

Descendents of Andrew Grey (ca 1785-94 – after 1861)  
and 1. Mary Watson (unknown– aboard D'arcy summer, 1836)  
and 2. Sarah Burgess ( ca 1810 – 11 Nov 1896)

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Andrew GREY born England c.1785-94, living 1861.

Married (1) Mary daughter of Alexander WATSON (named in baptisms of Alexander W. and Grace). The Greys lived at Akeld in Kirknewton parish in 1812-14, and at Torvilaws, Wooler 1816-21. They attended Cheviot Street United Presbyterian Church in Wooler throughout this period. From 1824-29 they lived at Milfield Hill and attended Crookham Presbyterian Church in Ford parish. Torvilaws is a large farm just outside Wooler town, so it is likely that Andrew was a hind, though neither of the chapel registers identify him as such. Mary died aboard the "D'Arcy" en route to New Brunswick in 1836. A letter from a passenger published in the *Berwick Advertiser*, 24 September 1836, p. 2, col. 4 noted: "Andrew Grey's wife, who went on deck one morning, caught cold and shortly died, and was of course consigned to a watery grave."

The Grey family's ancestry is uncertain. Given that the earliest reference to this family, in 1812, places them in Kirknewton parish, it is tempting to posit an ancestral connection with the Andrew and Mark Gray whose names appear together as shepherds in Killham Constabulary of Kirknewton in the 1762 Northumberland militia ballot lists, especially since the Andrew who emigrated to Stanley had a son named Mark. But if there is a connection, filling in the intervening generations is likely to prove difficult. There was another couple named Andrew and Mary Gray (probably Mary Alexander, married at Doddington in 1802) who had a son Mark, baptized in 1807 at Branton Presbyterian chapel, and a Robert and Mary Gray had a son Mark baptized in 1808 at Cheviot Street chapel in Wooler, the same church the later Stanley family attended. The name Andrew Grey was fairly common in northern Northumberland; Mark was less usual but not unheard of.

Andrew Grey and his sons Robert, James, and John signed the 26 November 1836 letter to the residents of Wooler recommending the Stanley settlement. Colonial Office records report that the NB Land Company spent £140 in cash and £169.11.11 in goods on the Grey family. Andrew Grey signed the petition to the House of Lords on 28 February 1838, and the subsequent agreement with the Company on 15 June 1838. By 4 August 1838 he had a cow, 2 oxen, 2 pigs and a good barn. (C.O. 188/60)

Andrew Grey's farm was lot 77 w.s. Stanley Road. He initially rented the holding from the Land Company, but he purchased the property, consisting of 100 acres and a house, on 17 May 1841 for £29. After making a small instalment payment each year, he paid off the remaining £29 in a lump sum on 9 December 1844. (PANB, MC1284, MS3a, pp. 23-24)

Andrew Grey married (2) 24 March 1842 Fredericton (a double wedding with "D'Arcy" emigrant William Pringle) Sarah BURGESS, late of the City of Gloucester, England. A notice of the wedding was in the Saint John *Morning News* of March 28, 1842: "Fredericton (York Co.) Thursday, 24th inst., by Rev. Dr. Jacob, Andrew GRAY of Stanley to Miss Sarah BURGESS late of City of Gloucester, England; at same time William PRINGLE of Stanley to Mrs. Mary WOODBERRY of that Town".

In the 1851 census of Stanley, two married daughters living away from home are listed, even though they were probably not in Stanley at the time:

GRAY Andrew	H 66 English	Farmer	immig. 1836 res. Stanley
Sarah	w 42 "		
Sarah	d 7 Native		
Elizabeth	d 3		
Graham Anne	d English		in Woodstock
Bennett Grace	d "		in Fredericton
Wandless Mary	d "		
Andrew	grs 6 Native		

I have found no record of Andrew's death, but Sarah died 11 November 1896 aged 86 at English Settlement, NB. Her obituary from the Fredericton *Gleaner*, 24 November 1896, reveals how she came to New Brunswick:

"The death of one of Stanley's most highly esteemed and aged residents occurred 11th inst. at English Settlement in the person of Sarah Burgess GREY wife of late Andrew GREY, who came from Gloucester, England with Dr. Edwin JACOB, Vice-President of King's College, Fredericton, May 24th, 1841. The deceased had reached the advanced age of 86 years and in possession of all her faculties. She leaves two daughters, one the wife of Josiah FOREMAN and the other the wife of John HARRISON. Rev. J.S. Mullan conducted the services at house and grave and Thomas Clarkson had charge of the funeral arrangements."

She likely met Grey through the latter's son-in-law, Henry Wandless, who was the porter at King's College and who had been married to Grey's daughter Mary by Dr. Jacob soon after Sarah's arrival in New Brunswick.

There were 9 children by the first marriage, and 2 by the second:

- +2. Robert Grey b. 7 bp. 29 June 1812 Cheviot Street U.P., Wooler. Parents of Akeld, Kirknewton parish. Signed the 26 November 1836 letter to the residents of Wooler recommending the Stanley settlement.
  3. James Grey b. 28 March bp. 15 April 1814 Cheviot Street U.P., Wooler. Parents of Akeld, Kirknewton parish. Signed the 26 November 1836 letter to the residents of Wooler recommending the Stanley settlement.
  4. John Grey b. 13 bp. 15 April 1816 Cheviot Street U.P., Wooler. Parents of Torvilaws, parish Wooler. Signed the 26 November 1836 letter to the residents of Wooler recommending the Stanley settlement, and the letter of 13 September 1838 urging the Company to obtain a physician and surgeon for the settlement (C.O. 188/60, f. 152). He appears to have purchased Lot 6 at Lime Kiln from the Land Company on 13 May 1848, but his name was crossed out and replaced with that of his brother Robert (PANB, MC1284, MS3a, pp. 81-82).
  - +5. Ann Grey b. 18 bp. 30 August 1818 Cheviot Street U.P., Wooler. Parents of Torvilaws, parish Wooler. Md. 4 March 1844 York Co. NB Hugh GRAHAM of Woodstock
  6. Alexander b. 9 bp. 11 January 1821 Cheviot Street U.P., Wooler. Parents of Torvilaws, parish Wooler; d.yg.
  - +7. Mark b. 1 bp. 2 November 1821 Cheviot Street U.P., Wooler. Parents of Torvilaws, parish Wooler. In Houlton, Maine by 1850.
  - +8. Mary b. 29 Apr. bp. 12 May 1824 Crookham Presbyterian. Parents of Milfield Hill. Md. 30 June 1841 York Co. NB Henry WANDLESS, Porter of Kings College, Fredericton.
  9. Alexander Watson b. 29 June bp. 16 July 1827 Crookham Presbyterian. Parents of Milfield Hill.
  - +10. Grace b. 8 October 1829 bp. -- Crookham Presbyterian. Parents of Milfield Hill. Md. 12 Sept. 1850 York Co. NB Thomas BENNETT, blacksmith of Fredericton.
- By the second marriage:
- +11. Sarah Alice b. NB c.1844 md. Josiah FOREMAN of Stanley.
  - +12. Elizabeth b. NB c.1848. md. John HARRISON, farmer of Stanley. (the mother Sarah was living with the Harrison family in 1881)

## SECOND GENERATION:

2. Robert Grey b. 7 bp. 29 June 1812 Cheviot Street U.P., Wooler. The family was resident at Akeld, Kirknewton parish. He was of Cardigan in Douglas parish at the time of his marriage, 22 March 1841, by Rev. Archibald McCallum (York Co. mge. reg. B.) to Hannah WILLIAMS of Cardigan, b. c.1801 in Wales. Lot 6 at Lime Kiln, consisting of 100 acres, was sold by the Land Company to his brother John Gray at 4/6 an acre on 13 May 1848, but his name was crossed out and Robert's inserted. Unfortunately we cannot determine the date of this transfer of interest. A first instalment of £2.10 was paid at the time of purchase, and another ten years later on 11 November 1852. The family were listed at Limekiln, Stanley parish, in the 1851 census:

GRAY Robert	H 40 English	Farmer/Lumberer	Immig. 1837 res. Lime Kiln
Hannah	w 50 "		
Sarah	d 10 Native		
Elizabeth	d 7 "		

Gray paid two additional instalments in 1853 and 1862, but instalments in 1869 and 1871 were paid by Samuel Wilkinson. The Land Company clerk noted on 3 August 1874: "Gray left the Country about 6 Years ago, Wilkinson has supported his wife and made the two last payments. I now transfer the Lot to him, he agreeing to support Mrs Gray if she returns, she being away on a visit." Wilkinson paid off the lot in July 1879 (PANB, MC1284, MS3a, pp. 81-82). He had married Mary Ann Williams in 1850 (York Co. mge. reg. B), doubtless a relative of Hannah (Williams) Gray, and hence his willingness to support her in Robert's absence.

It appears therefore that Robert and Hannah separated, and he is probably the Robert Gray, 68, labourer, born in Ireland [sic], living with brother Mark Gray in Houlton, Maine, in 1881. Robert's wife Hannah (recorded as Anna in the census), 79, b. Wales, was listed as a widow with their daughter Mrs William Kerr in Calais the same year, but Robert died at the Kerr residence four years later:

"Died at Calais, Me., 17th inst., at residence of his son-in-law, Wm KERR, of paralysis, Robert GREY, age 73" (*St Croix Courier*, 2 April 1885).

Children:

+13. Sarah J. born c.1841 md. William KERR. Res. Calais, Maine 1881

14. Elizabeth born c.1844. md. 25 May 1867 Ira LINT. Widowed and resident with sister at Calais 1881

5. Ann Grey b. 18 bp. 30 August 1818 Cheviot Street U.P., Wooler, while the family was resident at Torvilaws farm in the parish of Wooler.

Md. 4 March 1844 by Dr. Edwin Jacob to Hugh GRAHAM of Woodstock (York Co. mge. reg. B). There was a Hugh Graham in Woodstock, b. Co. Donegal, Ireland, whose first wife d. 28 May 1843 aged 33 (*The Loyalist*, 5 June 1843) and who remarried Miss Ann EVANS of Fredericton on 1 Jan. 1844 (*The Loyalist*, 4 January 1844). This Hugh d. in Woodstock in 1896 (obit. *Woodstock Dispatch*, 12 Feb. 1896), his wife 14 years before him (Ann d. 25 May 1882 aged 65y 7m leaving 6 chn: *SJ Daily Telegraph*, 10 June 1882). The 1881 census records Mrs. Graham as age 64 and b. in Wales. This rules out this family.

The 1881 census of Richmond, Carleton Co., N.B. includes a labourer named Hugh Graham, b. Ireland, 65, with wife Ann b. England, 61, no children then at home. They are also in the 1871 census at Richmond, Hugh a farmer b. Ire. 55, an Adventist, and Ann, 51, b. England, a Wesleyan. Again they resided alone ([www.rootsweb.com/~nbcарlet/names1871.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nbcарlet/names1871.htm)). This seems a better fit for Ann Grey from Stanley, but the question remains open.

7. Mark Gray b. 1 bp. 2 November 1821 Cheviot Street U.P., Wooler. The family was resident at Torvilaws, parish of Wooler. Mark was recorded at Houlton, Aroostook County, Maine in 1850 as a labourer aged 30, b. Ireland [sic], with wife Matilda, 28, also b. Ireland (<http://www.geocities.com/ithacan.geo/1850/1850aroostook.htm>, p. 59b), and in 1860

([www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/me/aroostook/census/1860/0198.gif](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/me/aroostook/census/1860/0198.gif), p. 198) with correct birthplace:

Mark Grey	40	Farmer real est. \$2000, pers. \$500	b. England
Matilda	35		Maine
Saml. A.	7		"
Mary	4		"
William H.	3		"
Mary J. Cochran	19		
Joseph Nye	20		

Mark Gray was still in Houlton in 1880, age 56, no occupation, with wife Matilda, 52, b. Maine of Irish parentage, son Samuel b. Maine aged 26, tinware and stove dealer, and Robert Gray, b. Ireland, 68, labourer, possibly his brother Robert with the birthplace incorrectly recorded. Mark d. 1884 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Houlton. Married Matilda COCHRAN b. Linneus, Maine 1828, d. 1903.

#### Children:

15. Samuel A. b. Maine 1854-1903, tinware and stove dealer, Houlton, 1881. bd. Evergreen Cem.  
 15a. Mary b. Maine c. 1856  
 15b. William Harvey. b. Maine 12 Feb. 1855 d. 6 Sept. 1939. Metal worker & store keeper. Md. Catherine E. 1863-1957. bd. Evergreen Cem. (Cary Library database: [www.cary.lib.me.us/Gendb/](http://www.cary.lib.me.us/Gendb/))

8. Mary Grey b. 29 Apr. bp. 12 May 1824 Crookham Presbyterian. The family was then resident at Milfield Hill. Mary married 30 June 1841 (York Co. mges.) Henry WANDLESS, Porter of Kings College, Fredericton. The *New Brunswick Courier* of July 10, 1841 reported the wedding "Married by Rev. Dr. Jacob, Henry WANDLESS, Porter of King's College to Mary GREY daughter of Andrew GREY of Stanley, York Co."

Wandless's first wife Martha McWaters had died in Fredericton 26 May 1840 aged 34, The *New Brunswick Report & Fredericton Advertiser*, 8 March 1867, reported Henry's death: "Fredericton (York Co.) Friday morn., 1st inst., of congestion of the lungs, Henry WANLESS, age 58, left wife, eleven children."

Mary was living in Needham Street, Fredericton, in 1871, and in Kings Ward in 1881. In 1887 she moved to the United States. The *Fredericton Gleaner* of July 12, 1892, reported that "Mrs. WANDLESS, formerly of this city, but now of Boston, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George HAZEN, Charlotte Street." Mary appears in the 1900 U.S. census at 31 Vine Street, Boston with daughter Anna and stepdaughter Alicia.

Children (in part from [www.riverduck.com/wanlessweb/bstevens/D1.htm](http://www.riverduck.com/wanlessweb/bstevens/D1.htm)):

- xx. Alicia Anna b. Aug. 1835 Fredericton, dau. of Henry Wandless's first marriage, d. 1932 Boston; bd. Forest Hill Cemetery, Fredericton (unm.)
- +16. Mary Jane b. 6 May 1843. Md. George HAZEN of Fredericton.
- +17. Andrew James b. c.1845.
- 18. Martha Elizabeth b. c.1847, md. 3 Oct. 1868, Christ Church, Fredericton, to Robert McELVANY (*NB Reporter & Fredericton Advertiser*, Oct. 30, 1868)  
 Son Robert Henry McELVENY b. 29 Nov. 1871 Fredericton (vitals)
- 19. William Henry b. c.1849, blacksmith at home 1871. Living near Boston 1896.
- +20. Thomas G. b. 30 June 1851. Of Fredericton
- 21. Sarah Anna b. c.1852, d. 12 Dec. 1855 aged 2 yrs 6 mos. (*The Head Quarters*, Dec. 19, 1855), bd. Forest Hill Cemetery
- 22. John b. c.1854, d. 1877 Fredericton, bd. Forest Hill Cemetery. In 1871 aged 15, painter, enumerated with A.P. Miller, Fredericton. Listed in directory in Brunswick Street.
- 23. Anna A. b. Sept. 1858, student, store clerk at home 1881, d. 1933, bd. Forest Hill Cemetery, Fredericton. Chief Clerk in Hall's bookstore, Fredericton. Rented 31 Vine Street, Boston, 1900; and was saleswoman in a stationery store. In 1910 lodging with four other families at 46 Vine Street, with same occupation. Unm.
- 24. Charles M. c.1860, carpenter at home 1881, living near Boston 1896.

25. Robert c.1862, blacksmith at home 1881, living near Boston 1896.

26. Charlotte c.1865, at home 1881. Md. --- BOONE of Boston.

10. Grace Grey b. 8 October 1829 bp. -- Crookham Presbyterian. Parents of Milfield Hill.  
Md. 12 Sept. 1850 Fredericton by Dr. Edwin Jacob, Thomas BENNETT, blacksmith, both of  
Fredericton (*Saint John Weekly Chronicle*, 4 Oct. 1850). They appear in the 1851 census of  
Fredericton:

BENNETT Thomas	H 23 Irish	Blacksmith	Immig 1846
Grace	w 20		

Grace shares her husband's immigration date rather than her own appearing. There was a  
Robert Bennett (1831-1920), farmer of Stanley in 1881 whose wife was named Grace (1835-  
1902), bd. St Thos Ang. Cem., York Co., but this appears to be a different family.

11. Sarah Alice GREY b. NB c.1844 md. 27 June 1863 (*The Head Quarters*, 1 July 1863) Josiah  
FOREMAN, farmer of Stanley (1881), b. England c.1841. Anglican.

Children:

27. Josephine Eliza b. 2 Jan. 1860 Stanley (vitals)

28. Harriet b. c.1865

29. James b. c. 1867

30. Alexander b. c. 1868

31. William b. c. 1871

32. Mary Namiria or Namina b. 20 June 1873 Stanley (vitals)

33. Rainsford Arnold b. 1875 d. 1944 md. Mary Ellen 1878-1955 (St Thos Cem.)

34. Samuel B. b. c. 1878

12. Elizabeth GREY b. NB c.1848. md. John HARRISON, farmer of Stanley. (the mother Sarah  
was living with the Harrison family in 1881).

Children:

35. Andrew b. c. 1875

36. Catherine A. b. c. 1877

37. Sarah A. b. c. 1879

38. John J. b. Aug. 1880

39. Harriet Jane b. 10 Oct. 1886 Stanley (vitals)

40. Charles William b. 12 Mar. 1889 Stanley (vitals)

### THIRD GENERATION:

13. Sarah J. Grey. Born c.1841 NB; md. William KERR. At Calais, Maine 1881:

Wm. Kerr	Self	37 NB	Sexton	f. b. Scot	m. b. Eng
Sarah J. Kerr	wife	38 NB	Keeping House	Eng.	Wales
John R. Kerr	s	13 NB	att. school	NB	NB
James W. Kerr	s	11 NB	att. school	NB	NB
Anna E. Kerr	dau.	8 NB		NB	NB
Anna GRAY	Mother	L 79	Wales at home	Wales	Wales W
Elizabeth LINT	Sister	L 36	NB Nurse	Eng.	Wales W

Children:

41. John R. b. c. 1877 NB

42. James W. b. c. 1879 NB

43. Anna E. b. c. 1882 NB

16. Mary Jane Wandless b. 6 May 1843 Fredericton, d. 16 Feb. 1928; bd Forest Hill Cem.,  
Fredericton. Mrs Hazen lived in Charlotte St., Fredericton, in 1892.

Md. George HAZEN (29 Jan. 1842-13 June 1919).

In 1900 they were in Queen's Ward, Fredericton:

HAZEN, George	Jan. 29, 1843, 58, NB u, English, CofE, Carpenter, working on own acct
Mary wife	May 6, 1843, 57, NB u

Margaret dau. Mar. 22, 1868, 33, NB u dressmaker, working on own account  
 Mary, dau. Mar. 16, 1875, 26, NB u, nurse, 12 mos. \$250  
 Harriet dau. Nov. 23, 1882, 18, NB u  
 Edward, son May 6, 1886, 14, NB u, student  
 Mary, gddau. Jul. 15, 1893, 7, USA u, immig. 1895

Children:

44. Margaret b. 22 March 1868, dressmaker 1900
45. Henry b. 30 Dec. 1869 Fredericton (vitals); not at home 1881
46. Mary Alicia b. 16 Mar. 1875 Fredericton (vitals), nurse 1900
47. Grace b. 8 May 1876 Fredericton (vitals), not at home 1900
48. John b. 6 Aug. 1877 Fredericton (vitals), not at home 1900
49. Harriet b. 23 Nov. 1882
50. Edward b. 6 May 1886

17. Andrew James Wandless b. c.1845 Fredericton. On Fredericton ratepayers list of 22 July 1870 (*NB Reporter*, 24 June 1870). Carpenter at home with mother 1871. In 1881 Carpenter at St Mary's, York County, with wife Rebecca, 25, and Harry, 8. He died in Boston in 1896.

The *New Brunswick Reporter* (Fredericton), 2 September 1896, reported:

Thomas WANDLESS received a telegram last eve. from Boston announcing the death there Monday of his brother, Andrew J. WANDLESS. The dispatch says he died suddenly, but no other particulars have yet been received. The deceased was about 50 years old and has been twice married, his first wife being a sister of Contractor Wm BUTLER, Gibson (York Co.) and his second wife, who survives him along with four children, is an American lady. In addition to Thomas, there are three other brothers, all living in the vicinity of Boston, viz: William WANDLESS, Charles WANDLESS and Robert WANDLESS. The surviving sisters are Mrs. George HAZEN, this city; Mrs. Charlotte BOONE, Boston, now visiting friends in St. Mary's and Miss Anna WANDLESS, now of Boston, but for some time chief clerk in Hall's bookstore here. The deceased was a proficient carpenter. - 'Gleaner'

Married (1) Rebecca J. daughter of Samuel BUTLER of Marysville, York Co., N.B. They lived at Milltown, Charlotte County, and she died 21 (22: stone) May 1885 at Newtonville, Mass., U.S.A. (*NB Reporter*, 30 May 1885) aged 29y 8m. bd. United Church Cem., York Co., NB.

Married (2) in the U.S.

Children:

51. Harry c.1873

20. Thomas G. Wandless b. 30 June 1851 Fredericton. Wagon maker at home 1871. d. 21 March 1923 Fredericton; bd. Forest Hill Cemetery. The Saint John *Daily News* of April 18, 1872 reported:

"A young man, Thomas Wandless, belonging to Fredericton, was severely and it is thought, fatally injured by falling from the top of a four story building in Boston a few days ago."

The injury must not have been fatal. In 1881 he was Verger of Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton at a salary of \$400.

Married Dorcas M. WHITLOCK b. in rural NB 11 Dec. 1860 (1900 census) or 5 Dec. 1856 (cem.) d. 9 Mar. 1918; bd. Forest Hill Cemetery, Fredericton.

Children:

52. Mary Dorcas, "only child" d. Fredericton 28 November 1877 aged 1 yr. 8 mos. (Saint John *Daily News*, Dec. 5, 1877; same *Daily Telegraph*, Dec. 7)
53. John Finlaw b. 19 Feb. 1879 Fredericton (vitals)
54. George b. 16 August 1882 d. 1966; bd. Forest Hill. Md. (1) 19 Oct. 1904 (York Co.) Lizzie Jane PARKS 1882-11 Aug. 1915. Md. (2) 12 Feb. 1918 (York Co.) Ada Emily DRIVER 1892-1958.
55. Hollingworth b. 18 May 1885 md (1) 11 July 1906 Laura Ethel LORD md (2) 30 July 1913 Alexandrina LAURIE
56. Loring Baley b. 23 Nov. 1889 md. 2 Aug. 1912 Bina MERRITHEW

- 57. May b. 22 Jan. 1891
- 58. Elish(?) dau. b. 22 Apr. 1892
- 59. Edward Wilmot d. Fredericton 17 June 1893 aged 8 mos. (Fredericton *Gleaner*, 17 June 1893; same in SJ *Daily Telegraph*)
- 60. Dorothen b. 22 Nov. 1893
- 61. Helen b. 5 June 1895 (census; vitals b. 16)
- 62. female b. 3 June 1897 (not in 1900 census)