

**Descendants of William Dorcas (ca 1796 – before 1871)
And Margaret “Unknown” (ca 1796 – ca 1860)**

First Generation

1. William Dorcas. Born Approx 1796 in Ireland. Died Before 1871. Occupation Farmer, Weaver.

William came to NB from Ireland in 1831 (1851 census). William commenced residence in Harvey in 1846. He was a weaver and there were seven in the family. (Royal Gazette, 26 Aug 1847.)

Unsure of relationship between William Dorcas born approximately 1796 and Aaron Dorcas born approximately 1774, both born in Ireland. Needs more research. In records the is spelled in various ways: Dorcas, Dorcus, Darkis, and Darkus.

He married Margaret. Born Approx 1796 in Ireland. Died Approx 1860.

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Sarah Dorcas |
| 3 | ii. | Isabella Dorcas |
| 4 | iii. | James Dorcas |
| 5 | iv. | Aaron Dorcas |
| 6 | v. | John Dorcas |
| 7 | vi. | Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorcas |
| 8 | vii. | William Dorcas |

Second Generation

2. Sarah Dorcas. Daughter of William Dorcas & Margaret. Born 25 Nov 1826 in Ireland. Died After 1901.

She married James McCoombs. Born Approx 1831 in Ireland. Died 23 Apr 1891 in Stanley.

3. Isabella Dorcas. Daughter of William Dorcas & Margaret. Born Approx 1827 in Ireland.

She married William Montgomery, 8 Oct 1844 in York Co., NB By Rev. Archibald McCallum . Born Approx 1824. Died 1851.

From New Brunswick Courier, 2 Nov 1844: "Married 8th ult by Rev. Archibald McCallum, William Montgomery, Harvey Settlement and Miss Isabella Dorcas, Douglas parish."

From York Co NB Marriage Register B 1837-1850 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage were James Chorch and William Darcus.

They had the following children: (Probably more children.)

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| 9 | i. | Margaret Jane Montgomery |
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4. James Dorcas. Son of William Dorcas & Margaret. Born 15 Sep 1829 in Ireland.

For further information on this family see "William Dorcas Genealogy" by The Nashwaak Bicentennial Assoc.

From York Co NB Marriage Register C 1850-1866 (PANB): Witnesses to marriage to Isabella Buchanan were James McCombs and Jane Douglass, and James' surname is spelled "Darens" in marriage record. Witnesses to marriage to Rebecca Hood were Aaron Dorkis and Ann Hood, and James' surname is spelled "Dorkis".

He first married Rebecca Hood, 31 Aug 1854 in Fredericton, NB, By Rev. Dr. John M. Brooke

They had the following children:

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| 10 | i. | Nancy Agnes "Ann" Dorcas |
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He second married Isabella Buchanan, 6 Feb 1864 in York Co., NB By Peter Keay, Presbyterian . Born 14 Feb 1841 in Scotland.

They had the following children:

- 11 i. Margaret Rebecca "Maggie" Dorcas
- 12 ii. E. Jane Dorcas

5. Aaron Dorcas. Son of William Dorcas & Margaret. Born May 1833. Christen 28 Jul 1834 in Cathedral, Fredericton.

From Cathedral, Fredericton records: Aaron Darkis b. May 1833, baptized 28 Jul 1834, s/o William and Margaret Darkis, residence Kingsclear, by George Coster. (PANB F114 - Cathedral, Fredericton)

6. John Dorcas. Son of William Dorcas & Margaret. Born 14 Sep 1835 in NB. Christen 30 Oct 1835 in Cathedral, Fredericton, NB. Died 13 Apr 1914 in Williamsburg, NB. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

John's parents were born in Ireland and came to NB in 1831 (1851 census). In early records the surname is also spelled Darcus and Darkus.

John and his wife Margaret Craig lived in Harvey until after 1871 (census) when they moved to Williamsburg. Their 120 year old former home was destroyed by fire on December 13, 1994. (Daily Gleaner, 14 Dec.) They had eleven children: Mary, Maggie, Annie, Fred, Lizzie, Celia, Melville, Jessie, Ella, John and Rena.

He married Margaret "Maggie" Craig, daughter of James Craigs & Mary Hume, 25 Jan 1865 in Harvey Settlement By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born 1847 in Harvey, NB. Christen 25 Apr 1847 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 1 May 1900 in Williamsburg, NB. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

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

From The Daily Gleaner, 30 Apr 1900:

Williamsburg - April 27-- Mrs John Dorcas, Sr. is very ill today; owing to illness that has been troubling her for over a year; hopes are very slim for her recovery.

7. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorcas. Daughter of William Dorcas & Margaret. Born 18 Jul 1840. Christen 22 May 1846 in Cathedral Records, Fredericton. Died 18 Apr 1915 in McAdam. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

From Cathedral records, Fredericton: Baptized 22 May 1846, Elizabeth Darkis, b. 18 Jul 1840, d/o William and Margaret Darkis -- at Harvey. (PANB F1114, Cathedral Records, Fredericton)

She married John "Jack" Hay, son of Alexander Hay & Jane Robinson, 9 Nov 1864 in Harvey By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born Approx 1826 in Northumberland, Eng. Died 4 Apr 1900 in Harvey.

It would appear that John's first wife died before the 1861 Census was taken. Children: Jessie, Robert and Susanna were born approx. 1855 to 1860, and appear in the 1861 census living in Harvey Settlement with grandparents Alexander and Jane, and John and Jane. (Susanna or Susan was possibly Jane's daughter.) In the 1871 Census, Robert age 15, and Susan age 11, are living with John Hay and his wife Elizabeth, and Jessie, age 16, is in the home of John Dorcas and Margaret.

From Religious Intelligencer, 18 Nov 1864: " Married Harvey (York Co.) by Rev. Samuel Johnson, 9th Nov, John Hay and Miss Elizabeth Dorcas, both of Harvey"

PANB, #F15552, p. 565: "John Hay to Elizabeth Darcas on Nov 9, 1864 by Samuel Johnson, witnesses John Dorcas and Margaret Craig."

They had the following children:

- 13 i. Margaret Jane "Jennie" Hay
- 14 ii. Eleanor "Ellen" Hay
- 15 iii. Mary Isabella "Bella" Hay
- 16 iv. William "Alexander" Hay
- 17 v. Wesley Hay

8. William Dorcas. Son of William Dorcas & Margaret. Born 6 Apr 1842 in Harvey, NB. Christen 22 May 1846 in Cathedral Records, Fredericton. Died 6 Sep 1893 in Williamsburg. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

From Cathedral records, Fredericton: "Baptized 22 May 1846, William Darkis, b. 6 Apr 1842, s/o William and Margaret Darkis -- at Harvey. (PANB F1114, Cathedral, Fredericton)"

From Headquarters, 17 Apr 1867: "Married Waverley House, Fredericton, 16th inst., by Rev. Dr. Brooke, William Darens and Miss Isabella Craigs, both of Manners Sutton."

Witnesses to marriage were Ralph Craig and Isabella Craig.

William died from diabetes.

He married Isabelle Craig, daughter of James Craigs & Mary Hume, 16 Apr 1867 in Waverley House, Fredericton By Rev. John M. Brooke. Born 6 Nov 1851 in Harvey Settlement. Died 23 Aug 1924 in Williamsburg, NB. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

Isabelle and her husband William Dorcas had nine children: Mary Ann, John, Lizzie, Maggie, Ellen, James (Digby Jim), Sarah, Mabel and Charles. All their children except Lizzie and John stayed in NB.

They had the following children: (Not all children listed here.)

18 i. Eleanor "Ellen" Dorcas

Third Generation

9. Margaret Jane Montgomery. Daughter of William Montgomery & Isabella Dorcas. Born 1845 in Harvey. Christen 24 Aug 1845 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy.

10. Nancy Agnes "Ann" Dorcas. Daughter of James Dorcas & Rebecca Hood. Born 20 Jul 1855 in Stanley, York Co., NB.

After her mother died, Nancy Agnes was raised by her aunts Nancy and Margaret Hood. (See "William Dorcas Genealogy" by The Nashwaak Bicentennial Assoc.)

Witnesses to her marriage to William Hood were Mary McDonald and Mary Wandless.

She married William Hood, 21 Jul 1880 in York Co., NB By Rev. A. J. Mowatt, Presbyterian . Born 1862 in Stanley, York Co., NB.

They had the following children:

19 i. Henry Scott Douglas "Harry" Hood
20 ii. John Ernest Hood

11. Margaret Rebecca "Maggie" Dorcas. Daughter of James Dorcas & Isabella Buchanan. Born 25 Dec 1870. Died 1947. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

She married William S. "Bill" Dorcas, son of Aaron Dorcas & Elizabeth Blizzard. Born 12 Jul 1861. Died 1925. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

William S. Dorcas and Margaret R. Dorcas had fourteen children: Isobel "Belle", Jane "Jennie", Amos Albert, James Harold, Margaret Elizabeth, Clara Irene, Annie, Douglas Duncan, Sarah, Jessie, Della, Frank Wilfred, and Arthur. Information on this family is in "William Dorcas Genealogy" by The Nashwaak Bicentennial Assoc., beginning on page 9.

12. E. Jane Dorcas. Daughter of James Dorcas & Isabella Buchanan. Born 4 Mar 1874. Died 1950. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

She married John I. "Jack" Dorcas, son of Aaron Dorcas & Elizabeth Blizzard. Born 30 Aug 1868 in Wilmot. Died 9 Sep 1946. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

John I Dorcas and E. Jane Dorcas had eight children: Ernest Edlow, Elizabeth Isobel, Duncan, Bert Mullen, William J., Earle John, Charles H., and Raymond A. Information on this family is in "William Dorcas Genealogy" by The Nashwaak Bicentennial Assoc., beginning on page 8.

13. Margaret Jane "Jennie" Hay. Daughter of John "Jack" Hay & Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorcas. Born 5 Feb 1867 in Harvey Sta., York Co., NB. Christen in Harvey Presbyterian Church. Died 26 Nov 1946. Buried in St. Stephen Rural Cemetery.

She married Allen E. Bartlett, son of Amos Hitchings Bartlett & Ann C. Connick, 28 Jul 1886 in Presbyterian Manse, St. Stephen. Born 1865 in Bartlett Mills, Charlotte Co., NB. Died 13 Oct 1948 in NB.

Buried in St. Stephen Rural Cemetery. Occupation Railway Engineer.

They had the following children:

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| 21 | i. | Kenneth Albert Bartlett |
| 22 | ii. | Walter Elwood Bartlett |
| 23 | iii. | Annie R. Bartlett |
| 24 | iv. | Robert Ernest Bartlett |
| 25 | v. | Bertha Bartlett |
| 26 | vi. | Mildred A. Bartlett |
| 27 | vii. | Clarence George Bartlett |

14. Eleanor "Ellen" Hay. Daughter of John "Jack" Hay & Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorcas. Born 20 Jun 1868 in Harvey. Christen in Harvey Presbyterian Church. Died 10 Nov 1905 in Harvey.

From Church records: Ellen Hay d. 10 Nov 1905, age 38 yr., consumption

15. Mary Isabella "Bella" Hay. Daughter of John "Jack" Hay & Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorcas. Born 11 Nov 1869 in Harvey. Died 17 Nov 1909 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Twins born and died 17 Nov, 1909, when Isabella also died after giving birth to them, at the age of forty years.

She married Robert Moffitt, son of Andrew Moffitt & Margaret "Jane" Piercy, 5 Oct 1887 in York Co., NB By J. A. McLean, Presbyterian . Born 4 Apr 1865 in Harvey, York Co, NB. Died 31 Jan 1930. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

Witnesses to marriage were John Messer and Maggie Moffatt.

Ref: Emerson Moffitt, "The Moffitts of Harvey Settlement New Brunswick 1791-1991", 1992, p. 11, 14.

They had the following children:

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| 28 | i. | Lewis Andrew Moffitt |
| 29 | ii. | John Wesley Moffitt |
| 30 | iii. | Jannie Verna Moffitt |
| 31 | iv. | Charlotte Elizabeth "Lottie" Moffitt |
| 32 | v. | Amos Alexander Moffitt |
| 33 | vi. | George McLean Moffitt |
| 34 | vii. | Robert "Allen" Moffitt |
| 35 | viii. | James "Melvin" Moffitt |
| 36 | ix. | Agnes Isabell Moffitt |

16. William "Alexander" Hay. Son of John "Jack" Hay & Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorcas. Born Jun 1871 in Harvey. Died 12 Mar 1939 in McAdam. Buried in Rockland Cemetery, McAdam. Occupation Car Repair Department Of CPR, McAdam.

The Saint Croix Courier "Journey Through Time", Good Times, Hard Times: 1926 - 1945 (Issue 4 of 6)-

30 Jun 1938

Retires today after 39 years with CPR.

Alexander Hay, well known McAdam resident, today marks his last day of service with the CPR. Mr Hay has been employed in the car repair department and is being superannuated after thirty-nine years with the company.

16 Mar 1939

Deaths - Hay: At McAdam, Sun., March 12, Alexander William Hay, aged 66 years.

(Gravestone in Rockland Cemetery, McAdam has birth year 1872. Also on gravestone is: Audrey, 1920 - 1924)

He married Elizabeth Piercy "Lizzie" Wood, daughter of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy, 22 Aug 1900 in Harvey. Born 10 Apr 1873 in Tweedside. Died 25 Dec 1937 in McAdam. Buried in Rockland Cemetery, McAdam.

They had the following children:

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| 37 | i. | Hildred Agnes Antionette Hay |
| 38 | ii. | Marguerite Elizabeth Hay |

17. Wesley Hay. Son of John "Jack" Hay & Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorcas. Born 22 Jan 1873 in Harvey. Died 5 Mar 1942 in McAdam. Buried in Rockland Cemetery, McAdam.

The Saint Croix Courier "Journey Through Time", Good Times, Hard Times: 1926 - 1945 (Issue 4 of 6): 12 Mar 1942

Deaths: Hay--At McAdam, March 5, Wesley Hay, aged 68 years.

(Birth date on gravestone in Rockland Cemetery: 1874.)

He married Agnes Moffit "Aggie" Wood, daughter of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy, 29 Mar 1893 in York Co., NB. Born 17 Apr 1869 in Tweedside. Died 8 Feb 1917 in McAdam. Buried in Rockland Cemetery, McAdam.

(Birth date on gravestone in Rockland Cemetery: 1871.)

They had the following children:

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| 39 | i. | Margaret "Roberta" Hay |
| 40 | ii. | Robert "Newton" Hay |
| 41 | iii. | George Wood Hay |
| 42 | iv. | Jessie Elizabeth Hay |

18. Eleanor "Ellen" Dorcas. Daughter of William Dorcas & Isabelle Craig. Born 21 Jan 1878 in Williamsburg. Died 14 Jul 1969 in Williamsburg. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

Copied from newspaper obituary:

Mrs Eleanor Hay Death Mourned.

The death of Mrs Eleanor Hay, 91 of Williamsburg occurred yesterday.

The body is resting at Bishop's Funeral Home until Tuesday noon, when it will be taken to the United Church of Canada, Williamsburg where services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. Rev. Aylmer Smith will officiate and interment will be in the adjoining cemetery.

Mrs Hay is survived by five daughters, Mrs Wesley E. Bishop (Emily), Fredericton; Mrs Bruce McKinnon (Nellie), Williamsburg; Mrs Walter Dewar (Mabel), Boston, Mass.; Mrs Ian Fullerton (Annabelle), Williamsburg; and Mrs John Thomson (Thelma), Fredericton; four sons, William, Abbotsford, B.C.; James, Donald and Charles, all of Williamsburg; 36 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Her husband predeceased her. She was affiliated with the United Church and was a charter member of the Williamsburg L.O.B.A. and also an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of the L.O.B.A.

She married Charles E. Hay, son of Aaron Hay & Ann "Annie" Cowe, 6 May 1897 in Stanley, York Co., NB. Born 21 Apr 1870 in Harvey. Died 10 Feb 1966 in Williamsburg. Buried in Williamsburg Cemetery.

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