

**Descendants of John Nesbitt (ca. 1790 – 11 Apr 1850)
and Ann (unknown maiden name; ca 1795 – 25 Feb 1864)**

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First Immigrant Generation

1. John Nesbitt. Born Approx 1790 in Northumberland, Eng. Died 11 Apr 1850 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer. Religion Presbyterian.

There were two Nesbitt families among the first Harvey Settlement settlers, John Nesbitt and James Nesbitt. Relationship of the two is unknown at this time.

John Nesbitt, with his wife Ann, and eight children came to America on the brig "Cornelius of Sunderland" with the other first settlers of Harvey. They settled on Land Grant Lot 20 E (where Claude Swan lived). John died at age 60, in 1850.

He married Ann. Born Approx 1795 in Eng. Died 25 Feb 1864 in Harvey. Maiden name unknown. No further information.

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Susanna Nesbitt |
| 3 | ii. | Thomas Nesbitt |
| 4 | iii. | Ann Nesbitt |
| 5 | iv. | John B. Nesbitt |
| 6 | v. | Elspeth "Elisabeth" Nesbitt |
| 7 | vi. | James Nesbitt |
| 8 | vii. | Jane Nesbitt |
| 9 | viii. | Robert Nesbitt |

Second Immigrant Generation

2. Susanna Nesbitt. Daughter of John Nesbitt & Ann. Born 12 Feb 1816 in Wooler, Eng. Christen 25 Feb 1816 in Wooler, United Presbyterian Cheviot St.--NC. Died 20 May 1897 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

Susanna died at age 81 years 3 months and 9 days.

She married Alexander Hay Jr., son of Alexander Hay & Jane Robinson, 2 Dec 1844 in Harvey Settlement By Rev. Daniel McCurdy . Born 1818 in Eng. Christen 25 Nov 1818 in Spittal United Presbyterian. Died 10 May 1887 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer, Teacher. Religion Presbyterian.

PANB Marriage Records F635, p. 265: Alexander Hay and Suzanna Nesbit on Dec 2, 1844 by Daniel McCurdy, witnesses Thomas Nesbit, John Hay, Jane Nesbit.

1881 Census lists Alexander's occupation as Teacher.

They had the following children:

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| 10 | i. | Alexander "Sandy" Hay |
| 11 | ii. | John Alexander Hay |

3. Thomas Nesbitt. Son of John Nesbitt & Ann. Born Approx 1817 in Eng. Christen 28 Sep 1817 in Wooler, United Presbyterian Cheviot Street--NC. Died 20 May 1882 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer, Carpenter. Religion Presbyterian.

Thomas came to NB in 1837 with his parents and siblings, and were among the pioneer settlers of Harvey Settlement.

From NB Royal Gazette, 1 May 1839: "Married 27th ult. by Rev. J. Birkmyre, Thomas Nesbit and Miss Isabella Cockburn, both of Fredericton parish, York Co."

From York Co NB Marriage Register B 1837-1850 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were George Roberts and Susanna Nesbit.

According to 1851 Census, Thomas was a carpenter, and living in Fredericton. The 1861 Census has the family living in Manners Sutton parish, and Thomas was a farmer and carpenter. In 1861 they owned or occupied 30 acres improved land and 220 acres unimproved land; cash value of farm 120 pounds; value of implements and machinery, 6 pounds. They had 2 horses, 3 milch cows, 3 other neat cattle, 9 sheep, 2 swine, and slaughtered 150 lb. pork. Produced 150 lb. butter; 34 lb. wool; 14 tons hay; 100 bu. oats; 50 bu. buckwheat; 3 bu. peas, 20 bu. timothy; 50 bu. turnips and 100 bu. potatoes.

Inscription on gravestone in Harvey Settlement Cemetery: "God is Love, Asleep in Jesus. Sacred to the memory of Thomas Nesbitt, died May 20, 1882 aged 63 years, also Charlotte Nesbitt, died June 21, 1861 aged 7 years."

He married Isabella Cockburn (Coburn), daughter of John Cockburn (Coburn) & Elizabeth "Betsy" Lesley, 27 Apr 1839 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton By John Birkmyre . Born Approx 1813 in Eng. Died 15 May 1884 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Inscription on gravestone in Harvey Settlement Cemetery: "In memory of Mother, wife of Thomas Nesbitt, died May 15, 1884 aged 71 years. Have faith in

God"

They had the following children:

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| 12 | i. | Elizabeth Nesbitt |
| 13 | ii. | Anne Isabella Nesbitt |
| 14 | iii. | Margaret Jane Nesbitt |
| 15 | iv. | Isabella P. Nesbitt |
| 16 | v. | Susan Nesbitt |
| 17 | vi. | Charlotte Nesbitt |

4. Ann Nesbitt. Daughter of John Nesbitt & Ann. Born Approx 1820 in Eng.

She married James Cockburn (Coburn), son of John Cockburn (Coburn) & Elizabeth "Betsy" Lesley, 23 Jul 1839 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton By John Birkmyre. Born Approx 1815 in Eng. Occupation Tailor.

From New Brunswick Courier, 3 August 1839: "Married Fredericton, 23rd ult., by Rev. J. Birkmyre, James Cockburn and Miss Ann Nesbit, both of that parish."

From York Co NB Marriage Register B 1837-1850 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were George Cockburn and Susanna Nesbit.

No further information on James and his wife Ann.

5. John B. Nesbitt. Son of John Nesbitt & Ann. Born 1821 in Wooler, Eng. Died 23 May 1898 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

PANB #F15551, page 464: John B. Nesbit to Elizabeth Chambers on May 13, 1849, by Daniel McCurdy, witnesses John and Jane Nesbit.

He married Elizabeth Chambers, daughter of Matthew Chambers & Ellen "Nellie" Heughan, 13 May 1849 in York Co., NB By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Born 1829. Died 16 Jul 1913 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Elizabeth came to NB with her parents in 1844.

They had the following children:

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| 18 | i. | Margaret Ann Nesbitt |
| 19 | ii. | John "Harvey" Nesbitt |
| 20 | iii. | Ellen Nora Nesbitt |
| 21 | iv. | Janet Amelia "Jennie" Nesbitt |
| 22 | v. | William Preston Nesbitt |
| 23 | vi. | Mary Jane Nesbitt |
| 24 | vii. | Isabella Christina "Tina" Nesbitt |
| 25 | viii. | Georgina Lister "Georgie" Nesbitt |

6. Elspeth "Elisabeth" Nesbitt. Daughter of John Nesbitt & Ann. Born 1823 in Wooler, Eng. Christen 14 Dec 1823 in Wooler, West Chapel Presbyterian--NC.

7. James Nesbitt. Son of John Nesbitt & Ann. Born 1826 in Wooler, Eng. Christen 6 Apr 1826 in Wooler, West Chapel Presbyterian--NC. Died 30 Oct 1882 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer. Religion Presbyterian.

He married Mary Carmichael, daughter of John Carmichael & Margaret Hume. Born 1845 in Harvey. Christen 19 Apr 1946 in Harvey By Rev Daniel McCurdy . Died 13 Aug 1927 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

Copied from newspaper obituary - Telegraph Journal, 1927:
Mrs Mary Nesbitt Dies At Harvey Sta.

Harvey Station, Aug 17 -- The death of Mrs Mary Nesbitt, widow of the late James Nesbitt, and daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Carmichael, took place at her home in Tweedside, near here, at the advanced age of over 80 years. Deceased had been a widow for many years, and lived with two of her sons, her last surviving daughter, Miss Margaret, having died two years ago. She leaves five sons, George, Thomas and James, in the Canadian West, and Garfield and Charles at home.

The funeral was held this afternoon, services by the pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Rev. George E. Knight. Interment was in the Manners Sutton Cemetery.

They had the following children:

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| 26 | i. | James Nesbitt |
| 27 | ii. | John "Charles" Nesbitt |
| 28 | iii. | Robert Nesbitt |
| 29 | iv. | Thomas Nesbitt |
| 30 | v. | George Nesbitt |
| 31 | vi. | Sarah "Jane" Nesbitt |
| 32 | vii. | Margaret Ann Nesbitt |
| 33 | viii. | Robert Garfield "Gary" Nesbitt |

8. Jane Nesbitt. Daughter of John Nesbitt & Ann. Born 9 Jun 1828 in Eng. Died 5 Feb 1918 in B.C. Buried in Courtenay Civic Cemetery, Section A, Courtenay, B.C.

She married George Grieve, son of William Grieve & Eleanor Turnbull, 6 Mar 1854 in York Co., NB By William Millen . Born 9 Apr 1827 in Selby Cove, Eng. Died 8 May 1909 in Courtenay Area, B.C. Buried in Courtenay Civic Cemetery, Section A. Occupation Farmer.

From St. Stephen Banner, 24 Mar 1854: "Married Harvey Settlement, 6th inst., by Rev. Millen, George Grieve and Jane, fourth daughter of John Nesbit."

PANB #F15552, p. 141: George Grieve to Jane Nesbit both of Kingsclear on 6 Mar 1854 by William Millan, Presbyterian minister. Witnesses William Grieve and Matthew Chambers.

George's name is on a gravestone in cemetery in Courtenay, B.C., but his body was never found. Complete information on the Grieve family can be found in the book, "The Grieve Saga", compiled by William (Bill) McEwen, 2004.

They had the following children:

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| 34 | i. | William Henry Grieve |
| 35 | ii. | Ann Nesbitt "Annie" Grieve |
| 36 | iii. | John Grieve |
| 37 | iv. | Elenor Alice "Ellen" Grieve |
| 38 | v. | Margaret "Maggie" Grieve |
| 39 | vi. | Joseph Patrick Grieve |
| 40 | vii. | George Thomas "Berkeley" Grieve |
| 41 | viii. | Elizabeth Jane Grieve |

9. Robert Nesbitt. Son of John Nesbitt & Ann. Born 1831 in Wooler, Eng. Christen 30 Sep 1831 in Wooler, West Chapel Presbyterian--NC. Died Before 1871. Occupation Farmer.

From New Brunswick Courier, Saint John, 7 Nov 1857: "Married Manse, Presbyterian Church, Harvey, 27th ult., by Rev. Charles Gordon Glass, Robert Nesbit, Farmer and Isabella, daughter of John Smith, Sydney Mines, Cape Breton."

He married Isabella Smith, 27 Oct 1857 in Harvey. Born Approx 1836 in Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, NS.

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| 42 | i. | John Nesbitt |
| 43 | ii. | Annie Nesbitt |
| 44 | iii. | Alexander Nesbitt |
| 45 | iv. | Robert Nesbitt |
| 46 | v. | Margaret Nesbitt |

Third Immigrant Generation

10. Alexander "Sandy" Hay. Son of Alexander Hay Jr. & Susanna Nesbitt. Born 1846 in Harvey. Christen 21 Jun 1846 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy . Died 6 Nov 1935 in Valley Road, St. Stephen. Buried in St. Stephen Rural Cemetery.

From Daily Telegraph, 15 Apr 1873: "Married Caverhill (York Co.) 9th inst. by

Rev. John Johns, Alexander Hay, Harvey, and Frances Dunlap, Caverhill." (Also in Colonial Farmer, 21 Apr 1873). Witnesses to marriage were Alexander Hay and John Caverhill.

The Saint Croix Courier "Journey Through Time", Good Times, Hard Times: 1926 - 1945 (Issue 4 of 6)--7 Nov 1935: "Deaths: Hay--At Valley Road, Wednesday, Nov 6, Alexander Hay, aged 89 years."

He married Frances Dunlop, daughter of David Dunlop, 9 Apr 1873 in Caverhill, York Co. By John S. Jones, (Free Christian Baptis. Born 22 Feb 1852 in Caverhill, N.B. Died 18 Jan 1923 in Valley Road, St. Stephen. Buried in St. Stephen Rural Cemetery.

The Saint Croix Courier "Journey Through Time", The Winds of Change: 1906 - 1925 (Issue #3 of 6)-- 25 Jan 1923: "Deaths: Hay--At Valley Road, Jan 18, Frances Hay, wife of Alexander Hay, aged 71 years."

Copied from newspaper obituary (1923)

Mrs Alexander Hay

The death of Frances D., beloved wife of Alexander Hay, occurred at her home on the Valley Road, January 18th, aged seventy one years. Frances Dunlop Hay was born at Caverhill, February 22, 1852, the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs David Dunlop of Upper Caverhill, York county. She was united in marriage with Alex Hay of the Parish of Manners Sutton, York county, April 9th 1873.

Of this union six children were born, four of whom survive, Mrs Alex Kyle of Calais, Mrs Frank Ham of Lewiston, Mrs Alfred Thomas of St. Stephen and Frederick B. at home. Seventeen grandchildren and one brother, Simpson C. Dunlop of Skowhegan, Me., also survive her.

She had been in failing health for some months and all that loving hands could do could not prolong her life and she passed peacefully away.

Devoted to her home circle, her life had been a quiet one but her influence for good was manifest in the home and all with whom she was associated.

The funeral service was held at her home Friday last by Rev. Dr. W. C. Gorcher, assisted by Rev. W. W. Malcolm, interment being made in the St. Stephen Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended. To the aged husband and other sorrowing ones general sympathy is extended.

In their early married life, Mr and Mrs Hay united with the Presbyterian church at Harvey Settlement where they resided fifteen years before coming to St. Stephen.

They had the following children:

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| 47 | i. | Susanna F. "Susie" Hay |
| 48 | ii. | Christina "Tina" Hay |
| 49 | iii. | Ethel Hay |
| 50 | iv. | Margaret Adaline "Addie" Hay |
| 51 | v. | Frederick B. Hay |
| 52 | vi. | Frank Hay |

11. John Alexander Hay. Son of Alexander Hay Jr. & Susanna Nesbitt. Born 7 Nov 1848 in Harvey. Christen 24 Dec 1848 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 10 Mar 1937 in Saint John. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer. Religion Presbyterian.

In 1901 Census for Manners Sutton, John Hay had 150 acres, a 5-room house, 4 barns, and the family was living adjacent to Isaac and Nancy Burrell.

He married Elizabeth Burrell, daughter of Robert Burrell & Ann Piercy, 9 Oct 1874 in St. Paul's, Fredericton, By Rev. John M. Brooke . Born 20 Jun 1852 in Harvey. Christen 16 Aug 1852 in St. Paul's Church Records. Died 21 Jun 1934 in West Saint John. Buried 23 Jun 1934 in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

Witnesses to marriage were Alexander Hay and Frances Hay.

When Elizabeth died in 1934, besides her husband, she was survived by four daughters: Mrs Harry Watters, Fairville; Mrs W. G. Humble, Vancouver; Mrs G. M. McCutcheon, Boston; Mrs George Swan, Brownville, Me.; one son, Albert Hay, West Saint John.

In the 1901 Census, Elizabeth's birth date is given as: 8 Sep 1852.

Copied from newspaper obituary:

Late Mrs John Hay

Harvey Station, June 27 -- The body of the late Mrs John Hay was brought from Saint John for burial on Saturday, June 23rd.

The funeral service was held in the Presbyterian Church at two o'clock and conducted by Rev. George E. Knight. The choir sang Peace Perfect Peace, Asleep in Jesus and Abide With Me.

The church was filled with relatives and friends who came to pay their last respects to one who by her kindly quiet and sympathetic way won her a host of friends among the young as well as older people. She was always interested in any good work and ever ready to lend a helping hand where needed. Mrs Hay lived in Harvey all her life until about five years ago, when she moved to Saint John. She was a life long member of the Presbyterian Church. There was a

large number of beautiful floral pieces from friends in Saint John and Harvey. The pall bearers were John Calvin, Pearly Watters, Wesley Hay, Albert Messer, Hazen Burrell, Colby Brown. Service at the grave also by Mr McKnight.

They had the following children:

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| 53 | i. | Priscilla Jane "Celia" Hay |
| 54 | ii. | Ella Marion Hay |
| 55 | iii. | Albert Alexander "Ab" Hay |
| 56 | iv. | Annie May Hay |
| 57 | v. | Cora Davis Hay |

12. Elizabeth Nesbitt. Daughter of Thomas Nesbitt & Isabella Cockburn (Coburn). Born 3 May 1842 in Fredericton. Christen 15 Aug 1842 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton. Died 15 Mar 1905 in Winnipeg. Buried in Brookside Cemetery, Winnipeg.

She married William Craig, son of Henry Craigs & Isabella Kay, 19 Oct 1865 in Harvey Presbyterian Church By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born 21 Nov 1845 in Harvey. Christen 28 Dec 1845 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 26 Dec 1921 in Treherne, Man. Buried in Brookside Cemetery, Winnipeg. Occupation Farmer.

From St. John Globe, 30 Oct 1865: "Married at residence of bride's father, by Rev. Samuel Johnson, 20th inst., William Craigs and Miss Elizabeth Nesbit, all of Harvey."

York Co., NB, marriage records gives date as 19 Oct 1865, and witnesses to marriage were Thomas Craig and Annie Nesbit.

William is listed as a farmer in the 1871 and 1881 Census for Manners Sutton. They lived and worked on a farm on what is now the Charlie Little Road in Harvey. In June 1892, William, Elizabeth and their two sons, Thomas and Stuart and daughter Annie left for Winnipeg, followed by daughter Isabella in November. Son Henry Fulton had already settled and married in Winnipeg. William operated a dairy farm in what is now part of Winnipeg.

Copied from newspaper obituary - undated:

William Craig

Harvey Station, Jan. 21 -- Thomas Craig has received word of the death of his brother, William Craig, which occurred at Winnipeg about the 8th inst. The deceased gentleman was a native of this place and went west with his wife and family upwards of twenty-five years ago and engaged in farming near Winnipeg. He was about seventy-five years of age and is survived by two sons and two daughters. His wife died about fifteen years ago. He was a man of fine character and had many friends here.

For complete information on this family see the genealogy book "The Craigs of Harvey Settlement, Red Rock and the Pontiac" by Helen C. Craig, printed 1999.

They had the following children:

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| 58 | i. | Henry Fulton Craig |
| 59 | ii. | Thomas Nesbitt Craig |
| 60 | iii. | Isabella Charlotte "Bell" Craig |
| 61 | iv. | William "Stuart" Craig |
| 62 | v. | Elizabeth Ann "Annie" Craig |

13. Anne Isabella Nesbitt. Daughter of Thomas Nesbitt & Isabella Cockburn (Coburn). Born 29 Jul 1844. Christen 29 Dec 1844 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton.

She married Elisha Smith, 1 Nov 1866 in Harvey Presbyterian Church Records By Rev. Samuel Johnson.

In marriage records Elisha lived in Parish of Lincoln, Sunbury Co., NB. Witnesses to marriage were Margaret Nesbit and Malvin Smith.

Four children born between 1867 and 1872 were christened in Harvey Presbyterian Church. No further information on this family.

They had the following children:

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| 63 | i. | Isabella Smith |
| 64 | ii. | Soloman Smith |
| 65 | iii. | Thomas Smith |
| 66 | iv. | Franklin Smith |

14. Margaret Jane Nesbitt. Daughter of Thomas Nesbitt & Isabella Cockburn (Coburn). Born Approx 1847. Died 10 Nov 1906 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

Margaret Jane died 10 Nov 1906, age 59 years 8 months, of tuberculosis. (Church records).

She married Alexander Briggs, son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling, 9 Dec 1868 in Harvey, York Co. By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born Approx 1841. Died 21 Jan 1916 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer. Religion Presbyterian. Witnesses to marriage were James Briggs and Isabella Nesbit.

They had the following children:

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| 67 | i. | Isabella Briggs |
| 68 | ii. | Darling M. Briggs |

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| 69 | iii. | Elizabeth May Briggs |
| 70 | iv. | Thomas A. Briggs |
| 71 | v. | Mary Anne "Annie" Briggs |
| 72 | vi. | Susanna Gloriana "Susie" Briggs |
| 73 | vii. | Minnie Jane Briggs |

15. Isabella P. Nesbitt. Daughter of Thomas Nesbitt & Isabella Cockburn (Coburn). Born 16 Nov 1849. Christen 31 Mar 1850 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton.

She married James Briggs, son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling, 24 Dec 1874 in Harvey Presbyterian Church Records, York Co., NB . Born 1847 in Harvey. Christen 25 Apr 1847 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy.

From Daily Telegraph, 28 Dec 1874: "Married at residence of bride's father, by Rev. Samuel Johnson, 24th inst., James Briggs and Miss Isabella R. Nesbit, both of Harvey." Witnesses to marriage were Thomas Briggs and Susanna L. Nesbit.

No further information on this family.

16. Susan Nesbitt. Daughter of Thomas Nesbitt & Isabella Cockburn (Coburn). Born Approx 1852. Christen 9 May 1852 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton.

17. Charlotte Nesbitt. Daughter of Thomas Nesbitt & Isabella Cockburn (Coburn). Born 26 Mar 1854. Christen 19 Apr 1854 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton. Died 21 Jun 1861 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

18. Margaret Ann Nesbitt. Daughter of John B. Nesbitt & Elizabeth Chambers. Born 3 Oct 1850 in Harvey. Died 19 Apr 1943 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

Copied from newspaper obituary - 1943:

Died at Harvey. Mrs John G. Coburn Was Well Known Woman, Prominent in Church and Community.

Harvey Station, N.B., April 27 -- The death of Mrs Margaret Ann Coburn, widow of John G. Coburn, at the home of her daughter, Mrs Cecil Grieve, on April 19th, removed one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this community. Had she lived until October 3rd, she would have been 93 years of age. For the past few years she has been in poor health but always maintained her interest in the work of the church, W.M.S. and the Red Cross, to which she always contributed generously. For some time it had been her custom to have passages of Scripture read at the meetings of the W.M.S. and a few days before her death she sent her usual request which was complied with.

Mrs Coburn was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Chambers) Nesbitt and was born at Harvey. She was the last remaining member of the family. Her husband passed away May 23rd, 1901. Since that time she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs Harry C. Swan. Last fall she went to visit her daughter, Mrs Grieve, where she became ill and had been confined to her bed since then.

Of a family of ten children, five survive her. Mrs Swan and Mrs Grieve, and three sons, Thomas, Matthew and Charles Coburn, all of Brownville Junction, Maine. The late Councillor Frank Coburn was a son, also Alexander Coburn, who gave his life in the Great War. There are 26 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs Coburn was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, a life member of the Women's Missionary Society and was for years a teacher in the Sunday Schools at Coburn and Manners Sutton. She was a woman of great kindness and was loved by old and young.

She married John G. Coburn, son of George Cockburn (Coburn) & Mary Piercy, 4 Jan 1871 in Harvey, York Co., NB By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born 12 Aug 1844 in Harvey. Christen 22 Sep 1844 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy . Died 23 May 1901 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

Ref: Watson et al, "The Little Family", 1993, p. 197. Hall & Crozier, 1983, "The Swan Family", 1983, p. 99.

From Daily Telegraph, 9 Jan 1871: "Married by Rev. Samuel Johnson, 4th ult., John Cockburn and Margaret Ann Nesbit, eldest daughter of John B. Nesbit, all of Harvey." Witnesses to marriage were Thomas Cockburn and Ellen N. Nesbit.

They had the following children:

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| 74 | i. | George Harvey Lesley Coburn |
| 75 | ii. | John "Franklin" Chambers Coburn |
| 76 | iii. | Thomas Preston Coburn |
| 77 | iv. | Elizabeth Victoria "Lizzie" Coburn |
| 78 | v. | William Walter "Lewis" Coburn |
| 79 | vi. | Mary Helena "Mame" Coburn |
| 80 | vii. | James "Alexander" MacLean Coburn |
| 81 | viii. | Matthew Piercy Coburn |
| 82 | ix. | Georgie Ann Nesbitt "Annie" Coburn |
| 83 | x. | Charles Everett Coburn |

19. John "Harvey" Nesbitt. Son of John B. Nesbitt & Elizabeth Chambers. Born 19 Mar 1853 in Harvey. Died 20 Jan 1929. Buried in Harvey Settlement

Cemetery.

From Weekly Telegraph, 10 Sep 1880: "Married Manse, Fredericton, 27th ult., by Rev. J. Fowler, A.M., John Harvey Nesbitt, Manners Sutton, York Co., and Miss Annie Cunningham, Kingsclear."

Marriage date given in York Co.,NB Marriage Records, Book D. in 27 Aug, 1879, and witnesses to marriage were David Cunningham and Amanda Gallop.

He married Annie May Cunningham, 27 Aug 1880 in Fredericton By James Fowler, Presbyterian . Born 1858 in Lutherbridge, Scotland. Died 25 Mar 1940. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

From newspaper obituary - undated:

Died At Coburn. Mrs Annie Nesbitt, Aged 82, Was Born In Scotland.

Coburn, NB, March 30 -- The death of Mrs Annie Nesbitt occurred at her home, March 25th, after a short illness. She was in her 82nd year and came from Scotland at age of 15, living at Hanwell until her marriage to Harvey Nesbitt of Coburn, where she lived the remaining years of her life.

Mrs Nesbitt is survived by one brother, John Cunningham of Hanwell, six nephews and five nieces. The funeral was held from Knox Presbyterian Church, March 27th at 2.30 where she was a life long member and was conducted by Rev. Allison McLean, pastor of the church. The pallbearers were Harvey, William, Harry, John and Arthur Cunningham and Delbert Lister. Interment took place in family lot in Harvey Cemetery.

20. Ellen Nora Nesbitt. Daughter of John B. Nesbitt & Elizabeth Chambers. Born 7 Jun 1855 in Harvey. Died 1 Jun 1916.

From Daily Telegraph, 20 Oct 1877: "Married Manse, Fredericton, 15th inst., by Rev. Dr. Brooke, Charles W. Gallop, Kingsclear, York County, and Miss Ellen N. Nesbitt, Manners Sutton."

Witnesses to marriage were C. N. Hartt and Janet Nesbitt.

She married Charles W. Gallop, 15 Oct 1877 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton By Rev. John M. Brooke. Born in Kingsclear.

21. Janet Amelia "Jennie" Nesbitt. Daughter of John B. Nesbitt & Elizabeth Chambers. Born 7 Dec 1857 in Harvey.

She married Thomas Roach.

22. William Preston Nesbitt. Son of John B. Nesbitt & Elizabeth Chambers. Born 4 Apr 1860 in Harvey. Died 5 Sep 1936 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

From newspaper obituary - 1936:

W. P. Nesbitt

Harvey Station, Sep 21 -- The death of William Preston Nesbitt of Coburn, occurred at the home of Arthur Cunningham on September 5th following a short illness. He was born at Harvey, April 4th, 1860, and lived in this district all his life

where he was a well known farmer. He leaves to mourn two sisters, Mrs Margaret Ann Coburn of Harvey, and Mrs Jennie Roach, Calais, Me., and a larger number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. J. Kirkland, minister of the Knox Presbyterian Church of which church the late Mr Nesbitt was a devout member. John E. Lister, David A. Embleton, Arthur Cunningham, Harry C. Swan, Ernest Piercy and Matthew Coburn of Brownville, Me., were the pall bearers. Interment was in the Harvey Cemetery.

23. Mary Jane Nesbitt. Daughter of John B. Nesbitt & Elizabeth Chambers. Born 29 Jun 1863 in Harvey. Died 4 Nov 1929.

She married Herbert Gillis.

24. Isabella Christina "Tina" Nesbitt. Daughter of John B. Nesbitt & Elizabeth Chambers. Born 12 Sep 1865 in Harvey. Died 8 Feb 1905 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

She married George Thomas Piercy, son of Thomas Piercy & Margaret Tait, 30 Mar 1892 in Harvey. Born 30 Apr 1855 in Harvey. Died 25 Nov 1936 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer. Religion Presbyterian.

Copied from newspaper obituary - 1936:

Manners Sutton, N.B., Nov 25 -- George Piercy, an elderly resident of this district passed away this morning at the home of his son, Ernest. He was seized with a stroke of paralysis last night and never regained consciousness.

Deceased was a son of Thomas and Margaret (Tait) Piercy, pioneer settlers of Harvey. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs Gardiner Essensa of Harvey Station; six sons, Gates of Tweedside; Roy, of York Mills; Ernest and Ward, at home; George and John of McAdam; one sister, Mrs John Cleghorn of South Tweedside and one brother, Tait Piercy, residing in New Hampshire. His wife formerly Miss Christina Nesbitt predeceased him several years ago.

They had the following children:

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| 84 | i. | Edith Nesbitt |
| 85 | ii. | Thomas "Ward" Piercy |
| 86 | iii. | Ernest Piercy |
| 87 | iv. | Margaret Velma Piercy |
| 88 | v. | John Nesbitt Piercy |
| 89 | vi. | Roy G. Piercy |
| 90 | vii. | George Lister Piercy |
| 91 | viii. | Gates Poore Piercy |

25. Georgina Lister "Georgie" Nesbitt. Daughter of John B. Nesbitt & Elizabeth

Chambers. Born 10 Jan 1868 in Harvey. Died 18 Jun 1910. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Nurse.

She married Alexander Little, son of Matthew Little & Isabel Hay, 18 Aug 1909 in York Co., NB. Born 22 Mar 1854 in Harvey. Died 10 Feb 1930 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

From Daily Telegraph, 14 Dec 1877: "Married 12th inst., by Rev. Dr. Brooke, Alexander Little and Mary Ann Coburn, both of Manners Sutton, York Co."

Witnesses to marriage in 1877 were Albert Little and Thomas Wilson.

Alex's first wife, Mary Ann Coburn, died of tuberculosis, and his second wife, Georgie Nesbitt, died of premature child birth. Alex lived at York Mills and had an excelsior mill, and he and his son Roy rebuilt the Woolen Mill. This family moved to Alberta, and Alex died in Lethbridge, Alberta. Alex and Mary Ann had nine children, four died of tuberculosis and one died in World War I.

Copied from newspaper obituary (1930)
ALEXANDER LITTLE

Brockway, Feb. 17 -- Word has been received here of the death at Lethbridge, Alta., of Alexander Little, former owner and operator of the Woollen Mills at York Mills. Mr Little was a native of Harvey, York County, but moved west some years ago with his family, of whom there are three sons and one daughter living from a family of nine. He had returned to Alberta early last fall from a visit here and had many friends in this community, who regret to hear of his passing.

26. James Nesbitt. Son of James Nesbitt & Mary Carmichael. Born 7 Apr 1866 in Harvey. Died Aug 1945 in Saskatchewan.

27. John "Charles" Nesbitt. Son of James Nesbitt & Mary Carmichael. Born 18 Feb 1869 in Harvey. Died 30 Jul 1953. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

28. Robert Nesbitt. Son of James Nesbitt & Mary Carmichael. Born Oct 1870 in Harvey. Died Dec 1876 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

29. Thomas Nesbitt. Son of James Nesbitt & Mary Carmichael. Born 15 Oct 1873 in Harvey. Died 2 Apr 1948. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

30. George Nesbitt. Son of James Nesbitt & Mary Carmichael. Born 15 Nov 1875 in Harvey. Died 18 Mar 1955 in St. Joseph's Hosp., Comox, BC. Buried in Sandwich Cemetery. Occupation Farmer, Logger.

Copied from newspaper obituary (BC):
Services for George Nesbitt
George Nesbitt, who came to Courtenay from his birth place, Harvey Station,

New Brunswick, 45 years ago, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Comox, Friday, March 18, at the age of 79. Most of his adult life he had been employed as a farmer and logger. Mr Nesbitt has made his home with William Swan for many years. He is survived by one brother, Garfield, at Cereal, Alberta.

Funeral services are being held this (Wednesday) afternoon at Piercy's Chapel with Rev. J. S. Clark officiating and interment will take place in the civic cemetery at Sandwick.

Pallbearers will be P. Dargie, T. Menzies, J. Swan, I. Parkin, H. Grieve and H. Creech.

31. Sarah "Jane" Nesbitt. Daughter of James Nesbitt & Mary Carmichael. Born 12 Jan 1877 in Harvey. Died 16 Jan 1902 in Tweedside. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

She married Peter Seaman Cleghorn Wood, son of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy, 30 Aug 1899 in York Co., NB. Born 16 May 1868 in Tweedside. Died 13 Jan 1902 in Tweedside. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Peter, his wife Jane, and their two infant children all died of diphtheria within four days, in January 1902.

Copied from newspaper clippings - 1902:

Diphtheria Scourge

Three Deaths in the Wood Family at Tweedside--Others Expected.

Our Harvey correspondent writing Jan. 17th, says:

Mrs Wood of Tweedside, wife of Peter C. Wood, who died of diphtheria on Monday, died of the same disease yesterday morning. Their eldest child also died on Wednesday. The remaining child, which is about three months old is not expected to recover. This child and an invalid sister of the late Mr Wood, are the sole survivors of the household. Mrs F. V. Taylor, a trained nurse, was sent from Fredericton yesterday morning, but Mrs Wood was dead when she arrived. The deceased lady was the eldest daughter of the late James Nesbitt of Tweedside, and was about 30 years of age.

The people here are appalled by the dreadful work of the disease and every effort is being made to prevent its spreading.

Family Wiped Out

Awful Scourge of Diphtheria at Tweedside

Harvey Station, York County, Jan. 18 -- A whole family, father, mother and two children, have been cut off by diphtheria in Tweedside. On Friday evening Peter C. Wood contracted the disease and died Monday, the elder child died Tuesday and Mrs Wood died on Thursday morning and the younger child a few hours later. The disease is of the most violent type and proved quickly fatal in spite of the best methods of treatment. During the illness of the family their friends and

neighbours prepared and brought food and other things necessary, but did not dare enter the house, and the doctor was unable to obtain the nursing required for his patients. Mrs Nesbitt, Mrs Wood's mother, did everything she could to care for them, but she soon became exhausted. Some of the parish officers and others, when they became aware of the state of affairs on Wednesday, joined together and wired Dr. Mullin of Fredericton, asking him to send a trained nurse for Mrs Wood and the child. The doctor at once complied and the nurse arrived Thursday morning only to find Mrs Wood dead and the child dying.

Two other families in Tweedside, who had the disease are all recovering, and there has been no further spread of the disease.

The dreadful occurrence has cast a deep gloom over the entire community and much sorrow is expressed, as the young couple had many friends and were highly respected.

They had the following children:

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| 92 | i. | Charles George Wood |
| 93 | ii. | Bertha May Wood |

32. Margaret Ann Nesbitt. Daughter of James Nesbitt & Mary Carmichael. Born 23 Mar 1879 in Harvey. Died 12 Dec 1923 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

33. Robert Garfield "Gary" Nesbitt. Son of James Nesbitt & Mary Carmichael. Born 23 Mar 1881 in Harvey. Died 11 Apr 1956 in Saskatchewan.

34. William Henry Grieve. Son of George Grieve & Jane Nesbitt. Born 4 Dec 1854 in Harvey. Died 2 May 1933 in Sandwick, BC. Buried in Courtenay Civic Cemetery, Section A.

From BC Vital Stats: Died 2 May 1933, age 78, Sandwick, BC.

He married Agnes Piercy, daughter of Matthew Piercy & Agnes Moffitt, 20 Feb 1909 in Sandwick, BC. Born 21 Jul 1863 in Harvey, NB. Died 9 Jan 1936 in B.C.

Notes from "Piercy - A Family Tree 1814-1979":

Agnes and John Berkeley had four sons and four daughters. They had a farm on the Lake Trail, bounded on the railway track and what is known as Johnston Street now. He also owned the property on the corner of 5th Street and Cliffe Avenue where the old Bank of Commerce was built.

After John's death, Agnes remarried William Grieve in 1910.

35. Ann Nesbitt "Annie" Grieve. Daughter of George Grieve & Jane Nesbitt. Born 19 Sep 1856 in Harvey.

36. John Grieve. Son of George Grieve & Jane Nesbitt. Born 6 Oct 1858 in Harvey.

37. Elenor Alice "Ellen" Grieve. Daughter of George Grieve & Jane Nesbitt. Born 19 Oct 1860 in Harvey.

38. Margaret "Maggie" Grieve. Daughter of George Grieve & Jane Nesbitt. Born 16 Aug 1863 in Harvey. Died 13 Mar 1930 in Sandwick, B.C. Buried in Courtenay Civic Cemetery, Section A.

She married Henry "Harry" Piercy, son of Walter Piercy & Sarah Swan, 8 Dec 1885 in Nanaimo, BC. Born 10 Jan 1857 in Harvey. Died 4 Apr 1950 in Comox, B.C. Buried in Courtenay Civic Cemetery, Section A.

Harry went to Comox Valley of British Columbia in 1878. He married Maggie on 8 Dec 1885 in BC.

From newspaper obituary - 1950:

Henry (Harry) Piercy died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Comox, B.C. on April 4, 1950. Mr Piercy was born at Manners Sutton Jan 10, 1857, one of twelve children of Walter and Sarah (Swan) Piercy. He was one of the members of the survey party that mapped out the route for the Transcontinental railway in the 1870's and when winter halted their work he and his fellow workers went back to Calgary and then crossed the mountains through the United States to British Columbia on foot. He stayed in British Columbia for a time, later returned to New Brunswick but could not settle down. He went back to the Comox Valley and a few years later, in 1885, married Miss Margaret Grieve, also a native of Harvey.

For a time he worked as a logger and later went to Texada Island at the height of the logging boom, where he worked as a blacksmith, having learned the trade in New Brunswick as an employee of the late Patrick (Paddy) McGinn of Fredericton.

From Texado he returned to Comox Valley and took up farming on the Condensory Road, Courtenay. He retired from active farming work 25 years ago. For the past few years he made his home with his son George at Victoria, and with his daughters in Courtenay. Mrs Piercy passed away 20 years ago.

Mr Piercy made several visits to New Brunswick in recent years, his last trip having been in 1936.

They had the following children:

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| 94 | i. | Walter Wallace Piercy |
| 95 | ii. | George Martin "Dodd" Piercy |
| 96 | iii. | Lillian Jane Piercy |
| 97 | iv. | Edith Sarah Piercy |

98	v.	Bessie Lavina Piercy
99	vi.	Alfred Warden "Ward" Piercy
100	vii.	Minnie Irene Piercy

39. Joseph Patrick Grieve. Son of George Grieve & Jane Nesbitt. Born 18 Sep 1864 in Harvey. Died Jan 1867 in Harvey.

40. George Thomas "Berkeley" Grieve. Son of George Grieve & Jane Nesbitt. Born 11 Jan 1866 in Harvey. Died Sep 1946 in Sandwick, B.C. Buried in Courtenay Civic Cemetery, Section A.

41. Elizabeth Jane Grieve. Daughter of George Grieve & Jane Nesbitt. Born 8 Sep 1870 in Harvey.

42. John Nesbitt. Son of Robert Nesbitt & Isabella Smith. Born Approx 1860 in Harvey.

43. Annie Nesbitt. Daughter of Robert Nesbitt & Isabella Smith. Born Approx 1864 in Harvey.

44. Alexander Nesbitt. Son of Robert Nesbitt & Isabella Smith. Born Approx 1865 in Harvey.

45. Robert Nesbitt. Son of Robert Nesbitt & Isabella Smith. Born Approx 1867 in Harvey.

46. Margaret Nesbitt. Daughter of Robert Nesbitt & Isabella Smith. Born Approx 1869 in Harvey.

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