

**Descendants of Aaron Dorcas (ca 1874 – Sep 1853)
And Jane “Unknown” (ca 1774 – 15 Apr 1855)**

First Generation

1. Aaron Dorcas. Born Approx 1774 in Ireland. Died Sep 1853 in NB.

The surname is spelled various ways: Darcus, Darkis, Darkus, Dorcas. Spelling used most in recent times is "Dorcas". The Dorcas family emigrated from Ireland, year not known.

In Harvey Settlement, Lot No. 14 southeast side of the St. Andrews road from Andrew D. Montgomery and his wife Agnes Montgomery to Aaron Darcus Senior, 12 Mar 1847. (RS - 272 Land Petitions Vol. 30, No. 123, PANB)

Same lot from Aaron Darcus to his son Andrew Darcus, 8 Aug 1857.

Not sure of relationship between Aaron Dorcas and William Dorcas, both born in Ireland. William was born approximately 1796. More research needs to be done on this family.

He married Jane. Born Approx 1774 in Ireland. Died 15 Apr 1855 in NB.

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | James Dorcas |
| 3 | ii. | Aaron Dorcas |
| 4 | iii. | William Dorcas |
| 5 | iv. | Andrew Dorcas |
| 6 | v. | Elizabeth Dorcas |
| 7 | vi. | Sarah "Sally" Dorcas |

Second Generation

2. James Dorcas. Son of Aaron Dorcas & Jane. Born Approx 1807 in Ireland.

James Dorcas and his wife Mary had six children.

He married Mary. Born Approx 1801.

3. Aaron Dorcas. Son of Aaron Dorcas & Jane. Born in Ireland. Died 19 Nov 1848 in St. John River Near Sugar Island.

Aaron Dorcas lived in Kingsclear Parish in 1845.

From New Brunswick Courier, 25 Nov 1848: "We learn from "Headquarters" of Wednesday last that an accident occurred on the St. John River opposite Sugar Island about 10 miles above Fredericton on Sunday. It appears that a man named Darcus was amusing himself by skating with his sister's son, a child about age 7, named O'Hara in his arms, when the ice suddenly gave way and both were plunged into the river to rise no more. The bodies were found about an hour after they sank, the child being firmly clasped in his uncle's arms."

From New Brunswick Reporter, 24 Nov 1848: "On Sunday last, Aaron Darcus while skating near Sugar Island and holding in his arms a boy of 7 or 8 years of age, the son of a neighbour named O'Hara unfortunately fell into an airhole and was drowned."

He married Catherine Virtue, daughter of John Virtue & Catherine, 20 Mar 1845 in York Co., NB By Dr. John M. Brooke, Presbyterian . Born 1828 in Ireland.

From York Co NB Marriage Register B 1837-1850 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were William Long and Andrew McGaughlin.

Catherine, aged 23, and her three sons were in the household of her parents, John and Catherine Virtue, in the 1851 Fredericton Census. Her first husband Aaron Dorcas died 19 Nov 1848.

From New Brunswick Courier, 19 Sep 1857: "Married 10th inst. by Rev. Dr. Brooke, Gilbert

Ross and Mrs Catherine Darcus, both of St. John city." (Or both from Fredericton??)

From York Co NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB): Catherine was a widow, Gilbert was a widower; witnesses to marriage were Wm Grieves and Helen Marshall.

They had the following children:

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| 8 | i. | John Dorcas |
| 9 | ii. | James Dorcas |
| 10 | iii. | Aaron Dorcas |

4. William Dorcas. Son of Aaron Dorcas & Jane.

New Brunswick Courier, 5 Apr 1845: Married 20th ult. by Rev. John M. Brooke, William Darcus and Miss Elizabeth Vertue, both of Kingsclear parish (York Co.)

He married Elizabeth Virtue, 11 Mar 1845 in Fredericton, NB. Died 15 Nov 1852.

5. Andrew Dorcas. Son of Aaron Dorcas & Jane. Born Approx 1810 in Ireland. Died Jun 1862 in Hanwell, NB.

From 1851 Census, Andrew emigrated in 1831.

Note from Dorcas Family Bible (Held by Gertrude Delaney): "Great ice freshet in 1846, March 18, 19 & 20th in St. John River, then came to Harvey after the freshet and settled on farm across from Coburn's store, they built a log cabin, then a house."

Andrew received Lot No. 14 southeast side of the Saint Andrews road from his father, Aaron Darcus, 8 Aug 1857.

On 10 Jan 1859, Andrew Dorcas and his wife Mary sold to George Grieve, (150 pounds) Lot #14, "also one brown mare and harness with waggon and Sled three cows and three young cattle and all farming utensils on the farm likewise ten sheep and all the household furniture and cooking utensils and milk vessels and all that belongs to the said Andrew Dorcas and Mary his wife, Together with all houses, out houses, barns, buildings edifices fences improvements profits privileges, etc....." (Lot #14 v.39 p.608, 10 Jan 1859)

From Morning Freeman, Saint John, 1 Jul 1862: "A man named Dorcas residing in Hanwell Settlement (York Co.) was fatally injured Monday by being thrown from his wagon, a barrel of flour rolling over him as he lay. He died yesterday--Reporter."

Andrew died in Jun 1862, and on 29 Sep 1862, George Grieve and his wife Jane sold to Mary Dorcas Lot #14 (100 pounds), the same lot which Andrew and Mary Dorcas had sold in 1859. (v.43 p. 99, 29 Sep 1862)

One-half acre of Lot 14 (v.43, p 770, 30 May 1856) was sold by Andrew Dorcas and his wife Mary to Annie Cleveland, "Beginning at a stake in the fence at the north west corner of the new store running north along the said Great Road two hundred and one feet to a stake in the fence thence east one hundred and nine feet to a stake thence south two hundred and one feet to a stake in a row of stones, thence west one hundred and nine feet to the place of beginning containing one half acre more or less." (Registered 28 Sep 1863.) The same land was sold by Annie Cleveland, George Grieve and his wife Jane to Joseph Armour of Fredericton, 22 Sep 1863. (v. 43 p. 771.)

He first married Isobella Wishart, Approx 1831. Died 4 Jul 1843.

Isobella died shortly after the birth of her twin daughters.

They had the following children:

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| 11 | i. | Rachel Dorcas |
| 12 | ii. | Mary Anne Dorcas |
| 13 | iii. | Sarah Dorcas |
| 14 | iv. | John Dorcas |
| 15 | v. | Elizabeth Dorcas (Twin) |
| 16 | vi. | Jane Dorcas (Twin) |

He second married Mary Virtue, 5 Sep 1844. Born Approx 1821 in Ireland. Died 4 Oct 1895 in Harvey.

Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Surname is spelled "Virtue" and "Vertue", not sure which is correct.

They had the following children:

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| 17 | i. | Catherine Dorcas |
| 18 | ii. | Margaret Dorcas |
| 19 | iii. | Rebecca Dorcas |
| 20 | iv. | Robert V. Dorcas |
| 21 | v. | Elizabeth Ann Dorcas |
| 22 | vi. | James William Dorcas |
| 23 | vii. | Louisa Bell Dorcas |
| 24 | viii. | Andrew Thomas Dorcas |

6. Elizabeth Dorcas. Daughter of Aaron Dorcas & Jane. Born Approx 1813 in Ireland. Religion Church Of Scotland (1861).

York Co. Marriage Register p. 72, 1837-1850, F635 PANB: "Marriage at Fredericton, New Brunswick Robert O'Hara of the Parish of Kingsclear in the County of York and Elizabeth Darcus of the same place, were married in this parish by license this eight day of November in the year 1839 by me, George Coster, Rector of Fredericton Vic.

This marriage was solemnized between us: Robert (his X mark) O'Hara
Elizabeth (her X mark) Darcus

In the presence of Thomas Doran, Eleanor Sinnet, both of Fredericton.

Filed and registered 14 Dec 1839."

She married Robert O'Hara, 8 Nov 1839 in Fredericton By Rev. George Coster, Anglican . Born Approx 1812 in Ireland. Religion Roman Catholic.

Listed in 1851 Census in Fredericton, shopkeeper/tenant; and 1861 Census, St. Ann's Ward, Fredericton, labourer.

They had the following children:

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| 25 | i. | Margaret O'Hara |
| 26 | ii. | (Son) O'Hara |
| 27 | iii. | Sarah O'Hara |
| 28 | iv. | Martha O'Hara |
| 29 | v. | George S. O'Hara |

7. Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Daughter of Aaron Dorcas & Jane. Born 1816 in Ireland. Died 5 Apr 1899 in Williamsburg, N.B.

Sally died 5 Apr 1899, age 83.

She married William "Billy" Hay, son of Alexander Hay & Jane Robinson, 3 Oct 1838 in York Co., NB By James Somerville, Anglican . Born 1816 in Spittal, Northumberland, Eng. Christen 15 Mar 1816 in Spittal, Northumberland, Eng. Died 14 Apr 1901. Occupation Blacksmith.

From York Co NB Marriage Register B 1837-1850 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were Alex'r Hay and Thomas Briggs.

They had the following children:

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| 30 | i. | Jane Hay |
| 31 | ii. | Aaron Hay |
| 32 | iii. | Alexander "Aleck" Hay |
| 33 | iv. | William Hay Jr. |
| 34 | v. | Sarah Ann "Annie" Hay |
| 35 | vi. | Mary "Matilda" Hay |
| 36 | vii. | Margaret Louisa Hay |
| 37 | viii. | John James "Jack" Hay |
| 38 | ix. | Thomas Hay |
| 39 | x. | Henry Angus Hay |
| 40 | xi. | Evelena "Eve" Hay |

Third Generation

8. John Dorcas. Son of Aaron Dorcas & Catherine Virtue. Born 1 Jun 1846. Christen 8 Jul 1846 in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Fredericton.

John, age 5 years, was in the household of John Virtue and Catherine (his grandparents) in the 1851 Fredericton Census.

9. James Dorcas. Son of Aaron Dorcas & Catherine Virtue. Born 8 Jan 1848. Christen 16 Mar 1848 in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Fredericton.

James, aged 3, was in the household of John Virtue and Catherine (his grandparents) in the 1851 Fredericton Census.

10. Aaron Dorcas. Son of Aaron Dorcas & Catherine Virtue. Born 9 Jul 1849. Christen 9 Aug 1849 in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Fredericton.

Aaron, aged 2, was in the household of John Virtue and Catherine (his grandparents) in the 1851 Fredericton Census.

11. Rachel Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Isobella Wishart. Born 17 May 1832.

Rachel's surname is spelled "Darkis" in marriage register.

She married William Mentrum, 2 May 1854 in Fredericton By John D. Casewell . Born Approx 1832 in England. Occupation Painter. Religion Church Of England.

In 1861 Census, St. Ann's, Fredericton: William Mentrum, age 29, b. England, occupation - painter, religion - Church of England; Rachel, 29, born NB, Free Presbyterian; children: William, age 5; Isabell, age 3 and Robert S., 9 mo.

They had the following children:

41	i.	William Mentrum
42	ii.	Isabell Mentrum
43	iii.	Robert S. Mentrum

12. Mary Anne Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Isobella Wishart. Born 27 May 1834.

From New Brunswick Courier, 21 Aug 1852: "Married 12th inst by Rev. John M. Brooke, Robert Stevenson and Miss Mary Ann Darcus, both of Fredericton Parish."

From York Co. NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were William Virtue and Catherine Dorcas.

She married Robert Stevenson, 12 Aug 1852 in St. Paul's Presbyterian, By Rev. John M. Brooke . Born Approx 1831 in Scotland. Religion Church Of England.

In the 1861 Census, Wellington Ward, Fredericton: Robert Stevenson, age 30, b. Scotland; Mary Ann, age 27; sons Alexander, age 3 and Lemuel, age 1. Religion: Church of England.

They had the following children:

44	i.	Alexander Stevenson
45	ii.	Lemuel Stevenson

13. Sarah Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Isobella Wishart. Born 2 Jan 1837.

No further information.

14. John Dorcas. Son of Andrew Dorcas & Isobella Wishart. Born 9 Sep 1840 in Fredericton. Christen 4 Jul 1841 in Cathedral, Fredericton.

Birthdate from family bible: 6 Sep 1840.

From Cathedral records, Fredericton: "John Dorcas b. Sept 9, 1840, baptized July 4, 1841, residence Fredericton, s/o Andrew and Isabella Darcas by J. M. Stirling." (PANB F1114, Cathedral, Fredericton)

NBFA, 1851-55, #F15552, p. 566: "John Dorcas to Mrs Nancy Cockburn on Oct 12, 1864, witnesses Aaron Hay and Catherine Dorcas."

He married Nancy Johnston, daughter of Mr Johnston & Christina A. Heughan, 12 Oct 1864 in Harvey York Co., By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born 15 Jan 1833. Died 18 Mar 1916 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

From Religious Intelligencer, 18 Nov 1864: "Married Harvey by Rev Samuel Johnson, John Dorcas and

Mrs Nancy Cockburn."

From York Co NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB): Married by Rev. Samuel Johnson, with witnesses Aaron Hay and Catherine Dorcas.

Copied from newspaper obituary - d. 18 Mar 1916:

Mrs Nancy Coburn

Harvey Station, March 20 -- Mrs Nancy Coburn, an old resident of this parish, died on Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs Walter Piercy, at Manners Sutton. She was in the eighty-third year of her age, and has been very infirm for some time past. She is survived by one son, John E. Coburn, who carried on a general store at Manners Sutton, and three daughters--Mrs Robert Little and Mrs Walter Piercy, of Manners Sutton, and Mrs F. Currie, of Boston. She is also survived by one brother, Christopher Johnston of Coburn. She was a lady possessed of many good qualities and had a wide circle of friends. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

15. Elizabeth Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Isobella Wishart. Born 26 Jun 1843.

No further information.

16. Jane Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Isobella Wishart. Born 26 Jun 1843.

No further information.

17. Catherine Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Mary Virtue. Born 27 Oct 1845. Christen 27 Jun 1847 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 24 Apr 1915. Buried in Acton Cemetery.

Death date 18 Apr 1915 in the Daily Gleaner.

She married Samuel Davis, son of Richard Davis & Jane Rhoades, 11 May 1865 in Harvey Presbyterian Church By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born 3 Dec 1839. Died 1916. Buried in Acton Cemetery.

From York Co NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were Thomas Davis and Margaret Dorcas.

They had the following children:

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| 46 | i. | Mary "Jane" Davis |
| 47 | ii. | Frederick Allan Davis |
| 48 | iii. | Andrew Davis |

18. Margaret Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Mary Virtue. Born 10 May 1848 in Harvey. Christen 26 Jun 1848 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 26 Dec 1935 in Kingsclear. Buried in Acton Cemetery.

Copied from newspaper obituary (1935):

Died at Kingsclear

Mrs Margaret Davis, Aged 87, Was well Known Woman--Buried at Acton.

Harvey Station, N.B., Jan 2 -- The death of Margaret Davis, wife of the late Thomas Davis, occurred at her home at Kingsclear on Thursday afternoon in her 87th year. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. J. Kirkland of the Presbyterian Church, Acton, of which she was a member since her marriage over 60 years ago. Favorite hymns were sung which included What a Friend We Have in Jesus and Lead Kingly Light. Her four sons were the pall bearers and burial was in Acton Cemetery. Mrs Davis leaves to mourn three daughters, Mrs Richard MacDonald, Oak Bay, Washington; Mrs Martin George, Millinocket, Me.; Miss Estella, at home and four sons, Lewis, Millinocket, Me.; Robert, Presque Isle, Me.; Charles, Sherman, Me. and Samuel on the homestead; 13 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The late Mrs Davis was a true Christian and was well known in the Harvey district.

She married Thomas Davis, son of Richard Davis & Jane Rhoades, 26 Jul 1870 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton . Born 15 Jan 1843. Died 3 Mar 1929. Buried in Acton Cemetery.

From New Brunswick Reporter, 29 Jul 1870: "Married Manse of St. Paul's, 26th inst., by Rev. Dr. Brooke, Thomas Davis and Miss Margaret Dareas both of Manners Sutton."

Witnesses to marriage were Samuel Davis and Rebecca Dorcas.

They had the following children:

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| 49 | i. | Eliza Ann "Lizzie" Davis |
| 50 | ii. | Richard "Lewis" Davis |
| 51 | iii. | Charles Alfred Davis |
| 52 | iv. | Robert Sewell Davis |
| 53 | v. | Alice Maud Davis |
| 54 | vi. | Samuel Wilmot Davis |
| 55 | vii. | Bertina C. Davis |
| 56 | viii. | Estella Jane "Stella" Davis |

19. Rebecca Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Mary Virtue. Born 20 May 1850. Died 1 Feb 1894 in St. Stephen.

Name spelled "Rebekah" in the family Bible, and birth date 20 May 1850.

From Saint Croix Courier, 8 Feb 1894: "Died at St. Stephen, Feb 1, Rebecca, wife of Archibald Robinson, aged 43 yr. 8 mo."

She married Archibald Robinson, 16 May 1872.

From Daily Telegraph, 25 May 1872: Married Thursday 16th inst., by Rev. Robert Wilson, Archibald Robinson, St. Stephen and Miss Rebecca Darkis of Harvey Settlement.

20. Robert V. Dorcas. Son of Andrew Dorcas & Mary Virtue. Born 9 Jan 1852. Christen 23 Mar 1852 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton. Died 15 Oct 1923 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Dorcas Family Bible lists birth date 9 Jan 1852, however St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Fredericton records gives birth date as 20 Dec 1851 and baptized 23 Mar 1852.

21. Elizabeth Ann Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Mary Virtue. Born 22 Apr 1854. Died 10 Sep 1937. Buried in Acton Cemetery.

1901 Census birth date: 24 May 1853; Birthdate from family Bible: 22 Apr 1854.

Copied from newspaper obituary (1937):

Mrs Elizabeth Coffey

Harvey Station, N.B., Sept 18 -- The passing of Mrs Elizabeth Coffey, 84 years of age, widow of the late Richard Coffey, occurred at her home on September 10 following a short illness. Mrs Coffey was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Surviving her are one brother, Andrew Dorcas, Manners Sutton; four daughters, Mrs Alexander Hood, Mouth of Keswick; Mrs David Lister, Mrs Alexander Rosborough, McAdam; Mrs Maude Dykeman at home; three sons, Allen of Salem, Oregon; Lorne of McAdam; David at home; 14 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Alexander MacKay of Saint James United Church, Sunday, September 12. Favorite hymns, The Lord is My Shepherd, Abide With Me and Rock of Ages were sung by a quartette consisted of Mrs P. M. Cogle, Miss Gertrude Dorcas, G. Wesley Coburn and Robert V. Dorcas.

The pall-bearers were Lorne Coffey, David A. Coffey, Alexander Rosborough and David Lister. Interment was made in the Acton Cemetery. The service was largely attended and many beautiful floral tributes were received.

She married Richard Coffey, son of James Coffey & Catherine Armstrong, 4 Nov 1873 in Harvey, York Co. By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born 1840 in Ireland. Died 20 May 1923 in Yoho, NB. Buried in Acton Cemetery.

From Daily Telegraph, 7 Nov 1873: "Married 4th inst. by Rev. Samuel Johnson, Richard Coffey, Acton, and Miss Elizabeth Dorcas, Harvey."

Witnesses to marriage were Robert Dorcas and Anne Coffey.

They had the following children:

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| 57 | i. | Bertha Mae "Bertie" Coffey |
| 58 | ii. | George "Allan" Coffey |
| 59 | iii. | Louise Edith Coffey |
| 60 | iv. | James "Lorne" Coffey |

61	v.	David Armstrong Coffey
62	vi.	Herbert Andrew Coffey
63	vii.	Annie "Maude" Coffey
64	viii.	Emma Jean Coffey

22. James William Dorcas. Son of Andrew Dorcas & Mary Virtue. Born 7 Jul 1856. Died 9 Jun 1900. Buried in St. Stephen Rural Cemetery.

Birth date in family Bible: 7 Jul 1856

In St. Stephen Rural Cemetery: James W. Dorcas died June 9, 1900 ae 46 yrs.; Mrs Ellen Dorcas 1847-1929. (In same lot as: Rachel Grover 1850-1922 and Charles Grover 1852-1915.) (Not sure who Mrs Ellen Dorcas was? --was she wife of James?/?jh)

He married Lucy Gettis.

(Unsure if this is correct. Marriage needs to be checked.)

23. Louisa Bell Dorcas. Daughter of Andrew Dorcas & Mary Virtue. Born 2 Apr 1858. Died 3 Apr 1930 in St. Stephen. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Copied from newspaper obituary:

Mrs Louisa Bell Mowatt

Harvey Station, April 6 -- This community was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs Louisa Bell Mowatt, of St. Stephen, on April 3, after an illness of pneumonia of eight days, aged 72 years. Deceased had been a former resident of Harvey Station, having removed to St. Stephen twenty-eight years ago. Her husband predeceased her fifteen years ago. She is survived by one son, Archie, of St. Stephen, and two daughters, Mabel and Margaret, with whom she lived, and seven grandchildren. One brother, Andrew Dorcas, and two sisters, Mrs Richard Coffey and Mrs Thomas Davis, of Acton, also survive.

On arrival of the C.P.R. train yesterday the body, accompanied by her daughters, was taken to the home of Andrew Dorcas. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. George Knight had charge of the service, assisted by Rev. J. H. MacLean and the choir of the United Church. The pallbearers were four nephews, David Coffey, Samuel Davis, Fred Davis and Arthur Mowatt. Burial was in the Harvey cemetery. The floral tributes were beautiful and numerous.

She married George Mowatt, son of Thomas Mowatt & Elizabeth "Betsy" Moffitt, 5 Sep 1877 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton By John M. Brooke . Born 18 Nov 1853/1854 in Harvey. Died 1915 in St. Stephen. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

George and Louisa's children were born in Harvey, and they moved to St. Stephen approximately 1902. Note in Harvey Presbyterian Church death records: George Mowatt died 1915 in St. Stephen, brought to Harvey.

From Daily Telegraph, 17 Sep 1877: "Married Fredericton 5th inst., by Rev. Dr. Brooke, George Mowatt and Miss Louise B. Dorcas, both of Manners Sutton."

Witnesses to marriage were Robert Dorcas and Kate Virtue.

They had the following children:

65	i.	Alice "Mabel" Mowatt
66	ii.	Rebecca "Estella" Mowatt
67	iii.	Archibald Robinson "Archie" Mowatt
68	iv.	Margaret Jane Elizabeth Mowatt

24. Andrew Thomas Dorcas. Son of Andrew Dorcas & Mary Virtue. Born 16 Sep 1861 in Harvey. Died 7 Jun 1952 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Copied from newspaper obituary (1952):

Andrew Dorcas Died in Harvey

The community of Harvey was saddened by he passing on June 7th of one of its oldest and most respected citizens, Mr Andrew Dorcas.

His funeral which was largely attended was held in St. Andrews United Church where service was conducted by the Pastor Rev. J. L. Rose who gave a very comforting address.

The choir sang three of his favourite pieces, The Old Rugged Cross, In the Sweet Bye and Bye and

Abide with Me. The pall-bearers were Lorne Coffey, Dave Coffey, Walter Coburn, Wilbert Coburn, Sandy Coburn and Bowman Little. Interment was made in the Harvey Cemetery.

Mr Dorcas was a son of the late Andrew and Mary Dorcas and has been life long resident of this place and being of a genial and friendly disposition he was loved and respected by all. Many beautiful floral tributes were received including one from the session of the United Church of which he was a member for over 40 years.

Mr Dorcas who had reached the age of 90, being born in 1861, had been enjoying good health up until very recently. On Friday morning he was stricken with a heart attack and died at an early hour on Saturday morning. He was married to Margaret Coburn in 1883 and she predeceased him in 1930.

Surviving are two sons, Robert of this place with whom he had made his home for the past number of years. Keith of Saint John and one daughter (Bessie) Mrs Charles Essensa of Brownville Jct., Maine. Also surviving are ten grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

He married Margaret "Maggie" Coburn, daughter of George Cockburn (Coburn) & Mary Piercy, 22 Dec 1885 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton By Rev. A. J. Mowatt. Born 23 Sep 1858 in Harvey. Died 10 Dec 1930 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Witnesses to marriage to Andrew Coburn were Henry Craig and Mary E. Piercy.

Copied from newspaper obituary (1930):

Mrs Andrew Dorcas

Harvey, Dec 11 -- The community of Harvey was very much saddened by the death of Mrs Andrew Dorcas at her home, Manners Sutton, on December 10th, after a few months illness.

Mrs Dorcas was before her marriage, Miss Margaret Coburn, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs George Coburn of Harvey and was 73 years old.

She lived all her life in Harvey and vicinity and was a good neighbor and friend to all who knew her. She was a member of the United Church of Canada, a life member of the W.M.S. and a faithful worker both in Church and Society.

She has left to mourn a loving husband, two daughters and two sons. The daughters are Miss Eva at home, Mrs Charles Essensa of Brownville Junction. Robert of Harvey and Keith at home, also seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held from her late home on Thursday at 2:30 o'clock and was attended by many friends and relatives. Rev. J. H. MacLean of the United Church had charge of the funeral assisted by the choir. The hymns sung were: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, Nearer My God to Thee, There is no Night in Heaven. Six nephews were pall-bearers: Sandy and Robert Coburn, Harry Swan, Fred Davis, Dave Coffey and Lewis Davis. The floral tributes were beautiful.

They had the following children:

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| 69 | i. | Robert Virtue Dorcas |
| 70 | ii. | Mary "Eva" Dorcas |
| 71 | iii. | Lena Isabell Dorcas |
| 72 | iv. | Bessie Christina Dorcas |
| 73 | v. | Frederick Lesley Dorcas |
| 74 | vi. | Keith Chamberlain Dorcas |
| 75 | vii. | Gertrude Ellen Dorcas |

25. Margaret O'Hara. Daughter of Robert O'Hara & Elizabeth Dorcas. Born 1840.

26. (Son) O'Hara. Son of Robert O'Hara & Elizabeth Dorcas. Born 1841. Died 19 Nov 1848 in St. John River At Sugar Island.

This son, age 7 years drowned with his Uncle Aaron Dorcas in the St. John River opposite Sugar Island.

From New Brunswick Courier 25 Nov 1848: "We learn from "Headquarters" of Wednesday last that an accident occurred on the St. John River opposite Sugar Island about 10 miles above Fredericton on Sunday. It appears that a man named Darcus was amusing himself by skating with his sister's son, a child about age 7, named O'Hara in his arms, when the ice suddenly gave way and both were plunged into the river to rise no more. The bodies were found about an hour after they sank, the child being firmly clasped in his uncle's

arms."

From New Brunswick Reporter, 24 Nov 1848: "On Sunday last, Aaron Darcus while skating near Sugar Island (York Co.) and holding in his arms a boy of 7 or 8 years of age, the son of a neighbour named O'Hara unfortunately fell into an airhole and was drowned."

27. Sarah O'Hara. Daughter of Robert O'Hara & Elizabeth Dorcas. Born 1843.

28. Martha O'Hara. Daughter of Robert O'Hara & Elizabeth Dorcas. Born 1850.

29. George S. O'Hara. Son of Robert O'Hara & Elizabeth Dorcas. Born 1857.

30. Jane Hay. Daughter of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1839 in Harvey Settlement, York Co., NB.

From York Co NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB), married by Rev. Samuel Johnson, with witnesses William Dorcas and Sarah Ann Hay.

In the 1871 Census for Manners Sutton, living with George and Jane Anderson and their four children, was:

Margaret Hay age 18

Margaret Hay age 2/12 Feb.

(This "Margaret" was perhaps Jane's sister??)

She first married George W. Anderson, 7 Jul 1863 in York Co., NB . Born Approx 1829 in NB.

In the 1871 Census for Manners Sutton, name was given as "George Anderson"

They had the following children:

76	i.	Phoebe Anderson
77	ii.	William "Willie" Anderson
78	iii.	Robert "Robbie" Anderson
79	iv.	George Anderson

She second married Mr Gillet.

31. Aaron Hay. Son of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born 7 Feb 1842 in Springhill, York Co. Christen 20 Mar 1842 in Kingsclear Anglican Church. Died 5 Nov 1924. Buried in Williamsburg, N.B.

From Cathedral records, Fredericton: "Baptized 20 Mar 1842, Aaron Hay, b. 7 Feb 1842 s/o William and Sarah Hay at Kingsclear, occupation Blacksmith." (PANB F1114, Cathedral, Fredericton)

From Headquarters, 22 Apr 1868: "Married Manse of St. Paul's, 16th inst., by Rev. Dr. Brooke, A. Hay and Miss Anne Cowe, both of Harvey (York Co.)"

Witnesses to marriage were Frederick Y. Perkins and Martha O'Harow.

He married Ann "Annie" Cowe, daughter of James Cowe & Isabelle Donaldson, 16 Apr 1868 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton . Born 3 Apr 1849 in Harvey. Christen 13 May 1849 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 27 Nov 1926. Buried in Williamsburg, N.B.

They had the following children:

80	i.	Harriet "Hattie" Hay
81	ii.	Charles E. Hay
82	iii.	James "Albert" Hay
83	iv.	Ella Ann Hay
84	v.	Gilbert Edward Hay
85	vi.	Emily Hay
86	vii.	Willis Allan Hay

32. Alexander "Aleck" Hay. Son of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1843.

Alex had both legs taken off a long time before he died. His wife with children Mary and John went out west.

From New Brunswick Reporter, 15 Mar 1867: "Married Manse of St. Paul's, 2 nd inst., by Rev. Dr. Brooke, Alex Hay, Manners Sutton and Miss Sarah E. Walker, St. Mary's."

Witnesses to marriage were George Walker and Sarah Conroy.

He married Sarah E. Walker, 2 Mar 1867 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton By Rev. John M. Brooke.
Born in Penniac.

They had the following children:

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| 87 | i. | Mary Hay |
| 88 | ii. | William Hay |
| 89 | iii. | John Hay |

33. William Hay Jr. Son of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1845. Christen 26 Sep 1869 in (Adult) Harvey Presbyterian Church.

William's first wife was Eunice Brown, and from this marriage he had six children: Melvina, Henry, William, Adalaide, Howard and Alice Maude. (The first two or three born in Harvey, then the family moved to Stanley.)

William's second wife was Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Wilkin, and from this marriage there were six children: Agnes, Nellie, Frederick, Emma (or Emily), and Winnie, all born in Stanley.

The family is listed in the 1891 Census for Stanley, but not in the 1901 Census. It is believed the family moved to western Canada. (Possibly Sask.)

He first married Eunice Brown, 11 Nov 1868 in Harvey Presbyterian Church, York Co., By Rev. Samuel Johnson. Born Approx 1848 in N.S. Christen 26 Sep 1869 in (Adult) Harvey Presbyterian Church. Died Between 1879/1881.

Witnesses to marriage were John Cowe and Margaret Hay.

They had the following children:

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| 90 | i. | Melvina Hay |
| 91 | ii. | William Hay |
| 92 | iii. | Henry "Hen" Hay |
| 93 | iv. | Adelaide Amelia "Addie" Hay |
| 94 | v. | Howard Hay |
| 95 | vi. | Alice Maude Hay |

He second married Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Wilkin, daughter of Herbert Wilkin & Jane Gass, 26 Jul 1881 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton By Rev. A. J. Mowatt . Born Approx 1852 in England.

Betsy had two sons: James and John. (John was raised by James and Isabella Henry.)

Betsy was the second wife of William Hay. Witnesses to marriage were John J. Hay and Eleanor Wilkin. They were living in the Stanley area when the 1891 Census was taken, but are not in the 1901 Census for Stanley. It is believed that this family moved West.

They had the following children:

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| 96 | i. | Agnes Hay |
| 97 | ii. | Nellie Hay |
| 98 | iii. | Frederick Hay |
| 99 | iv. | Emma (Or Emily) Hay |
| 100 | v. | Winnie Hay |

34. Sarah Ann "Annie" Hay. Daughter of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1847. Died 17 Apr 1883 in Williamsburg, NB.

From Morning News, 10 Apr 1867: "Married Manse of St. Paul's, Fredericton (York Co.), 2nd inst., by Rev. Dr. Brooke, Robert Cowe and Miss Sarah Anne Haye, both of Manners Sutton."

Witnesses to marriage were Aaron Hay and Ann Cowe.

She married Robert Cowe, son of James Cowe & Isabelle Donaldson, 2 Apr 1867 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton . Born 1843/1844 in Harvey Settlement. Christen 23 Jun 1844 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy .

Robert and his wife and two daughters, Amanda and Isabella were living in Manners Sutton at the time of the 1871 Census, and Robert was a shoemaker.

Robert was living in Lincoln, ME in 1886 when he sold his farm in Williamsburg. (Land Reg. F5653, v.85, p. 296)

Robert and Annie had a large family: Amanda, Isabel, Sarah Marie, Matilda, then two died, then Arthur, Martha, Elizabeth and Eva. In 1921 they were all married and living in the States (letter).

They had the following children:

101	i.	Amanda Cowe
102	ii.	Isabella D. Cowe
103	iii.	Sarah Marie Cowe
104	iv.	Mary "Matilda" Cowe
105	v.	James "Arthur" Cowe
106	vi.	Martha Helen Cowe
107	vii.	Elizabeth A. Cowe
108	viii.	Eva Cowe

35. Mary "Matilda" Hay. Daughter of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1850.
She first married Jeremiah Dewitt.
She second married Mr Moore.

36. Margaret Louisa Hay. Daughter of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1852 in NB.

Margaret appears in the household of George and Jane Anderson in 1871 Census, with a child, Margaret Hay, 2/12, born Feb. The child Margaret does not appear in the 1881 Census with her mother, and another child is named "Margaret" later in the family, so it is assumed that the first Margaret died young. /jh

She married Patrick "Patsy" Dineen, son of Michael Dineen & Julia, 3 Sep 1878 in York Co., NB By J. C. McDevitt (Roman Catholic) . Born Approx 1840 in Manners Sutton, NB. Occupation Farmer. Religion Catholic.

Information on Patrick Dineen and family was taken from the 1881 and 1891 Census for Manners Sutton. The family does not appear in the 1901 Census./jh

They had the following children:

109	i.	Margaret Hay
110	ii.	Mary Dineen
111	iii.	Tressa Dineen
112	iv.	William Dineen
113	v.	Margaret Dineen
114	vi.	Daniel Dineen
115	vii.	Henry Dineen
116	viii.	John Dineen

37. John James "Jack" Hay. Son of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1854 in Harvey. Occupation Farmer, Blacksmith.

He married Julia Ann Cleghorn, daughter of George Cleghorn & Agnes Hogg, 19 Sep 1887 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton By Rev. A. J. Mowatt. Born 22 Nov 1864 in South Tweedside. Died 23 Nov 1936.

Witnesses to marriage were Wm Mentrum and Bessie S. Mowatt.

Julia Anne was buried in the Harvey Settlement Cemetery, but was later moved to Burtt's Corner Cemetery.

They had the following children:

117	i.	Sarah "Sadie" Hay
118	ii.	Thomas Hay
119	iii.	Lenna Hay
120	iv.	Celia Hay

38. Thomas Hay. Son of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1858 in Harvey.
Thomas married a girl from Woodstock, and went to Houlton, Maine to live.

39. Henry Angus Hay. Son of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1861 in Harvey.
Married in U.S.A.

40. Evelena "Eve" Hay. Daughter of William "Billy" Hay & Sarah "Sally" Dorcas. Born Approx 1871 in Harvey.

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