## Descendants of Peter Wood (late 18<sup>th</sup> cen – 19<sup>th</sup> cen) And Janet "Jessie" Cleghorn (19 Apr 1805 – after 1880)

#### **First Generation**

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1. Peter Wood. Born in Scotland. Occupation Mason.

Peter may have died in Scotland before his family came to New Brunswick. His son Peter was born in Scotland in 1829, and from IGI records, Peter (the father) married Jessie Cleghorn in July 1833.

Birth and death dates not known.

He married Janet "Jessie" Cleghorn, daughter of George Cleghorn & Jane Dickson, 28 Jul 1833 in Eckford, Roxburgh, Scotland. Born 19 Apr 1805 in Scotland. Christen 19 May 1805 in Eckford, Roxburghshire, Scotland. Died After 1880.

From parochial registers of Eckford in Roxburghshire: "1805 George Cleghorn Labourer in Waterfoot & Jane Dickson his wife their Child born the 19th April 1805 & Baptized the 19th May 1805 named Janet."

Jessie and her son George are listed in the 1861 Census for Manners Sutton, York Co., NB. Jessie was widowed, head of family, 55 years of age, Scotch, farmer, Presbyterian; and George, son, 22, Scotch.

Jessie and her son George are not listed in the 1851 Census, so it is assumed that they entered NB between 1851 and 1861.

Jessie, age 75 years, was living with her son Alexander H. Wood in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts in the 1880 United States Census. (Family History Library Film 1254561, NA Film # T9-0561, Page #38D.)

Jessie possibly died in Boston.

They had the following children:

- i. Peter Wood
- 3 ii. Alexander H. Wood Sr.
- 4 iii. George Wood

## **Second Generation**

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**2. Peter Wood**. Son of Peter Wood & Janet "Jessie" Cleghorn. Born 13 Jul 1829 in Scotland. Christen 13 Sep 1829 in Eckford, Roxburghshire. Died 15 Oct 1897 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer And Land Surveyor.

From parochial registers of Eckford in Roxburghshire (Researched by Bruce Elliott, 2004): "Peter Wood Mason in Kirk Cottage & Janet Cleghorn Waterfoot both unmarried persons their child born the 13th July 1829 & Baptized the 13th of Septr 1829 named Peter."

(Birth, marriage and death dates copied from Wood family Bible, by Shirley McGee, August 1995.)

Peter died 15 Oct 1897, age 68 yrs. 2 mo. 15 days.

The 1851 Census indicate that Peter Wood, age 22, Scotch, Labourer; Mary, his wife, age 22, Scotch, and son Peter age 1 year, Scotch, came to New Brunswick in 1851.

In the 1861 Census, Peter was a farmer and land surveyor. At that time they had five children. Religion: Presbyterian. They owned or occupied 20 acres improved and 80 acres unimproved land; cash value of farm, 50 pounds, value of implements and machinery, 5 pounds. They had one horse, one milch cow, one other neat cattle, 4 sheep; produced 57 lb. butter, 12 lb. wool, 4 tons hay, 20 bu. oats, 20 bu. buckwheat and 50 bu. potatoes.

He married Mary Moffitt, daughter of John Moffat & Janet Gladstone, 9 Mar 1849 in By Rev. T. J. Yair, Roxburgh, Eckford, Scot. Born 27 Jul 1829 in Stichel, Roxburgh, Scotland. Died 19

May 1904 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Surname has various spellings, Moffat, Moffit and Moffitt. Some of the older records has Moffat. More recent spelling is Moffitt.

Mary died 19 May 1904, age 74 yrs. 9 mo. 24 days.

They had the following children:

- 5 i. Peter Wood
- 6 ii. Janet "Jeanette" Wood
- 7 iii. John Wood
- 8 iv. Jessie Cleghorn Wood
- 9 v. Mary Wood
- 10 vi. Julia Ann Cecilia Wood
- 11 vii. George Thomas Wood
- 12 viii. Elizabeth Scott Wood
- **3. Alexander H. Wood Sr**. Son of Peter Wood & Janet "Jessie" Cleghorn. Born 19 Jul 1835 in Scotland. Died in Boston, MA. Occupation Wholesale Liquor Dealer.

From IGI, Alexander Wood was born 19 Jul 1835.

Alexander is not listed in any of the early Census for the Harvey area, York Co., New Brunswick. Unknown when he came from Scotland, but probably came with his mother Jessie and brother George.

From the 1880 United States Census Household Record, Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts-Family History Library Film 1254561, NA Film Number T9-0561, Page #38D: Household --Alexander H. Wood, widowed, age 45, born Scot., occupation - Wholesale Liquor Dealer, Father's birthplace - Scot., Mother's Birthplace - Scot.; Frank L. Wood, son, age 10, born MA, at school, Father's birthplace - Scot., Mother's birthplace - Eng.; Ada B. Wood, dau, age 7, born MA.; Jessie G. Wood, dau, age 5, born MA.; Jessie Wood, Mother, widowed, age 75, born Scot., At Home, Father's birthplace - Scot., Mother's birthplace - Scot.; Maggie Crotty, female, age 26, born Ire., Domestic Servant.

Alexander lived in Boston, Mass., where he owned and operated a liquor store. Birth date and death date, and information on his wife unknown. A copy of his Will, signed 13 Jun 1899, listed his children, and also gave his home address as Savin Hill, Boston, County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Alexander's Will is copied below:

"I, Alexander H. Wood of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore at any time made. After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, I give, devise and bequeath as follows:-

First: I give and bequesth to such sons and daughters of my late brother Peter Wood and of my late brother George Wood as survive me, a legacy of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars each.

Second: I give and bequeath to such servants in my employ at the time of my death as my Executors shall certify have been with me for the term of four years prior to my death, a legacy of One hundred (100) dollars each.

Third: I give and devise to my eldest son, Frederick W. Wood the land and house where he lives, numbered 109 Savin Hill Avenue, Boston, free and discharged of mortgage.

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my seven children the pictures, jewelry, silver, books, wearing apparel, household furniture, horses, carriages, and provisions which I may possess at the time of my decease, to be divided among them in accordance with a memorandum which I shall leave addressed to my executors.

Fifth: I give and bequesth to my children, Frederick W. Wood, Frank L. Wood, Ada B. Wood, Jessie G. Wood, Fanny A. Wood, Antoinette S. J. Wood and Alexander H. Wood the sum of Five thousand (5,000) dollars each, to be paid as soon after my death as my Executors shall find it conveniuent to make such payment, and if any one of my children is a minor at the time of my death, then said sum of Five thousand (5000) dollars in the case of such child is to be paid to the guardians or guardian of said minor, to be used

by such guardians or guardian, so far as may be necessary, for the maintenance and support of such child during its minority, and the balance, if any, to be paid to such child upon its reaching the age of twenty-one years.

Sixth: It is my will that all said legacies be paid free from any deduction or tax, and that none of the legacies shall dray interest until after two years from my death.

Seventh: All the rest, residue and remainder of my property, both real and personal, I give, devise and bequesth to the Trustees hereinafter named, and their successors in trust, to divide the same into seven equal shares and to hold said respective shares upon the following trusts and uses:

- 1. I direct my said Trustees to hold one of said shares in trust, to safely invest the same, and to pay the net income thereof, in whole or in part in their absolute discretion, quarterly, or oftener, to my said son Frederick W. Wood during his life, or to allow the same to accumulate and be added to principle. At the decease of my said son Frederick, I direct my said Trustees to pay over the whole of said trust fund, with any accumulations thereof, discharged of alal trusts, to such person or persons as my said son shall by his last will name and appoint; and in default of such appointment to convey the same to the children of my said son in equal shares to each, the issue of any deceased child or children to take the parent's share by right of representation. In the absence of any child or children, or issue of any deceased child or children, then I direct my said Trustees, in the absence of any appointment by said son Frederick, to convey said trust fund, discharged of all trusts, to those persons who, at the time of said son's death would be my heirs at law according to the laws of Massachusetts.
  - 2. (Same as above son Frank L. Wood.)
  - 3. (Same as above daughter Ada B. Wood)
  - 4. (Same as above daughter Jessie G. Wood)
  - 5. (Same as above daughter Fanny A. Wood)
  - 6. (Same as above daughter Antoinette S. J. Wood)
  - 7. (Same as above son Alexander H. Wood)

Eighth: But if any of my said seven children shall die before me, then I give, devise, and bequesth that child's share, to wit, one seventh of the residue of my property, free of all trusts, to the children of such deceased child in equal share to each, the issue of any deceased child to take the parent's share by right of representation........

Ninth: The severala trust share shall be fixed by said Trustees in their absolute discretion, and they may take undivided interests in any proterty that I may leave in establishing the several trusts, and they may manage said Trusts separately, or together, two or more, as they may see fit.

Tenth: I desire that after my death my homestead at Savin Hill shall remain as a home for such of my children as shall desire to live there, and I therefore empower my Executors and Trustees to allow such children to continue to occupy the said homestead after my death without the payment of rent, each child who lives there contributing its share towards taxes on, and repairs, insurance and maintenance of said house and land, but I give my Executors and Trustees full power to sell said homestead and the land belonging therewith, or any part of said land, whenever they shall deem it wise and expedient so to do.

Eleventh: I hereby appoint Francis Peabody Jr., and Charles S. Rackemann, both of Milton, guardians of such of my children as shall not have reached the age of twenty-one years at my death, such guardianship to continue during the child's minority, and it is my desire that such guardians shall not be required to give a surety or sureties upon their official bonds.

Twelfth: I hereby appoint said Francis Peabody Jr., and said Charles S. Rackemann, Executors of this Will; and said Francis Peabody Jrd., Marshall S. P. Pollard and said Charles S. Rackemann, Turstees under this will, and I request that they be exempt from giving surety or sureties upon their official bonds, whether as Executors or Trustees. I give both to my Executors and Trustees and to the survivor of them respectively as full and absolute discretionary rights and powers as to the sale, mortgage, lease, and any other disposition of any of my property, real or personal, as they or he would have if they or he were the sole and absolute beneficial owners or owner thereof in fee simple, and no purchaser or other person dealting with them in good faith shall be required to see to the application of any moneys.

Thirteenth: I direct that, in addition to the usual compensation heretofore allowed in Massachusetts by way of commission, my Executors, Trustees and Guardians be fully compensated for any extra or unusual service.

Fourteenth: I desire that the number of Executors of, and of Trustees under this will shall not be fewer than two so long as there are any duties to be discharged by said Executors or Turstees; and I declare that the words "my Executors" "my said Executors" and "my Trustees" and "my said Trustees" wherever

hereinbefore occurring shall be construed and taken to mean the Executors or Trustees for the time being, whether original or substituted.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of June A.D. 1899. Signed - Alexander H. Wood

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for his last will and testament by the above named Alexander H. Wood, in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Signed: Sarah S. Dow, William C. Emery, Daniel D. Filbert(?), M.D.

He married (Unknown). Born in England. Died Before 1880.

Died before 1880 Census, Alexander is listed as Widowed. The mother of the children's birthplace is given as England.

They had the following children:

- 13 Frederick W. Wood i. 14 ii. Frank L. Wood 15 iii. Ada B. Wood 16 iv. Jessie G. Wood 17 Fanny A. Wood v. 18 vi. Antoinette S. J. Wood 19 Alexander H. Wood Jr. vii.
- **4. George Wood**. Son of Peter Wood & Janet "Jessie" Cleghorn. Born 27 Dec 1838 in Scotland. Christen 10 Feb 1839 in Eckford, Roxburghshire. Died 5 Oct 1890 in Tweedside. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

From parochial registers of Eckford in Roxburghshire (Researched by Bruce Elliott, 2004): 1838 Peter Wood Mason Ormiston and Jess Cleghorn his wife their child Born the 27th Decr 1838 and Bapt. 10th Feby 1839 named George."

From Files of The Gleaner of 1887:

New Residence

Mr George Wood had his house about finished. It is large and commodious, and has a beautiful situation near the lake. He is an expert angler and keeps a fine large boat.....

He married Margaret "Maggie" Piercy, daughter of Matthew Piercy & Agnes Moffitt, 20 Apr 1867 in Waverley House, Fredericton By Rev. Dr. John M. Brooke . Born 2 Jul 1849 in Harvey, NB. Christen 29 Nov 1849 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 19 Feb 1889 in Tweedside. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

From Headquarters, 24 Apr 1867: "Married Waverley House, 20th inst., by Rev. Dr. Brooke, George Wood and Miss Margaret Piercy, both of Harvey Settlement."

Witnesses to marriage were Robert Swan and Emmeline Smith.

They had the following children:

- 20 Peter Seaman Cleghorn Wood i. 21 Agnes Moffit "Aggie" Wood ii. 22 Jessie Wood iii. 23 Elizabeth Piercy "Lizzie" Wood iv. 24 Fanny Seely Wood V. 25 Laura Isabella Wood vi. 26 Mary Ellen Wood vii. George Thomas Alvard Wood 27 viii.
- 28 ix. Antoinetta Alexandrina "Nettie" Wood
- 29 x. George "Archie" Bower Wood

### **Third Generation**

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5. Peter Wood. Son of Peter Wood & Mary Moffitt. Born 30 Sep 1850 in Scotland. Died 8 Mar 1913 in

Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Surveyor. Religion Presbyterian.

From parochial registers of Eckford in Roxburghshire (Researched by Bruce Elliott, 2004): "1850 Peter Wood Hedger Ormiston and Mary Moffat his wife their child Born 30th Sept 1850 and Bapt. Named Peter."

Copied from newspaper obituary - 1913:

Peter Wood

Harvey Station, March 11 -- Peter Wood, sixty-three years old, died on Saturday at his home here from an attack of heart trouble, complicated with asthma. For the past two years he had been suffering from asthma and was confined to his home for the last month. He was the eldest son of the late Peter Wood, of Tweedside, and was a native of England. He emigrated to this country while very young, with his father, who was a surveyor. The son also learned the same profession. Mr Wood was very highly respected, being a man of kind disposition and upright in character. He leaves a widow, who is a sister of Councillor Thompson, of this parish, and two daughters, Mrs Harry Swan of McAdam and Mrs Frank Coburn, of this place; three sisters, Mrs Edward James and Mrs Jas. T. Swan of Tweedside and Mrs Craig of McAdam, and one brother, George, of Tweedside, surviving him. The funeral took place on Monday, being very largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. M. J. Macpherson, of the Presbyterian Church of which the decesed was a faithful member.

Peter Wood Jr. died 8 Mar 1913, age 62 yrs. 5 mo. 8 days.

He married Jane "Jennie" Thompson, daughter of John Thompson & Isabella Swan, 11 Jul 1877 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton By Rev. John M. Brooke . Born 1 Aug 1847 in Harvey. Christen 22 Aug 1847 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 15 Jun 1926 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Witnesses to marriage were Robert Thompson and Jessie C. Wood.

They had the following children:

30 i. Lena Isabelle Wood 31 ii. Mary "Mayme" Wood

**6. Janet "Jeanette" Wood**. Daughter of Peter Wood & Mary Moffitt. Born 21 Apr 1853 in Harvey. Died 11 Oct 1913. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Janet died 11 Oct 1913, age 60 yrs. 5 mo. 21 days.

She married Edward "Ned" James, son of Richard James & Catherine, 2 Nov 1869 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton By Rev. John M. Brooke . Born 1843 in England. Died 18 Sep 1923 in Pokiok. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Game Warden And Fish Warden. Religion Presbyterian.

Witnesses to marriage were Peter Wood and Rebecca A. Armour.

Copied from newspaper obituary - 1923:

Edward James

At an early hour Tuesday, Sept 18, Edward James passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs H. T. Wentworth, with whom he made his home. Born in 1843, he was the only son of Mr and Mrs Richard James and came with them from England at the age of 11 years and settled in Tweedside where he lived until about five years ago. He was a kindly man known to his most intimate friends as "Pop", of a cheery disposition, ever ready to give a helping hand, and he made hosts of friends and kept their friendship.

He was game warden and fish warden for 18 years and was never as happy as when he was in the woods. He married Miss Janet Wood, daughter of Peter Wood, who predeceased him ten years ago. They had fourteen children, including three pair of twins, all of whom survive him; Mrs James Morrow and Mrs Mary Cleghorn, of South Tweedside; Mrs D. McCullough, of Coburn; Peter, of Onawa, Me.; Lee, of McAdam; Frank, of Wisconsin; Mrs W. H. Edwards, of New York; Mrs O. Martin and Mrs F. Martin, of Ontario; Richard and Thomas, of St. Stephen; Mrs H. T. Wentworth, of Pokiok and Edward and Clifford, at home; hosts of grand children and five great-grandchildren.

They had the following children:

- 32 i. Richard James (Twin)
- 33 ii. Elizabeth Scott "Liz" James (Twin)
- 34 iii. Thomas Fee James
- 35 iv. Mary Jane James

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                   Frank Alexander James
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                   Ada Gladstone James
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                   Peter Wood James
                   John "Edward" James (Twin)
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                   Margaret Ann "Annie" James (Twin)
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                   Jessie James
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                   George "Clifford" James (Twin)
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                   Rena Idella "Della" James (Twin)
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                   Lee James
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**7. John Wood**. Son of Peter Wood & Mary Moffitt. Born 2 Oct 1855 in Harvey. Died 14 Mar 1873 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

From Daily News, 19 Mar 1873: "Died Manners Sutton (York Co.) Friday, 14th, John Wood, age 17, second son of Deputy Peter Wood."

John died 14 Mar 1873, age 17 yrs. 5 mo. 13 days.

**8. Jessie Cleghorn Wood**. Daughter of Peter Wood & Mary Moffitt. Born 30 Jan 1858 in Harvey. Died 14 Mar 1916. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Jessie died 14 Mar 1916, age 58 yrs. 1 mo. 14 days.

She married James T. Swan, son of Alexander Swan & Mary Taylor, 22 Jan 1878. Born 2 Apr 1849 in England. Died 28 Sep 1925 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

Ref: Jocelean Swan Hall and Margaret Swan Crozier, "The Swan Family", 1980, p. . .

They had the following children:

46	i.	Wilbert Alexander Swan
47	ii.	Russell Peter Swan
48	iii.	Edmond Stephen Swan
49	iv.	Mary Elizabeth "Pearl" Swan

**9. Mary Wood**. Daughter of Peter Wood & Mary Moffitt. Born 8 May 1860. Died May 1952 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

(Mary died May 1952, age 92 yrs.)

Newspaper obituary - 1952:

Mrs Mary Craig

McAdam -- Mrs Mary Craig, 93, died at Harvey after a lengthy illness. She was born at Tweedside, a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Peter Wood. Her husband, John Craig, died a number of years ago. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church, McAdam and a life member of St. Paul's Missionary Society.

She is survived by one son, George Craig, McAdam; a daughter, Mrs Irene McCullough, Coral Gables, Florida; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The funeral was held from St. Andrew's United Church, Harvey, with the pastor Rev. \_. L. Rose officiating, assisted by Rev. D. C. Johnstone of St. Paul's United Church, McAdam.

Pallbearers were Harry Swan, Harris Murray, Roy Murray and Joseph Golding, of McAdam. Interment was in Harvey Cemetery.

She married John Walter Craig, 2 Oct 1883 in York Co., NB By William Tippett, Methodist . Born 1856. Died 1890.

Witnesses to marriage were John Pagan and Wm Tippett.

They had the following children:

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i. Minnie May Wood

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ii. George Frederick Craig
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iii. Mary Irene "Rena" Craig

**10. Julia Ann Cecilia Wood**. Daughter of Peter Wood & Mary Moffitt. Born 1 Mar 1863. Died 15 Jul 1905. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Julia Ann Cecilia died 15 Jul 1905, age 42 yrs. 4 mo. 15 days.

She married James Bell Messer, son of William Messer & Margaret Bell, 31 Jan 1883 in York Co., NB By Robert Nairn, Presbyterian . Born 27 May 1857 in Tweedside. Died 21 Sep 1917 in Tweedside. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Witnesses to marriage were George Thomas Wood and Alice B. Messer.

Copied from newspaper obituary:

James Messer

Harvey Station, Sept. 22 -- James Messer, a well known resident of Tweedside, died at his home there yesterday morning after a long illness. He was the eldest son of the late William Messer, of Tweedside, and was in the sixty-first year of his age. His wife died some years ago. He is also survived by a number of brothers and sisters. Among them are William Messer and John Messer, of Tweedside.

They had the following children:

- 53 William Elmer Messer i. 54 Mary Isabella "Mayme" Messer ii. 55 iii. Peter Alexander "Sandy" Messer 56 iv. James Allan Messer 57 John "Wesley" Messer v. 58 Margaret Ann "Cecilia" Messer vi. 59 vii. Minnie May Messer 60 Ella Louise Messer viii. 61 ix. Jessie Elizabeth Messer 62 Jennie "Estella" Messer х. Julius "Edison" Messer 63 xi.
- **11. George Thomas Wood**. Son of Peter Wood & Mary Moffitt. Born 16 Apr 1865 in Harvey. Died 30 Apr 1931. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

George died 30 Apr 1931, age 66 yrs. 14 days.

He married Elizabeth Messer, daughter of Walter Messer & Isabella Speedy, 22 Dec 1886 in Harvey, York Co. By J. A. McLean, Presbyterian . Born 8 Nov 1864 in Harvey. Christen in Harvey Presbyterian Church. Died 8 Jul 1920 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

Witnesses to marriage were Mrs Isabella Messer and Peter Wood.

They had the following children:

- i. John Alexander "Sandy" Wood
  ii. Walter "Wallace" Wood
  iii. Peter L. Wood
  iv. Sadie May Boyd Wood
  v. Bertha Isabell Wood
- **12. Elizabeth Scott Wood**. Daughter of Peter Wood & Mary Moffitt. Born 11 Jul 1867 in Harvey. Died 27 Dec 1868 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Elizabeth Scott Wood died 27 Dec 1868, age 1 yr. 5 mo. 16 days.

- **13. Frederick W. Wood**. Son of Alexander H. Wood Sr. & (Unknown).
  - Eldest son of Alexander H. Wood.
- 14. Frank L. Wood. Son of Alexander H. Wood Sr. & (Unknown). Born Approx 1870 in Boston, MA.
- 15. Ada B. Wood. Daughter of Alexander H. Wood Sr. & (Unknown). Born Approx 1873 in Boston, MA.
- **16. Jessie G. Wood**. Daughter of Alexander H. Wood Sr. & (Unknown). Born Approx 1875 in Boston, MA.
- 17. Fanny A. Wood. Daughter of Alexander H. Wood Sr. & (Unknown).
- 18. Antoinette S. J. Wood. Daughter of Alexander H. Wood Sr. & (Unknown).

19. Alexander H. Wood Jr. Son of Alexander H. Wood Sr. & (Unknown).

**20. Peter Seaman Cleghorn Wood**. Son of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy. 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.

He married Sarah "Jane" Nesbitt, daughter of James Nesbitt & Mary Carmichael, 30 Aug 1899 in York Co., NB. Born 12 Jan 1877 in Harvey. Died 16 Jan 1902 in Tweedside. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

They had the following children:

i. Charles George Woodii. Bertha May Wood

**21. Agnes Moffit "Aggie" Wood**. Daughter of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy. 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.)

She married Wesley Hay, son of John "Jack" Hay & Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorcas, 29 Mar 1893 in York Co., NB. 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.)

They had the following children:

- 71 i. Margaret "Roberta" Hay
- 72 ii. Robert "Newton" Hay
- 73 iii. George Wood Hay
- 74 iv. Jessie Elizabeth Hay
- **22. Jessie Wood**. Daughter of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy. Born 20 Mar 1871 in Tweedside. Died 10 Jun 1890 in Tweedside. Religion Presbyterian.
- **23. Elizabeth Piercy "Lizzie" Wood**. Daughter of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy. Born 10 Apr 1873 in Tweedside. Died 25 Dec 1937 in McAdam. Buried in Rockland Cemetery, McAdam.

She married William "Alexander" Hay, son of John "Jack" Hay & Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorcas, 22 Aug 1900 in Harvey. 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)

They had the following children:

- 75 i. Hildred Agnes Antionette Hay
- 76 ii. Marguerite Elizabeth Hay
- **24. Fanny Seely Wood**. Daughter of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy. Born 14 Mar 1875 in Tweedside, NB. Died 17 Feb 1930 in New Westminister, BC.

Wood, Frances Seley, born NB, died 17 February 1930, place - New Westminister, BC. (Source: BCVR 1930, Death Registrations 32228, FHLF 195251.)

**25. Laura Isabella Wood**. Daughter of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy. Born 17 Oct 1877 in Tweedside. Died 11 Jan 1953 in St. Stephen. Buried in St. Stephen Rural Cemetery.

She married Robert Henry Torrance, son of Robert Torrance & Ellen MacDonald, 8 Jul 1896 in Harvey. Born 22 Jan 1862 in Harvey. Died 12 Jan 1949. Buried in St. Stephen Rural Cemetery.

1901 Census birth date: 22 Jan 1863, age 38 yr.

They had the following children:

- i. Ellen Hildred Torrance (Twin)
- 78 ii. Margaret "Hazel" Torrance (Twin)
- 79 iii. Frederick Alonzo Alexander Torrance
- 80 iv. Jessie Elizabeth Torrance
- **26.** Mary Ellen Wood. Daughter of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy. Born 23 Aug 1879 in Tweedside. Died 7 Apr 1899 in Tweedside. Religion Presbyterian.
- **27. George Thomas Alvard Wood**. Son of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy. Born 7 Jun 1881 in Tweedside.
- 28. Antoinetta Alexandrina "Nettie" Wood. Daughter of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy.

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# **29. George "Archie" Bower Wood**. Son of George Wood & Margaret "Maggie" Piercy. Born 9 Mar 1885 in Tweedside.

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