

The Ledwidge Family of Halifax County, Nova Scotia

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This Ledwidge family settled on the Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia, and in subsequent generations became the proprietors of the Goff's Post Office, passed on from my family. This report starts with their origins on the Guysborough Road and traces their descendants through several generations.

Any errors or additions are always welcome! Please contact me.

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First Generation

1. William Ledwidge.

The first Ledwidge family of the Old Guysborough Road settled at the crossroads of the Lookout Road and the “Mary Jane Ledwidge” Road. William Ledwidge and his two sisters came here from Ireland in 1849. One of these sisters married Christopher King of Wellington. Two of William’s sons, Richard and John, also took up land grants near this location. John remained on the original homesite. He married three times. There were four children from these marriages. One son and daughter left the area early in life and nothing is known of their whereabouts. A daughter Bridget married Alexander Cole and settled in Oldham. Another daughter, Mary Jane, for whom the road was named, never married and remained on the original Ledwidge homestead until her death.

William’s second son, Richard, and his wife Jane, moved to a farm on the present day Guysborough Road. They had four children: Robert, Jane, Elizabeth and Mary. Robert remained on the family farm marrying Margaret Sullivan of Goffs on November 26, 1883. They had nine children: John, James, Cornelius, Frank, Alfred, Catherine, David; the remaining two children died in infancy. Most of this generation of Ledwidge’s remained in Goffs. John carried on the family lumbering business and married Gertrude Smith. They had a family of eight. James married Ida Patterson of Dartmouth. They also remained at Goffs, farming and operating the Goffs Post Office for many years. They had five children. Cornelius went to Saskatchewan where he took up a quarter section. Frank served in the First World War and upon his return settled at Milford. Alfred also served in the army during the First World War. He returned to Goffs, unmarried. He lived on at his father’s farm with his sister Catherine and brother David.

Though the Ledwidge’s were not among the first settlers on the Guysborough Road, they remained here for many generations. An industrious family, the Ledwidge brothers, Richard and John, operated the first grist mill in this area. The mill was built on Curran Brook, a dam having been erected by the Penwarren Brothers, who were stone masons. Later this grist mill was replaced by a saw mill and it was here that the Ledwidge brothers put into operation the first up-and-down saw to be used in Nova Scotia. The Ledwidge family have for many generations continued to be involved in the lumbering industry, which is still operated in Goffs by Laurie Ledwidge and Sons.

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Children:

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| 2 | i. | Richard (1815-) |
| 3 | ii. | John (24 Jun 1828-) |

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Second Generation

Family of William Ledwidge (1)

2. Richard Ledwidge (*William¹*). Born in 1815 in Ireland.

Richard Ledwidge and Jane Buckley of Musquodoboit had 2 1/2 month daughter Mary baptized on 1 Nov 1851, Nova Scotia Church Records.

1871 census Truro Road, East Halifax (near William Goff) Ledwidge Richard 56 b. Ireland Catholic farmer Jane 56 b. Ireland Mary 19 b. NS Elizabeth 18 Jane 15 Robert 12.

Richard married **Jane Buckley**. Born in 1815 in Ireland.

They had the following children:

i. **Mary**. Born in 1851.

28 Apr 1887 Halifax Ch. of England Joseph Farquhar 37 Gunner RA res Halifax b. Scotland Mary Ledwidge 27 b. NS d/o Richard, farmer.

Note that Richard and Jane had a dau Mary bapt 1851, so either this is a second Mary or she was 37 rather than 27.

On 28 Apr 1887 when Mary was 36, she married **Joseph Farquhar** in Halifax, NS. Born in 1850 in Scotland.

- 4 ii. **Eliza** (19 Jan 1853-26 Aug 1941)
- 5 iii. **Jane** (1855-12 Jul 1937)
- 6 iv. **Robert** (8 Sep 1858-30 Oct 1921)

3. John Ledwidge (*William¹*). Born on 24 Jun 1828.

1871 census Wyse's Corner Ledwidge John 42 b. NS Catholic (M) Margaret 43 (M) **James** 15 Mary 12 Bridget 10 Ann 2. Burns Sarah 23 b. NS servant. Dowar Patrick 85 b. Ireland*.

1881 census Wyse's Corner Ledwidge John 52 b. NS Catholic (M) James 25 Mary J. 22 Bridget 20 Ann 12 **William** 20.

1891 census Meagher's Grant district Ledwidge John 62 (W) Mary 30.

1901 census Meagher's Grant Ledwidge John 72 head (W) b. NS Mary J. dau (S) 42 b. NS

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Anne E. Ledwidge 28, b. Halifax, NS d/o John and **Hannah**, md. James Donahue 38 b. Ireland, 1 Oct 1894, Waltham, Mass. (Mass. Marriage Registers). Familysearch has her b. 13 Nov 1871, d. 17 Aug 1939, 6 ch. b. Mass. and RI.

Mrs. Annie Donahue d. 17 Aug 1939 Inverness, Cape Breton, NS, b. 13 Nov 1871 d/o John Ledwidge and **Margaret O'Conner**, Mrs. Allan Grant, Inverness, dau. (NSHVS Deaths)

Bridget's mother was **Eleanor Canfield**.

* Paddy Dowar came to Goffs around 1860 from Ireland and led a solitary life. He lived on a rocky cliff overhanging Horseshoe Lake. He was well-educated but he kept his past a well-kept secret. He was a vegetarian and lived off the land, planting his own crops. For many years Paddy pursued his self-sufficient existence, a colourful addition to this community. (Gray and Smith, 1987).

Children:

- i. **Mary Jane**. Born on 17 Aug 1858. She was never married.

1911 census Guysboro Road Ledwidge Mary Head (S) 52.

1921 census Halifax City Ledwidge Mary (S) 60.

1931 census Guysborough Road Ledwidge Margaret Head (W) 72 Alfred 35 Dave 32 Catherine 29 Mary Jane (boarder) 73.
- 7 ii. **Bridget** (19 Oct 1860-8 Oct 1945)

Third Generation

Family of Richard Ledwidge (2) & Jane Buckley

4. Eliza Ledwidge (*Richard², William¹*). Born on 19 Jan 1853 in Guysboro Road, Halifax Co., NS. Eliza died in Oldham, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia, on 26 Aug 1941; she was 88.

On 18 Feb 1884 when Eliza was 31, she married **John Henry Cole**, son of **Thomas Cole** (1826-) & **Hannah Archibald** (1834-1871), in Halifax, NS. Born on 11 Aug 1857 in Oldham, Hfx. Co., NS.

s/o Thomas and Harriet Cole (NSHVS). Son of Thomas and Hannah (Archibald) Cole is from Vickie Dickie.

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- John Henry Cole b 1887 d 1951
- Harold F Cole b 1891 d 1935
- Richard E Cole b 1888 d 1964
- Reginald Cole b 1893 d 1918
- Jane Cole b 1886 d 1973
- Archibald Cole b 1885 d 1899
- Martin Ambrose Cole b 1895 d 1972

(V. Dickie)

They had the following children:

- i. **Archibald.** Born in 1884. Archibald died in 1898; he was 14.
- ii. **John Henry.** Born on 19 Mar 1886. John Henry died in Halifax, NS, on 9 Feb 1951; he was 64.

On 8 Jan 1924 when John Henry was 37, he married **Lavinia Colburn** in Munroe, New York.

- iii. **Jane M.** Born in 1886. Jane M. died in 1973; she was 87.
- iv. **Richard Esmond.** Born on 13 Mar 1888 in Oldham, Hfx. Co., NS. Richard Esmond died in Oldham, Hfx. Co., NS, on 10 Feb 1964; he was 75.

Obituary for Cole, Richard Esmond, Oldham - The death occurred at his home here December 10 at the age of 77 years. He had been ill some three weeks with pneumonia. Born at Oldham, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cole (nee Elizabeth Ledwidge), "Dick" spent his lifetime here and for many years worked in the gold mines. He had farmed in his earlier years. He was a member of the St. Bernard's Church, Enfield. The Coles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the fall of 1960. He is survived by his wife, Dolly MacDonald, formerly of Pictou County ; two daughters, Anna (Mrs. Albert J. MacDonnell) Enfield, and Pauline (Mrs. Russell Whidden) Oldham; two sons, Reginald and Ambrose, of Oldham; one sister, Miss Jane Cole, and one brother, Martin Cole, also of Oldham; a large number of nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by brothers, Harold, John, Reginald and Archibald Cole, all of Oldham.

On 3 Oct 1910 when Richard Esmond was 22, he married **Dollie J. McDonald** in Enfield, Hants Co., NS. Born in 1893. Dollie J. died in 1986; she was 93.

- v. **Albert.** Born in 1890.
- vi. **Harold Francis.** Born on 1 Aug 1891 in Oldham, Hfx. Co., NS. Harold

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Francis died in Oldham, Hfx. Co., NS, on 21 Sep 1935; he was 44.

He died from a gas explosion in the mine, died from shock, hands and arms badly burned (NSHVS).

- vii. **Dolley**. Born in 1892.
- viii. **Reginald Joseph**. Born on 1 Nov 1893 in Oldham, Hfx. Co., NS. Reginald Joseph died on 7 Jun 1918; he was 24. Buried in Enfield, Hants Co., NS.
- 8 ix. **Martin Ambrose** (29 Mar 1895-1972)

5. Jane Ledwidge (*Richard², William¹*). Born in 1855 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Jane died in Enfield, NS, on 12 Jul 1937; she was 82.

d/o Richard and Jane (NSHVS Marriages)

On 19 Nov 1877 when Jane was 22, she married **John McDowell** in Enfield, Hants Co., NS. Born in 1851 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. He died 7 Feb 1917, Guysborough Road, aged 66. Residence: Fall River district (1901 census).

s/o James and Mary (NSHVS Marriages)

They had the following children:

- i. **Florence Jane**. Born on 18 Apr 1880 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. Florence Jane died in Halifax, NS, on 22 Jan 1973; she was 92. Buried in Enfield, Hants Co., NS. Occupation: Inn Keeper. She was never married.
- ii. **Maggie B.** Born on 27 Aug 1881.
- iii. **Elizabeth E.** Born on 2 Jul 1883.

On 7 Jan 1915 when Elizabeth E. was 31, she married **Arthur George McDonnell** in Enfield, Hants Co., NS.

- iv. **John "Allen"**. Born on 6 Apr 1884. John "Allen" died in Enfield, Hants Co., NS, in 1956; he was 71.

On 20 Jun 1916 when John "Allen" was 32, he married **Mary Anne Horne** in Enfield, Hants Co., NS.

- v. **Annie Fidelis**. Born on 18 Oct 1885. Annie Fidelis died in Enfield, Hants Co., NS, on 23 Apr 1962; she was 76.

On 28 Sep 1921 when Annie Fidelis was 35, she married **Edward Charles McDonnell** in Enfield, Hants Co., NS.

- vi. **Burton R.** Born on 10 Sep 1889. Burton R. died in Enfield, Hants Co., NS, on 9 Jan 1956; he was 66. Buried in Enfield, Hants Co., NS. Occupation: Lumber Merchant. He was never married.
- vii. **Andy S.** Born on 19 Dec 1890.

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- viii. **Edmond A.** (Twin). Born on 18 Jun 1892.
- ix. **Esmond A.** (Twin). Born on 18 Jun 1892.
- x. **Alfred V.** Born on 9 Feb 1895. Alfred V. died in Enfield, Hants Co., NS, in 1982; he was 86.

ELLIS, Audrey Elizabeth (nee MacDowell), Elmsdale, March 7, 1935 – June 10, 2012. Audrey passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 10, 2012, at the age of 77 years. She enjoyed traveling, camping in PEI and Keji, listening to old time music and dancing. Her greatest joy was laughing and visiting with family and friends. Her amazing memory and wonderful sense of humor will be fondly remembered. Audrey is survived by Laurie, by her loving and devoted husband of 53 years, daughters Heather (Michael) MacKeil, Sandra (Chris) Langille, Carol (Bobby) MacDougall, son Tom (Heather) Ellis, grandchildren Joshua, Jarrett, Jenna Rae and Janelle MacKeil, Lori, Scott and Ben Ellis, Vincent, Johnny and Kathryn MacDougall, Ryan and Riley Langille and a very special great granddaughter Haleigh MacKeil. She is also survived by sisters Aleene Smith, Sheila Nieforth, Beverly (John) Butt, and Judy (Dwight) Isenor. She was predeceased by brother Edmond “Buddy” MacDowell and parents Alfred and Elizabeth (nee Donaldson) MacDowell.

Alfred V. married **Elizabeth Melba Donaldson**. Born in 1903. Elizabeth Melba died in 1984; she was 81.

- xi. **Roy Ambrose**. Born on 16 Jun 1897.
- xii. **Sydney A.** Born on 13 Nov 1898.

6. Robert Ledwidge (*Richard², William¹*). Born on 8 Sep 1858. Robert died in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS, on 30 Oct 1921; he was 63. Buried in Enfield, Hants Co., NS.

Robert Ledwidge and Margaret Sullivan had John, James (bought the Wm. Goff home), Cornelius, Frank, Alfred, Catherine and David.

s/o Richard, no other details (NSHVS)

1891 census Waverley district Ledwidge Robert 32 Margaret 33 John 6 Francis 4 Cornelius 2 Robert 0.

1901 census Fall River, Halifax Co. Ledwidge Robert head 42 Margaret wife 43 John son 16 Frank R son 14 Cornelius P son 12 James R son 9 Alfred L son 4 David A son 1.

1911 census Guysborough Road Ledwidge Robert 54 Margaret 55 Alfred 15 David 12 Katherine 9

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- Alexander Cole b 1893 d 1942
- Frank James Cole b 1895 d 1950
- Florence Mary Cole b 1896 d 1950
- Murray Wilfred Cole b 1898
- Ida Mae Cole b 1899
- Ambrose Warren Cole b 1901 d 1984
- Harriet Dorcas Cole b 1904 d 1991
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Their son:

- 11** i. **Warren Ambrose** (1901-1984)

Fourth Generation

Family of Eliza Ledwidge (4) & John Henry Cole

8. Martin Ambrose Cole (*Eliza Ledwidge*³, *Richard*², *William*¹). Born on 29 Mar 1895 in Oldham, Hfx. Co., NS. Martin Ambrose died in 1972; he was 76. Buried in Enfield, NS.

On 26 Jun 1929 when Martin Ambrose was 34, he married **Audrey Lillis Robbie** in Enfield, Hants Co., NS. Born in 1912 in Hilden, Colchester Co., NS.

d/o Alexander Robye, b. Edinburgh Scotland, and Margaret Hayley

They had the following children:

- i. **Harold Martin**. Buried in Christ Church Cemetery, Lantz.

COLE, Harold Martin, age 84, of Oldham, passed away peacefully surrounded by love on August 19, 2020 in the QEII Health Science Centre, Halifax. Born in Oldham, he was a son of the late Martin and Audrey (Robbie) Cole. Harold enjoyed spending time attending dinner theatres and watching performances at Neptune Theatre with his wife, June. He was an avid Toronto Blue Jays fan as well as a Montreal Canadiens fan and he enjoyed curling. Harold took pride in caring for his property and had quite a green thumb when it came to his gardens. Harold was well loved and will be truly missed by his family. Harold is survived by his loving wife,

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June; daughters, Trudy Eastman and Sherri (Blair MacLeod) Conrod; sons, Ricky and Martin (Mary-Lou); 12 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; sister, Marlene (Alfred) MacDonell; brother, Eric (Marlene); several nieces and nephews; sisters-in-law, Irene and Erma; brothers-in-law, Archie and Freddie. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his son, Randy; brother, Jimmy; sister, Elayne.

Harold Martin married **June Carroll**.

COLE (Carroll), June Mildred – age 84 of Oldham, passed away on May 11th, 2023, with her granddaughter, Elizabeth by her side. June was born and raised in Lantz, to the late James and Elizabeth (Ettinger) Carroll. June and her husband loved to travel having travelled across Canada a few times. In the winter months they vacationed in Florida, Mexico and Barbados and went to Cuba more than 20 times. Locally they enjoyed Neptune Theatre and dinner theaters. They both liked the casino and concerts. June loved family dinners and get togethers. June is survived by her children, Trudy, Ricky, Marty (Mary Lou), Sherri (Blair); twelve grandchildren; four great grandchildren; sisters, Erma and Irene; brothers, Archie and Freddie (Dorothy). June was predeceased by her husband, Harold; youngest son, Randy; brothers, Vernie, John and Murray.

ii. **Elayne Margaret**. Born in 1948.

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9. John Timothy Ledwidge (*Robert³, Richard², William¹*). Born on 13 Dec 1884 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia. John Timothy died in Enfield, Hants Co., NS, on 31 May 1968; he was 83. Buried in Enfield, Hants Co., NS.

Son of Robert and Margaret. James R. Ledwidge and Clara B. Smith, witnesses.

1921 census Guysborough Rd., John 33 Gertie 35, Harold 9, Robert 7, Joseph 4, Anna 1.

1931 census Guysborough Rd., John 46 Gertirude 44, Harold 19, Robert 17, Joseph 13 Anna 12
Duncan 7 Donald 7 Ethel 1.

Sons Harold, Robert, Joseph, Duncan and Donald (twins), and Bernard and daughters Anna Bellefontaine and Ethel Horne.

On 3 Jul 1912 when John Timothy was 27, he married **Gertrude Smith**, daughter of **James Smith** (7 Mar 1854-14 Feb 1924) & **Genevieve Carroll** (19 Dec 1860-30 Mar 1934), in Enfield, Hants Co., NS. Born on 5 May 1887 in Carrolls Corner, Nova Scotia. Gertrude died in Enfield,

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Hants Co., NS, on 10 Apr 1947; she was 59. Buried in Enfield, Hants Co., NS.

They had the following children:

- 12**
- i. **Harold James** (20 May 1912-1986)
 - ii. **Robert Leo**. Born on 21 Dec 1913 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Robert Leo died in Tuft's Cove, Halifax Co., NS, on 20 Mar 1959; he was 45. Buried in Enfield, NS.

On 22 Jul 1950 when Robert Leo was 36, he married **Viola Marie Duggan** in Tuft's Cove, Halifax Co., NS. Born in 1910 in Tufts Cove, NS. Viola Marie died in Windsor, NS, on 4 Oct 1995; she was 85. Buried in St. Croix, Hants Co., NS.

- d/o Charles & Nora (Madore) Duggan
- iii. **Joseph Alfred**. Born on 30 Jul 1917 in Lantz Siding, NS. Joseph Alfred died on 2 Apr 1995; he was 77.

Enfield, NS, Canada. Mike Ledwidge. Wife Gail, daughter Samantha. Father and Mother: Ernie and Cathy Ledwidge. Grandson of Joseph (Joe) and Marie Beatrice (Bea).

LEDWIDGE, Gail Kathleen – age 49, passed away peacefully on December 11th, 2023 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, with her daughter, Samantha, and her husband, Michael, by her side. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of Inez (Logan) and the late Lester John Isenor. Strong, courageous, brave. Words that sometimes get overused but were three words that described how Gail confronted her disease. First diagnosed with liver cancer in 2014, then spread to her lungs in 2016. Oncologists told her to live her life, do what she wanted to do in the next year as metastatic cholangiocarcinoma is a fast moving, fatal cancer. Like many other things in her life, Gail took that diagnosis head on and battled it fiercely. At one point, a biopsy was done because the doctors couldn't believe that she had this aggressive disease and continued to live her life. Gail loved the outdoors – four wheeling, washer toss, campfires and camping at Wide Open Wilderness/Eagle Ridge as a seasonal camper for many years. Previous to that, watching her daughter, Samantha, play hockey was a rewarding experience for her. She created many long-term friendships through the many facets of her life. Gail is survived by her husband, Michael; daughter, Samantha; and her beloved dogs. She's also survived by her mother, Inez Isenor; brothers, Brent (Al Morgan), Lantz; Phillip (Roseanne), Dutch Settlement; Derrick (Kelly Preeper), Lantz; Leslie (Tara), Nine Mile River; Don (Beverly), Dutch Settlement; sister-in-law, Christine Logan; many nieces and nephews. Besides her father, she was predeceased by brother, Michael Logan.

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On 6 Jul 1948 when Joseph Alfred was 30, he married **Beatrice Poirier** in Margaree, Inverness, Cape Breton, NS.

LEDWIDGE, M. Beatrice “Aunt Bea” – age 92 of Enfield passed away peacefully on May 13, 2018 in the Braeside Home for Special Care, Middle Musquodoboit. Born in Margaree Forks, Cape Breton she was a daughter of the late Henri and Louise (Roach) Poirier. Bea was a member of St. Bernard’s Parish, Enfield. She is survived by sons, Ernest (Judy), Enfield; Leonard, Alberta; chosen daughter, Joy, Lantz; 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; sister, Helen Digirolamo, Lake Worth, FL; brothers, Martin Joseph (Claire), Montreal; John (Margaret) Barrie, ON; sister in-law, Pauline Poirier, Hudson, QC; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph; sisters, Catherine Perkins, Rita Chaisson and Florence Poirier; brothers Martin Anthony and William. Interment in the parish cemetery, St. Bernard’s Roman Catholic Church, Enfield.

- iv. **Anna Margaret.** Born on 26 Apr 1919 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. Anna Margaret died in Dartmouth, NS, on 20 Mar 2004; she was 84.

BELLEFONTAINE (Ledwidge), Anna - 84, wife of the late Elmer Bellefontaine, passed away in Northwood Care Centre on March 20, 2004. She was a daughter of the late John and Gertrude (Smith) Ledwidge. She is survived by daughters, Marie MacIsaac (Carl Ferguson), Porters Lake; Diana (Dexter) Eisenhauer, Porters Lake; Carol Anne (Jim) Organ, West Bay; Janet Louise (Clarey) Murphy, Dartmouth; son, Michael (Patsy) Bellefontaine; Porters Lake; brothers, Donald Ledwidge and Duncan Ledwidge; grandchildren, Yvette, Krista, Michele, Darrell, Doug, Dennis, Jim, Ronnie, Robert, Trina, Sean, Chad, Timothy, and Pattilou, as well as 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by sister, Ethel Horne; brothers, Harold, Joseph, Robert and Bernard Ledwidge, and grandson Danny Eisenhauer. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, Enfield. Burial will be held in the church cemetery.

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On 31 May 1944 when Anna Margaret was 25, she married **Joseph Elmer Bellefontaine** in Halifax, NS. Born in 1920 in Middle Musquodoboit, NS.

- s/o Joseph Angus Bellefontaine, b. West Chezzetcook
- v. **Duncan John** (Twin). Born on 13 Aug 1923 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. Duncan John died in Halifax on 11 Oct 2013; he was 90.

LEDWIDGE, Duncan John Age 90, of Porters Lake, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2013, in Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Building, QEII, with his daughters by his side. Born in Goffs, he was a son of the late John and Gertrude (Smith) Ledwidge. Duncan served with the South Alberta Regiment as a tank driver during the war and was proud of his service. He was a wonderful story teller of his many experiences and developed many strong friendships from those years. He remained an active member of the SAR Veterans Association up until his death attending annual reunions and several Battlefield tours to Europe to commemorate his fallen comrades. Dad received the Queen's Jubilee Medal in February. He was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for over 65 years. When he returned from overseas, he went to work for the City of Dartmouth and retired from the Public Works Department in 1986 after 37 years. He enjoyed being outdoors hunting and fishing and

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loved animals, especially the family dogs. Duncan was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was devoted to and so proud of his family, especially his four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Georgina (Mannette). He is survived by daughters, Joyce Ledwidge (David Hutt), Dartmouth; Diane Buote (Peter), Goffs, and grandchildren, RoseMary (Jordan Peters), Courtice, Ont.; Richard (Andrea Rasmussen), St. John's, N.L.; John (Emily Shrum), Porters Lake; Penelope (Jacob Dwyer), Halifax, sisters-in-law, Beatrice Ledwidge and Doris Ledwidge and many nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by brothers, Harold, Robert, Joseph, Donald (twin), and Bernard and sisters, Anna Bellefontaine and Ethel Horne. Interment at St. Bernard's Church, Enfield.

On 5 Sep 1949 when Duncan John was 26, he married **Mary Maud Georgina Mannette** in West Chezzetcook, Halifax Co., NS. Born in 1923 in East Chezzetcook, Halifax Co., NS.

vi. **Donald Timothy** (Twin). Born on 13 Aug 1923 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. Donald Timothy died in 2010; he was 86.

On 14 Jun 1947 when Donald Timothy was 23, he married **Doris Jean Bellefontaine** in Halifax, NS.

Ledwidge, Doris Jean 95 of Porters Lake passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 30, 2019 at the QEII Halifax Infirmary. Born in Higginville, she was a daughter of the late Angus and Edith (Nelson) Bellefontaine. Doris was a very loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother and was well known for her homemade cookies. She loved quilting and needlepoint and over the years taught many people those crafts. Doris also enjoyed playing cards, especially a good game of crib or bridge. She was happiest when her family would visit especially coming for a swim at the beach. Her door was always open to anyone. She is survived by her son, Andy (Anne Marie) Horne; daughters, Agnes Bellefontaine and Cathy (Brian) Osmond; grandchildren, Dawn Marie, Buddy, Scott (Leah), Jennifer (Paul), Kim, Chris (Jen), Ian (Jodi), Adam (Trish); great grandchildren, Trapper, Emily, Cody, Blake, Jack, Penny, Dylan, Aidan, Payton, Quinn, Abby, Noah, Sully, Emma; great great grandchildren, Louie and Remy; brother, Ronnie (Roberta); sisters, Eileen and Ruth as well as several nieces and nephews. Doris was predeceased by her husband, Donald Ledwidge in 2010; son-in-law, Mike Bellefontaine; brothers, Gordon, Elmer; sisters, Lucy, Pauline. Burial will be held in Saint Anselm's Cemetery, West Chezzetcook.

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vii. **Ethel**. 19 Feb 1930 - 15 Dec 1958. She died at Enfield.

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Ethel married **Raymond Bernard Horne**.

HORNE, Raymond Bernard - 74, Enfield, passed away Tuesday, September 24, 2002, in the VG Site, QEII, Halifax. Born in Enfield, he was a son of the late Ambrose and Catherine (Wilmont) Horne. He is survived by sons, Eric (Sue Ellen), Enfield; Andy (Anne Marie), Goffs; Jerome (Heather), Long Point, N.B.; daughter, Cathy (Brian) Osmond, Dartmouth; grandchildren, Jennifer, Kimberly and Christopher Osmond, Ian and Adam, Daniel and Patrick, Melanie and Nicholas; brothers, Leo (Mardi), Enfield; Clyde (Bonnie), Shubenacadie; sisters, Lorraine (Ken) Forbes, Enfield; Shirley Gates, Dartmouth; Alma (James) White and Barbara Ryan, both of Enfield; Nancy (George) Ryan, Frenchmen Road, Oakfield; Sharon Rochon, Bedford. He was predeceased by his wife, Ethel (Ledwidge); brothers, Ronald, Harold; sisters, Greta McDonnell, Rita O'Neil. Visiting 2-4, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, funeral 10 a.m. Friday, both in St. Bernards Church, Enfield.

viii. **Bernard.**

10. James Robert Ledwidge (*Robert³, Richard², William¹*). Born on 1 Apr 1891. James Robert died in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS, on 10 Jan 1971; he was 79. Buried in Enfield, Hants Co., NS.

James and Ida Ledwidge owned the William Goff homestead in Goffs, on the opposite side of the road from the present-day Goffs Fire Hall, sold by Clifford Goff in 1919 and 1922.

1921 census Guysborough Road Ledwidge James 28 Ida 20 Emory 1.

1931 census Goffs P.O. Ledwidge James 38 Ida 29 Emory 11 Timothy 9 Muriel 8 Lawrence 6.

On 16 Sep 1919 when James Robert was 28, he married **Ida Patterson** in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. She was born 4 Feb 1902 in Lawrencetown, NS.

Ida Mary Ledwidge passes away at 102. Goffs, May 16, 2004. Born in West Lawrencetown, she was a daughter of the late Clara and George Patterson. She was married at a young age and moved to Goffs where she lived most of her life and was a postmistress for many years. She also boarded the village school teacher. Always reserved, she will be remembered for her beautiful needlework and interest of family. She is survived by daughters Marina (Bill), Muriel (Bordon); sons Timothy (Velma), Laurie (Ruth). She was predeceased by her husband James Robert, son Emory (casualty, Canadian Army, Italy, 1945), brothers Harvey, Alfred, Irving, William, Kenneth; sister Katie.

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LINKED WITH THE COACHING DAYS of the Old Guysborough Road this building (right) standing at Goff's, close to the Kelly Lake airport site, once served as a well known inn on the route of horse-drawn public vehicles. Today it

is the 11-room home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ledwidge. He has been postmaster for 3 years and is seen (left) watching as his wife engages in the task of stamping the mail. (Photos by Wetmore).

Post Office At Goffs Once Inn On Stage-Coach Route

venience of passengers, the fares to be regulated by the Assembly. The recommendation, however, did not meet with the approval of the House, and another year passed before the first stage service was actually inaugurated.

History records that Ish Smith took the initiative, and during the

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Post Office At Goffs Once Inn On Stage-Coach Route

By E.G.L. WETMORE

Days when heavy, horse-drawn coaches trundled out of Halifax, fanning out to the roads leading through various sections of the province to other main centres of population are now a memory. Today swift motor coaches have taken over the role of the wagons of the colorful, if rather tiring, coaching days.

Even most of the buildings which proved such boons to the travellers as places of lodging and refreshment are steadily disappearing. Here and there those interested in history will find delight in coming upon a building associated with the days of the coach routes of yore.

One of these is situated not far from the Kelly Lake airport, at the junction where the road from Enfield meets the old Guysborough Road. Once this latter thoroughfare which leaves the Halifax-Truro highway a little above Waverley was an important link in the transportation setup of Nova Scotia. For some years past its condition was such that it was little travelled, and in fact, there was not great reason for its use. Now with the airport development it is seeing a boom in travel and quite a few cars are encountered along its course.

The building which stands at the junction was familiarly known as Goff's, and the 11-room house played host to many, particularly people travelling by coach to the Musquodoboits or other centres served by the Guysborough Road. In fact the family name of Goff is linked with other hosteleries of coaching days. Now the building is owned by James Ledwidge, who for the past 35 years, has been postmaster for the small community, and also engaged in farming.

HISTORICAL PAPER

A paper read before the Nova Scotia Historical Society in 1931 by R. D. Evans, recounts in part "The first suggestion of stage coaches in the province came from a committee of the Assembly appointed to examine the matter of postal communication during the session of 1815. This committee recommended that the sum of 300 pounds be granted to enable the contractors with the Post Office to convey the mail from Halifax to Annapolis and Digby, and from Halifax to Pictou, weekly in a four-wheeled carriage, for the con-

and Mrs. James Ledwidge. He ears and is seen (left) watching k of stamping the mail. (Photos

venience of passengers, the fares to be regulated by the Assembly. The recommendation, however, did not meet with the approval of the House; and another year passed before the first stage service was actually inaugurated."

History records that Isiah Smith took the initiative, and during the session of 1816 he sent a petition to the house "praying aid to enable him to establish a stage coach from Halifax to Windsor". The Assembly agreed to a 100 pound grant if he would maintain the service for a year and offered a similar sum to anyone who would undertake a fortnightly mail coach service between Halifax and Pictou. The first Smith-operated coach left in Halifax at 2 p.m., February 14. It accommodated six passengers at a charge of \$6 each. Nine hours were tal at first required for the 45 mile journey. At first it was a weekly service but in May became semi-weekly. Horses were changed ac every 15 miles. So popular did it on prove that the fare was able to be dropped to \$4.50.

At the start of July in 1816 Ezra a Witter of Truro started the Halifax-Pictou service, and in winter a covered sleigh replaced his "comfortable, four-wheeled carriage". In 1828 the Western Stage Coach Company, with vehicles drawn by four horses, instituted service between Halifax and Annapolis. This, like other coaching companies, had financial problems, and necessary aid from governmental sources.

The same source says "Around 1861 a man named Archibald established a semi-weekly stage from Halifax to Musquodoboit, Guysborough, St. Mary's Country Harbor and Port Mulgrave, via the New Guysborough Road" and of course that, with passage of years has now become the Old Guysborough Road.

In the description by Mr. Evans

he says, "It left the Dartmouth-Truro Road by Lake Thomas, cut through to the Musquodoboits and thence to Melrose and Guysborough, ignoring completely Sherbrooke and other coastal village. The Guysborough road which was still older and accounted for the term 'new' for this road of 1860, went from Dartmouth to Preston and then pursued a northerly course through the woods to come out on the Old Guysborough Road of today, probably at the village called Goff, 15 to 20 miles from Lake Thomas" and it was here that the building, still standing, after its many decades of service, proved a welcome sight to travellers, who could eat, quench their thirst . . . and if the hour made it necessary secure lodging for the night.

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James and Ida had the following children:

- i. **Pvt Emery James.** Born on 8 Feb 1920 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. Emery James died on 2 Jan 1945; he was 24. Buried in Ravenna War Cemetery, Italy. Occupation: West Nova Scotia Regiment, R.C.I.C.
- ii. **Timothy Bernard.** Born on 28 Sep 1921 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. He died 15 May 2012, Enfield, Hants Co.

On 11 Sep 1950 when Timothy Bernard was 28, he married **Velma Grace Whidden**, daughter of **Robie Whidden & Annie Myatt**, in Enfield, Hants Co., NS. Born 13 Feb 1927 in Oldham, NS. She died 26 Apr 2014 in Dartmouth.

- iii. **Muriel Theresa.** Born on 27 Mar 1923 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. Muriel Theresa died in Bridgewater, NS, on 7 Jan 2016; she was 92.

BIRD (Ledwidge, Richard) Muriel Theresa. Age 92, passed away January 7, 2016 at South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Born in Goffs, NS, this self-professed "farm girl" was pre-deceased by her parents, James and Ida Ledwidge; brothers, Emery, Tim and Laurie Ledwidge; first

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husband, Earle A. Richard; second husband, Dr. S. Borden Bird; and grandson, Sean R. Marks. She is survived by her sister, Marina Drummond; son, Wayne (Debbie) Richard; daughter, Lorna Marks; grandsons, Chris, Greg and Justin Richard; granddaughter, Christa Marks; stepchildren, John and Carolyn Bird; and many nieces and nephews. Trained as a nurse during the war years, she was proud of becoming an RN. Blessed with natural leadership abilities, she held various positions in organizations throughout the years, one of which was president of her graduating class at the Halifax Infirmary (1944). Being a quilter showcased her creative abilities, and she enjoyed lifetime membership in the Queens Quilters. She will be remembered by many as Head Nurse of Obstetrics at Queens General Hospital. Her kind, calming demeanor influenced many new mothers as they brought their babies into the world. Known for her practical wisdom, she never “suffered a fool gladly”. She always said that she had loved and been loved—what more was there than that. She enjoyed a “life well-lived” and will be sadly missed.

On 1 Sep 1947 when Muriel Theresa was 24, she married **Earl Alexander Richard** in West LeHave, Lunenburg Co., NS. He was born 9 Feb 1924 in Lunenburg Co. and died 30 Jan 1987.

- iv. **Laurie Francis**. Born on 10 May 1925 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. Laurie Francis died in Enfield, Hants Co., NS, on 14 Feb 2013; he was 87. Buried in Christ Church Cemetery, Lantz.

LEDWIDGE, Laurie Francis, 87, Enfield, NS. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, brother. Laurie passed away peacefully and with dignity following complications as a result of recent surgery on Thursday, February 14, 2013, at QEII Hospital, Halifax. Born in Goffs, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, Laurie lived most of his life in Enfield, Nova Scotia. He was the beloved husband of Ruth Isabel (Blois) of 59 years, loving father of Jim (Rose), Colleen (Alan), Lynn (David), Doug (Danielle) and dear grandchildren Kimberly (Scott), Kyle (Jodi), Cassie (Shawn), Lauren (Derek), Brent, Hannah, Luke and great-grandchildren Saege, Kellen, Brooke and Thomas. Pre-deceased by wife Ruth, infant twin daughter Kathleen, parents James and Ida (Patterson) Ledwidge, brothers Emery and Timothy. Survived by sisters Muriel (Borden), and Marina. Known for his strength of character, gentle humour, and kindness Laurie gained friendship and respect from all who knew him. Laurie enjoyed his family and was fiercely proud of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was the leader of his family and within the community. Whether travelling abroad or the woods roads of rural Nova Scotia, Laurie captured the human story and made those he came in contact with a richer person. His stories were legendary, and folks never tired of his story telling. He was comforting, wise, gentle,

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and strong. Among his many tributes, Laurie took pride in his involvement with Christ Anglican Church, Lantz, Enfield Fire Department, C.W. Saunders Masonic Lodge. He was honoured by Enfield Chamber of Commerce as Entrepreneur of the Year some years ago, and recently recognized by Enfield Heritage Society. Laurie was one of the founding members of the Enfield Fire Department. Laurie was the founder of Ledwidge Lumber Company, operating in Enfield for 70 years, starting with a shingle mill on his father's farm in 1943. He was the President of the Maritime Lumber Bureau 1978-1979, and President of the Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia 1983-1985. He received the Maritime Lumber Bureau's prestigious Man of the Year award in 1982; was the Chair of the Forest Advisory Council 1987-1993, and has been a longstanding member of the Nova Forest Alliance and Wood Product Manufacturers Association of Nova Scotia. Last Spring Laurie was inducted in the Nova Scotia Forestry Hall of Fame. Ledwidge Lumber, for this man of the forest, was his passion right to the end - off to the office in the morning, and woods in the afternoon. Laurie held the medical profession in very high regard, and his family would like to thank the medical team at the QEII for their care and comfort in the last two weeks of his life. Gone but not forgotten - he chose Valentine's Day to rejoin his beloved wife Ruth. Rest in peace.

Ledwidge Lumber, Our History - Ledwidge Lumber is a family-owned business established in 1943 by Laurie Ledwidge. At the age of 18, Laurie first began with a shingle mill. In 1946 he started a long lumber mill but it partly burnt, losing everything but the boiler and engine. In 1948 he built a portable mill and had 12 employees. In 1960, Laurie bought a new 6 cylinder diesel engine for the mill which "put lifeblood back into the mill". In 1962 he moved to Macphee's Corner and sawed there until 1964 when he moved to Enfield once again. That entire mill burnt to the ground in 1970 however Laurie rebuilt in 1972. In 1988 the rebuilt mill also burnt to the ground and Laurie once again rebuilt. Since the second rebuild in 1988, Ledwidge Lumber has been going strong. Through a lot of hard times and good faith, Ledwidge Lumber has supported four generations of the Ledwidge family and is constantly changing and growing.

The Ledwidge Lumber sawmill today is co-owned by Laurie's sons Jim and Doug, and Jim's three children, plus two grandchildren, and Doug's son all work for the Company. The facility has an automated production line with an efficient and environmentally-friendly dry kiln system that runs on wood shavings. It is a productive operation producing over 70 million fbm annually. With new technology advances and the hard work of our many loyal and productive employees, Ledwidge Lumber is more efficient than its ever been. Although it has grown 100 times its size since Laurie first began, it still remains a very family-oriented organization

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filled with tradition and basic values. (www.ledwidge.com, 2026)

On 30 Aug 1950 when Laurie Francis was 25, he married **Ruth Isabel Blois**, daughter of **Alfred Smith Blois** (24 May 1891-22 Nov 1958) & **Daisy Isabel Harvey** (17 May 1890-9 Apr 1953), in Gore, Hants Co., NS. Born in 1928. Ruth Isabel died on 12 Feb 2010; she was 82.

LEDWIDGE, Ruth Isabel (born Ruth Isabel Blois), 81, Enfield, On Friday, February 12, 2010 at Carter Senior Care, Dartmouth, our dear wife and mother passed away peacefully in her 81st year. Born in Gore, Hants County, Nova Scotia and lived most of her life in Enfield, NS. The beloved wife of Laurie Ledwidge for 59 wonderful years. Loving mother of Jim (Rose), Colleen (Alan), Lynn (David), Doug (Amanda); dear grandchildren Kimberly (Scott), Kyle (Jodi), Cassie (Shawn), Lauren, Brent, Hannah, Luke and great-grandchildren Saege, Kellen, and Brooke. Pre-deceased by infant twin daughter Kathleen Anne, parents Daisy (Harvey) and Alfred Blois, sisters Gladys, Ellen, Florence, Shirley, Thelma and brother John, and twins Olive and Harold. Survived by sisters Mary (Howard), brothers Austin (Sally), and Clyde (Hilda) and all of her wonderful extended families and friends. A graduate of Windsor School of Business, Windsor, Nova Scotia, a personal achievement of hers. Ruth along with her husband Laurie founded Ledwidge Lumber Company Limited, established in Enfield, 67 years ago. Ruth was an active member of Christ Church, Lantz, and the Enfield Elmsdale Anglican Church Women's Guild, where she enjoyed fellowship and friendship that lasted her lifetime. As a lover of family gatherings, Ruth was famous for her ability to create a memorable meal at the drop of a hat. She loved cottage life, sewing, baking, gardening, creating crafts, shopping, giving and travelling, with frequent trips to 'the woods' with number one life partner Laurie. Ruth's spirit filled a room. She was a dynamic, generous, caring and wholesome lady who's generosity of love and passion for life will live on in the hearts of all those who were privileged to have known her. She will be forever treasured and fondly remembered with love and heartfelt affection.

Family of Bridget Ledwidge (7) & Alexander Cole

11. Warren Ambrose Cole (*Bridget Ledwidge³, John², William¹*). Born in 1901. Warren Ambrose died in 1984; he was 83. Buried in St. Bernards Catholic Church, Enfield.

Warren Ambrose married **Dorothy Elsie Graham**. Born in 1907. Dorothy Elsie died in 1979; she was 72.

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They had the following children:

- 13** i. **June Frances** (1935-5 Aug 2018)
 ii. **Robert Foster**. Buried in St. Bernards Catholic Church, Enfield.

Cole, Robert “Bob” Foster – Age 78 of Oldham, passed away peacefully on September 22, 2020 in Elk Court, Brookfield. Born in Dartmouth, he was a son of the late Warren and Dorothy (Graham) Cole. Bob worked mostly at painting houses. He enjoyed country music and fishing. Surviving are sister, Marjorie (Victor); brothers, Danny and Leo; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister, June; brothers, George, Gerald, Arthur, Cyril and Pat.

- iii. **Daniel Ambrose**. Buried in St. Bernards Catholic Church, Enfield.

Cole, Daniel Ambrose – Age 77 of Halifax, passed away August 29, 2021 in Northwood Care, Halifax. Born in Oldham, he was a son of the late Warren and Dorothy (Graham) Cole. Danny enjoyed watching baseball and hockey. Surviving are sister, Marjorie (Victor); brother, Leo; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by sister, June; brothers, George, Gerald, Arthur, Cyril, Pat and Bob.

- 14** iv. **Glenster Arthur Vincent** (26 Jun 1936-29 Mar 2001)
 v. **Gerald Joseph**.

COLE, Gerald Joseph. It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Gerald Cole of Oldham, born on February 25, 1934, passed away peacefully at the Halifax Infirmary on May 1, 2018. He was predeceased by his parents, Dorothy Graham and Warren Cole, as well as six siblings. He is survived by five siblings, his loving wife Isabelle, his five children Phyllis, Joe, Darren, Mark, and Trevor, their spouses, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gerald was the owner and operator of GJ Cole & Sons painting company until retirement. Gerald was a former president of East Hants Minor Hockey, executive member of the Metro Minor Hockey Association and respected coach for many years. He is a member of the East Hants Sports Hall of Fame, as he coached the East Hants Midget Penguins to the Wrigley National Championship in Oshawa, Ontario in 1974. He also loved his Toronto Maple Leafs. Gerald was a great lover of animals, especially horses, and had a wonderful sense of humour. He was also a member of the board of trustees at Oldfield Elementary School for many years.

COLE, Ryan Wade – age 36 of Oldham passed away on January 8th, 2023, at home. Born in Halifax, he was a son of Karen Lynn Runions and Darren Wade Cole. From the beginning Ryan defied all odds. Always

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kind, compassionate and caring despite all the challenges he faced. Ryan worked hard at Sobeys and at some points would have multiple jobs. Ryan was a loving son, grandson, brother, cousin, nephew and special uncle who spoiled his niece and nephew whenever he could. They absolutely adored him. Ryan will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Ryan is survived by his parents, Karen Runions (Doug), Darren Cole; siblings, Lindsay (Kevin) Pothier, Cody, Nicholas; niece, Sophie; nephew, Maxwell; grandparents, Isabelle Cole and Sheila Johnson; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Ryan is predeceased by grandfathers, Gerald Cole and Bruce Sanford; cousin, Derek; Julia.

Fifth Generation

----- Family of John Timothy Ledwidge (9) & Gertrude Smith

12. Harold James Ledwidge (*John Timothy⁴, Robert³, Richard², William¹*). Born on 20 May 1912 in Carrolls Corner, NS. Harold James died in 1986; he was 73.

Kim Oickle. My Parents Names are Francis and Debbie Ledwidge (Debbie Harnish). My Dads Father (My Grandfather) is Harold Ledwidge (Enfield NS) who Married Mary Phalen.

On 17 Jun 1942 when Harold James was 30, he married **Mary Kathleen Phelan** in Enfield, Hants Co., NS. Born on 22 Jul 1925 in Carrolls Corner, Nova Scotia. Mary Kathleen died in Enfield, Hants Co., NS, on 17 Apr 2011; she was 85.

LEDWIDGE, Mary Kathleen, Enfield. It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister, Mary Kathleen Ledwidge of Enfield at the age of 85 on April 17, 2011 with her family by her side. Mary was born on July 22, 1925 in Carrolls Corner along with twin brother George, to the late Dunlap and Annie (Langmead) Phalen of Carrolls Corner. She married her husband Harold on June 17, 1942 and moved to Enfield from Goffs in 1944 where they raised their family and lived their lives. Mary was a resident of Magnolia Nursing Home, Sunflower Cottage in Enfield since December 2010 and prior to that at Saint Vincent's Nursing Home, 5th floor for 2 years. Mary was an active member of Legion Ladies Auxiliary in her earlier years and also along with her best friend Joan Stewart and Fannie Inkpen did catering for the Enfield Fire Department. She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Lightle, Dorothy (Edmund "Butch") Miller, Shirley (Roger) Lefrense,

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Corrina (Brian) Wheaton, Una Ledwidge and her only son Francis (Debbie) Ledwidge, and her son-in-law Richard McNair and friend Gabrielle, 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; one sister, Thelma (San) and her companion Reg and sisters-in-law Doris Phalen, Bea Ledwidge, Doris Ledwidge, and brother-in-law Duncan and his wife Georgina along with many nieces and nephews whom she cared for dearly, also survives her. She was predeceased by her husband, Harold in 1986; daughter Aletha in 1999 and son-in-law Edward Lightle in 1998, her twin brother George and his wife Thelma, brothers John (Bun) and Angus and two siblings Hilton and Elizabeth in infancy, her brothers-in-law Joseph, Donald, Bernard and his wife Sophie, Robert and his wife Marie and sisters-in-law Ethel and her husband Raymond and Anna and her husband Elmer.

They had one child:

- i. **Elizabeth Gertrude.** Buried in St. Bernards Catholic Church, Enfield.

LIGHTLE (Ledwidge), Elizabeth “Betty” – age 73, Enfield, passed away peacefully surrounded by family in the QEII, Halifax Infirmary Site, on December 5, 2015. Born in Carroll’s Corner, she was a daughter of the late Harold and Mary (Phalen) Ledwidge. She was a loving mom, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister, whose family was all-important to her. She loved spending time at the cottage and she had a keen interest in genealogy. She worked at Air Canada for 25 years. She was an active member of the E. H. Horne Preservation Society. Betty is survived by her children, Darrell (Elaine), Dwayne (Stacey); grandchildren, Brad, Erica, Mikaela, Ava; great grandchildren, Laynee, Lily; siblings, Dorothy (Butch), Francis (Debbie), Shirley (Roger), Corrina (Brian), Una; brother in law, Richard McNair; many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Edward (1998); sister, Althea (1999).

Family of Warren Ambrose Cole (11) & Dorothy Elsie Graham

13. June Frances Cole (*Warren Ambrose*⁴, *Bridget Ledwidge*³, *John*², *William*¹). Born in 1935 in Oldham, Hfx. Co., NS. June Frances died on 5 Aug 2018; she was 83.

Lively, June Frances, 83, of Elmsdale, passed away August 5, 2018 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Oldham, she was a daughter of the late Warren and Dorothy (Graham) Cole. She was an amazing mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great great-grandmother and will always be loved and missed by children, Ronnie, Betty, Terry, Mary Lynn; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren; sister and favourite bingo partner, Marjorie; brothers, Bobby, Danny, Leo; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by husband, James; daughter, Linda; son-in-law, Doug; brothers, George, Gerald, Arthur, Cyril, Pat.

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June Frances married **James Arthur Lively**, son of **Elsworth Harold Lively** (12 Dec 1892-26 Aug 1967) & **Gladys May McHardie**. Born in 1931. James Arthur died on 2 Apr 2008; he was 77. Buried in St. Bernards Catholic Church, Enfield.

LIVELY, James Arthur "Jimmy" - 77, Elmsdale, passed away Wednesday, April 2, 2008, in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Lantz, he was a son of the late Ellsworth and Gladys (McHardie) Lively. Jimmy was a faithful employee of L.E. Shaw Ltd. for 42 years. He enjoyed woodworking, Shopping and doing crafts. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, June (Cole); sons, Ronnie, Toronto and Florida; Terry (Paula), Lantz; daughter, Mary Lynn (Doug) Hines, Elmsdale; grandchildren, Trevor, Gary and Ryan, Matthew, Tyler and Coady, Michelle, Teresa, Shari-Lynn; 10 great grandchildren; sisters Lila Bruce, Hilden; Lily (Don) Dauphinee, Lantz; brother, Burtis (Elsie) Lively, Dartmouth; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by daughter, Linda; brother, Bob, and a brother in infancy.

They had one child:

- i. **Terrance Arthur**. Born in 1957 in Lantz Siding, NS. Terrance Arthur died in Truro, NS, on 20 Nov 2025; he was 68.

LIVELY, Terrance Arthur (Terry aka "Livewire") – age 68, of Truro, passed away peacefully Thursday, November 20th, 2025, at home after a short but courageous battle with cancer, with his wife at his side. Born in Lantz, he was a son of the late James and June (Cole) Lively. Although Terry held many jobs in his lifetime, his true passion was being a drywall finisher, often said to be one of the best to which he was very proud. Terry was often the life of the party and sometimes the entertainment, whether it be doing one-handed push ups, skipping a broomstick, or walking around on stilts, he could always bring a smile to your face. Terry had a strong love for his friends and family, and no one came above his children and grandchildren. Terry is survived by his wife, Paula (Dunford); children, Trevor (Kim), Teresa (Justin), Shari-Lynn; step-children, Michelle (John), Nicole (Frank), Michael (Alice), Hilary (Tyler); brother, Ron (Ontario); sisters, Betty, Ontario, and Mary Lynn, Elmsdale; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many friends who he considered his family, including honorary brothers, Robin Miller, Kennetcook, David Bell, Musquodoboit, and Steve Garrison, Shubenacadie. Besides his parents, Terry is predeceased by his sister, Linda Joy in infancy.

14. Glenster Arthur Vincent Cole (*Warren Ambrose⁴, Bridget Ledwidge³, John², William¹*). Born on 26 Jun 1936 in Oldham, Hfx. Co., NS. Glenster Arthur Vincent died in Truro, NS, on 29 Mar 2001; he was 64.

s/o Warren Ambrose Cole and Dorothy Elsie Graham, md. 18 Feb 1932, Enfield.

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Glenster Arthur Vincent married **Barbara Ellen Rhoddy**, daughter of **Esther Hope Rhoddy** (19 May 1921-11 Feb 1982). Born on 25 Feb 1942 in Lantz, NS. Barbara Ellen died in Halifax, NS, on 17 Feb 2013; she was 70.

Cole (Rhoddy) Barbara Ellen, 70 - Sackville N.S. passed away peacefully in Halifax, Sunday February 17, 2013. She was predeceased by her husband Arthur Cole, her mother Esther Rhoddy, and Sister Janie. She is survived by her 7 children; Dorothy (Dolly) Millette, Sackville, N.S, Kelly Merlo, Vernon, B.C, Barbara Harper, Vernon, B.C, Arthur Cole, Enfield, N.S, George Cole (Valentina), Nine Mile River, N.S, Billy Cole, Vernon, B.C, Tom Cole, Halifax, N.S. Plus Grandchildren Amanda, Candy, Patricia, Joe, Joel, Shila, Jana-Lynn, Patrick, Maggie, Christina, Katelyn, Jeremi, Josh, Amy, Lacey, Elizabeth, William, Kate, Claire, Dylan, plus 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her aunts Mary Fancy, Vinola Drew, uncles Emery Rhoddy, Primrose Rhoddy and Brother Richard Rhoddy, Sister Chi-Chi Cole, many nieces and nephews, and sister and brother in-laws. Plus her beloved dog Barney. She is the queen of garage sales and flea markets, she would leave home with a tiny change purse and come home with a full car, she never missed a bargain. She was an avid knitter.

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