and gave Spokane WA as his birthplace. His parents were shown as Lila and David Clark. She was a salesgirl from New Hampshire.

The 1936 Boston city directory shows David E. and Elizabeth W. living at 883 Huntington Av in Roxbury. He was a laundryman.

He enlisted in the US army April 17 1944

There is a US Naturalization card for him dated August 31 1945 and issued in the Canal Zone. He was shown as age 29 with a home address of 219 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA

In the 1946 Cambridge city directory there was a David E. Brannen and wife Elizabeth living at 15 Everett Cambridge, also there is Timothy F. Brannen living with them

In 1952 he joined the Masons in Massachusetts.

Sometime after 1952 he married Sybil in Texas.

His first wife Jennie died July 13, 1959, in Dallas TX and is buried in Hanover NH.

In 1957 he appears in the Huston city directory living with Sybil L. at 5914 Southdown Av. He was an office manager for Phoenix Furniture Stores.

He appears in the 1959 and 1960 Beaumont TX city directories. He was shown living with Sybil. There was also a Royce E. Brannen in Beaumont. Davis was an office manager at Lane's Inc. Sybil was a counselor at Delta Employment Services.

Syble died in 1974 in Savannah GA.

There was a third wife or relationship with a lady named Helena.

He died at age 69 at 13 Red Wood Circle, Savanna GA July 1, 1985.

STORY

Jennie Elizabeth is the first wife, mother of Richard. Richard told me that he thinks his father and mother went to Texas because of a job transfer for his dad. He did not go with them but stayed with relatives so he could continue in the same school. He believes his parents went in 1952 and probably separated shortly thereafter. I have records of David and the next lady (wife) Sybil living in a couple of different towns in Texas from 1956-57-59 and 1960. Sybil died in 1974 so they must have moved to Georgia before that because she also died in Savannah. I have not found a marriage record for David and the third wife Helena.

An August 31, 2015, email from Carol Pajak

END

2-5-64

Virginia Brannen (1919-1950)

She was born in Prince Rupert BC to Davis Brannen (1877-1922) and Lila Mae Clark (1891-1922).

Her parents both died within months of each other when she was 3. She was adopted by her aunt Nellie Rae Brannen (1882-??) and George Cadrain.(1887-1970) She chose to retain Brannen as her second name and became Virginia Brannen Cadrain.

She was shown as the adopted daughter of the Cadrains in the 1930 census.

In the 1940 census she is shown as age 20, living with her brother David, age 28, his wife Elizabeth, and their son Richard D. Brannen age four, at Glenville Av. in Boston. David was a laundry worker and Virginia was a mother's helper in a private home.

She married Louis Edmund St. Laurent (1921-1979) December 20, 1941, in Kingston NH. He was the son of Amie A. St. Laurent and Clema Gately.

They had one child Doris M. (1921-1999)

The East Kingston city directory for 1947 shows Nellie and Husband George living at Depot Rd. He was working in Boston as a machinic it also refers to Miss Virginia B. "rem to Raymond"

Virginia died July 21, 1950, when only 30 years of age. She is buried in Hillside cemetery in East Kingston NH along with her husband and daughter.

Louis died February 18, 1979, in Tularosa NM.

STORY:

At this time (his death) Davis and Emma would have been separated, and Davis was married to my grandmother, Lila Mae Clarke with 3 young children, David Arthur, Virginia (St Laurent), and Jean (my mother).

From an e-mail from Bev Cavanaugh December 30 2014

END

2-5-65

Jean Margaret Brannen (1921-1977) aka Margery Thelma Abbott



She was born June 7th, 1921, in Prince Rupert BC to Davis Brannen (1877-1922) and Lila Mae Clark (1891-1922).

Her parents both died within months of each other when she was an infant. She was adopted by her aunt Alice Mable Brannen-Abbott (1881-1963) and Benjamin S. Abbott (1881-??). At the time of the adoption, she asked the judge presiding over the court if she could also change her given name from Margaret Jean to Margery Thelma. Thelma used to hyphenate her name as Brannen-Abbott at various times throughout her life.

She married George Edward Kezerie Sr. (1919-1972) he was the son of Joseph Kezerie and Pauline Penko. He was a WWII wounded veteran. They had six children.

George died October 9, 1972, in Chicago IL and is buried in Woodlawn cemetery in Joliet IL. Thelma died March 13, 1977, in Joliet IL she is buried with George.

STORY:

Mother was born June 7th 1921 in BC to Lila Mae Clarke and Davis Emmons Brannen. She was their third child together. Lila Mae dies (by newspaper accounts) July 1922 (cause and residence not known to me). October 2, 1922 Davis was shot in the head and killed during a hunting exposition on Porcher Island. Davis's younger sister adopted my mother. Adoption details also unknown to me. At the time of the adoption

my mother asked the judge presiding over the court if she could also change her given name from Margaret Jean to Margery Thelma. My mother told me she loved her cousin Thelma (Horatio Harris Brannen's teenage daughter) so much that she wanted to have her name, Thelma. Although my mother was adopted by the Abbott family, she remained their only child and my mother used to hyphenate her name as Brannen-Abbott at various times throughout her life.

Taken from an e-mail to Bruce Brannen from Bev Cavanaugh December 30 2014

OBITUARY:

George Edward Kezerle, Sr. age 53, late of 601 Howard Street, Rockdale, Illinois. Passed away at Hines Veteran's Hospital, Chicago, Monday, October 9, 1972. Born in Rockdale and a lifelong resident. Employed as a carpenter prior to his illness. A U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II. Member of the Disabled American Veterans Harold Heap Chapter.

He is survived by his wife, Margery (nee Abbott); daughter Beverly Ann, five sons, George Edward Jr., Bruce Abbott, William Thomas, Stephen Paul and Mark Anthony; three grandchildren, George Edward III, Brian Thomas and Margery Abbott Kezerle.

Brother of Genevieve (late Carl) LaMonte of Joliet, Mary (Oliver) Swanson and Kathryn (Albert) Lorenc of Rockdale. Also, John (Rosemary) and Joseph (Elsie) of Joliet and Thomas Kezerle of Rockdale. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins survive.

Preceded in death by his parents, Joseph (1935) and Pauline (Penko) Kezerle (1968), two brothers, William (Teresa) Kezerle (09-11-72); one sister, Bernadette Kezerle in infancy (1929).

Services were held at Haley Funeral Home, 17 South Center Street. Thursday, October 12, 1972 at 11:00 a.m., Rev. James Lusher officiated.

END

THE CHILDREN OF LAWLESS FARROW BRANNEN (1878-1933)

2-5-66

Alden Brannen (1902-1995)

Alden was born March 1, 1902, in Woods Harbour NS to Lawless Farlow Brannen (1878-1933) and Olive Lavinia Garron (1881-1968).

The 1911 census showed him in West Head NS with his family. He was nine years old.

The 1921 census showed him age 19 a student living at 465 main Street Yarmouth with his parents and sibling Helen.

Jan 1924 he was a passenger on the boat to Boston. He was age 21, listed as a bookkeeper His last permanent residence was Yarmouth NS. His nearest relative was his mother, Olive. His final destination was Dorchester MA.

He married Essie Jemima Blades (1914-2008) on December 17 1931. They had no children.

The 1949 voters list shows him as a fisherman living at Blades P.O. with Mrs. Alden.

He appears on the 1968 voters list living Upper Woods Harbour; a laborer, living with Mrs. Alden

He appears on the 1980 voters list living RR #1 Woods Harbour; a laborer, living with Mrs. Alden

He died December 4 1995 in Dayton NS and is buried in Mount Pleasant cemetery. Essie died May 27 2008 and is buried with Alden.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Alden - 93, Villa St. Joseph du Lac, Dayton, Yarmouth Co., formerly of Woods Harbour, died December 4, 1995, in the villa. Born at Woods Harbour, he was a son of the late Lawless and Olive (Garron) Brannen. Surviving are his wife, the former Essie Blades; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Helen. Visitation 2-4, 7-9 p.m. today and Wednesday, funeral 2 p.m. Thursday, in H. Huskilson's Funeral Home and chapel, Barrington, Rev. Harold Bubar officiating. Burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Woods Harbour

END

2-5-67

Helen Alta Brannen (1905-1979)

Helen was born July 9, 1905, at Clarks Harbour NS to Lawless Farlow Brannen (1878-1933) and Olive Lavinia Garron (1881-1968).

She appeared in the 1911 census at age 5 birth date 1905 July.

In the 1921 census she was 15 living at 465 Main Street in Yarmouth

She married James Albert Matheson (1905-1993)

One child Jean Matheson (C1922-C1993)

Helen died November 26, 1979, in Woods Harbour. He died April 23, 1993, in Shelburne NS. They are buried in the Mount Pleasant cemetery in Woods Harbour NS.

OBITUARY:

Matheson, James Albert - 88, Roseway Manor, Sandy Point, Shelburne County, formerly of Woods Harbour, died April 23, 1993, in the manor. Born in Woods Harbour, he was a son of the late Albert and Mary (Trask) Matheson. He was a retired school bus driver for the Municipality of Barrington. He is survived by three sisters, Evelyn (Mrs Elwin Gray), Alberta (Mrs Laurel Vizena), both of North Bay, Ont; Tressie (Mrs Ralph Crowell), Argyle Head. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Helen Brannen; daughter, Jean; brother, William; two sisters, Marion, Roberta. Funeral will be 2 pm Friday in Wesleyan Church, Woods Harbour, Rev. Harold Bubar officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Woods Harbour. Donations may be made to any charity. Arrangements under the direction of H M Huskison's Funeral Home, Barrington.

END

THE CHILDREN OF SAMUEL DERRICK BRANNEN (1886-1957)

2-5-68

Charles Hildebrandt Brannen (1918-2004)



Charles was born May 18, 1918, in Dorchester MA. He was the son of Samuel D. Brannen Sr. (1886-1957) and Minnie Lois Spencer (1890-1976).

In 1920 he was shown in the census as 19 months old. son of Samuel and Minnie Brannen living on Argyle Street Boston. In the 1930 census he was show as 11 living in Quincy.

He married Barbara Almena Crowell (1916-1996) November 27 1934 in Wayland. He was living in Dorchester and she in Bourne. He was a farm hand. He was age 16 she was 18 years old. They had four children.

In the 1940 US Census he is shown as a pipe layer for a concrete company. He was living at Sycamore Rd. There were 3 daughters at home Barbara (1937-1995), Beverley and Carol (1938-2001) aged four, three and two. Charles was 23 years old and Barbara 24.

Barbara died December 10, 1996, Lawndale, Los Angeles CA.

Charles married Glenna Maurine Smith (1916-1996). They had two children, Raymond (1958-) and Monica (1955-),

He died May 30, 2004, in Shafter CA. She died on October 29, 1996, in Bakersfield CA
END

2-5-69

Arthur Spencer Brannen (1919-2010)



Arthur was born December 3, 1919, in Dorchester MA. He was the son of Samuel D. Brannen (1886-1957) and Minnie Lois Spencer (C1890-1976).

He appeared in the 1920 census living on Argyle Street in Boston.

Arthur appears in the 1930 US census as a ten-year-old living with his parents and siblings in Quincy MA.

His 1941 draft card showed he was age 21.

He served in the US Navy in WWII.

The 1946 and 1948 LA County Voter Registration showed Arthur S. Brannen living at 1441 1/2 W 51st Street LA County.

He married Re-vae Jacqueline Olsen October 20, 1947, in Pierce WA.

The 1952 and 1954 LA County Voter Registration showed Arthur S. Brannen was living at 5452 W 123rd Street LA County.

He married Margaret Downey on November 28, 1962, in Carson City NV.

He died May 8, 2010, in Marion OR.

END

2-5-70

Ruth Brannen (1925-1999)

Ruth was born on August 17, 1924.in Quincy MA. She was the daughter of Samuel D. Brannen (1886-1957) and Minnie Lois Spencer 1890-1976).

She appeared in the 1930 census with her family as age five.

She married Arthur Petitpas (1915-1996) son of Gilbert Petitpas and Maude Poirer.

They had one child Denis Arthur Peitpas (1955-).

Arthur died December 15, 1996, in Martinez CA.

She died November 28, 1999, in Martinez CA.

END

2-5-71

Samuel Derrick. Brannen Jr (1929-1978)



Sam was born in March 13 1929 in Quincy MA. He was the son of Samuel D. Brannen Sr. (1886-1957) and Minnie Lois Spencer (1890-1976).

He appeared in the 1930 census as age one.

He was a good high school athlete.

There is a California marriage record for Samuel Brannen born about 1930 at age 20. He married Lillian Lorraine Bolduc (1929-2010) in Los Angeles CA on March 18 1950.

He married Paula Adele Rioux (1927-2018) in 1959 in Alameda CA on March 18, 1950. They appear to have had one child. They divorced in December 1974.

Samuel died March 18, 1978, in Alameda CA.

Lillian died in Ontario CA May 2010.

END

THE CHILDREN OF ARTHUR WINBOURNE BRANNEN (1887-1971)

2-5-72

Herbert Allan Brannen (1911-1982)



Herbert was born August 26, 1911, in Newellton NS to Arthur Winbourne Brannen (1887-1971) and Elizabeth Edna Atkinson (1886-1973).

In 1918 he was residing with his parents in Wayland MA.

He appears in the 1921 Census at age nine.

He married Ada Saunders March 16, 1935. They had three children.

Herbert and Ada appear on the manifest of the "Boston" September 9, 1935.

The 1936 US census shows him as a chauffeur married to Ada L. and living at 352 Riverway Boston MA.

Herbert, Ada and Thelma appear on a ship's manifest September 29, 1938, going to Boston.

They settled in Newellton and he pursued a career in fishing. Ada was a schoolteacher.

After retirement they moved to Yuba City CA near their two sons.

He died in Yuba City November 27, 1982, and is buried in Sutter CA. Ada died January 23 1989 in Marysville CA.

OBITUARY

Yuba City, California, Herbert E. Brannen, 71, died Saturday, November 27, 1982, in Marysville, California. Born in Nova Scotia, he had been a resident of the city since 1975.

He was a commercial fisherman for the past 50 years. Mr. Brannen was a member of Concord Masonic Lodge of N.S. and Seaward Chapter Order of Eastern Star. He is survived by Ada Brannen, Yuba City, Calif.; sons Herbert Brannen MDM, and Warren Brannen, both Yuba City; daughters Thelma Salmas, Florida, brother Ralph Brannen, Nova Scotia; and grandsons Robert and John Brennan.

The service was held on Sunday, December 5, 1982, at Grace Methodist, Yuba City, California with Rev. Craig Patterson and Rev. Richard Markle officiating. Services were under the direction of Hutchison and Carnes Colonel Chapel.

END

2-5-73

Ralph Samuel Brannen (1912-1995)



Ralph was born September 26, 1912, in Newellton NS to Arthur Winbourne Brannen (1887-1971) and Elizabeth Edna Atkinson (1886-1973).

Ralph was wheelchair bound for most of his life as a result of childhood polio.

In 1918 he was residing with his parents in Wayland MA.

He appears in the 1921 Census at age eight.

He appears on the voters list in 1949 as a "gentleman"

In the 1962 and 1966 voters lists show him as an "invalid"

He never married.

He lived with his mother until 1976 when he became the first resident of the Roseway Manor in Shelburne. He spent the rest of his life there.

He died in Shelburne March 26, 1995.

STORY:

by CAROLE GOULDEN

My good friend Ralph Brannen, who had been in a wheelchair practically all of his 82 years, passed away recently. A victim of polio at a very young age, many people in his condition might have been bitter - not Ralph! His sunny, cheerful disposition made him a good friend to many and an inspiration to other disabled people. Ralph lived happily, accepting his condition; his attitude was long a source of amazement. It was his unselfish giving of himself that made Ralph an inspiration to all of us. I admired him greatly.

I first met Ralph as he came through the door in October of 1976 as our very first resident the day the Manor opened. From day one Ralph made the Manor his home. He enjoyed living and life at the Manor..... Ralph loved to socialize and for many years attended seniors council in the community, was an honorary member of the Boy Scouts of Canada, . and president of our Manor Residents Council. He was the official ' spokesperson to all visiting schools, groups and organizations to the Manor..... He took lessons in assorted crafts and oil painting.

Carole Gouklen is a long-time, former activities director at Roseway Manor.

Abridged

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Ralph Samuel - 82, Roseway Manor, Sandy Point, Shelburne Co., formerly of Newellton, died March 24, 1995, in Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point. Born at Newellton, he was a son of the late Arthur W. and Elizabeth (Atkinson) Brannen. He was a member of Newellton United Baptist Church. He was predeceased by brothers, Herbert, Warren. Funeral 2 p.m. today in Newellton United Baptist Church, Pastor Robert Daw officiating. Burial in Newellton Cemetery.

2-5-74

Warren Ellsworth Brannen (1914-1938)



Warren was born December 20, 1914, in Newellton NS to Arthur Winbourne Brannen (1887-1971) and Elizabeth Edna Atkinson (1886-1973).

In 1918 he was residing with his parents in Wayland MA.

He appears in the 1921 census living with his parents in West Head at age six.

He appears as a passenger along with Archibald S. Brannen on the *SS Yarmouth* sailing to Boston June 14, 1936.

There is a record of Warren Brannen age 22 arriving in Gloucester Mass as part of the crew on the yacht *Intrepid* July 13, 1937, from Newfoundland originating in London England. He is listed as Q.M., nationality U.S.

He never married.

He was killed in a motorcycle crash in West Head NS while visiting his mother. His date of death on his stone is 1938.

He is buried in Newellton with his mother

END

2-5-75

Anna Virginia Brannen (1939-1995)



Anna was both in Brookline MA July 18, 1939, to Arthur Winbourne Brannen (1887-1971) and Frances Hastings (1905-2004). She was their only child.

She married James J. Lillis August 1, 1958, in ME. They had two children Bart Lillis and Roseann Lillis (1964-1981).

She was seriously injured in an auto accident.

She died October 9, 1995, in Eliot ME. She was 56 years old.

END

THE SIXTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF INA VIOLA BRANNEN (1892-1978)

2-6-1

Harry Arthur Chetwynde Sr. (1911-1996)



Harry was born in Somerville MA March 15, 1911. He was the son of Ina Viola Brannen (1892-1978) and Harry Chetwynde (1866-1949). He appeared in the 1930 US census as 19 years old living with his parents in Duxbury MA. He was employed as a mason.

Harry married Mildred Hawkes Whiting (1915-1986) September 15, 1934, in Hanover MA.

The 1940 US census indicated he was married to Mildred They were sharing a house with his parents. There was one child, Constance, age three. He was employed as a mason. He served as a private in the US Army in WWII.

He was initiated as a Mason in the Satuit Lodge April 18, 1946, and membership suspended 31 August 31, 1960. He gave his employment as a plumber.

They had five children, Harry Arthur Jr (1935-1935), Constance Ruth born 1936, Douglas Steven (1940-2013), Kathleen (1952-1952) and Steven Barry born 1955.

Mildred passed away March 20, 1986, in Weymouth MA and is buried in Duxbury. Harry died December 23 1996 and is buried with Mildred in the Mayflower Cemetery in Duxbury.

STORY:

My Dad (Harry) was born in Somerville in 1911, then they went back to Novy where my uncle, Clyde, was born, then back to Mass. to have my aunt Norma. Clyde was born in the original farmhouse

From an e-mail from Connie Sargent August 2014

END

2-6-2

Clyde Howard Chetwynde (1912-1992)



Clyde was born in Centreville in the Brannen-McGray house September 7, 1912. He was the son of Ina Viola Brannen (1892-1978) and Harry Chetwynde (1866-1949)

He appeared in the 1930 US census living with his parents on Rail Road Av. in Duxbury Mass. He was not employed.

In the 1940 census he was living with his parents. He was 27. He listed his education as grade five. He was working as a labourer at odd jobs.

He married Ruth Joan Josselyn (1923-2003) in about 1948 They had four children.

His 1947 Mason card showed him as a carpenter.

He died December 11, 1992, in Orange FL and buried in Fox Hill cemetery Billerica MA. Ruth died July 13, 2003, in Orlando FL and is buried with Clyde.

STORY:

My Dad (Harry) was born in Somerville in 1911, then they went back to Novy where my uncle, Clyde, was born, then back to Mass. to have my aunt Norma. Clyde was born in the original farmhouse

From an e-mail from Connie Sargent August 2014.

END

2-6-3

Norma Viola Chetwynde (1914-2002)



Norma was born July 16 1914 in Somerville MA. She was the daughter of Ina Viola Brannen (1892-1978) and Harry Chetwynde (1866-1949)

She married William Hiram Salsman (1907-1987) about 1934 in Duxbury MA.

She appears in the 1940 US census as age 25 married to William Salsman, living Duxbury with one son William Jr. (1936-2011), age five.

In 1953 they were living in Richmond CA.

She appears to have divorced William and married Carl Cabisius (1916-1999).

Her husband William was remarried to Edna May Arnold and died February 14, 1987, in Sarasota FL.

Carl died August 26, 1999. She passed away February 18, 2002 in Farmington ME. and is buried with Carl in the Norton Centre cemetery.

END

THE CHILDREN OF JOHN BEVERLEY BRANNON (1895-1975)

Bev changed the family name to Brannon.

2-6-4

Russell Howard Brannon (1917-1999)



He was born January 22, 1917, in Liverpool NS. His legal name at birth was Brannen. The family changed the spelling to Brannon when he was a child. He did not realize the correct spelling until he applied for a radio license. He was the oldest son of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985).

He appeared in the New York State 1925 census as living in Schenectady. He was shown as age eight.

June 18, 1935, he was listed as age 19. He was Second engineer on C/S *Plauntia* arriving at Gloucester MA from White Haven NS he was listed as 5'10" and 185 pounds.

December 28, 1935, he sailed to Gloucester MA from Halifax NS on the *Playmayd* using his father, John's, name. He declared he was 38 years old. He was actually 18 years old at the time. Russell Brannon was listed as Assistant Engineer on the *Playmayd* sailing from Canso NS to Boston MA September 5th, 1936. He indicated his length of service at sea was 2 years.

He married Pauline Eleanor Lutley (1920-2000) August 23 1941 at Dartmouth NS. They had five children.

He served in Canadian Army during WW2

The 1945 voters list shows him and Mrs. Russell Brannon at Albrow Lake Road. He is listed as a soldier. They were living with his parents.

The 1953 voters list has him and his wife living at 93 Windmill Rd and working as a painter. In the 1957 voters list he and Pauline were living at 66 Russell Street. He was employed as a painter. The 1962 list has him and Mrs. Russell at 66 Russell, and he was employed as a technician. In 1968 Russell, and his wife and Russell F. appear on the voters list living on Russell St. He is listed as a mechanic and Russell F. a musician. The 1972 voter's lists him and Mrs. Brannon living at 16 Lawson Av. He was listed as a parts manager.

He died June 24, 1999, in Dartmouth and is buried there. Pauline died six months later January 13 2000 and is buried with Russell.

STORY:

From an e-mail from Russ Brannon, Russell's son August 2018

USA as a boy.(As told to me both by Russell H and his dad John B.) - During the family's USA years his dad John Beverley (John B) was injured on the job in a locomotive factory, which demanded that Russell, still in school, take a job selling newspapers in the city. This meant that his day started between 2-3am. He would take public transportation to "his" corner where the papers were dropped by truck. Selling until it was time to go back on the bus or train to school. After school it was home to dinner, and in bed by 6PM. Dad told me he often had to fight to keep his newspaper corner. Other boys challenged him for it, fighting became all too common, and he became a pretty tough character as a result. John Beverley told me this story; One evening around 7, a person knocked at the door. John B answered. This guy said dad had beat

up his younger brother at the corner that morning (trying to take dads corner, of course). John B woke dad up and said; there is someone at the door to talk to you. Dad went outside with him, a fight broke out, beat the guy up, and went back to bed. John B. was a hard man, and this tough upbringing in tough times was not without negative impact on Russell H during his life. Weightlifting and wrestling. Starting in his early 20's, Russell became an avid bodybuilder and weightlifter. I believe he belonged to a club and competed in events including weightlifting. Some of his winning lifts were not bettered for many years. I assume it was a Maritime provinces thing. (I have photos showing him posing, as well as lifting of a pair of train wheels and axel over his head.)

He toured around the Maritimes with a troupe of wrestlers to make extra money. He told me the matches weren't always "rigged" and in the serious matches he/they received plenty of injuries. He had a bad knee from this, I think prevented oversea service during the war.

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2-6-5

Catherine Mae Brannon (1918-1991)



Mae was born in Liverpool NS November 5 1918. Her legal name at the time of birth was Brannen later the family took the spelling as Brannon. She was the daughter of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985).

She married John William Gray (1909-1994) March 15 1940. He was from Sambro NS. He was a fisherman from age nine until his retirement at age 75.

They had seven children:

Anne Elizabeth (1941-)

Dorothy Irene (1943-1975)

Robert Earle (1944-1995)

Donald William (1948-1972)

Terry Dean (1955-)

Bruce Miles (1957-)

William John Jr. (1961)

She passed away June 22 1991 at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

STORY:

Excerpted from a letter from Russell Brannon dated March 1 1995

.....It was while we were living Saugus that my father started getting bills addressed to him from people he didn't know. When he didn't reply to them, he began getting threatening letters from lawyers and collection agencies. It got so bad that he decided to do something about it. In the Boston telephone directory there were more than 50 J.B.Brannen's listed . Obviously this mail was being sent to the wrong J.B.Brannen. My father, at that time changed the spelling to Brannon. So that is how the name change came about. It was not done legally.

STORY:

The following is an e-mail from Bruce Gray August 2018:

Catherine Mae Brannon, born 5 Nov 1918 in Liverpool, NS.

She passed away 22 June 1991 in the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, NS.

She was cremated and her ashes were spread over the harbour in Sambro, NS.

She married John William Gray in Stairs Memorial United Church at 44 Hester Street, Dartmouth, NS.

(Wedding book) Whether they did not see the book to sign or were not there, I do not know. The only sibling to sign the book was her brother James (Jim). Also, my grandparents.

I would say that over 90 percent of the people who signed the book were from Sambro and had made the trek to Dartmouth. A lot of my dad's cousins, siblings, and aunts and uncles.

Of the others, that were probably my moms friends, ...

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2-6-6

James Beverley Brannon (1920-1991)



James was born September 18 1920 in Milton NS. His legal name at the time of birth was Brannen later the family took the spelling as Brannon. He was the son of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985).

He married Junice Florence (1923-?) July 30 1942 Saint John NB. They had six children.

There is a James B. Brannon and Mrs. James B. on the 1949 voters list for Graham's Corner NS. He was a woodworker. The 1962 voters list shows James Brannon and Junice living at 35 Main Street in Dartmouth. He was listed as a carpenter. In the 1974 voters list James Brannon is listed as a motel manager in Chester NS.

He divorced Junice sometime before 1972.

He married Jean Cooke on October 31 1976. He called her Cookie. She had been married before and divorced.

He died at age 70, July 1991 in the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax. He was cremated. He was living at 1 Farthington Place in Dartmouth.

STORY:

James Beverly married Jean Cooke, October 30 or 31, 1976 (I will verify). I'm sure it cut my trick-or-treating short, but I got to have cake so that sort of made up for it. He was very much in love with her, called her Cookie. She may still be alive, she never really warmed up to being a step-mother, or grandmother, so I've had no contact with her since before he passed. My Grampy didn't have a funeral when he died, he didn't want one. When I was getting married, the reverend told me that Jean held a funeral for him several months afterwards, none of his children or grandchildren were told. The reverend was surprised that he had such a large family; perhaps Jean implied it. She wouldn't allow us to call her Nanny, or Jean, or Nanny Jean, or Mrs. Brannon so we simply avoided using her name at all when speaking to her. I think my Grampy had a 'type' when it came to women. He was really a terrific grandfather, a strict father for certain, but a very warm and loving grandfather. I'm not sure when he divorced June, but I think it was before I was born.

James and June had '6' kids. But I know June was married (I have a copy of the license) and divorced before she married my Grampy, and I'm positive she had my Aunt Carolyn before they were married (no proof) Carolynne's father would be a man with the last name Herriman in New Brunswick. Lots of drama with June Brannon.

From an e-mail to Bruce Brannen from Stacy Tancock White Granddaughter April 12 2016.

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2-6-7

Reginald Heber Brannon (1922-2015)



Reg was born in Milton on October 2 1922. He was the son of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985).

He married Mitilda (Tilly) Pooley (1922-1997) in Southwark, London England March 12 1944. She was a war bride. They had one child Dianne Christine born in 1946.

The 1949 voters list has him living with Mrs. Reg at Albro Lake and working as a labourer also at Albro Lake were brothers Russell and James.

They had divorced by the late 1950's.

The 1972 voters list shows Reginald H. Brannon as a foreman living at 204 Caledonia Rd in Dartmouth with his parents. Reg H. Brannon appears in 1996,7,8,9 2000 and 2002 telephone directories living at 17 Colin Court Amherst NS

In 1972 he moved to Ontario and married Junice Florence Sohlberg-Brannon (1923-2013). She was his brother James' divorced wife.

He died July 31, 2015, in Halifax

STORY:

Reginald Brannon and Tilly Pooley married May 12, 1944, London, UK; one child, Dianne Christine Brannon (Crabtree), May 20, 1946, also London. He was the camera buff (there seems to be a lot of them in the Brannen/Brannon clan). He used to take all of our portraits when we were young children before we started school. I only have a clip of the on-line obituary for him; as far as I know it was the only one released for him. I always assumed his first wife passed away, but I honestly don't know. Dianne was married and living in Hamilton, ON, in 1979. I believe she was divorced, or almost divorced, no children. I know that she and Reg had a falling out and they weren't on speaking terms and hadn't been for quite some time when he passed. He was missing parts of three or four fingers, saw mill accident, I think. He used to crochet and paint as well; my mom has/had a painting of his. After the divorce of Jim and June, Reg moved to Hamilton, ON, with her and they married - I think it was November of 1977, ...

From an e-mail to Bruce Brannen from Stacy Tancock White April 12 2016

STORY

That same winter (about 1930) Reg and I were allowed to cross the Main Street to go sledding down a big hill the scheme was for me to jump on his back after he started. He ran out between two parked cars did a belly flop and we were on the sled. Immediately we were run over by a Model T Ford with no doors or windows. When the car stopped it had already passed the front wheel over Reg's stomach. A second man in the front seat leaned out grabbed Reg by his jacket and pulled him onto his lap. He yelled at me go tell my mother we are going to the hospital. I do not remember anymore.

From unpublished *The Life & Times of Earle Frederick Brannon*

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2-5-8

Earle Fredrick Brannon (1925-2017)



Earle was born November 18, 1925, in Roxbury MA. He was the son of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985).

He appears in the 1930 US census in Everett MA living with his family.

He always spelled his name Brannon.

Earle was in the Canadian Air Force as a paratrooper during WWII.

He married Elvina Lucy Schnare (1930-2009) October 22, 1953. They had four children. Janet Lee, Kelvin, Karen and Phillip.

The 1957 and 1962 and 1965 and 1968 voter's lists had he and his wife living on Munro Ave. Pictou NS and working as a clerk

He died in Halifax NS August 17, 2017.

STORY:

Earle left a hand-written scribbler of stories of his youth titled *The Life & Times of Earle Frederick Brannon*. The following are edited extracts from a transcription:

Due to a hurried departure to Canada, my mother hastily filled out a declaration naming all eight of her children. In her haste she reversed my first and second names.

We lived in a number of towns around Boston, Woburn, Somerville Everett, and finally Seagus. about this time I realized why we moved so much in the Boston area; the depression was in full swing and I suspect that we were evicted because we could not pay rent so the final move to Saugus brought us closer to Nova Scotia.

During each summer my dad would shave all of the boy's heads. Lice were a big problem. When school started out came the fine-tooth comb.

The Aucoin grocery store was two blocks up and one block left. Reg had part time work there in summers and weekends. I got in on it by helping him pack potatoes. It was an undercover job. Lift the trap door, down the ladder to the cellar, open jute bags, pick out good potatoes, pack into half peck and peck paper bags, pass up through trap door to store. By the way, rotten potatoes stink and so did the basement of store on Ballard Street.

Around 1931 the four boys slept in the attic. It had only one small window. Russell had it made. He was working and had bought himself a cot. He slept on one side of the attic the rest of us Jim, Reg and me the other. The group of three slept on two homemade saw horses 6 feet long covered by a layer of planks covered by a four-inch mattress 3 flower bag stuffed with rags for pillows. Normally we were satisfied, but the mid summer heat of the day made the attic unbearable.

A constant reminder of the depression was the delivery of milk and graham crackers to every child in the school system. Lots of them were skinnier than me. At 10 a.m. every morning classes stopped for a break and a half pint of milk and two graham crackers were given to all students in the school. 10:15 it was back to school work.

School was out. Dad arrives home with a new used car. A Chrysler coupe with rumble seat. All the boys were excited dad shows features and explains how things work. Electric start no crank, back seat and a rumble seat for three or more. Roll down windows and fold down front seats and four new tires no spare and two running boards and one expanding luggage rack for driver's side. Once in place drivers had to use passenger door. Seating plan was dad on left mom on right, Earl and 5 gal can between them I could barely see the road or the passengers. May Gladys Eleanor Barbara in the backseat. Russell, James and Reginald in the rumble seat with no roof. Baby Dorothy held by the girls except at feeding time in front seat. Johnny missed that trip and joined the motley crew about 5 years later at 8 p.m. Elmwood Avenue Dartmouth

Departure US to Canada: Pre boarding; All belongings except daily necessities were packed in barrels to be shipped to Dartmouth when money became available. Other

than the clothes you wore there were two suitcases of spare clothes held on the left running board by an expanding gate. 6 p.m. Friday dad arrives home from work has a sandwich with the car all gassed up ready to go and off we went. Into the wild blue yonder. As a storm bore down and blue turned to black followed by wind and rain thunder and lightning.

Only half an hour on the road lightning struck the chimney of a house on our right. The storms stayed with us and the rain kept coming visibility was poor windows steamed up, dad ended up on the wrong road. What fun. Dad saw a side road and pulled in to check maps. We were well off base. He yelled to the boys in the back to watch, he was going to back up and turn. "Stop! Stop!" came from the rumble seat. Stop we did and none too soon. Dad got out in the rain. The boys turned on their flashlights which showed the black tires about 4 feet from the edge of a deep gravel pit. Dad got back in and drove to the right highway.

By 10 p.m., more or less the storm left; leaving 10 people in a hot stuffy car with windows open to catch some air. By 12 p.m. The stars were out dad saw a telephone pole in a clearing and backed in off the road. Everybody out; mom with face cloth and towels. Dad and Russell set up the tent. Jim and Reg were told to put rocks behind the wheels so the car would not move. Drinks and a cookie for all then into the tent with two blankets no pillows nobody cared. At 2 a.m. The front seats in the car were folded down so Mom and Dad could get some rest as well. The attack of the mosquitoes. Less than an hour later everyone was back in the car. Tent down boys in the rumble seats. Dad put the car in gear but it would not move. He yelled back to the boys, did you take the rocks away from the wheels? All Hands yelled back "Yes!" . Dad went back to see what could be wrong. Guess what? Dad found the car bumper held to the lamp post with the cars tire chains. Why? Reg said, you told us you didn't want the car to roll away. Dad could not deny that and off we went to the new dawn.

Well dad drove through the mountains of Maine and into New Brunswick while the rest of us slept. We did not wake until we reached Nova Scotia. We proceeded to on to Aunt's Eva house on Fairbanks Street in Dartmouth. About half a mile from the McDonald Bridge present location the whole trip took 24 hours.

When we first saw aunt Eva's house a crowd of kids had gathered to see the arrival of the Yankees

Aunt Eva had three daughters Ruth, Jean and Marjorie, and two sons named Cecil and Chester. Her husband, Arthur, was away at sea. The women and girls shared beds. The four boys slept on the floor on hooked rugs fully clothed with a blanket or sheet for cover. No trouble sleeping. Dad left Sunday, 6 a.m. To go back to Boston to make money for rent. A small 20 x 20, one story house became available to Aunt Eva's relief.

The ground floor of the new house really was level with the ground. There was no furniture; Russell and Jim got some scrap lumber for a table we sat on egg crates with tops knocked out. Park School was less than a half a mile away. The Dartmouth Arrows ball team played next to the school. Ruth and Jean went to the games and the team followed them home to Eva's. Aunt Eva supplied sandwiches and drinks. After hearing about this woman with 8 kids they showed up on Saturday and built a table, chairs and bed frames out of the boxes and crates and scrap lumber.

By the time school started some barrels arrived by train from Boston. Dishes knives. Forks, spoons, clothes and blankets. Life got a little easier.

At Greenville high the math teacher in her wisdom spent the first month reviewing last year's work. A real devoted teacher, she told me I was a month behind but if I would stay after class till 5 p.m. She would bring me up to snuff. I did and she did, and finally she told me to teach the others with the same problems. All under her supervision. I was not actually teaching but that allowed her to oversee four or five students at the same time. At the end of grade 11 she said I should go to normal college in Truro. It would cost \$200 per year. Of course, I had no money and my parents had no money. In fact, they never had a bank account. Money in, money out.

There would be no money for college or grade 12. Work with pay for me started at 16. That winter was long and snowy. My first wage was shoveling snow for CNR Halifax yards. 50 cents an hour or \$4 a day and all the blisters you could stand. At the end of the second day my cotton gloves were worn out. The formen handed me my pay and said "You have blisters don't come back for 2 days and get better gloves." I worked at that, but not for long.

I then got a junior position as 'go-fer' at the naval armament depot, HMC Dockyard, jetty 4. I did messenger delivery and pickups. Being war time, I advanced rapidly and at 17 years of age I became responsible for all shipments of all armament of 26-inch cannons. First, I had to appear before the naval commander of the armament depot. His office was as big as the house I now live in. He said, "Christ how old are you?" With warnings of dire punishment, I was off and the serious part began. I was paid \$50 per week plus \$25 for night shift of 5 hours. Almost double what my father was earning as painter for Bella Buses in Dartmouth.

A few months later I turned 18 so I joined the RCAF hoping I could get pilot training. 6 months later the war in Europe had taken a turn for the better. Pilot training was cut off. I trained for wireless and then passed over to the army in Newmarket Ontario from there I escaped to Shilo Manitoba and paratrooper training I finally got to fly but one way only.

Edited from the unpublished The Life & Times of Earle Frederick Brannon

OBITUARY:

Jun 2, 2009 The Chronicle Herald

BRANNON (Schnare), Elvina Lucy "Ellie"— Munroe Avenue Ext., New Glasgow, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2009, in Valley View Villa in Riverton. Born in Black Point, she was the daughter of the late Maxwell and Winnifred Schnare and the wife of Earle F. Brannon, her loving husband of 56 years. Ellie served in the Royal Canadian Air Force at the Radar Installation Base in Barrie, Ont. for the two years prior to her marriage to Earle. She also gave 15 years of dedicated employment service at Glen Haven Manor, New Glasgow, caring for the infirm and the elderly. Ellie was a member of St. George's Anglican Church, New Glasgow; the St. George's Anglican Church Women; and the Westville Heritage Group. As well, she was an active member of her community, serving the St. John's Ambulance for 25 years. She participated in Big Sisters, was a volunteer at the 1987 Canada Games in Cape Breton, and she delivered Meals on Wheels for 15 years. Ellie had also received awards from the Canadian Red Cross for her many blood donations. Ellie enjoyed a busy social life. She and Earle made many friends during the years they square danced with Square Eights, the Trenton Twirlers and round danced with the Min-u-Ettes. Ellie liked ice skating, cross-country skiing, swimming, canoeing, walking and she was an avid bowler. Ellie is survived by her husband, Earle; her children, Janet Lee Brannon (Joel Fichaud), Halifax; Kelvin (Peggy) Brannon, Churchville; Karen (Allen) King, Kamloops, B.C.; Philip (Cathy) Brannon, Lower Sackville; her grandchildren, Hannah Lawrie, Melanie, Scott and Evan Brannon, Shannon and Sean King, Kellsie and Jenna Brannon; and her great-grandchildren, Ava Grace and Rylin Faith Brannon; her sisters, June Schnare and Heather Garbett, both of Seaforth; her brothers, Lloyd Schnare of Sarnia, Ont.; Arthur Schnare of Porter's Lake. She was preceded in death by her sister, Shirley Giddens (Jackson, Miss), and her brother Lorne Schnare (Seaforth). Ellie's family extends a very special thank you to the staff of Valley View Villa who took such good care of her during the last few years of her life. Cremation has taken place. At the request of the deceased

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2-6-9

Eleanor Joycelyn Brannon (1927-2022)



Eleanor was born in Roxbury MA, May 19, 1927. She was the daughter of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985).

She married MacKenzie Emery Greenough (1920-1954). They had two children Roger William born 1946 and Ronald Arthur born 1948. Her husband died August 21, 1954, when he drowned in Albrow lake in Dartmouth while fishing. He couldn't swim.

She married Michael Wakaluk (1922-1985, a native of Ukraine) on August 1, 1959. He was an assembler at General Motors in Oshawa. They had three children. Michael Jr. born 1959, Mary Bonita born 1962, and John born 1965.

They appear on Oshawa voter rolls in 1962, 1963, 1965 and 1972.

He died December 2, 1985, in Oshawa ON and is buried in St. Wolodymyr cemetery.

She passed on July 29, 2022, after suffering for several years with dementia.

OBITUARY:

Born May 19, 1927, sixth of 10 children of which she was the last. She passed on July 29, 2022, after suffering for several years with dementia. She was predeceased by her husbands Mackenzie Greenough and Mike Wakaluk, her daughter Mary Bonita

Wakaluk, son Michael Wakaluk and great-great-granddaughter Leah Rose Guida. She is survived by her sons Roger Greenough (Crystal, Deedee, Cindy), Ron Greenough (Vicki, Lynda) and John Wakaluk (Debbie) as well as eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

STORY:

.... We moved again, this time to Everett, Massachusetts, which was a fair-sized city. Of course, we took some of the local inhabitants along - the bedbugs and cockroaches. It was there that my sister, Eleanor, had a serious accident. She was playing on the second-floor balcony with some other children and was either pushed or fell to the pavement below, splitting her skull from over the left eye back to the nape of her neck.

The doctors didn't hold out much hope. After weeks in the hospital, she came home. She did not seem to know anyone. We would talk to her, but she didn't seem to recognize us. She never said a single word, so we accepted the thought that she would be a mute because of the damage to her head. About a month after that, she suddenly began to talk and knew everyone. It was a very happy day for the whole family....

Russell Brannon, Eleanor's brother in a letter to Bruce Brannen

STORY:

....That winter 1930-31 we lived in a two story house with a wooden fire escape in back. We children were playing on the steps eating icicles Eleanor pulled on a large one and when its snapped off she fell about 8 to 10 feet hitting her head on a sawhorse knocking her out. We told mom she called for an ambulance that took her to the hospital. The only damage was slurred speech and slow speaking....

Edited from unpublished material *The Life & Times of Earle Frederick Brannon*

STORY:

Eleanor's first husband was called "Max". He drowned in Albro lake in Dartmouth while fishing - couldn't swim

An e-mail from Russ Brannon a nephew of Eleanor.

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2-6-10

Gladys Evelyn Brannon (1929-2004)



Gladys was born in Everett MA March 12, 1929. She was the daughter of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985).

She married Theodore Tancock (1926-1977) in Dartmouth July 18, 1947. They had four children, George T. born in 1948, Allen Barry born in 1952, Michael D. (1956-2016) and Stephen born in 1963.

Ted had a career in the Canadian Navy.

The 1957 voter's list showed them sharing accommodation with her sister Dorthy and her husband Ambrose Keeping

Theodore died June 27, 1977, in Dartmouth. She died in Halifax March 2, 2004.

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2-6-11

Barbara Jean Brannon (1930-1992)

Barbara was born in Everett MA October 4, 1930. She was the daughter of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985).

She married Douglas Patrick Chapman (1926-1998) August 9 1950. He was the son of James L. Chapman and Temyson A. Kenny.

They had six children:

Catherine Jean (1951-)

John Douglas (1952-)

Wendy Mae (1955-)

Gail Marie (1956-)

Deborah Anne (1958-)

Constance Lynn (1965-)

Both died in Sudbury, Barbara Jean December 2, 1992, and Douglas six years later December 31 1998.

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2-6-12

Dorothy Irene Brannon 1933-1997



Dorothy was born in Saugus MA April 8, 1933. She was the daughter of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985). It is likely she was registered as Brannon at birth.

Dorothy married Ambrose Howard Keeping (1930-2003) July 7, 1956, in Dartmouth. He was the son of John Keeping and Edna Durnford, they had three children: Joyce, Cheryl and John.

The 1957 Halifax voters' list showed them sharing accommodation with her sister Gladys and her husband Theodore Tancock.

Dorothy and Amos divorced before the children were grown and she raised them as a single mother. She never remarried.

She was able to government supported job training and find a stable career in government until retirement.

She died November 19, 1997, in Dartmouth.

Amos died January 7, 2003, at the Victoria General and is buried in the Dartmouth Memorial Gardens.

STORY:

A e-mail from Bev McKee niece 2020.

I have the old family history that was actually done by Dorothy. She listed her spouse as Ambrose Howard Keeping, born August 7, 1930, place of birth Parsons Harbour, Nfld., married July 8, 1956. The names of children in the obit match up with Dorothy's record on her own page in this booklet she composed. The remaining spouse must be a remarriage, and I know Dorothy was only in her late 30's/early 40's when they split up which might explain that is why she wasn't mentioned, so long ago. She went on to receive training from the EI program and was able to get a Federal Gov't. job from which she retired with pension.

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STORY:

Excerpted from a letter from Russell Brannon dated March 1 1995:

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J.B.Brannens listed . Obviously this mail was being sent to the wrong J.B.Brannen. My father, at that time changed the spelling to Brannon. So that is how the name change came about. It was not done legally.

OBITUARY:

Ambrose Howard 'Amos" - 72, Dartmouth. passed away Wednesday, January 7, 2003 in the VG Site. 0E11. Born August 7. 1930 in Harbour Breton, Newfoundland, he was a son of the late John and Edna (Durnfold) Keeping Antos enjoyed retired We for the last 15 years with his late wife Joan at their home in Port Phillip, Cumberland County. He was an avid outdoorsman, especially enjoying fishing and hunting. Amos is survived by daughters. Joyce Keeping, Halifax: Cheryl (Calvin) Smith, Dartmouth: son. John (Janice) Keeping. Dartmouth: brother, Jack (Mildred) Keeping. Dartmouth: grandchildren. Steven, Paul, Courtney. David. Karla. Mack.

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2-6-13

John Harris Brannon (1936-2016)



Johnny was born in Dartmouth NS July 24, 1936, on Elmwood Av. He was the youngest child of John Beverley (Bev) Brannen (1895-1975) and Mildred McLeod (1897-1985). His birth was registered as Brannon. He was born after the family returned to Canada and settled in Dartmouth.

He married Joan Marie Marks (1938-) October 10, 1958, in Dartmouth NS. He built a home next door to his parents on Caledonia Rd. Dartmouth. They had one child Timothy Robert in 1961.

The 1972 voters list shows him and Mrs. John a housewife living at 20 Caledonia Rd Dartmouth next door to his parents. He was a pipefitter.

In the years 1995-6-7-8-9 and 2002 he was listed in the phone directory at 902-434-1041 at 200 Caledonia Rd

He passed away April 17, 2016, in Dartmouth and is buried in the Dartmouth Memorial Gardens.

OBITUARY:

Brannon, John Harris '96 age 79 of Dartmouth passed away Sunday, April 17, 2016 in Dartmouth General Hospital. Born in Dartmouth on July 24, 1936 to the late John and Mildred (McLeod) Brannon. John is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan (Marks); son, Timothy (Carol), Sudbury, Ont.; grandchildren, Nicole and Lisa; brother, Earle, Halifax ; sister, Eleanor Wakaluk, Oshawa. He is predeceased by brothers, Russell, James, Reginald; sisters, Catherine, Gladys, Barbara and Dorothy. Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 7-9pm Thursday, April 21 with a funeral service 10am Friday April 22 both in Atlantic Funeral Home, 771 Main Street Dartmouth. Burial in Dartmouth Memorial Gardens. Reception to follow in Atlantic Funeral Home.

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THE CHILDRED OF CASSIE EDNA BRANNEN (1898-1989)

Edna and Kenneth had ten children all except their daughter Carolyn lived to maturity. Carolyn Mae (1935-1946) died of diphtheria at age eleven.

2-6-14

Evelyn Pauline Smith (1919-1998)



Evelyn was the first-born child of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956). She married Paul Thomas Perry (1919-1980) of Clark's Harbour on December 19, 1942. He was a WWII soldier. They had one child: Ralph, born 1946.

Paul died January 27, 1980, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital and is buried in the Centreville Cemetery. Evelyn died January 29 1998 at the Roseway Hospital in Shelburne NS

OBITUARY:

PERRY, Evelyn Pauline - 78, Barrington Passage, Shelburne Co., died January 29, 1998, in Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point. Born in Newellton, she was a daughter of the late Kenneth and Edna (Brannen) Smith. She was a member of the United Baptist Church, Newellton. Surviving are son, Ralph, Miami, Fla.; brothers, Noble, Newellton; Frank, New Brunswick; Keith, Prince Edward Island; sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Clarks Harbour; Mrs. Mildred Blades, Greta (Mrs. Norman Stoddart), Lower Clarks Harbour; three grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul; brothers, Eldridge, Frederick; sister, Caroline. Visitation 2-4, 7-9 p.m. today, funeral 2 p.m. Sunday, both in H. Huskison's Funeral Home and chapel, Barrington, Rev. Don Scheel officiating. Burial in Centreville Cemetery. Donations to any charity.

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2-6-15

Myrtle Isobel Smith (1921-2023)



Myrtle was the second child of born child of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956). She was born July 6, 1921. She was named for her aunt and ended up with the nick name "Little Myrt". She married Arthur Albert Smith (1915-1989) in Yarmouth NS November 20 1943. .He was the son of Elias Austin Smith (1890-1928) and Lula Pearl Huskins (1895-1960). He injured his foot as a child and was unable to walk normally, as a result he did not qualify for war time service. At the time of her marriage she was working at the Grand Hotel in Yarmouth.

She was living and working in Nictaux NS when their first child Marina was born in 1944. Arthur was working in Saint John NB. She later moved to Saint John but around 1946 they returned to Cape Sable Island and lived for a time with her parents.

Arthur did many jobs, fishing, working in fish processing plants, house painting and carpentry. At an early age he went to work for Albert (Shorty) Swim. As a result of his injury he always walked with a limp.

Myrtle did housework for a number of people.

They lived near the Swim's Point Road in Lower Clark's Harbour for many years.

In 1960 they had a second child, a son, Grant.

Arthur passed away April 26 1989 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Lower Clark's Harbour.

OBITUARY:

SMITH, Myrtle Isabel - In her 102nd year, our Mom, Myrtle Isabel Smith, entered her heavenly home on January 23, 2023. Born on July 6, 1921 to the late Kenneth and Edna (Brannen) Smith of Newellton, she spent most of her life in Clark's Harbour. For the past 10 years Mom was cared for briefly at Surf Lodge in Lockeport, and then at Bay Side Home in Barrington. From her early teen years, Mom was a conscientious, hard-working live-in housekeeper, in homes from Clark's Harbour to Newellton, in Lockeport, and in the Annapolis Valley. Faithful to her Lord and Saviour, and among her services to Him, she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. At family gatherings her cloverleaf rolls and special 3-layer cakes were always in demand. To her grandchildren she was affectionately known as 'Granny Apple' (from Granny Smith apples). Predeceased by her husband, Arthur Smith; she is survived by her daughter, Marina (Ozzie) Mugford; son Grant Smith; grandchildren Wanda (John) Tedford, Randy (Nathalie) Mugford, Cheyenne Smith, and Shane Smith; 6 great-grandchildren in the Tedford family (Caleb, Rachel, Timothy, Matthew, Sarah, Phoebe); and 2 great-great-grandchildren (Khaleesia and Jack). Mom is also survived by sisters-in-law, Hazel Smith, Olive Smith, Mary Smith, Ruth Smith, and Patsy Smith. The last surviving member in her family, Mryt was predeceased by brothers, Keith, Frank, Noble, Eldridge, Frederick; sisters Evelyn (Perry), Mildred (Blades), Greta (Stoddart), and Carolyn. She is also predeceased by, and joined in Heaven with, her first great-great-granddaughter Raelyne. At Mom's request, there will be a Graveside Service, at Evergreen Cemetery, Lr. Clark's Harbour, on January 27 at 2 pm.

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2-6-16

Keith Preston Smith (1923-2014)



Keith was born on Cape Sable Island April 30 1923. He was the son of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956).

He was a fisherman. In 1953 he moved to North Rustico PEI because of the fishing opportunities. His brother Eldridge joined him there in 1955 and they worked together for two or three years.

He married Hazel Dorion (1937-) June 30 1956. She was from PEI. They had a home built there and raised four children: Nadine, Wendy, Brenton and Laura.

When he got older, he moved into Charlottetown PEI.

He died in 2014. He is buried in Floral Hills cemetery.

STORY:

In 1953 Keith Smith moved to PEI Came looking for a place to fish 1955 Married Hazel Doiron from North Rustico (housewife)I believe she was 12 or 14 years younger than Keith? Keith's children Nadine the oldest , Wendy (Laura the youngest) & Brent Keith had a house Built in North Rustico Lived there for many years Then moved into an added addition to Laura's home near Charlottetown in the last few years Keith lived

Hazel still lives there All Keith's children live on PEI Keith is buried in Floral Hills cemetery Keith Died as a result of a fall

An excerpt from an e-mail from Mary Pineau Smith, sister-in-law 2019

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2-6-17

Mildred Ruth Smith (1925-1989)



Mildred was born September 19 1925 in Newellton NS. She was the fourth child of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956). She married Clifford Blades (1925-1994). They had two boys, Kent and Wylie.

She was very active in the community and loved to write poetry.

Mildred died January 29 1989 at the Roseway Hospital in Shelburne.

Clifford died March 1 1994 and is buried with Mildred in the Evergreen Cemetery at Lower Clark's Harbour.

STORY:

The Then & The NOW

By Mildred Ruth Blades, Lower Clark's Harbour

Written by request July, 1999

For the 50th Anniversary, 1999 Causeway Celebrations

Our transportation in yester years

Was a far cry from the now.

If we wanted to leave our island

We paid 10 cents on the "Joseph Howe.

But 10 cents each for a large family

Was a lot of money in that day,

And if we couldn't afford it

We learned to find another way.

As children we were curious

To see the other side,

When we went to visit relatives

Our cruise was a fishing boat ride.

My first ferry voyage in February '39

Was not what I'd hoped it would be,

But an emergency trip to Yarmouth

Where I left my appendix, you see.

we started in Dr. Corbett's Oldsmobile

Just as the sun was setting.

The road had thawed and frozen again

And there was cause for fretting.

We hit a rut in North East Point

Which added to our plight.

*There we were with a broken spring
And no sign of help in sight.
They put me on the ferry
When they searched for another car.
I counted the blasts of the whistle
Till four times we had crossed the bar.
I laid on the narrow passenger bench
With an ice pack on my side
The old ferry creaked and shook
And bumped the pier because of strong tide.
The crew of the Joseph Howe
Were as kind as they could be.
When I saw George Murphy in his taxi
A ray of hope sprang up in me.
The narrow, icy, unpaved highway
Was very dark, no lights in sight,
And it seemed that only a miracle
Would bring us to Yarmouth that night.
My father talked continuously
To keep me from despair.
He said, "when you see the iron horse,
You'll know we're almost there."
We arrived at three in the morning,
Dr. Corbett operated without delay.
Had he not been a good doctor*

*I surely would not be here today.
I've never forgotten the dedication
Of those who so unselfishly cared for me,
But what if on our island that night
There had been another emergency?
No matter what the circumstance,
Whatever ill betide,
If not there before the last whistle blew
We sent the night on the opposite side.
Ten years later in '49
Our journey brought much joy.
We came bumping across the rocky causeway
With a bouncing baby boy.
There were many years of anxious waiting
Some feared the tide would wash it away.
Yet it still stands firm through all the storms,
And we hope it's there to stay.
I have not told this story,
To draw attention to me.
But to help us reflect and be grateful
That it's not like it used to be.*

OBITUARY:

BLADES, Mildred Ruth, of Lower Clark's Harbour, Shelburne Co., passed away at Roseway Hospital in Shelburne on Thursday, October 13th, 2016. This wonderful woman will be greatly missed by her loving and devoted family. She is the daughter of Cassie Edna (Brannen 1898-1989) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956) and grew up in

Newellton by the creek. She is survived by her two sons: Kent & Cathy of Lower Clark's Harbour and Wylie & Lynne of Barrington?; her three grandsons Josh & Clarissa of Toronto, Matt & Kiline of Toronto and Andrew & Christina of Centreville; brother Noble (Olive) Smith of Newellton; sister Myrtle (Arthur) Smith of Bay Side Home; brother-in-law Norman (Greta) Stoddard of Lower Clark's Harbour, sisters-in-law Mary (Eldridge) Smith of PEI; Hazel (Keith) Smith of PEI; Ruth (Freddie) Smith of Newellton; her very special friend George Wickens of Centreville; and many extended family members. She is predeceased by her husband Clifford Blades; sisters Evelyn (Paul) Perry, Greta (Norman) Stoddard, Carolyn Smith, brothers, Keith (Hazel), Frank (Lorraine), Eldridge (Mary), and Freddie (Ruth). She has been a lifelong supporter of the Women's Missionary Society and attended the Stoney Island Baptist Church and the South Side Baptist Church until recently when her health wouldn't allow her to attend. She has taught Sunday School for many years, cooked at Camp Jordan, worked in Junior Church, Vacation Bible School, sang in the choir, and knit hundreds of teddy bears for the Christmas Shoe Boxes that go overseas to children in need. In addition to her church work, she has always supported The Legion and the brave veterans who willingly put their life on the line for our freedom. This has always been dear to her heart as Clifford was also a Veteran. She has been a volunteer knitter for the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, knitting teddy bears and hundreds of little finger puppets for the lab to give to children. She has written many poems and was a Distinguished Member of the International Society of Poets. She was skilled in writing poems of deep thought and inspiration, as well as capturing and reflecting humorous and poignant family and community events. We all enjoyed her weekly poetry column, "Precious Promises" in The Guardian newspaper. She has been a member and supported the Evergreen Cemetery Club of Lower Clark's Harbour for decades, serving as Secretary and then President for many years. She was a hard worker, starting her fulltime employment as housekeeper at the tender age of 14. She later worked at Sable Fish Packers, and after years of working on fish, she turned her entrepreneurial skills into creating and running the Canteen where she retired in 1987. Mildred was an avid Blue Jays fan and spent many an evening rooting for them and then reviewing play by play with George during their hours of conversation on the phone every evening. She so enjoyed all those wonderful times. She even got to enjoy a couple of Blue Jays games in person when visiting her grandsons in Toronto. She considered herself a lucky woman! There will be a visitation held Saturday from 7-9 p.m. at the H.M. Huskison's Funeral Home, Barrington, where the funeral service will take place on Sunday, October 16, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Shaun Hatfield officiating. Interment to follow in the Evergreen Cemetery, Lower Clark's Harbour. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Stoney Island Baptist Church or the South Side United Baptist Church. The family would like to thank the nurses and care providers that offered such great care and compassion during her recent illness: Home Care (Coleen Lewis & the Home Support Workers), both Yarmouth & Roseway Hospital doctors & nurses, with a special

recognition for George MacDonald, NP, and the Roseway Hospital nurses. Your kindness and expertise is unsurpassed.

OBITUARY:

Blades, Clifford Arthur — 69, Lower Clarks Harbour, Shelburne County, died March 1, 1994, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born at Lower Clarks Harbour, he was a son of the late Leaman and Marjorie (Cunningham) Blades. He was a veteran of the Second World War; member of Royal Canadian Legion, Cape Sable Branch 148; New Horizons Senior Citizens Club, Clarks Harbour; Lei-sure Hour Club, Port Saxon; Masonic Order and the Nova Trailor Club. He worked for the delivery of Meals on Wheels, Clarks Harbour. He was an avid gardener, enjoyed commercial fishing, wood-working and was very devoted to his family and community. He is survived by his wife, the former Mildred Smith; two sons, Kent, Lower Clarks Harbour; Wylie, North East Point; brother, Basil, Centreville; three grandsons. He was predeceased by three sisters, Florence, Juanita, Marilyn. Visitation will be 2-4, 7-9 p.m. today in H. Huskilson's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Friday in United Baptist Church, Stoney Island, Rev. Derek Hollett officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Lower Clarks Harbour. Donations may be made to Stoney Island United Baptist Church, island and Barrington Area Volunteer Ambulance Service or any charity.

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2-6-18

Frank Eugene Smith (1929-2004)



Frank was born in Newellton April 30 1927 in son of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956). He married Lorraine Emma Cox (1934-2008) on December 14 1952 on Cape Sable Island. She was born in South Side. They had one son Richard

In the early 1960's he moved to Saint John. He worked for many years in sales.

Lorraine passed away May 22 2008. Frank died shortly after Lorraine in October 14 2008. Both died in Saint John NB and are buried in Ocean View Memorial Gardens in Saint John.

OBITUARY:

SMITH, FRANK EUGENE - (1927 - 2008) The passing of Frank Smith of Saint John occurred unexpectedly on October 14, 2008 while he was doing one of the things he loved to do, fish the Miramachi River. Frank was born in Newellton, Cape Sable Island, Nova Scotia on April 30, 1927, the son of the late Kenneth and Edna (Brennan) Smith. Frank has been a resident of Saint John since the early 1960's and worked for many years in sales at Apex Industries. In recent years Frank and his wife Lorraine have been resident caretakers and "camp parents" at Windcrest Bible Camp on the Damascus Road. Frank began his working life as a fisherman out of Clarks Harbour, Nova Scotia, but he has had many skills. Besides successfully working in the sales field, his

woodworking was a feature of local craft fairs for a number of years. There were very few things mechanical that he couldn't fix, he liked to garden, and he loved to fish salmon. Frank's greatest calling, however, was in serving his Lord and Saviour. He was a diligent and devoted student of the Bible and has been used greatly of the Lord in various teaching and preaching ministries. He has been a valued member of Fundamental Baptist Church for over forty-five years and has served faithfully as both a deacon and a trustee. His wisdom and spiritual insight will be greatly missed by the congregation. Frank is survived by one son Richard and his wife Nancy of Saint John, NB, by two brothers, Keith (Hazel) of Prince Edward Island and Nobel (Olive) of Cape Sable Island, Nova Scotia, and by two sisters - Mildred Blades, and Myrtle Smith, both of Cape Sable Island.

As well as his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Lorraine, by brothers Eldridge and Freddy, and by sisters Caroline, Evelyn, and Greta. Frank is also survived by six grandsons - Timothy (Becky), Jonathan (Ann), Richard, Daniel (Melinda), Keith, and Samuel, all of Saint John. His memory is also honoured in four great-grandchildren - Josiah, Joanna, Jenna, and Taylor. Visitation with the family will be held at the Fundy Funeral Home, 230 Westmorland Road (646-2424) on Thursday evening October 16th from 7-9p.m. and on Friday, October 17th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service will be at the Fundamental Baptist Church, 885 Danells Drive, Saint John West on Saturday, October 18 at 11:00 am. A reception at the church will immediately follow the service. Interment will be in Ocean View Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Fundamental Baptist Church for the Windcrest Camp Fund or to the charity of choice.

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2-6-19



Greta Madelyn Smith (1929-2004)

Greta was born on Cape Sable Island May 3 1929. She was the daughter of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956).

She married Norman Stoddard (1927-??) on June 23 1955. They lived Lower Clark's Harbour. They had one son Kenneth who was a member of the RCMP before being overtaken with MS.. Norman worked mainly for fish businesses as a trucker. For a short while worked for a fish business in Connecticut.

She passed away March 24 2004 at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at Lower Clark's Harbour.

OBITUARY:

Greta Madelyn - 74, Lower Clarks Harbour, died Tuesday, March 24, 2004, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born in Newellton, she was a daughter of the late Kenneth and Edna (Brannen) Smith. Greta was a member of New Testament Baptist Church, The Hawk, a member of the New Horizons Senior Club, Clarks Harbour and a member of the Evergreen Cemetery Club, Lower Clarks Harbour. Greta enjoyed needlepoint, quilting and cooking. Greta will be greatly missed by all those that knew and loved her. She is survived by her husband, Norman; son, Kenny (Wanda), Red Deer, Alta.; brothers, Keith (Hazel), North Rustico, P.E.I.; Frank (Lorraine), Hampton, N.B.; Noble (Olive),

Newellton; sisters, Myrtle Smith, Clarks Harbour; Mildred Blades, Lower Clarks Harbour; grandchildren, Kristen and Brett. She was predeceased by brothers, Eldridge and Frederick; sisters, Evelyn and Carolyn. Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. Friday in Huskison's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday in New Testament Baptist Church, The Hawk, Rev. Gerald Cossaboom officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Lower Clarks Harbour.

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2-6-20

Noble Smith (1931-2020)



Noble was the seventh child of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956). He was born April 4, 1931, in Newellton. He took up fishing as a young man and married Olive Ross (1933-) on August 17, 1951. They had three children Audrey (1951-), Loran (1953-2014), and Curtis (1959-). Noble and Olive built a home not far from his parents on the Newellton Creek.

He worked his way up to owner of the *Scotian Maid* a long liner that fished off George's Banks with a crew of seven. His boat was involved in several life saving rescues including that of the *Janet and Marjorie* in 1981.

He retired young when he found the stress of mastering a long liner more than he wanted.

Both sons Curtis and Loran followed their father into longline fishing.

STORY:

The Janet and Marjorie was a sixty-two-foot longliner built in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia in 1956. She was bought from Ronald Chetwynd by Capt. George Hopkins of Woods Harbour. In the spring of 1981, Captain Hopkins and his crew, all from his native village, went fishing for cusk. On this particular trip his crewmen, who were all in their twenties, were his brother Earl Hopkins, Stanley Devine and his brother William Devine, and Leslie "Junior" Nickerson. All went as usual until the evening of May 2nd'. When Earl went down in the hold to put away some fish and discovered that there was about a foot of water there. Immediately he alerted the other men. They checked the engine room and saw that there was quite a lot of water there. With about 42,000 pounds aboard, it was somewhat difficult to determine the exact location of the leak. Immediately the captain and his crew began pumping furiously, and they succeeded in getting the water lowered. They steamed north along the edge of Georges Bank and headed for home. Conditions were not favorable. It was pouring rain, and the wind breezed up to about thirty knots. The men sweated with buckets and kept pumping steadily, but the water kept gaining on them. They knew they were in serious trouble. By chance Capt. Noble Smith, aboard the Scotian Maid, happened to be about two miles away when he heard their 'Mayday' and hastened to their assistance. The crew on the Scotian Maid were Joseph "Johnny" Waybrat, Robert "Bobby" Nickerson, Larry Terry, Charles "Scotty" Stewart, Victor Smith, and Noble's son Curtis. Captain Smith's other son, Capt. Loran Smith, and Capt. Laselles Ross were also fishing in the same location, and so they stood by in readiness to help. Stanley Devine said, "When the Scotian Maid got closer, we put a spotlight on her to attract the attention of the man on watch. By then it was blowing about sixty knots. The seas were high. We put our life raft over the side but one of the pontoons failed to open and so it was too dangerous for us to get into it. By now we were in a bad way. Then Noble put his life raft over and eventually was able to get a rope to us. We were able to talk with Noble by our radio, but we weren't within speaking distance." He went on, "Around midnight Noble maneuvered his boat closer to us. It was very rough and so he had to sail by the stem of the Janet and Marjorie. In the darkness, this was extremely difficult. After a couple of tries, he was able to get in close enough to the stem to throw a rope to us. Then we were able to haul his life raft aboard our sinking boat and we all got into it." Stanley continued, "We were in the raft about an hour before the crew on Noble's boat was able to get another rope to us to pull us alongside. At one point Noble lost sight of us under the bow. It was a tricky situation but, fortunately, Noble was an experienced seaman. Had we not been lucky enough to have the good fortune to meet up with him, it would

have been a different story. Then, one by one, we were hoisted aboard the Scotian Maid. We were sopping wet and cold."

The Scotian Maid stood by about four hours waiting until the Janet and Marjorie sank. If left unattended, she could have become a menace to some other boat. By this time, the wind was blowing sixty to sixty-five knots. Captain Smith started steaming towards the West Head wharf. Under normal conditions, this would have taken about eight hours but, with the high winds and boisterous waves, it took twenty-four hours. The captain relayed a message to his wife, Olive, to let her know that he was delayed but everyone was safe. Olive said, "Noble never called me on his radio unless he wanted a repair part or something like that. I heard somebody report on the set that a longliner had sunk. When the phone rang, my feet glued to the floor, I could hardly make my way to the phone to answer it. I was so scared, with Noble and our two sons out there, along with all those men." Johnny Waybrat said, "It was a hair-raising dramatic experience. The Scotian Maid had to be put in dry dock at Shelburne because, when the captain lost sight of the raft under the bow, he quickly threw the engine in reverse and the shock loosened the bolts in the wheelhouse. There is no doubt about it, his expert seamanship saved the lives of the crew on the Janet and Marjorie " This is a moving tale of ordinary fishermen in extraordinary circumstances. It has a happy ending because the capable Capt. Noble Smith had a well-trained crew He had experienced rough times at sea on previous occasions and he knew how to handle his boat. Much credit goes to the captain and crew of the Scotian Maid who saved the lives of five men. For everyone involved, it was a traumatic ordeal that they will never forget.

OBITUARY:

SMITH, Noble Atwood -89, Newellton, passed away peacefully on Monday October 26, 2020, in Roseway Hospital, Shelburne. Noble was born on April 4, 1931, in Newellton and was a son of the late Kenneth and Edna (Brannen) Smith. Noble enjoyed playing games, putting puzzles together and doing word seek books. He also enjoyed his goose, caribou, moose, and duck hunting trips. He had many adventures traveling with his wife, Olive, and friends. He also enjoyed his and Olive's camping trips to different places making friends along the way. After he retired from many years of fishing, Noble continued as the Executive Director of the Southwest NS Fisherman's Longliner Association for many years, where he was awarded the Confederation medal. Noble is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Olive Melba (Ross) Smith; as well as by his children, Christine Atwood, Curtis (Wendy) Smith; seven grandchildren; one step-grandchild; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; along with a sister, Myrtle. Besides his parents he was predeceased by a son, Loran Noble Smith; brothers, Keith, Frank, Eldridge, Frederick; and sisters, Evelyn, Mildred, Greta, Carolyn

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2-6-21

Eldridge James Smith (1933-1990)



Eldridge was born in Newellton May 10 1933. He was the son of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956).

He was a fisherman. He moved to North Rustico PEI in 1955. For two or three years he fished with his older brother Keith who was already established there.

He married Mary Pineau from PEI, and they had one son James.

He took his own life by drowning May 15, 1990. He is buried in the North Rustico cemetery.

STORY:

Eldridge James Smith born May 10, 1933, came to North Rustico to fish with his brother Kieth. In 1955 Married Mary Amelia Pineau born May 10 1938. She was from North Rustico, an artist and musician. Son James Alfred Smith was born 1956 Sept 10 in Charlottetown Hospital. Eldridge lived in North Rustico for all the years from the

time he came until he died 1990 Eldridge took his life by drowning. He is buried in North Rustico Cemetery

Both brothers were excellent husbands, excellent fisherman They fished out of North Rustico Harbour both were very hard workers Eldridge fished with Keith for 2 or 3 years then purchased a boat of his own as well as fishing they also had a Deep Sea Business in N Rustico Harbour during the summer months July & Aug. for a number of years When Eldridge moved to PEI folks called him Al instead of Eldridge.

An excerpt from an e-mail from Mary Pineau Smith, wife 2019

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Carolyn Mae Smith (1935- 1946)



Carolyn was born in Newellton October 7 1935. She was the daughter of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956).

She died of Diphtheria at age 11 years on April 8 1946. She is buried in the Newellton cemetery.

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2-6-23

Fredrick Lynwood Smith (1938-1992)



Freddy was born in Newellton NS March 29, 1938. He was the youngest child of Edna Brannen (1898-1998) and Kenneth Smith (1894-1956). He left school early in order to go fishing with his father. He married Ruth Atwood (1942-) in Newellton October 25, 1958. She was the daughter of Kenneth Lloyd McKay Atwood (1916-) and Kathleen Agnes Symonds (1918-).

They built a home next to his parents on Newellton Creek and had four children: Cleon, Willamae and fraternal twins Farrell and, Lynwood.

He died of a heart attack October 25, 1958, at age 54 and is buried in the Newellton Cemetery.

STORY:

Freddie met Ruth in 1956 when he was a 20-year-old young man with a pick up truck and Ruth was 16 years old hanging out with her friend in Clark's Harbour. Freddie gave them a ride home to the Hawk and two years later, in 1958, they were married.

He was devoted to his fishing and always trying to figure out a better way. He kept up to date on all the new equipment for the boat and all latest in fishing gear. There was no end to what he tried, or thought might work.

In the 70's he and a few established fishermen formed a fisherman's co-op that ran for a number of years before it was sold and later became Canus.

Freddie always gave his best and worked hard; a very generous man who was always willing to help his fisherman friends.

As told by Ruth Atwood-Smith 2020

OBITUARY:

Frederick Lynwood Smith NEWELLTON: Frederick L. Smith, 54, died Thursday, October 29, 1992, at home. Born in Newellton, he was a son of the late Kenneth and Cassie (Brannen) Smith. He is survived by his wife, the former Ruth Atwood two sons, Cleon and Lynwood, both of Newellton; daughter, Willimae (Mrs. Laselles Ross), Centreville; three brothers, Frank, Hampton, N.B., Keith, North Rustico, P.E.I., and Noble, Newellton; four sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Perry, Barrington, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Mildred (Mrs. Clifford Blades), and Greta (Mrs. Norman Stoddard), all of Clark's Harbour; four grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Farrell; brother, Eldridge; sister, Carolyn. The funeral service was held on, Sunday, November 1, 1992 in I Newellton United Baptist Church, with Pastor Don Scheel officiating. Burial was in Newellton Cemetery

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THE FAMILY OF WILLIAN IRA BRANNEN (1901-1982)

George Douglas Brannen (1922-2004)



George was born December 14, 1922, in Centreville NS. He was the first child of Ira Brannen (1901-1982) and Lottie Penney (1902-1992). He was born in a rented house that stood across the road from where the McGray's wharf intersects with the main road.

He achieved his grade ten certificate and then worked for Evan Swim a Clark's Harbour businessman along with his father. In 1941 he attended Nova Scotia Technical College in New Glasgow where he studied tool and die making. In November 1942 he enlisted for the duration of the war and served in Britain in the Ordinance Corps.

After discharge he returned home and after briefly working for LePage became McGray's postmaster and opened a general store in his parent's house and then built a store in Centreville at the junction of Stoney Island Road and Hwy 303.

In 1954 he married Maude Townsend (1934-2018). Maude was the daughter of Leslie Townsend (1904- 1985) and Alice Nickerson (1907-1977) from North East Point.

They had four children:

Brenda Jean born, June 24, 1955

Isabel Louise born November 21, 1956

Stephen Douglas July 8, 1959

Michael Douglas October 1, 1965

After closing his store and giving up his appointment as postmaster and getting married, he moved to Toronto and went to work for Dominion Stores. He was department manager usually in produce in several Dominion stores in Toronto over the next 13 years.

On holiday in 1966 he found an old house that had not been occupied for some years in Port Clyde. It was on a large parcel of land with shore frontage. They purchased the home and the family moved to Port Clyde in 1967. He went to work for Wilson's in Barrington Passage until his retirement.

He died of heart failure in August 17 2004 and is buried in Port Clyde. Maude died August 16, 2018.

STORY:

George's Life

By Bruce Brannen 2014

George Douglas Brannen was born December 14, 1922, the first born of Ira and Lottie Brannen. He was born in an old house his parents were renting that was located across from the lane to McGray's Wharf in Centreville.

In the spring his father went to Boston to find work and George and his mother followed. They stayed for about a year in East Boston.

They returned to the old rental house where his brother Jack was born August 1924. When his grandfather Brannen died in 1926 his father took over his blacksmith business and moved into the homestead which he later purchased.

In 1930 the family moved to a farm in Centreville near the school where his father ran the farm for a couple of years before moving back to the homestead.

George attended Centreville School completing his grade 10. After finishing in 1940 he went to work with his father for Evan Swim at Clark's Harbour.

In 1941 he attended Nova Scotia Technical College in New Glasgow where he studied tool and die making.

In November 1942 he enlisted in the army (R.C.O.C) in Halifax. His Regimental number was F51526. After training in Kingston, he was shipped overseas to Britain where he was assigned to tank maintenance with the Ordinance Corps.

After discharge he returned home where he worked briefly for the LePage glue factory on Stoney Island Road. He obtained appointment to Postmaster in Centreville in June 1947 and he also opened a small store in his parents' home. He would continue to live at home until he married.

He used his Service Credits to build a store on land his parents gave him at the end of Stoney Island Road. From this store he provided door to door grocery service for North East Point, Centreville and Newellton. He continued this business until October 1953 when he lost the appointment as Post Master and soon closed the store. This more or less coincided with his marriage to Maude Townsend in January 1954..

After marrying, George and Maude moved to Ontario. His brother Jack's book suggests they stayed with them in Peterborough at the time Jack's son David was born, that suggests they were there at the middle of March 1954. George went on the Toronto and went to work for Dominion Stores. His first appointment was the Willowdale store on Young Street. They rented an apartment in a home in Willowdale. George worked as a Produce Manager at several Toronto stores. They eventually moved to Sandcliffe Road off Jane Street and lived there for the rest of the time they were in Toronto. All four children were born while they lived in Toronto.

There was always a commitment to return "home". Their target was at age forty-five before his pension contributions were locked in. They were viewed as a pool of savings and not a retirement plan. The commitment to return had an effect on his career in Ontario. Despite his experience and the strong demand for new store managers he chose to remain at a produce department level in the suburban stores.

In about 1963 he sold his former store and lot to Bernice and LeRoy Quinlan. The lot was described as 100' x 100' x 100' x 100'. No price was NOT disclosed.

On a holiday to Nova Scotia in about 1966 he found and purchased an old house on a large lot in Port Clyde. The house had not been occupied for many years. Before turning age 45 he resigned from Dominion in 1967 left and used his accumulated pension contributions to move back to Nova Scotia with the four children.

He found employment with Wilson's in Barrington Passage running their plumbing supply department where he worked until retirement.

After initially making the house livable for the family their house became their hobby. There were several renovations and an addition.as well as out buildings.. He also built a significant wharf at the shore.

After retirement he busied himself making and painting crafts that he and his son-in-law Milford took to craft shows on the weekends.

The lot was very large and extended from the shore some distance into the woods. This was his source of firewood which he used to haul out with his 3 wheeler.

As he neared age 80 his energy began to decline and in August 2004 he had a serious heart attack. He died shortly after in Halifax.

He was survived by Maud and his 4 children who had all remained in Nova Scotia.

STORY:

. we rented an old house and started to make it fit to live in and moved in. George was born Dec 14th 1922. It was the coldest winter. Ice froze all across to Bear Point. Was the first time in 40 years.

In 1940 he (Ira) went to Clam Harbour to work for Evan Swim in a lobster factory for \$40.00 a month. In the summer he took Geo. to help and Jack got the hay and did the work here. Next spring both boys went to Clam Harbour and worked all summer at Swims Point, worked until 12 o'clock as well as all day. I sure hated it for them to work so hard, hurt me so. The next spring George went to New Glasgow to Tec. College. We moved to Clarks Harbour as gas rationing was on . That was 42. George went in the service.....

Lottie (Penney) Brannen 1984

STORY:

The following is an excerpt from *The Life and Times of J.L.B* and describes a bit of the childhood of both George and Jack. Although they were two years apart in age some said they were like twins as they grew up.

My brother and I , through paper routes and collecting bills for our father were able to each buy bikes with \$3.00 down and \$3.00 per month. We also saved enough to buy lumber for a small shed on the back of the garage to keep our bikes in. As dad had a lot of accounts receivable, it was our job to collect the money. I would take out a \$100.00 of bills. At 10% that would have been a \$10 payday for me if I had been able to collect the full \$100. I would usually be lucky to collect \$20.00 of which I would get \$2.00 for riding perhaps 10 miles over rough gravel roads and using up the best part of the day.

One time Dad made a wheelbarrow for a man who was new to the Island. He was not sure of the man's name. He gave the bill for \$7.00 to George and I to collect. When we gave the man the bill it had the wrong name and he ordered us off his property for trying to collect money under false pretenses. Dad got the correct name on a bill and we went back the next week. He paid us and we split the 70 cents but I blew a \$2.00 tire on my way home. So much for getting rich collecting bills. My paper route, selling and collecting for the newspaper took me over a 4-mile route and took most of Saturday afternoon. After this, it was home to do my chores like feeding and milking the cattle.....

My brother and I would ride our bikes to town to see the movie on Saturday night. On stormy nights dad would let us use the car. As George did not have a driver's license, he was told not to take the car into the downtown. George, of course, would drive right into town. The policeman would come over and warn us not to drive in town. This went on for sometime. It was no good to fine us, as we had no money.....

Dad got an old Model T Ford truck from Rob Nickerson. He put large 'tires' he built on the back and added another transmission to give it extra power. He removed the cab that he had built for the original owner. With the box off you could plow with it and putting the box back on you could haul hay or anything you wished. George and I decided to build a road across the swamp leading to the wood lots. We could get the fill from an old pit across the road near the shore. As dad would only supply the gas for the truck for things around the farm we would ride our bikes two miles to the fisherman's wharf and buy our own gas at fifteen cents a gallon. We hauled a lot of rock first to build a good foundation. We then we covered that with a low grade of mud. Finally we topped it off with good gravel. There was a brook running about half way across the swamp so we had to build a bridge. A short distance past the bridge the job stopped. I don't know if it was money problems or something else that ended our road project.

I was in Laval over Christmas 1943 and was able to get furlough. George met me in Montreal and we took the train home. It turned out to be one of the rare times when all five brothers and our parents would be one roof at the same time.....

In February 1946 George had returned from Overseas and was on a course with the RCMP in Halifax. We both got weekend passes and headed for home. There happened to be a dance Saturday night so we borrowed Dad's car and went to Yarmouth to buy a bottle of liquor. With time to kill, we bought too much and drank too much and had too good a time that afternoon. Of the three of us in the car I determined I was in the best shape to drive home and we set off on our 55-mile trip over twisty NS roads. I had been stationed in Newfoundland where you drive on the left side of the road and in my slightly tipsy state confused where I was until George straightened me out. After that I

was doing quite well, perhaps due to the sparse traffic; until I got to Argyle. When I tried to pass a car towing a trailer we ended up in the ditch against a stone wall. We tossed the remainder of our bottle across the road but the other driver saw us. When the RCMP arrived they quickly retrieved the evidence. After some discussion with the RCMP they agreed we couldn't do anymore damage without a car and let us go but we were to report to the Barrington detachment. We took a taxi to Barrington and in the morning checked in with the police. I claimed the liquor and George took the rap for driving without a license. From there we went home and got the money for the fines and quickly headed back to Halifax before Dad got home. After his discharge, George went home and helped fix the old Chev. I stayed away for awhile and when I did go home the car wasn't mentioned.....

Sometime after Bob got settled into Norwood, George and his new bride, Maude, arrived and stayed with us for about 3 months. George had run a general store and Post Office after the war until closing it and leaving Centreville. Their visit was timely as Bernice was in the hospital for 3 weeks for the delivery of our fourth child David. They came in very handy as babysitters. I worked the mid-night shift and slept during the day. David was born March 16, 1954. George went to Toronto and found work with Dominion Stores. Maude stayed with us while he was job hunting and finding a place to live. After he got settled in we visited back and forth often.....

STORY:

George Brannen's Store 1947-1953

Centreville CSI

By Bruce Brannen 2012

After his discharge from the army in 1947 George returned to the Island and lived at home with his parents. He went to work for the LePage glue factory located on Stoney Island Road where Amos's Creek crosses the road. I am not sure how long he was there, but I do remember him developing sciatica and being laid up at home for a while. When I asked him what was wrong he told me he had a bone in his leg. Being four and knowing he worked in fish reduction I immediately visualized that he had a fish bone stuck in his leg and that image lasted for many years until I learned what sciatica is.

June 27, 1947, he was appointed as Acting Postmaster McGray Post Office, August 9 1947 he was appointed Post Master. There were no lock boxes, mail was sorted into boxes including the newspaper and you had to go to the Post Office and pick it up. It was natural to have a small variety store along with the post office because it provided guaranteed traffic and the pay for the postmaster in a small village would not provide a

living wage. To accommodate the PO and store he made some changes to what we used to call our back porch and was quickly in business.

My most vivid memory of setting up the store was the Coke cooler. I can still, see it, hear it and smell it. This was a time before home refrigerators on CSI, plus there was cold pop right in my own house.

There wasn't a lot of shelf space with a PO and a big Coke cooler so I assume it was things like candy, cigarettes, and perhaps some sugar, flour and spices/ flavorings and crackers and bread. I am pretty sure there was no ice cream or I would have remembered. "Flavorings" like vanilla extract and tutty fruity were very popular for their perceived high alcohol content and substituted for alcoholic beverages that were not available in Barrington Municipality.

At the same as opening the store he acquired a 1940 or 41 Ford station wagon, a "woodie". This vehicle was later modified by removing the body and having a North East Point carpenter build a plywood body more suitable for his delivery business.

My brother Bob and I think that the new store, that we always called 'the shop', was built in the spring of 1949. Our parents sold him a lot from what we used to call the "pasture", 100 feet by 100 for \$25. on May 11 1950. This lot was just a few feet north of the Stoney Island Road on the west side of highway 30. This was only about 300 feet from our house. There was quite a bit of family labour that went into building the shop. Ralph had finished school and was living at home, Bob was there briefly in that period, and he worked on it, and our father pitched in. I assume this would have been done in the evening because they all except perhaps Ralph would have been in 6 day a week jobs and Sunday work was unlikely in that era (and in our Mother's house).

The shop was likely about 875 square feet (24x36) built on concrete piers. It had a mansard roof and was sided with grey insul-brick. There were only 2 windows located on either side of the entrance door. A partition down the centre divided the building in half. The left side with windows was finished with a ¼ inch wallboard. Shelving covered both long walls. On the right side of the store were two long counters, purchased used, from around Argyle. There was a Coke cooler and ice-cream freezer. The Post Office counter was at the back. The only heat was from a coal stove in the store which I guess would be able to hold the temperature above freezing overnight in cold weather (there was no insulation). At north the side of the building there was a loading dock built on old wharf cribbing salvaged from the shore. There was parking in front of the building that was paved with left over asphalt from the paving plant that operated behind the store when the road was being paved. There is only one known photo of the building.

Ralph worked for George in the store while George developed a grocery delivery business in Newellton and North East Point. Those in Centreville had to come to the

store to get their mail and didn't need much in the way of delivery. Delivery was important at that time as cars were not very common until quite sometime after the war. Meat and clothes were also sold door to door by other mobile vendors. He went door to door and took the orders and delivered them a few days later. After Ralph left to go Halifax to work at Simpson's in the spring of 1951, George hired a girl from Newellton to tend the store during the day.

Around 1950 he traded in the old Ford and got what was likely a 3/4 ton truck with a wooden box for his deliveries. In this he had the shelves and room to carry some often-requested items.

In my opinion there were likely 3 weaknesses in his business model;

1. Cars became more available; the standard of living grew and with the causeway in place people were able to travel to bigger stores with a wider variety of goods like Wilson's in Barrington Passage.
2. The remaining demand for delivery was from the older and poorer segments. The costs of running the business would stay the same but the larger customers left and the small ticket ones remained.
3. He was providing store credit and the losses that go with that while his larger competitors were operating on a cash only basis.

October 15, 1953, the Postmaster appointment was withdrawn, and he began to wind up the remaining grocery business. Prior to this he had been dating Maude Townsend of North Est Point.

George and Maude were married at the Centreville Baptist Parsonage in the evening of January 30 1954. The reception followed at the Centreville Hall. I was 10 years old. The reception party was a big event in my life at that time. They spent their first married night at George's parents' home in Centreville.

So at age 32 he was in love and getting married to Maude Townsend. It was evident the business could not support a family and the trend was all down. I assume when he liquidated the business, he likely had just enough money to get married and move to Ontario. The only asset he had that I know of was the building and no one was offering to buy it. The building sat empty for several years. I had car club meetings in it briefly around 1960 and in 1961 our brother Jack moved back from Ontario and lived in it and ran a `quick lunch`` for a few months. Neither of these produced incomes. After that Leroy Quinlan bought it and perhaps at the same time bought the surrounding land from our parents. He used it to stable some cattle. Subsequently it burned one night with prized stock inside.

OBITUARY:posted 17 Aug 2011 by tomsmith140

BRANNEN, George Douglas - Port Clyde, Shelb. Co., born December 14, 1922, died August 17, 2004, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in McGary's, C.S.I., he was a son of the late Ira and Lottie (Penney) Brannen. George was a mechanical craftsman in the R.C.E.M.E. during the Second World War, serving from 1942-1946. After the war, he owned and operated his own grocery store and post office on C.S.I. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 148, Clark's Harbour, and a member and chief of Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department. He managed South Shore TV Ltd., a division of Wilson's Shopping Centre from 1963, until his retirement in 1985. During his retirement, he enjoyed woodworking, gardening, boating and his "Folk Art" he sold at many craft shows. He is survived by his wife, the former Maude Townsend; daughters, Brenda (Brian), New Glasgow; Isabel, Villagedale; sons, Stephen, Villagedale; Michael (Marina), Port Clyde; brothers, John, Welchtown; Robert, Kingston, Ont.; Bruce, Ottawa, Ont.; He will also be missed by his seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother, Ralph. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held 3:30 p.m. Friday in H. Huskison's Memorial Chapel, Barrington, Rev. Shaun Hatfield officiating. No visitation or flowers by request. Memorial donations may be made to Yarmouth Regional Hospital or the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, HELEN MAUDE - Age 84, of Port Clyde, passed away August 6, 2018 at Surf Lodge Nursing Home in Lockeport. Born on Cape Sable Island, she was the daughter of the late Leslie and Alice Townsend, and predeceased by her husband George. She is survived by sons Stephen and Michael (Marina); daughters Brenda (Brian) Murphy, Isabel (Wayne) Malone, and Joyce Greenwood; grandchildren Aaron, Jan, Jason, Nicole, Ashley, Courtney, Kirt, Royden and Allison ,and great grandsons Colby and Ira. Cremation has taken place under the direction of H.M. Huskison's Funeral Homes and Crematorium Ltd. A graveside service for immediate family will take place at Port Clyde Cemetery, Saturday, August 11 at 2 pm.

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2-6-25

John Leonard Brannen (1924-2017)



Jack was born August 25 1924 in Centreville NS. He was the second child of Ira Brannen (1901-1982) and Lottie Penney (1902-1992). He was born in a rented house that stood across the road from where the McGray's wharf lane intersects with the main road.

He went to Centreville school and obtained his grade ten certificate. For awhile after he finished school in 1940, he worked for a Clark's Harbour businessman, Evan Swim, and then went to Ontario in March 1943 where he worked briefly in St. Catherines for McKinnon Industries. When he turned 18 he joined the RCAF for the duration of the war. He was a military policeman with several postings including his overseas posting in Newfoundland then a British colony.

After the war he returned home and sold Watkins Products door to door and December 12 1946 he married Bernice Gloria Atkinson (1923-1994) in Shelburne. Bernice was originally from Stoney Island and had recently been widowed when her husband was killed overseas.

They had four children:

Sharon Lee, January 25, 1947

Heather Blanche, June 21, 1948

John Leonard Jr., January 9, 1950- March 20, 2016

David Micheal, March 16, 1954-May 14, 1967

In 1947 the family moved to Peterborough ON, and he went to work for General Electric. He worked there until 1961 when the family packed up and returned to Nova Scotia for several years. They returned to Ontario in 1966, this time to Brampton. They stayed there until 1986 when he retired and again moved back to Nova Scotia.

David was drowned at only thirteen in May of 1967. Bernice passed away March 22, 1994, and Johnny died March 2016.

He married a second time to Lottie Atkinson (1927-) November 19, 1994.

He died June 7, 2017, and is buried in the Old Kirk cemetery in North East Point with Bernice.

STORY:

The following is extracted from Jack's book *The Life and Times of J.L.B.* printed May 2009. It has been altered and abbreviated in some places.

I was born August 25, 1924, in Centreville. The house I was born in was across the road from the old McGray Wharf. The house has long been torn down and replaced.

When my grandfather Brannen died on December 7, 1926, he gave his blacksmith business to my father, who had worked with him. My parents bought his house from my grandmother. We moved there December 13th, 1926. The house was the best one in Centreville. It had been built for A. T. McGray a merchant around 1851. The property was very large with a lot of buildings.

In June 1930 Dad was offered a job by Rob Nickerson to run a farm a mile down the road so we moved to the farm to live. Living on the farm was great for me, as I was only six years old and starting school. The schoolhouse was only a few minutes' walk, and we were able to come home for lunch.

The Centreville School had been built in 1929, so it was new. It seated thirty-seven pupils from primary to grade 11 and was heated by a pot-bellied coal stove in the middle of the room. I spent all my school years at that school and graduated from grade ten. The last two years I was also the janitor. This required making the fire in the morning and sweeping and dusting at the end of classes.

After we moved back to the old homestead in 1933, I had about a mile and a quarter to walk to school. During the nice weather it was not bad but the winter weather was brutal. The types of clothes worn in those days were not wind-proof and the rubber boots, cold and unlined. We carried our lunches in old lard pails, usually peanut butter sandwiches with no drinks. We waited for the other kids to come by and then joined up with them to walk to school. It made it better to travel in a large group in the winter, and besides, a large group was more fun.

Out behind the school were two toilets, one for the girls and one for the boys. These were "two holers". Only one boy or girl could use them at a time during school hours. Permission was obtained by raising your hand.

The schoolyard was very small, but we played cricket, baseball and a few other games. It was a problem at lunchtime for the boys to find a place to eat, as the coat lobbies were very small. A few of us built brush tents to eat in during the winter months. At school we had a creamer for drinking water. It was taken to a neighbor's house each morning by two of the pupils to be filled. A page was torn out of our notebook and folded to make a drinking cup. Under the creamer was a basin to put the used cups in and catch the excess water.

My Dad loved baseball. If there was a game in Clark's Harbour he would drop what he was doing and go to the game and take us with him. He also liked swimming in the summer months. He made sure we all learned to swim. With our property bordering on water there were plenty of opportunities to swim and not far to go.

I had four grandmothers and one grandfather when I was a small boy. Our dad always took us around to the different places to visit our relatives. It was one of the benefits of having a car.

Mom had us read the bible daily and drilled us in Christian principles. We attended Church or Sunday school every Sunday.

My brother George and I, through paper routes and collecting bills for our father were able to each buy bikes with \$3.00 down and \$3.00 per month. We also saved enough to buy lumber for a small shed on the back of the garage to keep our bikes in. As dad had a lot of accounts receivable, it was our job to collect the money. I would get \$2.00 for riding perhaps 10 miles over rough gravel roads and using up the best part of the day.

One of my greatest joys as a child was going to Bear Point to visit our grandparents, Penney. As ferry service didn't operate on Sunday, we often went Saturday night, other times we went by boat on Sunday. When we went Saturday night it gave us a chance to sleep in a feather bed which we did not have at home. The Penney's, my mother's parents were poor but she always found something for meals. The drinking water had

to be drawn from the well with a windlass turned by hand. The water was then dumped into another pail with a dipper for drinking. We always were happy to be asked to draw some water. While we were young, we were always afraid of Grandfather Penney because of his very loud and rough voice. As we grew older, we realized it was an act.

Like all island boys I guess we wanted a small boat or skiff to play around with. We were all good swimmers and liked the water. Our grandfather knew we wanted one and gave us an old skiff. We had a lot of fun with it but my older brother George always controlled the use of it. As our joint use was not working for me, I bought one for myself from Will Swim, a man down the road for \$5. It was in very bad shape. I put it in dry-dock and cut the rotten stern off making it a square stern skiff. The skiff didn't come with oars, so I had to cut a tree and make a pair of oars in order to row it. I decided I wanted to be able to sail it, so back to the woods to find a tree for a suitable spar. The sail was going to be a problem as the cost of canvass for a sail was way out of my reach. It would have to be 100-pound flour bags sewn together. My mother who wasted nothing could see no good reason for wasting good flour bags on a sail. One use was to bleach them and use them as pillowcases. Eventually she relented and I got my sail material.

We all liked baseball, so the boys made up a team in the neighborhood and we played other teams around the area. We would make our balls from old twine, cut a tree in the woods to make a bat and make our gloves from canvas with lots of padding.

When I finished school I was only 15 years old and wanted to get a job off the Island. Dad had other plans. He and George were working away from home. He wanted me to stay home and take the hay off. Our farm had been downsized but we still had a cow and a heifer to feed. It was going to be my job to cut a couple of acres of hay

My first job was in 1940 working for Evan Swim, a fish broker at Swim's Point. My Dad and brother George already worked there.

An army lieutenant recruiting for the militia came to Clark's Harbour looking for recruits too young for the regular army. I was one of the about 15 young men who joined up. We were issued army uniforms and trained 2 nights a week. After a while we were sent to Camp Aldershot a big army base at Debert for 2 weeks of training. After that was finished one of my buddies, John Lowe, suggested that we go to Ontario to work. He knew some people up there. That sounded good to me so I quit Evan Swim and packed my bag and left for St.Catharines, Ontario.

We arrived in St.Catharines late Saturday night. We spent the night with the friend we had contacted. The next day he found a boarding house and showed us the McKinnon Industries factory. On Monday morning we had a job in the front axle department starting at six p.m. that night.

I was getting near the age to join the military. When I was downtown I saw a poster looking for men to join the R.C.A.F. So, the next morning, after my night shift I went and enlisted. I was a wash out for aircrew for medical reasons, my eardrums. I ended up in the Service Police and served for a time overseas, in Newfoundland.

I was in Laval over Christmas 1943 and was able to get furlough. George met me in Montreal and we took the train home. It turned out to be one of the rare times when all five brothers and our parents would be one roof at the same time.

When I arrived home after discharge I had no plans. I thought I might go back to Ontario, but I wasn't sure. I thought with all the men returning home that jobs might not be plentiful.

I saw an ad in the newspaper for a Watkins Product salesman for the Shelburne area. This was a door-to-door sales job based on commission. After a few days of working on my territory, I was telling my girlfriend Bernice of the inconvenience of driving back and forth each day and waiting for the ferry to the mainland. She had relatives living in Shelburne that she stayed with quite often. They had cabins to rent. We moved to Shelburne and rented one of the cabins. Bernice and I got married in the big house out in front of the cabins on December 12, 1946.

A short time later I took the train to Peterborough, a two-day trip that got in early in the morning. My first order of business was to find a boarding house and get settled in, and then I went off to General Electric and applied for a job. I was hired and started the next day in the wire department.

After I got a job at GE in Peterborough I sent for Bernice to come and join me. We lived in the Peterborough area until 1961. By 1961 my job at General Electric was coming to an end. I had to figure out what I was going to do next. There were no jobs in Peterborough as the people from the earlier layoffs had taken up what had become available. I sold our house and rented again so that it would be easier to move later when my job ended. When the time came, Bernice and the family left first and returned to Nova Scotia and I stayed behind to crate things up and arrange shipping by train. Through my dad, I was promised a job in Nova Scotia.

Before I left Ontario in 1961, I made a deal with George to rent or buy his building in Centreville that had been his store. I put up some partitions and made an apartment in the back. The front part was made into a canteen that also served meals. I found some booths in Clark's Harbour for sale. As it turned out they were from Murphy's ice cream parlor. I had sat in these booths many times when I was younger.

My younger brother Bruce, who was still in high school, had a contract to paint the balloons on the radar towers at Baccaro Radar station. He needed men and a ride to the work site, so I hired on to work with him.

I found a nice 12-acre lot with \$59.00 tax arrears. Apparently, I could have purchased it for a dollar but I paid the \$59.00. The property was located in Charlesville. Using local suppliers, I got the materials I needed to build the house.

In 1966, we decided to return to Ontario. Bernice left first to be with our daughter Sharon, who was having a baby, Shelley, in Ontario. Johnny stayed with Heather, and David went with me. I locked the house and drove away. We got back together when I got an apartment and settled into a job back in Ontario. I found a good job with a new American company MACtac which was just starting up in Canada.

Tragedy struck one Saturday when we went to visit Bernice's sister Lahia who lived a few miles away, in Woodbridge. When it came time to leave, David wanted to stay over with his cousin in a tree house across the street. Around midnight they all decided to go canoeing on a near-by pond. They had no canoe experience and soon flipped over. The other boys all swam to shore and ran home but David could not swim. Unfortunately, no one reported him missing until hours later. By the time we were notified the firemen had recovered his body.

In 1986 we moved back to NS again. Friday was the last of my working days in a factory. It was our last day in Brampton. It had been our home for over twenty years. There were some good times and some sad times.,

I had bought the homestead from my mother, and this made the fourth time I moved into this house Some people never leave the house they were born in. I have lived in between thirty or forty different houses, apartments and air force barracks.

My son, daughter, and myself started a business to build wire traps for the fishermen. We got a lawyer and formed a company and called it Bran-Perr Wire Traps. We cleaned out the old barn to the bare walls and poured a concrete floor.

On March 22, 1994, Bernice passed away suddenly. We had been married 47 years through good times and bad. That year Johnny moved away and Brann-Perr business closed. It was a sad lonely summer.

I had become friendly with Lottie Atkinson, who was also active in the Lion's Club. I had met her at the Lion's hall. She had a daughter living near my brother in Ottawa, so we went to Ontario together to visit our relatives.

Lottie and I got married on November 19, 1994, and we moved to a place she owned in Welshtown. I put the house up for sale. The house had belonged to the same family since it was built 150 years ago.

In January 1995, a few months after we got married and moved to Welshtown we took a three-week honeymoon to the Canary Islands.

As we got older, we had been looking for an apartment. The place had become too much to look after. The old high school in Barrington Passage was being made into apartments and we were able to get one. On June 1st, 2008, we moved into our new apartment.

STORY:

BRANNEN, John L. WWII

John was born in Centreville in 1924. He joined the R.C.A.F. in Ontario in 1943. He was discharged in 1946. He received the C.V.S.M. and clasp. John has been a member of R.C.L. Branch #148 for nineteen years.

Submitted by Cape Sable Branch #148, The Royal Canadian Legion.

STORY:

Jack was born Aug 25, 1924 the day he was born a man hung himself in the school house at Clarks Harbour and we couldn't get a Dr., had a midwife instead, the next day was a hurricane and tore things apart, buildings down.

Lottie(Penney) Brannen 1984, his mother

STORY:

McGray - Brannen House Centreville

This wood frame, 1 1/2 storey house is located on land that once belonged to, and contained the home of, Rev. Asa McGray, who was the first Free Will Baptist preacher in N.S. and the initiator of the Baptist movement on Cape Sable Island around 1821. An old cellar, possibly that of the Rev. McGray home, is located on this property. This home is an example of a New England Colonial style dwelling and has several details worthy of mention: two bay windows- one square and the other round segmental; four knee or kneeling windows which form a frieze at the front of the home; return eaves with slight eave overhang; and an ell at the southern side. There is also a small ell at the northwest side of the home which was originally the office of Nehemiah McGray, the son

of Asa Turner McGray, and the grandson of Rev. Asa. Nehemiah lived here after his father's death and served as an American Consul as well as being the representative for Shelburne County in the House of Assembly in Halifax from 1878 until 1882. This small ell addition to the home was built for Nehemiah at approximately this time; it later became an apartment for his widow, Mary Jane, after his death.

The home was built by James C. Smith in 1851-2 and its original owner was Asa Turner McGray, merchant, who also had a store in the field near the house. The home was owned and occupied by the McGray family until 1927, when it was sold to John Brannen, a blacksmith. John's son, Ira and his wife, Lottie, later owned it as well as their son, John L. Brannen.

After the death of their father, Asa T., Martin and Nehemiah McGray took over the store and also started the McGray Brothers Fish Company, a fish business that proved successful for many years.

The rather elaborate style of this home for the year in which it was built would seem to emphasize its' original owner's wealth and importance in the community.

It is to be considered a landmark building due to its historical importance in the area.

Sources of Information: Book entitled Our Island Heritage Registry of Deeds and Probate Office, Barrington

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, John Leonard Barrington, It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Leonard Brannen on June 7, 2017, at Roseway Hospital, Shelburne. John was born August 25, 1924, the second son to the late Ira and Lottie (Penney) Brannen. John grew up in Centreville, Cape Sable Island. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII and served in Newfoundland. John lived in Ontario for many years, but returned back home after retirement. He was a member of the Clark's Harbour Legion Branch No. 148. He was an avid Blue Jays fan. He led an active life, he enjoyed camping and his bluegrass festivals. Later in life as "he put the brakes on" and slowed down and with his still sharp mind, he wrote a biography The Life and Times of John Brannen. He mastered the computer and loved to tell stories of years ago. John is survived by his wife, Lottie (Atkinson); daughters, Sharon, Heather; brother, Bruce; step-children, Shirley (Russell), Bobby Dale (Adele), Kathy (Dave); grandchildren, Sandy, Shelley (Darren), Tracey (Mark), John, Chris, Tim (Shannon), Aaron (Shelly), Matthew, Mindy (Earl), David; step-grandchildren, Skipper, Vaughn (Kathy), Marty (Nicole), Meagan (Peter), Adele Lynn (Bobby), Dale (Mandy), Brandy (Gordie), Callan; great-grandchildren, Tara, Micheala, Lindsey, Justin, Brittany, Garrett, Dalton, Rylan, Morgan, Damian, Sam, Abby, Jeremy, Josh, Isaiah; step-great-grandchildren, Tiffany,

Shannon, Shane, Shaelyn, Jaycee (Nick), Jaden, Taylor, Calli, Mallory; great-great grandchildren, Adam, Aerial, Myla, Jase, and Dixon. He was called "Grandfather" by them all. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Bernice (Atkinson); sons, John Jr., David; brothers, George, Robert, and Ralph. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of H. M. Huskison's Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Barrington. In accordance with John's wishes there will be no visitation and a family service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund. END

2-6-26

Robert Arthur Brannen (1926-2014)



Robert, B, Bob was the third son of Ira Brannen (1901-1982) and Lottie Penney (1902-1992). He was born December 30, 1926, in the family homestead in Centreville.

He known as "B" while in Nova Scotia.

He finished high school at age 16 and left home and went to work in Liverpool. As he neared age 18, he joined the army as an underage recruit in October after he had turned 18 and his basic training was nearing completion the war in Europe was winding down and he was discharged September 1945.

He used his service credits to study auto mechanics at the Nova Scotia Technical College. In 1947 he rejoined the army for a short time.

In the 1949 census he was shown as a truck driver living in Centreville.

He married Mary Louise Crowell (1931-2020) in Barrington NS. She was the daughter of Basil Crowell 1912-??) and Ellen Bower (1912-1997).

They had six surviving children:

Susan Gayle born 1950

James Ralph 1951

William Basil 1953

Karen Louise 1956

Mary Ellen 1959

Debra Lynn (1961-1961)

Barbara June 1963

The 1957 voters list showed him living in Doctor's Cove NS. He was described as a machinist. They owned a home and lived in Doctor's Cove NS in the 1950's.

In 1963, 1965 and 1968 he appeared on the Hastings voter list as a mechanic living in Norwood ON. In the 1960's they settled in Norwood where he worked, first as a mechanic, and then a shop foreman for various car dealers in the Peterborough area.

In 1972 he appeared on the Voter's List for Kingston ON as a civil servant and also on the Hastings list as a manager. In the early 1970s he joined the civil service of the Ontario Government where he held several senior positions in the Ministry of Transportation including Executive Assistant to the Minister of Transportation.

He retired in 1990 and built a beautiful home on Beaver Lake where they lived until about 2012 when they moved to Kingston ON.

He died of pancreatic cancer April 14 2014 in Kingston. Mary died December 28 2020 in Kingston.

STORY:

Bob's Story as told to Bruce 2013

I was born in Centreville 30 December 1926 in the McGray Brannen house. Dad took a job operating a farm for Rob Nickerson in 1930 and we moved there in June. That house later was occupied by Sydney Nickerson. In 1933 we moved back to our own house and lived there until about 1942 when gasoline rationing forced the family to move to Clark's Harbour and rent a house.

In June 1944 I left high school at age 16. I was finished school and went to Brooklyn NS to work as an electrician's helper at the Mersey Paper mill. I boarded with a family and had all my meals in their restaurant by the mill gates. Later I moved into Liverpool and worked at the Roosenly Shipyards as an electrician's helper installing lights, signals and lead covering for the electrical wiring in various parts of corvettes and mine sweepers at the Mersey Paper mill docks. After approximately six months I was doing wiring etc. with two helpers. Advancement was fast in those days as anyone 18 years of age or older was in the military unless they were unfit for service.

While in Liverpool I took up boxing with a friend, Sandy MacIntosh from Lockport and joined a gym run by Bruce McDonald. He had been Maritime Lightweight Champion and he was our trainer.

My friend Sandy and I went to Halifax and joined the Canadian Army 18th October 1944 at 17 1/2. Canadian Technical Training Corps for under aged teens like us. In the morning I did army training and in the afternoon classes at High School I was sent to Fredericton for basic training and then to Saint John advanced training.

From there I was sent to Hamilton ON for further training in mechanics while rest to the platoon was sent to Shilo, Manitoba. I was not happy to be separated from my buddies but the war in Europe was winding down and I was shipped back to Halifax for discharge. I was out of the Army when I was 18, 20th September 1945.

I used my veterans retraining credits to go to Nova Scotia Technical College on Spring Garden Road in Halifax. After finishing college in April 1946, I went to work as a mechanic at Citadel Motors, Halifax, a General Motors dealer. I then moved back to the Island and worked for Smith and Watt.

In April 26 1947 I rejoined the army, the Royal Canadian Dragons and spent time at Camp Borden, Petawawa and Kingston. I was discharged 26 June 1948 in Kingston.

I worked in Peterborough at Reid and McDannel garage. Jack was living in Norwood at the time. I left early in the fall of 1948 and returned to Centreville to help George in his store that he had opened in our house. I planned to go to Australia in the spring.

Sydney Nickerson offered me a job with a surveyor mapping out the new highway from North East Point to Clarks Harbour (later Hwy 330). Later Dad talked me into driving a

truck for Kenny and Ross (really for Dad), he said " You can wear a suit and drive this truck, all new and clean wooden boxes." The wooden boxes weighted 118 pounds of hard dried fish. I had to load the truck stacked 5 boxes high and drive to Halifax.

The job developed into picking up fish waste all around the Island, Baccaro, Shelburne and Lockport, plus moving steam boilers and the like. Jack had warned me about working for Dad, no clock, work hard, a day's pay for a day's work, sometimes 24 hours days, \$25.00 per week, no overtime, 6 days a week.

While I was home on a visit from Ontario after discharge from the Army, Mary Louise Crowell was visiting her friend Janet Smith, we were introduced in George's store (when it was in the house), we later double dated with Janet and George in George's old Ford station wagon. Mary attended Teachers College in Truro when she was 16 years old, she met Janet Smith there and they became friends. When she graduated she taught at Clyde River. We dated while she was there. The following year she taught at a school near Yarmouth That was the year we married, and she quit teaching at Christmas break.

Mary and I were married Dec 3, 1949. The wedding was at United Church Parsonage in Barrington attended by Mom and Dad, Basil and Ellen, younger brother Bruce and Best Man, brother George. The Maid of Honour was Janet Smith. It was a full blizzard. Mom and Dad had to take a truck that was available after the motor in their car destructed while being warmed up for the trip. The roads were not passable from the Island but Dad's old friend Sydney Nickerson was the snowplow driver and he got them to the parsonage on time. Our first night married was spent at a guest house only about a half mile from the parsonage.

We rented a small house in Barrington Passage and I went to work for Smith & Watt a Dodge dealer. Susan was born while we lived there. We later moved to a house next to Smith & Watt's garage. Jim was born while we lived there.

In the spring of 1952, I went to Goose Bay Labrador to work on the construction of the air base there, Mary lived with the two sets of parents while I was away. When I returned, we rented a house on Shrose Island.

With the money saved from Goose Bay employment we bought a house at Doctor's Cove. We needed a \$500 mortgage which we got from Arthur Brannen at 5% interest and an agreement we pay something off the principal twice yearly. Bill was born January 1953 while we lived in Doctor's Cove house.

We moved to Norwood ON in August or September 1953 and then moved back to the Cove in 1955. Karen was born in 1956. When I returned I went to work for Tommy Swain. Sometime later I left Swain's and went into a partnership with Clyde Adams in

Adams and Brannen Auto Repair and took over the Irving station at the end of the causeway. We sold the business and moved back to Norwood in September 1958 and I returned to Stewart Motors. Later I moved to Duffus Motors in Peterborough. While in Norwood we purchased a lot and built a house. We lived there until 1970.

In 1969 I applied to an ad in the newspaper for a new Province of Ontario program. This resulted in the family minus Susan who had gone to Toronto to work moving to Kingston where I became District Vehicle Inspector, Eastern Ontario and later as District Manager, Kingston District.

In 1981 I was invited to become Executive Assistant to the Ontario Minister of Transportation in Queens Park. Later I was appointed Manager of Operations Office, and so we packed and moved again first to Etobicoke and then Mississauga. This time only Barbara moved with us as the other children had left home.

In 1986 we again moved back to Kingston when I was appointed Regional manager, Eastern Ontario. We lived there until I retired and built a new home on Beaver Lake. In 2010 we again packed and moved leaving Beaver Lake/Tamworth and heading back to Kingston.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Robert (Bob) - (1926-2014) Suddenly after a brief illness we have lost a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Bob passed away on April 14, 2014 with his family by his side. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 64 years- Mary, his children Susan Hie (Kevin), Jim Brannen (Mary Lou), Bill Brannen (Pam), Karen Voin (John), Mary Ellen Sullivan (Barry), and Barb Verville (Dave). He will also be missed by his grandchildren Jennifer, Kerri-Ann, Matthew, Theresa, Robbie, Elizabeth, Scott, Chris, Jessica, Carly, Brandon, Kelsey, Alex, and Megan, and 12 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations to Palliative Care or St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Kingston (U.H.K.F.) would be appreciated by the family. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Monday, April 21 from 12:30-2:30 pm in the Reception Centre at JAMES REID FUNERAL HOME, 1900 John Counter Boulevard

OBITUARY:

Unexpectedly at home, Mary passed away on December 28. We have lost a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Robert (Bob) Brannen and will be greatly missed by her children, Susan Hie (Kevin), Jim Brannen (Mary Lou), Bill Brannen (Pam), Karen Voin (John), Mary Ellen Sullivan (Barry), and Barb Verville (Dave). She will also be missed by her grandchildren Jennifer, Kerri-Ann, Matthew, Theresa, Robbie, Elizabeth, Scott, Chris, Jessica, Carly,

Brandon, Kelsey, Alex, and Megan, and 19 great-grandchildren. Cremation will be followed by a private family gathering at Glenhaven Memorial Gardens.

END

2-6-27

Ralph St Clair Brannen (1930-1951)



Ralph was born August 19 1930 to Ira Brannen (1901-1982) and Lottie Penney (1902-1992) He was their fourth child. He was born in 1930 on a farm in Centerville that his parents were running. For his first 13 years he was the baby of the family four years younger than Robert. Based on the family oral history he was certainly the "good son" as there were never stories of his exploits.

He attended school in Centerville and Clark's Harbour. After finishing grade 10 likely in 1946 he remained at home working briefly on a farm (the one where he was born) for Sydney Nickerson. When his brother George established his grocery business Ralph worked for him until 1951. He moved to Halifax in June of that year and got a job at Simpson's. That same summer he contracted polio and died while in an iron lung. August 31, 1951, at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

STORY:

His death is recorded in the records of the Halifax Funeral Home August 30 1951:

Nova Scotia Death Certificate 02---5284 30 02 292 054

Died: Polio Clinic V. G. Hospital, Halifax

Length of stay: 2 weeks

Age: 21 years 12 days

Date of death: August 31 1951

Cause of death: Acute (illegible) Poliomyelitis (illegible)

Doctor's name: illegible

STORY:

In 1951 Ralph went to Halifax to work at Simpson's. After three weeks he got polio. Was in a iron lung. Had his 21st birthday in the lung, died August 30th.

Lottie Penney Brannen 1984, his mother

STORY:

From the Life and Times of J.L.B. published 2009:

The week- end we were home, my younger brother Ralph, who had recently left home and just started working at Simpson's in Halifax, came up to the Island to see us. Sunday when he was leaving, I drove him to the bus depot. When he got out of the car he said, "I'll see you later." Little did we know it was good- bye. When I got back home. I got word he had polio and was in an iron lung. That was what was used to help the patient breath as polio brought paralysis. A few weeks later he passed away at the young age of twenty -one. August 30, 1951 was very sad day. I was glad I made the trip had chance to see him one last time.

STORY:

MY BROTHER RALPH

by Robert Brannen

Ralph was quiet! He was the laid-back brother not aggressive like the rest of us. He was pleasant, intelligent and well liked.

I was almost 4 years older, I remember when we were at the old Centreville school he came to me and complained that another boy was throwing sand at him. I told him to go back and hit him and that would make him stop. Ralph slowly walked back to the sand pit where the boy was sitting in the sand, stooped down and hit him in the face and then sat down a continued to play in the sand, not a word was spoken.

I don't remember him talking about what he would like to do when he grew up or where he would like to go. He never played many sports but then again, we really only had baseball as there was no ice for hockey in the winter. Our activities were swimming, fishing off McGray's wharf and there were always boats for sail or rowing.

After he finished high school, he worked for brother George in his grocery store and post office for awhile and continued to live at home.

In the spring of 1951, he went to Halifax and got a job at Simpson's. Shortly after that he developed polio and was placed in a iron lung. He passed away at the end of August.

END

2-6-28

Bruce Evan Brannen (1943-)



I was born August 22 1943 in Clark's Harbour NS. My parents Ira Brannen (1901-1982) and Lottie Penney (1902-1992) were living in a rental house because war time rationing

did not provide enough gas for my father to commute to his work by car. Shortly after I was born the family returned to the homestead in Centreville.

When I was born Cape Sale Island had no land link and was served by a small ferry until a causeway was built and opened in 1949.

My three brothers who were serving in military during WWII returned home in 1946 and for a brief time all 5 brothers were under the same roof. My brother George operated a grocery store, first from our house, and then from a new store he built across the road. I tended to follow him around a lot until I started school at age six.

The Centreville school, one room when I started, was a little over a mile walk. I hated school and missed as much time as I could. I attended this school from "primmer" thru grade six.

For pets I had the usual dog and cats but also Micky the male sheep. Sports were limited to baseball, which I played, but near-sighted ball players do not excel.

In grade seven, 1956-57, I went to Clark's Harbour High School. I was 13 years old and discovering girls were not only different than boys but also much nicer to watch movies with. Entertainment consisted of a theatre in Clark's Harbour and one in Barrington Passage.

In the summer of 1957, I worked in a garage for my brother "B" for ten cents an hour; yes, I had to work an hour to buy a bottle of Coke. That summer I learned where gas caps were located on various cars, how to change oil and grease a car and how to sand cars in preparation for painting. I also learned that working for your brother is a hell of a poor way to earn money.

In 1957 Barrington Municipal High School opened and suddenly we were exposed to kids from a 25 miles radius. I liked the social aspect of high school but found school boring and avoided it as much as possible. This eventually caught up to me and I failed grade ten.

I finished grade 11 in June 1962 and took the bus to Yarmouth where I started work for the Royal Bank. It wasn't a good match, but I loved the social life of a banker in Yarmouth. In early 1963 I was transferred to Digby a truly horrible place both inside and outside of the bank. I quit the bank and headed to Halifax in the summer of 1963 to find something better to do and I was sure anything would be better. When no good jobs appeared, I bought an old Hillman convertible and sold Fuller Brush products from door to door and shared a cottage on the lake in Waverley NS. with a friend.

I did not think my life's calling was to be a door to door salesman so I went to work in the spring of 1964 as a clerk with Canadian Industries (CIL). I had a full-time year

around job but only work to do in the spring. I had figured out by then the best job for me was in sales finance. The company car, expense account and lack of a time clock were serious attractions.

In 1965 I went to work for Clifton Credit and was posted in Yarmouth. My job was to collect from delinquent clients. I spent my days in a company car chasing down people who had not paid and convincing them to pay or repossessing whatever they had financed; cars, furniture, chainsaws, etc. I was so good they shipped me to the main branch in Halifax and on the day of my arrival fired everyone in the branch more senior than I. It was an exciting and accelerated learning experience.

In early 1966 I quit Clifton Credit and after a month at home went west in my 1958 Hillman convertible. In BC I sold the car and took the train back to Toronto where I got a job with Canadian Acceptance as an Adjuster (I repossessed cars). I was with them from the spring of 1966 to 1970. I managed to work and live in Weston, Brantford, St. Catharines, Toronto, Kitchener, Hamilton, Brampton and Sarnia. St Catharines was about only place I stayed more than six months. I consider this four-year period "my wasted youth".

In March 1970 Canada Trust was entering the personal loan business and hired me to open the department in Sarnia. It created an opportunity for me to move into mortgage lending and I took it, soon dropping the personal loans responsibility. The move to Canada Trust was a terrific one it that not only did it open a lucrative career change but I found the girl I would marry.

Mary McKeown (1948-) and I married March 1972 and produced two beautiful daughters while we lived there. Also, while I lived in Sarnia I bought a tennis racquet.

In 1979 I was approached by Mutual Life to replace their retiring Mortgage Manager. It seemed to offer an opportunity to make more money without having to leave Sarnia. It also offered a wider territory as it would take in Windsor and Chatham. I had acquired a CRA real estate appraisal designation and was working toward my AACI later called P.App which involved university courses. I decided that a successful future would need a university degree and that I actually enjoyed university. My job at Mutual required me to be in Windsor at least a couple of days a week and this schedule could be bent to accommodate classes at the University of Windsor's campus. With the aid of a beeper and a very smart secretary I was able to get a BA in two years while working full time. I graduated in June 1980 from the University of Windsor with a BA in urban studies.

My goal had become a B. Comm. degree and I had begun to accumulate credits but there was a rude interruption when Mutual Life insisted that I move to Ottawa in May 1982. This was not a happy move as it wrecked my education plan and really didn't

offer a big enough market to justify uprooting the family. I decided reluctantly to go, with a plan to seek an MBA at Ottawa U. In hindsight it was a very good move for the whole family, and my career but it did soon end my university plans.

In 1985 I got a job in Royal Trust's Head Office in Toronto as Director, Mortgages and we moved to Mississauga. I have never liked the words, woulda, shoulda and coulda, so I felt I had to spend some time in Head Office with national responsibilities. Head Office is not a pleasant experience but a necessary step to avoid those 3 words. I planned a 5-year stay. I over saw the quality of probably the 3rd largest mortgage portfolio in Canada at that time. The early years were challenging and exciting as the company was in transition from a staid old trust company to a modern financial services company. At the end of 5 years an opportunity at regional level opened and we were able to move back to Ottawa in 1990. Royal Trust suffered from aggressive management and a horrible recession and was bought out by the Royal Bank and with that, I was a Royal banker again and where I finished my career in 2003.

My retirement allowed me to play tennis several times a week, spend winters in Florida and take long travels to Europe every other year. The rest of my time has been spent maintaining our 45 year old house and renovating a Florida condo but most importantly being grandpa.

Bruce Brannen, Ottawa 2018

STORY:

I appear in the Canada Voter's List living at 18 Heatherington Street in St. Catherines in 1968 I was listed as an assistant manage (1903-1998)

THE CHILDREN OF SHIRLEY JEREMIAH BRANNEN (1903-1996)

2-6-29

Shirley Anna Belle Brannen (1928-1996)



Shirley was born in Melrose MA September 5, 1928. She was the daughter of Shirley Jeremiah Brannen (1903-1998) and Estelle Marie Boissonneault (1912-2010). Her mother was only about 16 when Shirley was born.

She appears in the 1930 US census as age one.

When her parents separated and divorced, she and her brother were made wards of the state and appears to have lived in institutions until her teens. She went to live with her mother and Estelle and Smith Bateman when she was a teen. She became a Roman Catholic as her mother was a Roman Catholic.

In about 1947 she went with her cousin Jeanette Bateman to Barrington Township on a holiday where she met Douglas Stoddard (1928-1980). The following year she returned to Nova Scotia and married him. He was born September 4, 1928, in Doctors Cove, N.S., and died 29 December 1980 in Yarmouth, N.S. They had four children together; Diane born 1949, Joanne born 1950, Christine born 1951 and Marilyn born in 1953. They separated in the mid-1950s.

She did not remarry but did have another daughter, Estelle. She did not work outside the home and depended upon welfare to a great degree while raising the girls.

There was a Shirley A. Brannen in the 1981 Boston City Directory living at 392 Centre St listed as a Democrat.

In later years she and her mother Estella lived in a senior's home.

Ronald re married first Claudia Brannen, daughter of Clayton Brannen and then Evelyn Fox. He had many children and relationships before an early death in 1980.

OBITUARY:

RONALD DOUGLAS STODDARD Died 29 December, 1980

WOODS HARBOUR - Ronald Douglas Stoddard, 52, of Woods Harbour died Monday in Yarmouth regional Hospital. Born in Doctor's Cove, he was a son of the late Frank and Nema (Hopkins) Stoddard. He was a member of Doctor's Cove United Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, the former Claudia Brannen; three sons, Kevin and Ronald, both of Woods Harbour; Francis, Barrington; a stepson Edmund Guey, in Massachusetts; six daughters, Mrs. Dioane Clotzz, Joanne (Mrs. Jerry Towers, Marilyn (Mrs. Eric Fredericks), Mrs. Stella Stoddard and Christine, all in Massachusetts, and Karen (Mrs. Timothy Blanchard), Argyle Sound; two step daughters, Paulette Guey and Michelle Guey, both of Woods Harbour; six brothers, Albert, Blanchard, Victor and Martin, all of Barrington; Malcolm, Woods Harbour, and Gerald, Ingomar, Shelburne County; three sisters, Freda (Mrs. Stirling Nickerson), Barrington; Nellie (Mrs. Tom Gore), Woods Harbour, and Edna (Mrs. Dudley Stewart), Shelburne; 11 grandchildren. The body is in Kennedy's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in Calvary Baptist Church, Woods Harbour, Rev. Michael Stone officiating, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Upper Woods Harbour.

END

2-6-30

John Robert Brannen (1930-1994)



John was born February 27, 1930, in Melrose MA. He was the second child of Shirley Jeremiah Brannen (1903-1998) and Estelle Marie Boissonneault (1912-2010). The 1930 US census listed him as being one month old. He was living with his parents Shirley J. age 27, Stella L. age 18 and his sister Shirley eighteen months old. Also living at that address was his aunt Laura Brannen-Bateman age 19. They were living at 135 Falcon Street in Boston.

July 20, 1936, he travelled with his family on the SS *Evangeline* from Yarmouth to Boston

He and his sister became wards of the state when their parents separated around 1939. As well as time spent in state orphanages, he lived for a time with his Boissonneault aunts and uncles as well as briefly with his mother and her second husband Smith Bateman.

He served as Corporal in the US Air Force. His SSN was 029-22-7503. He may have been discharged early and received a pension due to health issues.

He seems to have mostly done house painting with his father.

In the 1964 Boston city directory he was shown as married to Evelyn A. He was listed as a painter living at 4436 Washington, Ros. Evelyn was perhaps 15 years older than him with three children. Their marriage ended in divorce after about ten or fifteen years, and he never married again.

There is a record of John R. Brannen living at 15 Lucille Dr. Tewksbury MA.

He developed cancer of the intestines and went to live with his niece Dianne Stoddard-Klotz, his sister's oldest daughter, she was a nurse. He remained there until his death September 16, 1994, in Tewksbury MA. He is buried in North Billerica MA.

END

THE CHILDREN OF MYRTLE BRANNEN (1905-1982)

2-4-31

Gloria Clissie Newell (1926-1989)



Gloria was born in Centreville September 4, 1926. She was the oldest child of Myrtle Brannen (1905-1982) and Clarence Newell (1900-1977). Gloria married Lloyd Hipson (1924-2000) June 5, 1948. They had twelve children all except one lived to maturity.

They lived in Shelburne and Lloyd operated an automotive store franchise.

Gloria passed away July 20, 1989, in Shelburne and is buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery. Lloyd died May 1, 2000, in Shelburne.

STORY:

Gloria Clissie was the first child born to Clarence and Myrtle Newell September 4th, 1926 in Centreville, CSI. After Gloria finished school (approx, 1943), she moved to Shelburne where she boarded with Mrs. Leslie Hipson (Eiva) and worked at the Shelburne Bakery with Bessie Harris. While boarding with Mrs. Hipson, she met her son Lloyd when he returned home on vacations from Mount Alison University, Lloyd joined the army during the war and Gloria went to White Point and taught school for a year. After the war, Gloria and Lloyd were married on the 5th of June, 1948 and lived with Mrs. Hipson (where the Coast Guard. office now stands),

When Mrs. Hipson died in May 1953, Gloria and Lloyd had 4 children, Lloyd ran a 'Western Tire' store and Gloria helped with the business. In 1960 or 61, the big Hipson home and lot was sold Irving Oil and the family moved to the house on the corner of John and Mowatt Streets where Lloyd drove an oil delivery truck then ran a taxi business and owned a rental building on main street During this time the family increased-to 11 children, the last being born in 1970.

Because Gloria had so much responsibility, she did not have an easy life. She was a very hard-working person and enjoyed painting the apartments when they became empty, which was not easy work. She loved reading and was a frequent visitor to the library across the street. Because she read so much, she was very knowledgeable about many subjects, She was a very good cook and made delicious breads,

Gloria developed pancreatic cancer in 1987. The cancer eventually metastasized to her liver and bones and she passed away on 20th July 1989.

From the scrapbook of Julie Dedrick daughter.

STORY:

After Grampy (Clarence) died in 1977 Peggy and I (Gloria) tried to visit Mom (Myrtle) every Tuesday. Mom looked forward to our visits and always had the table set and a full course meal ready. We would go down to the causeway shopping later and at Bill's Store, Mom would always buy tea towels if she couldn't find anything else to buy-she couldn't insult Mr. Brown by not buying anything. We would sit in our rocking chairs and have our chats-you could talk to Mom about anything.

From the scrapbook of Julie Dedrick daughter

OBITUARY:

HIPSON, Lloyd George - 76, Shelburne, died May 1, 2000, in Roseway Manor, Sandy Point. Born in Shelburne, he was a son of the late Leslie and Elva (Hyson) Hipson. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity and a former member of Albert Lodge 30 also a member of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department, joining the company on June 2, 1947. He retired in June of 1963, with 16 years of service and spent many years as the driver of the LaFrance. He served in the Royal Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War for four years. He was attending Mount Allison University when he enlisted in the Army. He was an avid basketball player and while at Mount Allison he also turned out for the Varsity Football Team. He was the light weight and middle weight champ at Mount Allison for two years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and he operated a taxi service from the war years to 1976. He was also the person who brought the Western Tire Store to Shelburne in the 1960's. He operated that business for five years. Surviving are sons, Gordon and wife Jane, Halifax; Lloyd Jr. and wife Claudia, Surrey, B.C.; John, Shelburne; daughters, Nonie (Mrs. Ed Williams), Birchtown; Julie (Mrs. Burnley Dedrick), Hartz Point; Peggy (Mrs. Ed Spurr), Birchtown; Debbie (Mrs. Conrad Gilbert), Windsor; Lucy (Mrs. Richard Stuart), Sandy Point; Theresa (Mrs. Darrell Bower), Jordan Bay; Andrea Hipson, East Green Harbour; Kimberly (Mrs. Troy Williams), Bridgewater; sister, Aleda Hipson, Halifax; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Gloria (Newell); son, Stuart Roger; brothers, Creighton, Gordon and Perley; grandson, Travis Williams. Visitation 2-4, 7-9 p.m. today in H.M. Huskilson's Funeral Home, Shelburne. Funeral 2 p.m Thursday, in Christ Church, Shelburne, Rev. Jim Greene officiating. Burial in Pine Grove Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to the Shelburne Fire Department LaFrance Restoration Fund or charity of your choice.

END

2-4-32

Clarence Bernard Newell (1928-1967)



Buddy was born April 22, 1928, in Boston. He was the oldest son of Myrtle Brannen (1905-1982) and Clarence Newell (1900-1977).

He served in the US military and joined the Masons in 1962.

He worked with chemicals and at one time moved back to Nova Scotia and operated his own company. After his return to the US he developed Leukemia which was attributed to his long exposure carcinogens in the chemicals he worked with.

He died from Leukemia December 9, 1967, in Lynn MA and is buried with his parents in Forest Hill Cemetery in Barrington Passage NS.

END

2-6-33

Carol Irene Newell (1931-2012)



Carol was born March 14, 1931, in Centreville NS. She was the daughter of Myrtle Brannen (1905-1982) and Clarence Newell (1900-1977).

She married Francis McCurdy Nickerson (1915-1992) April 2, 1954. Francis had served in the US Army October 11, 1941, to October 25 1945. They had two children, Howard Newell Nickerson born 1956 and June Ellen Nickerson born 1959.

Francis died December 8, 1992. Carol died February 26, 2012, in Yarmouth NS. Both are buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Barrington Passage NS.

OBITUARY:

NICKERSON, Carol Irene - 80, Barrington Passage, passed away peacefully with family and friends by her side on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born in Centerville, Cape Sable Island, she was the daughter of the late Clarence and Myrtle (Brannen) Newell. Carol loved bowling, playing 45's, reading, baking and discussing American politics. She was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker. She is survived by her son, Howard Nickerson, Sevim Beach; daughter, June Hopkins, Villagedale; grandchildren, Erica and Alex Nickerson, Halifax; Tyler and Laura Hopkins, Villagedale; brothers, Roger (Marie) Newell, Fall River; Larry (Carol) Newell, Berwick; sister Cleo (Al) Olsen, Derry, New Hampshire. Predeceased by her husband,

Francis Nickerson; brother, Buddy Newell; sister, Gloria Hipson. Cremation has taken place. Family graveside service will be held in the spring. There will be no funeral by request. Memorial donations may be made to VON or a to charity of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to H. Huskilson's Funeral Service, Barrington.

END

2-6-34

Cleo Winnifred Newell (1932-2017)



Cleo was born in Centreville July 7, 1932. She was the child of Myrtle Brannen (1905-1982) and Clarence Newell (1900-1977). She married Stanley Newton Atwood (1926-2011) in Lynn MA. They had had four children; Thomas 1951, Gary 1952, Marsha 1955, and Barbara 1960.

After her children were older she worked outside the home on a factory assembly line and in her later years she worked a silk screening and embroidery.

She divorced Stanley in the mid 1960's. He died September 17, 2011, and is buried in Charles Lawn Memorial Park, Reading MA

She married Donald Earle Hollingsworth (1930-1998). They had one child Heidi Jean born in 1967.

Donald died September 30, 1998. He is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in East Derry NH.

She married for the third time to Alan Olsen. He predeceased Cleo.

Cleo died April 5, 2017, of cancer in Merrimack NH and is buried in Derry NH with her second husband Donald Hollingsworth.

STORY;

Here is a brief history. She (Cleo) was married to my Dad Stanley Atwood. They divorced in the late 1960's. She then married Don Hollingsworth who turned out to be the love of her life. He passed away from cancer in 1998 at 69. Mom was depressed and lonely for a long time and met a man 10 years her senior. His name was Alan Olsen. He was persistent in his pursuit to marry her. He pressured her till he succeeded. Against our wishes they married. We didn't care for him because he was controlling. They were married a few years then he passed away. He was buried with his wife. Mom passed away last year. We wanted mom buried with Don in Derry without the name Olsen.

An e-mail October 6, 2018, from Marsha Atwood-Greenwood Cleo's daughter.

END

2-6-35

Lawrence Jethro Newell (1937-2021)



Larry was born in Centreville July 22, 1937. He was the son of Myrtle Brannen (1905-1982) and Clarence Newell (1900-1977).

After high school he worked in Shelburne at the Nova Scotia School for Boys as a counsellor. He then moved to New Minus NS, where he started as a packer and then moved up to plant supervisor with Larson's Meats.

He married Carol Nickerson about 1959. She was from "the valley" but her father Dexter Nickerson was originally from Forbes Point NS. They had five children: Raymond, Richard, Robert, Lawrence Roger and Donna.

He moved to Cambridge NS after his retirement and passed away August 29, 2019, in Kentville NS.

STORY:

Larry was named in honour of Lawrence 'Laddy' Newell who played a large part in the rescue of Clarence, Larry's father. Clarence's boat capsized in rough seas near Devil's Ledge 2 miles west of Seal Island December 3, 1936. His hired hand also named Lawrence was drown but because Clarence was a strong swimmer he was able to stay

afloat until he was rescued. Larry`s mother was pregnant at the time. (Lost Mariners V2)

OBITUARY:

Lawrence Jethro "Larry" Newell - age 82, of New Minas, formerly of Cambridge, passed away on Thursday, August 29, 2019, in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville. Born in Cape Sable Island, he was a son of the late Clarence and Myrtle (Brannen) Newell. Lawrence worked as a plant superintendent at Larsen Packers in Berwick and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Carol (Nickerson); daughter, Donna; sons, Roger, Robert, Raymond and Richard; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; brother, Roger; nieces, nephews and extended family. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Carol, Cleo and Gloria and brother, Clarence "Buddy". Cremation has taken place.

END

2-6-36

Roger Stuart Newell (1941-)



Roger was born April 8, 1941, in Centreville. He was the son of Myrtle Brannen (1905-1982) and Clarence Newell (1900-1977).

After attending high school in both Barrington Passage and Shelburne Roger joined the RCMP. He later worked for Co-Operators Insurance. In retirement he did home renovation jobs.

He married Norma Ann Buchanan (1940-1999) October 24 1964. They had three children: Troy Dwayne 1966, Tammy Rae 1968, and Renee Mandy 1973.

Norma passed away December 10, 1999.

Roger remarried in about 2013.

END

THE CHILDREN OF CLEO LEASTON BRANNEN (1907-2000)

2-6-37

John Peter Ferreira (1927-1946)



John was born July 23, 1927, in East Boston MA to Cleo Brannen (1907-2000) and Joao (John) Ferreira (1900-1955).

He was enlisted in the USN in WW II as a Y3C. He was killed on Mindoro Island, Philippines July 28, 1946. September 1949 he is buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery St. Louis MO.

OBITUARY:

JOHN P. FERREIRA: Born in East Boston on July 23, 1927, he attended Barnes School and the Boston Technical High School, graduating from the latter in the class of 1945. He enlisted in the United States Navy on December 28, 1944, and

received his boot training at Sampson, New York. He received further instruction in Oklahoma from which school he graduated and was made Aviation Ordnance Man. He was then sent overseas to the Philippines with rating of Yeoman 3/c, where he spent the last ten months. John volunteered on many occasions to go on search flights for his buddies and it was while on one of these flights that his plane

was reported missing, later found crashed into the side of mountain on Mindoro Island when he and all the other members of the crew were lost.

He was an active member of the East Boston Corps as a bandsman, Corps Cadet, faithful in attending Sunday School and acting Assistant Young Peoples Legion Secretary.

John was also active as a player in American Legion Band of the Lieut. Lawrence J. Flaherty Post.

END

2-6-38

Laura Maria Ferreira (1928-2014)



Laura was born July 23, 1927, in East Boston MA to Cleo Brannen (1907-2000) and Joao (John) Ferreira (1900-1955).

She married Clyde McEwen. They had tree children, Daniel, Susan, and Jan.

Laura graduated from high school in East Boston and went to Salvation Army, Officer Candidate School in Bronx, N.Y. She served, with her husband Clyde, for The Salvation Army in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania for over 40 years.

He died in Mechanicsburg, PA, in 1986. She died Nov. 11, 2014 in Saco, York County, ME.

OBITUARY:

Laura Maria McEwen, 86, passed away on Nov. 11, 2014, at the Monarch Center in Saco. Laura was born on Sept. 23, 1928, in East Boston, Mass., the daughter of John and Cleo Brennan Ferreira.

Laura graduated from high school in East Boston and went to Officer Candidate School in Bronx, N.Y., Laura served, with her husband Clyde, for The Salvation Army in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for over 40 years. She retired to the Old Orchard beach area.

She is survived by a son, Daniel McEwen of Philadelphia, Pa., two daughters, Susan McEwen of Farmingdale, and Jan McEwen of Waterville; and two sisters- in-law, Barbara Ferreira of Old Orchard Beach, and Lillian Ferreira of Tewksbury, Mass.

END

2-6-39

Arthur Felix Ferreira (1930-2008)



Arthur was born February 10, 1930, in Boston MA to Cleo Brannen (1907-2000) and Joao (John) Ferreira (1906-1967)

He appears in the 1930 US census at age one year, born in MA. The family was living on Border Street, Boston. In the 1940 census he was age ten years living on Falcon Street Boston.

On March 17, 1952, he married Faith Lorraine MacArthur (1928-1956). She was a native of Berlin, NH, the daughter of William MacArthur and Vera Brace. They do not appear to have had children. Faith died August 21 1956 in Barre, VT.

He married Barbara Kuhl (1931-2016). She was born October 27 1931 in Long Branch, NJ. They appear to have had five children including George Stephen Ferreira (1960-2008).

1972 city directory showed him as a Corps Officer with Salvation Army, Boston Central Corps and living at 16 Howitt Rd. W.R.

He died November 19 2008 in Old Orchard Beach, ME and is buried in the Laurel Hill cemetery in Saco ME. Barbara died May 5th 2016 in York County ME.

OBITUARY:

Barbara K. Ferreira, 84, of Old Orchard Beach, was Promoted to Glory on May 5, 2016 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House. She was born in Long Branch, N.J. on Oct. 27, 1931, daughter of Frank and Lynette Kuhl. She attended Monmouth Jr. College as a History Major; attended the Salvation Army Officer's Training College in the Bronx and was commissioned/ordained an officer/minister in 1952. Her early days as an officer in The Salvation Army included ministry in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. In 1957, she married Arthur F. Ferreira, continued her work as an officer in The Salvation Army in partnership with her husband in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Ohio. During this time, they raised a family of 4 boys and a girl. They retired as Majors in The Salvation Army to Old Orchard Beach in 1995. Following her husband's passing 2008; she was trained and volunteered at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House. She also volunteered her time at The Salvation Army in Old Orchard Beach. In the Fall of 2015, she moved from her home in Old Orchard to the Atria in Kennebunk. Barbara loved her family and was a musician. She played the accordion and over the years played baritone in various Salvation Army Bands. She loved to sing and served as the chaplain for The Salvation Army Old Orchard Beach Songsters (choir) for several years. She was predeceased by her husband Arthur; her son Stephen; two sisters and a brother. She is survived by sons John Ferreira, Philip Ferreira, Andrew Ferreira and daughter Beverly Anderson. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews; as well as 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. END

2-6-40

Edward E. Ferreira (1931-2012)



Ed was born August 27, 1931, in Stoneham MA to Cleo Brannen (1907-2000) and Joao (John) Ferreira (1900-1955).

Ed was raised in East Boston, attended East Boston schools and graduated from Boston Technical High School in 1950. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served overseas during the Korean War.

He married Lillian E. Myllykangas August 21, 1954. She was born about 1932. They had four children, Laura, Virginia, Edward Jr., and Ruth.

He was employed for over 40 years as a pipefitter by Local # 537 of Boston and worked for Harris Environmental Systems until his retirement.

He died in Tewksbury, MA January 13, 2012, and is buried in the Tewksbury cemetery.

OBITUARY:

Edward E. Ferreira, age 80, a resident of Tewksbury for 56 years and a member of the Lowell First Church of the Nazarene, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2011 at home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was the beloved husband of Lillian E. (Myllykangas) Ferreira, with whom he celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on August 21, 2011. Born in Stoneham on

August 27, 1931, he was the son of the late John Ferreira and the late Cleo L. (Brannen) Ferreira.

Ed was raised in East Boston, attended East Boston schools and graduated from Boston Technical High School in 1950.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean War. Mr. Ferreira was awarded several decorations for his military service including the National Defense Service Medal, the Japan Occupation Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

He was employed for over 40 years as a Pipe-Fitter by Local # 537 of Boston and worked for Harris Environmental Systems until his retirement.

Ed enjoyed woodworking and furniture construction and traveling with his wife to Portugal, the U.S. National Parks, Germany and a cruise through the Panama Canal.

In addition to his beloved wife, Ed is survived by four children, Laura A. Constantine and her husband Ken of Hartford City, IN, Virginia A. Marshall of Tewksbury, Edward A. Ferreira and his wife Kathleen (O'Brien) of Dracut and Ruth A. Oliver and her husband Dennis of Tewksbury; one sister, Laura McEwen of Maine; eight grandchildren, David, Catherine, Stephen, Tim, Lindsay, Hannah, Greg and Brad; also many nieces and nephews. Mr. Ferreira was the brother of the late John and Arthur Ferreira.

END

THE CHILDREN OF LAURA MATILDA BRANNEN (1911-1961)

Laura married twice and had children with both spouses.

2-6-41

Jeanette Adaline Bateman (1930-)



Jeanette was born June 12, 1930, in Stamford CT Connecticut. She was the oldest child of Laura Brannen (1911-1961) and Smith Bateman (1908-1996).

Her parents purchased a house in Centreville NS in 1931 and family moved there until 1935. There is a record of her travelling to Boston with her mother and sister on the SS *Evangeline* September 7 and December 21, 1935

They moved to East Boston from Nova Scotia. Public records show her at 163 Condor St Boston from 1938-1942.

Her parents separated in about 1938 before her youngest sister's birth. Jeanette missed school as it was necessary for her to take care of the baby, Sandra.

She married twice; her first husband was Thomas Tapscott from California. They had four children:

James Tapscott born August 12, 1953

Jennell Tapscott born November 25, 1954

Thomas Tapscott born September 9, 1956

Shelly Tapscott born February 13, 1970

He was a career military man posted to various posts around the US. When he retired, they settled in CA. Three years after his retirement they divorced.

About ten years after her divorce she married her second husband, Wilmur Pittack from Nebraska.

She lived in Lapine, OR at one time before returning to California for several years and then she settled in Dayton, Nevada near her daughter Jennell.

END

2-6-42

Mary Julia Bateman (1932-1998)



Mary was born July 2, 1932, in Centreville NS. She was the daughter of Laura Brannen (1911-1961) and Smith Bateman (1908-1996).

Her parents had purchased a house in Centreville NS in 1931 and family lived there until 1935. There is a record of her travelling to Boston with her mother and sister on the *SS Evangeline* September 7 and December 21 1935 They moved to East Boston. Public records show her at 163 Condor St Boston from 1938-1942.

Her parents separated in about 1938 at about the time of her youngest sister's birth.

She married Jerry Max Stevens (1930-1990) in Indiana August 7 1951. He was the son of John Fred Stevens (1905-1975) and Leona Jane Cox (1908-1979). He was born in Wabash Indiana. They had at six children, Karen, Sharon Lynn (1954-2017), Lawrence, Jeri Lynn, and twins Robin Lynn and Judith Ann.

He died May 12, 1990, Terre Haute IN. She died in August 19 1998 in Clinton IN Hodgkin Lymphoma and is buried in Hixon cemetery, Mecca, IN with him. END

2-6-43

Lydia Prue Bateman (1934-2013)

Lydia was born February 7, 1934, in Centreville NS. She was the daughter of Laura Brannen (1911-1961) and Smith Bateman (1908-1996).

Her family lived in Centreville until about 1935.

Public records show the family lived at 163 Condor St Boston from 1938-1942

She never married or had children and was not able to have a job. She relied heavily on her sister Ingrid for support.

She spent her later years in the same elderly living complex as her mother.

She died December 24, 2013.

END

2-6-44

Sandra Dale Bateman (1939-)



Sandra was born April 30, 1939, in East Boston MA. She was the daughter of Laura Brannen (1911-1961) and Smith Bateman (1908-1996). Her parents had separated prior to the date of her birth.

Public records show the family lived at 163 Condor St Boston from 1938-1942.

Sandra had a son, Steven Andrew Bateman born September 28, 1955.

She married twice, first to Paul Odnogick, which lasted only briefly. She then married Richard Tibbetts of Massachusetts. They had four children, Carol, Paul, Joanne, and William. Steven was adopted by Richard and took the last name Tibbetts. He became a judge, criminal magistrate in North Carolina before his early death.

END

2-6-45

Ingrid Murberg (1947-)



Ingrid was the daughter of Laura Brannen (1911-1961) and her second husband Peder Murberg (1916-1996). Ingrid was born January 26 1947 in MA.

She married Thomas Roome (1948-) December 24 1965/6. He was an electrician. They had four children:

- 1 Sheila Renea Roome (1968-)
- 2 Lynne Allison Roome (1969-)
3. Gary Thomas Roome (1974/5-)
4. Daniella Nichole Roome (1979-)

She worked for a time for an insurance company and did house cleaning. At age 50 she returned to school for a sixteen-month massage program which led to her setting up a successful business.

She retired and relocated to Brandon FL.

STORY:

.Bruce asked: How did Laura survive with four children between marriages, and how did she meet your dad, did she have a hobby, did she work?

Ingrid replied: She struggled financially with 4 girls to raise, Smithie always made sure they had clothes and visits to him and Stella.

I am not exactly sure how she met my dad, he was a merchant marine, and probably in port in Boston. He was the love of her life and she his. He had a ruff childhood and ran away at 11 or 12 and joined the merchant marines. My sister Jeanette loved him and said he was good to them. There were times when she worked. She loved studying the Bible and trying to sew or quilt.

Ronald Murberg (1951-)



Ronald was the son of Laura Brannen (1911-1961) and her second husband Peder Murberg (1916-1996). He was born January 16, 1951, in Charlestown MA. In some places his date of birth is shown as June 15, 1951.

He married twice and had three children, Eric, Jennifer, and Heidi.

He was a taxi driver both before and after spending about ten years in the US Navy.

He settled in Norfolk Virginia.

END

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

THE CHILD OF WALTER TRUMAN BRANNEN

2-7-1

Raymond Irving Brannen (1924-2020)



Ray was born April 19, 1924. He was the only child of Walter Truman Brannen (1896-1960) and Evelyn Ruth Moraine (1906-1942)

There are two crossings on the SS *Boston* from Yarmouth to Boston, September 1, 1933, and August 31 1934 showing Raymond Brannen as passenger.

His mother died suddenly November 11, 1942, of a heart attack.

He enlisted in the US Army on 25 June 1943 in Richmond VA he was listed as single with three years of high school education. He served with the 75th Infantry Division in Europe and was wounded twice and awarded a Bronze Star for bravery.

He married the daughter of a Baptist Minister, Helen Eaton who traced her ancestors to the Mayflower. Her father convinced Ray to become a minister.

Ray and Helen had two children.

He served for fifty years as the Pastor of the Garden City Chapel, Garden City PA. and resided at 23 Cedar Road, Wallingford PA.

Helen died April 2020. He died in 2020 at age 96 and is buried in Edgewood Memorial Park with Helen.

STORY:

-Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Raymond I. Brannen, 33 641 922, Company E, 289th, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 January 1945 in Heck, Belgium. As lead scout in the platoon assigned the mission of taking one of the flanks of the town, Private Brannen lead his unit up a snow-covered hill and cleared the first group of houses on the outskirts and then started to dash across a snow-covered field in full view of the enemy. His rifle was hit in the first burst of enemy machine gun fire line the deflected bullet creased his chin. The Second scout called out that he was hit and unable to move because of a chest wound. Private Brannen dashed across the field and dragged the wounded man through deep snow and brought him to safety despite the man being wounded a second time. He then secured the wounded man's rifle and returned to the attack and cleared out a group of houses unassisted. This deed reflects great credit upon Private Brannen and the United States Infantry. Entered military service from New York, New York.

General Orders 282, 14 September 1945.

STORY:

April 20th (45)

Dear Folks:

Don't ask how I've managed this but write as soon as you receive it so I'll know.

As you know, I left U.S. in late Oct. We arrived at Liverpool some 14 days later. Then to Lallanelly, _ South Wales for about a month and a half. To Southhampton and LeHavre, France. To Frieville near Rouen, France, then to Leige, Belgium where we first hit combat on the 22nd of December. We fought the bulge through to St. Vith as you know 'till the late days of January. Then we moved to Southern France to the Colmar pocket. I

was hit on Feb. 1st in a town called Audalshen just southeast of Colmar. I wound up in a hospital in Epinal, France, east of Colmar, about 45 miles, until the middle of March. Rejoined the outfit while they were on the Rhine just south of Wesel, Germany. Fought in the Phur pocket and was hit on April 3rd at Horenburg near Dortmund, Germany. Flew out to Rheims, France, took a train to Epinal, France again, where I am.

I hope to be back into it again soon, but I truthfully expect to see the C.S.I. before I see Savin Hill again. But I don't give up hopes.

Love to all,

Ray

STORY:

New Pastor Takes Charge At Hilltown Baptist Church

Tomorrow (Friday) evening at the Hilltown Baptist church, the Rev. Raymond Brannen will be ordained into the ministry and in-stalled as pastor of the congregation. The service will join one of the oldest congregations in the county with a brand-new pastor. The congregation, just about a year ago observed its 200th anniversary. Rev. Brannen completed his' studies at the Philadelphia School of the Bible early this year. The Rev. Brannen, with Mrs. Brannen and two-year old son, Douglass Richard, arrived here, several weeks ago and are domiciled in the church parsonage on the Hilltown-Line Lexington high-way, several miles west of the church. Here in a typical Bucks dwelling situated on a spacious lot, with old oak shade, and a rather heavily wooded back-ground the new family is busily engaged in arranging their household; getting acquaint-ed with parishioners and neighbors and generally Observing the entire ' community which is comparatively new and strange. The pastor is a native of Massachusetts, has lived and studied in Virginia and New York, and finally enrolled at the Philadelphia Institution where he recently graduated. Mrs. Brannen comes from Pennsylvania stock, but was born and reared in New Jersey. She too, studied at the Philadelphia School of the Bible. Youthful and energetic, she is just as enthusiastic as is her husband about their new venture in beginning the work for which both spent years in preparation. Rev. Brannen succeeds the Rev. Wayne Soliday, who resigned as pastor more than a year ago and who is now a Chaplain with the U. S. Army in Korea. Rev. Brannen was elected from among several pastors who had been considered by the congregation. The congregation shares with the pastor and his family the Confident hope of a pastorate that will be mutually agreeable and satisfactory. Milltown Baptist church has more than 300 members. The of-ficial Board has as its senior member, Ira Grasse who has served more than fifty years as a deacon.

STORY:

Meet the Rev. Raymond Brannen and family, who recently took up residence in the parsonage of the Hilltown Baptist Church on the Hilltown-Line Lexington highway. Rev. Brannen, a recent graduate, will be ordained and installed as pastor of the Hilltown congregation on Friday evening of this week. Rev. and Mrs. Brannen are enthusiastically looking forward to their new work in the community. "Getting acquainted" with parishioners and neighbors ranks high on their agenda. Incidentally, "getting acquainted" with the Brennans is virtually automatic after the first contact. Both are interesting conversationalists and agreeably pleasant, while son Douglas Richard, with his brand-new puppy, just can't escape the attention of visitors.

OBITUARY:

Pastor Raymond I. Brannen, age 96, of Wallingford, PA, went home to be with his Lord on Monday, May 25, 2020 at Hickory House Nursing Home. Raymond was born April 19, 1924 in Medford, MA.

He was a Veteran of the US Army serving in WWII, where he was in various wars in Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge. He was a recipient of two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star for Valor and the Combat Infantry Badge. After the military, Ray graduated from Eastern University and Philadelphia College of the Bible. Pastor Raymond was the minister at the Garden City Chapel for 50 years. Ray was devoted to his faith, family and his home.

Son of the late Walter T. and Evelyn R (Morraine) Brannen, Husband of the late Helen (Eaton) Brannen, who went home to be with the Lord April 11 2020.

Survivors:

Son: Doug (the late Cheryl) Brannen

Daughter; Deb (the late William) Daley

Also survived by 5 Grandchildren and 10 Great-Grandchildren

A Graveside Service will be held privately at Edgewood Memorial Park.

END

END OF LINE

Susanna Brannen Line

THE SUSANNA BRANNEN LINE

Susanna Brannen (1811-1891)

Susanna was the sixth child of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??). She was born October 29 1811 in Barrington Township. She was married to Moses Ross (1806-1880) on June 12 1829 by Rev. Asa McGray. They had seven children; it appears all but one lived to maturity.

They lived at Stoney Island. They purchased a lot in class 8 which ran from the ocean to the back line. They paid 13.6.8 pounds in 1832 for the unimproved lot and built a house on east side of the road. The house is still standing. They sold the property in 1879 to their youngest son Samuel. The A. F. Church map of 1870's notes the name and location.

The 1861 census found a family of six, four males and 2 females. The 1867 Hutchinson Directory lists him as a fisherman. The 1871 census shows Susanna as age 59. A son Reuben age 19 was listed as living with them as well as Moses' sister Sarah age 46.

The 1881 census shows her as a 70-year-old widow living with her son Samuel and his family in the house the son purchased from them. In the

The 1891 census she was shown as age 78 living with her youngest daughter Emily and her husband Smith Brannen in Stoney Island.

Her exact date of death is not known but it was sometime after 1891. She is likely buried in the small private and overgrown Ross cemetery near the beach in Stoney Island.

THE THIRD GENERATION

THE CHILDREN ON SUSANNA BRANNEN (1811-1891)

3-3-1

Reuben Brannen Ross (1831-1867)

Reuben was born on Cape Sable Island September 10 1831. He was the oldest child of Susanna Brannen (1811-1891) and Moses Ross (1806-1880). He was likely born in Stoney Island where the Ross family had settled. His date of birth is recorded in the Barrington Township Records.

I have not been able to identify Reuben's wife.

There is a Reuben Ross in the 1861 census for Shelburne County showing a family of three, two males and one female. He appears as a fisherman on Cape Sable Island in the 1867 Hutchinson's Directory.

He was only 36 years old when he died November 21 1867. He is possibly buried in an unmarked grave in the private Ross Cemetery near the beach in Stoney Island.

3-3-2

Sophia Ross (1833-1909)

Sophia was born on Cape Sable Island October 3 1833. Sophia's birth date is recorded in Sophia was the second child of Susanna Brannen (1811-1891) and Moses Ross (1806-1880). Sophia's birth date appears in the History of Barrington Township.

She married John Colby McGray Jr. 1833-1893. He was a master mariner from Centreville. They had seven children.

The 1871 census shows her as age 36 married to John C. McGray a fisherman. They were living on Cape Island. There was one daughter Merilla age 13 living with them as well as Benjamin age ten, Eleanor age seven and James age two.

In 1881 the census showed her as age 47. Living with them was Benjamin age 20, Elenora age 18, James age 12 and Barak age 9. Also, with them was Mary Hunt a town Pauper.

In the 1891 census she was shown as age 57. Elenora, James, Barak and Winfred are shown at home. Barak and James were fisherman and Winfred was only age four.

Her husband died while on a voyage at Charlottetown PEI May 20 1893. He was buried in Centreville.

The Medford city directory for 1909 shows Sophia widow of Colby living with her son George Winfred at 56 Edward Street Medford MA.

It is believed she died December 18 1909 in Medford MA and was buried in Centreville with her husband.

3-3-3

Benjamin Ross (1835-1836)

He was born on Cape Sable Island April 23 1835. He was the son of Susanna Brannen (1811-1891) and Moses Ross (1806-1880). He died as an infant November 1836. His date of birth and death is recorded in the Barrington Township Records.

END

3-3-4

Benjamin S. Ross (1837-1897)

He was born on Cape Sable Island October 12 1837. He was the second son with that name of Susanna Brannen (1811-1891) and Moses Ross (1806-1880). He was likely born in Stoney Island where the Ross family had settled. His date of birth is recorded in the Barrington Township Records.

He married Sarah C. Cunningham (1840-??) April 29 1866. She was from West Head NS, the daughter of Daniel Vincent Cunningham and Mary Crowell. They had two children Daniel (1866-1881) and Maria (1868-1871).

In the 1871 census he appears as age 33 a fisherman, married to Sarah age 25. There is one child Daniel age five and Benjamin's aunt Maria L Ross age 55 living with them.

It appears Sarah died sometime before 1880 as he married Zilpha Ross (1854-1909) the daughter of Arron Ross and Deborah Nickerson about 1880. The 1881 the Canadian census showed him married to Zilpha with a baby Effie born in April. They were living on Cape Sable Island. He was shown as a fisherman. A second child Chester Horatio 1881-1966 was born later that year.

He died about 1897 in Shag Harbour. Zilpha died November 15 1909 and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery in Stoney Island.

3-3-5

Samuel Penney Ross (1843-1929)

He was born on Cape Sable Island October 5 1843. He was the son of Susanna Brannen (1811-1891) and Moses Ross (1806-1880). He was likely born in Stoney Island where the Ross family had settled.

He married Rebecca Ring Goodwin (1846-1937) January 27 1863 at West Head NS. They had twelve children.

He appears in the 1901 census as age 57 with Rebecca age 55. There were still three children at home. He was listed as a fisherman.

He died of cancer at West Head NS April 15 1929 and is buried at Stoney Island.
Rebecca died of influenza April 15 1937 and is buried with Samuel in Stoney Island.

3-3-6

Moses Ross (1840-????)

I have not been able to find any information about a child named Moses.

END

3-3-7

Emily Ross 1848-1910

Emily was born on Cape Sable Island, likely in Stoney Island February 5 1848. She was the youngest child of Susanna Brannen (1811-C189) and Moses Ross (1806-1880).

Emily married Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908) the son of Robert Brannen and Martha Jane Crowell September 20 1868. They had seven children and lived in Stoney Island.

She appears in the census of 1871, 81, 91 as married to Archibald Smith Brannen. In the 1891 census there are 4 children as well as Arthur Hunt and Susana Ross, Emily's mother, age 78 living with them.

In the 1901 census she is shown as age 53. There were two children at home Shurben L. age 18 and Elmsley age 14. Smith was a fisherman. There was also a 'step son' Oscar D. Quinlan (1890-1913) age 13.

Her husband died about 1808 and on December 8 1909 Emily Brannen, Shurben, Mary Bateman and husband John sold Part #4, 9th Class of the Second Division of Cape Sable Island previous owned by Archibald Smith Brannen deceased to Benjamin Brannen. The sale was registered January 5 1910. The price was \$100. The property was shore frontage next to Davis Cunningham registered as BAR 502907069. On the about the same date the heirs to his estate also sold to his son Shurben for \$400. part of the subdivision of the school lot.

She died November 11 1910 and is buried in Stoney Island.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF EMILY ROSS (1848-1910)

3-4-1

Mary Brannen (1868-1869)

Mary was the first daughter of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908).

She was born on Cape Sable Island about 1868. She died as an infant about 1869.

END

3-4-2

Edgar Brannen (1869-1869)

Edgar was the first son of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born on Cape Sable Island about 1869. He died as an infant likely in 1869.

END

3-4-3

Edgar Brannen (1871-1887)

Edgar was the second child named Edgar of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born on Cape Sable Island, likely at Stoney Island about 1871. He appears to have died at about age 16 in 1887.

END

3-4-4



Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945)

Mary Essa was the daughter of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). She was born on Cape Sable Island, likely at Stoney Island October 5, 1877. She appeared in the 1891 census as being age 13.

She married John Matthew Bateman (1875-1957) also from Cape Sable Island in Boston Jan 11, 1899. He was a carpenter age 24. She was a domestic age 22. Her address was 52 Bennington, Boston. Together they had eight children.

The 1901 census shows her age 22, a birth date of 5 October 1878. She was married to John. There were two daughters, Margaret B. (1899-1906) and Oneita Pearl (1900-1920), and his mother, Matilda Atkinson-Bateman (1850-??) living with them. In September 1904 they were living at 66 Saratoga Street in Boston.

The 1921 census found her living in Stoney Island. She was 43 years old. Living with them was six children plus another described as adopted daughter 11 months old. This was their granddaughter, Neta Bateman (1920-2007) the child of their recently deceased daughter Oneita Pearl Bateman who died at childbirth. Also, with them was his mother Matilda. John was described as a seaman with his own boat.

They acquired a home in Centreville just south of the lane to McGray's wharf.

She died November 24 1945 in Centreville and is buried in Stoney Island with John. Her epitaph reads, ``A devoted wife and mother your memory will never fade``.

John married again to Eliza Ellen Penney (1875-1964). They had no children.

John died June 3 1957 and is buried with Mary Essa in the Atlantic cemetery in Stoney Island NS.

3-4-5

Herbert Blanchard Brannen (1881-1897)

Herbert was the son of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born on Cape Sable Island, at Stoney Island about 1881. He appears to have died at about age 16 in 1897.

END

3-4-6

Shurben Lowell Brannen (1882-1957)

Shurben was the son of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born at Stoney Island December 5 1882. He appears in the 1891 census as being nine years old

He is shown in the *Seafarers of the Atlantic Provinces* as owner of the sloop *Thistle* built in 1905.

He married Muriel Estelle Atkinson (1886-1953) November 4 1908 at Stoney Island. She was the daughter of Hibbert Atkinson and Mercy Bethel. They adopted a son, Clifford Atwood (1909-1996).

Shurben appeared in the 1921 census as age 39, married to Muriel living at Stoney Island. They had one child, Clifford, age 12 living at home.

He appears on the manifest of the 'Boston boat' January 1924 travelling to East Boston. He was a fisherman age 40.

Shurben died November 23 1957 at Stoney Island NS and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery there. Muriel died December 21 1953 and is buried with him.

3-4-7

Enzley Brannen (1886-1939)

Enzley was the youngest son of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born at Stoney Island September 30 1886. He appears in the 1891 census as being four years old. In the 1901 census he was age 14 living on Cape Sable Island with his parents and siblings

He moved to the West Coast about 1912 when he was 26 years old.

He died in North Vancouver September 11 1939. His death record is listed as Emzley Brannon. He was 52 years old. He is buried in the North Vancouver cemetery. According to Margaret Messenger's notes he went there 27 years before his death to engage in the halibut business. He died of diabetes.

It appears he never married.

END

THE FIFTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF MARY ESSA BRANNEN (1877-1945)

3-5-1

Margaret Bateman (1899-1906)

Margaret was born July 25, 1899, on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

She appeared in the 1901 census.

She died July 1906 in Shelburne NS and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery in Stoney Island.

3-5-2

Oneita Pearl Bateman (1900-1920)



Pearl was born about 1900 on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

She died at age 20, July 5, 1920, as a result of childbirth. Her child Neta Pearl Bateman (1920-2007) survived.

STORY:

My mother, my sister Barbara and I went to CSI in the early 2000s and I found lots of details of my mother's birth. Her mother Pearl Bateman was in late pregnancy without anyone knowing. The presumed father of her child was Judah Smith. Pearl went into labor at her employer's home and I guess no one could stop the postpartum bleeding and Pearl died. My gr. grandfather John Matthew Bateman took my mother to the family home and raised her as their own. He however vowed to hunt down and kill Judah, so Judah decided to move to Yarmouth. In her 80s my mother agreed to answer my questions. She said that she began to realize that John Bateman wasn't her father when some islanders told her to say "Hi" for them to her grandfather.....An e-mail from Judy DeWitt 2013

END

Lydia Catherine Bateman (1902-1991)



Lyd was born October 10, 1902, on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

She married Hugh (Hep) Chase (1895-1968) in May 1928. He was the son of Wilber Chase and Adria J. Cunningham. They had no children of their own but took in and raised a child of her sister Emily Bateman (1904-1981) and Arthur Rennehan (1898-1929) after his father was killed in 1929. The child was Arthur Rennehan Jr.

Lyd was a schoolteacher who taught in various Island schools throughout her career. She was noted for being "strict".

Lyd and Hep lived in the house across the road to the lane to McGray's wharf.

Hep died in 1968 and Lyd remarried in 1980. Her second husband was Claud Atkinson son of Moses Atkinson and Jane Cunningham.

She died November 26 1991 in Barrington Passage NS.

Emily Jane Bateman (1904-1961)



Emily was born on March 14 1904 at Stoney Island, Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957). She was married three times; her first marriage was to Arthur Grant Rennehan (1898-1929) on March 14, 1920, in Boston MA. He was the son of William Rennehan and Virginia Newell. They had two children, a daughter Mildred Eva (1925-2006), and Arthur Melvin Rennehan Jr. (1924-2000). Arthur Sr. was killed in work accident in the US in 1929. After Arthur Sr. died Emily's sister Lyd and her husband raised Arthur Jr. Her daughter Mildred was raised by Sherben Lowell Brannen (1882-1957) and his wife Muriel Atkinson. Emily may have had a third child out of wedlock who was given for adoption. Her second marriage was to Randall Lowell Atkinson (1904-1966) December 19 1932 at Centreville. He was the son of John R. Rennehan and Caroline Brown. On their marriage certificate she listed her name as Rennehan, age 28, a widow, and a domestic. Randall died September 17 1966.

Emily married two more times: Charles Waybrat (1898-1988) the son of William Waybrat and Carrie Atwood and to Timothy William Forman Ross (1910-1988).

Emily died March 24, 1981, on Cape Sable Island and is buried in River Head NS.

STORY:

Emily did have 2 children by her husband, her daughter Mildred and son Arthur Rennehan Emily was widowed young. Her husband was killed in an accident while working in the States. Sometime later she became pregnant by a local man and the boy baby was adopted. Aunt Emily also gave her son Arthur to Aunt Lyd to raise.

From an e-mail from Judy DeWitt August 2015

END

3-5-5

Eula Mae Bateman (1905-1989)



Eula was born September 4, 1905, at Stoney Island, Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957). She briefly taught school on the Island.

She married Cornelius F. Ross (1892-1937) on August 19, 1926. He was the son of Warren Ross and Frances Atkinson. He was a fisherman He died of a broken back when a boat fell over on him December 27, 1937. He is buried in Stoney Island.

Her second husband was Hartley William Atkinson (1915-1939). He was the son of Edgar V. Atkinson and Mariam Cunningham. He died of a heart attack at age 23 and is buried in Stoney Island.

She married for the third time to Albert R. (Darb) Nickerson (1913-1968) in about 1937. He was the son of Collins Nickerson and Anna E. McKinnon.

Darb died in January 1968 on Cape Sable Island and is buried in Lower Clark's Harbour.

She died December 22, 1989, in Armview NS and is buried in Evergreen cemetery Lower Clark's Harbour NS.

END

3-5-6

Margaret Delle Bateman (1906-1990)



Margaret was born about July 1906 on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957). She was given the name Margaret as her sister with that name had died shortly before her birth.

She married William (Willie) Hansen a native of Norway.

Margaret and her husband had no children of their own but took in a baby born to her sister Eva and raised him as their own. He was named Robert and went by the last name Hansen.

They lived in Stamford Connecticut in the mid 1950`s.

She died June 28, 1990, in Shelburne NS and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery in Stoney Island.

STORY:

Margaret did marry a William Hansen and had no children of her own. She did take a baby born to her sister Eva and raised Robert as her own with "Willie" as he was known. They took in another unrelated young woman known to Willie, as a favor so she could go to school in Connecticut, USA.

When my sister Barbara and I returned to the states from CSI. We lived with Great Aunt Marg and Uncle Willie in Stamford for a school year while our parents relocated from Texas.

They were very kind and happy to help family in hard times. Willie was said to be from Norway originally, and jumped ship in the states where he met Margaret.

From an e-mail from Judy DeWitt August 2015

END

3-5-7

Archibald Smith Bateman (1908-1996)



Smith was born on October 23 1908 at Stoney Island on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

He married Laura Matilda Brannen (1911-1961) the daughter of John H. Brannen (1865-1926) and Clissie Newell (1872-1962) on December 7, 1929. They had four children: -Janette Adaline (1930-), Mary Julia (1932-1998),-Lydia Prue (1934-), and - Sandra Dale (1939)

They later divorced. The four children were raised by Laura.

He married Estelle Marie Boissonneault (1912-2010) in Portsmouth NH Nov 28, 1942. He gave his address as Boston, no street address. It was his second marriage; he was age 34 divorced from Laura Brannen. He was listed as a seaman. Estelle was age 30. It was her second marriage. she was divorced from Shirley Jeremiah Brannen. (Laura's brother) She gave her address as 10 Greenwich, Boston MA. Her parents were listed as Edward Boissonneault age 50 living in Roxbury and born in Lowell MA. Her mother was Alexandra Boucher deceased.

After his retirement they moved back to Nova Scotia and built a home there.

He died in 1996 and is buried in River Dale Cemetery at Oak Park NS. Estelle Died April 25, 2010, and is buried with him in River Head NS.

END

3-5-8

Eva Lolo Bateman (1910-2000)



Eva was born on March 16 1911 on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

According to Judy DeWitt, Eva had a child out of wedlock. He was named Robert and taken by Eva's older sister Margaret Delle Bateman-Hansen (1899-1990) and Willie Hansen. They raised him as their own.

Eva married John Lombardo in Massachusetts. He was a taxi driver Eva and John moved to Centreville and built a house on the north side of the McGray's wharf lane in the early 1950s. He first ran a service station in North East Point and then became a school bus driver for many years.

She died in 2000.

END

3-5-9

Donald Eugene Bateman (1913-1969)



Donald was born on September 13, 1913, at Stoney Island on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

He married Marie Alice Newell (1924-2006) September 24, 1955. She was the daughter of Harold Newell and Elizabeth Ross. They had one child Gladys born in 1956.

He lived in Centreville taking over his parent's home when his father died in 1957.

He died June 19, 1969, on Cape Sable Island and is buried in the Centreville cemetery. Marie died in 2006.

END

THE CHILDREN OF SHURBEN BRANNEN (1882-1957)

3-5-10

Clifford Atwood-Brannen (1909-1996)

Clifford was adopted by Shurben Lowell Brannen (1882-1957) and Muriel Atkinson (1886-1953). His last name was originally Atwood.

He married Ruth G. Ross (1909-1982) October 19 1929. She was the daughter of Stillman and Sarah Ross. They had five children only three lived past infancy, Lowell, Ross and Janice.

He was in the Merchant Marine during WWII.

He appears in the 1949 and 1963 voter's list as a fisherman at Stoney Island.

Ruth died in 1982 and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery at Stoney Island NS.

Clifford died February 4, 1996, in the Roseway Hospital at Sandy Point NS and is buried with Ruth.

STORY:

Brannen, Clifford Atwood

Canadian Merchant Army. Born 18 June 1909 in The Hawk, Cape Sable — Island, Shelburne County; died 4 February 1996 at Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point, Shelburne County. Adopted son of Shurben Lowell and Muriel Estelle (Atkinson) Brannen. Married on 14 October 1929 Genevieve "Ruth" Ross. They had two sons, Lowell and Ross, a daughter, Janice, and two daughters who died in infancy. Buried at Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island.

Veterans of Shelburne County V-2

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Clifford Atwood - 86, Stoney Island, Shelburne Co., died February 4, 1996, in Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point. Born at The Hawk, he was a son of the late Shurban and Muriel (Atkinson) Brannen. He was a veteran of the Second World War, serving in the merchant marine. Surviving are sons, Lowell, Stoney Island; Ross, Clam Point; daughter, Mrs. Janice Nickerson, Dartmouth; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Ruth Ross; two infant daughters; brother, Cecil Atwood; sister, Geneva Storey.

Burial in Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island. Donations to Atlantic Cemetery Club or Stoney Island United Baptist Church.

END

END OF LINE

Abigail Brannen Line

THE ABIGAIL BRANNEN LINE

Abigail Brannen (1813-1855)

Abigail is listed in the Barrington Township Records as being the sixth child and second daughter of Archibald Brannen (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??). She was born September 3, 1813. Church records for the Centreville church show her as being baptized March 2 1837 she is also shown as having later been baptized by Rev. Brown in either 1856 or 7.

She married Archelaus Smith Swim (1809-1891) around 1839 when she was age 26.

Archelaus Smith Swim was born in January 1809. He was married three times. His first wife, Jedidah Crowell, died in 1838. Smith had six children from this marriage. Abigail appears to have raised them as well as four from her and Smith's marriage. They lived at Swim's Point where he was a successful ship owner and businessman.

She died at about age 42 around 1855.

After her death, her sister Rebecca married Smith Swim, her widower. Abigail's sons William, Peter and Benjamin were crew on their father's fishing and trading vessel and later became master mariners.

THE THIRD GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL BRANNEN (1813-1855)

4-3-1

William Henry Swim (1839-1920)

William was born March 5 1839 on Cape Sable Island NS. He was the son of Abigail Brannen (1813-1855) and Archelaus Smith Swim (1809-1891).

He married Matilda Watt February 18 1861. She was the daughter of William Watt. They had four children together. Their oldest child was Samuel Albert (Shorty) Swim (1861-1934) was born September 30 1862. Their second son Alexander (1864-1893) drown at sea. Their daughter Charlotte (1865-1950)

The 1871 census shows William as age 30, married to Matilda and living on Cape Sable Island. There were four children at home, Samuel age nine, Alexander age six, Charlotte age five and Ada two years old. He was shown as a ship's captain. The 1881 census showed him as age 42, a master mariner married to Matilda. Albert age 19 was a fisherman as was their son Alexander age 18. Also, at home were Ada age 15, and Christina age 12.

Matilda passed away April 18 1885 and he married Ann Esther Smith (1864-1954) November 3 1886 in Yarmouth NS. She was the daughter of Caleb N. Smith (1832-1906) and Grizelda Duncan.

The 1891 census found him living in Doctor's Cove, age 50, married to Annie age 27. There were two children at home Jonnie age 12 and Ora age three. He was a Master Mariner.

The 1901 census shows him as age 61; a mariner married to Annie. There were three children at home Ora age 12, Lillian age nine and Verne age one. These are children of he and Ann.

In the 1911 census only Lillian age 20 was living with them. He was shown age 81 and Annie age 47.

He died in December 5 1920 and is buried in Barrington Passage.

STORY:

From the Yarmouth Times of October 1904

"Capt. Wm H. Swim of Barrington schooner Golden Rule , now at the north shore for lobster bait, has been stricken with paralysis and is not expected to recover." .' He later improved'.

END

4-3-2

Adelaide L. Swim (1845-1884)

Adelaide was born about 1845 on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of Abigail Brannen (1813-1855) and Archelaus Smith Swim (1809-1891).

She was about ten years old when her mother died. There were older half sisters at home. Her father remarried to Rebecca Brannen Penney (1822-1904), Adelaide's aunt, her mother's sister.

She married Thomas Henry Riske July 3 1871 in Boston MA. He was born in Georgetown MA. They had one child William Wallace Riske (1874-1945).

She died in Hyde Park MA July 7 1884 leaving a ten-year-old son. Thomas remarried in 1886 to Mary Jane Coffin (1845-??). He died May 29 1911 in Hyde Park MA.

END

4-3-3

Peter Coffin Swim (1847-1933)

He was born in Centreville NS March 1 1847 to Abigail Brannen (1813-1847) and Archelaus Smith Swim (1809-1891).

He was about eight years old when his mother died. There were two older half sisters at home. His father remarried to Rebecca Brannen-Penney (1822-1904) in about 1856. His new step mother was his aunt, his mother's sister.

He married Lydia E. Crowell (1853-1888) December 2 1869 at Clark's Harbour. She was the daughter of Joseph and Charlotte Crowell. They had seven children. They lived at North East Point NS.

Lydia died in March 14 1888 and is buried Oakvale Cemetery in Clark's Harbour.

Peter married Abigail Amanda Ross (1866-1955), July 2 1888 in Boston MA. She was the daughter of George M. Ross and Mary Jane Swim. They do not appear to have had children.

He died August 29 1933 at Cape Sable Island NS and is buried in Oakvale Cemetery, Clark's Harbour. Amanda died of congestive heart failure and pneumonia March 31 1955 in Yarmouth NS and was buried in Clark's Harbour with her husband.

STORY:

Margaret Messenger in the book ISLAND PEOPLE wrote *"About 1880, Captain Peter, as an experience, tried taking live lobsters to Portland in lobster cars which held about four hundred pounds each. His venture was a success with very few lobsters being lost in the trip. Later he had two "well smacks" built which he used in costal trading to Boston and Portland."*

END

4-3-4

Benjamin Swim (1850-1917)

Benjamin was born at Clark's Harbour about January 7 1850 to Abigail Brannen (1813-1855) and Archelaus Smith Swim (1809-1891).

His mother died around 1855. He would have been about five years old at the time of her death. There were older half sisters at home. His father remarried Rebecca Brannen-Penney (1822-1904) in 1856. She was Benjamin's aunt.

He appeared in the 1871 census. He was living with parents and sibling on Cape Sable Island. He was shown as age 21.

He married Matilda (Minnie) Banks (1855-1897) the daughter of Gamaliel Banks and Hannah, December 19 1875. They had at least one child, Fredrick Swim born about 1878, and perhaps others. For many years they lived in Doctor's Cove NS.

His US Naturalization application gives Jan 7 1850 as his birth date.

He was a master mariner. In 1892 was pilot of the SS *Worcester* running from Boston and Nova Scotia.

The NY death index shows he died age 70, Dec 20 1917 in Manhattan Cert #91. Birth year about 1847. He is buried in Doctors Cove NS. His grave marker shows his date of birth as 1848.

Minnie died in 1897 in Doctors Cove and is buried with Benjamin in the graveyard there.

END

END OF LINE

Robert Brannen Line

Robert was the son of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??). Robert married twice and had a total of four children. Robert was part of the second generation of Brannens. His children were third generation.

5-2-1

Robert Brannen (1815-1881)

Robert was the sixth son and eighth child of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (1788-??). He was born August 21, 1815, just prior to Archibald's purchase of his Clam Point lot.

Robert was a fisherman and settled at Stoney Island. He married twice, first in about 1837 to Martha Jane Crowell (1816-c1858), and then in about 1858 to Abigail Jane Trott (1827-1889). He had three children with Martha Jane, Abigail (1839-1920), Archibald Smith (1843-1908) and Joseph (1846-1911). He had one child with Jane Trott, Andrew Lovitt, (1859-1904). He also raised his brother Joseph's daughter Salome Brannen (1841-1916) after her father Joseph was lost at sea in 1845.

He appears in the 1871 and 1881 census records.

Robert died on December 15, 1881, and is buried in the Centreville Cemetery with Jane Trott.

December 10, 1889, after the passing of his second wife Jane Trott, his children Smith, Joseph, Abigail and Andrew sold his land to Robert Hunt for \$30.

THE THIRD GENERATION

5-3-1

Abigail Brannen (1839-1920)

Abigail was born on Cape Island October 30, 1839. She was the oldest child of Robert Brannen (1815-1881) and Martha Jane Crowell (1816-1858). She married Thomas Nickerson (1834-1907) in 1860. He was the son of Moses Nickerson (1794-1840) and Hannah Atkinson (1796-1910). He was a fisherman. They had one child, Martha (1860-1894). They lived in Stoney Island.

The 1881 census shows her as age 43. There was one child at home, Martha, age 21 and Mrs. Hannah Nickerson age 84, her mother-in-law, a widow. In the 1891 census Abigail was shown 50 years of age living with her husband Thomas. There were no children at home.

Their daughter Martha died in 1894 leaving a young son John L. Hunt (1889-1904). Abigail took the five-year-old grandchild into her household.

Abigail appeared in the 1901 census as age 61 married to Thomas Nickerson age 66. Their 11-year-old grandson, the child of their daughter Martha, was living with them and shown as shown as John L. Nickerson (actually Hunt) born November 8, 1889.

Her husband Thomas died in 1907.

In the 1911 census she was shown as age 71, a widow living alone in South Side.

She died September 28, 1920.

5-3-2

Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908)

Smith was the second child of Robert Brannen (1815-1881). and Martha Jane Crowell (1816-1858). He was born November 9, 1843. He married Emily Ross (1848-1910), his first cousin, on September 20, 1868. She was the daughter of his Aunt Susanna Brannen-Ross (1811-1891) and Moses Ross (1806-1880). Smith and Emily had seven children but only three lived to maturity, Mary Essa (1877-1945), Shurben Lowell (1882-1957) and Enzley (1886-1939).

The 1871 census shows him as age 27 married to Emily age 26. He was a fisherman. Arthur Hunt age eight was living with them. Arthur Hunt was born on July 4, 1862, and was raised by Smith and Emily.

In March 1885 he sold to the Building Committee of the Stoney Island Bethel Church a lot 2 rods by 2.5 rods on the south side of the road near the schoolhouse in Stoney Island. The price was \$1.00.

In the 1891 census he was age 47 listed as a farmer and a fisherman married to Emily. There were four children, Mary 13, Herbert 11, Shurben nine, and Enzley four years old. Susanna Ross, Emily's mother age 78 was living with them. Also living with them was Arthur Hunt.

January 1, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of the Stoney Island post office. He held that position until death July 28, 1908.

The 1901 By-Laws of the Union Packing Co show him as a shareholder with one share.

He appears in the 1901 census as Smith A. Brannen age 57 married to Emily age 53. There were two children at home, Shurban L. age 18 and Enzley age 14. Smith was a fisherman. Also living with them was Oscar D. Quinlan (1887-1913) age 13. Oscar was the son of Aaron Quinlan and Rhoda Worthen. Smith and Emily took him at age six in when his mother died in 1893.

Smith died on July 28, 1908, and is buried in Stoney Island NS in the Atlantic cemetery.

December 8, 1909, Emily Brannen, Shurben, Mary Bateman and husband John sold Part #4, 9th Class of the Second Division of Cape Sable Island previously owned by

Archibald Smith Brannen deceased to Benjamin Brannen. The sale was registered January 5, 1910. The price was \$100. The property was shore frontage next to Davis Cunningham registered as BAR 502907069. On or about the same date the heirs to his estate also sold to his son Shurben for \$400, part of the subdivision of the school lot.

Emily died November 11, 1910, and is buried in Stoney Island with Smith.

5-3-3

Joseph Brannen (1846-1911)

Joseph was the third child of Robert Brannen (1815-1881). and Martha Jane Crowell (1816-1858). He was born May 14, 1846, on Cape Sable Island. He married Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938) on December 9 1875. She was the daughter of Benjamin Ross (1817-1899) and Mary Jane Penney (1821-1887). They had nine children.

In the 1871 census he was shown as age 23 living alone in a house under construction. He was a fisherman. The nearest neighbour was his father Robert which suggests he was building on his father's lot.

He appears in the 1881 census married to Mary with three children at home, Frank age five, Marella age four and Robert age two. In the 1891 census there are seven children at home. The 1901 census shows Robert 22, Ben 18, Burnell ten and Winston age ten months, still at home.

He died March 25, 1911, and was buried in the Atlantic cemetery in Stoney Island NS.

The 1911 census shows her as a widow aged 53 with six adult children at home. She was living in Stoney Island.

Mary Eliza died January 19, 1938, and was buried with Joseph in the Atlantic Cemetery in Stoney Island NS.

OBITUARY:

MRS. MARY ELIZA BRANNEN SOUTH SIDE, Jan. 29, 1938-- The death took place Wednesday morning last after an illness of about four months. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Smith. Barrington Passage. of Mrs. Mary Eliza Brannen, widow of Joseph Brannen, who passed away 27 years ago. Mrs. Brannen, who was 79 years of age. was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Mary Ross of Stoney Island, and had resided there until three years ago.

The funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Smith by Rev. C. Ainsworth, after. which the remains were taken to Stoney Island Church, where Rev. L. W.

conducted services. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wallace, Smith, Brass Hill. and Mrs. Sarah King, Everett, Mass.: five sons, William. Benjamin and Robert Brannen of Stoney Island.

5-3-4

Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904)

Andrew was born April 14 1859 on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of Robert Brannen (1815-1881) and his second wife Abigail Jane Trott (1827-1889). In the 1871 census he was age 12 living at home on Cape Sable Island. In the 1881 census he was living with his parents. He was age 23.

On February 8, 1883, he married Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958). She was the daughter of Abraham C. Ross (1833-1913) and Margaret Cunningham (1845-1883). They had eleven children.

The 1891 census shows him married to Emma age 32 living on Cape Sable Island with five children.

He was on the list of passengers arriving in Boston on the schooner *John Milland* from Port Medway NS August 4, 1884. He was 25 years old and listed as a mariner.

On May 16, 1885, he sold a Stoney Island property to the McGray Brothers.

It appears he moved to the US sometime prior to 1893.

In August 1893 Andrew and Emma were sued by John C. McGray for nonpayment of a bill for general merchandise, groceries and dry goods. He was described as an absent and absconding debtor. Emma replied on August 7, 1894, re that she had nothing but life's necessities. McGray obtained a judgement for \$85.83 in June 1894 for his note plus accrued interest. It appears the amount of the note was perhaps \$25.25.

He obtained US Naturalization on July 3, 1899.

The 1900 US census found him in Boston. He was aged 41 married to Emma age 35. They immigrated in 1884. He was a house carpenter. They had eight children.

He died in 1904 in Boston MA of Bright's Disease; he was age forty-five.

The 1930 US census found her living at 96 Lexington Street in East Boston. She was listed as the head of the house. She was not employed; her age was 65. Living with her was her daughter Ella P. Brannen age 35, single, a son (Ebenazer) E. Ross, a daughter Minnie Sutherland and a son-in-law Charles Sutherland. There were also two lodgers

In 1951 and 1955 Emma, widow of Andrew, was shown in the Quincy MA city directory as living at 545 Newport Av.

She died at age 94 February 26, 1958, in Quincy MA.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

THE CHILD OF ABIGAIL BRANNEN (1839-1920)

5-4-1

Martha Nickerson (1860-1894)

Martha was born about 1860 on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of Abigail Brannen (1839-1920) and Thomas Nickerson (1834-1907).

She married Hugh Hunt (1868-1950) November 17, 1888, on Cape Sable Island. They had one child John L. Hunt (1889-1904)

She was only about 34 years old when she died October 25, 1894; likely at childbirth. Her surviving son John L. Hunt (1889-1904) was raised by her parents Abigail and Thomas but died young.

Martha's husband Hugh died about 1950.

END

THE CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD SMITH BRANNEN (1843-1908)

5-4-2

Mary Brannen (1868-1869)

Mary was the first daughter of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). She was born on Cape Sable Island about 1868. She died as an infant about 1869.

END

5-4-3

Edgar Brannen (1869-1869)

Edgar was the first son of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born on Cape Sable Island about 1869. He died as an infant likely in 1869.

END

5-4-4

Edgar Brannen (1871-1887)

Edgar was the second child named Edgar of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born on Cape Sable Island, likely at Stoney Island about 1871. He appears to have died at about age 16 in 1887.

END

5-4-5

Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945)



Mary Essa was the daughter of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). She was born on Cape Sable Island, likely at Stoney Island October 5, 1877. She appeared in the 1891 census as age 13.

She married John Matthew Bateman (1875-1957) also from Cape Sable Island in Boston Jan 11, 1899. He was a carpenter aged 24. She was a domestic age 22. Her address was 52 Bennington, Boston. Together they had eight children.

The 1901 census shows her age 22, a birth date of 5 October 1878. She was married to John. There were two daughters, Margaret B. (1899-1906) and Oneita Pearl (1900-1920), and his mother, Matilda Atkinson-Bateman (1850-??) living with them. In September 1904 they were living at 66 Saratoga Street in Boston.

The 1921 census found her living in Stoney Island. She was 43 years old. Living with them was six children plus another described as adopted daughter 11 months old. This was their granddaughter, Neta Bateman (1920-2007) the child of their recently deceased daughter Oneita Pearl Bateman who died at childbirth. Also, with them there was his mother, Matilda. John was described as a seaman with his own boat.

They acquired a home in Centreville just south of the lane to McGray's wharf.

She died November 24, 1945, in Centreville of cardiac failure. She is buried in Stoney Island with John. Her epitaph reads, ``*A devoted wife and mother your memory will never fade*``.

John married again to Eliza Ellen Penney (1875-1964). They had no children.

John died June 3, 1957, and is buried with Mary Essa in the Atlantic cemetery in Stoney Island NS.

5-4-6

Herbert Blanchard Brannen (1881-1897)

Herbert was the son of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born on Cape Sable Island, at Stoney Island about 1881. He appears to have died at about age 16 in 1897.

END

5-4-7

Shurben Lowell Brannen (1882-1957)

Shurben was the son of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born at Stoney Island about 1882. He appears in the 1891 census as being nine years old

He is shown in the *Seafarers of the Atlantic Provinces* as owner of the sloop *Thistle* built in 1905.

He married Muriel Estelle Atkinson (1886-1953) November 4, 1908, at Stoney Island. She was the daughter of Hibbert Atkinson and Mercy Bethel. They adopted a son, Clifford Atwood (1909-1996).

Shurben appeared in the 1921 census as age 39, married to Muriel living at Stoney Island. They had one child, Clifford, age 12 living at home.

He appears on the manifest of the 'Boston boat' January 1924 travelling to East Boston. He was a fisherman aged 40.

Shurben died November 23, 1957, at Stoney Island NS and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery there. Muriel died December 21, 1953, and is buried with him.

5-4-8

Enzley Brannen (1886-1939)

Enzley was the youngest son of Emily Ross (1848-1910) and Archibald Smith Brannen (1843-1908). He was born at Stoney Island about September 30 1886. He appears in the 1891 census as being four years old. In the 1901 census he was age 14 living on Cape Sable Island with his parents and siblings

He moved to the West Coast about 1912 when he was 26 years old.

He died in North Vancouver September 11, 1939. His death record is listed as Emzley Brannon. He was 52 years old. He is buried in the North Vancouver cemetery. According to Margaret Messenger's notes he went there 27 years before his death to engage in the halibut business. He died of diabetes.

It appears he never married.

END

THE CHILDREN OF JOSEPH BRANNEN (1846-1911)

5-4-9

Frank F. Brannen (1876-??)

Frank was born about 1876 at Stoney Island. He was the son of Joseph Brannen (1846-1911) and Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938).

In the 1881 census he was shown as age five living with his parents and siblings Maude and Robert. He did not appear with family in the 1891 census. It is presumed he died before that date.

END

5-4-10

Marella Maude Brannen (1877-1959)



Maude was born June 11, 1877, at Stoney Island. She was the daughter of Joseph Brannen (1846-1911) and Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938).

She married Wallace Bradley Smith (1873-1945) September 4, 1895. He was the son of Kinsman Smith and Delina Atkinson. They had three children, Volena Gertrude (1896-1985), Esther Mertina (1898-1965) and Mary Elizabeth (1901-1913)

She appears in the 1901 census as age 22 and married. She is listed as Maude. There were two children: ages three years and 11 months old.

In the 1911 census they were living in Centreville with three children at home. In the 1921 census she was listed as age 44. Esther was 21 and still at home.

Wallace died at age 72 June 3, 1945. She died February 21, 1959, in Barrington NS.

END

5-4-11

Sarah Ellen Brannen (1878-C1963)

Sarah was born on July 15, 1878, at Stoney Island. She was the daughter of Joseph Brannen (1846-1911) and Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938).

She first married Allen Wood Trott (1870-??) July 30, 1898. He was the son of Andrew Lovitt Trott (1841-1913) and Lucretia Ross (1843-1912). They had one child Rona Gertrude Trott born December 12, 1899. Allen was a fisherman from Stoney Island NS.

The 1901 census found the family in Stoney Island NS. Sarah was age 22, Allen was age 31 and daughter Gerona was 11 years old.

They moved to the US in 1901. Allen died in Massachusetts.

Sarah also married George King (1880-??), an American, she is described as Mrs. Sarah King in her mother's January 1938 obituary.

Her date of death appears to have been about 1963. The location of death and burial site are unknown.

5-4-12

Robert Henry Brannen (1879-1956)

Rob was born on April 30, 1879, at Stoney Island. He was the son of Joseph Brannen (1846-1911) and Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938).

In the 1910 census he was living at home with his widowed mother and five siblings at Stoney Island. He was unmarried and was a fisherman aged 34.

He married Elizabeth Belle (Lizzie) Crowell (1891-1967). She was the daughter William Alfred Crowell (C1870-??) and Alice Nickerson (C1870-??). They had three children,

Joseph Everett (1911-1995), Geneva Gertrude (1916-2006) and Lloyd George (1920-1996)

In the 1921 census he was married to Belle, living in Stoney Island. He was age 42, Belle aged 30. There were 3 children at home, Joseph age nine, Geneva age five and Lloyd George age one.

February 1927 Robert H. and Belle transferred a property in Stoney Island to Estelle Quinlan for \$2.00.

Robert died February 4, 1956, at Stoney Island NS and is buried the Atlantic Cemetery there. Lizzie died July 17, 1967, at Stoney Island and is buried with her husband.

OBITUARY:

The sudden passing at his home of Robert H. Brannen came as a shock to his family and friends. Mr. Brannen was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brannen of this place. He underwent an operation at the V. G. Hospital, Halifax last March and recovered favourably. He was 76 years of age and well known in the community. He was a member of the United Baptist Church. Surviving are his widow. two sons Everett and George and one daughter Mrs. Earl Frelick, all residing here, two brothers Benjamin and William, both of Clam Point; one brother, Archibald, and one sister. Mrs. Maud Smith, both residing at Barrington. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery

5-4-13

Benjamin K. Brannen (1882-1958)

Bennie was born on August 16, 1882, at Stoney Island. He was the son of Joseph Brannen (1846-1911) and Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938).

In the 1891 census he was aged seven living with parents and six siblings

December 8, 1909, he purchased Pt Lot #4 of the 9th class in the Second Division for \$100 from the heirs of Archibald Smith Brannen. Smith was his uncle.

In the 1911 census he was living with his widowed mother. He was age 29 a fisherman. Also, at home were five siblings.

He married Mildred Nellie Oliva Ross (1902-1998) June 28, 1919, at Stoney Island NS. She was the daughter Henry Ross and Delilah Brown. They had five children.

The 1921 census shows him as age 37 married to Nellie age 18. He was a fisherman. They had one son, Irving age one.

He appears on the 1957 voters list as retired living in Stoney Island with Mrs. Benjamin Brannen.

Bennie died July 5, 1958, in Stoney Island; Nellie died September 21, 1998.

5-4-14

Archibald Clayton Brannen (1885-1963)



Archie was born on September 14 1885 at Stoney Island. He was the son of Joseph Brannen (1846-1911) and Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938).

He appears in the 1891 census as age five living on Cape Sable Island with parents and six siblings. He appears in the 1911 census living with his widowed mother. He was age 26, a fisherman.

He married Georgie Etta Nickerson (1883-1963) on June 30, 1915. She was the daughter of Joseph Nickerson and Esther Atwood. They adopted a child Robert Clarence Reed (1920-2011). His biological parents were Berkley Reed and Mildred Ross. He took the Brannen name.

Both Archie and Etta died about 1963 in Clark's Harbour NS.

5-4-15

William Wilder (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967)



He was born October 19, 1886, at Stoney Island. He was the son of Joseph Brannen (1846-1911) and Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938).

In the 1911 census he is living at home with his widowed mother and five siblings in Stoney Island, he is a single fisherman aged 24.

Dick married Hildred Innes Penney (1893-1948) January 21, 1914. She was the oldest child of Leonard Penney (1871-1947) and Estella Cunningham (1872-1953). She was raised by her grandparents, Rodney Cunningham (1839-1907) and Zipha Smith (1836-1916).

The 1921 census found them living in Stoney Island. Dick was age 33, a fisherman. There were five children at home.

Dick and Hildred had nine children. Their oldest son Rodney drowned while fishing when he was twenty years old. Four of their sons saw action in WWII; Joseph, Herbert, Fred and Asa. Two of those were killed in Europe, Herbert and Asa.

Hildred died at age 45. Her Death Certificate was signed by Dr. Corbett October 26, 1948. She died of arterial hemorrhage from cardiovascular disease the 24th of October 1948.

He died on September 30, 1967, and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery in Stoney Island with Hildred.

5-4-16

Burnell Brannen (1890-??)

Burnell was born on September 16, 1890, at Stoney Island. She was the daughter of Joseph Brannen (1846-1911) and Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938).

In the 1891 census she was shown as seven months old living with her parents and five siblings. In the 1901 census she was shown as age ten with a birth date of September 16, 1890. In the 1911 census she is living at home with her widowed mother and five siblings in Stoney Island NS, she was single age 20.

She was not mentioned as a surviving child in her mother's 1938 obituary.

END

5-4-17

Winston Churchill Brannen (1899-1963)

Winnie was born May 3, 1899, at Stoney Island. He was the son of Joseph Brannen (1846-1911) and Mary Eliza Ross (1858-1938).

In the 1901 census he was shown as ten months old: born in 1899. There were three older siblings at home.

In the 1911 census he was living at home with his widowed mother and five siblings in Stoney Island, he was age 11.

He married Amy Lavinia Atkinson (1905-1996). She was the daughter of Howard Atkinson and Mary Jane Smith. They had two children, George E. (1925-1988) and Eleanor (1927-??). Both were born in Boston.

In the 1930 US census Winston was listed as age 29. He was a deckhand on a tugboat. He lived at 59 Marion St Boston. Two children, ages four and three were at home. Also living with them was Pansy Duggan age 29 listed as a sister-in-law of Winston.

The 1936 city directory found Winston and Amy at 135 Flacon in East Boston. He was employed as a deckhand.

The 1940 US census shows him as age 39 married to Amy age 34. He was a deck hand on a tow boat. They were still living at 135 Falcon Street Boston. Their children, George age 14 and Eleanor age 13 were living with them.

He is known to have worked for the Ross Tow Boat Company in Boston. This company was founded by a Ross from Cape Island who employed many men from the Island.

Winston died April 17, 1963. Amy died November 1996.

The Children of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904

5-4-18

Eva Lowell Brannen (1883-1948)

Eva was born in September 1883 on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958)

She married Arron Wall Jr. (1883-1948) Feb 17, 1904, in Boston she was age 21 and he was aged 23. It was their first marriage. He was a master mariner. They both gave their address as 113 Princeton Street. They had one child Norma L. (1922-??)

The 1910 US census found them living at 438 Meridian Street Boston MA. with her sister Minnie Brannen and a lodger named Ethel Powell. Arron was age 30, she was aged 28 and Minnie age 33. Eva and Minnie's immigration year was 1898. He was a towboat captain; Eva did not work, and Minnie was a waitress in a restaurant

In 1920 the US census recorded them as living at 21 Glendale, Everett, Mass. Both shown as age 36 She was a naturalized citizen, 1910. He was a master mariner on a steamship.

He joined the Masons January 1921. He gave his occupation as master mariner, born June 17, 1883. His card shows he died May 3, 1948.

The 1930 census has them living at 16 Lockland Arlington Mass, He was age 46 and she age 45, they had one child Norma L. age eight born in MA. He was a master mariner.

1940 US census found them at 16 Lockland Av. Arlington MA both were 56 years old. Daughter Norma was living with them. She was 18years old. He was a master mariner.

Both Eva and her husband were killed in an auto accident May 3, 1948, in Portland ME.

5-4-19

Wilfred Brannen (1884-1905)

Wilfred was born about 1884 on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958).

He was a plumber. He appears in the 1920, 1930 and 1940 US census as a plumber living in Concord NH. The census records show his birth date as 1887. The census of 1930 and 1940 shows him as married to Evelyn M., born about 1899. No children are listed in the census records.

He died January 22, 1905.

END

5-4-20

Claude Lester Ross Brannen (1885-1943)

Claude was born on August 25, 1885, at Stoney Island on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958).

He was shown as five years old in the 1900 US census. In the 1910 US census he was living with his widowed mother on Meridian St in Boston along with siblings. He was 25 and was a stenographer in an office.

He married Ethel Mae Powell in about 1910. She was the daughter of William Horn Powell (1860-1937) and Deborah Ross. They had two children, Ruth Vera Brannen (1911-1993) and Janice Powell Brannen (1932-1963).

The 1920 US census showed him living in Boston age 35. His immigration year is shown as 1894. Daughter Ruth was eight and a brother also lived with them. He became a naturalized citizen in 1905.

June 11, 1920, he became a member of the Masons. He gave his birthdate as Aug 25, 1885; born at Cape Sable Island. He was an estimating clerk. His membership card shows his death as July 4, 1943.

The 1940 US census found him at 15 Holden Rd. Belmont, MA aged 54 and investigator with Light and Power. Ethel was aged 50 and a daughter Janice age seven was with them. Ethel's mother Deborah Powell a widow aged 81 was also living with them.

He died July 4th, 1943, in South Caseo ME.

5-4-21

Elizabeth Brannen (C1886-C1889)

Elizabeth daughter of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958) died at age three according to Margaret Messenger's family tree. I have found no public records for her.

END

5-4-22

Minnie Lee Brannen (1887-1938)

Minnie was born in April 1887 at Stoney Island on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958).

Minnie appears in the 1900 US census as 13 years old. The 1910 US census she was shown as living on Meridian Street Boston with her sister Eva Brannen Wall. She was age 33, single and working as a waitress in a restaurant. Her immigration year was 1898.

She married Charles C. Sullivan (1888-1964). They had no children.

In the 1920 census she was living in Everett MA with Charles. There were no children. She was shown as a naturalized citizen.

In the 1930 census they were living with her mother and siblings on Lexington Street, Boston MA.

She died May 1, 1938, in Winthrop MA. Charles died April 1, 1964.

END

5-4-23

Jerome McDonald Brannen (1889-1943)



Jerome was born May 1, 1889, at Stoney Island on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958).

He appears in the 1900 US census as 11 years old living in Boston with his family. In the 1910 US census he was living with his widowed mother on Meridian Street in Boston MA. He was 20 years old. He was working as a wagon driver. His year of immigration was 1893.

In 1917 he registered for the US Draft he gave his birth as May 1, 1889. He was a naturalized US citizen. He was a machinist; he was single and supporting his mother.

December 30, 1918, he applied for a Seaman's Protection Certificate in New York City NY (See photo).

In 1921 he is listed in the Boston city directory as living at 96 Lexington in East Boston and working as a machinist. He appeared to be a border.

He died July 4, 1943. END

5-4-24

Richard Cartwright Brannen (1891-1978)

Richard was born February 16, 1891, at Stoney Island on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958).

In the 1910 US census he was living with his widowed mother on Meridian Street in Boston. He was 19 working in a shop as a machinist.

He married Salome Edna Powell (1893-1990) about 1913 on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of William Horn Powell (1860-1937) and Deborah Ross (1859-1942). They had one child, Eva L. P. (1916-1974).

In the 1920 census he was found living in Portsmouth NH. He was shown as a naturalized citizen age 28 and married to Salome. They had one child, Eva. He was a foreman machinist.

In the 1930 census he was age 39 living in Medford MA and working as a foreman at Steel Ship Works. In 1940 he was 49 still living in Medford with Salome.

He died at Stoney Island May 30, 1978, and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery there. Salome died in Windsor NS September 20, 1990, and is buried with Richard.

OBITUARY:

Richard Cartwright Brennan, 87, died Tues., May 30, 1978 in Roseway Hospital, Shelburne. Born in Stoney Island, he was a son of the late Andrew and Emma Ross Brennan. He was a member of Temple United Church; Philadelphia Masonic Lodge No. 47; and Balbec Lodge, in Everett, Mass. Surviving are his wife, the former Salome Powell, a granddaughter, Carolyn (Mrs. Charles W. Harper), in Oklahoma; a great grandson, Charles Harper, Jr.; a sister, Hazel (Mrs. Lee Peachy), Rockland, Mass. He was predeceased by a daughter, Eva, three brothers, Claude, Jerome, and Eben; five sisters, Eva, Minnie, Esther, Ella and Elizabeth.. Burial at Atlantic cemetery, Stoney Island.

5-4-25

Ella P. Brannen (1896-1969)

Ella was born July 1896 in Boston, MA. She was the daughter of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958).

She appears in the 1910 US census as age 14 living in Boston with her parents and siblings.

She married George H. Tibbets (1877-1942) from Boothbay Maine around 1930. They had one child, George Richard Tibbets (1931-2003).

Her husband George died July 26, 1942, in Boston MA. She died about 1969.

5-4-26

Esther Trott Brannen (1898-??)

Esther was born February 1898 in Carver MA. She was the daughter of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958).

The 1900 US census shows her age two living in Boston MA with both her parents and siblings

She appears in the 1910 US census as age 11 living in Boston with her widowed mother and siblings.

She first married Leroy Edson Ford (1885-1918) who died early at age 33 in 1918. They had one daughter Phillis Marie Ford (1916-2008). Phillis was adopted by Elmer and Ruth LaCoste and appears age 13 in the 1930 US Census.

Esther married Lewis Clifford Cook (1884-1936) in 1921. He was born in Provincetown MA.

In the 1930 US census there is a Esther Cook age 32 no children married to Lewis, a department store manager and living in Philadelphia PA 3218 Baring Street he was 45 and had been married previously and had on child Richard Cook (1909-1944).

Her date of passing and location are unknown. He died April 21, 1936, in Philadelphia.

5-4-27

Hazel May Brannen (1900-1988)



Hazel was born May 18, 1900, in Boston MA. She was the daughter of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958).

She was nine years old in the 1910 census living with her widowed mother and five siblings

She married Leo Augustine Peachey in Nashua NH April 25, 1923. She was 22 living in Boston and employed as a saleslady. It was a first marriage for both.

In the 1930 US census she was living 1414 Easter Av Malden age 29 there were three children Gloria A age six, Irene L. age five and Eleanor P. age three. He was a gas fitter at a gas company. Gloria was born in Pennsylvania Irene and Eleanor were born in Massachusetts.

In the 1940 census she is living in 545 Newport Av Quincy with Leo and children Gloria age 16, Eileen age 15, Eleanor age 13 and Leo Jr age nine. Leo was foreman for a gas company.

In the 1943 Quincy city directory they were living at 545 Newport Av. Wosley. He was assistant supernatant BC Gas Co. Daughter Eileen who lived with them was a bookkeeper.

The 1951 Quincy city directory has Leo and Hazel at 545 Newport and also Leo A. Jr., a student and Eleanor P., a stenographer for BC Gas Co.

Her husband Leo died May 2, 1953, in Quincy MA. She died 8 March 1988. Her last residence was Arlington MA.

5-4-28

Ebenezer T. Brannen (1903-1903)

Ebenezer was born on May 31 1903 in Boston MA. He was the youngest son of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Emma Crowell Ross (1864-1958). He died July 12, 1903, also in Boston MA.

END

FIFTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF MARY ESSA BRANNEN (1877-1945)

5-5-1

Margaret Bateman (1899-1906)

Margaret was born July 25, 1899, on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

She appeared in the 1901 census.

She died July 1906 in Shelburne NS and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery in Stoney Island.

END

5-5-2

Oneita Pearl Bateman (1900-1920)



Pearl was born about 1900 on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

She died at age 20 in July 5, 1920, as a result of childbirth. Her child Neta Pearl Bateman (1920-2007) survived.

STORY:

My mother, sister Barbara and I went to CSI in the early 2000s and I found lots of details of my mother's birth. Her mother Pearl Bateman was in late pregnancy without anyone knowing. The presumed father of her child was Judah Smith. Pearl went into labor at her employer's home and I guess no one could stop the postpartum bleeding and Pearl died. My gr. grandfather John Matthew Bateman took my mother to the family home and raised her as their own. He however vowed to hunt down and kill Judah, so Judah decided to move to Yarmouth. In her 80s my mother agreed to answer my questions. She said that she began to realize that John Bateman wasn't her father when some islanders told her to say "Hi" for them to her grandfather.....An e-mail from Judy DeWitt 2013

END

Lydia Catherine Bateman (1902-1991)



Lyd was born October 10, 1902, on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

She married Hugh (Hep) Chase (1895-1968) in May 1928. He was the son of Wilber Chase and Adria J. Cunningham. They had no children of their own but took in and raised a child of her sister Emily Bateman (1904-1981) and Arthur Rennehan (1898-1929) after his father was killed in 1929. The child was Arthur Rennehan Jr.

Lyd was a schoolteacher who taught in various Island schools throughout her career. She was noted for being "strict".

Lyd and Hep lived in the house across the road to the lane to McGray's wharf.

Hep died in 1968 and Lyd remarried in 1980. Her second husband was Claud Atkinson son of Moses Atkinson and Jane Cunningham.

Lyd died November 26 1991 in Barrington Passage NS.

END

5-5-4

Emily Jane Bateman (1904-1961)



Emily was born about March 14, 1904, at Stoney Island, Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957). She was married three times; her first marriage was to Arthur Grant Rennehan (1898-1929) on March 14, 1920, in Boston MA. He was the son of William Rennehan and Virginia Newell. They had two children, a daughter Mildred Eva (1925-2006), and Arthur Melvin Rennehan Jr. (1924-2000). Arthur Sr. was killed in work accident in the US in 1929. After Arthur Sr. died Emily's sister Lyd and her husband raised Arthur Jr. Her daughter Mildred was raised by Sherben Lowell Brannen (1882-1957) and his wife Muriel Atkinson. Emily may have had a third child out of wedlock who was given up for adoption. Her second marriage was to Randall Lowell Atkinson (1904-1966) December 19, 1932, at Centreville. He was the son of John R. Rennehan and Caroline Brown. On their marriage certificate she listed her name as Rennehan, age 28, a widow, and a domestic. Randall died September 17, 1966.

Emily married two more times: Charles Waybrat (1898-1988) the son of William Waybrat and Carrie Atwood and Timothy William Forman Ross (1910-1988).

Emily died March 24, 1981, on Cape Sable Island and is buried in River Head NS.

STORY:

Emily did have 2 children by her husband, her daughter Mildred and son Arthur Rennehan Emily was widowed young. Her husband was killed in an accident while working in the States. Sometime later she became pregnant by a local And the boy baby was adopted. Aunt Emily also gave her son Arthur to Aunt Lyd to raise which she did.

From an e-mail from Judy DeWitt August 2015

END

5-5-5

Eula Mae Bateman (1905-1989)



Eula was born about September 4, 1905, at Stoney Island, Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957). She briefly taught school on the Island.

She married Cornelius F. Ross (1892-1937) on August 19, 1926. He was the son of Warren Ross and Frances Atkinson. He was a fisherman He died of a broken back when a boat fell over on him December 27, 1937. He is buried in Stoney Island.

Her second husband was Hartley William Atkinson (1915-1939). He was the son of Edgar V. Atkinson and Mariam Cunningham. He died of a heart attack at age 23 and is buried in Stoney Island.

She married for the third time to Albert R. (Darb) Nickerson (1913-1968) in about 1937. He was the son of Collins Nickerson and Anna E. McKinnon.

Darb died in January 1968 on Cape sable Island and is buried in Lower Clark's Harbour.

She died December 22, 1989, in Armview NS and is buried in Evergreen cemetery Lower Clark's Harbour NS.

END

5-5-6

Margaret Delle Bateman (1906-1990)



Margaret was born July about 1906 on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957). She was given the name Margaret as her sister with that name had died shortly before her birth.

She married William (Willie) Hansen a native of Norway.

Margaret and her husband had no children of their own but took in a baby born to her sister Eva and raised him as their own. He was named Robert and went by the last name Hansen.

They lived in Stamford Connecticut in the mid 1950`s.

She died June 28, 1990, in Shelburne NS and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery in Stoney Island.

STORY:

Margaret did marry a William Hansen and had no children of her own. She did take a baby born to her sister Eva and raised Robert as her own with "Willie" as he was known. They took in another unrelated young woman known to Willie as a favor so she could go to school in Connecticut, USA.

When my sister Barbara and I returned to the states from CSI. We lived with Great Aunt Marg and Uncle Willie in Stamford for a school year while our parents relocated from Texas.

They were very kind and happy to help family in hard times. Willie was said to be from Norway originally, and jumped ship in the states where he met Margaret.

From an e-mail from Judy DeWitt August 2015

END

5-5-7

Archibald Smith Bateman (1908-1996)



Smith was born on October 23, 1908, at Stoney Island on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

He married Laura Matilda Brannen (1911-1961) December 7, 1929. They had four children: -Janette Adaline (1930-),-Mary Julia (1932-1998),-Lydia Prue (1934-), and -Sandra Dale (1939)

They later divorced. The four children were raised by Laura.

He married Estelle Marie Boissonneault (1912-2010) in Portsmouth NH Nov 28, 1942. He gave his address Boston, no street address. It was his second marriage he was aged 34 divorced from Laura Brannen. He was listed as a seaman. Estelle was age 30. It was her second marriage. She was divorced from Shirley Jeremiah Brannen. She gave her address as 10 Greenwich, Boston MA. Her parents were listed as Edward Boissonneault age 50 living in Roxbury and born in Lowell MA. Her mother was Alexandra Boucher deceased.

After his retirement they moved back to Nova Scotia and built a home there.

He died in 1996 and is buried in River Dale Cemetery at Oak Park NS. Estelle Died April 25, 2010, and is buried with him in River Head NS.

END

5-5-8

Eva Lolo Bateman (1910-2000)



Eva was born on March 16, 1911, on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

According to Judy DeWitt, Eva had a child out of wedlock. He was named Robert and taken by Eva's older sister Margaret Bateman-Hansen (1899-1990) and Willie Hansen. They raised him as their own.

Eva married John Lombardo in Massachusetts. He was a taxi driver Eva and John moved to Centreville and built a house on the north side of the McGray's wharf lane in the early 1950s. He first ran a service station in North East Point and then became a school bus driver for many years. She died in about 2000.

END

5-5-9

Donald Eugene Bateman (1913-1969)



Donald was born September 13, 1913, at Stoney Island on Cape Sable Island to Mary Essa Brannen (1877-1945) and John Bateman (1875-1957).

He married Marie Alice Newell (1924-2006) September 24, 1955. She was the daughter of Harold Newell and Elizabeth Ross. They had one child Gladys born in 1956.

He lived in Centreville taking over his parent's home when his father died in 1957.

He died June 19, 1969, on Cape Sable Island and is buried in the Centreville cemetery. Marie died in 2006.

END

THE CHILD OF SHURBEN BRANNEN (1882-1957)

5-5-10

Clifford Atwood-Brannen (1909-1996)

Clifford was adopted by Shurben Lowell Brannen (1882-1957) and Muriel Atkinson (1886-1953). His last name was originally Atwood.

He married Ruth G. Ross (1909-1982) October 19, 1929. She was the daughter of Stillman and Sarah Ross. They had five children only three lived past infancy, Lowell, Ross and Janice.

He was in the Merchant Marine during WWII.

He appears in the 1949 and 1963 voter's list as a fisherman at Stoney Island.

Ruth died in 1982 and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery at Stoney Island NS.

Clifford died February 4, 1996, in the Roseway Hospital at Sandy Point NS and is buried with Ruth.

STORY:

Brannen, Clifford Atwood

Canadian Merchant Army. Born 18 June 1909 in The Hawk, Cape Sable — Island, Shelburne County; died 4 February 1996 at Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point, Shelburne County. Adopted son of Shurben Lowell and Muriel Estelle (Atkinson) Brannen. Married on 14 October 1929 Genevieve "Ruth" Ross. They had two sons, Lowell and Ross, a daughter, Janice, and two daughters who died in infancy. Buried at Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island.

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OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Clifford Atwood - 86, Stoney Island, Shelburne Co., died February 4, 1996, in Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point. Born at The Hawk, he was a son of the late Shurban and Muriel (Atkinson) Brannen. He was a veteran of the Second World War, serving in the merchant marine. Surviving are sons, Lowell, Stoney Island; Ross, Clam Point; daughter, Mrs. Janice Nickerson, Dartmouth; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Ruth Ross; two infant daughters; brother, Cecil Atwood; sister, Geneva Storey. . Burial in Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island.

END

THE CHILDREN OF MARELLA MAUDE BRANNEN (1877-1959)

6-5-11

Volena Gertrude Smith (1896-1985)



Volena was the oldest child of Marella Maude Brannen (1877-1959) and Wallace Bradley Smith (1873-1945). She was born July 6, 1897, at North East Point NS.

She appeared in the 1901 census as age three years and in the 1911 census as age 14.

She married Kenneth Alfred Crowell (1898-1964) March 2 1917. They had six children:

1. Wesley Crowell (1917-1917)
2. Lillian Maude Crowell (1918-1974)
3. Frasier Millet Burnette Crowell (1919-1995)
4. Melvin Burnette Crowell (1923-2008)
5. Milford Wallace Crowell (1935-2007)
5. Rose Crowell

Kenneth died June 24, 1964, in Centreville. Volina died at Sandy Point May 20, 1985.

END

5-5-12

Esther Martina Smith (1900-1965)

Esther was the child of Marella Maude Brannen (1877-1959) and Wallace Bradley Smith (1873-1945). She was born April 8, 1900, at North East Point NS.

She appeared in the 1901 census as eleven months old. In the 1911 census she was shown as age 12 and 1921 she was shown as age 21 living in Clam Point with her parents.

She married Sydney Wynelieg Nickerson a widower, on October 30, 1926, in Barrington NS. He was the son of William Lewis Nickerson (1870-1925) and Willemina Purdy (1877-1948). Esther was age 26, a housekeeper at the time of her marriage. They do not appear to have had children.

She died November 29, 1965, in Barrington NS. Sydney died in Windsor NS December 26 1973.

END

5-5-13

Mary Elizabeth Smith (1901-1913)

Mary was the child of Marella Maude Brannen (1877-1959) and Wallace Bradley Smith (1873-1945). She was born in March 1907 at North East Point NS.

She appeared in the 1911 census as age four.

She appears to have died young in 1913.

END

THE CHILDREN OF SARAH ELLEN BRANNEN (1878-??)

5-5-14

Rona Gertrude Trott (1900-1979)



Rona was born on December 24 1900 at Stoney Island NS. She was the daughter of Sarah Ellen Brannen (1878-1963?) and Allan Wood Trott (1870-??).

She appeared in the 1901 census as one year old living with her parents in Stoney Island NS.

She appeared in the 1920 census living on Brooks Street in Boston with her father and five siblings

She married Joseph Fredrick Hipwell (1900-1965) July 18, 1926, in Boston. They had two daughters: Gertrude Alice Hipwell (1929-1996) and Ina L. Hipwell (1927-).

The 1930 census showed them living next to her sister Anna, her husband and two children.

Her naturalizations form in 1945 shows her birth date as December 24, 1900, and her date of arrival in the US as April 1, 1901. Her weight was shown as 191 pounds.

He died December 8, 1965, in Boston MA.

She died February 15, 1979, in Beverley MA. END

5-5-15

Anna Trott (1903-1999)

Anna was born June 29, 1903, at Stoney Island NS. She was the daughter of Sarah Ellen Brannen (1878-??) and Allan Wood Trott (1870-1963?). She gave her birthdate on her immigration form as 1904.

She appeared in the 1920 census living on Brooks Street in Boston with her father and five siblings. Her mother was not shown in the household.

She married George Coleman Connelly (1899-1970) in 1926. He was the son of Thomas J. Connelly and Brigit Beatty. They had at least three children: Anna born about 1927 and Robert J.

In the 1930 census she was living next door to her sister Rona and her family. There was one child, Anna age three, her son had not yet been born.

His 1942 draft registration card gave his age as 42

George died June 22, 1970. She died September 30, 1999, her death registration indicates her birthdate was 1904

END

5-5-16

Vera Trott (1904-??)



Vera was born on December 21, 1904, at Stoney Island NS. She was the daughter of Sarah Ellen Brannen (1878-1963?) and Allan Wood Trott (1870-??).

She appeared in the 1920 census living on Brooks Street in Boston with her father and five siblings. Her mother was not shown in the household.

She married John Jones on August 2, 1928, in Boston.

In the 1930 census she was shown as 24 and living in Revere. In the 1940 census she was shown as 35 in Revere with no children.

She petitioned for citizenship in 1940 and indicated no children. She gave birth date as December 21, 1904.

On September 2, 1949, and September 19, 1954, she was a passenger on the "Boston boat".

END

5-5-17

Ina Trott (1905-1988)

Ina was born November 14, 1905, at Stoney Island NS. She was the daughter of Sarah Ellen Brannen (1878-1963?) and Allan Wood Trott (1870-??).

She appeared in the 1920 census living on Brooks Street in Boston with her father and five siblings. Her mother was not shown in the household

She married Edmund J. Gleason (1898-1963) in 1922. They had three children: Dorothy Francis (1922-1994), Joseph Andrew (1926-1992), and Edmund Jr, who was born about 1937.

They appeared in the 1930 census. She was aged 35 and he was 42 years old. The two children were with them.

In the 1940 census they had three children living with them.

She died July 29, 1988, in Winthrop MA. Edmund died in 1963.

END

5-5-18

Maude Trott (1907-1957)

Maude was born about 1907 at Stoney Island NS. She was the daughter of Sarah Ellen Brannen (1878-1963?) and Allan Wood Trott (1870-??). Maude was the youngest child of the marriage.

She appeared in the 1920 and 1930 census. She was living with father. Her mother Sarah was not in the household. She was shown as age 21 in the 1930 census.

In the 1940 census she was shown as an inmate of the Monson State Hospital in Monson MA. She was aged 33 and had been there since at least 1935.

She died January 17, 1957, in Revere MA.

She was not mentioned in her brother Andrew's 1961 obituary.

END

5-5-19

Andrew Joseph Trott (1908-1961)

Andrew was born on December 8, 1908, at Stoney Island NS. She was the daughter of Sarah Ellen Brannen (1878-1963?) and Allan Wood Trott (1870-??).

He appeared in the 1920 census living on Brooks Street in Boston with his father and five siblings. Her mother was not shown in the household

In the 1930 census age 23, living at home with his father, sister Maude and his sister Ina and her husband and children.

On his 1940 draft registration card he gave his birthdate as December 8, 1908, and he indicated he was living with his sister Ina Gleason.

Andrew died October 6, 1961. I can find no indication that he had married.

OBITUARY:

TROTT-In Revere. formerly of East Boston. Oct. 6. Andrew. beloved son of_ Alward and the late Sarah (Brennan) Trott. brother of Gertrude Hipwell, Anna Connelly, Vera Jones and Ina Gleason. Interment at Treamor Momorial. 726Saratoga Street., East Treanor

END

THE CHILDREN OF ROBERT HENRY BRANNEN (1879-1956)

5-5-20

Joseph Everett Brannen (1911-1995)



Joseph was born in Clark's Harbour October 9, 1911, to Robert Henry Brannen (1879-1956) and Elizabeth Belle Crowell (1891-1967).

The 1921 Canadian census showed him age nine living at Stoney Island. He was a student living with parents and two siblings.

He married Matilda (Mattie) Belle Penney (1919-2008) in 1939 on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of Lewis Churchill Penney (1881-1952) and Bessie Kenney (1885-1980). They lived in Stoney Island and had three children, Cecil W. (1941-), Joseph Jr. (1943-) and Emerson (1944-)

He died September 16, 1995, at Yarmouth and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery. Mattie died August 17, 2008, and is buried with Joseph.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Joseph (Everett) - 83, Stoney Island, Shelburne Co., died September 16, 1995, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born at Clark's Harbour, he was a son of the late Robert and Belle (Crowell) Brannen. Surviving are his wife, the former Mattie Penney; sons, Cecil, Clark's Harbour; Joseph R., Stoney Island; Emerson, Barrington; brother,

George, Stoney Island; sister, Mrs. Genevieve Frelick, Stoney Island; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.. Burial in Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island.

OBITUARY:

Brannen, Mattie Belle, 88, Tidal View Manor, Yarmouth, formerly of Stoney Island, Shelburne County, died August 14, 2008 at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born in Clark's Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Churchill and Bessie (Kenney) Penney. She attended the Stoney Island United Baptist Church. She was a member of the Atlantic Cemetery Club. She loved to knit and read and never gave up on her faith. She is survived by sons, Cecil (Sally), Clark's Harbour, Joseph, Stoney Island, Emerson (Evelyn), Barrington.; sister, Nora Swansburg, Little Harbour; 5 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Everett; brothers, Cecil, Leslie; sister, Susie. Visitation was 2-4p.m. & 7-9p.m., Saturday from the H. Huskilson's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m., Sunday from the Stoney Island United Baptist Church, Pastor Dan Dunnett officiating. Burial took place in the Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island

END

5-5-21

Geneva Gertrude Brannen (1916-2006)



Geneva was born Mach 29 1916 at Stoney Island to Robert Henry Brannen (1879-1956) and Elizabeth Belle Crowell (1891-1967).

She married Earl Raymond Frelick (1900-??) from Mersey Point NS around 1936. He was the son of Howard Frelick. They had one child, Robert Frelick.

The 1945 voters list showed an Earl Frelick, Army, home address Mersey Point Queens County. In the 1957 voters list are listed as living on 129 Elm Street Halifax. He was in the army.

Earl R. Frelick had a telephone listing showing a Stoney Island address from 1995 to 2002.

Earl and Mrs. Earl Frelick appear on the voters list in Stoney Island. He was a fisherman.

He died May 12, 1992, and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery in Stoney Island NS.

Geneva died in Yarmouth NS December 6 2006. Her obituary appeared in the Halifax Chronicle Herald.

END

5-5-22

Lloyd George Brannen (1920-1996)



Lloyd (Putt) was born in Stoney Island about 1920 to Robert Henry Brannen (1879-1956) and Elizabeth Belle Crowell (1891-1967). In the 1921 census he was shown as age one living in Stoney Island.

He served in the army during WWII.

He had a long-term relationship with Dena Banks. They do not appear to have children.

He died at Stoney Island January 12, 1996, and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Lloyd George - 75, Stoney Island, Shelburne Co., died January 12, 1996, at home. Born at Stoney Island, he was a son of the late Robert Henry and Lizzie Belle (Crowell) Brannen. Surviving are his common law wife, Dena Banks, Roseway Manor, Sandy Point; sister, Geneva Frelick, Stoney Island. He was predeceased by brother, Everett. Visitation 7-9 p.m. tonight, 2-4, 7-9 p.m. Sunday in H. Huskilson's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral 2 p.m. Monday in H. Huskilson's Memorial Chapel, Barrington, Rev. Derek Hollett officiating. Burial in Atlantic Cemetery.

END

THE CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN K. BRANNEN (1882-1958)

5-5-23

Irvin Brannen (1919-2001)

Irvin was the oldest child of Benjamin K. Brannen (1882-1958) and Mildred Nellie Oliva Ross (1902-1998). He was born about 1919 on Cape Island.

He married Rita Mae Martell (1829-2015) in Halifax Jun 29, 1944, She was from Cape Briton NS. They had no children.

He appeared in the Stoney Island voters list of 1949 as a fisherman along with Mrs. Irvin Brannen.

Irvin died at age 81 June 22, 2001, in Arichat NS. Rita died March 1, 2015, in Little Anse NS.

STORY:

Brannen, Irvin Royal Canadian Army. Born in 1920 in Stoney Island, Shelburne County;. died 22 June 2001 at St Anne's Centre, Arichat at the age of 81. Son of Benjamin and Nellie (Ross) Brannen. Married Rita Martell. Following his five years of service, Irvin worked at Booth Fisheries and the Fisherman's Co-op in Petit de Grat for 13 years. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 47, St. Peters. Buried at Star of the Sea Cemetery, Petit de Gras.

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END

5-5-24

Seretha Edwina Brannen (1924-1947)

Seretha was the child of Benjamin K. Brannen (1882-1958) and Mildred Nellie Oliva Ross (1902-1998). She was born at Stoney Island on Cape Sable Island April 4, 1924.

It is believed she married Alpheus Fulton Kendrick (1925-2008) about 1947. He was the son of Joseph Fulton Kendrick (1899-1966) and Mary Ellen Church (1903-2008).

He had been married previously and had five children. They had one child Allen Irvin Kendrick (1947-1951) who died young. October 27, 1947. She died in the Shelburne Hospital from complications of child birth a few days after her son was born.

Alpheus married again. He died in Yarmouth October 4 2008 and is buried in the Old Kirk cemetery in North East Point with his second wife.

END

5-5-25

Sarah Evangeline Brannen (1937-2000)

Sarah was the child of Benjamin K. Brannen (1882-1958) and Mildred Nellie Oliva Ross (1902-1998). She was born on April 20, 1937, on Cape Sable Island.

She married Howard Waybret (1937-1981) July 28, 1956.

They had one child Christina Marie (1957-1957) who died shortly after birth.

Howard died February 23, 1981, in Shelburne. Sarah died about March 2000 in Yarmouth NS.

END

5-5-26

Mary Brannen (1927-1943)

Mary was the child of Benjamin K. Brannen (1882-1958) and Mildred Nellie Oliva Ross (1902-1998) she was born August 1, 1927, on Cape Island.

She was about 15 years old when she died September 19, 1943, in Yarmouth NS.

END

5-5-27

Robert Owen Brannen (1932-2016)

Owen was the child of Benjamin K. Brannen (1882-1958) and Mildred Nellie Oliva Ross (1902-1998). He was born July 26, 1932, on Cape Sable Island.

Owen married Mary Evangeline Nickerson, the daughter of Delmar Nickerson and Lavinia Nickerson in 1957. They appear to have only one child, Robert Leigh Brannen.

In 1969 he purchased the house and property in Clam Point that was owned and built by Joseph Brannen (1820-1845) which had recently been owned by his father.

Owen died November 7, 2016.

OBITUARY:

Robert Owen Brannen, 84, Bay Side Home, Barrington, died on Monday, November 7, 2016 at the Bay Side Home. Born at Stoney Island, he was a son of the late Benjamin and Nellie (Ross) Brannen. He enjoyed watching the ox hauls at the exhibition. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Evangeline Nickerson and son, Robert Leigh (Olive), Shag Harbour. He was predeceased by a brother, Irving; sisters, Seretha, Mary, Sarah.. Burial will be in the Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island

OBITUARY.

BRANNEN, Mary Evangeline "Vangie" - 86, Bay Side Home, Barrington passed away March 12, 2020 at Bay Side Home. Born at Clark's Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Delmar and Lavinia Nickerson. In her younger years she enjoyed playing Bingo. She loved her animals, especially cats. She is survived by her son, Robert Leigh (Olive) Brannen, Shag Harbour. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Robert "Owen" Brannen; brothers, Mervin Nickerson, Raymond Nickerson in infancy; and sister, Addie. There will be no visitation by request.. Interment to follow in the Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island

END

THE CHILD OF ARCHIBALD CLAYTON BRANNEN (1885-1963)

5-5-28

Robert Clarence Brannen (1920-2011)



Robert was an adopted child of Archibald Clayton Brannen (1885-1963) and Etta Nickerson (1883-1963). He was born at Stoney Island March 11, 1920. His biological parents were Burkley Reed and Mildred Ross.

He married Hillary Crowell (1924-1983) the daughter of Richard Crowell and Ora Nickerson. Together they had four children, Mildred, Joan, Stanley and Sharon. Hillary brought a child Gary Crowell into the marriage.

Robert was a veteran of both WWII and the Korean conflict and made a career in the Army. After retirement he became a fisherman.

Hillary was also a WWII veteran of the RCAF.

Hillary died September 25, 1983.

Robert remarried to Ada Bower.

He died October 14, 2011, and is buried in the Evergreen cemetery in Lower Clark's Harbour.

STORY:

BRANNEN, Robert WWII

Robert joined the army in 1941. In 1943, he went to England with the 23rd Armoured Regiment and on to Normandy. Robert is now retired and living in Clyde River, NS.

Submitted by Kingston Branch #098, The Royal Canadian Legion.

STORY:

Dad and his brother, their grandparents were William Roland Reed and Mary Ellis Quillin from Stoney Island, Their Parents were Burkley Reed and Mildred (Ross) My Dads great aunt was Bessie (Reed) Lowe from Clarks Harbour.

From a FACEBOOK note of Sharon Brannen Wiese Feb 19 2013

Sharon Brannen Wiese 1:28pm Jul 21 Hi bruce, The picture you seen in the magazine was of my father he was in ww2 and korea, his biological parents names were berkley and mildred (ross) Reed. His adoptive parents were Archibald and Etta (nickerson) brannen. He was adopted at the age of five. Dad was born March 5,1920 and he died October 14,2011. My moms name was Hilary (crowell) Brannen. I have three siblings, Mildred (legere), Joan (nickerson) and a deceased brother Stanley brannen. I move back to cape island last year and live in clarks harbour

He served in th Korean War as a Guardsman Royal 22nd Regiment, Canadian Grenadier Guards

OBITUARY:

Brannen, Robert Clarence, 91, Clyde River, Shelburne County passed away on Friday, October 14, 2011 at the Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point. Born at Stoney Island, on March 11, 1920 he was a son of the late Burkley and Mildred (Ross) Reed. He was a veteran of World War II and The Korean War.

He served in the Canadian Army for approximately 20 years, serving in Normandy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. After his retirement from the Military, he was a fisherman fishing out of Cape Sable Island. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 148, Clark's Harbour. He is survived by his second wife Ada (Bower); step son, Gary (Dorothy) Crowell, South Side; daughters, Mildred (David) Legere, Berwick, Joan Nickerson (Roy Stubbs), Cornwallis, Sharon (Dan) Wiese, Dalhousie, N.B.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; a great-great granddaughter. He was predeceased by his first wife, Hilary (Crowell); son Stanley (Flora); brothers, Bernard, Donald, Ralph, Albert. Visitation took place from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m., Monday at the H. Huskilson's Funeral Home, Barrington, where the funeral was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 18 at the H. Huskilson's Memorial Chapel, Barrington, Pastor Adam Renouf

officiated. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Lower Clark's Harbour. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Lung Association, Canadian Cancer Society, Royal Canadian Legion or charity of your choice.

OBITUARY:

Hillary Thelma Brannen, 59, Clyde River, died Sunday,

25 September, 1983 in Yarmouth Regional Hospital Born In Clark's Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Richard and Ora (Nickerson) Crowell.

She was a member 'of the United Baptist Church, Clark's Harbour and the Rebekah Lodge 49, Riverside, Royal Canadian Legion, branch 148, Clark's Harbour.

She was a Veteran of the Second World War, having served with the RCAF, women's division. She is survived by her husband, Robert; two sons, Stanley, The Hawk; Gary Crowell, South Side; three daughters, Mildred (Mrs. David Legere), Petawawa, Ont.; Mrs. Joan Nickerson, The Hawk; Sharon (Mrs. Nell Trivett), Cornwailis; and 13 grandchildren. The body is In Kenny's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral will be 2p.m. Thursday in United Baptist Church, Clark's Harbour, Rev. Frank Hudgins officiating, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Lower Clark's

THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM WILDER BRANNEN (1886-1967)

5-5-29

Rodney William Brannen (1914-1934)



Rodney was the oldest son of William Wilder (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967) and Hildred Innes Penney (1893-1948). He was born at Stoney Island September 6, 1914.

He was a fisherman and was drown April 24, 1934, when the boat he and his brother Joe were in, capsized near shore.

He was only aged 20 and had never married.

STORY:

He was returning home with his brother Joe April 1934 from tending their traps when their boat capsized. Although the accident happened near shore and in only six feet of water he was drown. His brother was rescued by his father who was in a nearby fishing boat. (Lost Mariners V2)

END

5-5-30

Lucilla Alice Brannen (1916-2002)



Alice was born March 18, 1916, at Stoney Island. She was the daughter of William Wilder (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967) and Hildred Innes Penney (1893-1948).

She married Dayson (Dace) Jethro Quinlan (1909-1985) February 9, 1932. He was the son of Murdock Quinlan and Gertrude Mae Nickerson. They had five children:

1. Andrew Eugene Quinlan (1931-??)
2. William Murdock Quinlan (1933-1933)
3. Milton Rodney Quinlan (1937-1966)
4. Horton Joseph Quinan (1944-)
5. Asa Roy Quinlan (1947-)

Dace began as a fisherman and just as the war broke out a storm smashed his gear and instead of re-equipping he enlisted in the army for the duration.

After the war he worked at the Kenney and Ross plant at Stoney Island until it burned. His health declined and he retired. He died June 3, 1985.

Alice died November 16, 2002. She is buried with Dace in the Atlantic Cemetery.

OBITUARY:

QUINLAN (Brannen), L. Alice Kathleen - 86, Stoney Island, died Saturday, November 16, 2002, in Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point. Born in Centreville, she was a daughter of the late William and Hildred (Penney) Brannen. She was a member of the United Baptist Church and a member of the Missionary Society, Stoney Island. Alice was a dedicated housewife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be missed by all those that knew her and loved her. She is survived by sons, Andrew, New Castle, Ont.; Horton (Marjorie), Bear Point; Roy (Marie), Barrington Passage; grandchildren, Andrew Jr. Gregory, Steven, Ronda, Leslie, Callie, Lori; great-grandchildren, Jeffrey, Shawn, Riley, Jacey, Dayson, Karley. She was predeceased by husband, Dayson; sons, Milton and infant son, William; brothers, Rodney, Joseph, Herbert, Frederick, Asa and Paul; sisters, Blanche and Eva. Interment will be in Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

OBITUARY:

Dayson J. Quinlan, 75, passed away on Monday, June 3, 1985, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

Born in Stoney Island, he was a son of the late Merdock and (Nickerson) Quinlan.

He was a veteran of the First World War. (Actually WWII)

He is survived by his wife of former Alice Brannen; three sons, Andrew, Newcastle, Ontario; Horton, Stoney Island; and Roy, Shag Harbour; three brothers, Andrew, Weymouth, Mass., William and Douglas, both of Clark's Harbour; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Huskins, Villagedale; Priscilla (Mrs. Angelo Danti, Hanson, Mass., and Rita, (Mrs. Edward Feenar), Liverpool; seven grandchildren and a great grandson.

He was predeceased by two sons, William and Milton; four brothers, Harris, Avery, Nathaniel, and Melbourne; a sister Nervie. Burial was in Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island.

STORY:

Quinlan, Dayson Jethro F16704 Gunner. Royal Canadian Artillery. Born 9 June 1909 in Stoney Island, Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County; died 3 June 1985 at Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Son of Murdoch Morrison and Gertrude May (Nickerson) Quinlan. Married Alice Kathleen Brannen on 9 February 1932 at the Parsonage, Centreville, Cape Sable Island. Their children were: William, Milton, Horton, Asa "Roy" and Andrew. Dayson enlisted 15 January 1941 in Halifax and trained in Sydney and in

Gaspe. He served in Artillery Shore Defense in Sydney and also at Government Point, Shelburne. His duties were to help control the submarine nets at the inner entrance to Shelburne Harbour and to tow large targets out to sea for shore guns practice. Following the war he worked for Kenney Ross Fish Reduction and operated a small family run salt fish plant. Buried at Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island.

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5-5-31

Joseph Wallace Brannen (1917-2001)



Joe was born July 27, 1917, at Stoney Island. He was the son of William Wilder (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967) and Hildred Innes Penney (1893-1948).

He was returning home with his brother Rodney April 1934 after tending their traps when their boat capsized near shore in only six feet of water. Rodney drowned but Joe was rescued by his father who was in a nearby boat. (Lost Mariners V2)

He enlisted on October 7, 1939, and served overseas in WWII. He saw action in Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium and Holland. Although not wounded he did contract malaria. Joe received his official discharge on July 24, 1945.

He married Amanda Amy Smith (1925-) the daughter of Roy Smith and Georgina Quinlan February 28, 1948. They had one child, Joseph Wallace Brannen Jr., born in 1952.

After discharge he and his brother Fred opened a grocery store in Stoney Island. Joe obtained an appointment as Postmaster in Stoney Island September 16, 1948. Fred re-enlisted in the army and Joe carried on the business until July 18, 1962.

He died in Halifax June 22, 2002, and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery in Stoney Island.

STORY:

He was returning home with his brother Rodney April 1934 from tending their traps when their boat capsized. Although the accident happened near shore and in only six feet of water. Rodney was drown. Joe was rescued by his father who was in a nearby fishing boat. (Lost Mariners V2)

STORY:

Joseph was only married once...that was to Amy Smith and together they had one son, Wallace, who is deceased...Joseph did father 3 other children with Flora (Cameron) Matheson who he had an affair with...she was married at the time and the children (triplets...2 boys, one girl) were given up for adoption. They were all adopted together by a couple who may have lived in Quebec....

Message from Marlene Ross Atkinson niece October 24 2018

STORY:

Brannen, Joseph Wallace Corporal. West Nova Scotia Regiment. Royal Canadian Army. Born 25 July 1917 in Centreville,. Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County; died 22 June 2002 at his home in Halifax. Son of William Weldon and Hildred Innes (Penny) Brannen. Married Amy Amanda Smith 21 February 1948. They had a son Wallace. Joseph enlisted on 1 October 1939 in Shelburne228 and was trained in Bridgewater until December 1939. He crossed on the troop-ship Chrobry and was stationed, along with his brother Fred, in England performing defense work, and guard duties. After five months together Joe and Fred were transferred. Joe's regiment marched 285 miles in fourteen days while on maneuvers in the Tiger Scheme. Joe also did mountain training in Krief, Scotland. From there he went to Sicily where he was transferred to a tank platoon and promoted to. corporal. After three bouts of malaria, his division moved into northwest Europe, where he was given the chance to go to Brussels to meet up with Fred. Joe returned home on 15 June 1945.229 Overall Joseph served in England, Sicily, Italy, Holland and Belgium. -Joe was the charter president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch

148, Clark's Harbour and served again as president in 1973 and 1985. He owned a store and also ran the Post Office. In 1990 he was the recipient of the Nova Scotia Award for Exceptional Volunteer Service for the District of Barrington. Buried at Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island. (Photo courtesy Shelburne Coast Guard)

Veterans of Shelburne County V-2

STORY:

Joe was born on Cape Sable Island, NS in 1917. 'Cape Island' was home except for the war years, 1939-1945. He was a veteran of the World War Two, discharged as a Corporal at the end of hostilities. He was with the West Nova Scotia Regiment and served in the United Kingdom, Central Mediterranean (Italy) and Continental Europe (Holland). He was a charter president of Branch 148, R.C.L., as well as a Life Member and recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. Joe was an active Legion member until shortly before his death in 2002.

Submitted by Cape Sable Branch #148, The Royal Canadian Legion.

STORY:

Joseph Wallace Brannen was born at Stoney Island, the son of William "Dick" and Hildred (Penney) Brannen. He enlisted at Bridgewater with the West Nova Scotia Regiment on October 7, 1939. He narrowly escaped being turned down for military duty because he was flat-footed. He had to convince the medical officer that this was no hindrance to marching before they accepted him. After basic training in Canada, he went overseas on the Chrobv the following December along with his brother Fred, and a group of young men from the local area. He and Fred spent about five months, under canvas, in the same barracks in England before Fred was transferred to the Algonquin Regiment. Joe spent a lengthy time training in England and Scotland before going to Sicily, Italy and up through France, Belgium and Holland with his regiment. Although in the thick of the fighting until the end of hostilities, he was never wounded. While in Italy, however, he had the misfortune to contract malaria. Joe received his official discharge on July 24, 1945.

Joe's son said, "My father was most proud of the time he spent as a guard at Winston Churchill's country estate. One particular night he and a companion raided an outbuilding, which held a considerable amount of hard-to-get milk. They drank their fill, making themselves very sick in the process, as they had not tasted creamy milk in many months. In an attempt to bring some back to their comrades, a bottle dropped and broke. Cleaning up necessitated using parts of their uniforms as they could not find any other cloth to do the task". He continued, "Another time my father and his platoon were pinned down in a farmhouse. They were extremely hungry, and the only option for

food was a live pig. They had no means of scalding the flesh to remove the hair and clean the skin. My father had the solution; they would skin the pig. Indeed they did, and all ate well.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Amy Amanda - 92, Barrington formerly of Stoney Island, passed away at Bay Side Home, Barrington on August 26, 2018. Born December 7, 1925, she was a daughter of the late Roy and Georgie (Ross) Smith. She is survived by her daughter in law, Arianna; grandchildren, Loi, Noah, Joe; brothers, Milton, Roy, Amon; sisters, Izetta, Leora, and Abbie. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her husband, Joseph; son, Wallace "Wally"; brothers, Albert, Edward; sisters, Goldie and Violet. There will be a visitation on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the H. M. Huskison's Funeral Home, Barrington. The funeral service will be held Thursday, August 30, 2 p.m. at the Stoney Island Baptist Church, Stoney Island with Pastor Wayne Crowell officiating. Interment to follow in the Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island. Memorial donations may be made to the Atlantic Cemetery.

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5-5-32

Herbert Malcolm Brannen (1919-1945)



Herbert was born May 28, 1919, at Stoney Island. He was the son of William Wilder (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967) and Hildred Innes Penney (1893-1948).

Herbert was a fisherman before the war. He enlisted in Halifax on 31 December 1940 and saw action in Europe. He was killed near Bienen, Germany March 25, 1945.

He is buried in Groesbeck Canadian War Cemetery. His gravestone is Grave 1, Row A, Plot 19, Gelderland, Netherlands.

He never married.

Herbert's body was later moved with the others in the cemetery to Groesbeck Canadian War Cemetery. His gravestone is Grave 1, Row A, Plot 19, Gelderland, Netherlands. There is also a memorial marker for him in the Atlantic cemetery in Stoney Island NS.

STORY:

Brannen, Herbert Malcolm F16767. Born 28 May 1919 in Stoney Island, Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County; killed in action on 26 March 1945 in Germany. Son of William Weldon 'Dick' and Hildred Innes (Penney) Brannen. Herbert had seven brothers, Fred (RCA), Joseph (RCA) Paul, Norman, Wallace, Rodney (deceased) and Asa (also killed in action), as well as three sisters, Alice, Blanche and Eva.

When Herbert enlisted in Halifax on December 31 1940 he gave his occupation as a fisherman and a cement worker. Herbert spent 14 months with the 108th Coast Battery in Labrador. He embarked to the United Kingdom July 21 1944 and for France on August 17 1944. The letter written to his mother by Captain Jack Fairweather describes the battle in which Herbert was killed:

North N S Highlanders

CAO, April 25 1945

Dear Mrs. Brannen:

It is with deep and sincere regret that I write to tell you of your son's death. As you know he had been with our regiment for many months and so was an 'old hand'. Men of his type are hard to replace. Steadiness, cool courage, and cheerfulness are the qualities which go to make a good soldier. Herbert had all these and was held in high esteem by his officers and comrades.

On the 24th we crossed the great river Rhine. The next day we were given the job of clearing the enemy from the very important town of Bienen. This place was the Key to the Bridgeheads as all the armies later passed through here. The Germans realizing this placed a considerable force of their fanatical 'paratroops' there to stop us. Our

company was forward and was to attack the town with another company. As we moved to our starting point we came under heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Your son with one of the leading platoons was hit by some of this stuff and was instantly killed. As we were moving into an attack at this time, I didn't have a chance to discover where he had been hit and when I returned after the battle our Padre had buried him in the Little Novie Cemetery on the east side of the Rhine.

In closing I would like to extend to you my deepest sympathies in your great loss and also those of my men, his comrades. He has given his life that we may be free.

Yours Sincerely,

Capt. Jack Fairweather

5-5-33

Frederick Archibald Brannen (1920-1998)



Frederick Archibald Brannen, was the son of William "Dick" Brannen (1886-1967) and Hildred (Penney) Brannen (1893-1948) of Stoney Island. He was born on December 11, 1920.

He claimed to be the first man from Shelburne County to enlist after war was declared. He and his brother were shipped overseas in December 1939. He was wounded in action. He had a very distinguished career as a soldier earning the Military Medal in WWII presented to him by the King at Buckingham Palace.

He came home September 13, 1945, and opened a grocery store with his brother Joe.

He re-enlisted and served in the Korean conflict.

After a career in the military, he worked as a crewman on ships. When he retired, he returned to Cape Sable Island.

He married three times, first, Annie Belle Collishaw October 10, 1945. She was the daughter of William Collishaw and Olive Swim. They had one child, Judith Brannen.

He married Gertrude Amelia McKay-Atwood (1915-1996) October 1950. She was the daughter of Alanzo McKay and Cora Acker. His third wife was Norma Elizabeth Atkinsons (1924-2010) January 1, 1997. She was the daughter of Grace Atkinson.

Fred died April 7, 1998, in Yarmouth and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery in Stoney Island.

STORY:

Frederick Archibald Brannen, son of William "Dick" and Hildred (Penney) Brannen of Stoney Island, enlisted with the West Nova Scotia Regiment shortly after war was declared in 1939. Fred was picking apples for a farmer in the Annapolis Valley that fall. One day a recruiting sergeant arrived in the orchard and asked Fred if he was interested in having a job in the Army. This appealed to Fred, and so he enlisted. When he was asked if he had previous military experience, Fred jokingly replied that he was once a Boy Scout, which was not true. Right away, he was issued a full uniform. This was unusual because uniforms were in short supply. Some men waited for two or three months before getting their uniforms. Others were issued only jackets and/or hats at first. Fred kidded the other young men from Cape Sable Island, telling them that his training as a Boy Scout was the reason he got his uniform so quickly. Afterwards, he took much delight in saying that he was the first man in Shelburne County to be in uniform. He and his brother Joseph shipped overseas on the same troop-ship in December 1939. He was posted to guard duty near Brighton, and then transferred to Scotland for training. From there Fred was posted to France. where he was in the thick of skirmishes and, several times, he narrowly escaped being killed. On the night of September 13, 1944, the infantry regiment crossed the Leopold Canal at Moerkerke, Belgium. It was here that Fred displayed his unflinching bravery. He led his group of men across the canal and "cleaned out a couple of machine gun nests". Finally, when

the order came to withdraw, he and his men had to fight their way back through enemy infantry that had infiltrated their position. He assisted his men in ripping doors off houses to make a barge to carry them back across the canal because the pontoon bridge had been bombed. Fred was taken to a hospital to have his wounds dressed. It was then that he discovered that his brother Asa was lying on a cot in the next room to him. Asa had been mortally wounded in the fray, and he died a few hours later without Fred having an opportunity to see him. (This conflicts with other reliable reports of Asa's death). Later Cpl. Frederick Archibald Brannen was commended for his outstanding bravery. At a ceremony held at Buckingham Palace, King George VI presented him with the Military Medal. The dispatch read, as follows,

"On the night of September 13, 1944, an infantry regiment carried out a crossing of the Leopold Canal at Moerkerke, Belgium. Cpl. Brannen was in command of one of the leading sections, which he led on to its objective under intense fire from enemy mortars and machine guns. During the night the position was subjected to constant fire from mortars and machine guns and, at first light, it became apparent the enemy snipers were still occupying three buildings near them. Cpl. Brannen personally led the party of men dispatched to clear these houses. Although seriously wounded in the chest, he pressed home the attack. And cleared the houses. Despite intense pain from his wound, Cpl. Brannen continued with his section throughout the morning, under continuous enemy shellfire. Finally, when the order came to withdraw across the canal, he fought his men back through the enemy infantry that had infiltrated their position, and succeeded in getting all his remaining men safely across the canal. The leadership and complete disregard for personal safety shown by this non-commissioned officer in carrying on despite his wounds inspired all ranks in the battalion, and resulted in heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy."

Fred returned home on September 13, 1945. Later he served in the Korean conflict. He and his brother, Joseph Wallace Brannen returned home safely but their two brothers, Asa and Herbert, were killed in Europe. Their brother Paul was too young to enlist with his brothers during the World War but he joined the military service in 1952 and served in the Korean Conflict. Following that, he did occupational duty in Germany and Egypt.

STORY:

REMEMBERING FREDDIE BRANNEN

Written by: Shaun Hatfield 2018

teen, I doubt I would've understood it anyway.

However, Freddie did tell me A person I wish to honor this year on the eve of Remembrance Day is a character well-known to most. I had the privilege to belly laugh

with this man many times as a young boy while working on my father's mackerel trap. He was an excellent twine-man and knew how to mend nets like no one I've ever met. Considering his harrowing war experiences, this man possessed an infectious humor which kept us all in stitches the whole time we worked together...

Yet, during all those years, Freddie Brannen never told me that he was a man decorated by the king for bravery. Yet, during all those years, Freddie Brannen never told me that he was a man decorated by the king for bravery. As a teen, I doubt I would've understood it anyway.

As a that he was up in the valley picking apples one day in early fall of 1939 when the recruitment officer came along and asked him to consider signing up for war. With his little grin, Freddie said, "it sounded more interesting than picking apples - so I signed up"

The recruitment officer then asked Fred: "Do you have any previous military experience?" Freddie quipped: "I once enlisted in the Boy Scouts down on Cape Island". The recruitment officer just shook his head, but then gave Freddie top priority by issuing him a full uniform - which was rare when the war first started because uniforms were in short supply. I'm told that some recruits got only a hat, a coat or pants - and many had to wait until supplies were available to get a complete uniform.

Though he never spent a single day in the Boy Scouts, Freddie always joked that it was because of his training and experience as a Cape Island Boy Scout that he became the first man in Shelburne County to be issued a full military uniform!

If anyone could bring forth laughter over something as serious as recruitment - leave it to Freddie.

On a more serious note, Fred went on to serve in the West Novies just after war was declared in 1939. Along with brother Joseph, Freddie told me he sailed to England on the troop ship, Chroby. He was later posted to France where he displayed unflinching bravery while leading his men across the Leopold Canal in Belgium.

Fred was no one with whom to tangle! My father-in-law, Carl Smith (also a first cousin to Freddie), told me that when Freddie came back from war, he used to go up to his aunt Norma's and he would say to Carl: "Is anyone bothering you Carl? Is anyone giving you a hard time in school or in the community? If anyone gives ya a hard time Carl, just let old Freddie know and I'll take care of it for ya."

Coming from Fred, it always sounded comical because he had such a funny way about him. But, when I learned more about his personal story, I realize that he likely came

back from Europe ready to protect others with no fear - because of what he experienced over there.

In fact, Fred led a group of men across the Leopold Canal in Belgium where they successfully took out some German machine gun nests. However, they got trapped in their position and there was sudden enemy infiltration which forced them to either withdraw or die. It was Fred who - though wounded himself - led and defended his own men from their trapped and deadly position.

In fact, they could not get back across the canal because the pontoon bridge had been bombed... And this man, who filled my own childhood with wholesome laughter, demonstrated far more fortitude than any Boy Scout training could ever afford. It was Fred who ripped doors off houses for a makeshift barge with which he carried all his men to safety.

His beautiful story of human courage in the face of menacing danger was recognized at Buckingham Palace where King George VI presented Fred with a medal of bravery along with the following words:

"On the night of September 13th, 1944 an infantry regiment carried out a crossing of the Leopold Canal in Belgium. Cpl. Brannen was in command of one of the leading sections, which he led on to its objective under intense fire from enemy mortars and machine guns. During the night the position was subjected to constant fire from mortars and machine guns and, at first light, it became apparent the enemy snipers were still occupying three buildings near them. Cpl. Brannen personally led his party of men to clear these houses. Although seriously wounded in the chest, he pressed home the attack - and cleared the houses. Despite intense pain from his wound, Cpl. Brannen continued with his section throughout the morning, under continuous enemy shellfire. Finally when the order came to withdraw across the canal, he fought his men back through the enemy infantry that had infiltrated their position, and succeeded in getting all his remaining men safely across the canal. The leadership and complete disregard for personal safety shown by this non-commissioned officer in carrying on despite his wounds inspired all ranks in the battalion, and resulted in heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy"

From this, it sounds like my father-in-law Carl was definitely in good hands as a young boy! No fear of danger with a "boy-scout-cousin" like Freddie around!

What still amazes me is that I worked alongside Fred as a boy and, in spite of these experiences of which I knew nothing, he brought all of us so much laughter, so many jokes and good times ...

I find it an which abounds in so many veterans who have experienced the harsh reality of war. Even though Fred lost two brothers - Asa and Herbert - he still marched on with a comical, upbeat and unquenchable human spirit to serve also in Korea, Germany and Egypt.

The human triumph of this one man is the same triumph which belongs to so many others in our community. War Brides, Veterans, Soldiers, Pilots, Merchant Marines and Sailors - they all have similar stories of triumph in the midst of profound human hardship. They've honour to highlight Freddie's story today - because it vividly reflects the same good-hearted joviality and laughter all touched our lives in ways too deep for mere words.... Therefore,

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

OBITUARY:

Norma Elizabeth Brannen

(February 4, 1924 - July 17, 2010)

BRANNEN, Norma Elizabeth(Atkinson) - Surf Lodge, Lockeport formerly of Stoney Island , Shelburne County passed away Saturday July 17, 2010 at the home. Born on February 4, 1924, at Stoney Island, she was a daughter of the late Grace Atkinson. Survived by brothers, Cecil (Charmaine), Centerville; George Boudreau, Xenia, Ohio; 3 nieces. Predeceased by husband, Frederick. No visitation by request. Funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 20 from the Stoney Island Baptist Church, Stoney Island, Pastor David Ingals officiating. Interment will be in the Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island. Memorial donations may be made to the Atlantic Cemetery or to a charity of choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to H. Huskilson's Funeral Home, Barrington. On-line condolences may be sent...

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5-5-34

Asa Mervin Brannen (1924-1944)



Asa was born on October 28 1924 at Stoney Island. He was the youngest son of William Wilder (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967) and Hildred Innes Penney (1893-1948).

He was killed in action September 1944 in Adegem Belgium. His brother Fred was taken to a hospital to have his wounds dressed where he discovered that his brother Asa was lying on a cot in the next room to him. Asa had been mortally wounded in the fray, and he died a few hours later without Fred having an opportunity to see him. *(This conflicts with other reliable reports of Asa's death.)*

Asa is buried in the Canadian War Cemetery at at Adegem Belgium Grave 11, Row B, Plot 8,

there. He was only 20 years old.

STORY:

Brannen, Asa Mervin F64818. Born 28 October 1924 in Stoney Island, Cape Sable Island; died 19 September 1944 in Belgium as a result of wounds received in action.

He was the son of William Weldon 'Dick' and Hildred Innes (Penney) Brannen. Asa had seven brothers, Fred (RCA), Joseph (RCA), Herbert (also killed in action), Paul,

Norman, Wallace and Rodney (deceased) as well as three sisters, Alice, Blanche and Eva.

He was employed as a 'boner' by FW Nickerson Fish Company at the time of his enlistment in Yarmouth on 15 June 1942. He trained in Halifax, North Bay and Aldershot before embarking from Halifax on the 2 March 1943. On arriving overseas with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders, he met two of his brothers, Joseph and Fred, who had been there since December 1939. Asa arrived in France on 22 July 1942. He received wounds to his chest and abdomen on 18 September 1944 and died the next day. Buried at Adegem Canadian War Cemetery, Grave 11, Row B, Plot 8, Belgium.

Among Asa's effects that were sent home was a silver ring. When his sister was married, she used it for her wedding band

STORY:

A REMEMDRANCE DAY WAR STORY

BY SGT. BEN J. BOURGET correspondent

We were near Asenede, France. when my platoon, part of B Company in the Algonquin Regiment was ordered to attack and beat back the enemy occupying any part of the town's right flank.

Nearing our objective, we came upon a pile of debris forming a mound-type barrier. How the debris was put there and why did not make any sense wit was easily surmountable. As we crossed over this supposedly intended barrier, I heard a strange sound coming from among the men behind me. Was it a whimper? It sounded like someone gasping, trying to fill his lungs with much needed oxygen.

I looked back at my squad and saw a look of pain on Pte. Branon's face. I asked him, "What's wrong?" to which he answered, "I hurt, Sarge" "Where Ace?" I asked. "

"Here" he replied, "on my left breast".

Halting our advance mound, where I stayed with the wounded lad, I ordered the remaining platoon to take up a defensive position in the surrounding copses of small trees. While Ace stood. I removed his tunic and tolled op his under shirt to look for a wound. I noticed a half- inch slit under his left breast. There was a tiny piece of flesh hanging from the wound, followed by tiny drops of water and blood.

My first thought was "Oh god , is this the suffering Christ hanging on the Cross?" Calming down I came back to the task at hand and looked for a place to lay down this young lad. There on the mound that we occupied was a door that must have been

ejected from the bombed house on our right. This door became the place where I lay down the wounded lad.

So strange a time...there was silence everywhere.

I knelt beside the young soldier, put my left arm under its head and tried to comfort him with such word as "Come on Ace where is that perpetual smile you have at all times?"

"I am trying Sarge", he reply, "It hurts so Much."

I prayed for him. God but hurts to see someone so young die in such a hellhole.

However, there was relief in the knowledge he. leaving us for a-better place (which eventually comet to us all).....

The time had come to set up the customary casualty marker of rifle and helmet, to indicate yet another comrade had fallen in the line of duty, here in this man-made killing field that some call glory and some call the sins of the world....

What is truly amazing, a miracle perhaps, is that in all the time we halted our advance to comfort this wee lad, there was total silence in the German trench on our left flank.

One of my men, Homer Allard, spotted this trench when held seven or eight armed S.S. soldiers. On orders of "Voffen-legen" (lay down your arms) and "hock-hock", the Germans complied and surrendered.

We initially thought our teenage comrade, Ace, was shot by one of the Germans but I quickly discounted this theory since the angle of Ace's wound indicated a frontal entry.

I could only assume that it was a stray projectile that had come from somewhere inside the town as we advanced.

Postscript: Sgt. Bourget occasionally awakes with tears in his eyes, thinking of Pte. Brannon. Six decades later he still laments he never found the young soldier's parents to tell them their son did not die alone.

END

5-5-35

Paul Layton Brannen (1926-1991)



Paul was born November 12th, 1926, at Clam Point. He was the son of William Wilder (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967) and Hildred Innes Penney (1893-1948).

Paul made a career in the Army, enlisting in 1952. He served in Korean Conflict and did occupation duty in Germany and Egypt.

He married a German lady named Elsa Trip. She had a daughter Roswitha born about 1944 from a previous relationship.

They settled in Ontario after he returned to Canada.

The 1974 voters list for Collingwood ON showed him employed by Goodyear. He appeared to be married to a lady named Margaret Brannen and the with a son Lindsay Brannen living with them.

He died April 13, 1991, in Angus ON.

STORY:

Brannen, Paul Born in. Clam Point, Cape Sable Island; died 13 April 1991 in Angus, Ontario. Son of William Weldon "Dick" and Hildred limes (Penney) Brannen. Married

Eva Elsa and they had a daughter Rose. Paul served both in the Second World War and in the Korean War.

Veterans of Shelburne County V-2

STORY:

He had no children that we know of.....while he was in Germany with the Canadian military he met and married an Elsa Tripp...they had no children together but she had a daughter Roswitha (I think born about 1944)..we did meet them in the early 60's....the wife could speak very little English at the time but the daughter was fluent. Uncle Paul chose not to have a relationship with our family after my grandfather passed...he passed away a few years ago while living in Ontario....not sure if he was still in the military...

An e-mail from Marlene Ross Atkinson 2018

END

5-5-36

Blanche Louise Brannen (1929-1990)



Blanche was born June 24, 1929, at Stoney Island. She was the daughter of William Wilder (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967) and Hildred Innes Penney (1893-1948).

She married Victor Clarence Ross (1926-2009) June 5 1943 on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of Reuben Ross and Ella Cunningham. They had five children:

1. Marlene Shirley Ross (1941-47)
2. Martha Ross (1949-1949)
3. Erwin Clarence Ross (1950-??)
4. Wayne Wesley Victor Ross (1961-)
5. McPherson Ross

She died September 12, 2009, at Stoney Island and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery.

OBITUARY:

Blanche L. Ross, 61, of Roseway Manor, Sandy Point, formerly of Clam Point, died Wednesday, July 4, 1990 in Yarmouth Region-al Hospital. Born in Clam Point, she was a daughter of the late William and Hildred (Penney) Brannen. She was a member of Stoney Island United Baptist Church and Bayview Rebekah Lodge 48. She is survived by her husband, Victor; two sons, Erwin and Wayne, both of Clam Point; a daughter, Marlene (Mrs. George Atkinson Jr.), Ross Clark's Harbour; three brothers, Joseph, Stoney Island, Fred, McGray, and Paul, Ontario; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Quinlan, Stoney Island, Eva (Mrs. Henry Brannen), Clam Point; five grandchildren. She was predeceased by three brothers, Rodney, Herbert, Asa , The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 7, 1990 in Stoney Island United Baptist Church. Burial was in Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island.

OBITUARY:

Victor Clarence Ross died at 82 in Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point on Saturday, September 12, 2009, surrounded by his loving family. The second son of Ruben and Ella (Cunningham) Ross, he was born on September 30, 1926. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Lydia Bernice (Goodwin). He was a loving father and best friend to his children, Marlene (George Atkinson), Erwin (Veronica) and Wayne (Corrina). "Papa" was much loved and respected by his grandchildren, Wanda Maxwell, Ian and Shane Ross, Katrina Kenney, Travis, Tristan and Ty Ross. He was the adoring "Old Papa" to his great-grandchildren, Mathew, Jason, Shayna, Bengie, Charleigh and Randi. He is survived by sisters, Isobel Brannen, Jessie Quinlan, Molly Hatfield and Dorothy Greenwood and his youngest brother, Ruben "Junior". He was predeceased by sisters,

Phyllis Nickerson, Hattie Ross and Susie Ross and brothers, Guy, in childhood, and Wesley "Capt. Blackie"; his first wife and mother of his children, Blanche (Brannen) and two children in infancy, MacPherson and Martha. He will also be greatly missed by his long-time friend and hunting partner, John Waybret. Victor spent his working years as a commercial fisherman, crew on numerous boats, captain of the "Marlene and Brothers" and after retirement he was "shore captain" to his "Boys". His passion was hunting and fishing and going to "Camp". He loved to play cards and he was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. When his blue eyes began to twinkle and his red face took on a devilish grin one knew he was about to tell a joke or a colorful "yarn" which was by far his most favorite past time. Visitation was held 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in H. Huskilson's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral will be 2 p.m., today in Stoney Island United Baptist Church with his friend, Pastor David Ingalls officiating. Interment will be in the Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island. Family flowers only. Donations may be made in Victor's memory to the Atlantic Cemetery or a charity of your choice. He touched many lives during his lifetime and he will be greatly missed. On-line condolences may be sent to: huskilson@ns.aliantzinc.ca or you may sign the guest book

END

5-5-37

Eva Ardella Brannen (1935-1996)



Eva was born on January 7, 1935, at Stoney Island. She was the daughter of William Wilder (Dick) Brannen (1886-1967) and Hildred Innes Penney (1893-1948).

Eva married Henry Carlyle Brannen (1928-) February 2, 1952, on Cape Sable Island. Henry was the son of Ashley Bell Brannen (1898-1963) and Edith Louise Brannen (1908-1987). They were distant relatives sharing a great-great grandfather. He was a fisherman.

They had five children:

1. Karen Ardella Brannen (1953-)
2. Ailene Louise Brannen (1956-)
3. Peggy Marlene Brannen (1963)
4. Richard Henry Brannen (1964)
5. Brian Fredrick Brannen (1967-)

She died November 22, 1996, in Halifax and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery in Stoney Island.

OBITUARY:

Henry Carlyle Brannen, of Clam Point made his final voyage on August 28, 2024, at Roseway Hospital. A well-respected man known for his expertise in the community, loving father, grandfather, companion, and humorous personality. Henry lived a life filled with tremendous passion for family and the sea. Born in Stoney Island September 26, 1928, to the late Ashley and Edith (Brown) Brannen. Married Eva Ardella (Brannen) February 2, 1952, whom he shared and grew a family with until her untimely passing November 22, 1996. He will be forever missed and loved by children; Karen (Ronald), Alene (George), Peggy, Richard (Denise), and Brian (Krista). Grandchildren who he enjoyed visits from; Danny, Amanda, Sarah, Evan, Ryland, Tanya, Tamara, and Chris. Great grandchildren who brought many a smile; Matthew, Kennedy, Zak, Ella, Jude, Brayden, Nolan, Keaton, and Jase. He will also be dearly missed by companion of 26 years Alda Nickerson along with her children and grandchildren. Lifelong friends; Mervin Atkinson and Prince Brannen, as well as Terry Stoddard. Survived by sister Alene (Victor) and brother Alfred, along with many wonderful nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brothers; David, Sidney, Ernest, Douglas, Freeman and sisters; Francis and Annie. His beloved cats will miss his company and overabundance of treats. Henry began his working life at the early age of 12. He was like many young men from the area who travelled for work to Ontario. Henry made that journey a few times and could pick up any trade quickly. The calling for home however, was much greater, where he

came back to Clam Point and became a respected and hardworking fisherman until his retirement at 85 years of age. He enjoyed his time with family and close friends through the years. He was a legend in the community and was an inspiration to all who knew him, always willing to lend a helping hand. Henry was also known by his physical strength that amazed many. He always looked for the chance to joke and get a laugh out of someone.

THE CHILDREN OF WINSTON C. BRANNEN Winston C. Brannen (1898-1963)

5-5-38

George Edward Brannen (1925-1988)



George was born October 29, 1925, in Boston MA. He was the son of Winston Churchill Brannen (1898-1963) and Amy Atkinson (1905-1996).

The 1930 census showed him as age four living in Boston. The 1940 US census showed him as 14 years old living on Falcon Street Boston in his second year of high school

George E Brannen was listed in the 1945 Boston City Directory as being in the US Navy living at 17 White Street East Boston. His sister Eleanor was also at that address living with their parents Winston and Amy.

The 1953 Boston Directory shows George and Mary Brannen living at 51 Proctor Cir. Salem MA. He was described as a clerk. There is also a record of a George E. Brannen 51 Proctor Circle Peabody in the 1958 Boston directory, his employment is described as a relief foreman south postal annex. There was no other Brannen listed at that address

The 1960 Salem Directory shows George and Mary at 51 Proctor Circle. He was a postal carrier.

In 1963 he is listed at 9 Standish Road Revere. He was an assistant superintendent at the Post Office. No other Brannens were listed at that address.

There was a phone listing for him at 25 Belle Isle Ave, Revere 1998-2002

He died April 28, 1988, in MA.

END

5-5-39

Eleanor Doris Brannen (1927-1983)



Eleanor was born January 27, 1927, in East Boston MA. She was the daughter of Winston Churchill Brannen (1898-1963) and Amy Lavinia Atkinson (1905-1996).

The 1940 census found her at Falcon Street Boston age 13.

The 1945 city directory for Boston showed her living with her parents and brother George at 17 White Street East Boston MA.

She appears to have married a man named Larsen in November 1952.

Eleanor died November 1983. She died of cancer according to Mrs. Margaret Messenger.

END

THE CHILD OF EVA BRANNEN (1883-1948)

5-5-40

Norma Lee Wall (1921-2016)



Norma was the daughter of Eva Brannen (1883-1948) and Arron Wall Jr. (1883-1948). She was born at Everett MA September 22, 1921.

She appears in the US census of 1930 and 1940 living with her parents in Arlington MA.

She married Howard Alexander Lowell (1916-1980) April 8, 1921, in Arlington MA. They had two children. Howard died in 1980.

She married Richard B. Bauer (1925-1997) on May 23, 1985.

OBITUARY:

Norma Lowell Bauer, 94, formerly Tenants Harbor, passed away on May 16, 2016, at Quarry Hill in Camden. She was born in 1921 in Everett, Massachusetts and was the only child of Aaron and Eva (Brannen) Wall. Norma spent her childhood in Arlington, Massachusetts, graduated from Arlington High School in 1940 and attended the University of New Hampshire at Durham.

During the 1930s, Norma's parents purchased a summer home in Martinsville across the road from Martinsville Harbor. Norma enjoyed the challenge of frequent swims out to Grandfather Island. During one of her summers in Maine, Norma met Howard Lowell, a Port Clyde resident, and they married in Arlington, Massachusetts in April 1941

END

THE CHILDREN OF CLAUDE LESTER BRANNEN (1885-1943)

5-5-41

Ruth Vera Brannen (1911-1993)



Ruth was born in Boston MA June 7, 1911, to Claude Lester Brannen (1885-1943) and Ethel Mae Powell (1890-??).

She appears in the 1920 US census as age eight living with parents in Boston.

She married Russell Calvin Woodward (1907-1979) in 1933. He was the son of Forest E. Woodward and Lydia B. Jones. They had one child Charlotte N. Woodward.

Russell died November 18, 1979, in Bedford MA.

Ruth died October 22, 1993, in Bedford MA.

END

6-5-42

Janice Powell Brannen (1932-??)



Janice was born September 21, 1932, in Medford to Claude Lester Brannen (1885-1943) and Ethel Mae Powell (1890-??).

Janice appears in the 1940 US census as age seven living in Belmont, Mass

She married Albert Paul Frechette (1924-2007) September 27, 1952, in Newton MA.

She died September 27, 1963, in MA.

Paul died September 27, 2007, in MA.

END

THE CHILD OF RICHARD C, BRANNEN (1891-1978)

6-5-43

Eva Lillian Powell Brannen (1916-1974)



Eva was the daughter of Richard Cartwright Brannen (1891-1978) and Salome Edna Powell (1893-1904). She was born on Cape Sable Island in 1916.

The 1920 census has her age four living with parents in Rockingham NH.

The 1930 US census indicated she was age and 14 living with her parents in Medford MA, She was shown as born in Canada.

She married Fredrick Baker Parks (1911-1987) June 14, 1937.

They had a child Carolyn Parks born in 1940 and another Regina Lee Parks (1945-1979).

Eva died in 1974 at Andover MA. Fred died November 11, 1987.

They are buried in the Hillside cemetery, Fort George, Annapolis County NS.

END

THE CHILD OF ELLA P. BRANNEN (1896-1969)

5-5-44

George Richard Tibbits (1931-2003)

George was the only child of Ella P. Brannen (1896-1969) and George H. Tibbits (1877-42). He was born June 24, 1931.

In the 1940 census he was shown as eight years old living with his parents in Braintree MA.

His father died July 26, 1942, in Boston.

George Tibbs attended Thayer Academy in South Braintree in 1947 and is listed as a member of the dramatics club

He died in Philadelphia April 2, 2003.

END

THE CHILD OF ESTHER T, BRANNEN (1889-1978)

5-5-45

Phyllis Marie Ford-LaCoste (1916-2008)

Phyllis was the child of Esther T. Brannen (1889-1978) and her first husband Leroy Edison Ford (1885-1918). She was born August 21, 1916, in the Boston Homeopathic Hospital Quincy MA.

Her father died when she was only about 2 years old. She was adopted by the Elmer J. LaCoste and Ruth E. Cole November 24, 1918, in Malden.

She appears at age 13 in the 1930 US Census under the name LaCoste.

She married Thomas James McElroy Sr. July 22, 1935, in Needham MA.

She died January 17, 2008, in Weymouth MA.

END

THE CHILDREN OF HAZEL MAY BRANNEN (1900-1988)

5-5-46

Gloria Avis Peachey (1923-2021)



Gloria was the daughter of Hazel May Brannen (1900-1988) and Leo A. Peachey (1899-1953). She was born November 10, 1923, in Pennsylvania.

She appeared in the 1930 US census as age six in Malden MA. She also was listed in the 1940 census as age 16 in Quincy MA.

She married William Francis O'Reilly (1913-1986) in Boston in 1950.

Her husband died March 1986 in Boston MA.

OBITUARY:

Gloria A. (Peachey) O'Reilly, age 97 of Brockton, passed away on July 13, 2021, at Brockton Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late William F. O'Reilly. Gloria was born in Quincy, MA, the daughter of the late Leo and Hazel M. (Brannen) Peachey.

Gloria was a Graduate of Bentley College and worked as an accountant for many years. Gloria loved to read, knit, paint and garden at her family home on Lewis Park prior to moving to Brockton. She is survived by her daughter Gayle Lydon and her husband Jim, son; Brian O'Reilly and his wife Carol, eight grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Jeffrey O'Reilly and sister of the late Leo Peachey, Eleanor Bizuka and Eileen White. Gloria's funeral with visitation will be held on Friday, July 16, 2021 from 10:00am to 12:00pm, with a funeral home service to begin at 12:00pm in the Silva Funeral Home, 80 Broadway (at Saint Mary's Square) Taunton. Interment will follow in MA National Cemetery, Bourne, MA.

END

5-5-47

Eileen Lorraine Peachey (1925-2012)



Eileen was the daughter of Hazel May Brannen (1900-1988) and Leo A. Peachey (1899-1953). She was born April 12, 1925, in Boston.

She appeared in the 1930 US census in Malden MA. She also was listed in the 1940 census in Quincy MA.

She married Walter Barber Wight Jr. (1920-2007).

Her husband Walter died August 21, 2007, in Connecticut. She died January 8, 2012, in Hartford CT.

END

5-5-48

Eleanor Phyllis Peachey (1927-1977)

Eleanor was the daughter of Hazel May Brannen (1900-1988) and Leo A. Peachey (1899-1953). She was born March 25 1927 in East Boston.

She appeared in the 1930 US census in Malden MA. She also was listed in the 1940 census in Quincy MA.

The Quincy city directory in 1955 showed her as a stenographer

She appears to have married a man named Bizuka (1927-1977) in 1957.

Her daughter Marcia Bizuka (1960-2012) was born October 20 1960 and died young.

Eleanor died August 7, 1977, in Weymouth MA.

END

5-5-49

Leo A. Peachey Jr. (1930-2014)



Leo was born June 19, 1930, in Chelsea MA to of Hazel May Brannen (1900-1988) and Leo A. Peachey (1899-1953).

He appears in the 1940 US census in Quincy MA.

He served with the US Navy during the Korean War.

He appeared in the Quincy city directory in 1951.

In 1955 he married Georgette Mary Demetrie. They appear to have had four children.

He died September 2 2014 Woburn MA. He is buried in the Massachusetts National cemetery in Bourne MA.

OBITUARY:

Peachey, Leo A., Jr. Of Woburn, Tuesday, September 2nd. Beloved husband of Georgette D. (Dimitri) Peachey. Devoted father of Deborah P. Golden of Woburn and Carol Peachey of Aspen, CO. Dear brother of Gloria O'Reilly of Brockton and the late Eileen Wight and Eleanor Bisuka. Cherished grandfather of Katie and Keith Golden. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to call at the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, 263 Main Street, Woburn on Thursday, September 4th END

END OF THE LINE

Sophia Brannen Line

THE SOPHIA BRANNEN LINE

Sophia Brannen (1817-1900)

Sophia the third daughter of Archibald Brannen (1777-1927) and Mary Atkinson (1786-??). She was born on October 27, 1817, likely on Cape Sable Island. She was baptized on March 2, 1837.

She married Eleazar C. Penney (1814-1871) in about 1839. He was the son of Daniel Penney (1789-1871). Eleazar was the grandson of Samuel Penney, the original Penney to settle on Cape Sable Island. He was her brother-in-law. He was a brother to her sister Rebecca's husband Samuel Penney. Eleazar and Sophia lived at South Side. It appears they had several children.

The 1871 census shows the family living on Cape Island with two children at home, Lewis age 16 and James age nine. Later that year, October 9, 1871, Eleazar died of "inflammation". He was buried in the Old Town Cemetery in Swim's Point.

The 1881 census shows her as a 63-year-old widow. Living with her is son James C. Penney. In the 1891 census she is shown as age 73 living with son Clark Penney age 30 and his wife Eunice 24. James C. and Clarke are one the same.

Sophia died in 1900 and is likely buried with Eleazar in the old town cemetery at Swims Point

THE THIRD GENERATION

THE FAMILY OF SOPHIA BRANNEN (1817-1900)

6-3-1

Mary Elizabeth Penney (1840-1887)

Mary Elizabeth Penney (1840-1887) was the daughter of Sophia Brannen (1817-1900) and Eleazar Penney (1814-1871). She was born in South Side NS December 22, 1840.

She married Jonathan Arnold Smith (1839-1891) son of Soloman Smith and Lucretia Nickerson about 1860. He was a fisherman from Woods Harbour. They made their home in Woods Harbour and had six children.

The 1881 census shows the family of four children and 'Luoritia' age 85, presumably his mother. He and son Ezra age 18 were fishermen.

She died in November 13, 1887, at 47. It appears two children Etherilla Nickerson and Jonathan Nickerson Jr. would have been under ten years of age at the time of her death. Jonathan remarried to Sophia before 1891.

The 1991 census shows Jonathan age 52, Sophia age 44, Etherilla age 14 and Jonathan age eight living with them in Woods Harbour plus Sophia's children Delbert age 23 and Oscar age 24.

END

6-3-2

Prince William Penney (1842-1926)

He was the son of Sophia Brannen (1817-1900) and Eleazar Penney (1814-1871). He was born in South Side NS December 22, 1842.

He married Abigail Atkinson (1845-1900) February 17 1864. She was the daughter of Job Atkinson and Temperance Newell. They had six children.

In 1881 census he was shown as age 38 and Abigail age 33 living at South Side. There were five children at home. The 1891 census showed him as age 48. There were four children still at home, Smith age 22 a fisherman, Aeltha age 18, Eleazar Jr age 16 a fisherman and Job age nine.

Abigail died September 1, 1900, at age 55. She is buried in South Side NS.

He appears in the 1901 census as a widower with his son Job age 20 and daughter in law Annie age 19. He was shown as age 58, a fisherman.

He married Matilda Atkinson (1844-1927) March 21, 1902. She was the daughter of Moses Atkinson and Mahala Nickerson. She appears to have brought a child Florence Quinlan born about 1884 from a previous marriage to George Quinlan. This could be Fanny Bertha Quinlan (1879-1934).

In the 1911 and 1921 census he is shown married to Matilda J. one year younger than him. They were living at South Side. The 1911 census reported his birthdate as Dec 1843.

Matilda died May 9, 1927, of apoplexy. He passed away December 17, 1926, and is buried in South Side NS.

END

6-3-3

Marsden K. Penney (1847-1881)

Marsden was the child of Sophia Brannen (1817-1900) and Eleazar Penney (1814-1871). He was born in South Side NS June 17 1847. He married Matilda Martha Kenney (1847-1937) April 5 1866. She was the daughter of Judah N. Kenney (1823-1911) and Sarah Newell (1847-1937). They had eight children.

Marsden died October 15 1881 at Swims Point NS. He was only age 34. He left his widow with seven young children. The oldest a boy of 13 and the youngest had been born in January of that year.

He is buried at Swim's Point.

Matilda's father Judah Kenney built a house for her in Clark's Harbour.

The 1891 Census showed her as a widow age 43 living in Clark's Harbour with five children, Howard Ziphaniah age 23, Justine age 22, Mary age 21. Lettice age 12 and Margaret age ten.

The 1911 census found her living with her son Thomas in West Head. She was age 68. She died March 15 1937 in Clark's Harbour and is buried in Oakvale Cemetery.

END

6-3-4

James Clarke Penney (1861-1944)

He was born September 3 1861 in South Side NS. He was the son of Sophia Brannen (1817-1900) and Eleazar Penney (1814-1871). He was only ten years old when his father died in 1871.

The 1881 census showed him and his widowed mother Sophia age 63 living together in South Side NS.

He married Eunice Jane Smith (1867-1922) February 7 1884. She was the daughter of Coleman Smith and Mary Ann Nickerson. They had ten children.

The 1901 census showed him as a fisherman born September 3 1860. He was married to Eunice. There were three children, Edna age four, James S. age two, and Sidney a new baby. There was also a 14 year old adopted son Clark A. Swim (1887-1911) born

23 May 1887. Clark appears to have been the son of Jethro Crowell Swim (1858-1923) and Lillas Smith (1858-1973). The boy appears to have drown in 1911.

James moved to the USA in 1907 or 8. The 1910 US census shows seven children plus a niece Annie Penney.

He appeared in the Malden city directory as a shoe repairer at 702 Salem. He was living at 18 Ferguson, Malden

The 1920 US census showed him as a cobbler, shoe repair, living at 18 Ferguson, in Malden. Paul age 14, Wendell age 11 were living at home.

Eunice died about 1922 in Malden.

In the 1930 census he was a shoemaker living with his sister-in-law Mary Nunes and along his sons James S. and Wendell. In the 1940 census he is shown as age 77 living with son James S. in Medford.

He died in Malden in 1944.

END

END OF LINE

Joseph Brannen Line

THE JOSEPH BRANNEN LINE

Joseph Brannen (1820-1845)

Joseph was born January 20 1820 at Clam Point. He was the seventh son Archibald Brannen (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson's (1786-??). He was fisherman. In about 1840 he married Letitia Spinney Cunningham (1821-1912). She was the daughter of David V. Cunningham (1792-1863) and Eunice Nickerson (1800-1851). Joseph and Letitia had three children, Archibald (1841-1866), Salome (1841-1916) and Letitia born (1843-1844). Letitia died as an infant.

Joseph was lost at sea August 1845 from the Leander when he was just 25 years old. He was drowned when he and several crewmen were sent ashore at Cole Harbour to dig clams for bait. Their boat capsized near the mouth of the harbour. It appears he was lost at sea and his body not recovered. He left a young wife and two children. His daughter Salome was raised by his brother Robert. It is not known who raised Archibald like his father was lost at sea at age 25.

Joseph's wife Letitia remarried to Edmond Hunt. The 1861 census showed just the two of them in the family. The 1911 census showed her as living with her daughter Salome Brannen-Powell (1841-1916 and her husband Samuel Powell (1840-1919) in Centreville. Letitia was age 90. She died October 9 1912 in Centreville and was buried in the Cemetery there.

THE THIRD GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF JOSEPH BRANNEN (1820-1845)

7-3-1

Archibald Brannen (1840-1866)

Archibald was born about 1840. He was the first-born child of Joseph Brannen (1820-1845) and Letitia Spinney- Cunningham (1821-1912).

His father Joseph was lost at sea in August 1845 when Arch was only about six years old.

He was lost at sea with four others September 15 1866 when a gale swept thru the Grand Banks. He was only 25 years old. He had never married.

END

7-3-2

Salome Brannen (1841-1916)

Salome was born March 15 1841 on Cape Sable Island to of Joseph Brannen (1820-1845) and Letitia Spinney- Cunningham (1821-1912).

Her father, Joseph drown in 1845 when she was only about five years old. She was raised by her uncle Robert Brannen (1815-1881) and his wife Martha Jane Crowell (1816-1858).

She married Samuel Powell (1840-1919) January 3 1860 on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of John Powell and Eliza Shaw. Salome and Samuel had four children, William Horn Powell (1860-1937), James A. Powell (1861-??), Letitia Powell (1867-1870) and Julia Powell (1872-1932).

Salome is listed in the 1871 census as married to Samuel Powell also age 31. There were two children at home, William H. age ten and James A. age nine. They were residing on Cape Sable Island.

She appears again in the 1881 census as age 39 living with her husband Samuel a fisherman and two children, James age 18, a fisherman, and Julia age eight.

Salome appeared in the 1900 US census living at 92 Brooks Street in Boston, Ward 1, Suffolk, MA. She is shown as age 58 living with husband Samuel and Julia Ross age 27 their daughter. Samuel was a carpenter. His year of immigration was 1886. Salome's date of birth as reported was April 1842. He became a naturalized US citizen Sept 26 1896.

She died September 20 1916 at North East Harbour and is buried in Centreville. Samuel died October 12 1919 and is also buried in Centreville.

7-3-3

Lititia Brannen 1843-1844

Lititia was born about 1843 on Cape Sable Island to of Joseph Brannen (1820-1845) and Letitia Spinney- Cunningham (1821-1912).

She died as an infant.

END

THE FOURTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF SALOME BRANNEN (1841-1916)

7-4-1

William Horn Powell (1860-1937)

William was born November 14 1860 on Cape Sable Island. He was the oldest son of Salome Brannen (1841-1916) and Samuel Powell (1840-1919).

He married Deborah E. Ross (1859-1942) December 15 1880. She was the daughter of Arron Ross (1825-1877) and Deborah Nickerson (1831-1918). They had four children, William Ennis (1881-1973), Arthur Bradley (1882-1921), Ethel Mae (1890-1966) and Salome Edna (1893-1990). Ethel Mae married Claude Lester Ross Brannen. He was the son of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904) and Salome Edna married Richard Cartwright Brannen (1891-1978). He was also the son of Andrew Lovitt Brannen (1859-1904).

William became a naturalized US citizen Sept 26 1896.

He died July 25 1937 on Cape Sable Island and is buried in the Atlantic cemetery in Stoney Island NS. Deborah died January 11 1942 in Stoney Island NS and is buried with her husband.

END

7-4-2

James Arthur Powell (1861-1908)

James was born April 19 1862 on Cape Sable Island. He was the son of Salome Brannen (1841-1916) and Samuel Powell (1840-1919).

The 1881 census shows him an 18-year-old fisherman living at home with his parents and sister Juliette age eight.

He married Clara Austin Nickerson (1867-1892) February 3 1887 in Clark's Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Barry Nickerson (1828-1892 and Nancy Cunningham (1833-1901).

In the 1891 census he was shown as a fisherman age 29 married to Clara. There were no children listed.

Clara died about 1892

He married Evelena Ross (1870-1947) in about April 30 1892. They appear to have had four children: Edna Ross Powell (1894-1990), Grace Freda Powell (1896-1932), and Vivian Powell (1898-1965), and Charles McD. Powell (1904-1978).

He appears to have moved to the US prior to 1896 as their children, Freda and Vivian were born in Plymouth MA.

He died about 1908 on the B&R RR tracks in Cambridge MA. He was about age 47, a rail road employee in a work accident. He died of injuries to his head and neck. He is buried in the Woodland cemetery in Everett MA.

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7-4-3

Letitia Powell (1867-1870)

Letitia was born July 8 1867 on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of Salome Brannen (1841-1916) and Samuel Powell (1840-1919).

She died December 19 1870 at about age three and is buried in the Centreville cemetery.

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7-4-4

Julietta Powell (1872-1932)

Juliette was born October 28 8 1872 on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of Salome Brannen (1841-1916) and Samuel Powell (1840-1919).

Julietta appeared in the 1881 census as age eight.

She married William Alexander Ross (1866-1898) in Boston MA August 24 1891 when she was 18 years old. He was the son of Captain James Ross and Mary McCallum. He was a master mariner and died at sea in 1898.

In the 1900 census she was found living with her parents on Saratoga St in Boston. She was a widow age 27. She gave her birth date as March 1872.

She married George Lewis. Nickerson (1871-1951) March 26 1901 in Boston MA. George was shown as a 27-year-old carpenter. His parents were Ephraim D. Nickerson (1842-1906) and Janet Griffin (1849-1941).

I have not been able to identify any children from either marriage.

She died September 30 1932 of uterine cancer at North East Point NS and is buried in the Centreville cemetery. George died October 13 1951 at Barrington Passage NS. He is buried in Centreville with Julietta.

END

END OF THE LINE

Rebecca Brannen Line

THE REBECCA BRANNEN LINE

Rebecca Brannen (1822-1904)

Rebecca was the eleventh child of Archibald Brannen Sr (1777-1827) and Mary Atkinson (188-??). She was born at Clam Point January 3 1822. Church records show she was baptized March 2, 1837.

She wed twice. She married her first husband Samuel Penney (1813-1855?) in January 3, 1842. They lived at South Side. They had eight children who lived to maturity. All of them would have been under age 15 at the time of Samuel's death.

Her second husband was Archelaus Smith Swim (1809-1891) the widower of her older sister Abigail. They married around 1856 and appear to have had one child together Jethro Crowell Swim (1858-1928). The 1871 census showed that three of her children, Laura, Abijah, and Samuel Jr. from her marriage to Samuel Penney were living with them as well as Jethro from her marriage to Smith.

She inherited a portion of her husband's substantial estate, Rebecca died about 1904 at Swim's Point.

THE THIRD GENERATION

THE FAMILY OF REBECCA BRANNEN (1822-C1904)

Rebecca married twice and both marriages produced children. She first married Samuel Penney 1813-1891. Their children were:

8-3-1

Susan Ross Penney (1841-1887)

Susan was born in South Side December 1841 the oldest child of Samuel Penney (1813-1855) Rebecca Brannen (1822-1904).

Susan Penney is shown in Centreville church records as having been baptized by Rev. Brown in either 1856 or 7.

She married John Fisk Duncan (1841-1913) January 26 1865. He was the son of Samuel Duncan and Grizelda Crowell. He was a fisherman who lived in Clark's Harbour. They had eight children.

In the 1871 census they were living on Cape Island with three children at home. In the 1881 census she was age 39. There were eight children at home. John was a fisherman. The two oldest of the sons John T. Duncan age 16, and Job H. Duncan age 14 were working as fishermen.

Susan died at Clark's Harbour in August 27 1887 at age 46 leaving several young children. She is buried in Clark's Harbour.

After the death of Susan Penney in 1887 leaving him with several young children, he appears to have married Ruth A. (1854-??).

The 1901 census shows four children in the household. The four are Laura age 22, Effie age 21, Blanche age 18 and Chester age 16. Laura was the child of Susan while the other children were Ruth's.

The 1911 census shows him age 67 married to Ruth A. Son Chester age 26 was still at home. Chester was single working as a fisherman.

John died October 19 1913 at Clark's Harbour.

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8-3-2

Sarah Penney (1843-1894)

Sarah was born October 1843 in South Side NS. She was a child of Samuel Penney (1813-1855) Rebecca Brannen (1822-1904).

She married William Edward Nickerson (1842-1913) son of Judah Nickerson and Elizabeth Smith. on March 5 1864. He was a fisherman. They appear to have had ten children several do not appear to have lived to maturity.

Sarah and Edward along with four children appear in the 1881 census. He was a fisherman and their eldest William age 16 was also a fisherman. The children were William age 16, Edward, 11, Hadwin, age eight, Susan six years old.. There were several of their children that do not ever appear on census rolls, Jason, Lila and Thomas.

In the 1891 census they are shown with five children at home. The two oldest are fishermen. They were listed as Harry, Hadwin, Susan, Marsden and Ella.

Sarah died February 3 1894 at age 48. Ella their youngest daughter was only age ten.

Her husband William died September 11 1913 at Clark's Harbour.

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8-3-3

Mary Jane Penney (1846-1907)

Mary Jane was born at South Side July 23 1846. She was the second child of Samuel Penney (1813-1855) Rebecca Brannen (1822-1904). She married Mark M. Atwood (1846-1932) January 5th 1870. He was a fisherman. They had at least four children, Rebecca, Luranie, Clarence Clifford and Vera.

Mary Jane died June 6 1907 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery at Lower Clark's Harbour. Vera her youngest child would only have been seven years old. Her husband Mark Atwood re-married November 5 1908 to Susan Jane Brannen (1849-1929),

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8-3-4

Rachel Kendrick Penney (1847-1933)



Rachel was born March 17 1847 at Clark's Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Rebecca Brannen (1822-1904) and Samuel Penney (1813-C1855).

She married Job Swim (1846-1912) January 19 1869. He was the son of George S. Swim and Abigail Crowell. He was a ships master. They had three children: Ella May (1869-1923), Reuben Clifford (1871-1931), and Gamaliel Harris (1876-1955).

The 1871 census found her married to Job and with a child Ella M. age one. She appears in the 1881 census as age 34 married to Job with three children at home, Ella age 11, Reuben age nine and Gamiliel five. She appears in the 1891 census as age 44, married to Job a fisherman. There were two children at home Reuben age 19 and Gamiliel age 15. In 1901 she is shown as age 54 in the census. They were living at Clark's Harbour. There were no children at home. In 1911 she is shown as age 62 in the census. They were living at West Head.

Job died July 14 1912 and is buried in Oakvale cemetery in Clark's Harbour.

In the 1921 census she was shown as age 74. She was a widow living alone on Main Street in Clark's Harbour.

Rachel died in Clark's Harbour NS January 10 1939 and is buried in Oakvale Cemetery with her husband, Job.

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8-3-5

Laura Penney (1848-1873)

Laura was born on Cape Sable Island about 1848. She was a child of Samuel Penney 1813-1855 Rebecca Brannen 1822-1904.

She died of tuberculous at age 24 on March 23 1873. She never married or had children.

Laura is buried at Swim's Point NS

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8-3-6

Abijah Penney (1850-1874)

Abijah was born in South Side July 12 1850 the son of Samuel Penney 1813-1855 Rebecca Brannen 1822-1904.

His father died when he was only five years old. About a year later his mother married Smith Swim 1809-1891 and the family moved into Smith's home at Swims Point.

In the 1871 census he was living in the household of Smith Swim and his mother Rebecca and was shown as a fisherman.

He married Emma Smith 1856-1927 January 8 1873. She was the daughter of James Smith and Jane Atkinson. Abijah was age 21 she was 17 years old. He was a fisherman.

He died April 13 1874 at Swim's Point due to tuberculosis. He was only 23 years old. He is buried at Swim's Point.

He had been married about a year and left a son Samuel Austin Penney 1873-1930. Emma remarried to Robert Ezra Lowe 1852-1928 April 15 1875. They had eight children. She died February 10 1927 at Lower Clark's Harbour.

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8-3-7

Ruben Ross Penney (1851-1918)

He was born November 7 1851 at South Side NS. He was the seventh child of Rebecca Brannen 1822-1904 and Samuel Penney 1813-1855.

His father died when he was only four years of age. His mother remarried to Smith Swim about 1856. The family then moved into his home at Swim's Point

The 1871 census showed him as age 19 and living at home.

October 14 1874, he married Eusebia Cunningham 1857-1933. She was the daughter of Joseph Cunningham and Elizabeth Wilson. They had 12 children.

The 1881 census showed him as age 28 a mariner married with 2 children living with them.

On May 8 1877 he was a volunteer along with Captain Job Crowell who took eight others out on board the schooner *Matchless* in rough weather to look for the capsized schooner *Codseeker*. Their bravery resulted in the rescue of four crew members of the *Codseeker*. The Dominion Government awarded him ten dollars in gold for his heroics.

The 1891 census showed him age 39 married with six children at home. The 1901 census showed him married with eight children at home. In the 1911 census there were only two children remaining at home.

He was a fisherman and harbour master at Barrington

He died in June 23 1918 and is buried at North East Point in the Old Kirk Cemetery. His wife Eusebia died May 17 1933 in Centreville. She is buried with Ruben in North East Point.

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8-3-8

Samuel Bryant Penney (1853-1914)

Samuel was born May 11 1853 at South Side NS. He was the eighth and youngest child of Rebecca Brannen 1822-1904 and Samuel Penney 1813-1855. His father died perhaps even before he was born. His mother married Smith Swim when he was only about one year old and they moved to Smith's home at Swim's Point.

He married Elizabeth Josephine Nickerson 1865-1944 at Clark's Harbour December 21 1881. She was the daughter of John G. Nickerson and Susan M. Worth. They had seven children.

The 1891 census showed him as 37 married with 3 children at home. He was living on Cape Island. The 1901 census showed him as 47 married with 5 children at home.

Sometime after 1901 the family moved to Vancouver BC. In the 1911 census they living at 1123 Richard, in Vancouver. He was a retired mariner age 51. He indicated he was married to Elizabeth age 46. George, Alton, Clermont, and John were living in the same house. Celeste Larkin age 24 described as a daughter of Samuel, and a granddaughter Maydo age 5 is also with them. There were two lodgers also in the house.

He died in Vancouver in August 31 1914 and is buried in the Mountain View Cemetery there. His wife Elizabeth out lived him by thirty years. She died June 13 1944 in Vancouver and is buried with her husband.

After the death of her first husband Samuel, Rebecca, married Archelaus Smith Swim 1809-1891. They had only one child Jethro C. Swim born March 12 1858 at West Head NS.

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8-3-9

Jethro Crowell Swim (1858-1923)



Jethro was the only child of Rebecca Brannen's marriage to Archelus Smith Swim (1809-1891). He was born March 12 1858 in Swim's Point NS.

He married Lillian G. (Lillas) Smith (1858-1973) at The Hawk April 28 1878. She was the daughter of Stewart Smith and Mary A. They had ten children.

In the 1881 census showed him as age 23 married to Lillian. He was shown a fisherman. There were two children at home. The 1901 census they had eight children at home. His mother Rebecca was living with them. The 1921 census found he and Lillian living in Clark's Harbour. With them was a 16-year-old grandson.

He died May 1 1923 at Clark's Harbour. Lillis died in 1973 at West Head NS.

END

END OF THE LINE

Henry Brannen Line

THE HENRY BRANNEN LINE

Henry Brannen (1824-1905)

Henry was born September 23, 1824, at Clam Point NS. He was Archibald Brannen (1777-1927) and Mary Atkinson's (1788-??) eighth son.

Henry is listed in the Barrington Township Records as the youngest child of Archibald and Mary.

January 28, 1843, Henry Brannen appeared in their records as a member of the Centreville church.

July 14, 1845, he fathered an illegitimate child by Eleanor Nickerson (1825-1912). The child was named William Watson Brannen; born in Baccaro. He was raised by his grandparents Heman Nickerson (1800-??) and wife Sabra. Henry and Eleanor did not marry.

In 1845 Henry married Mary Huskins (1822-1905). Together they had ten children who all lived to maturity

March 6, 1847. The Centreville church records show he was received as a candidate for baptism. He was baptized in 1847, March 7th.

February 4th, 1852, Henry and Mary sold the back part of lot 4 Class ten to Joseph K Smith for 5 pounds. The document was registered on July 22, 1853.

Henry purchased a property from Robert Brown for 35 pounds. The property was described as 1/2 Lot 4 Class 10. The document was registered on March 25, 1853.

October 1855 Henry and Mary sold the northeast corner of lot 5 Class 1? (Likely 10) to Robert Brown for 15 pounds.

In 1855 he is shown as an owner in the *Lady of the Forest* a two masted schooner. There were 8 shares.

February 27, 1858, church records show him as removed from membership of the Centreville church.

The 1861 census shows him head of a household of 9, 4 males and 5 females.

The 1871 Lovells Directory showed him as a fisherman living in Baccaro.

By 1871 he had moved to Baccaro and was a fishingfishing there.

In the 1881 census he was living in Port La Tour age 60 with wife Mary age 59 along with children William 31, George 19, Jessie 16 and Archibald 14. The ages of William and Susan vary from other records.

Henry and Mary sold Part of Lot 4 to James Brown December 19, 1881.

The 1891 census has him living in Port LaTour. He was age 66 a fisherman married to Mary age 67. Living with them was their son Archibald a fisherman, age 24, his wife Clara age 21 and a granddaughter to Henry, Leslie, age nine months

The 1896 and 97 McAlpine Directories shows him a fisherman at Baccaro.

The 1901 census indicates he was 77 and she was 78. They were living in Rockville with their daughter Martha.

Henry died in Rockville NS January 5, 1905, while living with his daughter Martha. Mary died in May 1905 also in Rockville.

There is a document selling his land at Baccaro for \$225. registered August 22, 1909. The document number is BAR 502906557 and is dated June 10, 1903. It is signed by James R., Prince William, George, Archibald, Susan Smith, and Madora McLean (of Boston). The property was sold to John E. Christie and David Connell in Baccaro.

Henry was the second Brannen to leave Cape Sable Island and the first Brannen to settle in Baccaro NS.

THE THIRD GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF HENRY BRANNEN (1824-1904)

9-3-1

William Watson Brannen (1845-1924)

William was born on July 13, 1845. Was born out of wedlock to Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Eleanor Nickerson (1825-1912). He was raised by Heman Nickerson (1800-??) and Sabra Nickerson, Eleanor's parents. William took his father's last name.

He married Hepsabeth Anne Nickerson (1847-1908) about 1864 in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Reuben Nickerson (1827-??) and Sarah Crowell (1827-??). They had six children, five of them lived to maturity.

The 1901 census shows William as age 55 born July 13, 1845, his wife, Hepsabeth age 54 born May 17 1846. Eleanor Fitzgerald, described as his mother, age 75 born April 25, 1825, was also living with them. They were living in Woods Harbour NS. He was a blacksmith.

His wife Hepsabeth died November 13, 1908, in Woods Harbour NS.

The 1911 census showed him as a widower aged 65. He was lived in Woods Harbour. With him was his daughter Celia (1867-1930) age 42, and daughter-in-law Maggie Stoddard-Brannen (1881-1938) age 30, the widow of William's son Martin Lee (1876-1905) ,), along with grandchildren, Cecelia M. (1898-1968) age 13, Delila E. (1899-1984) age 11, Henry (1901-1982) age nine and Gerald Lee (1904-1953) age seven. William's mother 'Ellen' Eleanor Nickerson, age 86, born April 1825 was also living with them. William was a blacksmith.

The 1921 census reported him as a widower aged 75 living in Woods Harbour. With him was his daughter Celia, aged 56. He was shown as a fisherman.

The Nova Scotia Vital Records show the date of his death registration as 1924 Volume 103 page 899 1924. He died and was buried in Woods Harbour NS.

9-3-2

Sarah Brannen (1846-1931)

Sarah was born on December 19, 1846, on Cape Sable Island. She was the oldest child of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

She married Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929) December 20, 1865, in Baccaro NS. He was the son of Barzilla Smith (1816-??) and Mary Ann Davis. They had fourteen children.

The 1891 Canadian census showed her age 43 with ten children at home. She was living in the Port Clyde district. He was a fisherman. It appears her mother Mary Huskins-Brannen (1822-1905) was living with them. Her age was given as 74.

In the 1901 census Sarah is shown as age 52 born 1848. He is shown as age 59. Children, William, John, Daniel G., Samuel, and Violet were at home.

The 1911 census showed her birth date as December 1846, his was July 1843. Sons James, John and Samuel were living at home. Also, in the house was their son William O. age 32 and his wife Abbie and their two children William age two and Gordon, two months old.

The 1921 census shows them living in Port Saxon. He was age 77 and she was age was 73. With them was son William age 43, and his children William Jr. age 12 and Douglas age nine.

Abram died May 1, 1929, in Port Saxon. Sara died January 13, 1931, at Port Saxon NS.

9-3-3

Robert H. Brannen (1850-1890)

Robert was born on December 23 1850, 1850, on Cape Sable Island. He was the oldest son of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

Robert married Sarah Ann (Annie) Worthen (1852-1942) on February 1, 1872. She was the daughter of Samuel C. Worthen and Eliza Adams. They had seven children.

Robert Brannen appears in the 1881 Canadian census as age 30, a farmer and fisherman living in Port LaTour. He was married to Sarah at age 27. There were five children at home.

He died in Smithville July 26, 1890, leaving five young children at home. He is buried in Smithville, NS.

The 1891 Canadian census shows Sarah A. age 38 a widow. There were still five children shown at home: Horatio age 18, Lillian age 16, Samuel C. aged 12, Herbert E. age seven and Amy L., four years old.

She married Joseph B. Huskins (1839-1929), July 12, 1899. He was a widower with 11 children, the youngest age 13. They do not to appear to have had any children together.

Sarah died in Oakland California February 20, 1942, and is buried in Mountain View cemetery there.

9-3-4

Susan Brannen (1852-1945)



Susan was born October 23, 1852. She was the daughter of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

She married Daniel Phillip Smith (1851-1922) on October 23, 1877. He was the son of Josiah Smith (1813-1885) and Elizabeth Littlewood (1821-1881). They had two children, Josiah born about 1878 and Eva born about 1882.

The 1881 census showed her as age 29 living in Port LaTour. Living with them was his father Josiah Smith aged 66.

In the 1911 census she lived in Sand Beach, Yarmouth County. She was aged 58 born August 1852. Her husband was a carpenter. In the 1921 census she was 68 living in Sand Beach.

Daniel died October 7, 1922, in Yarmouth NS. She died January 9, 1945, at Sand Beach NS.

9-3-5

Martha Jane Brannen (1854-1945)

Martha Jane was born June 18, 1854. She was the daughter of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

She married William Thomas McLean (1852-??) August 4, 1877. He was a fisherman. They had three children: Mary C. born about 1879, Robert about 1881 and Everett about 1888.

The census 1891 showed she was aged 36 and he was age 38. Their daughter Mary was 12 years old, Robert age ten and Everett age three. Also, with them was his father Daniel McLean age 67. They were living in Port Clyde area.

The 1901 census found them in Rockville NS. She was age 45 and he aged 47. There were two children, William age six and Everett aged 12 with them. Also living with them were his parents Henry aged 77, and Mary age 78.

She died March 31, 1945, at Port Saxon NS.

9-3-6

Mary Madora Brannen (1855-1944)

Madora was born December 14, 1855. She was the daughter of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

She married Robert J. McLean (1853-1939) the groom was born January 1, 1853, in Port Saxon. He was age 24. Madora's birth date according to her marriage certificate was 1856. She was shown as born being born in Baccaro. The marriage date was April 12, 1877. They were married in Barrington NS. The groom's father's name was Charles. and his mother's name Elizabeth.

She and Robert appear in the 1891 Canadian census living in the Port Clyde area. There were five children at home: Eugene age 13, Bernice age 11, James age eight, Arthur age three and Lavinia three months old. Robert was a carpenter.

The 1900 US census shows them in Brookline MA. He is shown as age 47 and her, age 44. There were six children at home.

The 1910 US census found them in Boston living at Hyde Park Av. There were four children with them, daughter, Bernice Merriman age 30, shown as married for 12 years with two children. Also with them were children: Lavinia aged 19 single, Charles B. aged 15 and Bessie L. aged 15.

The 1920 US census showed them still at Hyde Park Av. Charles, Bessie and Arthur were still at home. The 1930 census showed her as age 73 and him age 77.

The Boston city directory for 1935 shows them living at 714 Hyde Park Av Roslindale.

Robert died December 10, 1939, in Boston MA and is buried in the Wyoming Cemetery in Melrose MA. Madora died July 18, 1944, in Roslindale MA and is buried with Robert in Melrose MA.

9-3-7

James Rodman Brannen (1857-1934)



Rod was born May 29, 1857. He was the son of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

He married Jemima Adams Nickerson (1857-1934) September 20, 1879, in Woods Harbour NS. They had two children, James Coleman (1883-1950) and Nema Jane (1893-1978).

The Barrington Township records show him registering his stock mark March 31, 1887.

The 1891 census shows a Rod Brannen age 33 living in Port LaTour next to or in part of his father's house. He was married to Jemima also age 33 with a son James C. age nine. Rod was a fisherman.

Jemima died July 16, 1911, in Baccaro and is buried in the Union cemetery in Baccaro NS.

In 1925 James R. Brannen a widower aged 67 was living as a boarder at 134 Falcon St. in Boston. He was a fish cutter.

In 1927 he obtained a delayed birth certificate in which his sister Susan swore his birth date to be May 29, 1857. His address at that time was Kelley's Cove NS

He died March 9, 1934, in West Baccaro NS and is buried there in the Union Cemetery along with Jemima. His death certificate gave his birth date as May 27, 1858. He died of Cardiac Failure.

9-3-8

Prince William Brannen (1860-1939)

Prince was born May 7, 1860, in Baccaro NS. He was the son of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

He married Leah Lenora Nickerson (1869-1960) March 24, 1885, in Port LaTour. They had three natural children and one adopted daughter Ellen Gertrude (1907-1960).

His stock mark was recorded May 20, 1889, in Barrington Township records.

He died 24 April 1939 in West Baccaro. His wife Leah died much later June 17, 1960, in Shelburne. She is buried with him in the Union Cemetery in Baccaro NS.

OBITUARY:

BACCARO, May 6 - There passed away at his home in West Baccaro Monday evening a highly esteemed citizen of the community, in the person of Prince Brannen. The deceased who was 78 years of age, had been in his usual health until about a week before his death, when he suffered a heart attack. Funeral services were held at the United Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Wright. He is survived by his widow, an adopted daughter, Mrs. Harold Chetwynde of this place; two brothers, George Brannen, Sand Beach, Archibald Brannen at present in Bridgewater; three sisters, Mrs. Robert MacLean, Roslindale, Mass., Mrs. Susan Smith, Sand Beach, and Mrs. Martha J. MacLean, Port Saxon.

9-3-9

George Arthur Brannen (1862-1944)



George was born January 14, 1862, in Baccaro NS. He was the son of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

He married Rosalie or Rosella Nickerson (1859-1901) December 23, 1886, at Port LaTour NS. She was the daughter of Amos Nickerson and Rosella Adams. They had three children, Rodman (1890-1894), Esna Belle (1893-1894), and Amos Harold (1896-1974).

George and Rosalie and their child Rodman appear in the 1891 census. George was age 28, Rosalie age 30 age30 and Rodman five months old. George was a fisherman.

Rosalie died October 1, 1901, leaving three children ages five, eight and eleven.

He married again to Cordelia Ella Nickerson (1869-1904) on August 27, 1903. She was the daughter of Captain William Nickerson and Deborah Ann Smith. She did not live long after their marriage and died December 21 1904 at Sand Beach NS. They had no children together.

George married Anna Eliza McVicar (1858-1913) 22 June 1908 in Boston MA. George was aged 46; it was his third marriage. She was the daughter of Archibald McVicar and Sophia Wolfe. She was 50 years old, It was her second marriage; she was a widow. He

was shown as a fisherman from Port LaTour. She was living at 64 Trenton Street Boston and was working as a housekeeper. They had no children together.

He married Jennie Trefry-Nickerson (1884-1962) July 26 1915, 1915. She was the widow of Frank Nickerson and the daughter of Augustus Sullivan and his wife Zilphia. They had had three children of their own, Lloyd George (1916-1991), Dorthy Esna (1921-1989) and Bernice Rosella (1927-2006). She also brought three children into the marriage with her Arthur age eight, Chesley Francis age 11 and Esther Nickerson age ten. These children appeared with George and Jennie in the 1921 census as his stepchildren.

George died January 29, 1944, in Yarmouth NS. Jennie died October 31, 1962, in Yarmouth NS.

9-3-10

Jessie Ellen Smith Brannen (1864-1937)



Jessie was born August 24, 1864, at Baccaro. She was the daughter of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

She married Tristram Reynolds Bower (1861-1938) December 31, 1883, at Bacarro NS. He was the son of Charles Bower and Lydia Reynolds. He was age 22, a fisherman. She

was aged 19. Henry Bower and Annie Crowell were the witnesses to the marriage. They had three children together.

The 1901 census shows her age 36, he was age 38. He was a fisherman. There were three children at home, Charles aged 16, and Freda and Daniel.

The 1911 census shows her as age 46 living in Port LaTour with two children, Danny age 18, and Freda age 16 at home.

The 1921 census shows her 57 years old living in Port La Tour. There were no children at home.

She died September 14, 1937, in Port LaTour NS. Tristram died March 10 1938 in Port LaTour NS.

9-3-11

Archibald StClair Brannen (1865-1954)



Archie was born October 6, 1865, in Baccaro NS. He was the son of Henry Brannen (1824-1905) and Mary Huskins (1822-1905).

On his marriage record July 7, 1888, he is shown as a mariner, both he and Clara Agnes Homer Nickerson (1869-1928) were residents of Baccaro. They were married in Port LaTour. His name was given as Archie. He was age 21 and she aged 19. Clara was the daughter of Richard Nickerson and Mary Crowell. They had seven children.

May 20, 1889, he registered his stock mark with Barrington Township.

He appears in the 1891 census as married to Clara living with his parents in Port LaTour and with a 9-month-old baby Lesia. The 1911 Canadian census shows him as age 45 living at Rockville Yarmouth County married to Clara with five children at home. He was listed as a fisherman.

In the 1925 Somerville MA city directory he was living at 250 Cedar Street with Clara and working as a lather. His son Clayton was living with them and was also a lather. The 1927 Somerville MA city directory has him living at the rear of 309 B'way with Clara. He was shown as a lather. Also with them was their son Clayton; he was working as a lather.

There was a passenger Archibald Brannen on the *SS Yarmouth* sailing from Yarmouth to Boston December 16, 1938.

Clara died March 28 1928 at Pembroke in Yarmouth County NS. He died in Bridgewater April 26, 1954. His death certificate shows him as age 90 born 1863.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM WATSON BRANNEN (1845-1924)

9-4-1

Delila Brannen (1866-1948)

Delila was born November 16, 1866, in Barrington Township NS to William Watson Brannen (1845-1924) and Hepsabeth Anne Nickerson (1847-1908).

She married John P. Abbott (1865-1932) January 3, 1894, in Lynn MA. They had five children.

The 1910 census has them in Paris ME. John aged 47, Lila 40, Freeman H. age 14, Mary E. age nine, Osma L. age eight. His parents were living with them.

In the 1920 census they were living in Paris ME with 2 children at home, Mary age 20 and Osma L. age 18. John was a blacksmith the children and Lila did not work

The 1930 census found her in Paris, Oxford, ME age 60. Her immigration year was 1887. She was a naturalized US citizen. He was a labourer in a woodworking factory. Their daughter Mary, age 29 was living with them. She was a teacher in a public school.

The 1940 census identified Lila as a widow aged 74 living on Main Street South Paris, Oxford ME with Mary E. Abbott her daughter age 39.

Delila died in 1948.

9-4-2

Celia Brannen (1867-1930)

Celia was born about 1867 in Barrington Township NS to William Watson Brannen (1845-1924) and Hepsabeth Anne Nickerson (1847-1908).

She appeared in the 1911 census living with her father in Woods Harbour. She is shown as 46, born August 1866.

She was shown in the 1921 census as being age 56, single, and living in Woods Harbour with her father.

It appears she never married.

She died in November 1930 and is buried in the same plot as her father in Greenwood cemetery in Woods Harbour

NS.

END

9-4-3

Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939)



Ada was born November 20, 1868, in Barrington Township NS to William Watson Brannen (1845-1924) and Hepsabeth Anne Nickerson (1847-1908).

She married Francis (Frank) Eldridge MacDonnell (1859-1936) in Yarmouth NS August 27, 1885. They had twelve children.

The 1891 census found her to be age 21 married to Frank living in Woods Harbour with 3 children. They are listed as McDonald. Frank is listed as a trader age 29.

Ada is shown in the 1901 census as age 31 married to Frank with nine children living at Woods harbour. Frank was a fisherman.

In 1911 census Frank was shown as a farmer, Ada was age 42, William was age 21, a blacksmith, Edith was age 19 working as a saleswoman in a department store, Annie was 18 and not working, Harold age 16 was a labourer in a canning factory. The rest of the children were young.

Their son James Gladwyn MacDonnell (1899-1918) was killed in France during WW1. Frank died September 16 1936, in Woods Harbour NS. Ada died July 24 1939, 1939, in Woods Harbour NS. Both are buried in Woods Harbour NS.

49-4-4

Jared Leander Brannen (1870-1900)

Jared was born November 20, 1868, in Barrington Township NS to William Watson Brannen (1845-1924) and Hepsabeth Anne Nickerson (1847-1908).

He appeared in the 1881 census as age ten. In the 1891 census he was shown as single and age 21 living with his parents and siblings in Woods Harbour NS. He was working as a blacksmith, the same trade as his father.

He appears in McAlpines Directory 1896 as a fisherman at Woods harbour.

Jared married Mary Odelia Strahan (1874-1954) in Woods Harbour NS July 13, 1898. She was the daughter of John Strahan and Abigail of Argyle Sound NS. They had one child Alma Edwina Brannen (1900-1967).

He died at age 30 November 9, 1900, at Woods Harbour.

Mary remarried to James Colby Sears May 17, 1901. Alma stayed with her and appearsappeared as Alma Brannen age 11 in the 1911 census living with Mary and her stepfather James Sears. In the 1921census she appeared as Alma Sears age 21 living with her mother and stepfather.

9-4-5

Martin Nickerson Brannen (1874-1876)

Martin was born about October 15, 1874, in Barrington Township NS to William Watson Brannen (1845-1924) and Hepsabeth Anne Nickerson (1847-1908).

He died as an infant January 25, 1876.

END

9-4-6

Martin Lee Brannen (1876-1905)

Martin was the second child with this first name. He was born December 29, 1876, in Woods Harbour NS to William Watson Brannen (1845-1924) and Hepsabeth Anne Nickerson (1847-1908).

He married Margaret Ninetta Stoddard (1881-1938) October 28, 1897. She was the daughter of Henry K. Stoddard and Jerusha Stoddart. They had four children.

The Canadian census of 1901 showed him age 24 born Dec 29, 1876, a fisherman. He was married to Maggie age 20 with two children, Celia age three and Delilah age one.

He died in Boston Aug 22, 1905, at the T Wharf. He was 27. Cause of death was Hypothetical Heart Disease. He was a fisherman. He is buried in Woods Harbour NS.

She appeared as a widow in the 1911 census living with her father-in-law William Watson Brannen along with Delila, Henry and Gerald.

The 1920 US census lists her as a widow aged 40 doing general work at a medicine factory. She was shown as head of the house. Her four children are living with her, Cecilia, Gerald, and William were employed. There were 3 boarders, the MacDonnell brothers, and Ethel Nickerson.

The 1930 US census showed her living at 55 Hudson. She was 49 Celia, Lila and Gerald were still living with her. She was described as a nurse.

OBITUARY:

BEAR POINT - Jan 5, 1938- Relatives here have received word of the sudden death at Lynn, Mass., of Mrs. Margaret Stoddard Brannen, 57, widow of Martin Brannen, a native and former resident of Wood's Harbor. Mrs. Brannen, who was a daughter of Henry K. Stoddard of this place, had resided in Lynn for 20 years, though a frequent visitor to her native county, where she was well known and highly esteemed. Her passing was due to a heart ailment. Interment was made in West Peabody, Mass. She is survived by two daughters, Misses Cecelia and Lila Brannen, two sons, Henry and Gerald Brannen all of Lynn, Mass; her father and step-mother of this place; three sisters, Mrs. Benjamin Goodwin, Lynn; Mrs. John Freeman, Sable River; Mrs. Fred Oulton, Lynn; three brothers, Harry Stoddard, Detroit, Mich.; Robert Stoddard, Atwood's Brook; Huestis Stoddard, Wakefield, Mass

The Children of Sarah Brannen (1846-1931)

9-4-7

Thomas James Leonard Smith (1867-1944)

James was born October 16, 1867, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1848-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

In the 1891 Canadian census he was shown as a fisherman aged 23 living with his parents and siblings. In the 1911 census he was shown as age 43 a fisherman still at home.

He married Maria Rebecca (Bernice) Perry (1879-1951) of Port Saxon. She was the daughter of Thomas Perry and Mary Elizabeth Perry. There does not appear to have been children.

He died December 11, 1944, in Port Saxon of septicemia/infected bladder.

Bernice remarried; she died in 1951 in Port Saxon.

END

9-4-8

Howard Smith (1868-??)

Howard Smith was born about 1868 in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1848-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

He appeared in the 1881 Clyde River area census as age 13. He was living with his parents and siblings.

No public records have been found for him after age thirteen.

END

9-4-9

Robert Henry L. Smith (1869-??)

Robert Henry Smith was born May 28, 1869, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

He appeared in the 1881 Clyde River area census as age 11. He was living with his parents and siblings.

In the 1891 Canadian census he was shown as a fisherman age 21 living with his parents and siblings.

No public records have been found for him after age 21 years.

END

9-4-10

Mary Ethelmore Smith (1871-??)

Mary was born about December 11, 1871, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

She appeared in the 1881 Clyde River area census as age "Mary" age nine. She was living with his parents and siblings.

In the 1891 Canadian census she was shown as age 19 living with her parents and siblings.

July 10, 1893, she married Oscar C. Smith (1873-1954?) in Cambridge MA. He was a carpenter and she a domestic. They were both 21. He was the son of Josiah and Susan Smith.

September 4, 1893, she travelled to Boston on the SS Halifax. She indicated her age as 21. She again was a passenger travelling alone to Boston August 29, 1896. September 15, 1901, she again was found travelling to Boston this time with Emit age 4 months.

The 1910 US census showed two children at home. In the 1920 census there were two children at home, Gladys age 28 and Oscar Jr age 18. She was shown as age 46. In the 1930 census she was age 57; Oscar Jr. was still at home at age 28.

The date of her death is unknown. In the 1940 census he was a lodger age 67. He had been a lodger at that address for at least five years. He described himself as married. I tombstone in Needham cemetery appears to be his showing his date of death as 1954. The stone shows a wife Fannie R. (1882-).

END

9-4-11

Wallace Austin Smith (1873-??)

Austin Smith was born May 27, 1873, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

He appears in the 1881 census for Clyde River as "Rupert" age seven.

In the 1891 Canadian census he was shown as a fisherman aged 18 living with his parents and siblings. He is shown as a fisherman.

I have found no public records after 1891.

END

9-4-12

Stella Mae Smith (1876-1876)

Stella Mae Smith was born January 19, 1876, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

She died as an infant May 31, 1876.

END

9-4-13

Stella Mary Smith (1877-1961)

Stella Smith was born about 1877 in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929). She was the second daughter that they named Stella her older sister with the same name died as an infant in 1876.

She appeared as age four in the Clyde River NS 1881 census.

She appeared in the 1891 Canadian census with his parents and siblings. She was shown as age 14.

She died at Pleasant Lake NS March 20, 1961.

END

9-4-14

William Orion Smith (1878-1955)

William Orion Smith was born September 23, 1878, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

He appeared in the 1881 Clyde River area census as age two. He was living with his parents and siblings. In the 1891 Canadian census he was shown as age 13 living with his parents and siblings. In the 1901 census he is shown as age 22.

He married Abigail E. Nickerson (1886-1916) April 8, 1908, in Yarmouth NS. She was the daughter of William Henry Nickerson (1844-1872) and Maria Nickerson (1851-??).

They had two children Orion William Smith (1908-??) and Gordon Smith (1911-??).

Abigail died February 16, 1916. He died in Shelburne March 29, 1955.

END

9-4-15

Susan Jessie Smith (1882-??)

Jessie Smith was born about May 1882 in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

In the 1891 census she was shown as age ten. In the 1901 census she is shown as age nineteen.

The 1921 census indicated she was married to William Smith 1879-??) with one child Elda age six.

END

9-4-16

John Israel Smith (1883-??)

John Smith was born April 3, 1883, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

In the 1891 census he was shown as age nine. In the 1901 census he is shown as age nineteen. He was shown as age 28 and living at home in the 1911 census.

He appears to have moved to British Columbia prior to 1914.

He married Dora Frances Rougier (1892-??) August 6, 1914, in Vancouver BC. She was the daughter of James G. Rougier (1867-??) and Martha S. Windebank (1872-??). They had one child Violet Florence Smith (1917-1917). She only lived five months before dying of whooping cough.

Dora remarried October 15, 1929, and passed away July 10 1978. 1929. There are no public records of him after the marriage. His date and location of death are unknown; he is not buried with Dora and their child.

END

9-4-17

Daniel Gordon Smith (1884-1956)

Gordon Smith was born April 23, 1882, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

In the 1891 Canadian census he was shown as age seven living with his parents and siblings. In the 1901 census he is shown as age 17.

He married Abigail (Abbie) Anne Hunt (1892-1965) July 13, 1907, in Yarmouth. She was the daughter of Joseph Hunt (1868-1929) and Eldora Nickerson (1871-1949). They had at least seven children.

In the 1921 census he was shown as age 39 and Abbie age 29. He was an inshore fisherman. There were seven children at home.

Gordon died July 13, 1956, in Cape Forchu NS. Abby died in 1965. They are buried together in Chegoggin NS.

END

9-4-18

Violet Smith (1891-1910)

Violet Smith was born September 28 January 19, 1891, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

In the 1901 census she is shown as age nine.

She died February 25, 1910, in Port Saxon.

END

9-4-19

Arthur Samuel Smith (1892-1968)

Arthur Smith was born May 24, 1892, in Port Saxon to Sarah Brannen (1846-1931) and Abraham Perry Smith (1841-1929).

In the 1891 Canadian census he was shown as age eleven months living with his parents and siblings. In the 1901 census he is shown as age ten. In the 1911 census he was still living at home and working as a fisherman.

September 15, 1913, he married Mable Vaughn Hudgins (1890-1982) a native of Kingston ON in East Boston. She was the daughter of Winfeld S. Hudgins (1864-1946)

and Caroline Wheelock (1864-1905) and was a native of Kingston ON. They had several children, Evelyn J. Smith (1913-2000), Helen (1919-??) Arthur Brannen Smith (1922-2007) and Dayton W. Smith (1923-2006) and perhaps others.

His 1917 draft card indicate he was business for self painter.

The 1920 showed them with two children at home. In the 1930 census there were four children living with them and in 1940 there were still two children at home.

In 1927 his mother swore his date of birth to be 1892

Arthur died in Harwich MA May 1968. Mable died in Harwich MA October 31, 1982.

OBITUARY:

SMITH - In Hyannis. formerly of Dorchester. May 2. Arthur S. Be-loved husband of Mabel V. Hudgins, of 10 Essex Place. Harwich Port. Father of Arthur B. of Braintree. Dayton W. of Hyde Park. Mrs. Harold R. West of Har-wich Port and Mrs. William H Kelly Jr. of Reno. Nev. Funeral services at the Eaton & Mute Funeral Home. 678 Main st.. Harwich, Center. Saturday. May 4. at 1:30 P.M. Relatives and friends are invited. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday 2 to 4 and 7 , 9 P.M

END

THE CHILDREN OF ROBERT H. BRANNEN (1850-1890)

9-4-20

Horatio Harris Brannen (1872-1953)

Horatio was born July 12, 1872, at Port LaTour. He was the oldest child of Robert H. Brannen (1850-1890) and Sarah Ann Worthen (1852-1942)

He appeared in the 1881 census as age eight. The 1891 census lists him as a son of Sarah A. Brannen a 38-year-old widow. He was age 18 a fisherman living with his widowed mother and four siblings in Port LaTour.

He married Mary Jane Atkinson (1871-1933) November 24, 1892. She was the daughter of Samuel Atkinson and Caroline Brown.

April 17, 1894, Horatio Brannen of West Baccaro registered his stockmark with the Township.

He appears in the 1901 Canadian Census as age 28, born July 24, 1872. He was listed as a fisherman living on Cape Sable Island with his wife Mary and children Violet M., age seven, Robert H., age five, and Ashley B. age three years.

In July 1901 he was involved in the rescue of fifteen men in a lifeboat from the wrecked *Drumalis*. He was fishing with Howard Atkinson and two other men when they came across the lifeboat. The crew was rewarded for their rescue efforts by the Dominion Government in 1903. The captain got a watch and the crew including Horatio each got a cheque for \$10.

The 1911 census shows him living in Centreville with Mary and six children

The 1921 census indicates he is living at Stoney Island with three children remaining at home, Ashley 23, a fisherman with his father, Herbert, not working, and Annie a student.

Mary Jane died October 7, 1933. Horatio died February 19, 1953

9-4-21

Lillian (Lily) Belle Brannen (1874-1941)

Lily was born November 15 1874 at Port LaTour she was the daughter of Robert H. Brannen (1850-1890) and Sarah Ann Worthen (1852-1942).

In the 1881 census she was shown as age six living in Port LaTour. In the 1891 census she was living with her widowed mother. She was age 16.

She married John Wilkin. He died sometime prior to 1934 and she did not remarry. There is no evidence of children.

In the 1940 census she was age 65, a widow living in Oakland CA. She was shown as a naturalized US citizen. She was living with her mother Sarah A. Huskins an 86-year-old widow. Also living there was her sister Amy L. Brannen age 54 and Amy's son Peter Brannen age 19.

She died in Alameda CA March 19, 1941, and is buried in Mountain View cemetery 167382541

END

9-4-22

Julia Anna Brannen (1876-1961)

Julia was born November 7, 1876, in Port LaTour. She was the daughter of Robert H. Brannen (1850-1890) and Sarah Ann Worthen (1852-1942).

She appeared in the 1881 census as age four.

She married Arthur Malcolm Watson (1870-1911) July 22, 1898, in Brookline MA. They had two children.

The 1900 US census showed her age 22 and Arthur age 29, they had one child, Rebecca, age one. They were living in Brookline MA.

In the 1910 US census she was listed as age 33, married to Arthur with two children at home, Rebekah B. age ten and Gwendolyn age seven. They were living at 40 Cheshire Street in Boston. Arthur was a carpenter. They immigrated in 1890. The children were both born in Massachusetts.

Her husband Arthur died February 1911.

She married Fredrick Louis. Hauser (1891-1946) in 1918.

In the 1920 US census she was shown as married to Fredrick L Hueser. She was aged 39 and he was aged 29. Her daughters Rebekka B Watson age 20 and Gwendolyn N. Watson age 17 were living with them at 7 Boudoin St., Boston. She was listed as a housekeeper in a lodging house, her daughter Rebekka was a stenographer for a steamship company. Gwendolyn was a student. Boarding with them was her nephew Robert S. Brannen, age 24 a machinist for an elevator company.

She died November 30, 1961, and is buried in Mountainview cemetery in Oakland CA.

9-4-23

Samuel Cousens Brannen (1879-1963)

Samuel was born May 7, 1879, at Port LaTour he was the son of Robert H. Brannen (1850-1890) and Sarah Ann Worthen (1852-1942).

The 1881 census shows him as age three living in Port LaTour with his parents and five siblings, Horatio age eight, Lily B. age six, Julia age four, Sam age three and Henry one and a half years old.

The 1891 census lists him as a son of Sarah A. Brannen, a 38-year-old widow. He was aged 12 living with his widowed mother and four siblings in Port LaTour.

June 11, 1902, S. Brannen age 23 was listed as a passenger on the SS *Prince George* going to Boston.

April 5 1907 when he was age 27 he married Dora Ormsby Johns (1885-1981), age 22 in Boston. She was from Framingham, the daughter of Thomas E. Johns. It was the first marriage for both. He was living in Brookline MA and working as a brass finisher. She was "at home" living at 138 Minden Street Boston. They do not appear to have children.

The 1910 census showed him age 30 and Dora age 26 living at Sheridan St. in Boston. He was a carpenter. His date of arrival was shown as 1898.

His naturalization card Petition 2563cc shows him living at 20 Sheridan Street Jamaica Plain MA. He was a carpenter. Date of admission May 31, 1910.

His WWI Draft Registration card is dated Sept 12, 1918. He was age 39 and gave his date of birth as May 7, 1879. He declared he was a naturalized citizen. He was a carpenter working for the US Government at the Charleston Yard, Norfolk, MA. Dora was his contact and only dependent.

He joined the Mason's on May 25, 1925.

The 1926 Quincy city directory shows him as a carpenter at 28 Mears.

They were living in Quincy at 29 Chickatabot Road in the 1930 census. He was a carpenter.

The 1940 census shows him age 60 and Dora age 55. He was a carpenter on his own.

His WWII Draft Registration Card shows him as age 62 in his own business, born in Yarmouth NS and living in Quincy MA at 29 Chickatabot Road. His contact was Dora.

The 1949 Quincy MA city directory shows him as a carpenter still at 29 Chickatabot Road.

He died January 12, 1963, and Dora died in 1981.

END

9-4-24

Robert Henry Brannen Jr. (1881-1949)

Henry was born March 12 1881 at Port LaTour he was the son of Robert H. Brannen (1850-1890) and Sarah Ann Worthen (1852-1942).

He is reported in the 1881 census as one month old. The Canadian census of 1891 indicated he was nine years old.

The US census of 1910 found a Henry Brannan boarding, and working as a hired man labourer doing odd jobs in Kern Twp. CA. He gave his birthplace as Canada and indicated he was a Naturalized citizen of US; he gave his age as 28.

He married Myrtle M. They appear in the 1936 voter registration for Los Angeles. They were living at 1330 W 11th St. He was a mechanic and she a housewife. They do not appear to have had children.

The city directory for San Diego 1939 showed him and Myrtle M. living at 3715 5th street.

He and Myrtle appeared on the San Diego voters list for 1942 and 1944. Their address was PO Box 211 Bostonia Hwy. They were registered Democrats.

His WWII draft registration card dated April 1942, gave his birthdate as March 12, 1883, and birthplace as Boston. His contact was Myrtle L. Brannen at PO Box 211 Bostonia CA this was also his address. He was listed as employed by National Iron Works in San Diego.

The 1945 city directory for San Diego show him as foreman at National Iron Works residing in Bostonia.

He died in Dan Diego CA September 22, 1949. He is buried in Mountain View cemetery # 167380540. His birth was listed as March 12, 1883.

END

9-4-25

Herbert E. Brannen (1883-1906)

Herbert was born about 1883 at Port LaTour he was the son of Robert H. Brannen (1850-1890) and Sarah Ann Worthen (1852-1942).

The 1891 census lists him as a son of Sarah A. Brannen a 38-year-old widow. He was age seven living with his widowed mother and four siblings in Port LaTour.

He appears to have died November 1, 1906, in Rockville NS at the home of his stepfather Joseph Huskins. He is buried in the Union cemetery in Baccaro. He was age 23 when he died. It appears he did not marry.

END

9-4-26

Amy Louise Brannen (1886-1951)

Amy was born on December 18, 1886, at Port LaTour she was the daughter of Robert H. Brannen (1850-1890) and Sarah Ann Worthen (1852-1942).

The 1891 census lists Amy L. Brannen as daughter of Sarah A. Brannen Brannen, a 38-year-old widow. She was age 4 living with her widowed mother and four siblings

She married in Boston in April 2, 1909, to Nicholas Demetrius Apostoles (1883-1933) he was a native of Greece. They had two children: Nicholas James Apostoles and Peter Nicholas Brannen.

The 1910 US census shows her living in Boston. She has a new baby, James. In the 1920 census they are shown to be living in Malden, their son James was 9.

Amy was on the SS *Yarmouth* going to Boston January 23, 1932.

The 1933 Boston city directory lists her as a widow, living with her son James in South Boston.

Amy L. Brannen along with George and Eleanor Brannen were passengers on the SS *Yarmouth* August 21, 1936, going to Boston. She was also on the SS *Evangeline* going to Boston May 14, 1937.

She appeared in the 1940 census as Amy L. Brannen age 54 living in Oakland CA. Both her and son Peter were using Brannen as their last names. She was residing with her mother Sarah A. Huskins an 86-year-old widow. Also, in the household was her sister Lily B. Wilkin age 65 a widow and Amy's son Peter Brannen age 19.

Aug 28, 1941, she was on the SS *Yarmouth* going to Boston. Also, on the ship that day was Winston and George Brannen

She died in Alameda CA February 24, 1951.

THE CHILDREN OF SUSAN BRANNEN (1852-1945)

9-4-27

Josiah Smith (1878-??)

Josiah was born about 1878 at Cape Negro NS to Susan Brannen (1852-1945) and Daniel Phillip Smith (1851-1922).

No public records have been found for Josiah. He may have died young.

END

9-4-28

Eva Eudora Smith (1882-??)

Eva was born October 12, 1883, in Yarmouth NS to Susan Brannen (1852-1945) and Daniel Phillip Smith (1851-1922).

She married Warren E. Poole (1883-??) April 24, 1907, at Sand Beach NS. He was the son of Stephen Poole (1838-1918) and Ellen England (1845-1920).

The 1911 census showed them living in Sand Beach NS. They were both 28 years old. There were no children.

She signed the 1918 NS petition in favour of female suffrage

In the 1921 census they were still living in Sand Beach NS. With them was Kenneth Poole age 32. There were no children listed.

They both appeared in the voter's lists 1957. In the 1965 list only Eva appeared.

END

THE CHILDREN OF MARTHA JANE BRANNEN (1854-1945)

9-4-29

Mary Catherine. MacLean (1877-??)

Mary was born in Port Saxon NS June 8, 1877. She was the daughter of Martha Jane Brannen (1854-1945) and William Thomas MacLean (1852-??)

The census of 1891 showed Mary as 12. They were living in Port Clyde.

She married Elmer Greenwood (1875-??) July 6, 1900, at Port Saxon NS. He was the son of William James Greenwood (1838-??) and Agnes Pezia Goulden (1849-1912). They had two children, Eva F. (1900-1919) and Elma (1902-1918).

They appear in the 1901 census; she was aged 23 and he was 25. They had a child, Eva, who was three months old, born December 22 1900, 1900.

In the 1911 census she was shown as a widow aged 33 living in Port Saxon NS with her mother and her two children.

She married Audley Russell Crowell (1868-1937) July 19, 1924. He died April 20, 1937, in Yarmouth and is buried in Port Saxon.

Her date of death, location and burial are unknown.

END

9-4-30

Robert MacLean (1881-??)

Robert was the son of Martha Jane Brannen (1854-1945) and William Thomas MacLean (1852-??). He was born in Port Saxon NS about 1881.

He appeared in the 1891 census but there are not public records of him after that date

END

9-4-31

Everett Edward MacLean (1888-1978)

Everett was the son of Martha Jane Brannen (1854-1945) and William Thomas MacLean (1852-??). He was born in Port Saxon NS May 1, 1888.

In the 1891 he was shown as age three. He appeared in the 1901 census as age 12. He was living with his parents and siblings in Rockville NS. Also, in the household was his grandparents.

He appears in the 1911 census living in Port Saxon NS with his widowed mother and sister Mary and her two children as well as William MacLean. He was described as an adopted son of Martha.

He married Emma Ellen Peterson (1897-??) in Boston on August 3, 1914. She was born in Boston, the daughter of John T. Peterson (1872-??) and Emma C. McKenney (1874-??). He was age 26, a waiter. She was age 16.

His 1917 draft registration card showed a wife and two children.

The 1920 census found her living with her parents in Boston. She was shown as married but Everett was not in the household.

Emma appears in the city directory in 1926 as the widow of Everett.

His January 1936 petition for citizenship he disclosed he was divorced from Emma and that he had one child Rita born November 26 1917, 1917. He was employed as a painter.

He died in Huston TX May 16, 1978.

END

9.4.32

William D. MacLean (1894-1918)

William was the son of Martha Jane Brannen (1854-1945) and William Thomas MacLean (1852-??). He was born in Port Saxon NS May 1 1888, 1888.

He appears in the 1911 census living in Port Saxon NS with his widowed mother and sister Mary and her two children and his brother Everett.

He died June 4, 1918, in Port Saxon NS.

END

THE CHILDREN OF MARY MADORA BRANNEN (1855-1944)

9-4-33

Winford Eugene MacLean (1878-1968)

He was born in Nova Scotia November 26, 1878. He was the oldest son of Mary Madora Brannen (1855-1944) and Robert James MacLean (1853-1939)

He appeared in the 1891 Canadian census as age 13.

He married Jane Ellen Hanley (1883-??) June 27, 1905, in 1905 in Brookline MA. They had six children.

They appeared in the 1910 US census. Eugene was shown as age 29, Jane aged 27, Esther (1906-??) age four and Francis (1908-1977) age one year. Living with them was George and John Hanley ages 25 and 29. In the 1920 US census they were living in Boston. There were six children at home.

He died October 1968 in West Roxbury MA.

END

9-4-34

Bernice Ethelia MacLean (1879-??)

Bernice was the daughter of Mary Madora Brannen (1855-1944) and Robert James MacLean (1853-1939). She was born September 12, 1879, in Port Saxon NS.

She appeared in the 1891 census as age 11.

She married Walter Edward. Meriman (1866-1946) at Brookline MA in 1898. They had two children,

Eugene (1898-1988) and Gerald (1901-1977).

The 1900 US census found them living with his parents in Revere MA. In the 1910 census she was shown as age 30 living with her parents in Boston. Although Walter and the children were not listed as residents, she indicated she had been married for 12 years and was working as a clerk.

Walther died in 1946.

END

9-4-35

James Allen MacLean (1882-1943)

James was the son of Mary Madora Brannen (1855-1944) and Robert James MacLean (1853-1939) He was born July 3, 1882, at Port Saxon NS.

In the 1900 census he was shown as age 17 working as a Plumber's helper.

He married Elizabeth Estelle Russell (1884-1973) on July 11, 1907, in Boston. They had four children, James, Muriel, Thelma and Donald. He died August 30, 1943, in Middlesex MA

END

9-4-36

Arthur Louis MacLean (1888-1937)

Arthur was the son of Mary Madora Brannen (1855-1944) and Robert James MacLean (1853-1939). He was born November 1887 in Port Saxon NS.

He appears in the 1900 US census age 12.

He married Nellie Myra Lewis (1891-1967) in Boston MA November 1, 1908. They had two children Winnifred and Delbert. They divorced September 29 1916, 1916.

He enlisted in the US military June 27, 1919.

In the 1920 census he was living with his parents. He was 31 years old and divorced. He was employed as a clerk in a fish business.

He married Martha Sophia Bella Pike (1899-1945) May 12, 1920, in Melrose MA. They had five children together.

Arthur died January 21, 1937, in the Middlesex County Sanatorium and is buried in Melrose MA.

END

9-4-37

Lavinia Estelle MacLean (1891-??)

Lavinia was the daughter of Mary Madora Brannen (1855-1944) and Robert James MacLean (1853-1939). She was born January 3, 1891, in Port Saxon.

She appeared in the 1891 Canadian census as three months old. In the 1900 US census she was shown as age nine living in Brookline. In the 1910 US census she was age 19 living at home with her parents.

She married John B. Powell (1890-??) April 29, 1912, in Portland ME. They had one son Richard born in 1916.

Her mother applied for a Nova Scotia birth certificate for her on January 3, 1942.

END

9-4-38

Charles Blanchard MacLean (1894-1966)



Charles was the son of Mary Madora Brannen (1855-1944) and Robert James McLean (1853-1939). He was a twin; his sister was named May. They were born in Brookline MA June 1 1894.

He appeared in the 1900 census as age five living in Brookline with his parents and siblings. In the 1910 census he was age 15 and in the 1920 census he was still living with his parents

He married Hilda Pearl Smith (1899-1973). She was the daughter of David A. Smith (1872-1942) and Florence A. Smith (1873-1959). They had six children, Charles Jr., Gerald, Florence, Mildred, Ruth and Arnold.

In 1926 he moved to Nova Scotia.

He died March 21, 1966, in Port Saxon NS and is buried in the Harbour cemetery. Hilda died November 3, 1973, at Sandy Point NS,

OBITUARY:

Charles Blanchard MacLean of Port Saxon, passed away on March 21, 1966, at his home.

Mr. MacLean was born on June 1st., 1894, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacLean, at Brookline, Mass. He and his family moved to Nova Scotia in 1926.

He is survived by his wife, the former Hilda Smith and five children; Charles Jr., Camp Valcartier, Que.; Gerald, Winnipeg; Florence (Mrs. Charles MacLean, Powell River, B.C.; Mildred (Mrs. Harold Joudrey), Sudburg, Ont.; Ruth (Mrs. Ray G. Harris), Clyde River, and 19 grandchildren.

END

9-4-39

Elizabeth May (Bessie) MacLean (1894-1973)

Bessie was the daughter of Mary Madora Brannen (1855-1944) and Robert James MacLean (1853-1939). She was a twin to her brother Charles They. They were born in Brookline MA June 1, 1894.

She appeared in the 1900 US census as age five living in Brookline with his parents and siblings. In the 1910 census she was age 15 and in the 1920 census she was age 25 was still living with his parents and working as a clerk in a pattern shop.

She married James Hibbert Atkinson (1900-??). He was the son of Thomas Leander Atkinson (1875-1923) and Helen Eliza Reynolds (1878-1952).. Bessie and James had two children Robert Eugene (1924-1976) and Margorie Phyllis (1928-2014).

Bessie and James appeared in the 1940 census living in Boston MA. He was working for a railroad.

James died January 27, 1946, in Boston MA. Bessie died in 1973.

END

THE CHILDREN OF JAMES RODMAN BRANNEN (1857-1934)

9-4-40

James Colman Brannen (1882-1950)



Colby was born January 16, 1882, at Baccaro to James Rodman Brannen (1857-1934) and Jemima Adams (1858-1911).

He married Delta May Ross (1886-1938) at Upper Port LaTour October 14, 1905. She was the daughter of Herbert Ross and Nora Smith. They had nine. Children.

The 1921 census showed him as a fisherman age 39 married to Delta age 34 There were eight children at home.

He died November 8, 1950, at Halifax NS.

9-4-41

Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1976)



Nema was born September 21, 1883, at Baccaro to James Rodman Brannen (1857-1934) and Jemima Adams (1858-1911).

Nema appears in the 1911 census as single age 17 living with her parents in Port LaTour

She married Arthur Mannan Smith (1891-1980) August 8, 1912, in Upper Port LaTour NS. He was the son of Daniel B. Smith and Sarah L. He was a 21-year-old fisherman from Clark's Harbour. She was described as 19-year-old spinster living in West Baccaro. They had eight children.

She died July 28, 1978, in Baccaro NS and is buried in Seaview cemetery in West Baccaro NS. Arthur died June 5, 1980, and is buried with Nema.

OBITUARY:

CLARK'S HARBOUR —Mrs. Arthur Smith, 85, of Clark's Harbour, died Fri. July 28, 1978 at home. Born in Baccaro, she was the former Nema Jean Brannen, daughter of the late Rodman and Jemima (Nickerson) Brannen. She was a member of Bethel Pentecostal Assembly of Baccaro.

Surviving are her husband; a son Harry, Clark's Harbour; five daughters, Bessie and Doris (Mrs. Holef Manuel), both of Toronto; Sylvia (Mrs. Ira Harding), New Brunswick; Pearl (Mrs. David Hutchinson), Lunenburg; Laurette (Mrs. Cecil Perry), Smithville; 16 grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren. She was predeceased by sons, Gerald, Arthur and Donald and a brother, Colby.

THE CHILDREN OF PRINCE WILLIAM BRANNEN (1860-1939)

9-4-42

Onslo Claude Brannen (1886-1936)

Onslo was born on September 15, 1886, in Baccaro NS. He was the son of Prince William Brannen (1860-1939) and Leah Lenora Nickerson (1869-1960).

He married Charlotte Flotella Blades (1890-1946) May 21 1908 in Upper Port LaTour. She was the daughter of George Alexander Blades and Hannah Elizabeth O'Connell. They had four children, Calvin, Mildred, Claude and Prince Bernard.

He died May 6, 1936. Charlotte died September 15, 1946, in Baccaro.

9-4-43

Annie M. Brannen (1891-1897)

Annie was born June 1891 in Baccaro NS. She was the son of Prince William Brannen (1860-1939) and Leah Lenora Nickerson (1869-1960).

She died November 21, 1897, and is buried in the Union Cemetery in Baccaro NS. She was only six years and five months old.

EPITATH:

Safe in the arms of Jesus.

END

9-4-44

Claudie C. Brannen (1901-1905)

Claudie was born January 15, 1901, in Baccaro NS. He was the son of Prince William Brannen (1860-1939) and Leah Lenora Nickerson (1869-1960).

He died December 23, 1905, and is buried in the Union Cemetery in Baccaro NS. He was only four years and eleven months old.

EPITATH:

Safe in the arms of Jesus.

9-4-45

Ellen Gertrude Brown-Brannen (1907-1960)

Ellen was born April 13, 1907, in Marblehead MA. She was adopted according to Prince W. Brannen's Obit. Prince William Brannen (1860-1939) and Leah Lenora Nickerson (1869-1960) raised her.

She married Harold Stillman Chetwynd (1900-1993) on August 13 1924 in West Baccaro. He was the son of William E. Chetwynd and Gertrude T. Ross. They had seven children.

She died December 5 1960 in West Baccaro NS and is buried in Woodside cemetery Port LaTour. Her husband died August 28, 1993, in Barrington Passage NS.

STORY:

Ellen's parents were James Alfred Brown and Cassie Bella Nickerson. When her Mother Cassie died in 1910 she must of went to live with her Aunt and Uncle, Leah Nickerson and Prince Brannen. Listed in the 1911 NS census as Niece. On her marriage record 1924 she lists Leah and Prince as her parents. On her death NS death record her parents are listed as James Brown and Cassie Nickerson

From Find a Grave web site

THE CHILDREN OF GEORGE ARTHUR BRANNEN (1861-1944)

9-3-46

Rodman Harold Brannen (1890-1894)

He was the son of George Arthur Brannen (1861-1944) and Rosella Nickerson (1859-1901). He was born about 1890 Baccaro NS.

He died September 9, 1894, in Bacarro andBacarro and is buried in the Union cemetery there. He was only three years and ten months when he died. He is buried with his younger sister Esna who died within four days of his death. They share a grave marker.

EPITATH:

Rest here sweet babies till He appears.

Who took your tender years

From your fond parents' arms and care.

In heavenly bliss His love to share.

END

9-4-47

Esna Bell Brannen (1893-1894)

She was the daughter of George Arthur Brannen (1861-1944) and Rosella Nickerson (1859-1901). He was born about 1893 Baccaro NS.

She died September 5, 1894, in Bacarro and is buried in the Union cemetery there. She was an infant one year and six months old when she died. She is buried with her brother Rodman who died within four days before her death. They share a grave marker.

EPITATH:

Rest here sweet babies till He appears.

Who took your tender years.

From your fond parents' arms and care.

In heavenly bliss His love to share.

END

9-4-48

Amos Harold Brannen (1896-1974)



He was the son of George Arthur Brannen (1861-1944) and Rosella Nickerson (1859-1901). He was born about February 12, 1896, at Woods Harbour NS. Amos obtained an NS birth certificate in 1930 certifying. His birth date and location signed by his father George. His address at that time was Yarmouth. The birth certificate shows his mother`s name as Rosella Nickerson.

He appeared in the 1901 census as age five. His birth date was shown as February 7, 1895. He was living with his mother and father. His mother died October 7, 1901, when he was only four years old. In the

Jan 28, 1904, Amos appears on the passenger list of the SS *Boston* as age 7. Going from Yarmouth to Boston.

1911 census he was shown as living in Sand Beach NS with his father George and stepmother Eliza. His birth date is reported as February 15, 1896. He was described as a fisherman.

Amos was a navy seaman in WW1, Service Number VR-6288. He trained on the HMS Niobe. In 1994 he was awarded the British War Medal.

He married Pearle Isobel Nickerson (1903-1975) July 5, 1919, at Yarmouth NS. Pearle was a stepsister to Amos. Her parents were Frank William Nickerson and Jennie Trefry Sullivan. She was the daughter of his father George's fourth wife Jennie. She was born in South Boston MA. Amos and Pearle had seven children.

In the 1920 he was a scallop fisherman out of Digby NS. Later he became captain of small freighters for Laurance Sweeney eventually purchasing his own ships. His company Amos Brannen and Sons Limited originally based at Yarmouth Bar and incorporated July 1949 became a very successful lobster and fish business that included a general store, cold storage and a wharf. The company distributed its salt cod and lobsters all over North America. Subsequently he opened a office on Water Street in Yarmouth.

Amos a Pearle divorced in the 1940s and he married Margaret Florence Nickerson (1910-2003). She had two daughters, Joyce and Lorna, from a previous marriage. She worked in the business. They lived over the Yarmouth office for a time.

The 1965 and 1974 voters' list shows him and Mrs. Amos as living at 20 Prescott Street, Yarmouth. He was a fish dealer.

Amos died November 29, 1974. Pearle died August 9, 1975, in Yarmouth. They are buried in Mountain cemetery.

OBITUARY:

A prominent member of Western Nova Scotia's fishing industry in many of its phases, Capt. Amos Harold Brannen, Sr., died Friday at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. He was 78. As a youth he started his career in the fishing Industry by becoming a fisherman himself. Soon after he joined the navy and served in World War I. At one time he was scallop fishing out of Digby. In the early 1920's he had his own boat and personally visited the fishermen to buy their lobsters. For some years he served as captain of small freighters owned by Laurence Sweeney. He later became involved in ownership and operated three of his own freight boats. After disposing of those boats, he put all his attention to enlarging his fish business and succeeded very well. The Brannen facilities included the well-equipped plant on Water Street, headquarters for the operation at Yarmouth Bar, the company has a wharf, sheds, and several lobster cars for holding purposes. A small general store was also operated at the Bar for several years. The Brannen brand on salt fish and lobster packs are known all over Canada and parts of the United States. Before the price became as high as it is now air shipments were made to hotels and restaurants from Yarmouth to Vancouver. Lobster meat is increasing in I demand each year. Last c summer the plant had to I bring 100,000 pounds from New Brunswick to serve the c restaurants and hotels in I Yarmouth and surrounding areas. Born in Wood's Harbor, he was a son of the late

George and Rosalie (Nickerson) Brannen. Surviving besides his wife, the former Margaret Nickerson, are four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Madden, Yarmouth; Mrs. Marjorie Crosby, Pleasant Valley; Mrs. Hazel Jenson, New Brunswick; Sylvia (Mrs. Louis Grant), Brooklyn; two sons, Amos and Robert, both of Overton; two step.. daughters, Joyce (Mrs. Warren Hamilton), Cornwallis; Lorna (Mrs. Harry Baxter), Ottawa; 15 grand-I children and three great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Victor. The body was at Sweeny's 1 Funeral Home, where funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday. Rev. George I MacLean of Beacon United Church officiated. Burial was in Yarmouth Mountain Cemetery.

9-4-49

Lloyd George Brannen (1916-1991)



He was the son of George Arthur Brannen (1861-1944) and Jenne Trefry Sullivan (1884-1962). He was born March 4 1916 in Sand Beach Nova Scotia.

He appeared in the 1921 census as four years old.

He married Anna Elizabeth Swain (1923-2005). She was the daughter of Fredrick Swain (1893-1971) and Mary Elizabeth Muise (1902-??) They had had four children, William, George, Lawrence and Patricia.

Lloyd Brannen appears in the 1949 Voters List as garage manager living at 20 Argyle Street in Yarmouth. He appears in a later list as a millhand. He was living at 48 Argyle Street. Also, at that address was Jennie, his mother, a widow. He had a phone listing at 24 Argyle for the years 1995,6,7,8, and 9 as well as 2001,2, and 3.

He died June 11, 1991, in Yarmouth NS. Anna died November 9, 2005, in Yarmouth NS. They are buried in Our Lady of Calvary cemetery in Yarmouth NS.

9-4-50

Dorothy Esna Brannen (1921-1989)

Dorothy was the daughter of George Arthur Brannen (1861-1944) and Jenne Trefry Sullivan (1884-1962). She was born March 26, 1921.

She appeared in the 1921 census as three months old.

Dorothy married Arnold Edwin Pitman (1920-1992) in about 1940. He was the son of Harvey E. Pitman (1886-1972) and Mildred Crosby (1894-1931). They had three children, Ann Mildred Pitman (1941-1973) and two others.

Dorothy died September 23, 1989, and is buried in the Chebogue cemetery. Arnold died in 1992 in Yarmouth NS.

9-4-51

Bernice Rosella Brannen (1927-2006)



Bernice was the daughter of George Arthur Brannen (1861-1944) and Jenne Trefry Sullivan (1884-1962). She was born March 27, 1927, at Sand Beach NS.

She married Robert Harry Brittain Jr. (??-1997) October 23, 1946. He was the son of Robert Brittain Sr. and Dora Tinkham. They had five children, Paul, Gary, Richard, Judy and Ruthann,

Robert died January 21, 1997, in Brooklyn NS. Bernice died June 6, 2006, in Yarmouth NS.

OBITUARY:

BRITTAIN, Bernice Rosella - 79, passed away in Yarmouth Regional Hospital on June 6, 2006. Born in Sand Beach on March 27, 1927, she was a daughter of the late George A. Brannen and Jennie Trefry Sullivan. She was employed at The Yarmouth Royal Stores until her marriage on, October 23, 1946 to Robert Harry Brittain of Brooklyn, after which she devoted her life to raising their five children. She was a 50 year member of Brooklyn United Baptist Church, W.I.N.S. and T.O.P.S. She enjoyed drives to the lighthouse, gardening and birdwatching. She is survived by sons, Paul, Gary (Lola), Brooklyn; Richard (Shirley), Centreville; daughters, Judy Brittain, Greenfield Park, Que., and Ruthann (Tony) Goodwin, Amherst; grandchildren, Peter (Analee) Selig, Kelly (Tim) Thomson, Tammy (Ronnie) Jacquard, Amanda (Issac) Paris, Anastasia and Katrina Brittain, Chesley and Quinn Burt; great-grandchildren, Keegan, Makale, Brett, Cole, Gavyn, Jayden, and Nicole; several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Robert Harry Brittain; brothers, Lloyd and Robert Brannen; sister, Dorothy Pitman; half-sisters, Pearle Brannen and Esther Devine; half-brothers, Amos Sr., Francis and Bruce. Visitation will be 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today with services conducted by Rev. A.D. "Bill" Newell at 4 p.m. Friday, both in Sweeny's Funeral Home, 567 Main St., Yarmouth. Interment in Brooklyn Cemetery. Family flowers only. In lieu, donations may be made to Autism Nova Scotia, The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada or Brooklyn Cemetery

THE CHILDREN OF JESSIE ELLEN SMITH BRANNEN (1864-1937)

9-4-52

Charles Harvey Bower (1886-1954)



Charles was born December 18, 1886, in Port LaTour. He was the son of Jessie Ellen Smith Brannen (1864-1937 and Tristram Reynolds (1861-1938).

He married Edna (Lucy) Crowell (1888-1954). She was the daughter of Charles Crowell and Martha Worthing. They had eight children.

Lucy died March 6, 1954, in Baccaro. Charles died August 30, 1954, in Roseway Hospital in Sandy Point NS.

END

9-4-53

Daniel Garfield Bower (1882-1946)



Danny was born November 24, 1892, in Port LaTour. He was the son of Jessie Ellen Smith Brannen (1864-1937 and Tristram Reynolds (1861-1938).

He married Debora Ellen Crowell (1891-1960) May 1, 1915, in Baccaro NS. She was the daughter of Jonathan Crowell and Emily Jane Snow. The witnesses were Freda Crowell and Ernest Crowell, his sister and brother-in-law. They had seven children.

He ran the only general store in Baccaro and during WW2 he was the air raid warden.

The during the war two ships, Empire Kingfisher and the Gertrude Rask were wrecked just offshore from Baccaro Danny participated in the rescue effort and housed some of survivors in his home.

After the wreck of the Gertrude Rask off Baccaro he was involved in organizing the rescue efforts and acting as the ship's agent The morning following the wreck and before she broke up he went aboard the Gertrud Rask and obtained the ship's papers and valuable documents, along with a canvas sack containing one, million gold crowns in Danish money. For his efforts he was recognized with an award.

Danny died February 23, 1946, in Baccaro. Debora died February 16, 1960, in Sandy Point NS. He is buried in Port LaTour.

END

9-4-54

Freda Iona Bower (1895-1986)

Freda was born January 27, 1895, in Port LaTour. She was the daughter of Jessie Ellen Smith Brannen (1864-1937 and Tristram Reynolds (1861-1938).

She married Ernest Freeman Crowell (1893-1962) he was the son Samuel Crowell (1851-1916) and Eliza Ann Sholds (1852-1941). They had nine children.

Freda died May 19, 1986, in Roseway Hospital, Sandy Point NS. Ernest died December 4, 1962, in Baccaro. They are buried in the Union cemetery in Baccaro.

END

THE CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD STCLAIR BRANNEN (1866-1954)

9-4-55

Agnes Brannen (1899-1899)

Agnes was the daughter of Archibald StClair Brannen (1866-1954) and Clara Nickerson (1868-1928). She was born July 1889 in Baccaro Nova Scotia.

She died when she was six weeks old, August 29, 1889.

END

9-4-56

Lesia Alice Brannen (1890-1949)

She was the daughter of Archibald StClair Brannen (1866-1954) and Clara Nickerson (1868-1928). She was born July 26, 1890, in Nova Scotia.

She married George Leslie Bain (1888-1966) January 21, 1909. He was from Pembroke NS, the son of George William Bain and Margaret Harris Foote. They had four children.

The 1911 census she is shown as age 20 married to Leslie age 23. They had one child Gerald age one.

In the 1921 census there were three children at home: Gerald L. (1909-1977), Carl (1913-1990), Burnley A. (1915-1980), and George StClair (1922-2000)

She died in Yarmouth January 31, 1949. Leslie died July 29, 1966. She is buried in the Penbrooke cemetery.

9-4-57

Mildred Evelyn Brannen (1893-1982)



Mildred was the daughter of Archibald StClair Brannen (1866-1954) and Clara Nickerson (1868-1928). She was born March 13 1893 in Port LaTour NS.

The 1911 census showed her in Yarmouth NS, living with her parents. She was 18 years old.

She appears to have a child, Burgess Brannen, out of wedlock in 1913. He later changed his name to Richard William Dennison (1888-1913). His father is believed to have been John Dennison.

She appears in the 1920 US census as age 29, a widow working as cashier in a restaurant. She was living with her sister Pearl and Pearl's husband and child. She was listed as a widow.

Mildred married Oran Wilfred Baker (1895-1980) July 19, 1925, in Boston. He was a son of John Allen Baker and Anne Marie Henley. Oran was a WWI veteran and

telegraph operator. They appear to have had two children Walter (1926-2016 and Alan (??-2020).

The 1927 Somerville city directory shows Oran and Evelyn at 30 Garrison. He was a carpenter.

Oran died October 17, 1980, In Bridgewater NS. She died in 1982 and is buried in Brookside cemetery in Lunenburg NS with Oran.

STORY;

My father, Richard Dennison, was actually from a previous relationship that Evelyn had that happens to be my biggest brick wall. It reads like quite the soap opera with lots of bits and pieces--I have found mention of a father "John Dennison", but no marriage record (even though she goes by "Evelyn Denison" in the 1920 US Census living with her sister and husband, but with no mention of John or my father who would have been 7 years old); she mentions John died in 1915 on her naturalization form, but I can find no death record from that year, the closest is a John Dennison with another wife and child that committed "suicide by razor" in 1913 a few months after my father's birth. I have found an original birth record from a home for unwed mothers in Boston for my father listing him as "Burgess Brannan", and documents from much later in his life legally changing his name to "Richard Dennison". There was some stories within the family that my father lived as a boarder with another family (possibly named Payne) in Massachusetts while growing up, but I can never find him on any census under either name. I have found 3 John Dennisons who are likely suspects to be my grandfather, but at this point I may never know which is the correct one because anyone who may have known for sure is gone (I had worked up the nerve to ask Uncle Wallie about it, given it was something that wasn't openly talked about, but he didn't know much). I would really love to know to go further back seeing as Dennison was my given name. I did grow up visiting Evelyn and Oran every summer in Bridgewater and definitely think of him as my grandfather--he was a wonderful man!

Rita Fetting, March 16 2016

END

9-4-58

Pearl W. Brannen (1895-1957)

Pearl was the daughter of Archibald StClair Brannen (1866-1954) and Clara Nickerson (1868-1928). She was born November 1895 in Nova Scotia.

In the 1911 census she was shown as age 15 living with her family in Rockville NA..

She appears to have moved to the US in 1914 when she was age 18.

She married Arthur Baker Studley June 24, 1918, in Boston. He was the son of Walter Studley and Edith Saunders. They had four children.

The 1920 US census shows them living at 135 Columbus Av. She was a waitress, and he was manager of a restaurant. They had a one-year-old child, Dorothy B. (1918-1988). Pearl is shown as having received naturalized citizenship in 1918. Also living with them is Evelyn B. Dennison, shown as his sister-in-law and a widow.

The 1930 US census shows Pearl with her children Viola (1921-2006) age nine and Dorothy, age 11. He was a salesman for mayonnaise. They lived on Lake Street, Waltham MA.

The 1940 US census shows her as age 44. There were three children at home Viola age 19 worked in a watch factory, Arthur (1931-??) and Walter (1934-1993) were age nine and five. He was a salesman for wholesale stores. They were living at 189 Lake St. Waltham MA.

Arthur died December 18, 1966, in Waltham MA. Pearl died January 13, 1957, and is buried in the Garden Cemetery in West Roxbury.

She died January 13, 1957, and is buried in West Roxbury in the Garden cemetery.

9-4-59

Archibald Dowell Brannen (1899-1989)



Archie was the son of Archibald StClair Brannen (1866-1954) and Clara Nickerson (1868-1928). He was born December 3, 1899, at Rockville NS.

His birth date was established by Dr J. A. Fuller's books which showed he attended the birth December 3, 1899.

In the 1911 census he was age 11 living in Rockville with his family.

He lived at 233 Summer Street in Somerville Mass. at the time his US naturalization was granted

Archie served in WWI. He joined March 6, 1916. The birth he gave was December 3, 1898. The incorrect 1898 date given may have been to enlist in the army as he was only 17 years old.

August 1923, there was a record of him taking the Yarmouth to Boston boat when he was age 22. Known as Archie he declared he was a plumber from Bridgewater. He was going to Dorchester MA.

He married Ruth Munroe (1901-1996) in 1924 in Lunenburg NS. She was the daughter of Arthur A. Munroe. They had two children, a daughter Shirley and a son Donald Munroe Brannen (1925-2008)

His US Naturalization May 13, 1929, record shows his date of birth as December 3 1899 in Yarmouth NS and that he had a son Donald born November 14 1926.

She died November 11, 1928, in North Andover MA.

The Medford city directory 1934 and 36 showed him living at 79 Chestnut and working as a plumber. No wife was listed.

He appears to have lived in Medford from 1935.

Archie died December 6, 1989, in Medford. He is buried in the Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Peabody MA.

9-4-60

Clayton Francis Brannen (1901-1992)

Clayton was the son of Archibald StClair Brannen (1866-1954) and Clara Nickerson (1868-1928). He was born January 29, 1901, at Kelley's Cove NS.

In the 1911 census he was shown as age seven living in Rockville NS.

June 20, 1936, he was on the passenger list of the SS *Evangeline* sailing to Boston.

On May 8 1937, he married Grace Helen Boudreau (1916-1961). They had son Clayton Jr. and adopted Louise and Joseph.

He appears on the 1953, 57 and 1958 voters list as living in Pembroke NS and working as a fisherman. There was a Mrs. Clayton also listed.

His wife, Grace, died August 11, 1961. Clayton died May 29, 1992, in Yarmouth.

9-4-61

Warren Adelbert Brannen (1909-1983)

Warren was the son of Archibald StClair Brannen (1866-1954) and Clara Nickerson (1868-1928). He was born November 28, 1909, in Rockville NS.

He appears in the 1911 census as one-year old living in Rockville, Yarmouth County. NS.

He married Ruby Thompson. They had one child Lulu.

There is a record of Warren as a ship's passenger with his mother Clara. He was age 11 living in Yarmouth. He was going to Dorchester MA to visit his uncle Alvin Nickerson September 1921.

There is a Warren Brannen in Pembroke, a fisherman on the 1953, 57,58 and 1965 and finally 1974 voter's lists. No wife appears on those lists.

Warren died July 16, 1983, in a house fire.

He does not appear to have married.

END

THE FIFTH GENERATION

THE CHILDREN OF DELILA BRANNEN (1866-1948)

9-5-1

William Sylvester Abbott (1894-1982)

Willie was born July 19, 1894, in Paris ME. He was the son of Delila Brannen (1866-1948) and John P. Abbott (1866-??).

He married Ida Poole (1895-??). They had one child William Sylvester Abbott Jr. (1921-2003).

William Sr. died April 3, 1982, in Norwood ME.

END

9-5-2

Freeman Harold Abbott (1896-1990)

Freeman was born July 7, 1896, in Paris ME. He was the son of Delila Brannen (1866-1948) and John P. Abbott (1866-??).

He married his first cousin Edith May MacDonnell (1891-1967) February 7, 1921, in Woods Harbour NS. She was born in Woods Harbour August 1891. She was the daughter of Francis E. MacDonnell (1859-1936) and Freeman's aunt Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939). Freeman and Edith had one child Elna Abbott (1923-).

Their address was reported as West Caldwell NJ in 1930, 1935 and 1940.

Edith died February 27, 1967, in Caldwell NJ.

Freeman died October 12, 1990, at 94 years of age in New York NY.

END

9-5-3

John Brannen Abbott (1899-1905)

John was born in Paris ME January 31, 1899. He was the son of Delila Brannen (1866-1948) and John P. Abbott (1866-??).

He died when he was only six years old in 1905 in Maine.

END

9-5-4

Mary E. Abbott (1900-1976)

Mary was born in Paris ME September 3, 1900. She was the daughter of Delila Brannen (1866-1948) and John P. Abbott (1866-??).

In the 1940 census she was living with her mother Lila. She was described as a teacher. They were living in South Paris ME.

She does not appear to have married, nor did she have children.

She died in Norway ME March 26, 1976, and is buried in Paris ME.

END

9-5-5

Osma Lee Abbott (1901-1976)

Ozie was born in Paris ME October 30, 1901. He was the son of Delila Brannen (1866-1948) and John P. Abbott (1866-??).

He appeared in the 1910 and 1920 US census reports.

He does not appear to have married.

He died May 15, 1976, in Paris ME at age 74. He buried in the Norwood Pine Grove cemetery.

END

The Children of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939)

9-5-6

Mary Frances MacDonnell (1886-1962)



Frances (Minnie) was born October 10, 1886, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936)

She was shown as Minnie age five in the 1891 census and age 15 in the 1901 census.

In the 1910 census she was shown as age 25 and single living with her uncle John F. MacDonnell's family. She was working as a saleslady.

She married Leonard Leroy Ilsely (1891-??) from Berwick NS July 12, 1908. He was the son of Nathan Wallace Ilsley (1865-??) and Emma Jane West (1846-??). Leonard was a WW1 veteran.

In the 1940 census she was shown as age 56, a widow. She was living in Worcester MA and working as a cook.

She died June 1, 1962, in Berwick NS.

END

9-5-7

Eldridge Fenimore MacDonnell (1887-1971)

He was born December 4, 1887, in Nova Scotia. He was the son of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936).

He appears in the 1891 and 1901 census reports.

He married Vida Essina Jenne (1889-1925) August 18, 1917, in South Paris ME. She died about 1925. They do not appear to have had children.

July 18, 1927, he married for a second time to Beatrice Ethel Carruthers (1900-1961). They likely married in Rumford ME. She was the daughter of George W. Carruthers (1871-??). They appear to have had two children, Richard and Harold.

In the 1940 they were living in Rumford with one son, Richard.

Eldridge died December 8, 1971, in Rumford ME.

END

9-5-8

William Wallace MacDonnell (1888-1965)

He was born October 6, 1889, at Woods Harbour Nova Scotia. He was the son of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936).

He appears in the 1891 and 1901 census reports. In the 1911 census he was shown as age 21 years living at home.

He married Mildred Devine in Cambridge MA. Her birth date was about 1897 They had a son Donald born April 8, 1914.

His June 5, 1917, draft registration card indicated he worked as a blacksmith and was married with one child.

February 1926 his naturalization application was dismissed.

In the 1930 census their 15-year-old son Donald was living with them as well as her mother Mary Devine age 71 years.

He died about March 1965.

9-5-9

Elizabeth Mae MacDonnell (1891-1967)

Edith was born August 17, 1891, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936)

She appears in the 1901 census report.

She married her first cousin Freeman Harold Abbott (1896-1990) the son of John P. Abbott (??-1932) and her aunt Delila Brannen (1866-1948).

She died in Caldwell NJ February 27, 1967. Freeman died October 12, 1990, in New York.

END

9-5-10

Annie Maude MacDonnell (1893-1988)



Annie was born March 22, 1893, in Lower Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936)

She appears in the 1901 census report. In the 1911 census she was shown as age 18 living at home in Woods Harbour NS.

She appeared in the 1920 US census as age 26 working as a shopkeeper and living with the Arthur L. Herriman family. She also appeared in the Canadian 1921 census as age 27 living at home in Woods Harbour.

November 28, 1923, married Arthur W. Gray (1888-1951). He was the son of William Gray. He had been married before and divorced.

Annie and Arthur appeared in the 1930 census living in Norway ME. She was shown as age 37.

She died April 23, 1988, in Norway ME and is buried in Paris, Oxford ME.

END

9-5-11

Osma C. MacDonnell (1893-1893)

Osma was born December 1893 in Woods Harbour She was the daughter of Ada Edit Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936). She died as an infant and was buried in the Greenwood cemetery in Woods harbour NS.

END

9-5-12

John Harold MacDonnell (1895-1980)

Harold was born May 5, 1895, in Woods Harbour Nova Scotia. He was the son of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936).

He appeared in the 1901 census report. In the 1911 census he was shown as age 16 years old.

He enlisted as a Private in the Canadian Infantry 112th Battalion and served overseas with the 25th Battalion. It appears he claimed to be a year older when he enlisted. He was one of four brothers from his family that went overseas. His brother Gladwin was killed in Europe.

He married Mable Evelyn Goodwin (1895-1981) July 29, 1920, in Yarmouth NS. They had three children Margaret, Malcolm and Harold.

He appeared in the 1940 US census as age 44 living in Malden MA. He indicated he was a naturalized citizen.

He died in Stoneham MA October 30, 1980. Mable died January 18, 1981, in Wakefield MA.

STORY:

MacDonnell, John "Harold" #733863 Private. Canadian Infantry. 112th Battalion. Born 5 May 1894 at Woods Harbour, Shelburne County. Son of Francis "Frank" Eldridge and Ada "Edith"(Brannen) MacDonnell. He married Mabel Evelyn Goodwin and their children were Margaret, Malcolm and Harold. The family moved to Massachusetts.

From Soldiers of Shelburne County V-2

END

9-5-13

Frank Dougald MacDonnell (1897-1969)

Frank was born March 25, 1898, in Lower Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936).

He appeared in the 1901 census report. In the 1911 census he was shown as age 14 years

He enlisted as a Private in the Canadian Infantry. 112th Battalion and served overseas. It appears he claimed to be a year older when he enlisted. He was one of four brothers from his family that went overseas. His brother Gladwyn was killed in Europe.

He did not marry.

Frank died September 4, 1969, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery.

STORY:

MacDonnell, Frank Dougal #734462 Private. Canadian Infantry 112th Battalion Born 25 March 1897 at Woods Harbour; died 1 September 1969 in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Son of Francis "Frank" Eldridge and Ada "Edith" (Brannen) MacDonnell. He was one of four brothers who served in World War 1. He never married. His siblings

were Edridge, William, Harold, Osma, Royal, Edith, Annie, Malcolm and Gladwin who was killed in action in France. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Woods Harbour.

From Soldiers of Shelburne County V-2

END

9-5-14

James Gladwyn MacDonnell M.M.(1899-1918)



Gladwyn was born May 14, 1899, at Woods Harbour. He was the son of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936).

He appeared in the 1911 census as age 12 years.

He enlisted in the 112th Battalion and later transferred to the 25th. He was a corporal. He was one of his four brothers serving overseas. Before enlisting he had been a fisherman,

He was killed in WWI and is honoured at the Greenwood cemetery memorial and buried in France.

He Died of Wounds....." *While advancing with his Company toward enemy positions near Rosieres on August 9th, 1918, he was hit by a machine gun bullet He was given First Aid and then taken to a dressing station, from there evacuated to No 48 Casualty Clearing Station where he died four days later. August 13, 1918. "*

He was originally buried in the Asylum cemetery in Amiens but later exhumed and re-interred at Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery Range 9, Row AA

He was awarded the Military Medal for "*gallantry and devotion to duty*" and the British War Medal.

His birthday has been shown as May 14, 1897, likely to facilitate underage enlistment.

STORY:

MacDonnell, Gladwin MM# 733858 Corporal. Enlisted with the 112'h Battalion. Canadian Machine Gun Corps. 25th Battalion. Born 14 May 1899 at Woods Harbour; killed in action 13 August 1918. The youngest son of Frank Eldridge and Ada "Edith" (Brannen) MacDonnell. He was underage when he managed to enlist in the 112th Battalion. Overseas he joined the 25' in order to proceed to the front. He served in the machine gun section of the battalion. At the time of his death, at Meharicourt, there was some shelling by enemy batteries killing one from the ranks and wounding five others.' Gladwin was awarded the Military Medal posthumously, "for gallantry and devotion to duty".⁷⁸ His siblings were Eldridge, William, Harold, Osma, Royal, Edith, Annie, Frank and Malcolm. Buried at Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Somme, France.

From Soldiers of Shelburne County V-2

END

9-5-15

Malcolm Murdock MacDonnell (1901-2000)



He was born January 23, 1901, in Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936).

The 1901 census showed his age as one month.

He appeared as age 10 in the 1911 census.\

On his WW1 enlistment document, he gave his date of birth as 1899, likely to facilitate his underage enlistment

He married Elva Marie Jeffery (1901-2000) in Yarmouth NS June 19, 1923. She was the daughter of Davis Jeffery (1873-??) and Effie L. Smith 1875-1907). They appear to have had seven children.

Elva died December 1986 in Woods Harbour. He died October 16, 2000, in Central Woods Harbour NS.

STORY:

My grandfather lived long enough to see the rails laid in Wood' Harbour and ripped up while he was still alive. He went up Barrington Road and collected enough spikes to

give to everyone of his grandchildren, painted them gold with the date of the beginning and end of the South West Railway. I have mine in my treasure box, a precious memory for all of us! Not too many gramps can say they outlived a railway,

A message from Margaret Jane Gailbrath, granddaughter

OBITUARY:

MacDONNELL, Malcolm Murdock — 98, Wood's Harbour, died October 16, 1999, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born in Wood's Harbour, he was a son of the late Francis and Ada (Brannen) MacDonnell. He was a veteran of the First and Second World Wars, and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 148. Surviving are sons, Malcolm, Jack, Eric, Wood's Harbour; daughters, Mrs. Ruth Stoddard, London, Ont.; Mrs. Phyllis Nickerson, Saugus, Mass.; Mrs. Jean Gorham, Beaver Dam; sister, Mrs. Dorothy Nicoll, Mount Uniacke; 13 — grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 12 great great-grandchildren, He was predeceased by his wife, the former Elva Jeffery: son, Ralph; brothers, Eldridge, William, Harold, Frank, Osma, Royal; sisters Edith, Annie, Frances; two grandsons; one great granddaughter, Rev. Earl MacDonald officiating. Burial in the Greenwood Cemetery, Wood's Harbour

END

9-5-16

L. Royal MacDonnell (1905-1906)

He was born about 1905 in Woods Harbour NS. He was the son of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936).

He died as an infant in about 1906 in Woods Harbour NS.

END

9-5-17

Dorothy Winfred MacDonnell (1906-2001)



Dolly was born January 22, 1906, in Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Ada Edith Elizabeth Brannen (1868-1939) and Francis MacDonnell (1859-1936).

She appeared in the 1911 census report as age eight.

She married Robert Gerald Miller Nicholl (1904-??) March 13, 1929, in Barrington NS. He was the son of Frank Foster Nicholl (1877-1964) and Annie McL. Sutherland (1867-??). They had three children, George (1935-1936), James (1938-1952) and a daughter.

Dorothy died April 22, 2001, in Mont Uniacke NS.

END

THE CHILD OF JARED LEANDER BRANNEN (1870-1900)

9-5-18

Alma Edwina Brannen (1900-1967)

Alma was born January 11, 1900, at Central Woods Harbour NS. She was the daughter of Jared Lander Brannen (1870-1900) and Mary Odella Strahan (1874-1954). Her father died just days before her birth on January 9 1900.

Her mother remarried May 17, 1901, to James Colby Sears.

Alma appeared in the 1911 census as age 11 living with her mother and stepfather in Jordan River NS. She was listed as Alma Brannen. In the 1921 census she was shown as age 21, not working and living with her mother and stepfather. She now appeared as Sears and was shown as a daughter of James.

She married Joseph Petraitis (1921-1954) October 16, 1947, in Providence RI.

The 1956 city directory showed them living in Dorchester MA; however, Joseph had died November 10 1954.

Alma died September 5, 1967, in Dorchester MA.

END

THE CHILDREN OF MARTIN LEE BRANNEN (1876-1905)

9-5-19

Celia Myrtle Brannen (1898-1968)

Celia was born at Bear Point NS January 1, 1898. She was the daughter of Martin Lee Brannen (1876-1905) and Margaret Ninetta Stoddard (1881-1938)

In the 1920 US census she was living with her mother in Lynn MA. She was age 22 and single. She was employed in a shoe factory.

In the 1930 US census she was age 31 and single living with her widowed mother and two of her siblings in Lynn, Mass. she was working as a nurse. Her year of immigration was listed as 1916.

Celia M. Brannen appears in the 1940 US census. She was age 42 and single living in Lynn MA. She was a naturalised US citizen; her occupation was Registered Nurse. Living with her was her siblings Gerald L. age 36 and Lila E. age 40. They were living at 55 Hudson in Lynn MA.

In the 1945 the Lynn city directory she was a nurse living at 55 Hudson.

In the late 1940s she moved to Los Angeles CA and worked as a nurse. She appears in the voter rolls from 1948 to 1952 as living at 505 Fair Oaks Los Angeles County.

The Pasadena city directory for 1966 shows her at 184 Santa Anita South Pasadena

She does not appear to have married and appears to have resided alone.

Celia died in Pasadena California January 5, 1968, and is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial cemetery Los Angeles CA.

END

9-5-20

Delia Brannen (1899-1984)

Delia was born November 15, 1899. She was the daughter of Martin Lee Brannen (1876-1905) and Margaret Ninetta Stoddard (1881-1938).

In the 1930 US census she was 29 years old and single living with her widowed mother and two of her siblings in Lynn, Mass. she was working as a bookkeeper for the gas and electric company. Her year of immigration was listed as 1917.

The 1940 census lists her as living with her brother and sister at 55 Hudson in Lynn MA. She was a bookkeeper for Lynn Gas and Electric. She was single age 40.

In 1945 and 1951 Lynn city directories she was shown working for L. G.&E Co. living at 55 Hudson with her sister.

In 1957 Lynn city directory she is working as a stenographer and living at 55 Hudson

She died in Danvers MA May 26 1984 and is buried in Peabody MA.

Delia does not appear to have married.

END

19-5-2

William Henry Brannen (1901-1982)

He was born October 25, 1901. He was the son of Martin Lee Brannen (1876-1905) and Margaret Ninetta Stoddard (1881-1938).

He appeared in the 1920 census as age 18 born 1919, he was working in a soap factory. He was single and living with his mother.

He married Lillian M. Callahan (1900-1990). They had two children, Peggy Lou and Margaret.

The 1939 Lynn City directory shows him and Lillian C. living at 56 Bellevue Rd he was a salesman for H. P. Hood & Sons.

The 1940 US census lists him at 37 Linwood Lane, Lynn. He was age 37 married to Lillian age 37. He was a naturalised US citizen. He was a truck driver for a milk supply company. They had a four-year-old daughter Margaret

The 1951 and 1957 Lynn city directories show he and Lillian C. living at 10 Bellevue Rd Lynn. He is a route salesman at Hoods

In the 1965 directory he is listed as Henry married to Lillian. He was a driver for Hoods and lived at Bellevue Road.

He died 29 November 1982 in Brockton MA and is buried in the Pine Grove cemetery in Lynn MA.

Lillian died June 18, 1990, in Brockton MA.

END

9-5-22

Gerald Lee Brannen (1904-1953)

Gerald was born January 30, 1904. He was the son of Martin Lee Brannen (1876-1905) and Margaret Ninetta Stoddard (1881-1938).

His father died on August 22, 1905, when he was still an infant.

In the 1911 census showed him living in his grandfather's home, (William Watson Brannen (1845-1924)) in Woods Harbour NS. He was seven years old. Also there, was his mother Maggie age 30, and his sisters and his brother Henry. Also in the home was his aunt Celia age 42 and great grandmother Ellen age 86.

In the 1920 US census he was living with his widowed mother in Lynn MA. Also in the household was his two sisters and his brother.

He was single age 20 in the 1921 Canadian census living in barracks Citadel Hill, Halifax; he was in the RCGA.

July 21, 1924, his immigration pre-clearance card indicates he was an ex-soldier, born in Bear Point NS. His last permanent address was Halifax. He was going to Lynn Mass

to see his mother, Margaret, and to look for work. He intended to become a citizen. He gave his grandfather Stoddard in Bear Point as his closest relative in Nova Scotia.

In the 1930 US census he was single living with his widowed mother and his two sisters in Lynn, Mass. He was working as a welder for an iron manufacturer. His year of immigration was listed as 1918.

The 1940 census lists him as living with his two sisters at 55 Hudson in Lynn. He was a presser/washer for a dry cleaner. He was single age 36

December 13 1942, he married Gladys J. Donohue in Hampton NH. He was age 40. She 35 years old. He was living at 55 Hudson in Lynn MA. It was his first marriage. He was an ironworker. It was her second marriage; she was divorced.

In the 1945 Lynn MA city directory Gerald was shown as working for the GE Co., married to Gladys, and living at 57 Conomo Av.

In the 1951 Lynn MA city directory Gerald is working for GE Co. married to Gladys and living at 45 Graves Av.

The 1953 Lynn MA city directory shows him as deceased January 1, 1953. He was buried in the Puritan cemetery in Peabody MA.

The 1957 Lynn MA city directory shows Gladys widow of Gerald residing at Grant MA
Gladys died June 12, 1994, in Peabody MA.

END

THE CHILDREN OF HORATIO HARRIS BRANNEN (1872-1953)

9-5-23

Violet M. Brannen (1893-??)

Viola was born on July 21, 1893. She was the oldest child of of Horatio Harris Brannen (1872-1953) and May Jane Atkinson (1871-1933).

The 1901 census shows her birth date as July 21, 1893.

In the 1911 census she was age 16 and single living at West Head NS and working as a domestic servant.

I have found no public record of her after the 1911 Canadian census entry.

END

9-5-24

Robert Stanford Brannen (1896-1986)

Robert was born on April 5, 1896. He was the son of Horatio Harris Brannen (1872-1953) and May Jane Atkinson (1871-1933).

He appeared in the 1901 census as age five.

He enlisted on October 30, 1917, in Halifax NS. He was a private in the Canadian Infantry, Nova Scotia Highlanders He was a fisherman when he enlisted. He was wounded at Passchendaele on October 28 1917.

In 1920 he appears in the US census as age 24 a boarder in Boston. He was a machinist for an elevator company.

He married Alberta Louisa Smith (1897-1978) in 1927. She was the daughter of James H. Smith.

The 1930 census listed him as residing in Boston with wife and child, Ann, age one. He was a helper in a market. His immigration year was 1919.

The 1936 Boston city directory shows him and Alberta L. at 81 Whitfield in Dorchester MA. He was a helper at 93 Faneuil Hall market.

The 1940 US census listed him at 81 Whitfield St. Boston. He was a naturalized citizen. He was working as a clerk at Faneuil Hall Market. He was age 44 married to Alberta age 42. They had one child with them, Ann (1929-??) age 11 born in Boston.

The 1951 Boston city directory shows him at Whitfield, Dorchester with wife Alberta. He was a clerk. Daughter, Ann M., was also at that address, described as a secretary. The 1964 Boston city directory shows him as retired living at 34 Chipman in Dorchester with Alberta

Robert, Alberta and Ann are listed as passengers on the SS *St. John* going to Boston September 4.

Alberta died April 2, 1978, in Weymouth MA. Robert died October 22 1986 in Weymouth MA.

OBITUARY:

Brannen, Robert Stanford #222933

Private. Canadian Infantry. (Nova Scotia Highlanders) 85th Battalion. Born 5 April 1896. Son of Horatio and Mary (Atkinson) Brannen of Stoney Island. He was a fisherman when he enlisted on 30 October 1917 at Halifax.

Wounded at Passchendaele on 28 October 1917.

Married Alberta Smith in 1927 and they had a daughter Ann Marie.

From Soldiers of Shelburne County V-1

END

9-5-25

Ashley Bell Brannen (1898-1963)



Ashley was born April 1, 1898. He was the son of Horatio Harris Brannen (1872-1953) and May Jane Atkinson (1871-1933).

He married Edith Amelia Brown (1908-1987) August 25, 1925, at Centreville NS. She was the daughter of Ernest Brown. They had ten children. One of their sons, Henry Carlyle (1928-) married Eva Ardella Brannen (1935-1996). She was a distant relative, the daughter of William Wilder Brannen (1886-1967).

Ashley appears in the 1962 voters list living in Stoney Island, there is a Mrs. Ashley. Ashley was a fisherman.

He died December 16, 1963, at Stoney Island and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery. Edith died February 25, 1987, and is buried with Ashley.

END

9.5-26

Anna Brannen (1904-1981)

Anna was born August 1904. She was the daughter of Horatio Harris Brannen (1872-1953) and May Jane Atkinson (1871-1933).

She married Alvin E. Ringer (1906-1981) He was from Gunning Cove NS, the son of Fred Ringer and Antiss E. Goulden.

The 1930 US census found Alvin at Haskell St. in Boston. He was age 24 and serving in the US Army.

Anna and her husband appear on the 1957, 62 and 63 voters lists residing at South Side NS.

He died in Chelsea MA September 1, 1981. She also died about 1981.

END

9-5-27

Boy Brannen (1806-1918)

A boy born to Horatio Harris Brannen (1872-1953) and May Jane Atkinson (1871-1933), about 1806.

The child appears to have died at age 12 during the 1818 I epidemic, the Spanish Flu.

END

9-5-28

Herbert Keith Brannen (1908-1995)

Herbert was born November 4, 1908. He was the son of Horatio Harris Brannen (1872-1953) and May Jane Atkinson (1871-1933).

Herbert Keith appears in the 1911 census age two living with parents on Cape Sable Island. In the 1921 census he is shown as age 12 living at Stoney Island. He was a student.

In the 1930 US census he was living with his sister Phoebe E. and her family in Boston. He was 21 years old working as a labourer.

He married Isabelle Ross (1919-2013) December 9, 1935, on Cape Sable Island. She was the daughter of Reuben Ross and Ella Cunningham. They had 15 children.

Herbert died July 13, 1995, in Yarmouth. He was buried in Atlantic Cemetery. Isie died May 17, 2013, at Clam Point. She is buried with Herbert.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Herbert Keith - 86, Clam Point, Shelburne Co., died July 13, 1995, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born at Stoney Island, he was a son of the late Horatio and Mary (Atkinson) Brannen. Surviving are his wife, the former Isabelle Ross; sons, Clarence, Woods Harbour; Dewey, Charlesville; Ennis, Enos, Clarks Harbour; Joey, Malcolm, Lewis, Clam Point; Rodney, Doctors Cove; Peter, Yarmouth; daughters, Lillian (Mrs. Russell Nickerson), Leora (Mrs. Lewis Bateman), Vivian (Mrs. Herbert Brannen), Clam Point; Christina, Clyde River; 26 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, James; brothers, Ashley, Robert; sisters, Pheobe, Annie, Violet; a grandson; a great-grandson. Visitation 2-4, 7-9 p.m. Saturday in H. Huskison's Funeral Home, Barrington. Funeral 2 p.m. Sunday in United Baptist Church, Stoney Island, Lic. Robie Atkinson and Pastor Daniel Dunnnett officiating. Burial in Atlantic Cemetery, Stoney Island. Family flowers only. Donations to Island and Barrington Area Volunteer Ambulance Service or any charity.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Isie Belle - It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Isie Belle Brannen, age 93, on Friday, May 17, 2013 at her home in Clam Point, Shelburne County. Born in Stoney Island on October 13, 1919, she was a daughter of the late Rhuben and Ella (Cunningham) Ross. She will be greatly missed by her sons, Dewey (Mary), Ennis (Augusta), Enos, Joey, Malcolm (Cathy), Lewis (Lois), Rodney (Cindy), Peter (Angel); daughters, Lillian (Russell) Nickerson, Christina (Cecil) O'Donnell, Vivian (Herbie) Brannen, Jennie (Ernest) Crowell; sisters, Dorothy Greenwood, Molly Hatfield; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Herbert; sons, James Victor, Clarence; daughter, Leora Bateman; brothers, Victor, Wesley, Ruben, Guy; sisters, Susie Ross, Hattie Ross, Phyllis Nickerson, Jessie Quinlan. END

9-5-29

Phoebe Ellen Brannen (1911-1967)

Phoebe was born November 16, 1911. She was the daughter of Horatio Harris Brannen (1872-1953) and May Jane Atkinson (1871-1933).

She married Leslie John Surette (1893-1944). They had two children John R. and Mary L. Surette.

The 1921 Canadian census shows him as age 29 and her as age 20 he was working on a steamship. There was one child, Robert John age nine months at home.

The 1930 US census found the family living on Saratoga Street in Boston. He was shown as age 37 born in 1893 she was age 28. Their immigration year was 1919. Living with them was her brother Herbert Brannen (1908-1995) and their children John R age nine and Mary L. age six.

Leslie was killed in an explosion and fire on board a tugboat in East Boston about 1944. He was a watchman

Phoebe died February 1967 and is buried in the Atlantic Cemetery in Stoney Island.

THE CHILDREN OF JULIA ANNA BRANNEN (1876-??)

9-5-30

Rebekah Bernice Watson (1899-1987)

Rebekah was born May 8, 1899, in Brookline Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Julia Anna Brannen (1876-??) and Arthur Malcolm Watson (1870-1911).

She married Elvin June Lewis (1896-1945) September 6, 1923, in Alameda CA. He was the son of Antone Lewis and Izora Pease. He was born in California June 12, 1896.

They appear in the 1940 US census for Oakland CA. She was age 39 and he 43. She was a stenographer for a Chemical company, and he was a lineman for a gas company. There were no children living with them.

He died in Alameda CA August 5, 1945. She died in San Francisco CA August 9, 1987. They are buried in Mountainview cemetery in Alameda CA. (166746667 CLM 94,6,4)

END

9-5-31

Gwendolyn Natalie Watson (1903-1986)

Gwendolyn was born December 12, 1902, in Brookline Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Julia Anna Brannen (1876-??) and Arthur Malcolm Watson (1870-1911).

She appears in the 1920 US census as single age 17 living in Boston with her mother, her sister and her stepfather Frederick L. Hauser (1891-??). Also in the house is Robert S. Brannen.

She married Peter John McArthur (1896-1969) in Oakland CA August 6, 1922. He was the son of Daniel McArthur and Mary Connelly. He was born November 12, 1896

In the 1930 US census she was found living in San Francisco. She was age 26 working as a clerk for an insurance company. She was married to Peter J McArthur.

They were living in San Francisco in 1942 according to his draft registration card.

He died November 6, 1969, in San Francisco CA. She died April 5, 1986, in Sonoma CA.

END

THE CHILDREN OF AMY LOUISE BRANNEN (1888-1951)

9-5-32

James Apostoles (1910-??)

He was born about 1910 in Massachusetts. He was the son of Amy Louise Brannen (1888-1951) and Nicholas D. Apostoles (1883-??)

He appeared in the 1910 US census as less than one year old. He appeared in the 1920 US census as age nine living in Malden MA with his parents Nicholas and Amy.

The 1933 Boston city directory shows him living on O Street East Boston he was an iron worker.

END

9-5-33

Peter Nicholas Brannen-Apostoles (1920-2001)

He was born October 1, 1920, in Boston . He was the son of Amy Louise Brannen (1888-1951) and Nicholas D. Apostoles (1883-??).

The 1940 US census found him to be 19 years old. He was living with his grandmother, mother and aunt in Oakland CA. He was attending high school. He was using Brannen as his sir name like his mother. The report shows they were at the same address in 1935.

In 1942 he was shown travelling on the SS Lurline from Honolulu.

March 5, 1943, he enlisted in the US Army. He spelled his name Brannan.

He re-enlisted February 8, 1946, and he again re-enlisted February 12, 1971. He appears to have retired January 31, 1975, having served in WW2, Korea and Viet Nam wars.

He died March 14, 2001, and is buried in the St. Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of service: Us Army Rank attained: 1SG Wars/Conflicts: World War Ii, Korea, Vietnam Military serial#: 39126301 Enlisted: March 5, 1943 in San Francisco California Military branch: No Branch Assignment Rank: Private, Selectees (enlisted Men) Terms of enlistment: Enlistment For The Duration Of The War Or Other Emergency, Plus Six Months, Subject To The Discretion Of The President Or Otherwise According To Law

END

THE CHILDREN OF JAMES COLEMAN BRANNEN (1882-1950)

9-5-34

Nora Mae Brannen (1913-1989)

Nora was born in Baccaro December 14, 1913, to James Coleman Brannen (1882-1950) and Delta May Ross (1886-1938).

She appears to have married three times. She married a man named Moseisan in 1943 at Watertown MA She also married men named Brown and a third named Lamica.

She obtained US citizenship April22 1943.

She was a passenger on the SS Yarmouth to Boston July 17, 1950.

Nora died in Concord NH January 15, 1989.

END

9-5-35

Herman Lynn Brannen (1906-1989)



Herman was born July 23, 1907, in Baccaro NS to James Coleman Brannen (1882-1950) and Delta May Ross (1886-1938).

The 1911 census showed him as four years old and the 1921 census showed him to be 13 years old.

He married Meta Christine Coldway (1905-1985) about 1932. She was a native of Grambke Germany. Her parents were Henry Colway and Anne Lieger. She arrived on the SS *Yorck* September 12, 1928, when she was 23 years old. They had at least five children, Adeline, Richard, Shelia, Brenda, Ivy and Ronald and perhaps Allister. The marriage ended and both later remarried.

Meta married Cecil R. Chetwynd (1905-1991). She died April 16, 1985, and is buried in the Woodside cemetery in Port LaTour.

Herman married Lorraine Jane Smith (1936-??) January 14, 1956. She was the daughter of Reginald Smith and Nellie Stoddart. They appear to have had five children together. Juanita, Wayne, Kenneth, Lynn an Allen.

Herman died in Yarmouth NS July 17, 1989. He is buried in Woodside cemetery in Port LaTour.

END

9-5-36

James Herbert Brannen (1908-1979)

Herbert was born April 12, 1908, in Bacarro NS to James Colman Brannen (1882-1950) and Delta May Ross (1886-1938).

He appeared in the 1911 as age three and the 1921 census as age 13 living in Port Latour as a student.

August 11, 1929, he was shown as a crewman on the yacht Savaron sailing from Marseille to New York.

In 1935 he was living in New York NY and in the 1940 US census he was living in Miami FL with his wife Jean. He was shown as a seaman.

He is believed to have died in 1979.

END

9-5-37

Howard Eugene Brannen (1909-1979)



Eugene was born September 16, 1909, in Baccaro to James Coleman Brannen (1882-1950) and Delta May Ross (1886-1938).

He appeared in the 1911 census.

Shelburne and is buried in the Woodside Cemetery Port LaTour.

Rowena died May 29, 2011, in Halifax NS and is buried with Eugene in Port LaTour.

He married Rowena Evelina Smith (1915-2011) at Arcadia NS in 1935. She was the daughter of Samuel S. Smith (1890-1938) and Sarah Louise Welsh (1891-1969) They had two children Robert and Nora.

Eugene died May 24, 1979, in

OBITUARY:

Baccaro -Eugene Howard Brannen, 69, of Baccaro, died Thursday, May 24,1979, at Roseway Hospital. Bom at Baccaro, Mr..Brannen was the son of the, late James and Delta (Ross) Brannen. He is survived by his wife, the former Rowena Evelina Smith; a son, Robert, St. John; a daughter Nora, (Mrs. George Taylor; a brother Port Latour; four

sisters, Pauline Brannen, Lower Sackville; Mrs. Norah Brown, Concord, New Hampshire; Beulah (Mrs. Hugh Bower), Shelburne; and Phyllis (Mrs. Burnley Ross), Cole Harbour; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers Rodman; and a sister Ivy. Funeral services were held on Monday, May 28, at Bethel Pentecostal Church, Baccaro, Rev. Carl Sawler officiating. Interment was at the Woods Side Cemetery, Port La tour.

OBITUARY:

Rowena Evelina (Smith) Brannen - born November 26, 1915, in Baccaro, Shelb. Co., passed away peacefully on May 29, 2011, at the Q.E. II Health Sciences Centre, VG Site. She leaves behind a daughter Norah (George) Taylor, four grandchildren Andrew (Heather) Taylor, Cyndi Brannen, Tammy (Jeff) Supple and Anjali Brannen and five great-grandchildren, brothers, Leonard and Howard and sister Rosalie Bonnell, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Howard Eugene; son Robert (Coral); brothers, Hersey, Alvin and Jack; sisters Alfretta Atkinson and Inez Plester. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. During her last days she was still very witty bringing smiles to those who surrounded her. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. at Full Gospel Church, 806 Kearney Lake Road, Bedford and a second service will be held Saturday, June 11 at 11:00 a.m. in her home community of Barrington at H. Huskilsons Funeral Home.

END

9-5-38

Pauline Thelma Brannen (1911-2006)

Pauline was born at Baccaro August 6, 1911, to James Coleman Brannen (1882-1950) and Delta May Ross (1886-1938).

Pauline appeared in the 1921 census as age nine living with her parents and siblings in Port LaTour NS age nine years.

She was a schoolteacher. She does not appear to have married.

She died in Yarmouth NS November 20, 2006, at age 95.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Pauline Thelma - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Pauline on November 20, 2006. Born in Baccaro, on August 6, 1911, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Colby Brannen of Baccaro. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family and is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was

predeceased by brothers, Herman, Herbert, Eugene and Rodman; and sisters, Nora, Ivy, Beulah and Phyllis. Pauline was a retired school teacher. The body has been donated to medical science.

END

9-5-39

Ivy Dean Job Brannen (1916-1936)

Ivy was born January 24, 1916, in Baccaro NS to James Colman Brannen (1882-1950) and Delta May Ross (1886-1938).

She appeared in the 1921 census age five living in Port LaTour with her family age five years.

She married Earl Kitchener Arenburg (1917-2003) December 26, 1935. He was the son of Duffie Harris Arenburg (1881-1960) and Lizzie Mildred Covey (1884-1924).

Ivy died February 8, 1936, in Yarmouth NS of a toxemia at pregnancy. She is buried in the Union cemetery in Baccaro.

Earl remarried to Vera Mae Williams (1917-1985).

Earl died January 14, 2003, in Bridgewater NS.

OBITUARY:

Earl Kitchener Arenburg 86, of Halifax, passed away January 14, 2003, in the South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Born in Jordon Falls, he was a son of the late Duffy Harris and Elizabeth Mildred (Covey) Arenburg. He worked as a carpenter in the City of Halifax for several years. He is survived by his daughter, Sheila (Kevin) Waldie, Ontario; sister in laws, Lucy, Jordan Falls, Mildred, Ontario; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his wife, Vera (Williams); brothers, Leonard, Harris, Carlos, James, Calvin; sisters, Margaret Quinlan, Beulah Dolliver. Visitation will be held Friday in Sweeny's Funeral Home, Bridgewater, from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, at which time funeral service will be held, Rev. John Mean officiating. Burial will follow in the Locust Hill Cemetery, Jordan Falls.

END

9-5-40

Beulah Elina Brannen (1918-2004)

Beulah was born in Baccaro in 1918 to James Colby Brannen (1882-1950) and Delta May Ross (1886-1938).

She married Hugh Wilmont Bower (1912-1986) March 10, 1937. He was the son of Charles Bower (1871-1923) and Frances Davis (1879-1954). They had four children, Myrna Mae (1938-2010), Gordon Hugh (1943-2014) and Brian A. (1947-2010) and Cheryl.

He was a veteran of WWII. He was a shipwright 4/c RCNVR. He enlisted October 6, 1943, at HMCS Stadacona in Halifax and was discharged August 17, 1945.

He died March 27, 1986, in Halifax. She died at Sandy Point NS March 22, 2004, and is buried with Hugh in Pine Grove cemetery in Shelburne.

STORY:

Cheryl Bower:

My mother, Beulah Brannen, was born (1918) and raised in Baccaro. Her parents were Colby and Delta (Ross) Brannen n. My Mom often shared stories of times she spent as a child at the Light when her grandparents were the keepers....

In her sister Ivy Dean's obituary, she is shown as Beulah Dolliver.

9-5-41

Phyllis Doreen Brannen (1920?-1994)

Phyllis was born about 1920 in Baccaro to James Colman Brannen (1882-1950) and Delta May Ross (1886-1938).

She appeared in the 1921 census. She was residing with her family and shown as age one year.

She married William Burnley Ross (1918-1994) February 10, 1940, in Port Clyde NS. They had three children. Their son William Burnley Ross Jr. (1947-1996) died young.

William was a veteran of WWII.

Her husband died May 25, 1988, in Halifax NS and was buried in the Union cemetery.

Phyllis died August 15, 1994, at Cape Negro NS and is buried in Union cemetery in Baccaro NS. Her head stone contains the inscription "One in a million".

END

9-5-42

Rodman Alister Brannen (1926-1966)

Rodman was born on September 10, 1926, in Baccaro to James Colman Brannen (1882-1950) and Delta May Ross (1886-1938).

He was a fisherman who lived in Port LaTour/West Baccaro. He did not marry but had a child with Charlotte Perry. Their son Wayne Perry was raised by Wayne's maternal grandmother. He knew his mother Charlotte to be his sister.

Wayne married Heather Brannen daughter of John Leonard Brannen (1924-2017). Wayne and Heather had five children.

Rodman was involved in a sea rescue in 1942 and recognized for his bravery in King George VI's Birthday Honours.

December 22, 1942, he was on the manifest of the SS *Vanclete* travelling from Halifax to New York. His date of birth was shown as about 1926.

He appeared on several Voters Lists listed as a fisherman in Port LaTour or West Baccaro NS

Rodman died November 18, 1966, when he was hit by a car crossing the road. He is buried in the Union cemetery in Baccaro.

STORY:

In Hattie Perry's book In And Around Old Barrington she tells the story of the rescue of the Gertrude Rusk off Baccaro in February 1942. Rodman volunteered to go with Fred Chetwynd and two others in his boat the Carl P. For his bravery Captain Chetwynd was awarded the British Empire medal in recognition of his services performed in the face of danger. Rodman and the other volunteers received commendations for bravery in King George VI's Birthday Honours List.

END

THE CHILDREN OF NEMA JANE BRANNEN(1893-1978)

9-5-43

Gerald Turnbull Smith (1914-1947)



Gerald was born July 12, 1914, in Baccaro NS. He was the son of Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1978 and Arthur M. Smith (1892-1980).

He appeared in the 1921 census living with parents and siblings in Bacarro. He was age eight.

He married Mina Alma Christie (1917-2008). She was the daughter of Sidney Christy (1892-1952) and Maude Blades (1897-1980). They appear to have had three children.

He died at Yarmouth NS March 27, 1947. He was only age 32. He is buried in the Seaview cemetery in West Baccaro.

Mina remarried and died in Kindersley SK November 24, 2008.

END

9-5-44

Bessie Marguerite Smith (1916-1997?)



Bessie was born in Baccaro March 28, 1916. She was the daughter of Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1978 and Arthur M. Smith (1892-1980).

She was shown as age six in the 1921 census.

She appears not to have married and spent her adult life in Toronto ON until she died in about 1997.

STORY:

An e-mail from nephew Randy Wayne Smith September 2020:

Bessie lived in Toronto for about 45 years and worked Sheppard Lodge until the 80s. I think it was 97 she passed away. Sometime in the late 50s and early 60s she pastored in Middle Wood church

(Shepherd Lodge Long Term Care is a retirement home, located in Scarborough, Ontario at 3760 Sheppard Avenue East. It offers residents independent living options as well as a variety of amenities and services).

END

9-5-45

Arthur Vernon Smith (1918-1936)

Arthur was born October 6, 1918, in Baccaro. He was the son of Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1978 and Arthur M. Smith (1892-1980).

He was shown as age three in the 1921 census.

Arthur died October 8, 1936, and is buried in the Seaview cemetery in West Baccaro NS. On his tomb stone is listed as Arthur Jr. His brother Donald Stanley (1928-1977) shares a gravestone with him.

END

9-5-46

Harry Cleverleigh Smith (1919-2005)



Harry was born in Baccaro in 1919. He was the son of Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1978 and Arthur M. Smith (1892-1980). His middle name is spelled both as Cleverleigh and Clverley in various places.

He was shown as age two in the 1921 census.

He was a veteran of WWII and a fisherman all his working life. He owned a Cape Islander named Margaret and Randy, named for his children.

He married Edna MacDonald (1914-??) September 18, 1940, in Halifax.

He also married Margaret the daughter of Wendy Rogers.

They had two children Wendy and Randy.

Harry died October 13, 2005, at Cheggogin NS and is buried in the Cheggogin cemetery.

END

9-5-47

Sylvia Smith (1921-1996)

Sylvia was born in Baccaro about 1921. She was the daughter of Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1978 and Arthur M. Smith (1892-1980).

She married Ira William Harding (1909-1981) and they lived in Tabusintac NB.

She died in 1996 and is buried in Tabusintac Riverside cemetery.

END

9-5-48

Doris Smith (1924-1996)



Doris was born in Baccaro in 1924. She was the daughter of Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1978 and Arthur M. Smith (1892-1980).

She married Holef Manuel

Doris died in Toronto November 27, 1996.

END

9-5-49

Mildred Pearl Smith (1925-2010)

Mildred was born in Baccaro in 1925. She was the daughter of Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1978 and Arthur M. Smith (1892-1980).

She married David Douglas Hutchinson (1924-2006). He was a native Bromley, England. They had one child.

At the time of her mother funeral, she was shown as living in Lunenburg NS. In 2005 they were reported to be living in Toronto ON.

She died in Parry Sound ON May 31, 2010.

END

9-5-50

Donald Stanley Smith (1928-1977)



Donald was born June 25, 1928, in Baccaro NS He was the son of Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1978 and Arthur M. Smith (1892-1980).

He died in Baccaro December 15, 1977, and is buried in Seaview cemetery in West Baccaro with his brother Arthur Vernon (1918-1936).

END

9-5-51

Jemima Laurretta Smith (1930-2010)

Laurretta was born in Baccaro in 1930. She was the daughter of Nema Jean Brannen (1893-1978 and Arthur M. Smith (1892-1980).

She married Cecil Alfred Perry (1928-2001) February 13, 1952. He was the son of Fenwick Ogden Perry (1881-1974) and Grace Mae Towner (1890-1977). They had four children.

He died January 20, 2001, at Cape Negro and is buried in the Hillside cemetery at Cape Negro NS.

She died in Nova Scotia in 2010.

END

THE CHILDREN OF ONSLO CLAUDE CLAYTON BRANNEN (1886-1936)

9-5-52

Calvin Delbert Brannen (1909-1909)

He was the infant son of Onslo Claude Clayton Brannen (1886-1936) and Charlotte Flotella Blades (1890-1946).

He was born January 17, 1909, and died February 21 1909 at Baccaro NS at only five weeks old.

He was buried in Baccaro NS.

END

9-5-53

Mildred Leah Brannen (1911-1975)



Mildred was born March 31, 1911, in West Baccaro. She was the daughter of Onslo Claude Clayton Brannen (1886-1936) and Charlotte Flotella Blades (1890-1946).

She married Foreman Albert Newell (1910-1996) June 11, 1931. He was the son of Harold Newell (1887-1982) and Lenore Atwood (1893-1960). They had five children.

Mildred died February 5, 1975, at Sandy Point NS and is buried in Port LaTour NS. Foreman died January 14, 1996, in Lunenburg NS

END

9-5-54

Claude Onslo Brannen Sr. (1919-1996)



He was born July 6, 1919, in West Baccaro. He was the son of Onslo Claude Clayton Brannen (1886-1936) and Charlotte Flotella Blades (1890-1946).

He married Marjorie Blanche. Atwood (1922-2003) December 4, 1941. She was the daughter of Ernest Atwood and Georgina Stewart. They had seven children.

He died April 18, 1996, in Yarmouth NS and is buried in Port LaTour.

Marjorie died January 6, 2003, in Baccaro NS.

STORY:

On January 15, 1942, he was involved in a sea rescue of survivors of Empire Kingfisher that sank 3 miles off Baccaro Point. He volunteered to go with Douglas Smith and a crew of four others to look for the life boats from the ship. They were able to locate and bring to shore two the life boats while a navy ship picked up the rest of the crew. In appreciation for their valuable services rendered, Douglas Smith and his volunteers crew each received an honorarium of one hundred dollars from the ship's owners.

From Hattie Perry, In and Around Old Barrington

END

9-5-55

Prince Bernard Brannen (1930-)



He was born May 8, 1930, in West Baccaro. He was the son of Onslo Claude Clayton Brannen (1886-1936) and Charlotte Flotella Blades (1890-1946).

He married Addie (Dolly) Louise Atkinson April 9, 1955. She was the daughter of Leslie Atkinson and Addie Smith. They had four children: but only three survived infancy, Sandra Elaine, Cheryl Diane, and Stephanie Grace.

He and his daughter Sandra are living in Port LaTour.

END

THE CHILDREN OF ELLEN GERTRUDE BRANNEN (1907-1960)

9-5-56

Kenneth Ralston Chetwynd (1927-1992)

Kenneth was born April 13, 1927, at West Baccaro. He was the son of Ellen Gertrude Brannen (1907-1960) and Stillman Harold Chetwynd (1900-1993).

He did not marry and suffered with serious breathing problems as he grew older.

He acquired several university degrees and according to his nephew at one point has was a teacher.

He worked as a radio officer on ocean going ships in the 1950's and is found on the manifest of a ship going from Kitimat to Portland OR October 6 1953. He was described as the radio officer with six years experience, 5'9" and 152 pounds.

In the 1968 Voters List for La Salle PQ, he was listed as a "*commis*" (French). There did not appear to be a wife.

He died December 13, 1992, in Chest Hospital in Montreal QC and was cremated. His tombstone lists his educational credits as M. ED, B.SC, and BA.

END

9-5-57

Harold Ashton Chetwynd (1929-1952)

Junior was born March 29, 1929, at West Baccaro. He was the son of Ellen Gertrude Brannen (1907-1960) and Stillman Harold Chetwynd (1900-1993).

He married Hope Marjorie Christie (1928-2008) May 22, 1948, in Baccaro. They had one child.

Harold died at sea from Irma & Rog February 27, 1952. He was crewman on the longliner with Capt. Bower when the were caught in a winter storm. All hands were lost.

He is memorialised on a stone in Woodside cemetery in Port LaTour.

STORY:

A message from Archie Bower 2020:

my father's boat was caught in a terrible storm around Feb 27. 1952 while fishing on Roseway Bank. he, my uncle, Ethern and a young chap, Junior were dwwned

END

9-5-58

Barbara Chetwynd (1932-2012)



Barbara was born June 6, 1932, in West Baccaro. She was the daughter of Ellen Gertrude Brannen (1907-1960) and Stillman Harold Chetwynd (1900-1993).

She married Percy Walton Peters (1920-2011). He was a WWII veteran. They had five children.

Percy died February 19, 2011. Barbara died September 21, 2012, in Yarmouth NS.

OBITUARY:

PETERS, Barbara - 80, West Baccaro, Shelburn Co., passed away peacefully on September 21, 2012, at Yarmouth Regional Hospital with her family by her side. Born June 6, 1932 in West Baccaro, she was the daughter of the late Stillman "Harold" and Ellen (Brown) Chetwynd.

She is survived by her five children; sons, Percy Jr. (Gwen) Peters, Port la Tour; Jeffrey (Sherry) Peters, West Baccaro; Lyndon (Karen) Peters, Barrington; daughters, Karen (Preston) Newell, Reynoldscoft; Heather, at home; brother, Vernon (Susie) Chetwynd, West Baccaro; sisters, Cassie Christie, West Baccaro; Leona (Reginald) Forsythe, Kentville; grandchildren, Trevor (Tasha), Gina, Kevin (Nikki), Tyler (Ashley), Shelby, Jessica, and Amelia; great-grandchildren, Cole, Kelsey, Isaac, Jaden, Patrick, Lily; and

two little girls she called own, Jacey Raine Shand and Laney Jean Shand, and many nieces and nephews who she held so dear to her heart. Aside from her parents she was predeceased by her husband, Percy Walton; brothers, Harold Ashton (Junior), Kenneth Ralston; sister, Goldie Sandra; and two stillborn siblings. She will be missed by her faithful kitty (Sissy) who stayed by her side day and night. Mom was a hard worker all of her life having to milk cows in the morning before walking to school (sometimes she would have to round them up first). She worked at Barbara Worthens Lodge in Port la Tour, several restaurants, and at the Old Cotton Mill in Yarmouth. Mom also helped several people in the community when they were having their babies – she would go and assist them with their housework or whatever they needed. She also looked after several of the neighborhood children. In later years, mom went to the Nova Scotia Community College in Shelburne and received her PCW course and went to work at Bayside Home in Barrington. She took great pride in looking after the residents there for nearly 20 years. She enjoyed her work and she enjoyed the fellowship she had with all of the staff. She often talked about the “Good Old Days”. Mom was a caring and giving person, always putting others before herself. She loved to bake and prepare Sunday dinners for her family even in sickness (that was her caring and nurturing way). She was an avid curler in her younger years and loved to play Bingo. She looked forward to her niece (Angela) doing her weekly shopping, the phone calls she received from her next door neighbors, Adeline and Lloyd Christie, and the daily visits she received from David Newell (a life long friend for over 50 years).. Cremation has taken place. There was no funeral by request.

OBITUARY:

PETERS, Percy - 90, of Reynoldscroft, formerly of West Baccaro and Yarmouth passed away in Yarmouth Regional Hospital on February 19, 2011. He was born in Yarmouth in 1920, where he lived until he moved to West Baccaro in 1956. Percy was the son of the late, Capt. Emery Frank and Mureta (Cook) Peters. He was predeceased by his first wife, Kathleen “Kitt” Cann. He is survived by his second wife Barbara (Chetwynd); 11 children, sons, Emery (Linda), Prospect; Percy (Gwen), Port La Tour; Jeffery (Sherry), West Baccaro; Lyndon (Karen), Barrington; daughters, Joanne (late George) Nickerson, South Ohio, Yarmouth Co.; Mary Ellen “Muffy” McGrath, Wolfville; Betty Jean (Eric), Dartmouth; Patty (Ronnie) LeFave, Bellville; Janet (Frank) d’Entremont, Lower West Pubnico; Karen (Preston) Newell, Reynoldscroft; Heather, West Baccaro; a sister, Barbara, Quarryville, PA; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grand children. Percy was a veteran of the second World War, attaining the rank of Sergeant serving in the Army in Ottawa, Canada. In his early years he drove for Moirs and Dutch Maid. Percy went fishing, herring seining and worked at Sea Life Fisheries, Pubnico. He also worked as a painter at CFS Barrington in 1964 and went back to work there in the 1970s and stayed until the military base closed in 1990. After retirement Percy went to work at

the Clyde River Golf course. He played baseball with the Yarmouth Gateways, was an avid bowler and liked to go sailing in his younger years. He also loved to curl and golf and did so well into his eighties. He enjoyed planting his vegetable gardens. Percy was also a resident of Century Lodge and Rensons Seniors where he made many friends, especially Carrie, Ginny, Mary, Stella and Rosella. Cremation has taken place. A burial will take place at a later

END

9-5-59

Cassie Chetwynd

Cassie was born in Baccaro NS. She was the daughter of Ellen Gertrude Brannen (1907-1960) and Stillman Harold Chetwynd (1900-1993).

She married Earl Christie and lives in Baccaro.

They appeared in the 1957 voter's list living in Baccaro. He was a fisherman.

END

9-5-60

Leona Chetwynd

Leona was born in Baccaro NS. She was the daughter of Ellen Gertrude Brannen (1907-1960) and Stillman Harold Chetwynd (1900-1993).

She married Reginald Forsythe.

They have lived in Ontario and Kentville NS.

END

9-5-61

James Vernon Chetwynd (1935-2016)

"Num" was born in Baccaro NS October 12, 1935. He was the son of Ellen Gertrude Brannen (1907-1960) and Stillman Harold Chetwynd (1900-1993).

He married Susie Bessie Nickerson (1940-2019) the daughter of Clifford Russell Nickerson and Anna Bertha Christie. They had six children.

They lived in West Baccaro NS.

He died May 13, 2016, in Halifax NS. Susie died January 23, 2019, in Shelburne NS.

OBITUARY;

James Vernon "Num" - 80, Baccaro, Shelburne County, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2016, at the QEII Halifax Infirmary Site. Born in Baccaro, he was the son of the late Harold and Ellen (Brown) Chetwynd. Num is survived by his loving wife, Susie; sons, James (Norma), Keith (Roseanne), Franklin (Kathleen), Kevin (April), Gregory and Chris (April); daughters, Connie (Roger) Cunningham and Ellen Chetwynd; sisters, Cassie Christie and Leona (Reg) Forsythe; fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and daughter, Helen Grace; siblings, Barb, Kenneth, Junior and Goldie. Num enjoyed taking slow drives with his dog, Tokeloe. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are under the care of H.M. Huskilson's Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Barrington. A graveside service will take place at a later date.

OBITUARY:

CHETWYND, Susie Bessie - 78 of Baccaro, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Roseway Hospital on Wednesday January 23, 2019. She was a daughter of the late Clifford Russell Nickerson and Anna Bertha Christie. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her husband James Vernon, daughter Helen and sisters Betty and Delores. Susie loved her cat and playing BINGO. She was a patient lady who enjoyed spending time with her family and was loved by all who knew her. Survived by her sons; James (Norma), Keith (Roseanne), Franklin (Kathleen), Kevin (April), Greg (Elaine), Chris (April). Daughters; Connie (Roger) and Ellen. Sisters; Mildred, Martha, Mary, Margaret, Bonnie. Grandchildren; Andrew, Justin, Tyler, Matthew, Jeffrey, Jeremy, Caitlin, Cassandra, Adam, Colby, Delaney, Christian and Nicholas as well as 10 Great Grandchildren. Cremation has taken place under the direction of H.M. Huskilson's Funeral Home and Crematorium Ltd. Barrington. As per her request there will be no visitation and a private family graveside will take place at a later date

END

9-5-62

Goldie Sandra Chetwynd (1943-1945)

Goldie was born October 8, 1943, and died October 1 1945 in West Baccaro. She was the daughter of Ellen Gertrude Brannen (1907-1960) and Stillman Harold Chetwynd (1900-1993).

She died October 1, 1945, and is buried in Woodside cemetery in Port LaTour NS.

END

THE CHILDREN OF AMOS HAROLD BRANNEN (1895-1974)

9-5-63

Marjorie Isabel Brannen (1920-2012)



Marjorie was born at Sand Beach NS February 2, 1920. She was the daughter of Amos Harold Brannen Sr. (1896-1974) and Pearle Isabel Nickerson (1903-1975.) She was a twin to Margaret Rosella (1920-1966).

She was an RCAF-WD WWII veteran. She was stationed in Washington DC. She worked in secrecy and was not supposed ever to discuss what she did.

She married Lawrence Fay Crosby (1920-1970). He was the son of James Lawrence Crosby (1865-1947) and Margaret Harding (1896-??). They had three children.

Lawrence died June 13, 1970. Marjorie died August 27, 2012, at age 92 in Yarmouth NS. They are buried in the in the Pleasant Valley cemetery.

END

OBITUARY:

Crosby, Marjorie Isabel – age 92 of Pleasant Valley, Yarmouth Nova Scotia passed away August 27, 2012 at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born February 2, 1920 in Sand Beach, Yarmouth County, she was the daughter of the late Amos and Pearle (Nickerson) Brannen. Marjorie was a member of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church and a World War II Veteran who served with the RCAF in Washington, DC. She was a 23 year member of Branch 167 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Carleton, and also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by daughter Doreen (Mark) Holland, Kelowna, BC; sons, James (Laura) Crosby, Montreal Quebec; Sean (Marion) Crosby, Ardoise, Nova Scotia. Sisters Hazel Jensen, New Brunswick; Sylvia Grant, Yarmouth. Six grand children and eight great grand children. Marjorie was predeceased by her husband Lawrence, brothers Amos (Buddy), Robert and Victor, and sister Margaret. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home & Crematorium, Yarmouth. There was no visitation by family request. Funeral service was held Friday, August 31, 2012 at 2:00pm from the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Rev. Mike Cannell officiated. Interment followed in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery

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9-5-64

Margaret Rosella Brannen (1920-2000)



Margaret was the daughter of Amos Harold Brannen Sr. (1896-1974) and Pearle Isabel Nickerson (1903-1975). She was born at Sand Beach NS February 2, 1920. She was a twin to Marjorie Isabel (1920-2012).

She married James Martin Madden (1914-1966). He was the son of James (Irvin) Madden (1881-1960) and Ilona Isma Madden (1887-1963). They had no children.

James died in 1966 in Yarmouth NS. Margaret died April 21, 2000, in Yarmouth NS. They are buried in Mountain cemetery.

OBITUARY:

MADDEN, Margaret Rosalie — 80, 4 Cumberland St., Yarmouth, died Friday, April 21, 2000, in the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born in Sand Beach, Yarmouth Co., on Feb. 2, 1920, she was a daughter of the late Amos Brannen, and Pearle Nickerson. She was a member of the Yarmouth North United Baptist Church. Surviving are good friend, William England; sisters, Marjorie Crosby, South Ohio; Hazel Jensen, Plaster Rock, NB; Sylvia Grant, Dayton. She was pre-deceased by her husband, James, brothers, Amos Jr.,

Robert, Victor. Private service. Graveside service in Yarmouth Mountain Cemetery, Rev. A.D. "Bill" Newell officiating. Burial in Yarmouth Mountain Cemetery END

9-5-65

Amos Harold Brannen Jr. (1924-1984)



Buddy was born at Sand Beach NS in 1924. He was the son of Amos Harold Brannen Sr. (1896-1974) and Pearl Isabelle Nickerson (1903-1975.)

He worked for, and then ran the family firm, Amos Brannen & Sons Limited.

He married Martha Anne Nickerson (1927-2017). They had five children.

He died in Yarmouth April 30, 1984, and is buried in Chegoggin NS.

Martha died November 14, 2017, in Yarmouth and is buried with her husband in Chegoggin cemetery.

OBITUARY:

Amos Harold Brannen, Jr. Overton — Amos Harold Brannen Jr., 60, of Overton, Yarmouth County, died Monday, April 30 at home. Born in Yarmouth, he was a son of the late Amos and Pearle (Nickerson) Brannen. He was proprietor of the former Amos

Brannen and Sons, Water Street, Yarmouth. He is survived by his wife, the former Martha Nickerson; two daughters, Marsha, Arkansas and Charlene, Yarmouth; three sons, Harold, Fraser and Charles, all of Yarmouth; four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Madden, Yarmouth; Mrs. Marjorie Crosby, Pleasant Valley; Mrs. Hazel Jenson, Grand Falls, N.B. and Sylvia (Mrs. Louis Grant), Dayton. He was predeceased by two brothers, Robert and) Victor. The body is in Sweeny's Funeral Home, where funeral will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Rev. Peter Turpin officiating, with burial in Chegoggin Cemetery

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Martha A. – age 90, of TVM, The Meadows Home for Special Care, passed away with her daughters at her side at The Meadows on November 14, 2017. Born in Yarmouth on October 9, 1927, she was a daughter of the late Robert Joseph and Ethel Clara (Amero) Nickerson. Martha was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who loved her family dearly. In her early days, she worked as a waitress at Wagner's, Creaser's, and Purity Lunch, and was a waitress and housekeeper at Lakelawn Motel. During war times, she worked at the Amos Brannen & Sons Limited store at Yarmouth Bar. Dad somehow managed to steal a customer's note about saving dates and butter, to ask Mom out on their first date, and that was the beginning of their story.

They would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary a week after her passing. She would often tell stories of her childhood years growing up at the Yarmouth Light, helping her father wind the light every 12 hours and taking people for tours in the lighthouse for \$10. She enjoyed travelling to Alabama, Ontario and Tennessee to visit family, spending summer weekends at the camp in East Kemptville, going for drives in the country or to Cape Forchu looking for deer, feeding the birds, bingo, card games with friends, and gardening. In later years, Word Search puzzles and a tablet were favorite hobbies. Mom took great pride in keeping a beautiful garden, a spotless house and making delicious meals for family and company. Her greatest joys in life were her children and she was always proud of all their accomplishments. An even greater joy in her life was her precious time with her beloved grandson, Brent and his dog, Oliver. She was affectionately called "Ya Ya" by Brent, they spent many hours reading, playing games, going for drives and singing along to songs on the radio. Company could often be heard asking "What ya got good to eat Mart?" Mom lived the last 33 years of her life without Dad by her side, and the loss of her grandson was also a very difficult time in her life. Mom fought until the very end and continued to smile at everyone until she was no longer able to, and we take comfort in believing she is reunited with Dad and Brent. As Mom would always say as we left her, "love you too and be good." She is survived by her children, Harold (Heather Cunningham), of Overton; Marsha (Jimmy) Posey, of North Kemptville; Fraser (Donna), of Overton; Charles, of Australia; and Charlene, of Halifax; brothers, Harry Nickerson, N.B.; Douglas (Sherri) Nickerson, Chebogue; sisters, June Stanley, Alabama; Pauline Cottreau, Yarmouth; Gladys (Robert)

Tougas, Ont. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Amos Brannen, Jr.; brother, Charles Nickerson; sister, Margaret Bain; and grandson, Brent Brannen. Mom also greatly appreciated her three daughter-in-law's, Linda, Donna and Heather. The family wishes to thank the staff of Evergreen House, The Meadows, for their loving care of our mother over the last five years. She was loved by many of them. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home and Crematorium, Yarmouth. Visitation was held Friday, November 17, 2017 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Sweeny's Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral service was held Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 11 a.m. from Sweeny's Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. A.D. "Bill" Newell officiated.

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9-5-66

Vera Hazel Brannen (1925-2014)



She was the daughter of Amos Harold Brannen Sr. (1896-1974) and Pearle Isabel Nickerson (1903-1975). She was born in Yarmouth NS October 15, 1925.

She married a Walter Jensen. They had four children together, Julia, Judy, Bruce and Caroline. She was stepmother to John, Larry and Clayton from Walter's previous marriage.

She died April 14, 2014, in Plaster Rock NB. She is buried in the Maple Grove cemetery in New Denmark NB.

OBITUARY:

JENSEN, HAZEL - The passing of Hazel Jensen of Tobique Valley Manor, Plaster Rock occurred on April 19, 2014 at the age of 88. Born at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia in 1925, she was a daughter of the late Amos and Pearle Brannen. She is survived by her children; Julia Goodine (Glen) of Tilley, Judy of Oromocto, Bruce Jensen (Robin) of Wicklow, Caroline Aiton (Jeff) of Grande Prairie, AB, step-sons: John Jensen (Rhoda) of Ontario, Larry Jensen (Eileen) and Clayton (Carol-Ann), both of New Denmark, 20 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, one sister, Sylvia Grant of Yarmouth, NS, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter, brothers, Bobby, Buddy, Victor, sisters, Margaret, and Marjorie. Hazel was a loving mother and loved her grand and great grandchildren.

During her life, she worked at Royal Department Store of Yarmouth, NS and attended the Baptist Church where she was a very active member. She met Walter and moved to New Denmark and raised her children. She later entered Tobique Valley Manor and was a resident for 31 years. Hazel's Christian faith was the center of her life. It didn't matter where she was, she strived to bring honour to her Saviour.

Resting at Grace and Truth Tabernacle, New Denmark with visiting hours Monday, April 21st from 7 to 9 p.m. Her funeral service will be held from the church on Tuesday, April 22nd at 1 p.m. with Pastor Michael Whittmeier officiating. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at a later date.

END

9-5-67

Robert Frank Brannen (1927-1975)



Bobby was the son of Amos Harold Brannen Sr. (1896-1974) and Pearle Isabel Nickerson (1903-1975). He was born in Yarmouth NS February 1, 1927.

He worked for the family firm, Amos Brannen & Sons.

He married Pauline Mary Nickerson. She was this sister of his brother's wife Marth Nickerson. They were daughters of the late Robert Joseph and Ethel Clara (Amero) Nickerson. Bobby and Mary had one child of their own, David Wayne Brannen and they adopted two children: George Vaughan Brannen (1954-1999) and Donna.

Robert died June 24, 1975, and is buried in the in the Yarmouth Mountainview cemetery with his son George Vaughan Brannen.

OBITUARY:

ROBERT F. BRANNEN Robert Frank Brannen, 48, Overton, Yarmouth County, died at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital on Tuesday, June 24, 1975. Born in Yarmouth, he was the son of Amos and Pearle (Nickerson) Brannen. Mr. Brannen was an active partner of Amos Brannen and Sons Ltd. for thirty years until his illness three years ago. He was also an active member of Faith Memorial United Baptist Church, Overton. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Pauline Nickerson; daughter, Donna, Overton; sons,

David, Overton; and George, Overton; Sisters, Mrs. Margaret Madden, Yar-mouth; Mrs. Marjorie Crosby, Pleasant Valley; Mrs. Hazel Jenson, New Brunswick; Sylvia (Mrs. Louise Grant), Brooklyn, Yarmouth County; brother, Amos Brannen, Jr., Over-ton; and three grand-children. He was predeceased by his brother, Victor. Remains rested at Sweeny's Funeral Home, and services were held at the Faith Memorial Baptist Church on Thursday, June 26, at 3 p.m. with Rev. Austin MacPherson officiating. Burial was in the Yar-mouth Mountain Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Faith Memorial United Baptist Church, Overton, in lieu of flowers.

BRANNEN, George Vaughan — 45, Brazil Lake Road, Yarmouth Co., died December 19, 1999, at home. He was born in Yarmouth, he was a son of Mary Cottreau, Yarmouth and the late Robert Brannen. Surviving are his wife, the former Bertha Babin; stepfather, Don Cottreau; son, Chad, Pubnico, Yarmouth Co.; stepsons, Dr. Dan Stuart, Dartmouth; Andy Stuart, Toronto; brother, Dave, Canso; sister, Donna Vandal, Yarmouth. Visitation 2-4, 7-9 p.m. today, funeral 2 p.m. Tuesday, all in Sweeny's Funeral Home, Yarmouth, Pastor John Symonds officiating. Spring burial in Yarmouth Mountain Cemetery.

END

9-5-68

Victor Gerald Brannen (1933-1973)



He was the son of Amos Harold Brannen Sr. (1896-1974) and Pearle Isobel Nickerson (1904-1974). He was born in Sand Beach NS October 10 1933.

He worked for the family firm, Amos Brannen & Sons Limited.

He never married.

The 1957 Voters List shows he and his mother Pearl living at 37 Main Street in Yarmouth. He was listed as a fish dealer.

The 1962 Voters List shows he and his mother Pearl living at 68 Forest Street in Yarmouth. He was listed as a fish cutter.

Victor died September 15, 1973, in Halifax and in buried in Mountain cemetery.

OBITUARY:

Gerald Brannen, 39 of Yarmouth, died Saturday at Victoria General Hospital, Halifax. Born at Yarmouth, he was a son of Amos and Pearle (Nickerson) Brannen, of Yarmouth. He was a partner of Amos Brannen and Sons Ltd., Yarmouth NS. Besides his parents, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Madden, Yarmouth; Mrs. Marjorie Crosby, Pleasant Valley; Mrs. Hazel Jen-sen, Grand Rapids, N.B.; Sylvia (Mrs. Lewis Grant),

*Brooklyn, Yarmouth County; two brothers, Amos, Overton; and Robert, Yarmouth.
Burial will be in Yarmouth Mountain cemetery.*

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9-5-69

Sylvia Carol Brannen (1936-)

Sylvia was born December 21, 1936. She was the daughter of Amos Harold Brannen Sr. (1896-1974) and Pearle Isabel Nickerson (1903-1975.)

She married Louis Cleveland Grant (1933-1985) he was the son of Donald Grant and Evangeline Garron. He was in the army when they married. He was assigned to the military police. After he left the army, they together managed the Milo Motel in Yarmouth NS for about five years and then he was the jailer and she the matron at the Yarmouth jail for about four years. He then became town sheriff until he died in 1985.

The 1965 Voters List showed them living in RR #1 Yarmouth. He was a motel manager.

The 1968 Voters List showed them living at 459 Main Street in Yarmouth. He was a jailor.

Louis died January 7, 1985, in Yarmouth NS.

END

THE CHILDREN OF LLOYD GEORGE BRANNEN (1916-1991)

9-5-70

William Lloyd Brannen (??-1991)

Billy was the son of Lloyd George Brannen (1916-1991) and Anna Swaine (1923-2005).

He married Donna Parrdt. They lived in Toronto ON.

He died June 1, 1991.

END

9-5-71

Lawrence Joseph Brannen (1956-2021)



He was the son of Lloyd George Brannen (1916-1991) and Anna Swaine (1923-2005).

Larry married Helen Leblanc and lived in Yarmouth NS.

OBITUARY:

BRANNEN, Larry Joseph - age 65, Yarmouth, passed away peacefully with his wife by his side at Yarmouth Regional Hospital on October 9, 2021. Born June 20th, 1956 in Yarmouth, he was the son of the late Lloyd and Anna (Swaine) Brannen. Larry worked as a furniture salesman at W.L Nelson for over 20 years. In his younger years he enjoyed playing sports like hockey and baseball, he then enjoyed watching them on TV, rooting for the Montreal Expos and the Montreal Canadiens. He also enjoyed listening to 70's music. Larry is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Helen (LeBlanc/McGonigle) Brannen; son Matthew (Emily) Brannen; step-daughters Vanessa McGonigle and Mandy Martin; step-grandsons Lucas and Tyler Martin and brother Bill (Donna) Brannen. Aside from his parents he was predeceased by his step-son David McGonigle and his brother Walter in infancy and sister Pat (Billy) Crouse

END

9-5-72

Patricia Brannen (1946-2014)



Patricia was the daughter of Lloyd George Brannen (1916-1991) and Anna Swaine (1923-2005).

She was born in Yarmouth Hospital July 29, 1946.

She married William Crouse May 2, 1964, in Yarmouth NS. They had three children.

She was a member of l'Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois.

She died July 8, 2014, at the Yarmouth Regional hospital and is buried in Mountain cemetery, Yarmouth NS.

OBITUARY:

CROUSE, Patricia Ann 67, Lake Doucette, Digby Co., passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born July 29, 1946 in Yarmouth, she was a daughter of the late Lloyd and Anna (Swaine) Brannen. Patricia worked at the cotton mill in Yarmouth for a time, and also worked as a cook, however she put her life on hold to care for her children and her disabled husband. She will be remembered as being a very generous and giving person. She loved baking, line dancing and genealogy. She

was very proud of her Métis heritage and was a member of l'Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois.

She is survived by her loving husband, Billy Crouse of 50 years, as well as by daughters, Holly (Susan), Mavillette, Cathy (Allain) and Cindy (Alfred), both of Lake Doucette. Also surviving are brothers, Larry (Helen) Brannen, Yarmouth and Billy (Donna) Brannen, Toronto as well as by a long-time friend, Melvin Chute. Aside from her parents, she was predeceased by a brother Walter, in infancy. Visitation will take place from 7-9 Thursday evening, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m., Friday, July 11, both at H. M. Huskison's Funeral Home, 29 Albert Street, Yarmouth, Pastor Dick Bourque officiating. Interment will follow in Yarmouth Mountain Cemetery.

END

9-5-73

Lloyd George Walter Brannen (1944-1944)

Walter was the son of Lloyd George Brannen (1916-1991) and Anna Swaine (1923-2005).

He was born May 7, 1944, and died October 2 1944 in Yarmouth NS.

END

THE CHILDREN OF BERNICE ROSELLA BRANNEN (1927-2006)

9-5-74

Paul Wayne Brittain (1947-2022)



He was the son of Bernice Rosella Brannen (1927-2006) and Robert Harry Brittain Jr.

He attended Yarmouth Consolidated High School and worked for Nova's Finest Fisheries Inc.

OBITUARY:

Paul Wayne Brittain, Born November 12th ,1947, passed away March 8th, 2022, at the Meadows Home for Special Care in Yarmouth with his niece Tammy by his side. He was the son of the late Robert and Bernice (Brannen)Brittain. Proudly named after his Uncle Paul, who sacrificed his life during World War 2 at the age of 19. In the early 70's along with his brother Gary, he left Yarmouth heading to the Northwest Territories looking for work and adventure. Most of his time was spent in Hay River. He met his fiancé Marjorie during this time. Tragically on a visit home to her family in BC, Marjorie was killed in an MVA. He often talked of the beauty of the Territory and the fun he had travelling around playing baseball. He loved people. He was a social butterfly. He would talk to anyone about anything. He was opinionated and was very open to share what he felt and thought. He loved Saturday mornings hanging out at the Farmers Market, and coffee clubs with the boys. He was a meat cutter by trade. He worked in the banking industry in Hay River. He worked many years with Canada Post. After retirement he delivered the Chronicle Herald. This made him famous for hitting the most deer in Cape Forchu. He loved sports. Hockey, baseball and golf were some of

his favorites. He was a player, an official, a volunteer and a commentator. He was very proud to be known as "The Voice of the Gateways" for many years. Late in life he was content being a spectator. He enjoyed a good Mariners game. He was a great supporter of his great nephew Cole Jacquard. Rarely missing a baseball or hockey game. He was a lifelong volunteer. Yarmouth Ground Search and Rescue, Yarmouth Sports Heritage and a member of Skate Yarmouth just to name a few. He loved Yarmouth. He gave countless hours and sat on many committees to bring events to the area. He was a past member of Brooklyn Baptist Church. Most recently a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. He loved Genealogy and was always excited to meet a new cousin. He is survived by his brother, Gary (Lola) Brittain, Yarmouth; sisters, Judy Brittain, Brooklyn and Ruthann (Tony) Goodwin, Amherst. Several nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews. He was especially fond of his great nephew, Brett Jacquard. He was predeceased by his parents; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Shirley (Sherman) Brittain. END

9-5-75

Gary Brittain (1951-2023)



He was the son of Bernice Rosella Brannen (1927-2006) and Robert Harry Brittain Jr. He was born July 24 1951.

He married Lola LeBlanc and they had two daughters Tammy (1971-) and Amanda (1979-).

He died November 30, 2023

END

OBITUARY

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Gary Robert Brittain of Yarmouth on November 30, 2023. Born July 24, 1951, to Robert and Bernice (Brannen) Brittain. Growing up in a strong Baptist community and home, there is no doubt from the stories told raising him posed many challenges. He lived most of his life knowing every decision had a consequence, but that would be dealt with later. He was accident-prone, breaking his nose several times, breaking bones, and stitches, cutting off his finger and burning down a barn as he crawled out of the grease pit. It truly is a miracle we had him for as many years as we did. He loved the woods and the outdoors and could always be found in his barn. He loved animals, especially horses. For many years with his good friend, Bob Rogers, they travelled around the province with their draft horse teams. He made lifelong friendships and wonderful memories during his exhibition years. In 1995 along with his draft horse team, they travelled to Shelburne to star as extras in the movie *The Scarlet Letter*, his claim to fame. He was a hard worker, up before the sun. He was a welder by trade, self-taught Carpenter, Mechanic, Plumber, and Ferrier. There was nothing he couldn't do. If it needed to be done, he got it done. Like most Brittain's, he was a storyteller. He loved gatherings with cousins, talking about memories and stories from years gone by. Wonderful family time was spent on the Wilson Road and Clear Cut. Exploring, landscaping, and fishing. Every year there was always a competition to see who got in the water first when the swimming season started. Brett always won but Gramps always was a close second. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Lola (LeBlanc) Brittain, daughters Tammy (Ronnie) Jacquard, Brooklyn; Amanda (Julie) Brittain, Pleasantfield; grandsons, Brett Jacquard, Brooklyn; Cole Jacquard, Halifax; and Gavyn Paris, Kenville; granddaughter, Jayden Paris, Yarmouth; sisters, Judy Brittain, Brooklyn, and Ruthann (Tony) Goodwin, Amherst; brother-in-law's, Tony Leblanc, New Glasgow; and Ronnie (Betty) Leblanc, Petawawa, Ontario; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Robert Ashley; brothers, Paul Brittain, and Ricky (Shirley) Brittain; sister-in-law, Linda (Bernie) Doucette, and Mae Leblanc; brother-in-law, Douglas Leblanc; in-laws, Anthony, and Adele (Muisse) Leblanc. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home and Crematorium, Yarmouth. A celebration of his life will be held at Brooklyn Bright Lights community hall on Tuesday, December 5 at 2 PM. Memorial donations may be made to Brooklyn cemetery or Brooklyn Bright Lights Community Hall.

9-5-76

Richard Brittain (1956-2019)



Rick was born in 1956, the son of Bernice Rosella Brannen (1927-2006) and Robert Harry Brittain Jr.

Married Shirley and had two daughters.

He was a folk artist.

Rick died June 22, 2019.

OBITUARY:

Richard Bruce "Rick" Brittain -age 62, died in hospital on June 22, 2019, surrounded by his family. A creative artist with an old soul who found beauty in the forgotten treasures of Nova Scotia. A curator of information, he was a great source for historical stories and insights. He always had a book in hand. He found inspiration for art in everyday objects, crafting unique pieces that held special historical significance. Attuned to nature, he loved summer best. He would spend his summers sleeping on the beaches of Brier Island, laughing with family at his cousin's cottage, and showcasing his creations at the Folk Art Festival in Lunenburg Together with his wife, Shirley, they would explore the shores of Nova Scotia. She encouraged and supported Rick to become a

folk artist whose creations have travelled the world. His openness and appreciation of other cultures drove his daughters to appreciate and explore beyond their doorsteps. As they journeyed to other countries, he loved to hear stories and experience the world through them. He held an unconditional love for his daughters. His eldest, Anastasia, who learned from him that the only way to eat chips, is to eat the whole bag. More importantly, he fostered a love of history that inspired her passion for literature and museums. His youngest daughter, Katrina, who he would sometimes call "George" or "Henrietta". She fondly remembers their one-on-one road-trips to Yarmouth, singing along to songs they loved, while enjoying the country back roads. While he truly loved his two daughters, he wished he'd had a son. Thankfully, he got two driven, hard-working sons-in-law in Mitch and Jordan. This quiet man, who watched the world from afar, perhaps did not recognize his impact. He was taken from us too soon and will be greatly missed A Celebration of Life will be held at the Canning Fire Hall from 1-3 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2019. Come ready to reminisce, share stories, and laugh as we grieve together.

END

9-5-77

Judy Brittain (1949-)



She is the daughter of Bernice Rosella Brannen (1927-2006) and Robert Harry Brittain Jr.

She was born March 3rd 1949. She has one daughter Kelley LeBlanc married to Tim Thompson.

END

9-5-78

Ruthann Brittain (1961-)



She is the daughter of Bernice Rosella Brannen (1927-2006) and Robert Harry Brittain Jr.

She graduated from Yarmouth Memorial High School in 1980 and from Dalhousie School of Dental Hygiene in 1987.

She married Tony Goodwin,

She is a dental hygienist in Pugwash NS.

END

THE CHILDREN OF LISA (LULU) ALICE BRANNEN (1890-1949)

9-5-79

Gerald Leslie Bain (1909-1977?)

Gerald was born August 18, 1909, in Pembroke NS. He was the son of Lesia Alice (Lulu) Brannen (1890-1949) and Leslie G. Bain (1888-1966).

He married Edith Mae Cushing (1907-1967) June 9, 1934, at Choggin NS. She was the daughter of Edward Herbert Cushing (1860-1942) and Margaret Harris Churchill (1876-1921). They had one child Beatrice (Beattie) Bain (??-2008).

Gerald died about 1977 and is buried in the Chegoggin cemetery.

END

9-5-80

Carl Burton Bain (1913-1990)

Carl was born about 1913 in Yarmouth NS. He was the son of Lesia Alice (Lulu) Brannen (1890-1949) and Leslie G. Bain (1888-1966).

He first married Hope Irene Rose (1913-1976). She was the daughter of Arley Rose. They may have had three children: Alan Leslie Bain (1942-2006), Irva and Ian.

After the passing of Hope, he married Constance Lucille McGray (1911-1998) in 1980.

He died June 29, 1990, in Yarmouth NS and is buried in Pembroke NS.

END

9-5-81

Burnley Agustus Bain (1914-1980)

Burnley was born June 23, 1914. He was the son of Lesia Alice (Lulu) Brannen (1890-1949) and Leslie G. Bain (1888-1966).

He married Elva Margaret Scoville on June 11, 1934. They had two children Ronald and Roger.

He died in Halifax December 19, 1980, and is buried in Pembroke cemetery.

END

9-5-82

George StClair Bain (1922-2000)

Clare was born about 1922 in Yarmouth NS. George was the son of Lesia Alice (Lulu) Brannen (1890-1949) and Leslie G. Bain (1888-1966).

He married Catherine Olson, daughter of William Olson. They had one child Larry Bain (1945-1963). Larry was lost at sea.

Claire next married a lady named Margaret and then married a third time, Anna Doucette Fitzgerald, daughter of Michael Fitzgerald.

He died in 2000 in Yarmouth NS and is buried in Pembroke NS.

END

9-5-83

Douglas Clayton Bain (1924-2014)



Doug was born about 1924 in Pembroke NS. He was the son of Lesia Alice (Lulu) Brannen (1890-1949) and Leslie G. Bain (1888-1966)

He married Mineva Doucette. They had five children: Karen, Becky and a sons; Greg, Scott and Larry.

Doug and Minerva lived in the Yarmouth area.

He died September 14, 2014, at the Meadows.

OBITUARY:

BAIN- Douglas Clayton- age 90, of the Meadow's Home for Special Care, passed away at the Meadow's on September 14, 2014. Born in Pembroke, Yarmouth Co., he was a son to the late Leslie and Alice Bain. Douglas was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather who loved his family dearly. His wife Mineva was the light of his life whom he cared for a loved more than anything. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed trout fishing. In his spare time he could be found playing guitar and harmonica. Doug was also a member of the Sandford Baptist Church. He is survived by his loving wife Mineva (Doucette), Yarmouth; daughters, Karen Bain, Yarmouth; Becky Therian, Pictou; son, Greg Bain, Melbourne; sister, Joyce Buzet, 7 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Besides his parents he was predeceased by sons, Scott and Larry; brothers, Clare, Burnley, Gerald, and Carl. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home and Crematorium, Yarmouth. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 16, 2014 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Sweeny's Funeral Home South Room. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 10 a.m. from Sweeny's Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Scott Macdonald officiating.

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9-5-84

Joyce Bain (????-)

Joyce was the daughter of Lesia Alice (Lulu) Brannen (1890-1949) and Leslie G. Bain (1888-1966)

She was on the passenger list of the SS Yarmouth travelling to Boston with her parents July 8, 1929

Joyce married twice, Anthony Lamb and Maurice Buzet. She had one child with Anthony, Alice Dale Lamb (1946-1946). The child died as an infant.

Joyce and Maurice lived in Hamilton ON in 1962-3 according to voters' lists. He was a pipe layer.

She perhaps had three children with Maurice: Kenneth, Marty and Shelley.

END

THE CHILDREN OF MILDRED EVELYN BRANNEN 1893-1982)

9-5-85

Burgess Brannen aka Richard Dennison (1913-1977)



He was born in Boston May 7, 1913, to Mildred Evelyn Brannen and John William Dennison (1888- 1913). At birth he was registered as Burgess Brannan but in later life changed his name to Richard Dennison.

He married Lillian Leone Greek (1916-1996) June 29, 1933, in Lunenburg NS. He gave his name as Richard Brannen Dennison. They had one child William Payne Dennison (1933-1999).

He appeared in the 1940 US census in Boston as Richard Dennison married to "Mary" age 34. There were no children listed. He was shown as age 28 a cook in a restaurant.

In the 1963 Boston city directory he was shown as a welder married to Mary.

There was a second wife, Mary, they married June 13, 1969. They had a child Rita Dennison.

He married Mary Elizabeth O'Flaherty (1906-1969)

He died December 28, 1977, and is buried in The Gardens in West Roxbury MA.

STORY:

My father, Richard Dennison, was actually from a previous relationship that Evelyn had that happens to be my biggest brick wall. It reads like quite the soap opera with lots of bits and pieces--I have found mention of a father "John Dennison", but no marriage record (even though she goes by "Evelyn Denison" in the 1920 US Census living with her sister and husband, but with no mention of John or my father who would have been 7 years old); she mentions John died in 1915 on her naturalization form, but I can find no death record from that year, the closest is a John Dennison with another wife and child that committed "suicide by razor" in 1913 a few months after my father's birth. I have found an original birth record from a home for unwed mothers in Boston for my father listing him as "Burgess Brannan", and documents from much later in his life legally changing his name to "Richard Dennison". There was some stories within the family that my father lived as a boarder with another family (possibly named Payne) in Massachusetts while growing up, but I can never find him on any census under either name. I have found 3 John Dennisons who are likely suspects to be my grandfather, but at this point I may never know which is the correct one because anyone who may have known for sure is gone (I had worked up the nerve to ask Uncle Wallie about it, given it was something that wasn't openly talked about, but he didn't know much).

Rita Fettig, March 5 2016

END

9-5-86

Walter Oran Baker (1926-2016)



Wallie was born July 27, 1926, in Nova Scotia. He was the son of Mildred Evelyn Brannen (1893-1982) and Oran Wilfred Baker (1895-1980).

He served in the Canadian Army for two years and then went to Acadia University for his undergraduate degree. He then obtained his masters from the Maritime School of Social Work.

He was a career social worker, first in Nova Scotia and then in Connecticut.

He married Laura, they were married for 64 years. They had three children, Diane, Krista and Ian.

He died January 26, 2016, in Altoona FL. He was cremated.

OBITUARY:

He was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, on July 27, 1926. Wallie served in the Canadian Army for 2 years before attending Acadia University, where his love of sports, especially baseball and the Red Sox, led him to become the sports editor of the school.

He went on to become the editor of the paper. After graduating Acadia, he obtained his master's degree from the Maritime School of Social Work.

Wallie spent 44 years as a social worker; starting his career in Nova Scotia and continuing after moving to Connecticut in 1964. While living in Connecticut, he spent many years as executive director of Boys Village in Milford. While Wallie was in Connecticut, friends regarded him as a welcome companion on the golf course, soft-spoken, courteous and considerate of others. This last quality, especially, was part of his character off the course, where he went out of his way to help those who had encountered problems in their lives.

The last part of his career was as the social work administrator responsible for overseeing all child abuse cases in the state. In 1994, he retired and moved to Florida, where he spent much of his retirement enjoying his love of golf.

He is survived by his loving wife, of 64 years, Laura Baker, his brother Alan Baker (and wife Joan), his 3 children, Diane O'Connell (husband Timothy), Krista Washburn (husband Mark), and an Baker; his 4 grandchildren, Sean O'Connell, Kelly O'Connell, Meghan O'Connell and Skyeler Washburn; and nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brother Richard Denison and granddaughter itarina Baucum

9-5-87

Alan Wilfred Baker (??-2020)

Alan was born in Nova Scotia. He was the son of Mildred Evelyn Brannen (1893-1982) and Oran Wilfred Baker (1895-1980).

He graduated from Acadia University.

In 2001 he was described as a financial planner

In 1954 he served as board member of the Association of the alumni of Acadia University.

He married Joan and lives near Wolfville NS.

In May 2019 he was listed as a member of Valley Vintners of Wolfville NS.

OBITUARY:

It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Family and friends must say goodbye to their beloved Alan Wilfred Baker (Kentville, Nova Scotia), born in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, who passed away at the age of 89, on February 23, 2020.

Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this memorial page of Alan Wilfred Baker to show support.

He was predeceased by : his parents, Mildred Evelyn (Brannan) and Oran Wilfred Baker; his wife Joan Smith; his brother Walter (Laura); and his half-brother Richard Dennison (Rita).

He is survived by : his children, Julia, Jane Baker and Peter; his grandchildren, Sean Bolyos of Ontario, Andrea Wardell of Ontario, Simon of Ontario and Jillian Baker of Ontario; his step-daughters, Deborah K. Smith of Bedford and Vicki Jo Bowden of Toronto; and his step-grandson Marcus of Sweden.

He was a former board member of the Valley Regional Hospital Foundation and Acadia Lifelong Learning.

END

THE CHILDREN OF PEARL BRANNEN (1895-)

9-5-88

Dorothy Barbara Studley (1918-1988)



Dorothy was born November 1, 1918, in Boston. She was the daughter of Pearl Brannen (1895-??) and Arthur B. Studley (1896-1966).

She appeared in the 1920 US census. She was listed in the 1930 US census at Lake Street Waltham MA with parents and siblings.

August 5, 1931, travelled on SS Prince George from Yarmouth to Boston with sister Viola

She married Reginald Randle l Keizer in Waltham in 1939. She was 19 years old.

In the 1940 census she was shown as a 21 living with her in-laws in Arlington MA.

The 1941 city directory showed her living with her parents in Cambridge MA. The 1944 and 1951 Charleston city directories showed her a Mrs. But he was not listed at that address.

She died November 21, 1988. He died July 20, 1998.

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9-5-89

Viola Alice Studley (1921-2006)

Viola was born January 8, 1921, in Pittsfield MA. She was the daughter of Pearl Brannen (1895-??) and Arthur B. Studley (1896-1966).

She was listed in the 1930 US census. She appeared in the 1940 US census at Lake Street Waltham MA with parents and siblings. She was shown as single age 19.

August 5, 1931, travelled on SS Prince George from Yarmouth to Boston with sister Dorothy

In the 1941 she was shown in the city directory as working as a maid.

She died May 12, 2006, in Nashua NH.

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9-5-90

Arthur Baker Studley Jr. (1931-1996)

Arthur was born April 3, 1930. He was the son of Pearl Brannen (1895-??) and Arthur B. Studley (1896-1966).

He appeared in the 1940 US census at Lake Street Waltham MA with parents and siblings. He was shown as age nine.

He married Marie "Pat" Burns (1934-2019) in 1951, at Waltham MA. She was the daughter of Dennis Burns and Nellie Doucette

Arthur died December 18, 1996. Pat died November 25, 2019. They are buried together in the Gardens Cemetery in West Roxbury MA.

OBITUARY:

Marie "Pat" (Burns) Studley Of Waltham, passed away, November 25, 2019. Wife of the late Arthur B. Studley Jr. Mother of Arthur B. Studley, III (Valerie) of Charlton, Ellen M. Russo of Burlington, Jeffrey J. Studley (Jacqueline) of Billerica, Jill A. Studley of Brookline, NH and John V. Studley (Lisa) of Framingham; sister of Wilma Morin (George) of Waltham, Peter Martocchio (Mimi) of Hollis, NH and the late George Burns and Thelma Pignone; also survived by 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; nieces & nephews. END

9-5-91

Walter Brannen Studley Sr. (1935-1993)

Walter was born in Waltham MA July 31, 1934. He was the son of Pearl Brannen (1895-??) and Arthur B. Studley (1896-1966).

He appeared in the 1940 US census at Lake Street Waltham MA with parents and siblings.

He travelled with his parents July 15, 1948, on the SS Yarmouth going to Boston.

He married June 19, 1954, in Waltham MA.

Walter died November 14, 1993, in Lexington MA.

END

THE CHILDREN OF CLAYTON FRANCIS BRANNEN(1901-1992)

9-5-92

Joseph Henry Brannen (1935-??)

Henry was born February 1, 1935, in Yarmouth NS. He was the son of Clayton Francis Brannen (1901-1992) and Grace Helen Boudreau (1916-1961)

He married Benita Deveau. They had two children, Stephen Henry Brannen who had a child Michelle Brannen (1980-??) and Timothy Clayton (1963-1997).

END

9-5-93

Clayton Archie Brannen (1937-2001)

Clayton was born on September 10, 1937, in Yarmouth NS. He was the son of Clayton Francis Brannen (1901-1992) and Grace Helen Boudreau (1916-1961)

The 1974 voters list for Cambridge ON shows Clayton Brannen as a factory worker living at 57 Henry Street. At the same address is Mrs. Barbara Brannen, a cashier, Mrs. Ida Miller is also shown at that address.

He died January 10, 2001, in Cambridge ON.

END

9-5-94

Louise Brannen (??-??)

She was the daughter of Clayton Francis Brannen (1901-1992) and Grace Helen Boudreau (1916-1961).

She married Edgar Fitzgerald a fisherman and appears to have settled in Arcadia NS.

END

THE CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD DOWELL BRANNEN (1899-1989)

9-5-95

Donald Monroe Brannen (1925-2008)



He was born November 14, 1925, in Medford MA. He was the son of Archibald Dowell (1899-1989) and Ruth Monroe (1901-1996).

He appeared in the 1950 US census as age 24 living with his parents and employed as a machine gun assembler.

He died February 6, 2008, in North Andover MA.

OBITUARY:

Age 82, of North Andover and formerly of Medford and North Reading departed peacefully at his home with his family by his side on Wednesday Feb. 6th. Don was the son of the late Archibald D. and Ruth M. (Munroe) Brannen and his loving spirit and memories remain with his adoring family and friends which include Janet; daughter Donna Geihe (Christopher), and Debbie Turner (Greg); grandchildren Brittany and Christian Turner, sister Shirley Stewart, and a nephew David Stewart, as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was the long time Owner of L.S. Thorpe, Company in Somerville until his retirement in the early 1990's. With a life long passion for sales, Don built many close and lasting relationships with his clients and employees. Don was also a car, boating and sports enthusiast.

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9-5-96

Shirley Ruth Brannen (1930-2015)



She was the daughter of Archibald Dowell (1899-1989) and Ruth Monroe (1901-1996). She was born in 1930 in Medford MA.

The 1930 US census indicated she was a newborn. The 1940 listed her as age ten living with her family in Medford MA.

In 1947 she was enrolled in a stenographic course at Medford High School.

In the 1950 US census she was shown as age 20 living with her parents and working for an insurance company.

She married Andrew H. Stewart in 1950. They had at least one child, David A. Stewart.

Shirley died January 14, 2015, in Winthrop MA.

OBITUARY:

Shirley R. (Brannen), of Winthrop, January 14, 2015. Beloved wife of 44 years to the late Andrew H. Stewart. Devoted mother of David A. Stewart and his wife Glenda of Portsmouth, NH. Adored grandmother of Christopher A., Amy L., and Julie M. Stewart all of N.H. Dear sister of the late Donald Brannen. Loving aunt of Donna Geihe and Debby Turner. Shirley also leaves behind her most cherished friends, Ann Belmonte and her children Steven, Anita, Dianne, and daughter-in-law Eliane of Winthrop, Robert and Peg Smith of Winthrop, Robert and Pam Donnelly of Natick, Carol and Cindy Luppi of Winthrop, Christine Mayer of Beachmont, and her special friend Joe DeStefano of Revere. A Graveside Service will take place at the Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section) 100 Kennedy Rd. Winthrop.

END

The Child of Warren Adelbert Brannen (1909-1983)

9-5-97

Lulu Brannen

Lulu was the only child of Warren Adelbert Brannen (1909-1983) and Ruby Thompson.

I have found no public record of her.

END

END OF LINE

Author



Bruce Brannen

I am a fifth generation descendent of Arch Brannen. I was born in Clark's Harbour and grew up in Centreville. I attended CHHS and BMHS and much later University of Windsor.

After leaving Cape Island I spent forty-two years lending money or trying to get it back for various financial companies: a bank twice, two sales finance companies, two trust companies and a life Insurance company. My career gave me the opportunity to get to know every nook and cranny of Canada.

I grew up listening to the oral history of Cape Island from my parents. After retiring I became concerned that with the passing of our elders; we were losing our history. For the last few years, I have been trying to find and consolidate stories, photos and documents from our previous generations.

I hope you will help make it better by pointing out any errors, stories, information and photos that would add to its value.

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