



## Joseph McNeice

The Patriarch of Lorne's family is Joseph McNeice, son of James McNeice (1816-1900) and Ann Brown (1841-1884). James was from the Mullafarry Presbyterian Parish, Civil Parish of Ballysakeery, County Mayo, Ireland. James and Ann were married in 1855 (Rina Royer from Saskatoon SK has on Ancestry.com on Bouche family tree), no other confirmation.

Pictures of James and Ann's tombstones are already available on Find-a-grave. I have been unable so far to find a McNeice connection in Ireland, and would dearly love to do so. If anyone has information I would love to hear it!

James & Ann McNeice lived in Adelaide, Middlesex County, Ontario and are included in numerous Census'. They had children Thomas J. (1860-1897), Myriam "Marie" (1862-1902), Emmy J. "Amy" (1864-1893), George W.A. (1865-1916), John Alexander (1866-1925), Ellen Elizabeth (1867-1925), Joseph Hubbard (1870-1955), Benjamin Johnston (1871-?), and Reuben (1872-1934).

The McNeice line my husband is of is Joseph and Mary McNeice, but I would love to know more about the extended family.

Joseph was married before, in 1903, to Mary Elizabeth "Mame" Gemmell, born August 17, 1871 at Nottawa, Ontario. She passed away on May 9, 1905 at Tregarva, Saskatchewan. They had a son Gemmell Leslie who was born April 1, 1905 at Tregarva and passed away April 23, 1905 at Tregarva. Family history indicates that when mother "Mame" passed away the baby was weak and passed away as well.

Joseph remarried to Mary Catherine Binnie in 1907. Mary was born November 20, 1889 in Saskatchewan, and was considerably younger than Joseph (18 years). They had 10 children. Joseph passed away May 14, 1955 and is buried in the cemetery at Lumsden, Saskatchewan. Mary passed away May 19, 1987 and is buried alongside Joseph.

And, just so those wary of too much personal family information on this site, rest assured I only post information on dead people! The following is a three-generation genealogy listing of the McNeice family.

## *McNeice Information Deduced from Canadian Census*

**Joseph** was born in 1870 near Strathroy, Ontario (according to 1871 census). His parents were Father James and Mother Ann McNeice, his father having been born in Ireland in 1819 and his mother in 1842. They were of Methodist faith. It appears that their Uncle John lived with them, he was four years older than James (1815).

**Joseph** was the youngest of the family at the time at 1 (b 1870), his brother Thomas was 11 (b1860), Marie 9 (b1862), Emmy J 7 (b1864), George 6 (b1865), Ellen 4 (b1867) and John 5 years of age (b1866). Joseph's father was a farmer.

On Joseph's tombstone it says he was born in 1874, but that can't be true as on the 1871 Canadian census he is listed as being one-year-old. He therefore has to be born in 1870 (unless this is the wrong Joseph, which is highly unlikely as I have researched every Joseph born in Canada until 1921 census and there were none).

In the next census (1881) father James has as being born in 1818 and his mother Ann in 1845. In this census his mother indicates she was born in England and considers herself English, while his father considers himself Irish nationality. All the children were born in Ontario. John is indicated as being born in 1869 on this census (3 years' difference). Also indicated is a new child, Reuben who is 9 and was born in 1872. Their uncle John is listed in the 1881 census as being born in 1816.

In the 1891 census Father James is listed as being born in 1817, a farmer, and widowed. Ellen (age 24/1867), John (age23/1868, single listed as a farmer), and Reuben (age19/1872) single are the only ones left at home. Thomas J (age 31/1860) and George W. (age 26) are listed as being in Assiniboia West (Moose Jaw & Regina area). One of them (Thomas) is married to a Lizzie C. (age30) whose father came from Ontario and mother from England. She proves to be Thomas' wife. Also listed is a one-year old girl, Edna A. whose parents are both from Ontario (Thomas and Lizzie C.). **Joseph** is not mentioned in the census at all.

Thomas' wife C. Elizabeth (Lizzie, age 40/January 22, 1861) is widowed in the 1901 census, living in Lumsden, Assiniboia West and head of the household. So Thomas died between 1891 and 1901. Also in the 1901 census is a H. George listed as age 34 (December 23, 1866), and his wife M. Sarah, age 27 (March 20, 1874) married, born in Ontario, Ethnic Origin Irish, wife, Methodist. There are three children listed; E. James, age 5 (born July 24, 1895 in "Assa"), ethnic origin Irish, Nationality Canadian; G. Kenneth age 1 (born December 28, 1899 in "Assa"), ethnic origin Irish, Nationality Canadian; G. Thomas age 3 (born January 9, 1897 in "Assa"), ethnic origin Irish, Nationality Canadian.

Also in the 1901 census there is a **Joseph** listed, age 31 (born January 5, 1875), single, occupation farm labourer, Born in Ontario, Methodist religion, Relationship: brother (to George). Also listed is a "Marthar" age 74 (born June 25, 1826), apparently living with a Robert and Hellen Martin.

In the 1906 census **Joseph** is listed as married (although original might say widowed) living in Assiniboia West Section 5 Township 20, Range 20 w2. Post office address is Tregarva. **Joseph** is listed in 1916 census as being married to Mary Kathleen (Mary Catherine) who is 28 years old. They have three children: Myra, Gracie and Thomas. In 1921 census they have two more children: James and Edna. In the 1916 census George and Minnie's son Edward is listed as a Public School Teacher, and Huntley and Thomas are Bank Clerks. Minnie is listed as a widow in the 1921 census.