Descendents of Nicholas Lister (1796/1798 - 25 Jan 1869)
and Margaret Heughan (1801 - 25 Mar 1846)

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First Generation
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The Lister name was also spelled "Litster" in old records. In the 1801 Census of Annan, Scotland, Nickol (age 3) was listed as part of the household of George Lister, Agnes Gass, Jean Lister, John Lister and Isabel Lister. The home was listed as Bonshawside which included 16 residences. (Info from E. E. Lister)

From Morning Telegraph, Saint John, 2 Feb 1869:
" Died Harvey, 25th ult., Nicholas Lister, age 77, native of Annan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He was promoted to Ruling Elder of the Parish Church in his native place. He emigrated to America in 1843, left children and grandchildren."

From "Statistical Return of the Harvey Settlement for the year 1847", Nicholas settled in Harvey in 1843, had a family of 9, and besides farming he was a Weaver. In the four years between 1843 and 1847, he had built a house and barn, had cleared 18 acres of his 100 acre lot and had paid off half the cost of his land. He had 3 cows, 2 oxen, 10 sheep, 3 swine and 3 young cattle. His crop consisted of 10 tons hay and straw, 150 bu. oats, 10 bu. barley and buckwheat, 100 bu. potatoes and 10 bu. wheat. Estimated total value of crops, stocks, land and improvements was 166 pounds. (As his wife died in 1846, it would appear that he had 8 children living with him in 1847.)

The 1851 Census lists Nicholas a widower, 54 years of age, Scotch, farmer/proprietor, who entered this colony in 1843. The following children were living at home: (All were born in Scotland) David, 20; James, 16; Edward I., 14; Jane, 12; Agnes, 11 and Mary, 9.

Ten years later, 1861 Census, only his son Edward Irvin, 24, was at home with Nicholas. Also a servant, Elizabeth Dundas, age 26, lived in the household. The Lister family was Presbyterian.

By 1861, Nicholas owned or occupied 60 acres improved and 90 acres unimproved land. Cash value of farm was 250 pounds, value of implements and machinery, 15 pounds. He had 2 horses, 3 milch cows, 4 other neat cattle, 14 sheep, 3 swine and slaughtered 400 lb. pork. Produced 150 lb. butter, 36 lb. wool, 10 tons hay, 300 bu. oats, 87 bu. buckwheat, 20 bu. timothy and 100 bu. potatoes.

From the Land Grants records, Nicholas received the following land: Lot P Block 31 Kingsclear (later Manners Sutton) York Co. 100 ac. 1851/10/13 Vol. 36, No. 4873; and Lot 70 Block 31, Manners Sutton, 50 ac. 1868/12/14 Vol. 74, No. 12594.

Excerpt from newspaper account of Settlement of Harvey -- undated--"For 16 years the Harvey Settlers were without a kirk or meeting house and without a clergyman excepting a rare visit from the Rev. Daniel McCurdy of Keswick. The children were taken to Fredericton for baptism. The Rev. John Brooke kindly granted the ordinance to all who sought, without hindrance at his own manse. During all these years, however, public worship amongst themselves on the Lord's day was regularly observed. This was conducted in the school house by the elders and others. There were four of them, John Thompson, Thomas Herbert, Thomas Piercy and James Nesbitt. In this connection the name of Nicholas Lister should be mentioned. He took regular turns at the desk with the elders giving out the psalm or paraphrase, leading in prayer and reading the sermons.
There was no great force in the reading of the sermon but to hear some of these men pray, pleading at the throne, offering up their gifts at the alter was something grand. The very simplicity of the language lent power and solemnity to their soul stirring devotions. Nor was the service of praise led by Matthew Piercy less earnest and striking. At the end of sixteen years in 1852 a substantial meeting house was erected........


They had the following children:

2  i.  George Lister
3  ii. Janet "Jennie" Lister
4  iii. William Lister
5  iv.  John Lister
6  v.  David Lister
7  vi. James M. Lister
8  vii. Edward Irving Lister
9  viii. Jane Lister
10  ix.  Agnes Lister
11  x.  Mary Lister

Second Generation
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2. George Lister. Son of Nicholas Lister & Margaret Heughan. Born 18 Sep 1823 in Annan, Scot.

George came to America from Annan, Scotland, with his parents, brothers and sisters in 1843. From Minnesota Cemetery Inscription Index, Selected Counties: George Lister died 24 Dec 1891, age 68, Empire Township, Dakota County, Minnesota, buried in Corinthian Cemetery, Section NW.

He acquired the following Land Grants. (Further information on land transactions can be obtained through research at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick):

Lot 18, T2, Harvey Sett., Manners Sutton, 50 acres, 1855/01/19, Vol. 44, No. 6646; Part of 18 SE, Harvey Sett., 50 ac. 1857/02/23, Vol. 50, No. 7932; 18, Harvey Sett., 100 ac. 1857/12/28, Vol. 52, No. 8338; 90 Block 31, Harvey Sett. 50 ac. 1858/01/25, Vol. 53, No. 8540; Blk 31, NE Bra Magag. R., Manners Sutton, 100 ac. 1870/08/01, Vol. 81, No. 13810.

From The Daily Gleaner, 14 July 1937: "About the year 1857, George Lister built the first woollen mill in York Mills. He also built a sawmill and a grist mill. The woollen business was established as a cloth mill. He later sold the business to John Taylor."

Excerpt from Rural Musings: Woollen Mill Thrives: Began 105 years Ago, By Rolf Munroe--undated, but possibly in newspaper in December 1962: "George built the sawmill first, and in it lumber for the other structures were processed. The machinery for the original mill came up the St. John river by boat, was landed at Long Creek, and hauled on wagons to the mill site."

There seems to be some questions as to the exact year the woollen mill was built. From the Saint Croix Courier "Journey Through Time", The Early Years: 1865-1885, on 13 May 1869: "New Woollen Mill -- Geo Lester, Esq., is erecting a woollen factory in the Harvey Settlement on the N. E. Magaguadavic within a short distance of Western Extension. -- Journal."

The 1861 Census lists George as 37 years old, Farmer/Merchant, and his wife Mary Ann, 28 years old, daughter Christina, 2 years, and son Charles Fisher, 7 mos. Also in their household were James Carmichael, 26 yr., farm servant; Mary Embleton, 18 yr., domestic servant; James Kenna, 30 yr., woodturner, and his wife Isabella Kenna, 24 yr.

According to 1861 Census, George employed 2 males, owned or occupied 50 acres improved
land and 700 acres unimproved land. Cash value of farm was 500 pounds, and value of implements and machinery was 100 pounds. He had 5 horses, 4 milch cows, 1 other neat cattle, 5 sheep, 2 swine and slaughtered 500 lb. pork. Produced 200 lb. butter, 4 lb. wool, 18 tons hay, 100 bu. oats, 30 bu. buckwheat and 80 bu. potatoes.

Children of George and Mary Ann were baptized in Presbyterian church. They moved from Harvey area sometime after 1861 Census.

George Lister, wife Mary Ann and daughter Christina Lister are in the 1880 census in Farmington, Dakota Co., Minnesota, USA.

He married Mary Ann Johnston, daughter of Mr Johnston & Christina A. Heughan, 24 Feb 1851 in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church By Rev. Dr. John M. Brooke. Born 12 Oct 1832, died 20 Jul 1909, Empire Township, Dakota County, Minnesota, buried in Corinthian Cemetery, Section NW. Birth and death information from Minnesota Cemetery Inscription Index, Selected Counties.

From York Co NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were Thomas Cockburn and Nancy Thomson.

They had the following children:

12 i. Christina Lister
13 ii. Charles Fisher Lister


Jennie came to America from Annan, Scotland, with her parents, brothers and sisters in 1843.


PANB Marriage Records, p. 274:

"William Little and Janet Lister both of Parish of Kingsclear and County of York were married by licence this twelfth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty four by me, John M. Brooke, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton. This marriage was solemnized between us, William Little, Janet X(her mark) Lister. In the presence of Andrew Hallet, Jervis Little. Filed and registered 17 January 1845."

Details of William and Jennie's family can be found in the book, "The Little Family of Harvey Settlement" by Janet Swan Watson, Brenda Saunders Swan and Jocelean Swan Hall, printed 1993.

They had the following children:

14 i. George Little
15 ii. Margaret Jane Little
16 iii. Agnes Little
17 iv. Elizabeth Little
18 v. William Irving Little
19 vi. Mary Lister Little
20 vii. Ellen Little
21 viii. Arthur Little


No further information. John perhaps died young, before the family emigrated to NB.

   David came to America from Annan, Scotland, with his parents and siblings in 1843.

   Copied from newspaper obituary - 1919:
   "David Lister
   Harvey Station, Feb 17 -- David Lister, the oldest resident of this parish, died at his home at Coburn yesterday after a short illness. He was in the ninetieth year of his age and was remarkable strong and well for one so old until a few days ago. He was stricken with a cold. He was a native of the south of Scotland, and came to Harvey with his parents and several brothers and sisters and other settlers about seventy-five years ago. Most of his long life was spend on his farm at Coburn and he was one of the early settlers who made a success of farming. He was twice married and is survived by a number of sons and daughters, among whom are N. D. Lister, of Woodstock; Fred Lister, collector of customs at McAdam; William Lister, merchant, of McAdam; Robert, of Manners Sutton; James and the Misses Mary and Lena Lister, residing at home. He was a man of high character and was universally esteemed. The funeral was held at his late residence at Coburn this afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. J. F. McKay."

   According to the 1861 Census, David was a 31 years old farmer, and owned or occupied 40 acres improved land and 90 acres unimproved land. Cash value of farm was 100 pounds, value of implements and machinery, 1 pound. He had 2 morses, 2 milch cows, 3 other neat cattle, 9 sheep, 2 swine and slaughtered 200 lb. pork. Produced 120 lb. butter, 20 l. cheese, 24 lb. wool, 5 tons hay, 60 bu. oats and 30 bu. timothy.
   David had five children from first marriage and eleven children from second marriage.
   From York Co NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were James Lister and Isabella Gass.
   They had the following children:
   22 i. Margaret Lister
   23 ii. Jane "Janie" Lister
   24 iii. Agnes Lister
   25 iv. Nicholas D. "Nick" Lister
   26 v. William Lister

   From York Co NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were James Carmichael and Elizabeth Torrance.
   They had the following children:
   27 i. Robert Lister
   28 ii. George Irvine "Dode" Lister
   29 iii. James M. Lister
   30 iv. Mary E. Lister
   31 v. Nina Lister
   32 vi. John "Albert" Lister
   33 vii. Frederick Thomas "Fred" Lister

James came to America from Annan, Scotland with his parents and siblings in 1843. James and Ellen lived at York mills where James operated mills. In the 1861 Census, James was 28 years old, Scotch, Sawyer, and Presbyterian. Eleanor was 18 years old, and daughter Jane Agnes was 4 months old. Servant Nancy Christie, 17 years, lived in their household. They had 2 cows and one pig.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1912:

James Lister
McAdam Junction, Feb 26 -- The death of James Lister occurred at his home, York Mills, on Sunday the 25th Inst. He was in his 80th year and had been in failing health for two months. He was a native of Dumfries, Scotland, and came to this country when but ten years old. For over fifty years he had been a resident of York Mills, where he was engaged in the mining business. He was a man of sterling principles and was respected by all who knew him. He is survived by a widow, three sons and five daughters. The sons are David E., at home; Ward M. of Vancouver, and DeWitt T., of McAdam. The daughters are Mrs Margaret A. Little, Mrs Albert Little and Mrs George Little of Manners Sutton, and Mrs Alex Skene and Mrs James Piercy of McAdam.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1925:

Mrs Ellen Lister
McAdam, Feb 23 -- The death of Mrs Ellen Lister occurred at her home on the 21st inst., after a brief illness. Deceased was the widow of the late James Lister, of York Mills, and was in the 83rd year of her age. Being of a quiet and kindly disposition she was beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs Margaret A. Little, Mrs Albert Little, Mrs George Little of Harvey Station, Mrs Alex Skene and Mrs James Piercy, of McAdam, and three sons, David E. and DeWitt T., of McAdam, and Ward M., of Vancouver, B.C.; also two sisters, Mrs Henry Swan of Harvey Station, and Mrs Wm Grieve, of Sandwick, B.C. Interment was made in the cemetery at Harvey. The funeral service was at the church in Harvey, and was conducted by Rev. Harold Tompkinson, assisted by Rev. J. H. MacLean.

They had the following children:

38 i. Nicholas Lister
39 ii. Jane Agnes Lister

Edward came to America from Annan, Scotland with his parents and siblings in 1843. He was a farmer on his father's homestead farm.

Dates of births, marriages and deaths for Edward Lister, his wife Mary Ann, and their children are written in his family Bible. (Held by Georgie Lister in 1999.)


From York Co NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were George G. Grant and Jane Piercy.

Copied from newspaper obituary:

Death of Mrs Mary Ann Lister

The death of Mrs Mary Ann Lister, widow of Edward Lister, occurred last Thursday at her home at Harvey Station. She was seventy years old and a daughter of the late Matthew Piercy, one of the pioneer settlers in Harvey. Her children are N. E. Lister, Matthew, John, and Thomas H. of Harvey; Mrs Eben Little, Mrs Fred Little, Mrs Kenneth Embleton, Mrs Ford Messer, and Miss Ida, of Harvey. Mrs Henry Swan of Manners Sutton, and Mrs James Lister of York Mills are sisters, and two brothers and one sister in British Columbia.

They had the following children:

49  i. Nicholas E. Lister
50  ii. Matthew Henry Lister
51  iii. Mary Agnes Lister
52  iv. Margaret "Ellen" Lister
53  v. John Edward Lister
54  vi. Thomas Harvey Lister
55  vii. Isabel Victoria Lister
56  viii. Elizabeth Jane "Lizzie" Lister
57  ix. Isabella Victoria "Bell" Lister
58  x. Lottie Selena Lister
59  xi. Ida May Lister
60  xii. Annie Piercy Lister


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

She married Ralph Briggs, son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling, 25 Aug 1858 in Harvey, By Samuel Johnson. Born Approx 1837 in Eng.
In the 1861 Census, Ralph was 24 years old, English, Farmer, Presbyterian; Jane was 25 years old, and two children, Thomas, 2 years and Margaret Jane, 4 mos. They owned or occupied 40 acres improved land and 60 acres unimproved. Cash value of farm was 150 pounds, value of implements and machinery, 2 pounds. They had one horse, 2 milch cows, 3 other neat cattle, 6 sheep, 1 swine and slaughtered 150 lb. pork. Produced 70 lb. butter, 20 lb. wool, 7 tons hay, 200 bu. oats, 60 bu. buckwheat and 70 bu. potatoes.

This family moved to the Tobique area of New Brunswick, and information on this family is limited. Believed to have ten children.

They had the following children:

61 i. Thomas Briggs
62 ii. Margaret Jane Briggs
63 iii. Nicholas Briggs
64 iv. George Briggs
65 v. Matthew W. Briggs
66 vi. Isabella Briggs
67 vii. Agnes Briggs
68 viii. Wilson Briggs
69 ix. Ellen Briggs
70 x. Adam Briggs


Bernard and Agnes lived at York Mills. The 1861 Census lists Bernard as 26 years old, farmer, Catholic, and Agnes as 23 years old, Presbyterian. Two children: Margaret, 3 yr. and Jane, 1 year. Acres of land owned or occupied, 4 improved and 96 unimproved. Cash value of farm, 30 pounds, and value of implements and machinery, 1 pound. They had one milch cow, one swine, slaughtered 140 lb. port. Produced 37 lb. butter, 80 bu. oats, 10 bu. buckwheat and 80 bu. potatoes.

From The Daily Gleaner, 18 Jul 1912:

Harvey Man Found Dead in Woods

Bernard McCann was on His Way to Visit Son and Became Exhausted in Woods

Harvey Station, July 17 -- Early last week, Bernard McCann, an old and respected resident of York Mills, left his home there was the apparent intention of going to McAdam to visit one of his sons. On Sunday last his son, Nicholas McCann, who lived with him, hearing that he had not reached McAdam and being unable to find any trace of his whereabouts had search made for him. It was learned that he had taken dinner at the house of a resident on the road from Wilmot to Magaguadavic Station and started for the station in the afternoon, which was the last seen of him.

The road between Wilmot and Magaguadavic Station is over three miles long and is much grown up with bushes and little used. This road and the surrounding woods were thoroughly search by over thirty residents of the district, and on Monday afternoon Mr McCann's remains were found about half a mile from Magaguadavic Station, a short distance from the road.

It seems that he had got off the road and lost himself in the bushes and wandered around until he became exhausted and sank down and died.

The coroner, Dr. Dougan, was notified yesterday morning and he proceeded to the place and viewed the remains and made enquires and considered an inquest unnecessary. The body was very much decomposed owing to the hot weather and removal was almost impossible. Coroner
Dougan ordered the remains to be cremated which was done and the ashes interred at the Harvey cemetery yesterday afternoon. Appropriate services were held at his late residence by Mrs W. H. Willis, of the Plymouth Brethren Sect, to which the deceased belonged.

He was about seventy-six years of age and for some time past has been in failing health and mind but was thought to be well able to take care of himself. He was a native of the South of Ireland and came to this country with his father, the late Arthur McCann, of Acton, when a boy. He is survived by two sons and two daughters and one brother, Mr John McCann, of Acton, and one sister, Mrs P. Coholan, of Cork.

He was a man of high character and of a very jovial disposition and had many friends.

They had the following children:

71 i. Margaret McCann  
72 ii. Jane McCann  
73 iii. Mary Lister McCann  
74 iv. Elizabeth Ellen McCann  
75 v. Ellyade? McCann  
76 vi. Nicholas McCann  
77 vii. Agnes McCann  
78 viii. James McCann  
79 ix. John McCann  
80 x. David Edward McCann  
81 xi. Frederick McCann  
82 xii. Eva Theresa McCann


PANB #F15552, p. 432: James Embleton and Mary Lister on Apr 15, 1861 by Samuel Johnson, witnesses Margaret J. Embleton and Edward Lister.

After Mary's death, Jim married Isabell Little. He lived on the farm known as the Tom Lister farm, near Frog Lake, and had five children from his second marriage. Complete information on this family begins on page 101 in the book, "The Little Family of Harvey Settlement 1786-1992" compiled by Janet Swan Watson, Brenda Saunders Swan and Jocelean Swan Hall.

Third Generation


From Daily Telegraph, 22 Dec 1879: “Married at Michael Reid's, Tower Hill, Charlotte Co.,
From newspaper obituary - 1951:
Margaret Jane Young

The death of Margaret Jane, widow of Hugh Young, Brockway occurred at her home in Brockway, Sunday, Sept 30, at the advanced age of 95. Mrs Young was one of the daughters of the late William and Jennie Little, formerly of this place, but was born and brought up in Harvey where her parents lived. Her marriage to Hugh Young took place at Tower Hill on Dec 17, 1879, at the home of Rev William Wass who was the Presbyterian minister in that locality. Mrs Young was a valued member of the United Church of Canada and attended services faithfully until prevented by ill health about four years ago. Still she retained an interest in the community and her many friends and relatives until six weeks ago when she became very ill.

Mrs Young was the mother of four children, two of whom died in infancy. A son, Irving Young died in February 1923. One daughter (Jennie) Mrs Eugene Davis survives. Others left to mourn are her daughter-in-law, now Mrs John McLean of McAdam, two grandchildren, Mrs Hazen Mitchell of Calais and John Kilburn Young of Saint John; also Miss Carolyn McLean of McAdam. There are five great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs Richard Thomas of St. Stephen and a brother, Arthur Little of Brockway. Interment was in the Brockway Cemetery.


They had the following children:

83 i. William "Irving" Young
84 ii. Jennie Young


"Big Alex", as he was known (to distinguish him from Alexander Little who lived at York Mills), was born in Ontario, and came to Harvey as a young man. He and Agnes first lived on the farm presently known as the Karl Byers farm, in Little Settlement. He had a big windmill on top of the hill. He was well known in the surrounding areas for the merry-go-round which he built. He later moved to Brockway, where he stored the merry-go-round in an old covered bridge which was not in use. From Brockway he moved to St. Stephen. He was a salesman for stoves.

From newspaper obituary - 1932:
Alex Little Passes Away
Alex W. Little Dies At Home On Old Bay Road

Death claimed one of the best known men in Charlotte County this morning when Alex W. Little passed away at his home on the Old Bay Road, where he had lived 25 years, coming from Harvey in 1907.

Born in Ontario 78 years ago, he moved to New Brunswick when a young man. He was a successful farmer, both at Harvey and at his present home. He was well and favourably known throughout the maritimes, having been a commercial traveller for a number of years.

Mr Little had been in poor health for about a year, having met with an accident about 18 months ago, when he fell from a team at Brockway. He never fully recovered, but had been confined to his house only about three months.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters: Bruce, Elmer and Verna at home;
Irvine, Brockway, and Mrs B. L. Dunphy, Mouth of Keswick. Another son, James died about 19 months ago. There are also six grandchildren. Interment will be at Brockway.

They had the following children:

85 i. James Hughan Little
86 ii. William "Irving" Little
87 iii. Elmer Little
88 iv. Verna J. Little
89 v. Etta Little
90 vi. Bruce Alexander Little


From newspaper obituary - 1949:
Mrs C. Vail Dead

The death occurred at Chipman Memorial Hospital, St. Stephen, on Nov 16, of Mrs Elizabeth Vail, widow of Charles Vail, in her ninetieth year. Mrs Vail, formerly Miss Elizabeth Little was born in Harvey, a daughter of William and Jennie Little and moved to Brockway with her parents when she was young, so most of her life was spent here. She was affectionally known to all as Aunt Liz and she will long be remembered for her kindness and hospitality. Her husband predeceased her by fifteen years.

She leaves to mourn the members of her household, an adopted daughter Miss Elsie Hunt; a nephew, Irving Little, a niece Miss Verna Little, a grand nephew Grant Watson and a brother Arthur Little; also two sisters, Mrs Hugh Young of Brockway and Mrs Richard Thomas of St. Stephen, besides many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held from her late home on Sunday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. William Armstrong. A quartette, comprising of Charles Watson, Arthur Craig, Elwood MacLean and Wilbur Jones sang two selections, "The Beautiful Land" and "Abide With Me". Mrs Carl Byers was accompanist. The bearers were five nephews, Hugh Thomas, Allison Thomas, Wilfred Kilpatrick, Brockway Vail, Charles Vail and a neighbor, Harold Langley.


From newspaper obituary - 1934:
Charles William Vail

Brockway, NB, May 23 -- It was with sorrow that this community learned last Sunday morning that Charles William Vail, a life long resident of this place, had passed away at the age of seventy-five years. He had been in failing health for nearly a year but only the last three weeks was he confined to his bed. Mr Vail was a prominent Mason and Oddfellow and was also an ardent fisherman. Besides his wife and adopted daughter, Miss Elsie Hunt, he is survived by one sister, Mrs Alfred Thomas, and two brothers, James Vail and Solomon Vail, all of Brockway.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon and was one of the largest ever held in this place. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. William Armstrong of the United Church and the pallbearers were six nephews, Lem Vail, Brockway Vail, Oscar Young, Everett Vail, George Vail and Charles Vail. The many beautiful floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which he was held.


Further information on this family can be found in the book "The Little Family of Harvey Settlement 1786-1992" compiled by Janet Swan Watson, Brenda Saunders Swan, Jocelean Swan Hall.

They had the following children:

91 i. George Granville Thomas
92 ii. Harold B. Thomas
93 iii. Hugh Arnold Thomas
94 iv. Stella Myrtle Thomas
95 v. William Irving Thomas
96 vi. Emily "Claire" Thomas
97 vii. Edith Augusta Thomas
98 viii. Allison Richard Thomas
99 ix. Nellie Gwendolyn Thomas
100 x. Jeanette Elizabeth Thomas


Died 15 Feb 1959, age 90 yr.


From New Brunswick Reporter, 11 Nov 1874: "Married Manse of St. Paul's, 5th inst. by Rev. Dr. Brooke, William E. Murray, formerly of Kincardineshire, Scotland, now of Manners Sutton (York Co.) and Miss Margaret Lister, same place."

Witnesses to marriage were Catherine McCusseney and Janet Langwell.


Copied from obituary (1938):

Died at York Mills. William Murray, Native of Scotland, Died at Age of 86.

York Mills, N.B., March 29 -- The sudden passing of William Murray at his home here on Friday evening, the 25th, removes one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of this district.

Mr Murray was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, 86 years ago and came to Canada at the age of 20. Following his marriage to Miss Margaret Lister, who predeceased him in 1912, he settled on a farm here where he had lived ever since. The Murray home was always known for its hospitality and many have pleasant memories of the hours spent there.

Mr Murray had been in failing health for some time but had spent the winter with his daughter, Mrs Craig, in McAdam, returning home a few weeks ago. Surviving relatives are four daughters, Mrs George Craig, McAdam; Mrs Harry Berry, Moncton; Mrs James Henderson, Saint John and Miss Agnes Murray, R.N. of Mutton Bay, Labrador, and six sons, Rev. Prescott Murray, Kings
Head, N.S.; Peter in the United States; Wesley and Roy, McAdam; James, Harvey Station and Harris, York Mills. Another son, David of Portland, Me., died a few years ago. There are eleven grand children and one sister, the latter living in Bisley, England.

They had the following children:

101 i. Peter Louis Murray  
102 ii. David Murray  
103 iii. Wesley John Murray  
104 iv. Jennie Maye Murray  
105 v. Mary "Agnes" Murray  
106 vi. James Alexander Murray  
107 vii. Jessie Isabella Murray  
108 viii. Harris Edison Murray  
109 ix. Roy Lester Murray  
110 x. Prescott W. Murray  
111 xi. Hilda M. Murray


Witnesses to marriage were George Moffitt and Agnes Lister.


For details of this family see "The Moffitt of Harvey Settlement, New Brunswick 1791-1991" by Emerson Moffitt.

They had the following children:

112 i. Albion Andrew Moffitt  
113 ii. Agnes Lister "Aggie" Moffitt  
114 iii. David "Irvine" Moffatt  
115 iv. William Earl "Billie" Moffitt  
116 v. Manzer Eugene Moffitt  
117 vi. Nellie Jane Moffitt  
118 vii. Sydney Alvan Moffitt  
119 viii. Bertha Maud Moffitt


Witnesses to marriage were Nicholas Lister, Margaret Little and James Little.

Agnes was the first wife of John Little, and after her death he married secondly Hepsibah (Hepsie) Parker.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1935:
Nicholas D. Lister Died at Woodstock  
Former Fredericton Man Passed Away Today After Four Weeks Illness.
(Special Despatch to The Daily Gleaner)

Woodstock, N.B., July 29 -- Nicholas D. Lister, one of the best known and highly respected citizens of Woodstock, passed away at his home at an early hour this morning after an illness of four weeks, at the age of 74 years.

Born at Harvey, N.B., he was the son of David and Jennie Lister. Mr. Lister came to Woodstock fifty years ago and was the proprietor of a barber shop up to three years ago. Among all the business houses in Woodstock at the time Mr Lister came here, he was the only one in business at the time he retired. He was a member of the United Baptist Church and I.O.O.F. His wife, formerly Victoria Lowery of Fredericton, predeceased him three years ago. A son, Guy, was killed overseas during the Great War.

He is survived by one son, Wilmot, of Newport, Vermont, who arrived here Sunday evening; two brothers, Fred T. Lister, Collector of National Revenue at McAdam, and George Lister, of McAdam, also Misses Mary and Lena Lister, of McAdam, and Mrs. Annie Ellis, of Berlin, N.H. Interment will be made in Harvey.


Witnesses to marriage were Annie Lowry and Randolph Cox.

From newspaper obituary (undated)

Finds Wife Dead

Mrs Nicholas D. Lister Dies Suddenly of Heart Failure in Woodstock Home.

Woodstock, April 20 -- Mrs Nicholas D. Lister died suddenly of a heart attack at her home here last evening. Mrs Lister was in her customary health early in the evening, and her husband, on entering the house about 11 o'clock, was shocked to find her lifeless body lying on the floor.

Dr. J. F. L. Brown was hurriedly summoned and said life had been extinct for some time.

She is survived, besides her husband, by one son, Wilmot, Newport, Vt.

The body will be taken to Harvey, NB for interment.

They had the following children:

120 i. Norman Lister
121 ii. Guy Lister
122 iii. Edison Lister
123 iv. Wilmot Lister


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1927:

William Lister of McAdam Died

Was Successful Business Man and Native of Harvey, NB

McAdam, Nov. 7 -- One more death has been added to the tragic succession of local visitations previously reported by the passing here, this afternoon, of William Lister of the firm of Lister and Embleton, after an illness of two weeks. Everything that medical and nursing aid could do had been done in the effort to win the fight against the grim reaper without avail.

His only son, Ralph, who had been called home from Mount Allison University a day or two ago, was at his bedside as was the wife and mother. The only other child of their family was a daughter, Muriel, who died here two years ago.

Mr. Lister was born in Harvey in 1863. He came to this town as a young man and has had a
successful business career being known as one of McAdam's prosperous citizens, and his death will be felt as a great loss by all. He is also survived by one brother, Nicholas D., of Woodstock. Half-brothers and sisters are Fred T., collector of customs, here; George, of the C.P.R. shops; James and Robert of Harvey; Mrs Spurgeon Ellis, Berlin, N.H.; Miss Mary Lister of Portland, Me.; and Miss Lena, of Harvey. The late Mr Lister was a Liberal in politics and had his religious affiliations with the United Church.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1942:
Mrs William Lister Passed Away at Home of Mrs Gregory Lister.

St. Stephen, June 11 -- The death of Mrs Barbara (Thomas) Lister, widow of William Lister, of McAdam, and a resident of St. Stephen for some ten years, occurred late Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs Gregory Lister where she had lived for some time. She was in her 79th year. She was born at Thomaston Corner and spent most of her life in McAdam, coming to St. Stephen after the death of her husband in 1927.

Mrs Lister was a member of the United Church at McAdam and an affiliate of Kirk United in St. Stephen, and was active in its organizations as long as her health permitted. She was also active in the Red Cross. Mrs Lister had been confined to bed since last Christmas and seriously ill for a week.

The last surviving member of her own family, she is survived by one son, Ralph W. (Bul), well known as an outstanding athlete a few years ago, and now engaged in the retail shoe business in Moncton; and one grandson, William.

They had the following children:

124 i. Muriel Lister
125 ii. Ralph William "Bule" Lister


They had the following children:

126 i. Myles Roy Lister
127 ii. Alton Donald Lister
128 iii. Maurice "Gifford" Lister
129 iv. Effie "Blanche" Lister


(Dates on gravestone: 1866 - 1947)


For details of this family see "The Moffitts of Harvey Settlement, New Brunswick 1791-1991"
by Emerson Moffitt.

From newspaper item, undated (but possibly 1961):

Oldest Voting Resident In McAdam Recalls Early Memories Of Community.

McAdam (Special) -- A McAdam woman, who remembers way back before the turn of the century, has marked her 91st birthday.

Living with a son, George Lister and his wife Mary and family, in the same house she and her husband built in 1907, Mrs George Lister Sr. still enjoys good health and her short jaunts for a friendly chat to the homes of nearby neighbors.

The former Janie Speedy, she was a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs William, Mary Anne (Moffitt) Speedy, of Harvey Station. She is the head of an 88-member family, made up of five daughters, three of whom are living, and four sons, 31 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren.

At 19, 'Janie' as she is known to her host of friends became the bride of George A. Lister in December of 1889. They resided at York Mills during the early years of their marriage, coming to McAdam in 1906 when Mr Lister entered the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company here as a carman. He died in 1939.

Despite the fact that she was a hard worker during her younger days, Janie enjoys fairly good health. She gave birth to her nine children at home with only a midwife attending her. Indeed in all her 91 years she has only had need of a doctor's services twice and boasts of never having been in a hospital.

During her active younger years, Mrs Lister ran a successful boarding house which kept her busy, but she always found time for her favorite occupation of quilting and crocheting, turning out beautiful work. A slight failing in sight necessitated her giving this up three years ago.

Asked about her early memories of McAdam, Mrs Lister said she and her husband were among the first to settle here, coming by horse and sled. That was the only means of transportation in those days, she said. Horse and sled in the winter and wagon in the summer. There were very few homes or families here then, she said, a far cry from the population of over 3000 now. There were no real roads, more like cleared, rutted lanes, wide enough for wagons. It has been quite an experience for her to watch the tiny village grow and expand.

At the last election, Janie, who has never failed to vote since she was first eligible, was the oldest voting resident in the community.

She is a charter member of the Ina Rebekah Lodge No. 68 and is always remembered by them at Christmas.

She is still very alert and active, only last week attending the wedding of one of her grandchildren and receiving many compliments on the attractive appearance she presented in her wedding finery.

On the occasion of her birthday, Janie was visited by her many relatives and friends and also received many gifts and congratulatory cards and messages.

Members of her immediate family are Gordon Lister, Moncton; Emma, Mrs Roy McKinley, Woodstock; Lenwood Lister, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Dorothy, Mrs H. K. Byce, Duncan, British Columbia; George Lister and Leta, Mrs Jack Vail, McAdam. Two daughters, Nettie and Doris, and a son Roy, died several years ago.

They had the following children:

130  i.  Gordon Bedford Lister
131  ii.  Nettie Maud Lister
132  iii.  Roy Penfield Lister
133  iv.  Emma Idella Lister
134  v.  Lenwood Albert Lister
135  vi.  Doris Marguerite Lister
136  vii.  George Alexander Lister


William and Nina lived in Ipswich, Mass., and had three children. They had the following children:

39 i. Dorothy May Patterson
40 ii. James Millard Patterson
41 iii. Audrey Jenette Marguerite Patterson

32. **John "Albert" Lister.** Son of David Lister & Jessie Torrance. Born 1877 in Harvey. Died 6 Jan 1913 in McAdam. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Fell from train at McAdam, lived 2 1/2 days.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1957:

Frederick Thomas Lister
Customs Man Died Port City Hospital

McAdam -- The death occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital, Saint John, after a lingering illness of Frederick Thomas Lister, a well-known retired collector of customs at McAdam. He passed away at the age of 79.

Mr Lister was the son of the late David and Jessie (Torrence) Lister of Harvey Station. He came to McAdam in his youth and entered the employ of the CPR, working in various departments, later entering into the general store business in McAdam. In 1904 he entered the Customs and Excise Department, later being promoted to the position of Collector which he maintained until his retirement in 1946 after 42 years of service.

He was most active in church and community life, being a trustee and a member of the session of St. Paul's United Church as well as the senior choir. He also served on the board of school trustees and was secretary-treasurer of McAdam Electric Light Commission for 29 years. During this service, he was included in the King's Honor List on two occasions and on each was presented a silver medal which commemorated acts of executive ability.

He is survived by his wife, the former Almeda Love of St. Stephen; one son, W. Holly Lister, of McAdam; three sisters, Misses Mary and Lena Lister, both of McAdam, and Mrs Spurgeon Ellis (Annie) of Berlin, N.H., several nephews and nieces.

Rockland Cemetery, McAdam.

Copied from newspaper obituary - 1972:
Mrs Frederick Lister
McAdam -- Funeral service for one of York County's oldest citizens Mrs Amelda (Love) Lister was held from St. Paul's United Church here with Rev. Kenneth Campbell officiating.
The pallbearers were Alton Lister, Gifford Lister, Gary a son of William and Eileen Lister, Samuel Weelock, Donald Mersereau and Neil Anderson.
Interment was made in the Rockland Cemetery, McAdam.
Mrs Lister celebrated her 100th birthday in May. Her death occurred at the Swanhaven Nursing Home, Harvey Station following an illness of a few months. Born at St. David, Charlotte County, she was a daughter of the late James and Janet (Maxwell) Love. She came to McAdam in 1907. Her husband Frederick Thomas Lister predeceased her in 1957.
Mrs Lister enjoyed good health until her 100th birthday, prior to that she held membership in the United Church Women, held various offices in the church and was a member of the choir.
Surviving are one son, Holly of McAdam; one sister Mrs Frederick Graham of South Carolina, several nieces and nephews.

They had the following children:
142 i. W. Holly Lister

Lived in Berlin, New Hampshire.
She married Spurgeon Ellis.


Died of Spinal disease at age of 4 years.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1941:
Mrs Allan Little Died Suddenly
Found Dead in Bed At Home of Daughter in Harvey Station.
Harvey Station, Aug 18 -- The community was shocked to learn of the death of Mrs Margaret Ann Little this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs G. Wesley Coburn.
Mrs Little had been visiting at the Coburn cottage at Harvey Lake and yesterday complained of not feeling well so she returned during the afternoon to Manners Sutton. This morning Mrs
Coburn found her dead in bed. She was 78 years of age and the widow of Allan Little. Before marriage she was Miss Margaret A. Lister, daughter of James and Ellen (Piercy) Lister of Harvey.

Mrs Little was well known and very highly regarded. She was a member of St. Andrews United Church and prominent in all its activities. She was also an active worker in the Red Cross Society. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs Wesley Coburn and Mrs Roy Coburn, three sons, Louis Little of Vancouver, B.C., Arnold Little of Coburn and Ward Little of York Mills, three sisters, Mrs Albert Little of Coburn, Mrs Alex Skene and Mrs James Piercy Sr., McAdam and two brothers, David Lister of McAdam, and Ward Lister of Vancouver, B.C.


Witnesses to marriage were Albert Little and Jane Agnes Lister.

Allan inherited from his father "the south side of the old homestead lot of land which he now occupies the bounds being placed by fences and well known" (from David Little's Will). This farm is presently being farmed by his grandson Ronald Little.

They had the following children:

143 i. Linda Gelena Little
144 ii. David "Arnold" Little
145 iii. (Infant Son) Little
146 iv. Harry "Lewis" Little
147 v. (Infant Son) Little
148 vi. Margaret "Ellen" Little
149 vii. Lila May Little
150 viii. Ward Allan Little


Witnesses to marriage were Ebenezer Little and Gela Little.

Notes from page 212, "The Little Family of Harvey Settlement, 1786-1992":

Albert was a farmer and lived on Lot C, original Land Grant to his father Matthew Little. This land was later farmed by Albert's son, Oscar, and then to grandson Roderick.

Albert was married twice, his first wife, Elizabeth Coburn died in childbirth at the age of 22 years. By his second marriage, to Jane Agnes Lister, he had four children, Oscar, Howard, Lizzie and Edwin.

Copied from newspaper obituary - 1932:

John Albert Little

John Albert Little passed away recently at his home at Harvey, N.B. He had been in failing health for the last few years, although confined to bed only two months. He is survived by his wife, formerly Jane Agnes Lister; one daughter, Mrs J. Lorne Coffey, Harvey Station; and two sons, Howard M., York Mills, N.B. and Oscar B., at home, also two sisters, Mrs Robert Robison, Vancouver, and Mrs Edgar Coburn, McAdam, and one brother, Charles, Harvey.

The funeral was held from the Universalist Church, which was filled to capacity. Rev. Alex McKay, of the United Church, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. J. F. McKay, McAdam. Two hymns were sung by a quartet from the United Church, while two members of the Universalist choir sang a duet. The floral tributes were beautiful.
Mr Little was born in Harvey in 1856. He was a farmer and life-long Universalist. For years he was secretary of the Farmers' Trading Company, also for years superintendent of the Sunday School.

They had the following children:

151 i. Oscar Betts Little
152 ii. Matthew "Howard" Little
153 iii. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Little
154 iv. James "Edwin" Little


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1930:

Mrs George Little
Harvey Station, York Co., Dec 31 -- A wide circle of friends were shocked to learn of the death of Mrs George Little, which occurred Monday night at her home at York Mills. Mrs Little was 63 years of age and was the third daughter of the late Mr and Mrs James Lister, of York Mills, and had lived all her life in that community. Her kindly disposition made her a general favorite in her neighbourhood.

Those left to mourn are her husband, one daughter, Mrs Allen Briggs, and four sisters, Mrs Albert Little and Mrs M. A. Little of Coburn, and Mrs Alex Skene and Mrs James Piercy of McAdam; and two brothers, David Lister, of McAdam, and Ward Lister of Vancouver.

The funeral was held today from the home of her daughter, Mrs Allen Briggs. The service was conducted by Rev. J. H. McLean, assisted by Rev. George Knight. The hymns sung were, "Nearer My God To Thee", "I Want To Go There, Don't You", and "Does Jesus Care", by Mr Knight as a solo. The pallbearers were six nephews, Howard, Clarence, Kenneth and Arnold Little, David Embleton and James Nesbitt. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Interment was in Harvey Cemetery.


George and Mary lived at Upper York Mills.

They had the following children:

155 i. Nellie Ray Little
156 ii. James "Grant" Little
157 iii. Alma Isabell Little


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1966:

Death of Mrs E. Skene

McAdam -- Residents here were shocked at the death of one of the community's oldest and most prominent residents, Mrs Ellen Skene, who died at the Victoria Public Hospital in Fredericton at the age of 95.

The widow of the late Alexander Skene, she was a native of York Mills. One of 11 children of the late James and Eleanor Piercy Lister, she was married in 1898.

Together with her husband she moved to Somersworth, New Hampshire, and two years later
moved to McAdam. Mr Skene owned and operated a general store here until his retirement in 1928.

A remarkably active person despite her advanced years, Mrs Skene was a member of St. Paul's United Church here, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She held honorary membership in the United Church Women and was also honorary Regent of the Wauklahagen Chapter, IODE, and was a life member of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Surviving are her son and daughter, Allison and Helen, of McAdam, with whom she lived, a brother Ward Lister of Vancouver, and several nieces and nephews. A son Emerson died in 1961.

The body is resting at the home on Saunders Road until 2 p.m. tomorrow when prayers will be held for the family followed by funeral service in St. Paul's United Church at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. J. Murdoch Fraser officiating. Interment will be in the Rockland Cemetery.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1938:
Alex Skene, 65, McAdam, Former York Warden, Dies.
Retired Merchant, Undertaker, Long Active in United Church Work.
McAdam, N.B., Feb 16 -- (Special) -- Alexander Skene, 65, died at his home in McAdam Monday night and in his passing McAdam and York County lost one of their most esteemed residents. He had contributed largely to community and county affairs.

Mr Skene was born at York Mills, a son of the late James and Helen Wyness Skene, and was educated at the public schools at Pennfield and St. George. He came to McAdam when a young man and for more than 30 years conducted a general store and undertaking business here, retiring 10 years ago.

He was a member of S. Paul's United Church and active in church work, having been elder of the church since union and superintendent of the Sunday School for more than 20 years. In 1932 he was delegate to the general council of the United Church at Hamilton, Ont. He was a past master of the Loyal Orange Lodge.

For eight years Mr Skene was a member of the York County Council and for a year in 1912 was warden. He was particularly interested in the McAdam schools and always eager to help any educational movement.

Mr Skene had been ill for some time and confined to the house during the last few months of his illness.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Ellen Lister of York Mills; two sons, J. Allison of the St. Croix customs staff, and Emerson A., principal of the Model School at Fredericton, and one daughter, Helen E., at home, who is home economics teacher in the McAdam High School.

The funeral was held from his residence today at 2:30 p.m. with a service conducted by Rev. J. F. MacKay, of St. Paul's United Church, McAdam, assisted by Rev. Alexander MacKay, Harvey. A quartet composed of William Dawson, B. Jordan, Glenn Barr and F. H. Estabrooks rendered favorite hymns of Mr Skene's. Pallbearers were David Lister, James Piercy, Lorne Coffey, F. T. Lister, George Craig and Fred Embleton. Interment was made in Rockland Cemetery.

They had the following children:
158  i.  James "Allison" Skene
159  ii.  Emerson Alexander Skene
160  iii.  Helen Elizabeth Eleanor Skene

Copied from newspaper obituary - 1956:
McAdam Resident Passes at Home
McAdam (Special) -- The death of Mrs Elizabeth Piercy occurred at McAdam after a short illness. She was 83 years of age. Her husband predeceased her.

Mrs Piercy was born at York Mills, a daughter of the late James and Eleanor Lister and came to McAdam in 1901. Since then she has been a devout member of St. Paul's United Church and its organizations.

In the community she will be remembered for her untiring work and service in the Red Cross and for which she was awarded the Red Cross Service Badge. She held life membership in the Sewing Circle of St. Paul's United Church, was a member of the Women's Missionary Society, and taught Sunday School for several years.

Mrs Piercy is survived by four sons, Harry and Frank of McAdam; Donald, Ottawa; Walter, Kingston; two brothers; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence to St. Paul's United Church with Rev. James Adamson officiating. Pallbearers were James O. Piercy, Clarence Swan, Haris Murray, Howard Little, Ward Little, Arnold Little.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1947:
James Piercy Died In McAdam
McAdam, Sept 29 -- (Special) -- The death of James Piercy of McAdam occurred at his home early on Saturday morning. Mr Piercy had been in ill health for the last three months, but his death was sudden.

He was born at Coburn, York County and in 1898 was united in marriage to Elizabeth Lister of York Mills, who survives him. He came to McAdam to reside about 45 years ago, and opened a meat and general grocery store, which he ran up to about 11 years ago when he retired. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church, and a past worshipful master of Ashlar Lodge No. 36 F. and A.M. of McAdam. During his long business career in this town, he made many friends who will learn with regret of his death.

He is survived by his wife and four sons, Harry, McAdam; Walter, Kingston, Ont.; Franklin, Cartier, Ont; Donald, Ottawa; and one daughter, Miss Nellie Piercy, McAdam; three grandchildren, two brothers, Harry, Vancouver Island, B.C.; Matt, Loma, Montana; a twin sister, Mrs John E. Coburn, Harvey and another sister, Mrs Thomas Burrell, Tweedside, and a large number of nieces and nephews.

They had the following children:

161 i. Samuel Walter "Lister" Piercy
162 ii. Henry William "Harry" Piercy
163 iii. Sarah Ellen "Nellie" Piercy
164 iv. Stanley Piercy
165 v. Walter James Piercy


From newspaper obituary - 1964:
David E. Lister's Death Occurs At Harvey
McAdam -- The death of David Edward Lister of McAdam occurred yesterday at the Harvey Community Hospital at the age of 85.
A native of Harvey Station, he was a son of the late James and Ellen (Piercey) Lister. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church.
He is survived by his wife, the former Louise Coffey of Harvey Station; two daughters, Mrs Harold MacDonald, McAdam and Mrs Guy Hodgson, Long Beach, California; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.
The body is resting at the home of his daughter, Mrs MacDonald, Lake Avenue, McAdam.
The funeral will be held with prayers at the home on Sunday and then to St. Paul's United Church for service at 2:30 pm, conducted by Rev. J. M. Fraser.
Interment will be in the Harvey Cemetery.

They had the following children:

168 i. Lizzie "Alice" Pauline Lister
169 ii. Ellen Estella "Nellie" Lister

Died 7 Sep 1972, age 93 yr 8 mo 21 days, at Swanhaven Nursing Home, Harvey Sta.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1967:
Lister Rites Held
Funeral service was held today for a Vancouver man who built a blacksmith's shop into one of the largest chain-and-bolt producing firms in Western Canada.
Ward M. Lister, of 5850 Larch, died at his home Saturday night. He was 86.
Born in York Mills, N.B., in 1881, Mr Lister came west to Vancouver in 1910 and founded the Lister Iron Works--a blacksmith's shop at Gore and Hastings--the following year.
He is considered the pioneer of chain production in the city.
During the Second World War, his firm devoted its time to round-the-clock production of steel plates and equipment for Vancouver shipyards.
When Mr Lister retired in 1952, the name of his firm was changed to Lister Bolt and Chain Works and operates today at 301 West Fifth.
Rev. Tom Badger officiated at the funeral service in Shaughnessy Heights United Church,
1550 West Thirty-third. Cremation followed.

Mr Lister, a widower, is survived by two daughters, Mrs John H. Long of 1320 West Forty-sixth, and Mrs Neil S. McAllister Jr. of 1455 West Forty-sixth. He had five grandchildren.


They had the following children:

170 i. Evelyn Pauline Lister
171 ii. Marion Lister


"Dewey" was on the Customs staff. Died at St. Stephen hospital.


Nicholas was employed at Harvey by the CPR for 48 years, 22 years of that time as roadmaster.

He married Jane Amanda "Jennie" Caulfield, 26 Jan 1886 in Saint John, NB. Born 25 Feb 1869.

They had the following children:

172 i. Cyril Everette Lister
173 ii. Hildegarde Lister
174 iii. Mildred Lister
175 iv. Gwendolyn Armeda "Pauline" Lister
176 v. Percy E. Lister


From newspaper obituary - 1946:

Late M. H. Lister. Well Known Resident of Harvey Station Suffered Stroke. Many At Funeral.

Harvey Station, July 19 -- The death of Matthew H. Lister at the Fredericton Hospital on June 29th removed from Harvey one of its oldest residents. He suffered a stroke about two and a half years ago and had been bedfast every since. Mr Lister was born at Harvey, Nov. 6th, 1869, the son of the late Edward and Mary Ann (Piercy) Lister. He was a life long resident of this place, highly respected by all who knew him and he will ever be remembered for his kindly manner and thoughtfulness for others.

For a number of years he was councillor. He was also a member of the Session of the United Church.

He is survived by four sons, George of West Saint John; Roy and Emery of McAdam; and Maurice of Harvey; two daughters, Mrs David Rutherford, of McAdam and Mrs George McFadyen of Harvey. Ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He also leaves two brothers and four sisters, Nicholas, of Westfield; Thomas of Harvey; Mrs Eben Little, Mrs Kenneth Embleton, Mrs John Embleton of Harvey, Mrs Raymond Lord of Ipswich, Mass. John E. Lister,
who passed away last September, was another brother.

He first married Mary Piercy, daughter of Thomas Piercy & Margaret Tait, 22 Jun 1887 in Harvey Presbyterian Church By J. A. McLean. Born 17 Apr 1867 in Harvey. Christen 2 Jul 1867 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton. Died 1 Jan 1905 in Harvey.
Witnesses to marriage were James Piercy and Maggie E. Lister.
They had the following children:

177 i. Thomas Irvine Lister
178 ii. George Odbur Lister
179 iii. Dora May Lister
180 iv. Mabel Victoria Lister
181 v. Roy McLean Lister
182 vi. Emery Irvine Lister
183 vii. Mary Jane Lister

Margery was the second wife of Matthew Lister.

From newspaper obituary - 1936:
Buried At Harvey
Many At Funeral of Late Mrs Matthew Lister--Was Widely Known Woman.
Harvey Station, July 24 -- The funeral of Mrs Margery Lister, wife of Matthew Lister, a well known resident of Harvey who passed away on July 18th was held from her late home on Monday afternoon and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the family.
The service was conducted by Rev. A. McKay, pastor of St. Andrew's United Church, assisted by Rev. J. H. MacLean of West Side Kirk, West Saint John.
The pallbearers were George, Roy and Emery Lister, David Rutherford, Lewis Herbert and B. L. Paul. The many beautiful floral tributes included a flat bouquet from the W.M.S. of Harvey.
Mrs Lister is survived by her husband, one son, Maurice, at home, one sister, Mrs Wilmot Tracey of Harvey, two brothers, Robert, of Lethbridge, Alta., and Andrew, of Harvey.
Among those from outside points who attended the service were Nicholas Lister of Woodstock, NB, Roy H. Hunter of Nipawim, Sask., Mr and Mrs B. L. Paul and son Roy of Toronto, R. E. Herbert of Lethbridge, Alta.
Interment was made in the Harvey Cemetery.

They had the following children:

184 i. Maurice Herbert Lister


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1960:
Mrs Mary Little Died at Harvey
Harvey Station -- The death occurred of Mary Agnes Little, widow of Ebenezer Little, at the Harvey Community Hospital. She was 91. Mrs Little was a daughter of the late Edward and Mary Ann Lister.
She is survived by two sons, Irvine of Harvey and Norman of Dawson Creek, B.C., two daughters, Mrs Arthur Cunningham of Harvey and Mrs Lewis Rutherford of Tweedside; two sisters, Mrs Lottie Embleton and Mrs Ida Lord, both of Harvey; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-
grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one son, two daughters and her husband who died 23 years ago.

Funeral services were held from the home of Mrs Little's son, Irvine, with whom she had lived. Service was conducted by Rev. William Randall assisted by Rev. Jackson. Many floral tributes were received. Pallbearers were Arnold Little, Ward Little and Harry Little, all nephews of the deceased, Delbert Lister, Earle Lister and Irvine Embleton. Flower bearers were Maurice Lister, Melvin Henry, Lester Embleton, George McFadyen, Douglas Earle and Dayton Davis.


From his father, Eben inherited "the north side of the old homestead lot of land and also the south east triangle of the lot of land adjoining said homestead lot, said triangle being formed by a little brook on one side and two roads on the other sides, containing 5 or 6 acres more or less."

From newspaper obituary - 1937:
Ebenezer Little
Coburn, York Co., Feb. 24 -- Ebenezer Little died at his home here after a lingering illness. He was born in September 1863, youngest of a family of nine children born to David and Margaret (Herbert) Little, pioneer settlers of Harvey. He had spent his life on the old homestead. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Mary Agnes Lister; three daughters, Mrs David Embleton, Mrs Arthur Cunningham, this place, and Mrs Lewis Rutherford, Tweedsie; two sons, Norman, Peace River, Alta., and Irvine, at home, and one sister, Mrs W. W. E. Smith, Harvey Station.

The funeral was held from his home, when Rev. Alex MacKay, pastor of the United Church, conducted a service and a quartet, Mrs George Speedy, Mrs Edgar Coburn, Gilbert Robison and G. Wesley Coburn sang. Pallbearers were six nephews, Arnold Little, Earle Lister, David Little, Melvin Henry, Ward Little and Maurice Lister. The floral offerings included a piece from the Universalist Sewing Circle. Interment was made in the family lot at Manners Sutton, with prayers at the grave by Mr MacKay.

They had the following children:

185 i. Carrie Jane Little
186 ii. David "Norman" Little
187 iii. Mary Ann "Annie" Little
188 iv. Margaret "Emma" Little
189 v. Neil Lister Little
190 vi. Edward "Irvine" Little
191 vii. Ida Elizabeth Little


Robert appears in the 1881 Census as "Talbot", but as "Robert" in the 1891 and 1901 Census. In the 1901 Census, John Henry, brother, is living with Robert and his family.

They had the following children:

192 i. Dora Henry
193 ii. Stella Isabella Henry
194 iii. Edward "Melvin" Henry
She second married Frederick Little, son of James Little & Isabella "Belle" Herbert, 19 Sep 1906 in Harvey. Born 27 Apr 1861 in Harvey. Died 1945. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.
Fred lived at Upper York Mills.


From newspaper obituary - 1945:
John Edward Lister Suddenly Stricken
Well Known Jersey Breeder Was At Work When He Suffered Seizure.
Harvey Station, NB, Sept 25 -- The death of John Edward Lister, one of Harvey's well known Jersey breeders occurred at the home of his nephew, George Moffitt, on Sept 4th, and came as a severe shock to his family and friends. He had left his home that morning in his usual health and was working with Mr Moffitt when he was stricken. Medical help was immediately summoned but he passed away before the arrival of the doctor.
Mr Lister who was 73 years of age was a son of the late Edward and Mary Ann (Piercy) Lister and with the exception of a few years in the employ of the CPR at McAdam had spent his life at Coburn where he owned and operated a large farm. He was a man of genial disposition and had many friends. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and active in all its work. Those left to mourn are his wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Swan, two daughters, (Linda) Mrs Wesley Little of Harvey Station and (Mina) Mrs Gordon Richardson, West Saint John, one son Delbert Lister at home and four grandchildren, three brothers and four sisters are Thomas and Matthew Lister of Harvey, Nicholas Lister, Westfield, NB, Mrs Raymond Lord, Ipswich, Mass., Mrs John Embleton, York Mills, Mrs Eben Little, Coburn, and Mrs Kenneth Embleton, Harvey Station.
The funeral service was held on Thursday afternoon, Sept 6th, from Knox Presbyterian Church, Mrs. J. F. MacKay of St. Paul's United Church, McAdam, officiated, assisted by the choir who sang by request, Sometime We'll Understand, Asleep in Jesus and Goodnight Down Here But Good Morning Up There. Pallbearers were Earle E. Lister, Maurice Lister, Norman D. Little, Harold Murray, Milo, Me., James Craig, Fredericton, and Herbert Swan. The funeral was one of the largest seen in years and the floral tributes were beautiful. Interment took place in Harvey Cemetery.

Lizzie died 1 May 1965, age 84 yr 7 mo 7 days, at Harvey Community Hospital.
They had the following children:
195 i. Linda Mary Lister
196 ii. Infant Son Lister
197 iii. Delbert George Lister
198 iv. Mina Amelia Lister

He married Mary "Ella" Embleton, daughter of James Embleton & Isabella Little, 6 May 1896 in York Co., NB. Born 7 Oct 1875 in Harvey. Died 1 Dec 1948 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.
From newspaper obituary - 1948:

**Died At Coburn**

Mrs Thomas Lister, Well Known Woman of Community, Ill Short Time.

Harvey, Dec 9 -- The death of Mrs Thomas Lister at her home, Longview Farm, Coburn, NB, on Wednesday, December 1st, was learned of with regret by an unusually large circle of friends and relatives. Though she had been in poor health for many years she had only been seriously ill since June and had been confined to bed for only two weeks.

Mrs Lister was, before her marriage, Miss Ella Embleton, and was born at Harvey 73 years ago, a daughter of the late James and Isabelle (Little) Embleton and had spent her life in this district where she was well known for her kindly hospitality. She was a life long member of St. Andrew's Church and an associate member of the Woman's Missionary Society. She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs Walter Pomeroy, St. Stephen, NB; one son, Earle E. Lister, of Coburn; one sister, Mrs Margaret Robison, Lethbridge, Alberta; and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral service, which was largely attended, was held on Friday afternoon from her late home and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. E. Aitken, assisted by Rev. A. H. Sproule of Knox Presbyterian Church and a male quartette from St. Andrew's United Church, consisting of Gilbert Robison, William Revell, Charles Watson and Elwood McLean, who sang Abide With Me, and The Beautiful Land. Pallbearers were six nephews, Lewis Rutherford, Lloyd Messer, Maurice Lister, Delbert Lister, Irvine Embleton and Irvine Little. Interment was made in Harvey Cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful.

They had the following children:

199  i.  Earle Edward Lister  
200  ii.  Audrey Isabel Lister


From newspaper obituary (1944):

**Died as York Mills**

Harvey, NB, March 11 -- Friends of John Embleton of York Mills were shocked to learn that he had passed away very suddenly this morning following a heart attack. He had been in poor health for some time. He was a lifelong resident of Harvey and was well known and highly regarded by a large circle of friends. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Belle Lister of Harvey; one daughter, Mrs Roy Piercy, of York Mills; one son, Lester; and five grandchildren; and one brother, David Embleton, of Coburn.

They had the following children:

201  i.  Saville Embleton  
202  ii.  Olive Mae Embleton  
203  iii.  Lester Edward "Ted" Embleton
   Died 2 Feb 1971, age 88 yr 10 mo 6 days, at Harvey Community Hospital.

   From newspaper obituary - 1930:
   Kenneth Embleton
   Harvey Station, May 21 -- The death of Kenneth Embleton occurred at his home at an early hour yesterday morning after a few weeks' illness. He was 57 years of age and the second son of the late Joseph and Isobel Embleton. Deceased was well known and highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and one son, Irvine, and one daughter, Ida, both at home; three brothers, Alfred, McAdam; John, York Mills, and David, who lives on the old homestead at Coburn.
   The funeral was held from his late home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. J. H. MacLean having charge of the service.

   They had the following children:
   204  i. Irvine Edgar Embleton
   205  ii. Avis Isabel Embleton
   206  iii. Ida Isabelle Embleton


   Copied from newspaper obituary - 1969:
   Mrs Ida Lord
   Harvey Station -- The death of Mrs Ida Lord of Harvey Station occurred at Harvey Community Hospital on August 23, following a lengthy illness. Born in Harvey in 1884, she was a daughter of the late Edward and Mary Ann Lister.
   Mrs Lord spend her married life in Ipswich, Mass., returning to take up residence in Harvey Station following the death of her husband.
   She is survived by one sister, Mrs Lottie Embleton and a number of nieces and nephews.
   Funeral services were conducted at the St. Andrews United Church by Rev. S. R. Jackson. Interment was made in Harvey Cemetery.


   Copied from newspaper obituary (1939):
   Many At Funeral
   People From Many Places Pay Last Respects to Mrs Ford Messer.
   Harvey Station, Dec 13 -- The death of Mrs Ford Messer which occurred at her home on Monday evening will be learned of with deep regret by a large circle of friends. Though in poor health for a number of years, her death after a short illness caused a shock throughout the
community.

Mrs Messer, before her marriage on July 5th, 1910, was Miss Annie Lister of Coburn, a daughter of the late Edward and Mary A. Lister. As long as her health permitted she was active in all community affairs and was known for her kind hospitality. She was a member of the United Church.

Mrs Messer is survived by her husband, one son Travis, at home, four sisters, Mrs Ebenezer Little of Coburn, Mrs John Embleton, York Mills, Mrs Kenneth Embleton, Harvey, and Mrs Raymond Lord of Ipswich, Mass., and four brothers, Nicholas Lister of Westfield, NB, John, Thomas and Matthew Lister of Harvey.

The funeral was held at her home this afternoon at two o'clock and was very largely attended...........

Interment took place in the family lot in Harvey Cemetery by the side of a little daughter, Marion, who passed away several years ago.


Death date PANB records: 27 May 1949.

From newspaper obituary - 1949:
Ford Messer Died Suddenly At Home In Harvey Station
Member of Legislature For Some Years--County Councillor, Well Known.

The death occurred last night at the home in Harvey Station of Ford Messer, one of the best known men in York County. He had recently returned from Boston where he had undergone treatment. His death was due to a sudden heart attack.

Ford Messer was born at Tweedside on Dec 10th 1890, a son of the late William and Sarah (Rutherford) Messer and spent his early life there. He married Annie Lister, daughter of the late Edward and Mary Ann (Piercy) Lister, of Coburn, and one son was born.

Some years later Mr Messer moved to Harvey Station and opened a meat business which he carried on for years. In 1929 he started the importation of horses from the west and sold them at Harvey and at stables in Fredericton. He was elected to the New Brunswick Legislature in 1939 and was there until 1944. He was a member of the York Municipal Council for the past 12 years, being councillor at the time of his death. He was a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 6 F & A M, Fredericton and of Fredericton Society of Saint Andrews. He was a man of genial disposition, kind and considerate of others and held the respect of his associates in the Legislature, County Council and in business circles.

Eight years ago he married Mrs William McElroy, of Grafton. For a number of years he and Mrs Messer spent the winters in Florida and had just recently returned from Boston. Surviving are his wife, a son, Travis; two sisters, Mrs Bessie Swan, Tweedside, and Mrs Howard Bliss, Boston; two brothers, Albert Messer, of Harvey, and Oscar Messer, St. Stephen; and a half-sister, Mrs Roy Swan, McAdam.

The funeral takes place on Monday afternoon with service in the United Church at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Mr Aitken and interment made in Harvey.

They had the following children:

207  i.  Travis William Edward Messer
208  ii.  Marion Messer


Harvey.

63. Nicholas Briggs. Son of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister.
   He married Ella Viola Lewis, 28 Sep 1904 in Carleton Co., NB.

64. George Briggs. Son of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister.

   He married Darling M. Briggs, daughter of Alexander Briggs & Margaret Jane Nesbitt, 17 Dec 1895 in Harvey. Born Approx 1873 in Harvey.
   They had the following children:
   209   i. Matthew Wesley Briggs


   From Victoria County Record, 19 Sep 1990, p. 10 section 1:
   Briggs reunion held
   The descendants of Wilson Briggs and Lavenue (Wark) Briggs gathered recently for a family reunion in Plaster Rock. The last reunion was held in 1976.
   Wilson Briggs was born on April 26, 1875, and died November 29, 1967. He was the eighth of ten children born to Ralph Briggs and Jane Lister. Wilson's brothers and sisters were Thomas, Margaret, Nicholas, George, Mathew, Isabella, Agnes, Ellen, and Adam. Lavenue, the second child of Joshua Wark and Alfreitta Sloat, was born on November 29, 1886, and died May 18, 1962. Her brother and sisters were Ella, Amy, Cora, Willie, and Myrtle.
   Wilson and Lavenue were married August 27, 1902, and from this union ten children were born: Ralph, Henry, Tressa, Effie, Emmie, Murray, Merle, Mark, and Myrtle.
   Registration was held at the Lions Community Centre followed by a time of renewing acquaintances. A buffet supper concluded the activities of the day. A memorial church service was held at the Three Brooks Church on Sunday, July 22, 1990. The Church was filled as the family gathered for this last aspect of the reunion weekend.
   (Also included in the clipping was a long list of the people who attended the reunion--see original for names.)
   See Victoria County Record, 10 Oct 1990, p. 3, section 10, for picture of Wilson and Lavenue's surviving children who attended the reunion: Myrtle Campbell, Mark Briggs, Merle Briggs, Emmie Aiton, Effie Edgar, Archie Briggs and Tressa Edgar. Three of the couple's 10 children, Ralph, Henry and Murray were deceased prior to the reunion.
   They had the following children:
   210   i. Ralph Briggs
   211   ii. Henry Briggs
   212   iii. Tressa Briggs
   213   iv. Effie Briggs
   214   v. Emmie Briggs
   215   vi. Murray Briggs
   216   vii. Merle Briggs

70. Adam Briggs. Son of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister.


*Based on 10 Mar 2007 correspondence with Don McCann and photographs taken in 1930 her name was most likely really Sadie.


Copied from newspaper obituary - 1942:
Died at York Mills
Nicholas McCann, 72, Was Born at York Mills, Where He Spent Life.
Harvey Station, April 11 -- The death occurred recently of Nicholas McCann at his home at York Mills, aged 72 years. Mr McCann was born at York Mills, and it was there he spend his life, carrying on farming. He was a man of very quiet habits, well known and highly respected, a lover of his home and family, and will be greatly missed in his home and community. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Jessie Young, of Brockway; three daughters, Mrs Harry Saunders and Mrs Clarence Vance of Prince William Station, and Mrs Earle McMullin, Woodstock; one son, Bernard, at home; three brothers, John McCann, Princeton, Maine, David McCann, Howland, Maine, and James McCann, McAdam; and one sister, Mrs Frizby Kenniston, Princeton, Maine.

The funeral was held from his late home, service being conducted by Rev. Mr McLean of the Knox Presbyterian Church, Harvey. The choir sang two favorite hymns, When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder and Does Jesus Care? The floral tributes were many and beautiful, from relatives and friends. Pallbearers were friends of the deceased, Norman McLeod, Lewis Vail, Malcolm Davis, Ward Reynolds, Edward Young and Kenneth Little. Interment took place in the family lot in the cemetery at Harvey.

He married Jessie Turner Young, 11 Apr 1900 in Charlotte Co., NB. Born 1874 in Brockway.
Died 14 Apr 1943 in York Mills, NB. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. They had the following children:

220 i. Robert "Bernard" McCann
221 ii. Nellie Jane Cecelia McCann
222 iii. Ina Myra McCann


He first married Grace Johnston, daughter of Christopher Johnston & Agnes "Nancy" Bell, 7 Sep 1904 in York Co., NB. Born 29 Oct 1884 in Harvey. Died 4 Dec 1907 in Harvey.

From Church Records: Mrs Grace Johnston McCann d. 4 Dec 1907, age 23 yr. 1 mo., Tuberculosis.

He second married Florence Johnston, daughter of Christopher Johnston & Agnes "Nancy" Bell, 12 Jul 1910 in York Co., NB. Born 1 Sep 1881 in Harvey. Died 19 Jan 1922 in McAdam, York Co., NB. Buried in Rockland Cemetery, McAdam.

Copied from newspaper obituary - 1922:
Mrs James McCann
McAdam, Jan. 20 -- The death occurred yesterday afternoon of Mrs James McCann, after a lingering illness, aged 40 years. Deceased was a daughter of the late Christopher Johnston, of Manners Sutton, and is survived by her husband and two daughters, Orie and Ruth, also one sister, Mrs George Embleton and three brothers, Thomas Johnston of McAdam, and Luke and Albert, of Manners Sutton.

Mrs McCann was a quiet, unassuming person and respected by all who knew her. The funeral will be held from her late home Saturday afternoon and conducted by Rev. Mr Hatfield, interment at Rockland Cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.


Copied from newspaper obituary (undated):
York County Man Dead
Fred McCann, Born at York Mills, Passes Suddenly on Ranch at Priest Point, Washington State.

The death occurred at Priest Point, Washington, on December 14th last of Fred McCann, Mayor of Marysville, Washington, after a few days illness. He had been clearing a strip of land at his ranch overlooking the water preparatory to building a home for his family. Claud Wells was with him at the time of his death.

Mr McCann had given most of the timber on his land to different men about Marysville who would clear the trees off the land and burn the brush, and several men secured an abundance of
wood. While at work felling trees on his building site he complained of a pain in his chest and a little later started for his home, Mr Wells driving the car. On the way Mr McCann fell against his shoulder and he hastened to the doctor's, who said death was due to heart failure. Mr McCann was born at York Mills, NB on August 15, 1880, and 28 years ago went to Marysville, Wash. In 1906 he went into business and a few years ago retired. In 1908 he married Miss Margaret McCorkindale, who with two sons survive. He served several terms as mayor and in the last city election was re-elected to succeed himself. He was a member of the Oddfellows and Commercial Club and besides his widow and sons is survived by two sisters, Mrs F. Kenniston, Princeton, Me.; Mrs Charles Kyle, Calais, Me.; four brothers, Nicholas, of York Mills, NB; James of McAdam; David, Howland, Me.; John, of Princeton, Me.

About a year ago he with his family made the trip from Washington to York Mills, covering about 5,000 miles spending a month on the way. He covered 32 states and three provinces, coming in one way and returning another. Friends here will learn of his death with regret.

He married Margaret McCorkindale, 1908.
They had the following children:

223  i.  Donald E. McCann


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