The Tays Family of

Stewiacke and Shubenacadie,

Nova Scotia

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Preface

John Tays emigrated from Ireland to Nova Scotia in the 1820s. He married Jane Ellis and they settled in Stewiacke. Most of his family scattered from Nova Scotia to Western US and Mexico. His brother Joseph followed in the 1830s. He married Sarah Rankin and they also settled in Stewiacke. Joseph and his family mainly farmed the land of Nova Scotia.
I have reviewed all of the Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics and censuses from 1871-1931 and included all of the data here. I also borrowed heavily from work done 40 years ago by Shirley Patterson Joy, as referenced below.
Index, Page 41.
Any errors or additions are always welcome! Please contact me.

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First Generation

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1. Joseph Tays.

Joseph Tays is the first known member of the Tays family of Nova Scotia. He was probably born and lived in County Antrim, Ireland - never coming to Nova Scotia. He likely was of Scots-Irish origin. His dates are not known but he was probably born between 1750 and 1780. It is said that he worked in the linen trade. Joseph was married to Margaret Letitia Wilkin. In Families of Eaton, Sutherland, Layton, HIll (Eaton, Arthur Wentworth), it mentions that the parents of John and Joseph were Joseph Tays and Letitia Wilkin. There is no mention of others in the family and no dates. Their son John Tays emigrated from Ireland to Nova Scotia in the 1820s. His brother Joseph followed in the 1830s (Wikitree, entry by Terrie Tays).

From Shirley Joy, “In I982 I put together a book of about 100 pages for the benefit of the Tays relatives, entitled "Joseph Tays and Sarah Rankin of Nova Scotia and their Descendants” It shows charts of relationships, a biographical sketch of each person, and there are a few pictures. There were 75 copies and one of these was donated to the N.S. Archives. From Joseph and Sarah there were over 600 descendants. However, today there are only are 19 males left bearing the last name of Tays, in the U.S. and Canada. My great grandfather's only known brother was John Tays and they both came to N.S. as young men. While Joseph and his family mainly farmed the land of Nova Scotia, John's sons felt the urge to seek their fortunes far away. Most of the descendants of John have now been traced. They number only one third those of Joseph but many have been distinguished individuals.”

Joseph married **Margaret Letitia Wilkin**.

From, Nelson, John, 1898, “Tays Family History: John Tays and Jane Ellis, their Ancestors and Descendants”, John and Joseph were the sons of Joseph Tays and their mother was a sister to Mrs. Thomas Ellis Sr. Her maiden name was Russell. She was the grandmother of Jane Ellis who married John Tays.

From Eaton, A. W., 1899, “Families of Eaton, Sutherland, Layton, Hill”, the parents of John and Joseph Tays were Joseph Tays and Letitia Wilkin.

They had the following children:

2 i. **John** (1798-9 Nov 1873)
3 ii. **Joseph Wilkin** (1807-19 Feb 1888)

Second Generation

Family of Joseph Tays (1) & Margaret Letitia Wilkin

2. John Tays (*Joseph*[1]). Born in 1798 in Ireland. John died in Lower Stewiacke, Col. Co., NS, on 9 Nov 1873; he was 75. Buried in Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Fort Ellis. Occupation: Weaver, Linen business (Northern Ireland).

John Tays emigrated from Ireland to Nova Scotia in the 1820s. His brother Joseph followed in the 1830s.

1871 census Lower Stewiacke Tays James 36 John 76 Jane 63 Mary Ann 27

John and Jane bought a parcel of land of several hundred acres from the heirs of Robert Pollock and lived there for more than 30 years.

"To be Sold at Private Sale, A FARM on which the station house is built, containing over 300 acres, bounding on the Stewiacke River, 3/4 of a mile, with a Dwelling House and two Barns, there is 10 acres of good Dyke Marsh within 20 rods of main road. 100 acres are cleared, the remainder is covered with good wood and poles; any quantity of Marsh Mul can be obtained, one team can haul 50 loads per day. There is a1so an excellent well, and a brook runs past the Dwelling House. For further particulars apply to the proprietor. JOHN TAYS,
Building lots convenient to the Station can also be obtained by applying to the above.
Lower Stewiacke, May 7, 1869."

The will of John Tays is provided in the Shirley P. Joy manuscript (1984).

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In 1826 when John was 28, he married **Jane Ellis**, daughter of **George Ellis** (27 Oct 1772-12 Jan 1853) & **Agnes Nancy Wardrope** (1787-21 Jan 1853). Born on 19 Sep 1808 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Jane died in Lower Stewiacke, Col. Co., NS, on 15 Mar 1875; she was 66.

They had the following children:

4	i.	**Rev. Joseph Wilkin** (13 Feb 1827-21 Nov 1884)
5	ii.	**George E.** (1830-9 Jul 1867)
6	iii.	**James Alexander** (1834-6 May 1892)
	iv.	**William John**. Born in 1835.

William was born about 1835. As a young man he went to Australia. Very little about him is known. According to one account he was lost in the pearl fishery or drowned on the way home from Australia. He was not married and no issue. The date of death is unknown. From the estate papers of his father, dated I877

William "is supposed to be dead - it is 17 years since he was in N.S., he has not been heard from since '65."

v. **Nancy Jean**. Born on 25 Feb 1836 in Stewiacke, Colchester Co., NS.

On 20 May 1861 when Nancy Jean was 25, she married **Kenneth Ronaldson Sutherland** in Colchester Co. Born on 15 Aug 1831 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Kenneth Ronaldson died on 27 Jul 1885; he was 53. Residence: Kentville, NS.

Their only child Annie Laura Sutherland, b. 8 Jun 1863, married Rufus Eaton, 11 Sep 1888 Kentville, a bookseller in Kentville, son of William and Anna Hamilton Eaton. They moved to Vancouver.

7 vi. **Mary Ann** (1 Jan 1841-13 Oct 1929)

vii. **John Bernard**. Born on 6 Sep 1842 in Lower Stewiacke, Col. Co., NS. John Bernard died in Tutatumari Falls, Guyana, on 6 Mar 1890; he was 47. Occupation: Miner, Farmer, Engineer. Residence: British Columbia; Montana; El Paso, TX; Ontario, CA; South America.

See biography in Tays history by Shirley P. Joy (1984).

When he was about 20 (1862) and his brother James was about 27, they went from N.S. to British Columbia where they mined for gold for several years with indifferent success. In 1870 they went to Montana to try gold mining there and were successful. In 1872 they went by horseback to El Paso, TX where they settled down. John identified himself with railroad construction by operating a boarding train between El Paso and points to which the line passed in Mexico. Later he farmed near El Paso. For a time he operated the Rio Grande Hotel there. In 1877 he took part in the Salt War (over rights to salt deposits). He served for three months as a Texas Ranger at this time when the settlers were having some trouble with their Mexican neighbors, leading a detachment for C Company, Frontier Battalion. In 1881-2 John ran a general merchandise business to various places in Mexico and transported his supplies by pack trains. In 1883 he went to Southern California and soon after established his permanent home in the Ontario colony of San Bernadino county. He bought 40 acres at $300./acre. He cleared the land and planted orange and lemon trees, one of the first groves in the area. For a time he operated a vineyard too, and manufactured wine. He bought more land and planted more citrus trees. He became a large producer. In 1892 he sold the original tract of land for $40,000. He retired and moved into town where he bought a house, where he was interested in landscape gardening. John was influential in the upbuilding of the original town of Ontario. He invented the "gravity street car", used for several years in Ontario. He donated the land for the first church building - the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Ontario Colony. In 1894 - 1896 he went to South America where he had mining interests, staying there two years. In 1897 he came back to Upland (formerly North Ontario) for a year, then returned to South America. On May 6, 1900 John was a victim of a tragic accident. He and 150 others were in a launch with three boats in tow that was drawn over the Tutatumari Falls. His body was recovered and he is buried there.

On 1 May 1878 when John Bernard was 35, he married **Ameila Rhomnn** in El Paso, TX. Born on 13 Mar 1843 in Galena, IL.

d/o Anton and Mary Ann Swope Rhomann. he was a pioneer merchant. She was first married to Vincent St. Vrain.

8 viii. **Alexander** (20 Jun 1844-10 Jan 1934)

3. Joseph Wilkin Tays (*Joseph*[1]). Born in 1807 in Northern Ireland. Joseph Wilkin died on 19 Feb 1888; he was 81. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery. Occupation: Weaver in Ireland and at Pollock's Mill, Stewiacke. Residence: Fort Ellis; Coldstream, Near the St. Andrews River.

Joseph was probably born in Ireland (possibly County Antrim). He was the son of Joseph Tays and Margaret Wilkin. Joseph emigrated from Ireland to Nova Scotia, Canada (where his brother John was already living) in the 1830s. Joseph married in 1833 and they settled at Coldstream, Gays River.

1871 census Lower Stewiacke Tays Joseph 67, widowed, living with his sons Alexander Tays (26) and James Tays (38), also James' wife Elizabeth Tays (29), sons Franklyn Tays (6), George Tays (4), daughter Anveland Tays (5 mo).

Marriage recorded Church Book in archives Halifax, last name spelled Teas. (familysearch)

From the Nelson manuscript, "Jospeh was a small-sized man and a good neighbour, possessing less worldly comforts than his brother John."

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In 1833 when Joseph Wilkin was 26, he married **Sarah Rankin**. Born in 1812 in Ireland. Sarah died in Coldstream, Col. Co., NS, on 24 Feb 1852; she was 40.

She died when her youngest son was only four and is buried in the old cemetery on the Alton Road between Gays River and Coldstream.

They had the following children:

9 i. **James** (1833-25 Nov 1906)

10 ii. **Mary** (1835-13 Aug 1898)

iii. **Joseph Wilkin**. Born in 1841. Occupation: Musquodoboit Stage Line; Postmaster at Port Moody. Residence: Moved to Port Moody, BC.

1871 census Shubenacadie Tays Joseph 30 mail contractor Mary 23 Alexr 23 coach driver

On 9 Sep 1869 when Joseph Wilkin was 28, he married **Mary Currie**, daughter of **John Currie** (1816-) & **Mary Jane Archibald** (18 Jan 1829-25 Jul 1872), in Musquodoboit, NS.

Mary Currie, Mrs. Joseph Tays, is a sister of Janie Currie, Mrs. Parker McHeffey.

11 iv. **William John** (14 Mar 1842-25 Dec 1939)

12 v. **Alexander** (1848-25 Dec 1915)

Third Generation

Family of John Tays (2) & Jane Ellis

4. Rev. Joseph Wilkin Tays (*John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 13 Feb 1827 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Joseph Wilkin died in El Paso, Texas, on 21 Nov 1884; he was 57. Buried in Concordia Cemetery, El Paso, TX. Occupation: First Protestant Minister in El Paso, St. Clements Episcopal Church (findagrave). Education: Kings College, Nova Scotia; Union College, Schenectady, New York. Residence: West Point, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Indianola and El Paso, TX; also IL, WI; KY, OH.

There is a biography of Rev. Parson or Padre Tays in the Shirley P. Joy manuscript (1984). He lived a very full and interesting life. I have summarized it below.

Joseph Wilkin Tays started his education in Nova scotia. He entered Kings College in the Fall of 1854. He took the college exams in 1855, 1856 and 1857 but there is no record of his graduation or of his getting a degree. Although there is no record, It is said that he attended Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. Bishop Potter assisted him in his theological studies, and thru his influence Joseph Wilkin was recommended as instructor for the officers' children at West Point in 1861. He also taught mathematics there. It was while he was here that Eugene A.H. was born. When the Civil War broke out, the government established a hospital in Philadelphia. Joseph Wilkin was sent there as a Chaplain. While there, he often assisted Bishop Potter in his church. Joseph Wilkin Jr. was born in Philadelphia. At the close of the war, Joseph Wilkin Tays, with his wife and children went to nursing and ministering to the sick and dying. At Bishop Gregg's suggestion, Joseph Wilkin was appointed Chaplain to the Texas Senate, for a term, under Governor E.J. Davis. It was about this time when Judge Gaylord Clarke went to Austin, and he, with his friend Sen. Albert Fountain told Joseph Wilkin of the challenge that lay ahead in the Rio Grande Valley. There had never been a Protestant service on this frontier and there were vast undeveloped resources. When the term of Congress ended, Rev. Tays prepared for the trip. The boys were 9 and 7 years old, respectively, and they had a journey of about 1000 miles ahead, which took a month to accomplish, progressing from fort to fort. They had an escort of soldiers to accompany them, as the Apache Indians were still on the warpath. They arrived in El Paso, or Franklin as it was called then, on Oct. 2, 1870. The first church service he conducted was on Oct. 9, 1870 and the church was known as St. Clement's Mission. Services were first held in an adobe building on North Oregon St. rented by Judge Clarke. The church started with 4 people and grew to about 50 in number. Rev. Tays lived in the smaller of the two rented rooms and the other was fitted to be a chapel. By Nov. 1, 1870 "Parson Tays", as he was affectionately called, had started a mission day school. To start with, there were 10 American children

plus several Mexican children. Rev. Tays did all his own housework, cared for his boys, and held a service every Sunday. During this period, Joseph Wilkin earned his living by surveying. Realizing that he could not enough to support himself in the ministry, he applied for the position of county surveyor for El Paso, Pecos, and Presidio Counties. He had studied civil engineering at King's College. Since money was scarce, he was often paid for his services with a little land here and there. In 1873 Joseph Wilkin married Sara Perkins in El Paso. She was from Oxford, N.Y. It is said that her money educated the sons at private schools and at Union College. They had no additional children.
The Panic of 1873 effected El Paso and as a result, the town went thru a depression and people scattered. Out of the 75 parishioners, only 7 people were left to worship in the little church. The family left on Dec. 15, 1875 for Joliet, IL, leaving with a train of 12 prairie schooners. From Joliet he had charges at Neviah, Wisc.; then Maysville, KY (1877-78); and later, Columbus, OH. His wife, Sarah died in New York on Sept. 24, 1880. In 1881, when he heard that the railroads were at last coming to El Paso, Joseph Wilkin resigned his charge and headed for Texas with the purpose of re-establishing his church. While reorganizing the work, he held services alternately with other ministers in a big circus tent, fitted up with crude benches and boxes for seats. The new church was built on a different site and Joseph Wilkin helped with the construction. On Christmas Day 1881 the cornerstone was laid in the new church. By Feb. 1882 the church was finished. The call to worship was rung by the same bell Rev. Tays had cast in Juarez, Mexico at his first coming. In the Fall of 1881 Joseph Wilkin was married to Viola Kimball at El Paso. He became one of the wealthiest men in El Paso, just from land holdings, but not for long. His generosity in giving bond for a cattle man whose cattle died cost him $100,000. In Nov. 1884, Rev, Tays was called on to officiate at the funeral of a Mexican who had died of smallpox. A few days later he contracted it and died, Nov. 21. Viola and son Joseph Jr. were at his bedside when he died. Because of his death from smallpox, he was buried in a hurry, in the evening and during a storm of thunder and rain. After his death, Viola moved to Berkeley, CA.
Joseph Wilkin Tays is paid tribute in the book "St. Clement's Church: the Mission." Much of the material about his life is extracted from this book, plus additional family information from Linda Tays Dunn. Rev. Tays church work was purely a labor of love, for he received only a few hundred dollars from the mission board, all of which he used in the church. He was a man of tremendous energy and spiritual force, a natural leader of men. He would help and encourage anyone, no matter what his race or creed ..... He was greatly beloved by all in this little frontier town and affectionately called "Parson Tays". The Mexicans affectionately called him "Padre Tays". At one time he was a member of the city council, and also a director in the First National Bank, and from 1881-3 he took over ownership of the El Paso Times. He donated the land for Alamo Park while in the real estate business. A street is named for him on one side of the Park. He is buried in the Mundy lot, Concordia Cemetery, El Paso.

In 1860 when Joseph Wilkin was 32, he first married **Jemima C. Hinchens**. Born in 1843 in Nova Scotia. Jemima C. died in Indianola, Calhoun, Texas, on 20 Jul 1867; she was 24.

They had the following children:

13	i.	**Eugene Augustus Hoffman** (24 Oct 1861-22 Jul 1928)
14	ii.	**Joseph Wilkin Jr.** (2 Apr 1863-16 Jan 1929)
	iii.	**Clement Delancy** (Died as Child). Born on 27 Apr 1865. Clement Delancy died in Austin, TX, on 13 Jun 1870; he was 5. Buried in Oakwood Austin Cemetery.

On 7 May 1868 when Joseph Wilkin was 41, he second married **Mary “Josephine” Milby** in Calhoun Co., TX.

Previously married to US Army Surgeon Dr. Elisha P. Langworthy.

While living in Bryan, Texas, they had an infant daughter. Both morhter and daughter died shortly after childbirth.

On 8 Nov 1873 when Joseph Wilkin was 46, he third married **Sarah M. Perkins** in El Paso, TX. Born in Oxford, New York. Sarah M. died in New York State on 24 Sep 1880.

In 1881 when Joseph Wilkin was 53, he fourth married **Viola Rogers Kimball** in El Paso, TX. Born in Tilton, New Hampshire. Viola Rogers died in Berkeley, California in 1924.

All of E. A. H. Tays children went to school in Berkeley, CA, and all but one lived with her during their school years.

5. George E. Tays (*John*[2]*, Joseph*[1]). Born in 1830 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. George E. died in Indianola, Calhoun, Texas, on 9 Jul 1867; he was 37.

George visited Australia and Texas and became a man of worth, intelligence and enterprise. He returned to Nova Scotia in 1856 and married Mary Parker, third dau. of F. R. Parker, Esq. George and Mary remained in Shubenacadie for a few months then went abroad for 8 years, returning to Nova Scotia for a year, thence to Philadelphia where his clerical brother was stationed. They finally moved to Indianola, Texas. It was there that George and Mary Tays and Mrs. Joseph Tays died of yellow fever. Mrs. Dr. Logan brought the little boys, George and Francis P., the ch. of George and Mary, back to Shubenacadie. (Nelson manuscript)

On 21 Nov 1856 when George E. was 26, he married **Mary Parker**, daughter of **Francis Richard Parker** (31 Aug 1800-21 Aug 1894) & **Mary Ann McHeffey** (1806-12 Apr 1868), in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Born on 28 Feb 1839 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Mary died in Indianola, Calhoun, Texas, on 16 Jul 1867; she was 28.

Mary died at the age of 27 during a yellow fever epidemic. Mary was the daughter of Francis R Parker and his 1st wife Mary Ann McHeffey of Shubenacadie Nova Scotia. Mary and George were married in Shubenacadie on Nov 21, 1856 in a double ceremony with her sister Amelia and the Rev John M MacLeod. (Tays genealogy)

They had the following children:

15 i. **George Havelock** (15 Sep 1857-16 Jan 1934)

ii. **Francis Parker Tays Logan**. Born on 16 Oct 1866 in Colorado, Texas. Francis Parker Tays died in Gloucester, MA, on 25 May 1916; he was 49. Buried in Oak Grove, Gloucester.

Adopted by Dr. Samuel and Susan Logan. Susan was his aunt. He took on the last name of Logan.

A biography of Francis Richard Parker is provided in the Shirley P. Joy manuscript (1984).

Frank learned the drug business in Boston, where the family lived, and went to Gloucester in 1891, entering into the employ of Frederick A. Barker as a prescription clerk. He next went to Harvard Medical School. (Dr. Sam Logan died in 1893). Frank graduated from Harvard in 1897 in Regular Medicine and is listed in Polk's "North American Directory of Medicine in 1898, and as Frank Parker Tays Logan. He was a member of the Harvard Medical School Alumni Association, the Essex South Branch of the MA Med. Soc. (held the office of councillor), and the Cape Ann Med. Assn. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, serving as assistant surgeon of the Eighth regiment throughout the campaign, in Cuba, with the rank of lieutenant, continuing in the militia after the war, and retiring with the rank of captain. In 1908 he is shown in a picture (family photo) in Gloucester, MA beside a car, a Mile Clicquot. He is listed in 1914 edition of the "A.M.A. Directory" with the address of 42 Middle St., Gloucester, MA; a Fellow in A.M.A.; and TB therapist. By this time he had married, at age 46, His two children were born (probably) between 1913 and 1915. Frank was a member of the Tyrian Lodge of Masons, the Wm. Ferson chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, Ocean Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the Cape Ann Camera Club. Frank was in poor health for several months before his death. He suffered from asthma and a weakened heart. His obituary was printed in the Gloucester Times of May 26, 1916, and presumably he died on the day before, May 25, 1916, of an attack. "He was a man of marked geniality, and a welcome addition to the social gather-ings of his associates, while his good nature made him a favorite with all classes. Possessing a fine voice, he was a prominent member of the Gloucester Choral Association, participating in their concerts, and also in other musical events, as soloist, including some of the successful minstrel shows of recent years." According to the 1922 -1923 Gloucester City Directory, Eleanor Logan, widow of Frank, moved from Gloucester to West Medford, MA.

Logan, Frank Parker Tays, M.D., Gloucester, Mass. died May 26, 1916 at his home. Harvard Medical School, 1897, a Fellow of the American Medical Association and a member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States; captain and assistant surgeon of the Eighth Infantry, U.S.V., during the war with Spain, and assistant surgeon of the Eighth Infantry, Mass. V. M.; surgeon of the staff of the Addison Gilbert Hospital, Gloucester, and lecturer on materia medica and therapeutics in the training school of the institution. (Deceased Physician file, AMA)

On 9 Oct 1912 when Francis Parker Tays was 45, he married **Eleanor Merriam Whitham** in Gloucester, MA. Born on 11 Aug 1873 in Gloucester, MA. Eleanor Merriam died in Charleston, South Carolina, on 14 Nov 1956; she was 83.

6. James Alexander Tays (*John*[2]*, Joseph*[1]). Born in 1834 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. James Alexander died in Ontario, San Bernadino, California, on 6 May 1892; he was 58. Residence: British Columbia (1865); Montana; El Paso, TX; Ontario, CA.

1871 census Lower Stewiacke Tays James 36 John 76 Jane 63 Mary Ann 27

Like most of the family, James lived abroad much. Around 1865 he and his brother John went to mine gold in British Columbia, stayed there several years, then went to Montana for two years, and were successful. At the time of the 1871 census he is listed as living with his parents and sister Mary Ann in Shubenacadie, as a farmer and member of the Church of England. In 1872 he went to El Paso, TX with his brother John. In 1873 he went home to N.S. when his father died. Part of the farm property was sold. His mother, paralyzed from a stroke for three years, died in 1875. James sold all the original unsold farm property. In 1883 he went to the west coast of Mexico where he helped survey the lines for the Texas, Topolobampo, and Pacific R.R. (inaugurated in 1883). He and his brother John were among the founders of Ontario, California, owning large orange groves. He lived there the rest of his life.

James Alexander married **Miss Smith**.

d/o Sydney Smith of Shubenacadie

They had one child:

i. **James Alexander**. James Alexander died in El Tigre Mine, Sonora, Mexico. Occupation: Mining engineer, Montezuma Mining Company. Education: Stamford University, CA. He was never married.

7. Mary Ann Tays (*John*[2]*, Joseph*[1]). Born on 1 Jan 1841 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Mary Ann died in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS, on 13 Oct 1929; she was 88. Buried in Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Stewiacke, NS.

On 9 Feb 1875 when Mary Ann was 34, she married **Thomas Fulcher Blake** in Halifax, NS. Born on 25 Oct 1831 in Hampshire, England. Thomas Fulcher died in 1912; he was 80.

The younger son of Capt. Thomas Blake who came to Shubenacadie in 1829 from Upper Canada with his family.

They had the following children:

16 i. **Elizabeth A.** (5 Nov 1877-11 Jun 1969)

ii. **James William Thomas**. Born on 1 Feb 1879 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. James William Thomas died in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS, on 12 Nov 1959; he was 80. He was never married.

iii. **Kenneth Sutherland**. Born on 3 Feb 1882 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Kenneth Sutherland died in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS, on 24 Jun 1954; he was 72. Buried in Fort Ellis Cemetery, Stewiacke, NS. He was never married.

8. Alexander Tays (*John*[2]*, Joseph*[1]). Born on 20 Jun 1844. Alexander died in Mossyrock, Lewis, Washington, on 10 Jan 1934; he was 89. Residence: El Paso, TX; Tecumseh, OK; Sheridan and Veronia, OR.

The first two children were born in N.S. and the family left to live in TX Nov. 20, 1877, along with his brother Jim, and nephew George H. Tays. Alex had been a teacher in N.S. In El Paso Alex had a goat ranch near Franklyn Mt. He drove the first mule car in El Paso and there was an addition\ (suburb) named after him. After he and Lovina married, they moved to Tecumseh, OKla. He was gone from home a lot of the time, earning a living for his family, working some in Mexico. After a number of years in Tecumseh, they moved to a farm near Guymon, Okla. They were both sick a lot towards the end of their

stay in Okla. (around 1915). Next they moved to Sheridaa, Oregon. Jewell was about 13 at the time. They made the trip by train, taking over a week. They took all their food with them. Alex constructed a couple of houses and then sold them. After his wife died in 1926, he lived first with Henry, and later with Jewell's family. When they moved to Mossyrock, WA he moved with them.

On 20 May 1871 when Alexander was 26, he first married **Margaret Praught** in Truro, NS. Born on 3 Nov 1848 in Vernon River, Queens Co., PEI. Margaret died in El Paso, Texas, on 17 Apr 1928; she was 79. They were divorced.

They had the following children:

i. **Martha (Mattie)**. Born on 30 Jun 1872 in Truro, NS. Martha (Mattie) died in El Paso, TX, on 5 Sep 1955; she was 83.

ii. **Egbert** (Died as Child). Born on 14 Jan 1874 in Lower Stewiacke, Col. Co., NS.

iii. **Frank Clarance**. Born on 23 May 1876. Frank Clarance died in Kentucky(?) ca 1948; he was 71.

iv. **Odessa Catherine**. Born on 9 Aug 1878 in El Paso, TX. Odessa Catherine died in El Paso, Texas, on 4 Apr 1960; she was 81.

Married first to a Mr. McPherson.

On 24 May 1904 when Odessa Catherine was 25, she married **Bert Prothro** in El Paso, TX.

v. **Agnes Gertrude** (Died as Infant). Born on 10 Mar 1883 in El Paso, TX. Agnes Gertrude died in 1884; she was <1.

vi. **Willihema Bida**. Born on 14 Nov 1885 in El Paso, TX. Willihema Bida died in Fort Royal, Virginia, on 15 Nov 1968; she was 83. Residence: Fort Royal, Virginia (1965).

On 8 Sep 1904 when Willihema Bida was 18, she married **Ora E. McMullen** in El Paso, TX. Born on 20 Feb 1882 in Fort Dodge, Webster, Iowa.

In 1890 when Alexander was 45, he second married **Lovinia Maria Ammerman** in El Paso, TX. Born on 24 Oct 1857 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Lovinia Maria died on 31 Aug 1926; she was 68. Buried in Forest Grove, OR.

Lovinia Maria Ammerman Hill, previously married to Isaiah Hill.

They had the following children:

17 i. **Henry Ammerman** (24 Jan 1896-18 Jan 1962)

18 ii. **Julia ("Jewell")** (24 Nov 1898-23 Nov 1984)

Family of Joseph Wilkin Tays (3) & Sarah Rankin

9. James Tays (*Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born in 1833. James died on 25 Nov 1906; he was 73. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Age 74 (Gays River cemetery). Family of 7 (familysearch).

1871 census Lower Stewiacke Tays Joseph 67 James 38 Elizabeth 29 Franklyn 6 George 4 Avelind 5/12 Alexander 26

On 20 Jan 1863 when James was 30, he married **Elizabeth Oldmixon**. Born on 23 Jan 1842 in Upper Stewiacke, Col. Co., NS. Elizabeth died in Dedham, Mass., on 23 Jan 1926; she was 84. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

They had the following children:

i. **Annie** (Died as Child). Born on 4 Jan 1862. Annie died on 9 Jan 1864; she was 2.

ii. **Frank**. Born in 1865. Frank died in Boston, Mass., on 22 Apr 1931; he was 66.

On 14 Aug 1895 when Frank was 30, he first married **Lola E. Bartlett** in Boston, Mass. Born on 29 Aug 1871 in Rockingham, New Hampshire. Lola E. died in Boston, Mass., on 28 Sep 1902; she was 31.

On 13 Apr 1910 when Frank was 45, he second married **Mary Elizabeth Smith** in Somerville, Mass. Born on 12 May 1868 in Mabou, Inverness Co., Cape Breton.

19 iii. **George** (26 Aug 1866-19 Nov 1947)

iv. **Alvalina** (Died as Child). Born on 18 Oct 1870 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Alvalina died on 1 Jun 1873; she was 2. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

v. **Florence May**. Born on 2 May 1873 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Florence May died in Brookside, Col. Co., NS, on 23 May 1922; she was 49.

d/o James Tays and Elizabeth Oldmixon (familysearch)

On 19 Dec 1894 when Florence May was 21, she married **Samuel George Ogilvie**, son of **William Robert Ogilvie** (24 May 1835-22 Aug 1921) & **Agnes Kent** (1834-1879), in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Born in Apr 1871 in Elderbank, Hfx. Co., NS. Samuel George died in Colchester Co., Nova Scotia, in 1943; he was 71.

20 vi. **Albert** (16 Oct 1876-3 Dec 1939)

vii. **Bertha**. Born on 19 Apr 1878. Bertha died on 28 Mar 1911; she was 32. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

10. Mary Tays (*Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born in 1835 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Mary died on 13 Aug 1898; she was 63.

On 30 Sep 1858 when Mary was 23, she married **William Wellington Lawson** in Halifax, NS. Born in 1820. William Wellington died on 9 Mar 1894; he was 74. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Family of 9 (familysearch)

They had the following children:

i. **William J.** Born on 1 Feb 1859 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. William J. died in

Halifax, NS, on 19 May 1926; he was 67.

On 25 Apr 1894 when William J. was 35, he married **Katie Beaton** in Massachusetts.

ii. **Sarah Jane**. Born on 20 Dec 1861. Sarah Jane died in Truro, NS, on 12 Apr 1956; she was 94.

Sarah Jane married **John Rankin**.

iii. **Burton**. Born on 9 Apr 1865 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Burton died in Middle Musquodoboit, NS, on 13 Feb 1953; he was 87.

On 29 Nov 1893 when Burton was 28, he married **Catherine Annie Annand**, daughter of **William Annand** (1830-9 Jun 1896) & **Mary McNutt** (1826-1890), in Milford Station, Hants Co., NS. Born in 1862 in Middle Musquodoboit, NS.

iv. **Francis A.** Born in 1868. Francis A. died in Massachusetts on 4 Jan 1938; he was 70.

v. **George**. Born on 2 Oct 1869 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS.

On 29 Jul 1896 when George was 26, he married **Edith S. Wood** in Witham, MA.

vi. **Minnie**. Born on 13 Mar 1872 in Gays River, NS. Minnie died on 12 Jun 1907; she was 35.

Daughter of William Wellington Lawson and Mary Tays (md. 30 Sep 1858).

On 3 May 1900 when Minnie was 28, she married **William John Murphy**, son of **John Murphy** (1828-19 May 1918) & **Hannah Hurley** (1838-1918), in Wyses Corner, Halifax Co., NS. Born on 28 Feb 1870 in Wyses Corner, Halifax Co., NS. William John died in Meaghers Grant, Hfx. Co., NS, on 30 Aug 1951; he was 81.

Lived in Nuttle Hill, Antrim.

vii. **Joseph Tays**. Born on 23 Jul 1873 in Chaswood, Halifax Co., NS. Joseph Tays died in Bridgetown, Annapolis Co., NS, on 29 Aug 1957; he was 84.

On 27 Sep 1899 when Joseph Tays was 26, he married **Frances Ella Tully** in Colchester Co., Nova Scotia.

viii. **Robert**. Born in 1873.

ix. **Elizabeth H.** Born on 17 Nov 1874 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS.

11. William John Tays (*Joseph Wilkin*[2]*, Joseph*[1]). Born on 14 Mar 1842 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. William John died in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS, on 25 Dec 1939; he was 97. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Son of Joseph Tays, Lower Stewiacke, and Sarah Rankin.

On 29 Mar 1870 when William John was 28, he married **Annie McHeffey**, daughter of **William McHeffey** & **Harriet (Hattie) Bennett**, in Shubenacadie, Hants Co. Born on 17 Aug 1852. Annie died in

Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS, on 19 Nov 1949; she was 97. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Annie McHeffey 19 (b. 1851) b. Shubenacadie d/o William and Harriet McHeffey md. William John Tays 26 b. Gays River s/o Joseph and Sarah Tays, 29 Mar 1870 Shubenacadie (NSHVS).

NSHVS deaths. Annie Tays, Shubenacadie d. 19 Nov 1949 age 97 years 3 mos 2 days, d/o William MacHeffey and Hattie Bennett.

Annie McHeffey Tays on headstone.

They had the following children:

i. **George Alexander**. Born on 19 Jul 1871 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. George Alexander died in Santa Clara, CA, on 7 Mar 1959; he was 87. He was never married.

21 ii. **Ethel Estella** (1 Oct 1873-4 Nov 1949)

22 iii. **Burke McHeffey** (12 Jun 1876-15 Dec 1977)

iv. **Creighton**. Born on 19 Jan 1879 in Cooks Brook, Halifax Co., NS. He was never married.

23 v. **Gordon** (1882-14 Jan 1976)

24 vi. **Edith Lurena** (1 May 1884-1979)

vii. **Gertrude Hazel**. Born on 2 Oct 1886 in Cooks Brook, NS.

Gertrude Hazel married **Albert Boyd**.

viii. **Hattie Sarah**. Born on 21 Mar 1890 in Cooks Brook, Halifax Co., NS. Hattie Sarah died in Groton, New London County, Connecticut, on 26 Aug 1993; she was 103. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery. She was never married.

ix. **Mary "Elma"**. Born on 31 Oct 1892 in Cooks Brook, NS. Mary "Elma" died on 11 Jan 1970; she was 77. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

On 23 Oct 1918 when Mary "Elma" was 25, she married **Isaiah Burgess**, son of **Nelson Burgess** (16 Mar 1844-4 Jan 1923) & **Lydia Singer** (5 Jun 1847-1899), in Stewiacke, Col. Co., NS. Born on 3 Nov 1883. Isaiah died in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS, on 26 Feb 1971; he was 87. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

x. **Annie Laura**. Born on 30 Nov 1895 in Cooks Brook, NS.

12. Alexander Tays (*Joseph Wilkin*[2]*, Joseph*[1]). Born in 1848. Alexander died in Vancouver, BC, on 25 Dec 1915; he was 67.

Married Miss Taylor and removed to the Pacific Coast.

On 23 Dec 1874 when Alexander was 26, he married **Henrietta Simpson Taylor**, daughter of **Robert B. Taylor** (1827-1916) & **Esther Wilson** (-1917), in Halifax, NS.

They had the following children:

i. **Ella Florence**. Born on 26 Jul 1875 in Middle Musquodoboit, NS. Ella Florence died in Victoria, BC, on 27 Aug 1935; she was 60.

On 14 Jan 1903 when Ella Florence was 27, she married **Arthur Brampton Ward** in Kamloops, BC. Born on 3 Jan 1875 in Burton, Sunbury, NB. Arthur Brampton died in Victoria, BC, on 19 Jul 1934; he was 59.

ii. **Ernest Lorin**. Born on 4 Oct 1879 in Chaswood, Halifax Co., NS. Ernest Lorin died in White Rock, BC, on 10 Aug 1962; he was 82. Residence: New Westminster, BC (1935, delayed registration of birth).

On 27 Jul 1911 when Ernest Lorin was 31, he first married **Florence Little** in Kamloops, BC.

On 27 Aug 1928 when Ernest Lorin was 48, he second married **Mary Alice Hughes** in Vancouver, BC.

Fourth Generation

Family of Rev. Joseph Wilkin Tays (4) & Jemima C. Hinchens

13. Eugene Augustus Hoffman Tays (*Joseph Wilkin[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 24 Oct 1861 in West Point Military Academy, New York. Eugene Augustus Hoffman died in Turlock, CA, on 22 Jul 1928; he was 66. Occupation: Railroad surveyor and engineer, Miner and Farmer in Mexico. Education: Marysville (KY) Baptist Institute; Burlington (NJ) Military Academy; Union College (Schenectady, NY).

Rev. Tays third wife Sara was responsible for the education of his sons Eugene and Joseph.

Railroad surveying and engineering took Eugene and his brother Joseph from El Paso, TX to Mexico. Biographies are both are included in Shirley Joy's (1984) manuscript.

Eugene and Joseph returned to El Paso and worked on the old Mexican Central Railway. Eugene first found employment in 1882 and 1883. The railroad was building down the central plateau of Mexico from El Paso to Mexico City. During this employment he was promoted from rodman to locomoting engineer. He became interested then in Sinaloa and the proposed railroad from Topolobampo across the Sierra Mountains and went with Col. Albert Owen as chief of engineers (arrived at Topolobampo colony Aug. 23,1883) making the original railroad surveys from the Gulf of California to the Sierras. He remained to marry in 1885 Rosaura Vega and to become a fore-most citizen of the area. Their eight children were born in San Blas but educated in schools and universities in the United States.
Col. Albert Owen established a big American colony - a utopian socialistic community- in the Topolobampo Bay area which lasted many years until the Mexican revolutions. It was built on the wasteland on the shores of Topolo-bampo Bay and later spread out to thousands of acres 22 miles from the Bay on the Gulf of California. It is mostly agricultural along the fertile coastal plain. Eastward lie

mountains rich in precious metals and timber. The dream of Col. Owen was to shorten transcontinental railway transport-ation. Eugene first worked on surveying the line of the railroad, then named the Texas, Topolobampo and Pacific Railroad. It was to run from the port of Topolobampo thru the Sierra Madre Mountains, Chihuahua State, and join an American railroad at Presidio, TX going to St. Louis and Kansas City. It provided a shorter rail-maritime route for mid-west products to and from the Orient. The project continued until 1891 when the money ran out and the mountains defeated them. Six companies went bankrupt before completion. The railroad later became the Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railroad., and Nov. 24, 1961 it was finished by the Mexican government as the Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad and in the southwest US as the "Copper Canyon Route". There are 70 tunnels and two long bridges plus quite a few shorter ones. One of the tunnels is a mile long. It is a spectacular route, best seen in April or early May.

Eugene made other contributions to the utopian community. He laid out the streets in the bay for a city that was to have been called Gonzales City, in honor of the interim President of Mexico for Porfirio Diaz. Eugene directed surveying the "Big Ditch" that was to irrigate a lot of land in Los Mochis and does to this day. He also laid out plans of farms for the colonists. The colony failed at the time of the revolutions, although a few stayed on. A few descendants still live there.

By 1891 Eugene turned to his first love, mining (he managed the gold mining camp in Sinaloa from 1900-1910) until the revolution ruined that business. He then became a produce broker at the border - Nogales and owned 1000 acres of prime land in Los Michos. Winter crops from Sinaloa- were shipped to western U.S. The business handled as high as 300 railroad cars per season between Jan. and June. From Nov. thru July he lived in Nogales, Ariz. He was with Liga Agricola, business distributor of Mexican winter tomatoes and vegetables to U.S. and Canadian markets. On the business letterhead he is listed one year as general manager and the next year as a member of the Board of Directors. The family lived in San Blas, 500 miles to the south. Before the revolution they had owned 14,000 acres of rangeland and had interests in two adjoining places (one 8,000 and the other - 32,000 acres), There were hundreds of cattle, many kinds of fruit trees, and a variety of farm produce. During the land reform period, the government took thousands of acres from the large land owners and gave it to the peons of Mexico to farm. About 1890 Eugene had built a huge Spanish style house of brick with a wide veranda. It is still standing to this day and there are 20 acres of land left with the house. Daughter Linda took over the house quite a few years ago and is fixing it up little by little when she goes there each year. The lovely ranch overlooks the Fuerte River.

By 1925 Eugene wrote in a letter that he was trying to break away from the produce business to spend more time with his family. He did get to New York, on business on occasion and at least once went to Nova Scotia to visit relatives while East on business. Eugene finally became a Mexican citizen in 1928, after 40 years. His citizen-ship papers are signed by his friend General Alvare Obregon, then President of Mexico. Eugene died the same year - July 22, 1928 in a Turlock, CA hospital. Rosaura died June 30, 1960, age 98, in San Blas, Mexico and is buried there.

On 21 Jul 1885 when Eugene Augustus Hoffman was 23, he married **Rosaura Vega Y Gaxiola** in El Fuerte, Mexico. Born on 5 May 1862 in El Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico. Rosaura died in San Blas, Mexico, on 30 Jun 1960; she was 98.

d/o Jesus Vega y Pacheco and Eloisa Gaxiola y Vega, one of the leading families in Sinaloa, Mexico.

They had the following children:

i. **Joseph Wilkin**. Born on 1 May 1887 in San Blas, Mexico. Joseph Wilkin died on 5 Sep 1915; he was 28.

Joseph was educated in Berkeley, CA schools and in schools in Mexico to be a lawyer. In 1915 he was brutally murdered by Sinaloa Indians near his home in San Blas. He was not married and had no issue. An account of the murder is given from newspaper articles in the Shirley P. Joy manuscript (1984).

My Dear Dailey,_ we are in the storm centre here and chaos reigns supreme, and the revolution has taken its toll from us, also. On September 5th our oldest son, Joseph Wilkin, left here with several teams for Los Mochis, twenty-five miles father down the valley. When about four and a half miles out he was met by a band of five hundred Indians (on the Villa side - belonging to his faction) under the infamous leader 'Bachomo". They made him prisoner with his four companions and three teamsters, these last Indians. The Indians robbed them. (Jose had over $900 in money on him), stripped them naked and marched them for five miles in the hot sun, naked and afoot, to a crossing of the river opposite their camp, and there the boy (29 years old) was murdered with his four companions. Stood up under a tree and shot. He had told them that he was the son of an American and an American citizen. Many of them knew him. He asked them if they did not respect the persons of Americans and asked for their leaders, and although this worthy was stand-ing right behind him, no one answered. Enroute, he several times stopped and refused to go further, unless they let him ride. Then some Indian would touch a cocked gun against his body and threaten to fire if he did not move on. He several times asked for water and although many of the Indians had canteens, none offered him a drink. You can imagine what his sufferings must have been, marching barefooted over a rough hot road, naked, in a sun that registered over 100 in the shade. Our three Indian drivers, seeing Jose executed, made a break for liberty, and although fired on, all escaped uninjured. I went to the place the next day with three Americans, and although we found five bodies, none was Jose's. They had two more prisoners and when our men escaped, "Bachomo" evidently killed one of these and took the body of our boy across the river, throwing it to the dogs, and I have since learned that that is what he did. Not finding the body, and hoping he had been turned loose, although the escaped men all swear they saw him shot, and having been threatened by the Indians, the next day, September 7th, I returned with seven Americans, all armed, am we searched the whole locality, but were unsuccessful. Now "Bachomo" has sent me word that he will catch me and shoot me. Although the American consul at Mazatlan, 240 miles to the southwest of us, has tried to do something in the way of having the local Carranza military authorities capture and punish the assassin, which they could do easily, nothing has been done. And they will do nothing, for they know by past experience, that after the first formal perfunctory demand, the American authorities will do nothing. We are simply stunned by this blow, so uncalled for, so cruel and so unnecessary. I can write no more. With cordial regards to all, and may the good Lord bless you, I remain, Sincerely Your Friend, E. A. H. Tays. (Amsterdam, NY Recorder; El Paso Morning Times)

ii. **Eloisa**. Born on 29 Sep 1888 in San Blas, Mexico. Eloisa died on 7 Mar 1976; she was 87. Buried in Ellenville, New York.

On 12 Oct 1912 when Eloisa was 24, she married **Dr. Sylvester Lambert** in El Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico. Born on 28 Dec 1882 in Ellenville, New York. Sylvester

died in Walnut Creek, CA, on 10 Jan 1947; he was 64. Buried in Ellenville, New York. Occupation: International Health Board, Rockefeller Foundation. Residence: Australia; New Zealand; Islands of the South Pacific; California.

There is an excerpt from the book, "A Yankee Doctor in Paradise" by Sylvester M. Lambert, 1941, pub. by Grosset and Dunlap, New York, in the Shirley P. Joy manuscript (1984). He was a medical doctor in the islands of the South Pacific.

25 iii. **Eugene** (9 May 1889-1 Jun 1985)

iv. **Clement I** (Died as Child). Born on 22 Jun 1890. Clement I died in 1897; he was 6.

26 v. **Linda** (23 Jan 1893-13 Nov 1993)

vi. **George**. Born on 18 Jun 1894 in Sinaloa, Mexico. George died in San Francisco, CA, on 27 Feb 1958; he was 63. Occupation: Engineer and Historian; State Department; National Parks Service.

In 1944 when George was 49, he married **Virginia Lightower**.

27 vii. **Alexander** (25 Mar 1897-19 Nov 1964)

28 viii. **Clement II** (17 Oct 1901-13 Nov 1932)

14. Joseph Wilkin Tays Jr. (*Joseph Wilkin*[3]*, John*[2]*, Joseph*[1]). Born on 2 Apr 1863 in Philadelphia, PA. Joseph Wilkin died in Mexico City, MX, on 16 Jan 1929; he was 65. Buried in American Cemetery, Mexico City. Occupation: Railroad Surveyor and Engineer. Education: Marysville (KY) Baptist Institute; Burlington (NJ) Military Academy; Union College (Schenectady, NY). Residence: Bermejillo and Sonora, Mexico.

Rev. Tays third wife Sara was responsible for the education of his sons Eugene and Joseph.

Joseph surveyed for the Mexican Central Railroad, from Juarez to Mexico City.
When Eugene left to go to Sinaloa, Joseph continued to work for the railroad. Joaeph married Elizabeth Schermerhorn on Jan. 30, 1896 in El Paso, TX at St. Clement's Rectory (which had been his father's church). Lizzie, a nurse, was from Bangor, MI. The children were born in Mexico, perhaps in Bermejillo. Joseph spent alot of his life in the central part of Mexico as a civil engineer for the Mexican National Railroad. It is not known how the revolution affected his life, He did not keep in touch with his brother Eugene so not a great deal is known about him except thru his direct line. As work progressed, he lived in different locations such as Barmejillo, the region of Guanajuato, Celaya, Aguascalientes, and Leon. At some time around 1915 he left the railroad. It is known that in 1916 Lizzie was working as a nurse in Cananea, Jonora, Mexico at the hospital of the Cananea Consolidated Copper Co., not far from the Arizona border, Perhaps they moved here after the revolution started. It is thought that Joseph was employed by the same company. Dr. James Moore worked in the hospital and became friends with them. A letter from Dr. Moore provides some information on their whereabouts during these few years until Dr. Moore left to go into the army He told how on two occasions it was necessary to evacuate personnel and hospital patients across the border. Lizzie was already employed by the hos-pital when Dr. Moore started his job and she was assigned to accompany him on rounds and serve as an interpreter since she spoke fluent Spanish. Joe had a residence in El Paso (1915) and opened an office on San Francisco st.
He was in El Paso when he received word of his nephew Joseph's murder in San Blas. At some time soon after this, Joe and Lizzie parted company. She apparently went back to Michigan with Josephine, when Josephine attended the Colorado Training School for Nurses 1923-1925, Lizzie accompanied her. Lizzie was a Registered Nurse in the state of Colorado in 1925 and perhaps other years. Afterwards they both

went back to Michigan. Lizzie died in Detroit, MI on July 16, 1928 and is buried in Kalamazoo, MI. Joseph married a second time to Esther Viola from Guanajuato, Mexico. The date is uncertain. His whereabouts in his final years are not known. About 1923 he sold Singer sewing machines, and was accompanied by his wife. About August 1928 he returned to Mexico City. He became sick on Jan.15, 1929 and died within 30 hours of "a tumor of the stomach that has broken", according to the doctor. Joseph is buried in the American Cemetery in Mexico City.

On 30 Jan 1896 when Joseph Wilkin was 32, he first married **Elizabeth Schermerhorn** in El Paso, TX. Born in Bangor, MI. Elizabeth died in Detroit, MI on 16 Jul 1928. Buried in Kalamazoo, Michigan. They were divorced.

She and Josephine returned to Michigan, 1923-25.

They had the following children:

29 i. **Conklin Styner** (26 Jan 1899-22 Nov 1978)

ii. **Josephine Frances**. Born on 11 Nov 1905 in Bermejillo, Mexico. Josephine Frances died on 4 Mar 1976; she was 70. Buried in Mt. Olivet, Detroit, MI. Residence: Michigan, Colorado, Texas.

On 1 Aug 1922 when Josephine Frances was 16, she first married **Samuel Young**. Born on 28 Aug 1898. Samuel died on 19 Dec 1970; he was 72. They were divorced in 1944.

Josephine Frances second married **Victor Milligan**. Victor died on 3 Oct 1977.

Joseph Wilkin second married **Esther Viola**.

Family of George E. Tays (5) & Mary Parker

15. George Havelock Tays (*George E.[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 15 Sep 1857 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. George Havelock died in Price, Carbon, Utah, on 16 Jan 1934; he was 76.

George was brought up Shubenacadie, N. S. after his parents died of yellow fever in Indianola, TX when he was 10 years old. His Aunt Susan Parker Logan went to get George and Frank in Texas. George grew up in the home of his maternal grandparents, Fraacis R. and Mary Ann McHeffey Parker (Mary Ann d. in 1868 and Francis married Elizabeth Etter). George left home when he was 20 and received a legacy from his Tays grandparents' estate. In Nov 1877 he accompanied a group from Shubenacadie to Texas by train. Included were W.F. Stephen, George's Uncle Jim Tays, Uncle Alex Tays and his family - Margaret (wife), and children Mattie and Frank. George kept a pocket diary between then and Sept. 5, 1879. During this period he earned his livelihood as a teacher, for 3 months, and as a Texas Ranger for a year. He joined and was discharged at Ysleta, TX. His Uncle was also a Texas Ranger in El Paso at this time. While in the Rangers, George met a man named Gallagher. They were discharged from the Rangers about the same time and on Oct. 1879 they went into partnership for a year. They headed for Colorado on March 26, 1880. After he left Texas he did not keep a diary on a regular basis. (Excerpts from the diary of George H. Tays are provided in the Shirley P. Joy manuscript (1984)). They arrived in Colorado with

pack animals and horses, to seek their fortune in prospecting in the Rocky Mountains. George lived in several places in CO and even spent a short time in Wyoming. In 1894 he came to Crystal, CO and it was here that he met and married Helen Phillips. Helen was originally from N. Y. state and had come west with her ailing mother to seek better health in Colorado. Unfortunately the mother died enroute. Helen continued on and when she reached Denver, she arranged to take Nurses training in a hospital. Her sister Alma and husband Horace Williams, also from N. Y. state, had come to the boom town of Crystal and had opened a store and hotel. When George and Helen were married he built a house in Crystal. He owned and operated the Lead Queen mines and was highly prosperous for a time. ln 1907 the family moved to Marble, Co as the mines had folded up in Crystal. George worked in the Marble Mill until 1917 when they moved away from the mines to Paonia, Co, and later to Los Angeles (Eagle Rock) where their family were living. In Nov 1933 they moved to Price, Utah. The house George built in Crystal has come back into the family thru the purchase of it and its furnishings by Rob Anderson, son of betty's daughter Alma Kay.

On 23 Nov 1898 when George Havelock was 41, he married **Helen Frances Phillips** in Denver, Colorado. Born on 28 Oct 1871 in Trenton Falls, NY. Helen Frances died on 13 Jan 1941; she was 69.

d/o Leander and Helen Tanner Phillips

They had the following children:

i. **Havelock Eugene**. Born on 13 Sep 1901 in Crystal, CO. Havelock Eugene died in Bennion, Salt Lake, UT, on 30 May 1994; he was 92.

On 3 Sep 1938 when Havelock Eugene was 36, he married **Ethel Biggs** in Glenwood Springs, CO. Born on 22 Jan 1901 in Abertillery, South Wales. Ethel died in Price, Carbon, Utah, on 17 Sep 1966; she was 65.

30 ii. **Elizabeth Alma** (22 Sep 1903-9 Jan 1971)

iii. **Katheryn (Kay) Louise**. Born on 13 Mar 1905 in Glenwood Springs, Garfield, Colorado.

On 18 Jun 1931 when Katheryn (Kay) Louise was 26, she married **Burl B. Chapman** in Ontario, San Bernadino, California.

iv. **Roger Archibald**. Born on 18 Feb 1910 in Marble, CO. Roger Archibald died in San Jose, CA, on 23 Oct 1958; he was 48.

On 18 Oct 1935 when Roger Archibald was 25, he married **Mary Louise Sylvester** in Hollywood, CA. Born on 22 Sep 1911.

Family of Mary Ann Tays (7) & Thomas Fulcher Blake

16. Elizabeth A. Blake (*Mary Ann Tays[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 5 Nov 1877 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Elizabeth A. died on 11 Jun 1969; she was 91. Occupation: Teacher.

Two ch. Douglas and Marjorie. Douglas md. Mary Pearson and have ch. Alexander and Angelina. Marjorie Snide md. Dr. Ian Murray McLeod of Halifax 8 Jun 1950.

On 8 Oct 1908 when Elizabeth A. was 30, she married **Alexander Snide**. Born on 13 Sep 1872. Alexander died on 23 Dec 1948; he was 76.

s/o John and Margaret Snide

They had the following children:

i. **Douglas**. Born on 25 Aug 1912 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS.

The Snide farm was originally part of the Hamilton Grant, probably 1000 acres, including the former Indian Residential School. The land was sold off piece by piece, reducing the property to 320 acres. The farm was occupied by 5 generations of Snides. In 1972 Douglas' son Sandy decided to go into landscaping in Halifax, and Doug sold all but 20 acres, on which they built a home.

On 28 Jun 1949 when Douglas was 36, he married **Mary Pearson**. Born on 11 Oct 1915 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS.

d/o Bertram and Gertrude Pearson

ii. **Marjorie**. Born on 17 Apr 1916 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., NS. Residence: Dartmouth, NS.

On 8 Jun 1950 when Marjorie was 34, she married **Iam Murray McLeod**.

Family of Alexander Tays (8) & Lovinia Maria Ammerman

17. Henry Ammerman Tays (*Alexander[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 24 Jan 1896 in Tecumseh, OK. Henry Ammerman died in Forest Grove, OR, on 18 Jan 1962; he was 65.

On 13 May 1917 when Henry Ammerman was 21, he married **Dorothy Bolderick**. Born on 17 Jun 1893 in Belleville, ON. Dorothy died in Salem, OR, on 14 Dec 1980; she was 87.

They had the following children:

i. **Charles**. Born on 24 Sep 1920 in Forest Grove, OR. Charles died in Bartlesville, OK, on 25 Jun 2005; he was 84. Occupation: Photographic studio. Residence: Hillsboro, OR.

On 23 Sep 1945 when Charles was 24, he married **Geneva "Marian" Hoffman**.

ii. **Ruby**. Born on 24 Jan 1923 in Forest Grove, OR. Ruby died in Salem, OR, in 2014; she was 90. Residence: Salem, OR.

On 21 Jul 1946 when Ruby was 23, she married **Alvin Leach**.

iii. **Edwin Henry**. Born on 4 Apr 1932 in Forest Grove, OR. Occupation: Teacher. Residence: Kent, WA.

On 25 Aug 1957 when Edwin Henry was 25, he married **Mary E. (Beth)**

Brabham in Forest Grove, OR.

18. Julia ("Jewell") Tays (*Alexander[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 24 Nov 1898 in Tecumseh, OK. Julia ("Jewell") died in Tacoma, Pierce Co., Washington, on 23 Nov 1984; she was 85.

On 22 Feb 1917 when Julia ("Jewell") was 18, she married **Guy Leon "Jack" Coombs** in Newport, OR. Born on 2 Sep 1890 in Lewiston, ME. Guy Leon "Jack" died in Tacoma, Pierce Co., Washington, on 19 Oct 1964; he was 74.

They had the following children:

i. **Lucille LeMaude**. Born on 15 Dec 1917 in Portland, OR.

On 8 Apr 1941 when Lucille LeMaude was 23, she married **Vernon A. Kershner** in Tacoma, WA.

ii. **Lenora**. Born on 18 Apr 1919 in Portland, OR.

iii. **Nancy Lovina**. Born on 18 Sep 1920 in Portland, OR.

On 6 Nov 1941 when Nancy Lovina was 21, she married **George A. Culver** in Tacoma, WA.

iv. **Patricia Marintha**. Born on 5 Jun 1922 in Vader, WA.

On 23 Dec 1941 when Patricia Marintha was 19, she married **Everett "Wayne" Keller** in Tacoma, WA.

v. **Lorraine**. Born in 1926.

Family of James Tays (9) & Elizabeth Oldmixon

19. George Tays (*James[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 26 Aug 1866 in Gays River, NS. George died in Truro, NS, on 19 Nov 1947; he was 81. Buried in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Residence: Lyman St. (1932), Longworth Ave., Truro (1946).

Mrs. John Fleming, daughter.

1921 census Truro Tays George 54 Evelyn 25 Edna 18 Irene 16 Inez 14 Earl 12

On 19 Jul 1893 when George was 26, he married **Margaret "Annie" Wilson** in Milford Station, Hants Co., NS. Born in 1875 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Margaret "Annie" died in Gays River, Col. Co., NS, on 2 Jun 1911; she was 36.

d/o James Wilson and Mary McKenzie

They had the following children:

31 i. **Alvalena** (20 Feb 1894-15 Jan 1989)

ii. **Mary Evelyn**. Born on 23 Feb 1897 in Coldstream, Col. Co., NS. Mary Evelyn died in Truro, NS, on 27 Nov 1999; she was 102. Buried in Robie St. Cemetery, Truro, NS.

On 22 Mar 1921 when Mary Evelyn was 24, she married **Victor Trueman McIntosh** in Truro, NS. Born on 3 Aug 1898 in Londonderry, Col. Co., NS. Victor Trueman died on 13 Apr 1952; he was 53.

s/o Kenneth McIntosh, b. Earltown, and Sarah Hennessey

iii. **George S.** Born on 19 Aug 1899 in Coldstream, Col. Co., NS. George S. died in Cumberland County, on 22 Aug 1919; he was 20. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

iv. **Edna Bernice**. Born on 24 Jun 1902 in Coldstream, Col. Co., NS. Edna Bernice died in 1992; she was 89. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Edna Bernice Fleming, Truro, 1964 (delayed registration of Inez Jean's birth)

On 10 Oct 1931 when Edna Bernice was 29, she married **John Albert Fleming**. Born on 10 Sep 1900 in Truro, NS. John Albert died in 1975; he was 74.

Son of Albert Flemming and Flora McLeod

v. **Ethel Irene**. Born on 6 Jul 1904 in Coldstream, Col. Co., NS. Ethel Irene died on 9 Jun 1987; she was 82. Buried in Knollwood, Norfolk, Mass.

On 18 Nov 1926 when Ethel Irene was 22, she married **William James Bourke** in Boston, Mass.

vi. **Inez Jean**. Born on 8 Jul 1906 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Inez Jean died in Bay Fortune, PEI, on 31 Dec 1994; she was 88.

On 15 Aug 1928 when Inez Jean was 22, she married **John Francis Townshend** in Truro, NS. Born in 1906 in Rolls Bay, PEI.

32 vii. **James Earl** (11 Aug 1908-28 May 1969)

20. Albert Tays (*James[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 16 Oct 1876. Albert died in Dedham, Mass., on 3 Dec 1939; he was 63. Buried in Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham.

On 9 Apr 1910 when Albert was 33, he married **Daisy Dora Duncan** in Dedham, Mass. Born on 9 Apr 1891 in Havelock, New Brunswick. Daisy Dora died on 14 Nov 1950; she was 59.

They had the following children:

33 i. **James Alexander** (4 Jan 1911-1 Oct 1970)

ii. **Albert Edward**. Born on 29 May 1912 in Dedham, Mass. Albert Edward died in Dedham, Mass., on 14 Jul 1997; he was 85.

Albert Edward married **Margaret Joanne Martin**.

iii. **Doris May**. Born on 19 Apr 1914 in Dedham, Mass. Doris May died in 1992; she was 77.

Doris May married **Stanley Vincent Embree**.

iv. **Robert Duncan**. Born on 6 Aug 1918 in Dedham, Mass. Robert Duncan died in Cambridge, Mass., on 1 Mar 1986; he was 67.

Robert Duncan married **Mary Magdelene Kennedy**.

v. **Bertha Elizabeth**. Born on 30 Jul 1920 in Dedham, Mass. Bertha Elizabeth died in Dedham, Mass., on 2 Dec 2006; she was 86.

Bertha Elizabeth married **Mario Colella**.

Family of William John Tays (11) & Annie McHeffey

21. Ethel Estella Tays (*William John[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 1 Oct 1873 in Cooks Brook, NS. Ethel Estella died in Chaswood, Halifax Co., NS, on 4 Nov 1949; she was 76.

On 12 Jan 1900 when Ethel Estella was 26, she married **Morton Layton Annand**, son of **James Annand** (25 Oct 1844-13 Sep 1916) & **Henrietta Bates** (9 Apr 1838-18 Jul 1910), in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Born on 19 Aug 1877 in Halifax, NS. Morton Layton died in Middle Musquodoboit, NS, on 29 May 1963; he was 85. Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Middle Musquodoboit.

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They had the following children:

i. **Harold Morton**. Born on 14 Dec 1900 in Chaswood, Halifax Co., NS. Harold Morton died in Halifax, NS, on 20 Jan 1990; he was 89.

Harold Morton married **Eleanor Mary Webster**. Born in 1926 in Charlottetown, PEI. Eleanor Mary died in 1981; she was 55.

34 ii. **Elmer James** (9 Aug 1902-1982)

iii. **Annie Laura**. Born on 29 Aug 1903 in Chaswood, Hfx. Co., NS. Annie Laura died in Boston, Mass., on 12 Feb 1985; she was 81.

Annie Laura married **Layton Smith Fisher**, son of **Samuel "Rettie" (Ritter) Fisher** (1865-1910) & **Mary Jane Dart** (1865-). Born on 14 Dec 1896 in Green Oaks, Col. Co., NS. Layton Smith died in Boston, Mass., on 12 Dec 1974; he was 77.

35 iv. **Merle Henrietta** (14 Aug 1905-28 Jun 1991)

v. **Alice McKay**. Born on 16 Sep 1907 in Chaswood, Hfx. Co., NS. Alice McKay died in Middle Musquodoboit, NS, on 15 Jun 2000; she was 92.

On 11 Sep 1926 when Alice McKay was 18, she married **John Rogers** in Middle Musquodoboit, NS. Born on 9 Aug 1901 in Glenmore, Musquodoboit. John died in Middle Musquodoboit, NS, on 3 Jun 1964; he was 62.

s/o James Rogers, b. Elmsvale, Musquodoboit, and Janie Millen

Rogers, Frances Ethel - Age 80 of Middle Musquodoboit, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2021 with family by her side. Born in Middle Musquodoboit, she was a daughter of the late John and Alice (Annand) Rogers. Frances always

supported the church through donations to suppers, volunteering in the community and could often be found with her knitting in her hands. She enjoyed going to Jimmy's for coffee and conversation, and taking a drive to count the deer. Surviving are her sister, Jessie, Truro; many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. She was predeceased by brothers, Clarence, Stanley, Bill; sister, Florence.

vi. **Ira George** (Died as Infant). Born on 23 Dec 1909 in Chaswood, Hfx. Co., NS. Ira George died in Chaswood, Hfx. Co., NS, on 9 Jul 1910; he was <1. Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Middle Musquodoboit.

36 vii. **William Gordon** (26 Jan 1912-13 Aug 1998)

37 viii. **Edgar Stanley** (3 Oct 1913-22 Feb 1996)

ix. **Bertha Hazel**. Born on 16 Jul 1917 in Chaswood, Halifax Co., NS. Bertha Hazel died in Amherst, NS, on 6 Feb 2006; she was 88.

On 3 Dec 1943 when Bertha Hazel was 26, she married **Stanley Edward Grant** in Amherst, NS. Born on 20 Jan 1915 in Truro, NS. Stanley Edward died in Amherst, NS, on 22 Jan 2000; he was 85.

s/o Cameron (b. Caledonia, Guysborough Co.) and Alberta Grant

x. **Ethel Jean** (Died as Child). Born on 2 Mar 1921. Ethel Jean died on 26 Jul 1922; she was 1.

22. Burke McHeffey Tays (*William John[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 12 Jun 1876 in Cooks Brook, NS. Burke McHeffey died in Halifax, NS, on 15 Dec 1977; he was 101. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Family also included Hazel Moore.

1921 census Gays River Tays Burke 45 Addie 34 Vra 9 Emma 8 Ferne 6 Jean 4 Hazel 1 Higgins Julia mother-in-law 72
1931 census Gays River Tays Burke 55 Addie 44 Emma 18 Ferne 16 Jean 14 Raymond 7 Freda 5 William 2

On 27 Dec 1910 when Burke McHeffey was 34, he married **Addie Blanchard Higgins**, daughter of **Robert Higgins** (16 Sep 1830-8 Oct 1917) & **Julia Wilson Archibald** (5 Jun 1849-6 May 1928), in Higginsville, NS. Born on 14 Jul 1886 in Higginsville, NS. Addie Blanchard died on 28 Feb 1978; she was 91.

They had the following children:

38 i. **Vera Irene** (3 Sep 1911-2001)

ii. **Emma Alberta**. Born on 28 Feb 1913 in Cooks Brook, Halifax Co., NS. Emma Alberta died on 25 Jun 1993; she was 80. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

On 28 Nov 1942 when Emma Alberta was 29, she married **Horace Stanford Horne** in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Born in 1909 in Eastern Passage, NS. Horace Stanford died in 1966; he was 57. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

s/o Provo Horne and Louise Hines

iii. **Ferne Evelyn**. Born on 23 Jan 1915 in Cooks Brook, Halifax Co., NS. Ferne Evelyn died on 2 Sep 2006; she was 91.

BAYER, Ferne Evelyn - 91, Meagher's Grant, Halifax Co. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a very special mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister, September 2, 2006, in Northwood Centre, Halifax. She was a daughter of the late Burke and Addie (Higgins) Tays. She was an active member of her community and took great interest in seeing the progress of her family, especially her grandchildren. Over the years she was an active member of the Evening Auxiliary and Sweet Sixteen Club. She was a member of St. James United Church in Meagher's Grant, where she served as an elder. She was a member of the board of the Twin Oaks Hospital in Musquodoboit Harbour. In her early years, she became a teacher, taking her training at the Normal College in Truro. She taught for a number of years in Fall River, Woodlawn, Lake Egmont, Fort Ellis and Meagher's Grant. After raising her family, she became a general insurance agent and retired in 1981. Although she liked to travel to far off places, she loved the comforts of her own home. Mom was a humorous and generous lady with a feisty and independent spirit. She is survived by daughters, Nancy (Jim) Turner, Musquodoboit Harbour; Trudy (Tony) Baker, Meagher's Grant; son, John (June), Wilmot; grandchildren, Carrie (Chris), Daniel, Susan, Kathryn, Janet, Jennifer (Dave), William, and Robert; great-grandchildren, Meghan and Nicholas. She is also survived by sister, Jean Stoddard; brothers, Raymond (Helen) Tays and Bill (Olive) Tays; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Reginald; sisters, Vera, Hazel, Freda, and Emma. (Halifax Herald 9/4/2006)

On 18 Dec 1943 when Ferne Evelyn was 28, she married **Reginald Duncan Bayer**, son of **Guy Mott Bayer** (20 Jun 1878-16 May 1967) & **Lovilla Janet Dillman** (19 Aug 1880-5 Nov 1967), in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Born in 1911 in Meaghers Grant, Hfx. Co., NS. Reginald Duncan died in 1976; he was 65.

Children John Bayer m Joan Coffin, Nancy Bayer m Jim Turner, Trudy Bayer m Tony Baker.

iv. **Annie Jean Archibald**. Born on 29 Jan 1917 in Cooks Brook, Halifax Co., NS.

On 12 Jun 1943 when Annie Jean Archibald was 26, she married **Carl Creelman Stoddard** in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Born in 1912 in Clam Harbour, NS. Carl Creelman died in 1995; he was 83. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery. Occupation: Physician.

Son of Arthur F Stoddard and Janet Archibald

v. **Raymond**. Born on 30 Jul 1923. Raymond died on 18 Jun 2014; he was 90. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Tays, Raymond Charles, 90 of Dartmouth, passed away June 18, 2014 in the Veterans Memorial Building, Halifax, Born in Cooks Brook, Nova Scotia he was the son of the late Burke and Addie (Higgins) Tays. He was a veteran of World

War II, joined at the age of 18 serving from 1941 to 1946. He was employed by Atlantic Jewellers Travellers Association, Chartered member 1978 to present, also 2 time Atlantic Chapter Salesman of the Year. Long-time member of Brightwood Golf & Country Club, Austenville Owls Club, Past president and member, Dartmouth Kiwanis Club member and past president. Ray spent 52 years in the sales business, being referred to as "The Godfather" of the jewelry business in Atlantic Canada. Organized and thorough, his forte was being a people-person, lighting up a room with his smile and always saving time for a chat. He was an extremely proud veteran that included being present for the liberation of Holland during WW2. Throughout his retirement years, he dedicated himself to the Dartmouth Kiwanis Club serving and volunteering in his Dartmouth community. Special thanks to the caring thorough caregivers at the Veterans Memorial Building, 5 west. Many thanks to all the staff for going the extra mile. Surviving are wife Helen (Malcolm); daughter Kathy (Graham MacKinnon); sons John (Elaine Brooks), Jim (Adele Derring); Sister Jean Stoddart; sister-in-law Olive Tays; grandchildren Aaryn, Sarah, Nathan, and Peter. Predeceased by sisters Vera, Fern, Emma, Hazel, and Freda; Brother Bill.

Raymond married **Helen May Malcolm**. Born on 16 Nov 1925. Helen May died on 11 Sep 2016; she was 90. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Helen Mae (Malcolm) Tays of Dartmouth, passed away peacefully on September 11th, 2016 at 90 years old. Born November 16, 1925, Helen was the daughter of Florence (Gould) and Jason Malcolm of St. Albans Vermont. She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond C Tays. Helen is survived by her only sister Ann O'Brien and her children, John (Elaine), Jim (Adele), Kathy (Graham). Also survived by grandchildren, Aaryn, Sarah, Nathan and Peter. Helen graduated from University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts and as an athlete of both golf and swimming. Following university, she worked at Sunlife Insurance and in 1949 she contracted polio which presented a physical disability throughout her life. As part of her therapy she began painting, something she became passionate about and continued doing throughout her life. Later on in life she starting writing, publishing a book for children. She was never afraid to try something new, a true inspiration to all that knew her . In 1953 she met Raymond and were married in 1955. Helen was Ray's constant support and foundation. Helen was always 10 steps ahead of her disability; demonstrating proactive solutions to any barriers and proud of her independence. She had a passion for current events, politics and sports, especially hockey. Helen loved a great game of bridge with her incredibly wonderful friend group. It was always a common sight to see Helen in her power wheelchair motoring along the streets to Mic Mac Mall, the Halifax Casino, her Condo catching an Access A Bus or along the Scotiabank Centre at a Moosehead game. Helen's determination and strength was an influence to all of us.

vi. **Freda Bernice**. Born in 1926. Freda Bernice died on 15 Mar 2005; she was 79. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

Freda Bernice Parks (nee Tays), 79, a resident of Harbour View Haven Nursing Home, Lunenburg, formerly of Petite Riviere, passed away on Tuesday, March

15, 2005. Born in Cooks Brook, she was the daughter of the late Burke and Addie Tays of Cooks Brook. In her early years she was employed at the Royal Bank in Shubenacadie, MTT and later worked as a long time employee in the Payroll and Personnel Dept. at the Victoria General Hospital. She was predeceased by her loving husband Ronald Parks and daughter Sally Parks, infant daughter Susan; sisters Emma Horne, Hazel Moore and Vera Baker. She is survived by brothers Bill Tays (wife Olive), Cooks Brook; Raymond Tays (wife Helen), Dartmouth; sisters Jean Stoddard, Halifax; and Fern Bayer Meagher's Grant, loving nieces and nephews. Freda was a long time member of Trinity United Church, Timberlea, volunteering in the choir and as a life member of the UCW, and became a member of Wesley United Church in Petite Riviere.

vii. **William R.** Born in 1929. William R. died in 2007; he was 78. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

William R. married **Olive Quinn**. Born in 1932. Olive died in Cooks Brook, Halifax Co., NS, on 1 Jun 2020; she was 88. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

TAYS, Olive Lenora, Cooks Brook, peacefully passed away on June 1, 2020 in Grand View Manor in Berwick. Born in Harrison Settlement, she was a daughter of Annie (Pugsley) and Carl K. Quinn. She attended Normal College in Truro, and taught school in Halfway River West, Cooks Brook and Musquodoboit Central Elementary in Middle Musquodoboit. She enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles, quilting, knitting, crocheting, local history and genealogy. She is survived by her children, Philip (Pauline), Wendy (Charley) Vaughan and Heather (Randy) McRae; grandchildren Margaret (Chris), Tom (Lisa), Will, Alex, Matt (Emily), and Scott, and three great grandchildren, Ryan, Charlotte and Evangeline. She is also survived by her sisters Eileen (John) Melanson and Marina Quinn, as well as many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her husband, William Tays, sister, Muriel Gavin, and brother, Arnold Quinn.

23. Gordon Tays (*William John*[3]*, Joseph Wilkin*[2]*, Joseph*[1]). Born in 1882. Gordon died on 14 Jan 1976; he was 94. Buried in Springfield, Mass.

On 20 Apr 1905 when Gordon was 23, he married **Annie S. Sullivan** in Palmer, Hampden Co., MA. Born in 1885.

They had the following children:

i. **William John**. Born in 1908 in Massachusetts. William John died on 16 Feb 1983; he was 75. Buried in Oak Ridge Memorial Park, Oak Ridge, Anderson, Tennessee.

On 20 Jun 1931 when William John was 23, he married **Marjorie Isabel Ford** in Maine. Born on 28 Nov 1903 in Auburn, Cumberland, Maine. Marjorie Isabel died in Oak Ridge, TN, on 17 Jan 1991; she was 87.

ii. **Laura J.** Born on 25 Jun 1910 in Palmer, Hampden Co., MA. Laura J. died in Lowell, Mass., on 6 Oct 1982; she was 72.

24. Edith Lurena Tays (*William John[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 1 May 1884 in Cooks Brook, NS. Edith Lurena died in 1979; she was 94. Buried in Bartlett Cemetery, Amesbury, Mass.

Parents of Shirley Patterson Joy, author of the genealogy.

In 1902 when Edith Lurena was 17, she married **Clarence Patterson** in Halifax, NS. Born on 27 Oct 1883 in Nova Scotia. Clarence died in 1945; he was 61. Buried in Bartlett Cemetery, Amesbury, Mass.

s/o John Wesley Patterson and Ida Maria Card

They had one child:

i. **Shirley Evelyn**. Born on 3 May 1928 in Amesbury, MA. Shirley Evelyn died in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 21 Jun 1995; she was 67. Buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH. Education: U Mass (1950), Bacteriology and Medical technology.

Shirley Evelyn married **Warren Joy**.

Warren Joy passed away Thursday, August 26th 2010, while on vacation in Stratford, Ontario Canada. He was born December 28 1926 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He graduated from M.I.T. with a Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in 1950, after serving in the U.S. Military forces during WWII in Greenland. Warren married Shirley Patterson Joy on November 10 1950, and in 1952 moved to Cincinnati where he was employed by General Electric for 35 years. His engineering designs & innovations contributed greatly to the development of modern jet propulsion systems. He also worked with NASA on several projects in designing rocket propulsion systems. Devoted father of Thomas W. Joy and Susan Joy Wilkins. He was a resident of Madeira, Ohio between 1967 and 1997, where he served on the board and later became President of the Madeira Historical Society. He enjoyed many adventures travelling throughout the world. His main hobby was genealogy, and spent much time helping others trace their family ancestry. He was a member of the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. Warren remarried in 1997 to Joan Morgan-Joy, and they enjoyed many travels abroad, fine music & theatre. Warren was loved by all, and his witty humour and kindness will always be remembered and will be greatly missed by his family & friends. He is survived by his wife Joan Morgan Joy, and his brother Roger T. Joy of Newcastle, Staffordshire England. He leaves behind a daughter Susan Joy Wilkins & son-in-law William Wilkins in Pidgeon Forge, TN., and a Son, Thomas W. Joy & daughter in-law Kim Joy of Loveland, Ohio, and grand-children James, Kristy, Emily, Ashlee, Chelsea and Samuel.

Fifth Generation

Family of Eugene Augustus Hoffman Tays (13) & Rosaura Vega Y Gaxiola

25. Eugene Tays (*Eugene Augustus Hoffman[4], Joseph Wilkin[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 9 May 1889 in San Blas, Mexico. Eugene died in Clearwater, FL, on 1 Jun 1985; he was 96. Occupation: Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. Education: UC Berkeley (1915). Residence: Berkeley, CA; Clearwater, FL.

On 24 Dec 1917 when Eugene was 28, he first married **Alice Louise Peck M.D.** in Empalme, Mexico. Born on 16 Dec 1900 in Cripple Creek, MO. Residence: Taft, CA; Las Vegas, NV; Long Beach, CA. They were divorced in 1943.

They had the following children:

i. **Alice Eloisa**. Born on 14 Oct 1919 in Empalme, Mexico.

On 18 Apr 1939 when Alice Eloisa was 19, she married **Bert Wade Wright** in Hollywood, CA.

39 ii. **Joseph Wilkin** (20 Aug 1921-4 Apr 2017)

Remarried Alice Peck 29 Jan 1979.

In Jun 1944 when Eugene was 55, he second married **Maria Faria**. Maria died in 1959.

On 12 Aug 1961 when Eugene was 72, he third married **Georgia Norton**. Georgia died in 1975.

26. Linda Tays (*Eugene Augustus Hoffman[4], Joseph Wilkin[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 23 Jan 1893 in San Blas, Mexico. Linda died in Dallas, Texas, on 13 Nov 1993; she was 100.

On 9 Feb 1920 when Linda was 27, she married **William Edward Dunn** in New York City. Born on 2 Mar 1888 in Sulphur Springs, Hopkins, Texas. William Edward died in Dallas, Texas, on 18 Nov 1966; he was 78. Occupation: Professor and Diplomat.

They had the following children:

i. **Eugenia Ballinger**. Born on 4 May 1924 in Washington, DC.

On 26 Jun 1944 when Eugenia Ballinger was 20, she married **Edward Carlton Fritz** in Pasadena, CA. Born on 8 Feb 1916.

ii. **Paxton Tays**. Born on 24 Jan 1928 in Englewood, NJ. Occupation: US Army, State Department and Foreign Service. Residence: Stamford, CT.

On 22 Jan 1955 when Paxton Tays was 26, he married **Louise Meiere** in New York City, NY.

27. Alexander Tays (*Eugene Augustus Hoffman[4], Joseph Wilkin[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 25 Mar 1897 in San Blas, El Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico. Alexander died in San Blas, El Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico, on 19 Nov 1964; he was 67. Residence: Berkeley, CA; San Blas, Sinaloa, Mexico; Pittsburg, CA.

Alexander first married **Guadalupe Castro** in San Blas, Mexico. Born on 12 Dec 1899.

They had the following children:

i. **Herlinda Rosa**. Born on 1 Dec 1924 in Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico. Residence: San Blas, Mexico and California.

Herlinda Rosa married **Samuel Rangel Lopez** in Nogalez, Sonora, Mexico.

ii. **Frank A.** Born on 4 Oct 1929 in Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico. Residence: Pittsburg, CA.

On 11 Sep 1948 when Frank A. was 18, he married **Gloria Perez** in Berkeley, California.

iii. **Hector**. Born on 6 Oct 1932 in Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico. Hector died in 1989; he was 56.

Alexander second married **Rosario Rodriguez**.

They had the following children:

i. **Alexander**. Born on 8 Jun 1950 in Pittsburg, CA. Occupation: US Marine Corps.

On 15 Jul 1972 when Alexander was 22, he first married **Mercedes Aldana**. They were divorced.

Alexander second married **Ignacia Lopez Gomez** in Antioch, CA.

ii. **Rosaura**.

Rosaura Tays married **Aaron Grijalva**.

28. Clement II Tays (*Eugene Augustus Hoffman[4], Joseph Wilkin[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 17 Oct 1901 in San Blas, Mexico. Clement II died in San Blas, Mexico, on 13 Nov 1932; he was 31. Occupation: Farming, Mexico. Education: U. Arizona; UC Berkeley.

Killed during a land dispute.

On 22 Mar 1924 when Clement II was 22, he married **Ethna Freeman** in Oakland, CA. Born on 29 Aug 1906 in Oakland, CA.

They had the following children:

i. **Eugene Dale**. Born on 25 Dec 1925 in Oakland, CA.

ii. **Eloisa**. Born on 3 Mar 1927 in Pittsburg, CA.

Eloisa first married **James Chantry**.

On 3 May 1948 when Eloisa was 21, she second married **Alfred J. Fournier** in Reno, Nevada.

iii. **Clement**.

Family of Joseph Wilkin Tays Jr. (14) & Elizabeth Schermerhorn

29. Conklin Styner Tays (*Joseph Wilkin[4], Joseph Wilkin[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 26 Jan 1899 in Bermejillo, Mexico. Conklin Styner died in Kitsap, Washington, on 22 Nov 1978; he was 79. Occupation: US Navy.

In 1920 when Conklin Styner was 20, he married **Freda Wessel** in Cordelia, CA. Born on 22 Aug 1900 in San Francisco, CA. Freda died on 9 Feb 1984; she was 83. They were divorced.

They had one child:

i. **Joseph Eugene**. Born on 20 Mar 1921 in Vallejo, CA. Joseph Eugene died in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on 22 Apr 1977; he was 56. Occupation: Flight mechanic. Residence: Denver, CO; Idaho Falls.

On 18 Aug 1943 when Joseph Eugene was 22, he married **Dixie Lee Rodman** in Los Angeles, CA. Born on 25 Oct 1924.

Family of George Havelock Tays (15) & Helen Frances Phillips

30. Elizabeth Alma Tays (*George Havelock[4], George E.[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 22 Sep 1903 in Crystal, CO. Elizabeth Alma died in San Diego, CA, on 9 Jan 1971; she was 67.

On 5 Sep 1925 when Elizabeth Alma was 21, she married **George Miller Cool** in Grand Junction, CO. Born on 3 Jan 1881. George Miller died in Eureka, Humboldt Co., CA, on 14 Jan 1964; he was 83.

They had the following children:

i. **Alma Kay**. Born on 1 Dec 1926.

On 26 Oct 1944 when Alma Kay was 17, she married **Robert J. Anderson**.

ii. **Douglas "Tays"**. Born on 7 Jan 1929.

Family of George Tays (19) & Margaret "Annie" Wilson

31. Alvalena Tays (*George[4], James[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 20 Feb 1894 in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Alvalena died on 15 Jan 1989; she was 94. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

On 4 Feb 1916 when Alvalena was 21, she married **Norris Lorne Gay** in Truro, NS. Born on 1 Jun 1889

in Gays River, NS. Norris Lorne died on 2 Aug 1943; he was 54. Occupation: Merchant. Residence: Charlottetown, PEI (1916).

s/o Charlton Gay and Jane Leck

Their daughter, Col. I. Marion Gay, MAR. 22, 1927 - MAY 12, 1988

They had one child:

i. **Eileen Margaret**. Born on 23 Aug 1922 in Sydney, Cape Breton, NS. Eileen Margaret died on 22 Nov 1998; she was 76. Buried in Gays River, Col. Co., NS.

32. James Earl Tays (*George[4], James[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 11 Aug 1908 in Gays River, NS. James Earl died in Massachusetts on 28 May 1969; he was 60. Buried in Milton, Mass.

On 13 Sep 1933 when James Earl was 25, he married **Marguerite Greenlaw** in St. Stephen, NB. Born on 20 Jul 1909 in Eastport, Maine. Marguerite died in Los Angeles, CA, on 19 Aug 1994; she was 85.

They had the following children:

i. **Stuart George**. Born on 17 Sep 1936 in Boston, Mass. Stuart George died in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, CA, on 20 Aug 2005; he was 68.
ii. **Robert E.** Born on 23 Sep 1938 in Boston, Mass. Robert E. died in Boston, Mass., on 27 Dec 1952; he was 14. Buried in Milton, Mass.

Family of Albert Tays (20) & Daisy Dora Duncan

33. James Alexander Tays (*Albert[4], James[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 4 Jan 1911 in Dedham, Mass. James Alexander died on 1 Oct 1970; he was 59. Buried in Buckland Cemetery, Manchester, Hartford, CT.

James Alexander married **Hilda A. Chmielorz**.

They had one child:

i. **James Alexander**. Born on 1 Apr 1937 in Boston, Mass. James Alexander died in Josephine, Oregon, on 8 Jul 2001; he was 64.

Family of Ethel Estella Tays (21) & Morton Layton Annand

34. Elmer James Annand (*Ethel Estella Tays[4], William John[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 9 Aug 1902 in Chaswood, Halifax Co., NS. Elmer James died in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, ON, in 1982; he was 79.

On 1 Feb 1932 when Elmer James was 29, he married **Marian Belle Bain** in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, ON. Born in 1912 in Glasgow, Scotland. Marian Belle died in 1977; she was 65.

They had the following children:

i. **Layton James**. Born in 1932. Layton James died in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, ON, on 6 Jun 1976; he was 44.

ii. **Beryl Ethel**. Born in 1933 in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, ON. Beryl Ethel died in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, ON, in 1988; she was 55.

Beryl Ethel married **Marcel Mongeon**.

iii. **George Elmer**. Born on 6 Mar 1935 in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, ON. George Elmer died in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, ON, on 27 Sep 2020; he was 85.

Passed away on Sunday September 27th, 2020 at the South Centennial Manor in Iroquois Falls at the age of 85. He was the son of the late Elmer Annand and late Marian Annand. He leaves behind his wife Jean Annand (nee Adams), his children Jim (Mary), William (Carmene) and John (Pam), his grandchildren Tamara (Sean), Jenna, Parrish (Kim), Hayley (Adam), Jamie (Greg) and Greg, his great-grandchildren Marley, Emry, Josh, Cole, Aleah, Clark and Kolton. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was the brother of the late Robert Annand (Paul Hicks) Annand, late Layton (late Beverley) Annand, and late Beryl (late Marcel) Mongeon.

Mrs. Jean Marguerite Annand (nee Adams) November 10, 1931 – April 18, 2021. Passed away on Sunday April 18th, 2021 at the Anson General Hospital in Iroquois Falls at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her husband George Annand last September. She leaves behind her children Jim (Mary), William (Carmene) and John (Pam), her grandchildren Tamara (Sean), Jenna, Parrish (Kim), Hayley (Adam), Jamie (Greg) and Greg, her great-grandchildren Marley, Emry, Josh, Cole, Aleah, Clark and Kolton. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Jean was also predeceased by her parents and all her siblings.

iv. **Robert Morton**. Born on 25 Aug 1945 in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, ON. Robert Morton died in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, ON, on 7 Jun 2013; he was 67.

35. Merle Henrietta Annand (*Ethel Estella Tays[4], William John[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 14 Aug 1905 in Chaswood, Hfx. Co., NS. Merle Henrietta died in Chaswood, Hfx. Co., NS, on 28 Jun 1991; she was 85.

On 14 Dec 1929 when Merle Henrietta was 24, she married **Lawrence Henry Taylor**, son of **Frank Holsworth Taylor** (18 Apr 1865-25 Oct 1949) & **Adelaide Florence Taylor** (5 Feb 1871-29 Mar 1931), in Middle Musquodoboit, NS. Born on 28 Sep 1892 in Chaswood, Halifax Co., NS. Lawrence Henry died on 6 Jun 1966; he was 73.

s/o Frank and Adelaide Taylor of Chaswood

They had one child:

i. **James**. James died in Middle Musquodoboit, NS on 8 Jan 2013.

36. William Gordon Annand (*Ethel Estella Tays[4], William John[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 26 Jan 1912 in Chaswood, Halifax Co., NS. William Gordon died in Middle Musquodoboit, NS, on 13 Aug

1998; he was 86.

William Gordon married **Marjorie I. Woods**. Born on 2 Feb 1926 in Dartmouth, NS. Marjorie I. died in Halifax, NS, on 28 Oct 2022; she was 96.

Age 96 of Halifax, passed away October 28, 2022, at the Halifax Infirmary. Born in Dartmouth, she was a daughter of the late Albert and Effie Woods. She is survived by daughters Dorothy (Nelson), Ethel, Melody, Helen, son Ronald, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband William (Bill), sons Joey, Darrell, Terry and daughter Cynthia.

They had one child:

i. **Terry James**. Born in 1955 in Middle Musquodoboit, NS. Terry James died in Halifax, NS, on 18 Nov 2021; he was 66.

ANNAND, TERRY JAMES. Age 65 of Halifax, NS, passed away Thursday, November 18, 2021 at home. Born in Middle Musquodoboit, he was the son of Marjorie (Woods) and the late William (Bill) Annand. He is survived by his mother Marjorie, brother Ronald, sisters Dorothy (Nelson), Ethel, Melody and Helen. Besides his father, he was predeceased by brothers Joey Woods, Darrell and sister Cynthia (Arsenault).

37. Edgar Stanley Annand (*Ethel Estella Tays[4], William John[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 3 Oct 1913 in Chaswood, Hfx. Co., NS. Edgar Stanley died on 22 Feb 1996; he was 82. Buried in Wittenburg, NS.

ANNAND, Edgar Stanley - 82, Middle Musquodoboit, died February 22, 1996, in Ocean View Manor, Eastern Passage. Born in Chaswood, he was a son of the late Morton and Ethel (Tays) Annand. He was owner/operator of Annand's Transfer for many years; later did carpentry work and worked for Nova Scotia Truckers Association. He was a member and trustee of Middleton United Church, Middle Musquodoboit; member of Craigmyle Lodge, Middle Musquodoboit; former chief and member of Middle Musquodoboit Volunteer Fire Department. Surviving are his wife, the former Roberta (Bobby) Taylor; sons, Howard, Porters Lake; Carl, Musquodoboit; daughters, Sharon (Mrs. Norman Cox), Porters Lake; Arlene (Mrs. Karl Schmidt), Dartmouth; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, William, Chaswood; sisters, Alice Rogers, Musquodoboit; Bertha Grant, Amherst. He was predeceased by son, Keith; brothers, Elmer, Harold, Ira George in infancy; sisters, Laura, Merle, Ethel Jean in infancy.

On 7 May 1938 when Edgar Stanley was 24, he married **Roberta Estelle Taylor** in Truro, NS. Born in 1921. Roberta Estelle died in Middle Musquodoboit, NS, on 24 Feb 2014; she was 93. Buried in Wittenburg, Col. Co., NS.

ANNAND (TAYLOR), Roberta Estelle- 93, Middle Musquodoboit, we the family of Bobby Annand, sadly announce the passing of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother on February 24, 2014 in the Halifax Infirmary Site, QEII. Born in Wittenburg, she was a daughter of the late Cory and Susan Ann (MacLeod) Taylor. Mom was a friendly, outgoing person who was well known for her creativity. She was a proud homemaker and considered this to be her most important role in life. She expressed her true artistic talent in her painting, sewing, floral gardens, pottery and music. Mom was a nature lover, she recognized its beauty and it inspired her artistic endeavours. She was especially fond of birds. She was a co-founder of the Valley Weeders Garden Club. She will be sadly missed by her children Howard (Karen)

Annand, Sharon (Victor) Sampson, Carl (Lynn) Annand, son-in-law Karl Schmidt, 7 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was the last of her family of 11 and was predeceased by her husband Edgar, daughter Arlene Schmidt, son Keith, sisters Luella Higgins, Muriel Reid, Elva Reid, Erma Redden, Cora Small, Eleanor "Dolly" Belmore, brothers Clarence, Percy, Clifford and Byron Taylor.

They had the following children:

i. **Arlene Estelle**. Born on 20 Sep 1938 in Northam, PEI. Arlene Estelle died in Dartmouth, NS, on 2 Sep 2012; she was 73.

married 1st Ronald Manuel
married 2nd Karl Schmidt

Schmidt (Annand), Arlene, 74, of Dartmouth, passed away unexpectedly Sept. 2, 2012. Born in Northam, PEI, she was a daughter of Roberta and the late Edgar Annand. She was predeceased by her brother Keith Annand. Arlene loved helping others, especially the elderly by volunteering at the local hospitals. Her passion was gardening, home decorating and spending time with her family.

ii. **Howard Taylor**. Born in 1942 in Middle Musquodoboit, NS. Howard Taylor died in Bedford, NS, on 19 Nov 2022; he was 80.

Annand, Howard Taylor – 80, Bedford. We are so sad to announce the passing of a dear husband, father, father-in-law, on November 19, 2022 in the Veteran's Memorial Building. Born in Middle Musquodoboit, he was the oldest son of the late Edgar and Roberta Annand. Howard was a kind, gentle man who lived very simply and was so easy going. He spent five years of his early life as a member of the RCAF and spent most of his working life as an owner-operator transport driver, driving the last few years for Conrad Brothers from where he retired in 2007. Howard was in his happy place when he could find someone to talk trucks, listen to fiddle music and his favourite place was Tim's where he could spend hours with his friends. Howard will be forever missed by his wife, Karen (Jodrey); son, Michael (Kimberley); sister, Sharon (Victor); brother, Carl (Lynn); brothers-in-law, Jim (Brenda), Lowell (Barb), Rennie, Kevin (Leigh-Anne); sister-in-law, Judy (Don); many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister, (Arlene); brother-in-law, Karl; brother, Keith; brothers-in-law, Vince and Lonnie; sister-in-law, Marianne.

iii. **Carl Edgar**. Born in 1947. Carl Edgar died on 12 Nov 2023; he was 76.

Annand, Carl Edgar – It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of Carl Edgar Annand, aged 76, of Middle Musquodoboit. Carl died peacefully in his sleep November 12, 2023. He will be forever missed by his loving wife, Lynn; his daughters, Belinda, Shanda (Troy); his precious grandchildren, Casia (Leslie), Tristan, Kaitlyn, Avery (Taylor), Madison (Gabe), Kale, Ty; great-granddaughter, Paisley; and cherished fur baby, Mindy. Carl is survived by his sister, Sharon (Vic); and special sister-in-law, Karen Annand. Carl was a son of the late Edgar and Roberta (Taylor) Annand of Middle Musquodoboit. He was also predeceased by siblings, Keith, Arlene, and Howard. Carl was extremely fortunate to have so many wonderful friends. The family would like to extend a

particular thank you to Craig and to Greg, for all of their time and support provided to Dad over the past years. In his younger years, Carl loved to play sports and he made many wonderful memories with friends playing baseball and hockey. He loved racing cars and got himself into some trouble over the years, but he loved to tell the stories, or at least the ones he was willing to share! Carl worked as a mechanic for many years before finding his true passion, long haul trucking. He was involved in the trucking industry for over 50 years, allowing him to see many parts of the world and meet many new people, make memories, and gather stories that he loved to share with anyone who would listen. His love for trucking was no match for his love for music. In the late seventies, Carl and a group of friends formed bands called the Weeds of Eden, and the Cavaliers. Their music was enjoyed by many at local dances for several years. Carl had many great memories as a drummer with both bands, but later found a love for the Blues, and in the mid-nineties, the harmonica became his instrument of choice. He spent many hours teaching himself to play, as his father did years before him. He loved every opportunity he had to share his talent and, although he always found fault with any performance he gave, his family and friends always loved to be entertained by him. Above all, Carl was a family man. He loved nothing more than spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Holidays were the best. From Easter scavenger hunts to birthday parties, summer pool parties to Christmas games and potlucks, he was always there with a smile on his face, ready for a good laugh. His favorite movie was Chevy Chase's Christmas Vacation. Every year, we would gather as a family to watch, and every year, he would be laughing and reciting the lines before the scene even happened. As we gather to watch this year, we will raise a glass to a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, knowing he's looking down on us, laughing away at Clark Griswold's antics.

iv. **Keith MacLeod**. Born on 7 May 1949. Keith MacLeod died on 28 Aug 1979; he was 30. Buried in Wittenburg, Col. Co., NS.

v. **Sharon Roberta**. Born in Middle Musquodoboit, NS.

Sharon Roberta married **Wilfred Norman Cox**.

Family of Burke McHeffey Tays (22) & Addie Blanchard Higgins

38. Vera Irene Tays (*Burke McHeffey[4], William John[3], Joseph Wilkin[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 3 Sep 1911 in Cooks Brook, Halifax Co., NS. Vera Irene died in 2001; she was 89. Buried in Gays River Church Cemetery.

On 30 Sep 1932 when Vera Irene was 21, she married **Frank Gault Baker** in Gays River, Col. Co., NS. Born in 1898 in Saint John, NB. Frank Gault died in 1970; he was 72.

They had the following children:

i. **Barry Burke** (Twin). Born on 22 Mar 1941 in Halifax, NS. Barry Burke died in Stewiacke, Col. Co., NS, on 19 Oct 2007; he was 66.

BAKER, Barry Burke – 66, Stewiacke passed away suddenly at the Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro on Friday, October 19th, 2007. Born in Halifax he was the son of the late Frank and Vera (Tays) Baker. Barry was an Automotive Technician at Halifax Chrysler Dodge for nineteen years after attending Halifax Vocational School. He was employed for a short period at National Gypsum in Milford but for twenty five years he enjoyed every day of his work at LaFarge Canada in Brookfield. Barry was retired from the Stewiacke Volunteer Fire Brigade having served for fifteen years. He was very involved as a hockey coach in the community. Many of his player passengers will forever remember their eventful trips to the rink, plus the fact he was never late. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Gwen (Brenton), sons Brent (Jacqueline Stewart) of Stewiacke; Mark (Kelly Crossman) of Milford Station; grandchildren Connor, Cole, Cameron, Seth and Marley; sisters Beverly of Halifax and Mary (Gordon) Patton, Chico, Calif., nieces Frances (David) Heeter and Diane (Lyle) Foster; grandniece Katelyn. Burial will take place at Pine Grove Cemetery, Stewiacke East.

ii. **Beverly Joan** (Twin). Born on 22 Mar 1941 in Halifax, NS. Beverly Joan died in Truro, NS, on 7 May 2020; she was 79. Buried in Gays River, Col. Co., NS.

BAKER, Beverly Joan, age 79 of Truro, formerly of Halifax, passed away May 7, 2020 in Vimy Court. Beverly was a graduate of the Children's Hospital, Halifax. She acquired a diploma in psychiatric nursing at the Nova Scotia Hospital, Dartmouth. She was an avid learner, attending courses whenever the opportunity arose. Beverly started her nursing career working at the IWK, Halifax. She was a nurse manager of pediatrics at the Blanchard Fraser Memorial Hospital, Kentville; a nurse at a children's camp in Ottawa, Ontario; was employed at the old Halifax Infirmary and she completed her career at the QEII Halifax, working in the ENT Clinic. She was appreciated for her ability to listen to others, her sincere interest and caring attitude towards patients in her care. Beverly was predeceased by her twin brother Barry, her mother Vera (Tays) Baker and her father Frank Baker. She is survived by her sister Mary (Gordon) Patton, nieces Francis (David) Heeter, Diane (Lyle) Foster, grandniece Katlyn (Sam) Foster-Nassie of Chico, California; sister in-law Gwen Baker, nephews Brent (Jacqueline) Baker, grandnephews, Connor, Cole and Cameron Baker; nephew Mark Baker, grandnephew Seth and grandniece Marley Baker; great grand nephew, Sawyer Nassie; special friend Janet Slack; many cousins and extended family.

Sixth Generation

Family of Eugene Tays (25) & Alice Louise Peck M.D.

39. Joseph Wilkin Tays (*Eugene[5], Eugene Augustus Hoffman[4], Joseph Wilkin[3], John[2], Joseph[1]*). Born on 20 Aug 1921 in Taft, CA. Joseph Wilkin died on 4 Apr 2017; he was 95. Buried in Bakersfield National Cemetery.

On 9 Mar 1945 when Joseph Wilkin was 23, he married **Pauline Griffin** in San Pedro, CA. Born on 29 Jan 1928 in Los Angeles, CA. Pauline died in Riverside, California, on 18 Oct 2011; she was 83.

They had the following children:

i. **Joseph Wilkin**. Born on 13 Jan 1946 in San Pedro, CA. Joseph Wilkin died in Washington, Wilkes, GA, on 25 Aug 2019; he was 73.

Mr. Joseph Wilkin Tays, Jr., 73, of Columbus Grenade Rd., Washington, GA passed away Sunday, August 25, 2019 at his home. Mr. Tays was born January 13, 1946 in San Pedro, CA to Joseph Wilkin Tays, Sr. and Pauline Griffin Tays. He was a retired Communication Engineer from GA State University and was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. He is survived by his wife Robin Spears Tay; son: Brian Jesse Tays of Buford, GA; brother: Dennis Tays of California and a sister: Patricia Karli of South Dakota.

ii. **Dennis Robert**. Born on 9 Apr 1947 in San Pedro, CA.

Dennis Robert married **Teresa Lynn Byrne**.

iii. **Patricia Ann**. Born on 10 Oct 1948 in San Pedro, CA.

On 21 Jun 1964 when Patricia Ann was 15, she married **Craig A. Karli** in Long Beach, Los Angeles, CA.

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