# The Preeper Family
# of Halifax County, Nova Scotia

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# Preface

I will begin by saying that I am not a direct descendant of the Preepers. My family ran the Stage Coach Inn and Post Office at Goffs, a little further along the Old Guysborough Road from Devon where the Preeper's settled. I have traced the genealogies of all the families from that area that I do descend from, including along maternal lines – Goff, Dickey, MacInnes, McDougall and McMullen. They are all available from my website, www.gofffamilyhistory.ca . That led me to researching the genealogies of several overlapping families from the Guysborough Road – Dillman, Kellough, Kerr, Keys, McHeffey, McMichael and Moore, also available on the website above. There was considerable overlap Between Preeper's and Dillman's, so I decided to pull together all of the available online records for Preepers. This report is the result. Beside the Guysborough Road family, there was a branch of the family in Dartmouth and a branch that went to Colchester County, Londonderrry and Portapique. Compared to the Dickey's or Dillman's, it is not a big family.

**Preeper surname in the Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics**

Births 33
Groom Marriages 25
Bride Marriages 28
Deaths 42

**Preeper surname in the Nova Scotia Census**

1871 20
1881 17
1891 29
1901 32
1911 4
1921 31
1931 42

**Preeper surname in the findagrave database in Nova Scotia**, 40.

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

## Sources

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# First Generation

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**1. John William Preeper**. Born on 12 Sep 1755 in Halifax, NS.

John William was the son of Ernest Jacob Tobias Preper, born Germany, and his wife Wilhelmina Dorothea, born Germany, married 26 Nov 1751 St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg, she was married first to Gotlieb Rannenfelten. (familysearch)

Family of 12, familysearch. They have births of children at Windsor Road, Lunenburg Co.

On 30 Sep 1788 when John William was 33, he married **Mary Polley Brantley**. Born in 1762. Mary Polley died on 17 May 1836; she was 74.

They had the following children:

i. **Mary Sophia**. Born on 16 Jul 1789. Mary Sophia died on 28 Jan 1832; she was 42.

In 1811 when Mary Sophia was 21, she married **Frederick Christopher Haverstock** in Halifax, NS.

ii. **Geoffrey John Henry**. Born in 1791.

iii. **Harriet Rebecca**. Born in 1792. Harriet Rebecca died on 20 Nov 1850; she was 58.

On 9 May 1829 when Harriet Rebecca was 37, she married **John. Eldershaw Shultz**.

iv. **Henrietta**. Born in 1793. Henrietta died in 1843; she was 50.

v. **George**. Born in 1795.

vi. **Nancy**. Born in 1797.

vii. **Elizabeth**. Born in 1800.

**2** viii. **William John** (1802-1 Dec 1859)

**3** ix. **James Thomas** (1804-1872)

**4** x. **Robert F.** (1808-21 Oct 1846)

xi. **Anne Elizabeth**. Born in 1810. Anne Elizabeth died on 2 Jan 1889; she was 79.

On 27 Jul 1829 when Anne Elizabeth was 19, she married **James Webber**. Born on 10 Dec 1801 in Chester, Lunenburg Co., NS. James died in 1883; he was 81.

xii. **Henry Joseph**. Born on 20 Feb 1813 in Sackville, NS. Henry Joseph died in Halifax, NS, on 15 Aug 1839; he was 26.

# Second Generation

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**Family of John William Preeper (1) & Mary Polley Brantley**

**2. William John Preeper** (*John William[1]*). Born in 1802. William John died in Dartmouth, NS, on 1 Dec 1859; he was 57.

The link to son Alexander may be tentative, as they also had a son John Alexander. There is cautionary note in familysearch under Alexander regarding his parentage.

On 11 May 1829 when William John was 27, he married **Martha Peveril**. Born in 1810 in Blackthorn, Oxfordshire, England. Martha died in Guysboro Road, Halifax Co., NS, in 1886; she was 76.

1871 census Halifax Preeper Martha 55 b. England grocer widow Ann 20 Elizabeth 17 Jane 13 William 2 Arnold William 27 labourer.

They had the following children:

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| **5** | i. | **Henry Richard** (1831-20 Jul 1892) |
| **6** | ii. | **John Alexander** (10 Jun 1832-1883) |
| **7** | iii. | **Alexander** (14 Jun 1833-23 Jul 1892) |
| | iv. | **Hannah Elizabeth**. Born in 1834 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. |
| **8** | v. | **George Henry** (27 Oct 1837-1900) |
| | vi. | **Sarah**. Born on 20 Aug 1840 in Halifax, NS.<br><br>On 15 Nov 1864 when Sarah was 24, she married **William Tregea** in Dartmouth, NS. Born in 1841 in Waverley, NS. |
| **9** | vii. | **William John** (2 Aug 1841-6 Aug 1925) |
| | viii. | **Harriet**. Born on 27 Sep 1845 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Harriet died in 1907; she was 61.<br><br>On 1 Dec 1862 when Harriet was 17, she married **Henry Roberts** in Halifax, NS. |
| | ix. | **Anne**. Born on 24 May 1851 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Anne died in Sackville, NS, on 2 Jan 1889; she was 37. |
| **10** | x. | **Bridget** (1852-) |
| **11** | xi. | **Robert M.** (20 Mar 1854-6 Feb 1923) |
| | xii. | **Jane**. Born in 1858 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS.<br><br>On 17 Sep 1878 when Jane was 20, she married **Henry James Feltham** in Halifax, NS. |

**3. James Thomas Preeper** (*John William[1]*). Born in 1804. James Thomas died in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS, in 1872; he was 68.

Familysearch has a son of James Thomas and Mary Margaret as Robert Frederick, b. 1845 Nova Scotia, d. 25 Oct 1925 Louisa, Iowa. Married three times, 5 children.

Robert Preeper 23 b. Dartmouth s/o James and Margaret, and Ellen Elizabeth Negus 22 b. Dartmouth, married 28 Sep 1867 at Dartmouth, Halifax County (NSHVS Marriages).
Child:

**12** i. **Robert Frederick** (1845-25 Oct 1925)

**4. Robert F. Preeper** (*John William*[1]). Born in 1808. Robert F. died on 21 Oct 1846; he was 38.

Family of 7, familysearch

On 27 Dec 1832 when Robert F. was 24, he married **Susan Agnes Fletcher**, daughter of **Robert Fletcher** (1773-1830) & **Anne Brehm** (-1832). Born on 16 Mar 1809. Susan Agnes died in Portapique, Col. Co., NS, on 31 Oct 1877; she was 68.

Edith Fletcher, author of "Scotia Heritage", writes the following.... "the third youngest child of Robert and Anne, Susannah Fletcher (1809-Oct 31 1877) who married Robert Preeper, German origin, bachelor of the Windsor Road (Halifax Marriage Records). Her grave is located in the Portaupique Cemetery. Perhaps as a widow she took her children to Portaupique where her father's brother William Fletcher 2nd, resided (Jane Wile).

They had the following children:

i. **Oswald**. Born on 18 Feb 1835 in Halifax, NS. Residence: 1871, 1881, 1891, Londonderry Colchester Co.

Oswald married **Annie Campbell**.

**13** ii. **Clifford "Fulmore"** (17 Oct 1837-)

iii. **Wesley Herbert**. Born on 17 Oct 1837 in Londonderry, Col. Co., NS.

Family of 3, who all went to Minnesota (familysearch)

On 19 Oct 1867 when Wesley Herbert was 30, he married **Emily Melvin** in Halifax, NS.

iv. **Henrietta**. Born in 1841 in Fletchers Lake, Halifax Co.

**14** v. **William Chandler** (1842-)

vi. **Antionette Serena Annie**. Born in 1845. Antionette Serena Annie died in Milton, New Hampshire, on 5 Sep 1908; she was 63.

In 1868 when Antionette Serena Annie was 23, she married **Mark Norris Sibley** in Boston, Mass. Born in 1841 in Wakefield, NH. Mark Norris died in Milton, NH, in 1907; he was 66.

vii. **Harriet R.** Born on 8 May 1846 in Londonderry, Col. Co., NS. Harriet R. died in Boston, Mass., on 25 Jan 1872; she was 25.

On 27 Sep 1866 when Harriet R. was 20, she married **Carlos Waterman**. Born in 1841 in Hanover, Grafton, NH. Carlos died in Hanover, Grafton, NH, in 1903; he was 62.

# Third Generation

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**Family of William John Preeper (2) & Martha Peveril**

**5. Henry Richard Preeper** (*William John[2], John William[1]*). Born in 1831. Henry Richard died on 20 Jul 1892; he was 61. Residence: Waverley (1891).

In 1885 when Henry Richard was 54, he married **Jane Margaret Biswanger** in Halifax, NS. Born on 26 Jan 1860 in Windsor, NS. Jane Margaret died in Rocky Mountain House, AB, on 11 Mar 1930; she was 70.

d/o Joseph Adam Biswanger and Margaret Ellen Soles of Guysborough County.

They had the following children:

i. **Harriet Grace**. Born on 20 Jan 1887 in Waverley, NS.

On 6 Dec 1918 when Harriet Grace was 31, she married **Louis Hynes Valente** in Halifax, NS. Born in 1888 in Porters Lake, NS.

ii. **Joseph Henry**. Born on 3 Oct 1888 in Waverley, NS. Joseph Henry died in Rimbey, Alberta, on 28 Sep 1963; he was 74. Buried in Rocky Mountain House, AB.

In 1915 when Joseph Henry was 26, he married **Myrtle Seresa Lunn** in Calgary, AB. Born in 1890. Myrtle Seresa died in 1973; she was 83.

iii. **Beatrice Hilda**. Born on 3 Oct 1890 in Fall River, Halifax, NS. Beatrice Hilda died in Halifax, NS, on 31 Jul 1942; she was 51.

On 16 Sep 1908 when Beatrice Hilda was 17, she married **Arthur Thomas Giles** in Halifax, NS. Born on 21 Nov 1888 in Halifax, NS. Arthur Thomas died in Halifax, NS, on 3 Feb 1954; he was 65.

**6. John Alexander Preeper** (*William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 10 Jun 1832 in Sackville, NS. John Alexander died in Dartmouth, NS, in 1883; he was 50.

1871 census Dartmouth Preeper John 38 A. Sarah 38 E. Anne 14 W. Thomas 12 A. Emma 10 Gertrude 7 Beatrice 5 M. John 4 Alexander 1.

John Alexander married **Sarah Ann Stanley**. Born in 1832 in England. Sarah Ann died in Dartmouth, NS, in 1880; she was 48.

They had the following children:

i. **Anne Elizabeth**. Born in 1857 in Halifax, NS.

On 23 Jul 1884 when Anne Elizabeth was 27, she married **James Alexander Leslie** in Dartmouth, NS. Born in 1860 in Lawrencetown, Hfx Co., NS.

**15** ii. **Thomas William** (18 Apr 1859-13 Aug 1939)

iii. **Mary E.** Born on 3 Jun 1860 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Mary E. died in Halifax, NS, on 30 Jun 1938; she was 78.

iv. **Emma Adelaide**. Born in 1861 in Dartmouth, NS.

On 5 Jan 1887 when Emma Adelaide was 26, she married **John Henry Spratt** in Boston, Mass. Born in 1860 in Cardiff, Wales.

v. **Gertrude**. Born in 1864 in Dartmouth, NS.

vi. **Beatrice**. Born on 24 Dec 1865 in Dartmouth, NS. Beatrice died in Boston, Mass., on 13 Dec 1907; she was 41.

On 10 Jun 1891 when Beatrice was 25, she married **William H. Flynn** in Boston, Mass. Born in 1856 in Boston, Mass.

vii. **John Matthew**. Born on 27 Oct 1867 in Dartmouth, NS.

On 19 Oct 1898 when John Matthew was 30, he married **Louise Lawton** in Boston, Mass.

viii. **Alexander Lyle**. Born on 24 Apr 1869 in Dartmouth, NS. Alexander Lyle died in Dorchester, Mass., on 20 Dec 1931; he was 62.

On 30 Dec 1895 when Alexander Lyle was 26, he married **Evangeline Hanna Murray** in Boston, Mass. Born in 1874 in Winchester, Mass.

ix. **James Edward** (Died as Infant). Born in 1872. James Edward died in 1872; he was <1.

x. **Sarah Ann**. Born on 10 Dec 1873 in Dartmouth, NS. Sarah Ann died in Manhattan, New York, USA, on 5 Sep 1915; she was 41.

On 5 Sep 1901 when Sarah Ann was 27, she married **Carl Frederich Onasch** in New York City, NY. Born on 4 Jun 1876 in Manhattan, New York, USA.

**7. Alexander Preeper** (*William John*[2]*, John William*[1]). Born on 14 Jun 1833 in Halifax, NS. Alexander died in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS, on 23 Jul 1892; he was 59. Buried in Preeper Hill, Shubenacadie, NS.

From familysearch, “Family records know that he lived and died in Schubenacadie, Hants, Nova Scotia. He knew the McKilligan family and married Margaret Matilda McKilligan. The family has the marriage record written in Margaret's handwriting. There were other Preeper families in Halifax and several men were named Alexander Preeper. The family has no records of his parents names. His father was from England and died of smallpox in the pest hospital in Halifax. His mother remarried but we don't know his name. In her old age she lived with Alexander and Margaret in Shubenacadie.”

1871 census Shubenacadie Preeper Alexander 37 (origin German) Margaret 39 William Jon 12 Margaret E. 10 Margery A, 8 Lilly V. 5.
1881 census Shubenacadie Preeper Alexander 47 (origin German) Margaret 51 William 22 Mary E. 20 Lilly 15.

However, stated ethnic origin German and naming a son William John suggests he could be the son of Wm. John Preeper and Martha Peveril.

On 2 Aug 1855 when Alexander was 22, he married **Margaret Matilda McKilligan** in Halifax, NS. Born on 29 Jan 1829 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Margaret Matilda died in Boston, Mass., on 9 Feb 1897; she was 68. Buried in Preeper Hill, Shubenacadie, NS.

d/o John Alexander McKilligan (b. Scotland, d. Shubenacadie) and Lileas Vermena Davidson

They had the following children:

i. **William John**. Born on 23 Jun 1858 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. William John died on 27 May 1933; he was 74.

On 27 Nov 1884 when William John was 26, he married **Mary Ann Sweeney** in Lexington, Mass. Born in 1858. Mary Ann died in 1906; she was 48.

ii. **Mary Elizabeth**. Born on 1 Jun 1860 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Mary Elizabeth died in Halifax, NS, on 30 Jun 1938; she was 78.

**16** iii. **Marjorie** (20 Jul 1862-6 Mar 1940)

iv. **Lily Vermena**. Born on 24 Jan 1866 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Lily Vermena died in Nanton, AB, on 10 Oct 1943; she was 77.

Lily Allen, nee Preeper, West Lynn, Mass., 1925, delayed registration of birth.

On 15 Dec 1885 when Lily Vermena was 19, she married **Charles Temple Allen** in East Providence, RI. Born on 7 Oct 1856 in Westmoreland Co., NB. Charles Temple died in 1939; he was 82.

**8. George Henry Preeper** (*William John*[2]*, John William*[1]). Born on 27 Oct 1837 in Bedford, NS. George Henry died in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS, in 1900; he was 62. Buried in St. Johns Angl., Fall River.

1871 census Halifax East Truro Road Preeper George 28 Ch of England English origin farmer Williams Jemima 49 Baptist African origin Susan 15 Sarah 12 Eliza 2.
1891 census Waverly Preeper George 53 Ch. of England Jemima 60 Baptist.

George Henry first married **Jemima Williams**.

They had one child:

i. **Sarah Jane**. Born on 17 Mar 1862 in Halifax, NS. Sarah Jane died in Windsor Junction, NS, on 25 Feb 1932; she was 69.

Preston Baptist George Allan 26 Sarah Jane Preeper 18 b Fall River d/o George and Minnie (NSHVS Marriages)

d/o George Preeper and Jemima Williams (NSHVS Deaths)

On 26 Jun 1877 when Sarah Jane was 15, she married **George Allen** in Preston, Halifax Co., NS. Born on 29 Aug 1847 in Halifax, NS. George died on 13 Oct 1937; he was 90.

On 17 Aug 1895 when George Henry was 57, he second married **Charlotte Johnson** in Halifax, NS. Born on 8 Jun 1870 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Charlotte died in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS, on 25 Feb 1925; she was 54.

1901 census Fall River Preeper Charlotte 28 head Arthur 12 son Charles 6 son Martha 4 dau Laura 2 dau.

They had the following children:

i. **Arthur James**. Born on 26 Feb 1889 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. Arthur James died in Halifax, NS, on 29 Nov 1945; he was 56. He was never married.

Martha Ashe, Fall River, sister, informant (NSHVS Deaths).

ii. **Charles Henry**. Born on 1 Mar 1895 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Charles Henry died in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS, on 27 Jul 1967; he was 72. Buried in Fall River Cemetery.

Interred in United Baptist Cemetery, Goffs, from NSHVS Deaths. This cemetery was relocated to Fall River to make way for the Halifax Stanfield Airport construction.

On 24 Apr 1946 when Charles Henry was 51, he married **Beatrice Williams**. Born on 30 Jul 1889 in Fall River, Halifax, NS. Beatrice died in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS, on 23 Mar 1974; she was 84.

Beatrice Annie Smith, widow, d/o Charles Williams and Maria Bonne (NSHVS Marriages).

iii. **Martha Jane**. Born on 12 Feb 1897 in Fall River, Halifax, NS. Martha Jane died in Fall River, Halifax, NS, on 30 Mar 1963; she was 66.

Martha Jane married **William Ashe**.

iv. **Laura Mae**. Born on 10 Feb 1899 in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS. Laura Mae died in Goffs, Halifax Co., NS, on 16 Jan 1969; she was 69.

On 1 Sep 1919 when Laura Mae was 20, she married **Robert Henry Clarke** in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Born in 1892 in Tracadie.

**9. William John Preeper** (*William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 2 Aug 1841 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. William John died in Devon, Halifax Co., NS, on 6 Aug 1925; he was 84. Residence: Meaghers Grant census (1891).

s/o William Preeper, b. Birch Cove, Hfx Co., and Martha, b. England. Sidney Preeper, Devon, son (NSHVS Deaths)

From “History Along the Old Guysborough Road”, by Noreen Gray and Annie (Blois) Smith, 1987, “In 1860 the Preeper farm was one of the largest and most prosporous on the Guysborough Road. The industry of its owner William Preeper was evident in the large neat house and barns. Preeper and his wife Mary Ellen raised a family of twelve. A lively household, the Preepers operated the Devon Post Office and usually boarded the Devon school teachers.”

On 26 Feb 1884 when William John was 42, he married **Mary Ellen Dillman**, daughter of **Kenneth McKenzie Dillman** (8 Feb 1828-12 Dec 1918) & **Ann Elizabeth Henley** (15 Apr 1837-3 Apr 1902), in Guysboro Road, Halifax Co., NS. Born on 5 Jan 1866 in Spry Harbour, NS. Mary Ellen died in Devon, Halifax Co., NS, on 3 Feb 1934; she was 68.

They had the following children:

i. **Julia Ann**. Born on 3 Mar 1885 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Julia Ann died in Truro, NS, on 15 Dec 1986; she was 101.

On 17 Nov 1904 when Julia Ann was 19, she married **Joseph Alonzo Royal Russell Beesley** in Kings Co., New Brunswick. Born in 1880 in Grays Mills, Kings Co., NB. Joseph Alonzo Royal Russell died in 1946; he was 66.

ii. **Sidney Howard**. Born on 20 Oct 1887 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Sidney Howard died in Elmsdale, Hants Co., NS, on 29 Jul 1982; he was 94.

On 24 Dec 1941 when Sidney Howard was 54, he married **Mary Rebecca Thompson**, daughter of **Silas Thompson** (May 1880-24 Mar 1961) & **Elizabeth Alice Custance** (31 Aug 1878-26 Nov 1955), in Elderbank, Hfx. Co., NS. Born on 11 Nov 1920 in Nine Mile River, Hants, NS. Mary Rebecca died in Dartmouth, NS, on 20 Apr 2010; she was 89. Buried in Meaghers Grant Cemetery.

PREEPER, Mary Rebecca “Minnie” , Nine Mile River/Shubenacadie, it is with great sadness the family of Minnie Preeper announces her passing. She passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Dartmouth General Hospital, April 20, 2010. Born in Nine Mile River, November 11, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Silas Sr. and Alice (Custance) (Taylor) Thompson. Minnie lived most of her married life in Devon, Halifax County, with her husband Sidney and daughters Shirley and Helen. She enjoyed farm life, quilting, sewing, baking and serving her family and friends. Later in years she enjoyed going with her daughters and family to family birthdays and gatherings, as well as church tea and sales, jamborees, dances, yard sales, visiting relatives and friends whom she loved dearly. Mom surprised us when she took her first plane trip in 2000 to Ontario with her niece Lillian to visit nephew Orie and niece Lilah and family. A trip she thoroughly enjoyed. Minnie was a member of the Nine Mile River United Church. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She is survived by daughters Shirley (Milton) White, Nine Mile River; Helen (Kenny) Boutilier, Belnan; eight grandchildren Merlin (Paula), Yvonne (Steven), John (Dana), Michael (Nancy), Corrina (Greg), Connie (Kevin), Charlene (Brian), Shane (Vickie); eleven great grandchildren Mitchell, Hannah, Travis, Haley, Breagh, Neisha, Dakota, Cole, Braden, twins Jacob and Josie; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Sidney (1982), sisters Hannah MacLeod, Maggie Robinson, Viola Noble, Cassie Wood, Mary Jane Britton, Nancy Murphy, brothers Silas Jr., Charlie, Johnny Taylor, several nieces and nephews.

**17** iii. **William John** (12 Jul 1888-20 Nov 1970)

iv. **Hattie Clarissa**. Born on 25 Dec 1890 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Hattie Clarissa died in 1981; she was 90.

On 15 May 1907 when Hattie Clarissa was 16, she married **John Allan Henderson** in Saint John, New Brunswick. Born on 13 Mar 1866 in Kings Co., New Brunswick. John Allan died in 1949; he was 82.

v. **Delora Melrose**. Born on 8 Aug 1892 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Delora Melrose died in Halifax, NS, on 10 Feb 1970; she was 77.

On 21 Oct 1912 when Delora Melrose was 20, she married **Clarence Richard Giles** in Halifax, NS. Born on 7 Apr 1891 in Halifax, NS. Clarence Richard died in 1975; he was 83.

vi. **Sarah Jane**. Born on 4 Jul 1895 in Devon, Hfx. Co., NS. Sarah Jane died in Dartmouth, NS, on 28 Oct 1954; she was 59. Buried in Mount Hermon Cemetery, Dartmouth.

On 4 Oct 1920 when Sarah Jane was 25, she married **Edward Francis Whebby** in Dartmouth, NS. Born on 1 Nov 1877 in Halifax, NS. Edward Francis died in Halifax, NS, on 11 Jun 1948; he was 70.

**18** vii. **Henry Byng** (12 Sep 1896-7 Aug 1988)

**19** viii. **Alton** (10 Apr 1898-10 Dec 1970)

ix. **Mary Isabelle**. Born on 13 May 1900 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Mary Isabelle died in Halifax, NS, on 21 Nov 1999; she was 99.

On 9 Dec 1920 when Mary Isabelle was 20, she married **John "Bud" Wright** in Halifax, NS. Born on 11 Jan 1882 in West St. Andrews, Col. Co., NS. John "Bud" died on 24 May 1942; he was 60.

**20** x. **Kenneth Cornelius** (8 Mar 1902-7 Sep 1973)

**21** xi. **Austin Herbert** (3 May 1905-24 Feb 1970)

xii. **Emma Lillian**. Born on 26 Mar 1907 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Emma Lillian died in Truro, NS, on 2 May 2005; she was 98.

Children Mable MacPhee b 1930, Kenneth MacPhee b 1932 d 1994, Freda macPhee b 1935, Reta MacPhee b 1937, Shirley MacPhee b 1937, Laura MacPhee b1941, Doris MacPhee b 1943, Elroy MacPhee, Harry MacPhee b 1947, Lilah MacPhee b 1950.

On 17 Jun 1925 when Emma Lillian was 18, she married **Melbourne Alexander McPhee**, son of **Frederick Melbourne McPhee** (18 Apr 1868-30 Oct 1942) & **Josephine "Bella" Kellough** (12 Oct 1877-15 Nov 1959), in Elderbank, Hfx. Co., NS. Born on 8 Apr 1902. Melbourne Alexander died in 1983; he was 80.

**22** xiii. **Walter James** (14 Feb 1910-14 Oct 1985)

**10. Bridget Preeper** (*William John[2], John William[1]*). Born in 1852 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS.

On 16 Jul 1869 when Bridget was 17, she married **George Arnold** in Halifax, NS.

They had one child:

i. **William Preeper**. Born in 1868.

The story of Peter Doyle's murder is recorded in History Along the Old Guysborough Road, by Noreen Gray and Annie (Blois) Smith, 1987.

On the morning of Oct. 15, 1887, Peter Doyle, 57, had arisen early and accompanied by his hired man, William Preeper, alias Arnold, age 19, had seen to the morning chores. After that the two men returned to the house for breakfast. In the house were Jane, Peter's wife, age 25, Maurice, Jane's son age 7, and Frank, the son of both the Doyle's, age 3. Doyle dressed for Church and walked to Miller's farm where a circuit priest from Enfield was conducting mass. After the service he headed home. On the next day, Doyle's wife Jane and her two children arrived at the Ledwidge farm to report that Doyle had gone hunting after he returned from Church and had not returned home. After a search lasting three days, Doyle's body was finally found on a track towards Horseshoe Lake by John E. MacDonald and Kenneth Dillman, still dressed in his Church clothes. He had been shot in the back at close range. The Halifax Police Dept. was dispatched to the Guysborough Road. After an investigation, Jane Doyle and William Preeper were arrested and charged with murder. It was thought that they were having an affair. Emily Dillman, Jane's sister and Morris Doyle, her 7-year old son, both were able to give damning evidence against them. Following a lengthy and very public trial, including appeals to both the Nova Scotia Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Canada, Jane Doyle was found not guilty but William Preeper was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged, then commuted to life imprisonment. However, a Royal visit in 1891 to Nova Scotia by future King George V, then Prince of Wales, resulted in a pardon being granted to Preeper, amenity for record of good conduct. Preeper was a free man. Upon his acquittal William Preeper left Nova Scotia for the black hills of Dakota. Jane Doyle married a retired British Army Sergeant in 1890. They took up residence in Sydney, NS where they operated a tavern for many years.

The accused was William Preeper, aka William Arnold. Son of Bridget Preeper before her marriage to George Arnold, and grandson of William John Preeper and Matha Peveril. Mary Dillman, Jane's sister, was married to William Preeper's Uncle, also named William Preeper.

**HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Oct. 25.--**Judge Richie this morning sentenced William Preeper to be hanged on Jan. 16 for the murder of Peter Doyle, a farmer, for whom he worked. Preeper vehemently protested his innocence. **The New York Times, October 26, 1888, Page 3.**

**Persons Sentenced to Death in Canada, 1867-1976. An Inventory of Case Files in the Fonds of the Department of Justice. Lorraine Gadoury and Antonio Lechasseur, National Archives of Canada, 1994. 1118 PREEPER, William (alias Arnold)** Male, age 18 **Crime:** Murder. Victim: Doyle, Peter. 1887/10/16; Halifax, N.S. **Trial:** 1888/10/25. Supreme Court of Nova Scotia; Halifax, N.S. Judge: Ritchie. Execution fixed to: 1889/01/16 Recommendation for mercy: yes. (Second trial; Jane Doyle also accused but found not guilty). **Result:** O. in C. of 1888/12/21, PC 2722. Commutation: life imprisonment, Dorchester Pen., N.B. **Reference:** RG 13, vol. 1425, file 233A; 1888-1894 **Content:** Correspondence, petitions, order-in-council, transcript of evidence (trial + appeal), depositions and declarations.

Reports of the Supreme Court of Canada, Vol. 15, 1888, pp. 401-420, Wm. Preeper and Jane Doyle, Appellents vs. Her Majesty the Queen, Respondent. Appeal dismissed.

**11. Robert M. Preeper** (*William John*[2]*, John William*[1]). Born on 20 Mar 1854 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Robert M. died in Detroit, MI, on 6 Feb 1923; he was 68.

On 9 Aug 1900 when Robert M. was 46, he married **Elizabeth Boutilier** in Dartmouth, NS.

They had the following children:

i. **Annie**. Born in 1902 in Nova Scotia.

On 28 Aug 1919 when Annie was 17, she married **Roy Louis Alfred Richmond** in Detroit, MI.

ii. **William Henry**. Born on 23 Jan 1904 in Nova Scotia. William Henry died in Sebring, Florida, on 6 Jun 1981; he was 77.

On 9 Jun 1923 when William Henry was 19, he married **Louise Therese Hintz** in Dearborn, Michigan.

iii. **Hilda**. Born in 1908.

iv. **Robert P.** Born on 3 Apr 1914 in Michigan. Robert P. died in Northumberland, PA, on 14 Sep 1999; he was 85.

### Family of James Thomas Preeper (3)

**12. Robert Frederick Preeper** (*James Thomas[2], John William[1]*). Born in 1845. Robert Frederick died in Louisa, Iowa, on 25 Oct 1925; he was 80.

On 28 Sep 1867 when Robert Frederick was 22, he first married **Ellen Elizabeth Negus** in Dartmouth, NS.

They had the following children:

i. **Robert**. Born in 1868.

ii. **Harriet May Matilda**. Born on 20 May 1870 in Dartmouth, NS. Harriet May Matilda died in Winnipeg, MB, on 10 Sep 1948; she was 78.

On 6 Jan 1892 when Harriet May Matilda was 21, she married **Adelbert Doane Bassett** in Boston, Mass. Born on 14 Jun 1868 in Brewster, Barnstable, Mass. Adelbert Doane died in Winnipeg, MB, on 22 Aug 1945; he was 77.

iii. **Beatrice**. Born in 1871.

On 13 Nov 1879 when Robert Frederick was 34, he second married **Mary Ann Pauline Page** in Boyne Falls, Michigan.

They had one child:

i. **Robert F.** Born on 3 May 1880 in Eveline, Charlevoix, Michigan. Robert F. died in Oakville, Louisa, Iowa, in 1958; he was 77.

On 20 Apr 1936 when Robert F. was 55, he married **Rose Carol Bailey** in Dubuque, Iowa.

In 1896 when Robert Frederick was 51, he third married **Susan Annie Betts** in Gibson, Tennessee.

### Family of Robert F. Preeper (4) & Susan Agnes Fletcher

**13. Clifford "Fulmore" Preeper** (*Robert F.[2], John William[1]*). Born on 17 Oct 1837 in Halifax, NS. Residence: Lower Londonderry (1971); Portapique, Colchester Co.

Family of 9, born in Portapique, Colchester Co.

On 21 Jul 1868 when Clifford "Fulmore" was 30, he married **Ruby Ann Hill** in Great Village, Col. Co., NS. Born in 1851.

They had the following children:

i. **Anna L.** Born on 8 Mar 1868 in Portapique, Col. Co., NS.
ii. **Ella**. Born on 8 Aug 1869 in Portapique, Col. Co., NS.

On 1 Aug 1891 when Ella was 21, she married **James A. Campbell** in Folly Village (Glenholme), NS. Born in 1865 in Portapique, Col. Co., NS.

iii. **William H.** Born on 30 Jul 1871 in Portapique, Col. Co., NS.
iv. **Martin O.** Born in 1873 in Portapique, Col. Co., NS.
v. **Frank Norris**. Born on 20 Jul 1873 in Portapique, Col. Co., NS.

On 17 Oct 1897 when Frank Norris was 24, he married **Isabella Francis Roche** in Massachusetts.

vi. **Frederick Harris**. Born on 8 Oct 1880 in Portapique, Col. Co., NS.
vii. **Annie Jane** (Died as Child). Born on 4 Oct 1886 in Portapique, Col. Co., NS. Annie Jane died in Portapique in 1889; she was 2.
viii. **Ethel**. Born on 15 Sep 1890 in Portapique, Col. Co., NS.
ix. **Clifford**.

**14. William Chandler Preeper** (*Robert F.[2], John William[1]*). Born in 1842 in Fletchers Lake. William Chandler died in Massachusetts.

Family of 7, b. Massachusetts

On 7 Sep 1864 when William Chandler was 22, he married **Matilda McDonald** in Dorchester, Mass.

They had one child:

**23** i. **Harriet (Hattie) Rebecca** (8 Feb 1876-23 Aug 1951)

# Fourth Generation

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**Family of John Alexander Preeper (6) & Sarah Ann Stanley**

**15. Thomas William Preeper** (*John Alexander[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 18 Apr 1859 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Thomas William died in Dartmouth, NS, on 13 Aug 1939; he was 80. Buried in Dartmouth Common.

1891 census Dartmouth Preeper Thomas 33 Bella 29 John 9 Harry 7 Annie 4 Alexander 1.

1931 census Dartmouth Preeper Thomas 73 Isabelle 69 Annie L. (S) 43 dau Harry Head (W) 46 Vera 11 Florence 9 Mary 6 Zona 4.

On 24 Nov 1881 when Thomas William was 22, he married **Isabel Elizabeth MacDonald** in Dartmouth, NS. Born on 29 Jan 1862. Isabel Elizabeth died in Dartmouth, NS, on 12 Aug 1949; she was 87.

They had the following children:

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| **24** | i. | **John William** (5 Jun 1883-31 Aug 1942) |
| **25** | ii. | **Thomas "Harry"** (19 Apr 1884-6 Jun 1955) |
| | iii. | **Annie Loretta**. Born on 29 Oct 1886 in Dartmouth, NS. Annie Loretta died in Dartmouth, NS, on 15 Jan 1970; she was 83. She was never married. |
| | iv. | **Lyle Alexander**. Born on 11 Oct 1889 in Dartmouth, NS. |
| **26** | v. | **Edwin "Angus"** (13 Feb 1893-10 Apr 1976) |
| **27** | vi. | **Clifford Leo** (8 Oct 1897-24 Apr 1965) |
| | vii. | **Vera Isabel** (Died as Child). Born in 1900. Vera Isabel died in 1915; she was 15. |

## Family of Alexander Preeper (7) & Margaret Matilda McKilligan

**16. Marjorie Preeper** (*Alexander[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 20 Jul 1862 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Marjorie died in Upper Nine Mile River, Hants Co., NS, on 6 Mar 1940; she was 77.

d/o Alexander Preeper (1833-1892) and Margaret Matilda McKilligan (1829-1897), md. 2 Aug 1855 Halifax.

On 7 Sep 1880 when Marjorie was 18, she married **William Henry Blois**, son of **John Alexander Blois** (2 Feb 1819-10 Sep 1885) & **Sarah Ann Blois** (1 Apr 1822-27 Sep 1894), in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Born on 19 Feb 1852 in Upper Nine Mile River, Hants Co., NS. William Henry died in Upper Nine Mile River, Hants Co., NS, on 10 May 1936; he was 84. Occupation: Excellent singer, sold organs for Truro company.

They had one child:

i. **John Alexander**. Born on 25 May 1888 in Nine Mile River, Hants Co., NS. John Alexander died in Lantz, NS, on 4 Oct 1955; he was 67.

In 1920 when John Alexander was 31, he married **Mabel Beatrice McPhee**, daughter of **Frederick Melbourne McPhee** (18 Apr 1868-30 Oct 1942) & **Josephine "Bella" Kellough** (12 Oct 1877-15 Nov 1959). Born on 9 Jun 1899 in Upper Nine Mile River, Hants Co., NS. Mabel Beatrice died in Lantz, NS, on 12 Jan 1990; she was 90.

## Family of William John Preeper (9) & Mary Ellen Dillman

**17. William John Preeper** (*William John[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 12 Jul 1888 in

Devon, Halifax Co., NS. William John died in Lantz, NS, on 20 Nov 1970; he was 82.

Family also included Herbert, Rose Marie Preeper m George Mullner, Henry, Carolyn Preeper m Donald Isenor (V. Dickie notes).

1931 census Brooklyn Hants Co. Preeper John 41 Elizabeth 27 Beldon 9 Mary 7 Hazel 5 Rachel 3 Arnold 1

On 26 Jan 1922 when William John was 33, he married **Elizabeth "Bessie" Dillman**, daughter of **Lewis Alexander Dillman** (7 May 1872-23 Apr 1935) & **Cassandra Claressa Andrews** (12 Dec 1873-16 Feb 1947), in Halifax, NS. Born on 30 May 1904. Elizabeth "Bessie" died in 1988; she was 83.

They had the following children:

**28** i. **Beldon Eugene** (31 Jan 1922-May 1977)

ii. **Mabel Jane**. Born on 17 May 1923 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS.

iii. **Mary Elizabeth**. Born on 5 May 1924 in Lantz, NS. Mary Elizabeth died in Eastern Passage, NS, on 26 Jun 2008; she was 84.

On 19 Mar 1941 when Mary Elizabeth was 16, she married **Basil Fielding Verge** in Halifax, NS. Born on 12 Oct 1917 in Sheet Harbour, NS. Basil Fielding died in Dartmouth, NS, on 7 Sep 1989; he was 71.

**29** iv. **Hazel Irene** (3 May 1926-6 Apr 1984)

v. **Arnold**. Born on 4 Dec 1926 in Lantz, NS. Arnold died in 2010; he was 83.

Arnold married **Gertrude Dunlap**. Born on 7 Jul 1918 in Newton Mills, Upper Stewiacke, Col Co, NS. Gertrude died in Williams Lake, BC, on 3 Oct 1998; she was 80.

d/o John Dunlap and Christina Fisher (NSHVS marriages). John Dunlap 32 b. Newton Mills s/o John and Sarah, and Christina Fisher 18 b. Spry Bay, Hfx Co. were md. 27 Jun 1899, Upper Stewiacke. She was the d/o Alexander and Margaret Fisher, he was a tinsmith (NSHVS marriages).

"Gertrude Annie Dillman", Joyce Bethune, 150 Mile House, BC, daughter, informant (BC Deaths).

The marriage to Arnold Preeper is from familysearch.

vi. **Rachel Aileen**. Born on 16 Apr 1928 in Lantz, NS. Rachel Aileen died in Lantz, NS, on 21 Jul 1962; she was 34. Buried in Wyses Corner, Halifax Co., NS. She was never married.

vii. **Wilfred George**. Born on 14 Jan 1930. Wilfred George died on 22 Jul 2007; he was 77.

Wilfred George married **Lois Georgina Olivia Preeper**, daughter of **20. Kenneth Cornelius Preeper** (8 Mar 1902-7 Sep 1973) & **Gladys Eileen Isenor** (1906-1984). Born in 1931. Lois Georgina Olivia died in 2011; she was 80.

ISENOR, Lois Georgina Olivia 80, Lantz, passed away peacefully Sunday

September 25, 2011 in the Halifax Infirmary Site, QEII. Born in Lantz, she was a daughter of the late Kenneth and Gladys (Isenor) Preeper. She worked for Cara Flight Services at the Halfax International Airport and was a cleaner at the Airport for several years. Lois always looked forward to Saturday night dances in Nine Mile River. She was a wonderful mother and she always put her children first. She will be sadly missed by her children, Richard (Joan) Preeper, Elmsdale; Perry (Dianne McKibbon) Isenor, Dutch Settlement; Tony (Cheryl) Isenor, Elmsdale; Randy (Joanna) Isenor, Antrim; Betty(Kenneth) Handy, Dartmouth; Margaret Hall (John Shipley), Enfield; Darren (Tracey) Preeper, Dutch Settlement; Shawn Preeper (Cindy Elliott), Milford; Eugene Randall Smith, Truro; 25 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; sister Flora Peck, Dutch Settlement; brothers Ivan (Angel) Preeper, Dutch Settlement and Kenneth Preeper, Truro; numerous nieces and nephews and a special niece, Judy Barron who was so kind to her over the years. She was predeceased by a son Wade; common-law-husband Wilfred Preeper; sisters Dora Isenor and Norma Mombourquette, a brother Murray Preeper and 2 infant brothers.

Eugene Randall Smith, #48887.

**30** viii. **Gordon Maynard** (4 Feb 1934-30 Dec 1973)

ix. **Larry Ira**. Born on 1 Aug 1940. Larry Ira died in Coldstream, Col. Co., NS, on 21 Jun 2018; he was 77.

PREEPER, Larry Ira- 1940 - 2018 of Coldstream, passed away peacefully in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, on June 21, 2018. Larry is survived by four children; sisters, Rose Molnar, Lantz; Carolyn McLeod, PEI; brothers, Henry, BC; Albert, Dartmouth; and Herbert, Musquodoboit. He was predeceased by parents, John and Elizabeth Preeper; sisters, Mary Verge, Hazel Dillman, Rachel Preeper; brothers, Beldon, Arnold, Wilfred, and Gordon.

**18. Henry Byng Preeper** (*William John*[3]*, William John*[2]*, John William*[1]). Born on 12 Sep 1896 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Henry Byng died in Lantz, NS, on 7 Aug 1988; he was 91.

1931 census Lantz Preeper Harry 34 Cynthia 25 Verta 6 Edward 4.

On 8 Oct 1924 when Henry Byng was 28, he married **Cynthia Green** in Stewiacke, Colchester Co., NS. Born on 27 Jul 1905 in Lantz, NS. Cynthia died on 24 Feb 1977; she was 71.

They had the following children:

i. **Verta Dora**. Born on 12 Apr 1925 in Lantz, NS. Verta Dora died on 17 Feb 2010; she was 84.

On 22 Dec 1948 when Verta Dora was 23, she married **Malcolm Harlow Stewart** in Brookfield, Colchester Co., NS.

ii. **Edward William**. Born on 11 Jan 1927 in Lantz, NS. Edward William died in Lantz, NS, on 2 Feb 2026; he was 99.

**PREEPER, Edward William** - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our father, Edward “Ned” Preeper, on February 2nd, 2026 at the age of

99. He was born on January 11th, 1927 in Lantz, where he lived the majority of his life. Dad loved hunting, fishing, being outdoors and especially enjoyed time spent at his favourite places in Moose River. We grew up listening to the many tales about his adventures. Dad was a founding member of the LVFD and Elmsdale Masonic Lodge. He was a life long member of Christ Church in Lantz and long standing past member of the OES and Philae Shriners. Dad worked for many of his younger years as a barber and the majority of his career was selling parts on the road for Ford, which he loved. Dad is survived by his son, Terry (Rose) in Lantz and his daughter, Cindy (Cory) in Elmsdale. He was predeceased in 2022 by his wife, Irma.

Edward William married **Itma Germaine McDonald**. Born on 6 Mar 1935. Itma Germaine died on 18 Dec 2022; she was 87.

PREEPER, Irma Germaine – age 87 of Lantz passed away unexpectedly at home on December 18th, 2022. Born in Halifax she was a daughter of the late James F. and Elsie May (Campbell) McDonald. Irma was an active volunteer in her community and was naturally social. She was proud to be a founding member of the Lantz Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and a long standing member of The Order of the Eastern Star. Irma loved gardening, was a superb seamstress and baker. Irma is survived by her husband, Edward "Ned"; son, Terry (Rose); daughter, Cindy (Cory); many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents she is predeceased by siblings, Lloyd, Elva, Helen and Jimmy.

**19. Alton Preeper** (*William John[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 10 Apr 1898 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Alton died in Lantz, NS, on 10 Dec 1970; he was 72. Residence: Nine Mile River, Hants (1931).

Family also included Sheila Newman, Dorothy Perrott, Elwood "Jeep" Preeper, and five children who died in infancy: Doris, Thelma, Leroy, Rita and Aubrey.

On 18 Jan 1921 when Alton was 22, he married **Nora Maude Isenor**. Born in 1897. Nora Maude died in 1987; she was 90.

They had the following children:

i. **Theresa Aileen**. Born on 19 Jun 1922 in Lantz Siding, NS.

Theresa Theil

ii. **Nina Belle**. Born on 14 Jan 1924 in Lantz Siding, NS.

On 6 Nov 1948 when Nina Belle was 24, she married **George Frederick Turner** in Stewiacke, Colchester Co., NS. Born in 1917 in Halifax, NS.

iii. **William Elias**. Born on 30 Jul 1925 in Lantz, NS. William Elias died in Lantz, NS, on 25 May 2018; he was 92.

PREEPER, William "Bill" Elias Age 92, Lantz, passed away with his children by his side on May 25, 2018, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Lantz, he was the son of the late Alton and Nora Maude (Isenor) Preeper.

Bill was an active member of the Milford-Lantz United Church and a member of the choir until very recently. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle, remembered by his family as wise, generous, kind, hardworking and fun. Bill was a proud member of the Canadian Armed Forces Medical Corp. retiring in 1976. Several years after retirement from the forces, he found a second career in real estate and still found time and energy for golf, gardening, fishing, hunting, singing in two choirs and his woodworking hobby. He was a former president of the Elmsdale Legion, Br.#48. He was a gifted athlete in his younger years, having been involved in competitive baseball and hockey. Bill is survived by his wife, Peg; children, Bill (Kathy Wallace), Hampton, NB; Shelley (Allan Young), Nine Mile River; grandchildren, Jamie (Charlene), Benjie (Shawna), Jonathan, Emily and Owen; great grandchildren, Elias and Levi; siblings, Nina Turner, Allan Preeper, Sheila Newman, Dorothy Perrott, Elwood "Jeep" Preeper and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Theresa Theil and five siblings in infancy: Doris, Thelma, Leroy, Rita and Aubrey.

William Elias married **Margaret Fullerton**.

PREEPER, (Fullerton) Margaret "Peg" – age 88, of Enfield, formerly of Lantz, passed away peacefully in The Magnolia Continuing Care Facility, Enfield on September 6 th , 2020. Born in Barrington Passage, she was the daughter of the late Bentley and Bessie (Akerley) Fullerton. A dedicated teacher who adored children, Peg taught for many years in the little green school in Wellington. In her spare time, she enjoyed quilting, reading and giving piano lessons. While moving from province to province due to military postings, Peg and her husband Bill remained active and dedicated members in the United Church, most recently with Milford Lantz United Church. Peg is survived by her children; Bill (Kathy Wallace), Shelley (Allan) Young; grandchildren, James (Charlene), Benjamin (Shawna), Jonathan, Emily, Owen; great grandchildren; Elias, Levi, Joshua, Jaxon; siblings; Charles, Rodney, Richard (Phyllis); sister in law; Nancy; many nieces and nephews. Peg was predeceased by her parents; her loving husband of 65 years, Bill; infant brother, James; brother, Bentley; sister in law, Janet Fullerton.

iv. **George "Allan"**. Born in 1929. George "Allan" died in Lantz, NS, on 9 May 2022; he was 93.

Preeper, George "Allan" – Age 93, of Lantz, passed away May 9, 2022 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Born and raised in Lantz, Allan was a son of Alton and Nora (Isenor) Preeper. He is survived by the love of his life, Lorraine (Hare) Preeper; sons, Barry (Janet), Donnie (Sandra), Laurie (Pauline), Roger (Ellen); grandchildren, Ian, Lindsay, Darren, Mark; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Elwood (Juanita) Preeper; sisters, Sheila (Fred) Newman, Dorthy Parrot; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Bill; sisters, Treasa and Nina; sister-in-law, Peggy; brothers-in-law, Laird and George. Allan worked at Shaw Brick for 46 years as a labourer and machine operator. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and tending to his garden. He also enjoyed bowling, playing and coaching hockey and

softball. Allan had a soft and kind heart and will be forever loved and missed.

George "Allan" married **Lorraine Hare**.

Preeper (Hare), Lorraine - passed away peacefully in The Mira, Truro on February 24, 2024. Born in Dutch Settlement she was a daughter of the late Albert and Dela (Hurshman) Hare. Lorraine devoted her life to taking care of her family. In her spare-time she enjoyed her son's hockey games, fishing, driving the four wheeler, playing cards, quilting and bowling. She loved having friends and family visit especially on Christmas Eve when you were guaranteed lots of good food and a cup of hot tea. She will be missed by her sons, Barry (Janet), Lantz; Donnie (Sandra), Lantz; Laurie (Pauline), Elmsdale; Roger (Ellen), Goffs; grandchildren, Ian, Lindsay, Darren and Mark; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Angel, Betty & Carol. She was predeceased by husband, Allan; brothers, Reg, Louie, Billy, Lionel, Cecil, Laurie; and sisters, Evelyn and Vivian.

**20. Kenneth Cornelius Preeper** (*William John[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 8 Mar 1902 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Kenneth Cornelius died in Halifax, NS, on 7 Sep 1973; he was 71. Buried in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS.

On 24 Apr 1923 when Kenneth Cornelius was 21, he married **Gladys Eileen Isenor** in Stewiacke, Colchester Co., NS. Born in 1906 in Lantz, NS. Gladys Eileen died in 1984; she was 78.

d/o John William and Mary Olivia

They had the following children:

i. **Harold Clarke** (Died as Infant). Born on 31 May 1923 in Lantz Siding, NS. Harold Clarke died on 31 May 1923; he was <1.

ii. **Bernard Thomas** (Died as Infant). Born on 14 Jun 1924 in Lantz Siding, NS. Bernard Thomas died on 22 Jun 1924; he was <1.

iii. **Dora Sylvia**. Born in 1925 in Lantz Siding, NS.

On 27 Oct 1943 when Dora Sylvia was 18, she married **Avery Milton Roy Isenor** in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS. Born in 1920 in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS.

s/o Isaiah Isenor, b. Carrolls Corner, and Adelaide Grono.

iv. **Norma Eileen**. Born in 1928 in Lantz Siding, NS.

On 30 Mar 1948 when Norma Eileen was 20, she married **Ernest A. Mombourquette** in Halifax, NS. Born in 1927 in Ardoise, Hants Co., NS.

v. **Ivan Leroy**. Born on 19 Dec 1929 in Lantz, NS. Ivan Leroy died in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS, on 5 Jun 2016; he was 86. Buried in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS.

Preeper, Ivan Leroy - 86, of Shubenacadie, passed away on June 5th, 2016 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, Nova Scotia. Born in Lantz, NS, he was a son of the late Kenneth Preeper Sr. and Gladys (Isenor) Preeper. Among

his many jobs, he worked in the Elmsdale Boxmill, then as a mechanic, and later an Insurance Appraiser -- all proudly done on a third-grade education. Retired in his final years, he enjoyed hunting with his brother Ken and his boys, fishing, and cultivating his garden. He really loved playing cards with his kids, grandkids, and great grandchildren. He loved his family. In his final days you could find him in the ministry that he believed in as an active Witness of Jehovah, talking to people about his hope of the resurrection. (Revelation 21:4) He is survived by his wife, Angela (Hare); children, David (Wendy), Michael (Angelina), Laura (Barry) Preeper- Butler, Julia (Todd) Preeper- Serblowski, Paul; 17 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren; sister, Floria Preeper Peck; brother, Kenneth Preeper. He was predeceased by his sons, Leonard and Russell.

Ivan Leroy married **Angela Florence Hare**. Born on 8 Jul 1937 in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS. Angela Florence died in Stewiacke, Colchester Co., NS, on 21 Mar 2025; she was 87.

PREEPER Angela Florence – 87, of Stewiacke NS, passed away on March 21, 2025 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro NS. Born in Dutch Settlement on July 8, 1937 the 8 th of 12 children to Albert and Della (Hurshman) Hare. She was predeceased by her husband Ivan Preeper, son Michael and 2 infant sons Leonard and Russell. She is survived by her children David (Wendy) Preeper, Laura (Barry) Butler, Julia (Todd) Serblowski, Paul (Talia) Preeper. 17 Grandchildren, over 20 great grandchildren, and her Sister Betty Isenor; Daughter in law Angelina Preeper. Angela took great pride in homemaking, she loved to bake and always had something fresh in the kitchen. She had a green thumb when it came to plants whether inside or out. As one of Jehovah's Witnesses she spent many hours sharing the hope of a better future to come with others.

vi. **Lois Georgina Olivia**. Born in 1931. Lois Georgina Olivia died in 2011; she was 80.

ISENOR, Lois Georgina Olivia 80, Lantz, passed away peacefully Sunday September 25, 2011 in the Halifax Infirmary Site, QEII. Born in Lantz, she was a daughter of the late Kenneth and Gladys (Isenor) Preeper. She worked for Cara Flight Services at the Halfax International Airport and was a cleaner at the Airport for several years. Lois always looked forward to Saturday night dances in Nine Mile River. She was a wonderful mother and she always put her children first. She will be sadly missed by her children, Richard (Joan) Preeper, Elmsdale; Perry (Dianne McKibbon) Isenor, Dutch Settlement; Tony (Cheryl) Isenor, Elmsdale; Randy (Joanna) Isenor, Antrim; Betty(Kenneth) Handy, Dartmouth; Margaret Hall (John Shipley), Enfield; Darren (Tracey) Preeper, Dutch Settlement; Shawn Preeper (Cindy Elliott), Milford; Eugene Randall Smith, Truro; 25 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; sister Flora Peck, Dutch Settlement; brothers Ivan (Angel) Preeper, Dutch Settlement and Kenneth Preeper, Truro; numerous nieces and nephews and a special niece, Judy Barron who was so kind to her over the years. She was predeceased by a son Wade; common-law-husband Wilfred Preeper; sisters Dora Isenor and Norma Mombourquette, a brother Murray Preeper and 2 infant brothers.

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On 18 Sep 1947 when Lois Georgina Olivia was 16, she first married **Garnet Isenor**, son of **Francis Allen Isenor** (4 Apr 1879-14 Jun 1961) & **Minnie Ann Smith** (3 Apr 1884-15 Apr 1952), in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS. Born on 4 Aug 1924. Garnet died on 13 Aug 2010; he was 86. Buried in St. George's Anglican, Dutch Settlement.

ISENOR, Garnet- 86 Truro, formerly of Dutch Settlement, passed away suddenly Friday August 13, 2010 in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Dutch Settlement, he was a son of the late Frank and Minnie (Smith) Isenor. Garnet worked in the forestry industry all of his life mainly in Nova Scotia but even in Ontario. He is survived by sons Richard (Joan) Preeper, Elmsdale; Perry (Dianne McKibbon) Isenor, Dutch Settlement; Tony (Cheryl) Isenor, Elmsdale; Randy (Joanna) Isenor, Carroll's Corner; 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son Wade; companion Mary Hibbitts; sisters Olive, Ruth, Mae, Myrtle, Nellie and Jean; brothers Earl, Albert, Chester, Charlie, Lew, Lawrence, Lorne and Owen.

Lois Georgina Olivia second married **Wilfred George Preeper**, son of **17. William John Preeper** (12 Jul 1888-20 Nov 1970) & **Elizabeth "Bessie" Dillman** (30 May 1904-1988). Born on 14 Jan 1930. Wilfred George died on 22 Jul 2007; he was 77.

vii. **Flora Joan**. Born in 1932 in Lantz Siding, NS.

On 11 Jun 1949 when Flora Joan was 17, she married **Reginald Lloyd Ashley** in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS. Born in 1926 in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS.

viii. **Murray Dennis**. Born on 2 Feb 1934. Murray Dennis died on 16 Apr 1998; he was 64. Buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Musquodoboit.

Children: Betty June, Dennis, Victor (Byron Jennings)

Murray Dennis married **Elizabeth Jane Andrews**. Born on 2 Jun 1936 in Dean Settlement, NS. Elizabeth Jane died on 15 Mar 2008; she was 71.

d/o Charles R. Andrews and Mary McKenzie Parker

ix. **Kenneth Neil**. Born in 1938 in Lantz, NS. Kenneth Neil died in Valley, Col. Co., NS, on 27 Jan 2019; he was 81.

Preeper, Kenneth Neil, 81 –Valley, passed away peacefully in the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow surrounded by his family on January 27, 2019. Born in Lantz, he was the last surviving child of the late Kenneth Preeper Sr. and Gladys (Isenor) Preeper. He is survived by his wife, Leona Logan, Sheet Harbour and beloved son, Wayne (Michelle), Truro. Ken was predeceased by his daughter, Cindy; son, Kenny; sisters, Dora, Norma, Lois and Flora; brothers, Ivan, Murray and two brothers in infancy. An avid hunter, fisherman and antique car

enthusiast, he enjoyed his time tinkering on his old cars or scouting the woods with his son, Wayne.

**21. Austin Herbert Preeper** (*William John[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 3 May 1905 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Austin Herbert died in Dartmouth, NS, on 24 Feb 1970; he was 64. Buried in Mount Hermon Cemetery, Dartmouth.

Austin Herbert married **Marjorie Geraldine Burns**. Born in Halifax, NS.

They had one child:

i. **William George**. Born on 22 Jun 1947. William George died on 7 Aug 2020; he was 73.

PREEPER, William (Bill, Henry, Pup) George- Age 73 of Eastern Passage, it is with great sorrow we announce Bill's sudden passing on August 7, 2020 at the Dartmouth General Hospital. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Austin Preeper and Marjorie Fills. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Carol Minerva Preeper (nee Conrad); children, Sandra (Darren), Kevin (Carla) and Jeff (Kelly); grandchildren, Sacha (Ryan) and Shayna (Ryan); great grandchildren Will, Kyran and Cali; siblings, Jim (Sandra), Eric, Richard (Joan), Marlene (Doug), Georgie, Donnie and Bobby (Diana). He was predeceased by sister, Fran, granddaughter, Hannah in infancy. Bills first love was baseball and he spent many years on many ballfields. He was an avid Blue Jays and Maple Leaf's fan. His later years he spent in his beloved shed tinkering on one project or another or just having a warm beer with his countless friends. His woodwork can be found all over Nova Scotia. He looked forward to his daily calls or visits from his wonderful friend Mugsy, aka Troy Osborne.

**22. Walter James Preeper** (*William John[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 14 Feb 1910 in Devon, Halifax Co., NS. Walter James died in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS, on 14 Oct 1985; he was 75.

On 2 Jul 1931 when Walter James was 21, he first married **Martha Jennie Sanford**, daughter of **Edgar William Sanford** (1883-) & **Nellie Hazel Moore** (16 Apr 1893-18 Feb 1956), in Elderbank, Hfx. Co., NS. Born on 27 Oct 1914 in Antrim, Halifax Co., NS. Martha Jennie died in Williams Lake, BC, on 19 Oct 1995; she was 80. Buried in St. Paul's, Antrim. They were divorced.

A son Edgar with Walter Preeper. Also another son "Jack".

They had one child:

i. **Lorne Avery**. Born in 1939 in Lake Egmont, Hfx. Co., NS. Lorne Avery died in Liverpool, Queens Co., NS, on 31 Oct 2006; he was 67. Buried in St. Pauls, Antrim, NS.

Obituary from The Chronicle-Herald (Halifax, Nova Scotia), 1 November 2006: PREEPER, Lorne Avery - 67, South Brookfield, Queens Co., passed away peacefully October 31, 2006, in Queens General Hospital, Liverpool, surrounded by his family. Born in Lake Egmont, he was the son of the late Steve and Martha

(Sanford) Dillman. He lived and worked in Williams Lake, B.C., for 26 years before retiring to Nova Scotia. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of North Queens Ground Search and Rescue for 20 years. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, the former Violet (Bezanson); stepsons, David (Debbie Murley) Bezanson and Ashley (Roseann) Bezanson, both of South Brookfield; stepdaughters, Brenda Lowe, South Brookfield; Sandra (Ronald) McMullin, Shubenacadie, and Donna (Francis) Boucher, Dartmouth; 14 stepgrandchildren and 12 step great-grandchildren; sister, Hazel (Lionel) Hare, 150 Mile House Lake, B.C; brothers, Edgar (Hilda), Williams Lake, B.C., and Jack (Beth), Shediac, N.B., and several nieces and nephews.

Lorne Avery married **Violet Caroline Bezanson**. Born on 22 Jul 1935. Violet Caroline died on 17 Jun 2013; she was 77.

PREEPER, Violet Caroline, - 77, South Brookfield, Queens County, passed away peacefully at home on June 17, 2013, surrounded by her family. Born in New Chester, July 22, 1935, she was a daughter of the late Elbridge and Drucella (McKinley) Bezanson. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. She really liked planting flowers and watching them grow. She enjoyed listening to the country classics every Saturday evening on the radio. She was happiest when she was surrounded by her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is survived by her daughters Brenda Lowe, South Brookfield; Sandra (Ronald) McMullin, Milford; Donna (Francis) Boucher, Dartmouth; sons David (Debbie Murley) Bezanson, South Brookfield; Ashley (Roseann) Bezanson, South Brookfield; 16 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; sisters Judy (Ken) Ferris, Porters Lake; Bonnie Bezanson, Porters Lake; Jeanie Bezanson, Lake Echo; Susie (Terry) Charmichel, Eastern Passage; brother Calvin, New Chester. She was predeceased by her husband Lorne Preeper, her former husband Chesley Bezanson, brothers Norman, Harold, Jimmy and a brother in infancy, sister Bertha Nauffts, son-in-law Allen Lowe and twin great-grandsons in infancy.

On 7 May 1945 when Walter James was 35, he second married **Evelyn Aileen Hare** in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS. Born in 1922 in Dutch Settlement, Halifax Co., NS.

## Family of William Chandler Preeper (14) & Matilda McDonald

**23. Harriet (Hattie) Rebecca Preeper** (*William Chandler[3], Robert F.[2], John William[1]*). Born on 8 Feb 1876 in Boston, Mass. Harriet (Hattie) Rebecca died in Manchester, Hillsborough, NH, on 23 Aug 1951; she was 75.

Daughter of William Preeper and Matilda Mcdonald

1920 US census Strafford, NH Wright Harriette R. 39 widowed b. Mass father b. Nova Scotia Wesley O. son 14 b. Maine Isley son 9 b. NH.

On 11 Oct 1899 when Harriet (Hattie) Rebecca was 23, she married **Albert Wellesley Wright**, son of **Arthur Wellesley Wright** (1 Sep 1848-31 Mar 1922) & **Emma Marriett** (Jun 1848-28 Jan 1885), in Acton, York, Maine. Born on 15 Jun 1874 in Virginia, Anna. Co., NS. Albert Wellesley died in Acton, York, Maine, on 25 Jun 1912; he was 38. Buried in Milton Mills, Strafford, NH.

They had the following children:

i. **Wesley O.** Born on 29 Aug 1905 in Acton, York, Maine.

1930 US census Groveland, MA Wright Wesley O. 24 b. Maine, Ruth E. wife 20 Barbara A. daughter 0.
1940 US census Groveland, MA Wright Wesley 34 b. Maine, Ruth E. wife 30 Barbara A. 10 Janet 8 Nancy 6 Beverly 3 Albert 0.
1950 US census Groveland, MA Wright Wesley 44 b. Maine, Ruth E. wife 40 Barbara A. 20 Janet E. 18 Nancy C. 16 Beverly A. 13 Albert W. 10.

Riverview Cemetery, Groveland, Essex, Mass. Wright Wesley 1905-1960 Ruth E (Morrison) 1909-1996. Albert W. 1940-1982.

Janet Edith Rowsam, age 88, of Madison, passed away on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020 at Capitol Lakes Health Care Center. She was born on Feb. 12, 1932, in Groveland, Mass., the daughter of Wesley and Ruth (Morrison) Wright. Janet graduated from Groveland High School in Groveland, Mass. and the Anna Jaques School of Nursing in Newburyport, Mass. While working as a licensed practical nurse at Fort Bragg, N.C., she met her future husband James Rowsam, who was returning from military service in Korea. They married on June 29, 1952 and enjoyed over 50 years together. Janet worked for 22 years at Sears retiring as the Parts Manager. She took an active interest in her children's school activities. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and a Brownie Leader. She volunteered at the food pantry and helped with blood drives at Bashford United Methodist Church where she was a member. She had many lasting friendships, some going back to 1958 when a group of neighborhood ladies organized a monthly card club. Janet was an avid NASCAR fan. Crossword puzzles, gardening and taking care of her home were also things she enjoyed. Janet is survived by daughter, Jayne (Anita Kichefski) Rowsam; two sons, Jeff (Wendy) Rowsam and Jon (Kay) Rowsam; two sisters, Nancy Mello and Beverly Pitcher; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Rowsam; her parents; sister, Barbara (Keith) Danforth; brother, Albert Wright; and brothers-in-law, Joseph Mello and Herb Pitcher.

Albert Wesley Wright, b. 1 Apr 1940 s/o Wesley Wright and Ruth Morrison, d. Jan 1982, USSSDI.

ii. **Isley**. Born in 1911.

# Fifth Generation

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**Family of Thomas William Preeper (15) & Isabel Elizabeth MacDonald**

**24. John William Preeper** (*Thomas William[4], John Alexander[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 5 Jun 1883 in Dartmouth, NS. John William died in Halifax, NS, on 31 Aug 1942; he was 59.

On 2 Jun 1908 when John William was 24, he married **Gertrude Grace Keefe** in Halifax, NS. Born on 21 Nov 1880 in Halifax, NS. Gertrude Grace died in Halifax, NS, on 29 Sep 1967; she was 86.

They had the following children:

i. **Kathleen Isabel**. Born on 30 Apr 1909 in Halifax, NS. Kathleen Isabel died in Halifax, NS, in 1975; she was 65.

ii. **Evelyn Gertrude Mary**. Born on 4 Oct 1910 in Halifax, NS. Evelyn Gertrude Mary died in Halifax, NS, on 23 Apr 1995; she was 84.

On 12 Jan 1938 when Evelyn Gertrude Mary was 27, she married **John Frederick Romans** in Halifax, NS. Born in 1911 in Glace Bay, Cape Breton, NS. John Frederick died in Halifax, NS, in 1996; he was 85.

iii. **Howard**. Born in 1916 in Halifax, NS.

On 2 Apr 1937 when Howard was 21, he married **Carol Broeklebank** in Halifax, NS. Born in 1916 in Halifax, NS.

s/o William Broeklebank, b. England (NSHVS Marriages)

**25. Thomas "Harry" Preeper** (*Thomas William[4], John Alexander[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 19 Apr 1884 in Dartmouth, NS. Thomas "Harry" died in Dartmouth, NS, on 6 Jun 1955; he was 71.

Widow when he married Mary Meaden.

On 6 Nov 1918 when Thomas "Harry" was 34, he first married **Genevieve Mary Burke** in Halifax, NS. Born on 6 Feb 1889 in Newfoundland. Genevieve Mary died in Dartmouth, NS, on 29 Oct 1927; she was 38.

They had the following children:

i. **Veronica ("Vera") Catherine**. Born on 22 Sep 1919 in Dartmouth, NS. Veronica ("Vera") Catherine died in Dartmouth, NS, on 12 Aug 2001; she was 81.

On 19 Jun 1943 when Veronica ("Vera") Catherine was 23, she married **John Vincent ("Jack") De Van** in Dartmouth, NS. Born in 1918 in Dartmouth, NS.

ii. **Florence Isabel**. Born on 31 Oct 1920 in Dartmouth, NS. Florence Isabel died on 27 Apr 2002; she was 81.

iii. **Zona Carmencita**. Born on 31 Oct 1926. Zona Carmencita died on 22 Jan 2013;

she was 86.

PREEPER , Zona age 86 years of Dartmouth pasased away peacefully January 22, 2013 at Parkland Nursing Home in Halifax . Born in Dartmouth she was a daughter of the late Harry & Genevieve ( Burke ) Preeper. She was employed until retirement with the N.S. Registry of Motor Vehicles.

On 17 May 1937 when Thomas "Harry" was 53, he second married **Mary "Mae" Meaden**. Born in 1895 in Dartmouth, NS.

**26. Edwin "Angus" Preeper** (*Thomas William[4], John Alexander[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 13 Feb 1893 in Dartmouth, NS. Edwin "Angus" died on 10 Apr 1976; he was 83.

On 9 Nov 1914 when Edwin "Angus" was 21, he married **Violet Rita Hutt** in Dartmouth, NS. Born on 23 Dec 1894 in Dartmouth, NS. Violet Rita died in Dartmouth, NS, on 10 Apr 1967; she was 72.

They had the following children:

**31** i. **Wilfred James** (29 Mar 1915-22 Oct 1981)

**32** ii. **Gerald Thomas "Bub"** (6 Oct 1916-10 Jul 1990)

iii. **Ronald Joseph**. Born on 2 Apr 1918 in Dartmouth, NS. Ronald Joseph died in San Ramon, Contra Costa, CA, on 17 Jul 2002; he was 84.

On 26 Aug 1944 when Ronald Joseph was 26, he married **Madonna Gaulton** in Woodside, Halifax Co., NS. Born in 1924. Madonna died in 2001; she was 77.

**33** iv. **Clyde Edwin Leo** (22 Aug 1919-27 Oct 1985)

v. **Romaine Mary** (Died as Infant). Born on 25 Oct 1921 in Dartmouth, NS. Romaine Mary died in 1921; she was <1.

vi. **Marie Margaret**. Born on 20 Jun 1927 in Dartmouth, NS. Marie Margaret died in Dartmouth, NS, on 13 Mar 2003; she was 75.

On 15 Nov 1948 when Marie Margaret was 21, she married **Michael Patrick White** in Woodside, Halifax Co., NS. Born in 1923 in Woodside, Halifax Co., NS.

s/o Stephen White and Mabel Colbert

vii. **William Joseph "Bill"**. Born on 21 Jan 1930 in Dartmouth, NS. William Joseph "Bill" died on 7 Sep 2003; he was 73.

This may be the correct Bill Preeper:

It is with great sadness that the family of Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Preeper (Bellefontaine) announces her peaceful passing on April 15th, 2024, at the Dartmouth General Hospital. Mom was born, October 1st, 1932 to Jack & Yvonne (Cormier) Bellefontaine of Woodside. She was 1 of 9 children of which there are now only two, Johnny (Joan), Geraldine (Doug). Mom was also predeceased by the LOVE OF HER LIFE of 50 years, Billy Preeper and her son John. She is survived by and will be sorely missed by her children Louise,

Stephen (Cindy) , Iris , Ann (Ross) and honorary sixth child , Mary, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved with all her heart. Mom worked 29 years at K mart ,Tacoma Drive, Dartmouth, where she was lucky enough to make many lifelong friendships( to know her was to love her). In later years she became involved with the Legion, Red Hatter's, bowling, darts and camping much of which she did with her dear friend Hank. She made many new friends and wonderful memories through these activities.

viii. **James** (Died as Infant). Born in 1936. James died in 1936; he was <1.

**27. Clifford Leo Preeper** (*Thomas William[4], John Alexander[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 8 Oct 1897 in Dartmouth, NS. Clifford Leo died in Lake Echo, Halifax Co., on 24 Apr 1965; he was 67.

On 28 Sep 1922 when Clifford Leo was 24, he married **Eileen Mary Blank** in Dartmouth, NS. Born on 24 Feb 1902 in Dartmouth, NS.

They had the following children:

i. **Lyle**. Born on 20 Feb 1924 in Dartmouth, NS. Lyle died in Lake Echo, Halifax Co., on 29 Jul 1993; he was 69.

ii. **Clifford Leo**. Born on 9 Nov 1927 in Dartmouth, NS. Clifford Leo died in Lake Echo, Halifax Co., on 22 May 1965; he was 37. He was never married.

## Family of William John Preeper (17) & Elizabeth "Bessie" Dillman

**28. Beldon Eugene Preeper** (*William John[4], William John[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 31 Jan 1922 in Guysborough Road, Halifax Co., NS. Beldon Eugene died in Lantz, NS, in May 1977; he was 55.

See also #48884.

On 13 Mar 1943 when Beldon Eugene was 21, he first married **Greta Ivilla Rhoddy**, daughter of **Elvin William Rhoddy** (11 Jul 1900-26 Mar 1984) & **Frelove Tufts** (1905-1971), in Elmsdale, Hants Co., NS. Born on 21 Oct 1927 in Simpson's Corner, Lunenburg Co. Greta Ivilla died on 1 May 2000; she was 72. Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Simpsons Corner.

Spinster age 16, residence Lantz Siding, when she married Beldon Preeper. She was also married to Duncan Byng, from her father's obituary (1984).

BYNG, Greta Ivilla - 72, Stanburne, Lunenburg Co., died May 1, 2000, in Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Annapolis Co. Born 21 Oct 1927 in Simpson's Corner, Lunenburg Co. She was the daughter of the late Elvin Rhoddy and the late Frelove (Tufts) Rhoddy. She worked in the flight kitchen at the Halifax Airport, Mount Saint Vincent University and later Dalhousie University as a cleaning supervisor. Surviving are daughters, **Frelove Devison, Halifax**; Geraldine Howie, Victoria Harbour; sons, **Don, P.E.I.**; Kenneth, Fall River; sisters, Vinola Drew, Stanburne; Mary Fancy, Enfield; brothers, Primrose, Enfield; Elvin, Halifax; Emery, Enfield; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, **Gerald Howie**; infant son, Franklin; sisters, Esther, Lillian in infancy.

Geraldine and Ken are children of Gerald Howie, from his obituary. Frelove Devison must be a daughter of Beldon Preeper. There is a Don Byng in PEI.

In loving memory of my loving son, Morris William Byng, 18 Mar 1955 - 14 Apr 1992 (aged 37), Hillside Cemetery, Simpsons Corner, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, Canada. Emery Rhoddy's obituary (2018) says he was predeceased by sister Greta Byng and nephew Morris Byng, but Greta's obituary does not mention Morris.

Beldon Eugene second married **June Alberta Hull**. Born on 16 Jun 1929 in Truro, NS. June Alberta died in Lantz, NS, on 17 Aug 1973; she was 44. Buried in Lake Egmont United Cemetery.

d/o Victor Hull and Rachel Langille. Beldon Preeper, Lantz, informant (NSHVS Deaths)

They had one child:

i. **Eugene Randall Smith** (Adopted). Born on 11 Nov 1965. Eugene Randall died on 10 May 2025; he was 59.

Smith, Eugene Randall 59 of Alma, NS formally of Lantz Siding N.S. Passed on May 10th, 2025, at Aberdeen Hospital in New Glasgow after a hard battle of Esophageal Cancer. Eugene is survived by his children and Grandchildren. Randall Smith; Children, Oliver, Ember-Rose, Weston and Penelope of Elliot Lake, Ont. Nicholas Smith (Megan); Children, Savanna, Brylee, and Mackenzie of Stellarton, NS. Jeff Kennedy (Jenna); Child; Naleah of Chester, NS. He was Predeceased by his **adoptive parents Beldon and June Preeper**; his foster parents Wilfred and Lois; and his biological parents; Allan Rogers and Estella Smith-Rogers. Eugene has many "brothers and sisters" from these three families that helped shaped his life; all of whom he loved dearly and spoke highly of. He spent a majority of his career working in Lumber Mills, starting at ELCO, Elmsdale N.S and finishing at Groupe Savoy in Westville, NS. He especially enjoyed fishing among his other hobbies including taking pictures, hiking and going on road trips. Eugene made many friends in his short life and was also known as Malcolm (his ears) or Willie (his one eye).

See #37768

**29. Hazel Irene Preeper** (*William John[4], William John[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 3 May 1926 in Lantz, NS. Hazel Irene died on 6 Apr 1984; she was 57. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

On 2 Dec 1943 when Hazel Irene was 17, she married **Lester Kenneth Dillman**, son of **Kenneth Henley Dillman** (20 Oct 1877-3 Aug 1954) & **Minnie Edith McMullin** (18 Sep 1890-12 Apr 1940), in Milford Station, Hants Co., NS. Born on 3 Sep 1914 in Antrim, Halifax Co., NS. Lester Kenneth died in 1984; he was 69. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Family also includes daughter Ruth (Tom) Hatton of Truro, and sons Clarence, Jim and Gary Dillman all of Carrols Corner.

They had the following children:

i. **Shirley Irene**. Born on 3 Nov 1946 in Carrolls Corner, NS. Shirley Irene died in Middleton, NS, on 8 Jun 2022; she was 75.

Crocker (Dillman), Shirley Irene - It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts we announce the passing of a dear mom, sister, grandmother and friend to all. Shirley Dillman, aged 75 of Middleton , Nova Scotia, passed away at the Soldiers Memorial Hospital on June, 8, 2022 after a long and valiant battle. Born in Carrolls Corner, Nova Scotia on Nov, 3, 1946, she was the daughter of Lester and Hazel Dillman (Preeper). Shirley was in her life always a mother first. Her 3 children were the most meaningful and important work of her life. She gave all, asked for nothing in return, loved completely and unconditionally and was ever consistent in her support and respect. In her years of employment, Shirley was a marvel of skill working various jobs from retail work to caring for the elderly. She had many talents/hobbies personally which included cooking, baking, sewing, puzzles, poetry, and her infectious and entertaining humor for all manner of subject matter. How she did enjoy making others laugh. She is survived by sons Steve Crocker (Darlene) of Ontario, Chris Crocker (Annette) of Middleton, and daughter Jo-Anne Jesso (Eddie) of Halifax. Sister Ruth Hatton of Truro, brothers Clarence, Jim and Gary Dillman all of Carrols Corner. Grandchildren Jessica Bailey of Dartmouth, Sarah .C. Jesso of Halifax, Jason, Anniah and Presley Crocker all of Middleton. Many nieces and nephews. Shirley was predeceased by her parents Lester and Hazel Dillman, infant sister Ethel, and brothers Beldon and John Dillman.

ii. **John Lewis**. Born in 1949 in Carrolls Corner, Nova Scotia. John Lewis died in Lantz, NS, on 15 Dec 2013; he was 64.

DILLMAN, John Lewis, 64- Lantz, passed away suddenly December 15, 2013 at home. Born in Carroll's Corner, he was a son of the late Lester and Hazel (Preeper) Dillman. He was employed with Parks & Grounds for the city of Halifax for over thirteen years. He loved hunting and fishing and his grandchildren. He enjoyed horses and gardening. He is survived by his wife Beverly (Ettinger); son, Bobbylee (Dorothy); daughter Rubyann, 7 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter; brothers, Clarence, Jimmy and Henry; sisters Ruth Hatton and Shirley (Lionel) Crocker. He was predeceased by daughter, Pamela Jean, sister, Ethel, brother, Beldon and niece, Amanda. Visitation will be 6-8pm Wednesday in Ettinger Funeral Home, 2812 Highway 2, Shubenacadie, from where a funeral service will be held 2pm Thursday, Lori Crocker DM officiating. Spring interment will be in Gays River Cemetery.

John Lewis married **Beverly Ettinger**.

**Dillman, Beverly Ann** – age 73, of Lantz, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2024 in Wynn Park Villa, Truro. Born in Noranda, Quebec, she was a daughter of the late Basil and Ruby (Parsons) Ettinger. Beverly was a strong, independent woman who had a unique sense of humor and loved playing jokes. She was a devoted family person and everyone knew that she was there for them. She enjoyed cooking, baking, family gatherings and spending time with her grandchildren. Beverly had a wonderful organization of her money and could

make the dollar count. She will always be loved and missed by son, Bobby (Dorothy), Pictou County; daughter, Ruby Ann (Kenny), Antrim; grandchildren, Jolynn (Jimmy), Alex (Jenna), Leanna (Mitchell), John Allen (Sky), Bridget, Cameron (Roisin), Amanda (Cody); great-grandchildren, Aralyn, Blaire, Johnnie, Anthony, Emma Jean, Wesley, Andon, Vander, Emerson, Logan; siblings, David Parsons, Minesville; Francis Halvorsen (Richard), Lake Echo; Doug Ettinger (Norma), Mississauga; Betty Jonah, Halifax; Jeannette Ettinger (Danny), Verdun; Jim Ettinger (Sue), Red Deer; Joyce Otto (Cliff), Upper Sackville; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John; daughter, Pamela; sister-in-law, Margaret; brother-in-law, Jon.

iii. **Ethel Hazel** (Died as Infant). Born on 4 Oct 1950. Ethel Hazel died in Carrolls Corner, NS, on 10 Nov 1950; she was <1.

iv. **Beldon Ross**. Born on 20 Jul 1956 in Lantz, NS. Beldon Ross died in Carrolls Corner, Nova Scotia, on 19 Aug 2013; he was 57. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

DILLMAN, Beldon Ross -57, Carrolls Corner, passed away in the Musquodoboit Valley Memorial Hospital, Middle Musquodoboit on August 19, 2013. Born July 20, 1956 in Lantz, he was a son of the late Lester and Hazel (Preeper) Dillman. Beldon enjoyed hunting, fishing and stock car racing. He dearly loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Brenda, son Jamie (Kristen), Carrolls Corner; grandchildren Abbie and Izick; sisters Ruth and Shirley (Lionel), both of Brookfield; brothers Clarence, Carrolls Corner; Johnny (Bev), Lantz; James and Gary both of Carrolls Corner. He was predeceased by a daughter Amanda. Interment in the Gays River Cemetery.

**30. Gordon Maynard Preeper** (*William John[4], William John[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 4 Feb 1934 in Ardoise, Hants Co., NS. Gordon Maynard died in Stewiacke East, Col. Co., NS, on 30 Dec 1973; he was 39. Buried in Antrim, Halifax Co., NS.

Jean (White) Preeper, wife, informant (NSHVS Deaths)

Gordon Maynard married **Jean White**.

According to son Robert's obituary, he was predeceased by step-father Beldon Preeper (#39944?) and survived by step-brother Eugene and step-father Sherman Boutilier.

They had the following children:

i. **Martha Darlene**. Born in 1964. Martha Darlene died on 31 Dec 2022; she was 58.

Savoy, Martha Darlene – It is with great sorrow to announce the passing of my beautiful wife, Martha Darlene Savoy, following a hard-fought battle with cancer for the past two years. Martha passed away on December 31, 2022, at the age of 58, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. She is survived by her husband, Terry Savoy; mother Jean (White) Preeper; sisters, Donna, Catherine and Shelly; brothers, James and Eugene; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father, Gordon Preeper and brother, Robert. Martha

loved music and karaoke.

ii. **Robert Gordon**. Born in 1964. Robert Gordon died in Truro, NS, on 14 Aug 2014; he was 50. Buried in Nuttall Hill, Lake Egmont.

Preeper, Robert Gordon – Age 50, Truro, passed away August 14, 2014 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, he was a son of Jean (White) Preeper and the late Gordon Preeper. All who knew him were aware of his sense of humour, his love of fishing and old-time music, as well as his pride in his children and grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his wife, the former Tracey Burgess; son, Matthew; stepdaughters, Samantha and Jessica; four grandchildren; stepfather, Sherman Boutilier; sisters, Donna (Billy), Catherine (Kenny), Martha (Terry), Shelly; brother, James (Tara); stepbrother, Eugene. Besides his father, he was predeceased by stepfather, Beldon Preeper.

Robert Gordon married **Tracey Leah Dawn Burgess**, daughter of **David Lee Burgess** (16 Feb 1949-17 Jun 2008). Born in 1969. Tracey Leah Dawn died in Truro, NS, on 18 May 2026; she was 57.

Preeper, Tracey Leah Dawn – age 57, of Truro, passed away peacefully in Colchester East Hants Health Centre on May 18, 2026 with family by her side. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late David and Marina (Higgins) Burgess. Tracey was passionate about loving the people close to her and this shone through the brightest with her grandchildren. Her favorite go to place was Folly Lake with an ice capp in her hand. This was where she felt most at home and most free. She was never alone in mischief, her best friend and partner in crime, Natalie, was her chosen sister and together they shared a bond of laughter, secrets and the kind of friendship most people only dream of. Tracey will always be loved and missed by daughter, Jessica (Robert); son. Mathew; bonus daughters, Rebekah (Dustin), Toni (Janelle); grandchildren, Haylie, Winter, Hannah, Ryland, Brayden, Robert, Millie, Kane, Ryker, Parker-Mae; brother, Michael; sister, Shelley. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert; daughter, Samantha; and special aunt, Susan “Duckie”.

# Sixth Generation

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**Family of Edwin "Angus" Preeper (26) & Violet Rita Hutt**

**31. Wilfred James Preeper** (*Edwin "Angus"[5], Thomas William[4], John Alexander[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 29 Mar 1915 in Dartmouth, NS. Wilfred James died in South Bar, Cape Breton, on 22 Oct 1981; he was 66.

On 12 Mar 1934 when Wilfred James was 18, he first married **Gertrude Clarke Bowie** in Woodside, Kings Co., NS. Born in 1916 in Dartmouth, NS.

d/o James Bowie, b. Scotland

They had one child:

i. **Edwin James**. Born on 30 Sep 1934. Edwin James died on 30 Jul 2011; he was 76.

> Preeper, Edwin James - Our family mourn the passing of Ed Preeper age 76, at the QEII hospital on July 30, 2011. Born in Dartmouth he was the son of the Late Wilfred and Gertrude (Kidd) Preeper. Ed retired from the Dockyard as Group Foreman. He enjoyed many hobbies: painting, model trains, bowling and spent many years involved in Minor Hockey.He is survived by his wife Gloria and his two sons; Stephen and Philip both of Dartmouth. Two sisters: Joan Hennebury, Eastern Passage, Betty Martincic, Ontario. Two brothers: Bob (Joyce) Ontario, Tom (Lynn) Dartmouth. Grandchild Jessica Preeper (Dave). Great-grandchildren: Kara and Hailey. Great step-children: Rachael (Ben) Mosher and Kaleigh Fitch. Step-Great grandchildren: Keauna, Elisabeth, Emma and Evangeline.

Wilfred James second married **Marion Elizabeth Quinn**. Born in 1925. Marion Elizabeth died in 1994; she was 69.

They had one child:

i. **Shirley Elizabeth**.

**32. Gerald Thomas "Bub" Preeper** (*Edwin "Angus"[5], Thomas William[4], John Alexander[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 6 Oct 1916 in Dartmouth, NS. Gerald Thomas "Bub" died in Dartmouth, NS, on 10 Jul 1990; he was 73.

On 3 Feb 1940 when Gerald Thomas "Bub" was 23, he first married **Rae Ivie Mitchell** in Dartmouth, NS. Born in 1921 in Dartmouth, NS.

d/o George Mitchell, b. Jeddore, and Adelaide Smith (NSHVS Marriages)

They had the following children:

i. **Anita Louise**. Born on 9 Apr 1940. Anita Louise died on 24 Mar 2021; she was 80. Buried in Preeper Hill, Shubenacadie, NS.

Anita Louise Preeper Davis (findagrave). She is the mother of Roxanne Davis.

ii. **Mary Geraldine**. Born in 1941 in Dartmouth, NS. Mary Geraldine died in Vaughan Twp., York Co., Ont., on 11 Jul 2000; she was 59.

Gerald Thomas "Bub" second married **Marjorie Catherine Dobson**. Born in 1921. Marjorie Catherine died in 2004; she was 83.

**33. Clyde Edwin Leo Preeper** (*Edwin "Angus"[5], Thomas William[4], John Alexander[3], William John[2], John William[1]*). Born on 22 Aug 1919 in Dartmouth, NS. Clyde Edwin Leo died in Lower Sackville, NS, on 27 Oct 1985; he was 66.

On 21 Apr 1942 when Clyde Edwin Leo was 22, he married **Constance Marjorie Moore** in Dartmouth, NS. Born in 1922 in Halifax, NS. Constance Marjorie died in Chester, Lunenburg Co., NS, on 5 Dec 1992; she was 70. Buried in Dartmouth Memorial Gardens.

Constance M. Preeper, 70, Martin's Point, died December 5, 1992, at Chester Basin. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late J. Gordon and Marjorie (Marks) Moore. She is survived by two sons, David, Dartmouth; Bruce, Martin's Point, two sisters, Gwen (Mrs. Harry Warner), Bridgewater; Joyce, Dartmouth; two grandchildren.

They had the following children:

i. **David Clyde**. Born on 7 Jun 1943 in Halifax, NS. David Clyde died in Halifax, NS, on 27 May 2022; he was 78.

Preeper, David Clyde 78, of Dartmouth. It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of David Clyde Preeper at the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, surrounded by family on May 27, 2022. Born in Halifax to the late Clyde and Constance (Moore) Preeper, David will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Judith (Daye) Preeper; loving daughter and son, Tracey (Colin Aitken) and Leonard (Wendy Williams); brother Bruce of Chester; grandsons, Nicholas and Zachary and step-grandchildren Anthony and Amy all of whom he loved very much. David started his career at the Nova Scotia Hospital and then shifted his career focus to working at the Imperial Oil Refinery in Woodside. Once David moved to shift work at the refinery he studied and obtained his Registered Industrial Accountant designation. He retired as controller at the Imperial Oil Refinery. David loved sports. Whether it be playing ball with the Esso Bees or Assistant Coach with the Caledonia and Dartmouth United Soccer Associations, he thoroughly enjoyed the friendships he made by playing and coaching baseball and soccer. An avid fan of the Toronto Blue Jays, the Toronto Raptors, the Montreal Expos and the Chicago Blackhawks, he sought score updates up until the day he passed away.

David Clyde married **Judith Daye**.

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Judith Pauline Preeper, a much-loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and friend who left us on June 1, 2025. She will be lovingly remembered by her loving daughter and

son, Tracey (Colin Aitken) and Leonard (Wendy Williams), grandsons Nicholas and Zachary and step-grandchildren Anthony and Amy, all of whom she loved very much. Judith was predeceased by her loving husband David in May 2022. Mom spent many years making a difference in the lives of her children. She not only supported them in their many activities as they grew up, but she also volunteered for these activities, making a difference for others. From volunteering in the school library, being an active Home and School member or volunteering for the Caledonia Soccer and Dartmouth United Soccer Clubs, she gave of herself and in return, cultivated many friendships that have remained for over 50 years. A heartfelt thank you and much love to some of these special friends – Carole, Dora, Ginnie, and Joan, all of whom had a special place in Mom's heart. In Mom's spare time, she enjoyed reading, loved doing crafts with her friends, and followed politics, world events and the stock market. Mom also loved all animals. While she exhibited kindness to all creatures, her absolute favourite were cats. We cannot remember a time growing up when there was not a cat ruling our home. Despite many health issues throughout the years, the fabric of Mom's life was woven with strength, resiliency, kindness, and good humour. The example she has set will be forever etched in our hearts and minds as we continue to navigate life without her.

ii. **Bruce John**. Born on 5 Nov 1944 in Tufts Cove, NS. Bruce John died in Bridgewater, NS, on 15 Mar 2024; he was 79.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Bruce John Preeper, Q. C. on Friday March 15th, 2024 at the South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. He was born to the late Clyde Leo Preeper and Constance Margery Preeper (Moore), Nov. 05, 1944, at Tufts's Cove, Halifax County, Nova Scotia. Bruce graduated from Dartmouth High School (Honours) in 1963 and received a B. Comm (Honours) in 1966. He graduated from Dalhousie Law in 1969. Bruce received his Queen's Counsel in 1986 which is awarded to members of the legal profession to recognize merit and outstanding contributions to the legal community. He was a member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society from 1970 - 2015. He practiced law in Dartmouth, Halifax, Western Shore and Marriott's Cove, all in Nova Scotia. Bruce was a Life Member and Past President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Western Shore Branch # 144. Bruce was survived by his sister-in-law Judy Preeper, Dartmouth N.S.; his niece and nephew Tracey and Leonard; two great nephews and Mary Anne Russell, New Ross N.S. who worked with Bruce for over 30 years and continued to cherish their friendship for years after. Those who had the pleasure of meeting Bruce, would know that Bruce had a heart of gold and was very community-oriented and never hesitated to help others. As an intellect, Bruce would religiously read the daily newspaper, was a collector of many sorts of items and had a passion for knowledge. Bruce had the innate ability to converse with folks from various walks of life who bore witness to his wit and dry humor.

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