# Descendants of Thomas Briggs (ca 1812 – 13 Jan 1887) and first wife Ann Crosby (ca 1815 – 2 Jun 1884)

## First Generation

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**1. Thomas Briggs**. Born Approx 1812 in England. Died 13 Jan 1887 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer, Plasterer.

From Ford Marriages, Berwick Record Office, microfilm M.88 (research by Bruce Elliott, June 2002): Thos Briggs of this parish and Margaret Darling of this parish by banns, 24 Dec 1835 by Thos Knight. (Both signed.) Witnesses - Ralph Chisholm and Ralph Darling.

Thomas Briggs and his wife Margaret Darling came to NB in 1840 (from 1851 Census). They lived on Lot 19 East in Harvey Settlement.

He married Margaret Darling, 24 Dec 1835 in Ford, Northumberland, England. Born Approx 1815 in England. Died 2 Jun 1884 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

They had the following children:

2	i.	Ralph Briggs
3	ii.	Alexander Briggs
4	iii.	William Youngson Briggs
5	iv.	Jane Briggs
6	V.	James Briggs
7	vi.	Mary Ann Briggs
8	vii.	Thomas Briggs
9	viii.	John Briggs
10	ix.	Thomas Briggs
11	Х.	Matthew Briggs

## **Second Generation**

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2. Ralph Briggs. Son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born Approx 1837 in England.

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.

He married Jane Lister, daughter of Nicholas Lister & Margaret Heughan, 25 Aug 1858 in Harvey, By Samuel Johnson . Born Approx 1836 in Scotland.

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

They had the following children:

- 12 i. Thomas Briggs
- 13 ii. Margaret Jane Briggs
- 14 iii. Nicholas Briggs
- 15 iv. George Briggs
- 16 v. Matthew W. Briggs
- 17 vi. Isabella Briggs
- 18 vii. Agnes Briggs
- 19 viii. Wilson Briggs

20ix.Ellen Briggs21x.Adam Briggs

**3.** Alexander Briggs. Son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born Approx 1841. Died 21 Jan 1916 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer. Religion Presbyterian.

He married Margaret Jane Nesbitt, daughter of Thomas Nesbitt & Isabella Cockburn (Coburn), 9 Dec 1868 in Harvey, York Co. By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born Approx 1847. Died 10 Nov 1906 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

Witnesses to marriage were James Briggs and Isabella Nesbit.

Margaret Jane died 10 Nov 1906, age 59 years 8 months, of tuberculosis. (Church records) They had the following children:

22	i.	Isabella Briggs
23	ii.	Darling M. Briggs
24	iii.	Elizabeth May Briggs
25	iv.	Thomas A. Briggs
26	v.	Mary Anne "Annie" Briggs
27	vi.	Susanna Gloriana "Susie" Briggs
28	vii.	Minnie Jane Briggs

**4. William Youngson Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born 1842/1843 in Harvey. Christen 8 Jan 1843 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy .

No futher information.

**5. Jane Briggs**. Daughter of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born 1844 in Harvey. Christen 10 Feb 1845 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy . Died 3 Jan 1909 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

She married George R. Embleton, son of Robert Embleton & Elizabeth "Betsy" Wilson, 27 Jan 1871 in Harvey, York Co., NB By Rev. Samuel Johnson . Born 13 Sep 1845 in Harvey. Christen 28 Sep 1845 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 17 May 1931 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer. Religion Presbyterian.

Witnesses to marriage were Robert W. Embleton and Isabel Nesbit.

George did not have a middle name, but used the initial "R" to distinguish him from other George Embletons who lived in the area. He was called "Geordie". George and his wife Jane Briggs were farmers on the Swan Road in Harvey and had seven children.

They had the following children:

29	i.	Wesley W. Embleton
30	ii.	Thomas Albert "Ab" Embleton
31	iii.	Hannah May Embleton
32	iv.	Elizabeth "Lavina" Embleton
33	v.	Annie "Alberta" Embleton
34	vi.	Lenna Jane Embleton
35	vii.	Manzer George Hill Embleton

**6. James Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born 1847 in Harvey. Christen 25 Apr 1847 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy.

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

Witnesses to marriage were Thomas Briggs and Susanna L. Nesbit.

No further information on this family.

He married Isabella P. Nesbitt, daughter of Thomas Nesbitt & Isabella Cockburn (Coburn), 24 Dec 1874 in Harvey Presbyterian Church Records, York Co., NB . Born 16 Nov 1849. Christen 31 Mar 1850 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton.

**7. Mary Ann Briggs**. Daughter of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born 1849 in Harvey. Christen 22 Jul 1849 in Harvey By Rev. Daniel McCurdy. Died 5 Oct 1851 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

**8. Thomas Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born 17 May 1851 in Harvey. Christen 28 Jul 1851 in St. Paul's Church Records, Fredericton. Died 11 Oct 1851 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

**9. John Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born Approx 1853 in Harvey. No further information.

**10. Thomas Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born 1854 in Harvey, York Co., NB. Died 31 Mar 1895 in Harvey Sta. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

Thomas died at age 40 years and 3 months of consumption.

He married Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan, daughter of James Swan & Jane Moody, 7 Oct 1878 in York Co., NB, By Waldow W. Brewer . Born 1 Feb 1858 in Harvey, York Co, NB. Died 8 Jul 1927 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

Witnesses to marriage were Harry D. Burden and Chester Dean.

(Ref: Jocelean Swan Hall and Margaret Swan Crozier, "The Swan Family", 1980, p. 41.)

Copied from newspaper obituary - 1927:

Mrs Jas Coburn Has Passed Away

Harvey Station, July 14 -- The death of Mrs James Coburn of Manners Sutton occurred on July 8 at the age of 69 years. Deceased had suffered slightly from paralysis some time ago, and she took a last stroke on Sunday afternoon, July 3, shortly after having attended church.

Deceased was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs James Swan, natives of England, who came to Harvey about 80 years ago, when the settlement was in its infancy. She was twice married. By her first husband, the late Thomas Briggs, she leaves four sons and two daughters. The sons are Matthew and John, of York Mills; Charles of Manners Sutton, and Allen of York Mills. The daughters are Margaret, Mrs LeBaron Little, and Lottie, Mrs Harry Swan, both of Harvey Station. Her second husband also survives and the following stepchildren: Walter, Wesley and Alexander Coburn of Manners Sutton; Edward (sic)Coburn, McAdam; William (sic), Robert and Roy Coburn, Manners Sutton; Lottie, Mrs Pembroke Little, Manners Sutton; Zilla, Mrs Arnold Little, of Coburn, and Pearl, Mrs Hazen Patterson, of Tweedside. Two brothers, Henry and Alexander Swan are also left to mourn.

The funeral was held in the Harvey Presbyterian church on Sunday, July 10, a very large number attending.

They had the following children:

36	i.	Elizabeth "Lizzie" Briggs
37	ii.	James Matheson "Matthew" Briggs
38	iii.	Margaret Jane "Maggie" Briggs
39	iv.	William "Willie" Briggs
40	v.	Lottie Briggs
41	vi.	John H. Briggs
42	vii.	(Infant) Briggs (Twin)
43	viii.	Charles A. Briggs (Twin)
44	ix.	Allan Thomas Briggs

11. Matthew Briggs. Son of Thomas Briggs & Margaret Darling. Born Approx 1858 in Harvey.

From Weekly Telegraph, 22 Sep 1880: "Married 15th inst., by Rev. A. J. Mowatt, assisted by Rev. Joseph Barker of Sheffield, Matthew Briggs of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Mary Little, third daughter of David Little, Esq. of Manners Sutton, York Co."

Witnesses to marriage were A. Lawson and Robert Ballentine.

Matthew was 72 years of age and living in Minnesota in the 1930 US Census.

(From Generations, The Journal of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society, Fall 2003, page 7: "New Brunswicker's in the 1930 US Census", contributed by Marlene Lawrence, 30 Cross St. Unit 2, Petitcodiac,

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Minnesota -- Briggs, Matthew, age 72, County - Hennepin, Township - Minneapolis, Roll # T626-1089, Page 28A.)

He married Mary Elizabeth Little, daughter of David Little & Margaret Ann Herbert, 15 Sep 1880 in York Co., NB By Rev. A. J. Mowatt . Born 8 Feb 1856 in Harvey. Died 23 Jan 1913 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

At the time of their marriage in 1880, Matthew's home was listed as Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they lived in Minnesota for a number of years, however Mary returned to Harvey about 20 years prior to her death.

From newspaper obituary in The Daily Gleaner, 27 Jan 1913:

Mrs Mary E. Briggs

Harvey Station, Jan 24 -- Mrs Mary E. Briggs died at her home here yesterday morning after a brief illness. She was a daughter of the late David Little of Harvey Settlement, and of Mrs Margaret Little, whose death occurred in the same house only a fortnight ago. Her early years were spent at Little Settlement. She afterwards resided for some time in Minnesota, but for the last twenty years or more she has resided with her mother here. She was possessed of many good qualities and had a wide circle of friends who will regret to hear of her death.

She is survived by one son, Cyrus D. Briggs, who arrived from Minneapolis just in time to see his mother die. She is also survived by two brothers, Messrs. Thomas and Eben Little, of Coburn, and one sister, Mrs W. W. E. Smith, of this place.

They had the following children:

i. Cyrus David Briggs

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12. Thomas Briggs. Son of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister. Born 14 Jun 1859 in Harvey.

13. Margaret Jane Briggs. Daughter of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister. Born 15 May 1861 in Harvey.

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

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

16. Matthew W. 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.

No further information. (Possibly more children than the one listed below.)

They had the following children:

46 i. Matthew Wesley Briggs

17. Isabella Briggs. Daughter of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister.

18. Agnes Briggs. Daughter of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister.

19. Wilson Briggs. Son of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister. Born 26 Apr 1875. Died 29 Nov 1967.

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 Alfretta 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 Levenue's surviving children who attended the reunion: Mrytle 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.

He married Lavenue Wark, 27 Aug 1902 in Victoria Co., NB. Born 29 Nov 1886. Died 18 May 1962.

They had the following children:

47	i.	Ralph Briggs
48	ii.	Henry Briggs
49	iii.	Tressa Briggs
50	iv.	Effie Briggs
51	v.	Emmie Briggs
52	vi.	Murray Briggs
53	vii.	Merle Briggs
54	viii.	Mark Briggs
55	ix.	Myrtle Briggs
56	х.	Archie Briggs

20. Ellen Briggs. Daughter of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister.

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

**22. Isabella Briggs**. Daughter of Alexander Briggs & Margaret Jane Nesbitt. Born 14 Jan 1870 in Harvey. Christen 27 Mar 1870 in Harvey Presbyterian Church. Died 18 Jul 1962 in Winnipeg.

She married Henry Fulton Craig, son of William Craig & Elizabeth Nesbitt, 2 May 1890 in Winnipeg. Born 27 Jul 1866 in Harvey. Christen 30 Sep 1866 in Harvey Presbyterian Church. Died 18 Apr 1951 in Winnipeg.

They had the following children:

57	i.	Ethel Glorraine Craig
58	ii.	Margaret Jane Craig
59	iii.	William Allan Craig
60	iv.	Elizabeth Isabella Craig
61	v.	Henry Alexander "Alex" Craig
62	vi.	Genevieve Ann Craig

**23. Darling M. Briggs**. Daughter of Alexander Briggs & Margaret Jane Nesbitt. Born Approx 1873 in Harvey.

She married Matthew W. Briggs, son of Ralph Briggs & Jane Lister, 17 Dec 1895 in Harvey.

They had the following children: (Possibly more children than the one listed below.)

46 i. Matthew Wesley Briggs

**24. Elizabeth May Briggs**. Daughter of Alexander Briggs & Margaret Jane Nesbitt. Born Approx 1875 in Harvey.

She married Henry P. Butler, 30 Dec 1901 in Harvey. Born in Auburn, Maine.

**25. Thomas A. Briggs**. Son of Alexander Briggs & Margaret Jane Nesbitt. Born Apr 1877 in Harvey. Died 18 Apr 1878 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

**26. Mary Anne "Annie" Briggs**. Daughter of Alexander Briggs & Margaret Jane Nesbitt. Born 30 May 1881 in Harvey. Died 21 Jun 1980 in Manitoba.

She married George Clark Butte Beckett, 27 Jun 1912 in Manitoba. Born 22 Apr 1881. Died 6 Jul 1942 in Manitoba.

They had the following children:

63	i.	Alex George Beckett
64	ii.	Margaret Isabelle Beckett
65	iii.	Walter Henry "Harry" Beckett
66	iv.	John Allan Beckett (Twin)
67	v.	Genevieve Anne Beckett (Twin)

**27. Susanna Gloriana "Susie" Briggs**. Daughter of Alexander Briggs & Margaret Jane Nesbitt. Born 9 Sep 1884 in Harvey. Died 7 May 1917 in Harvey. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

She married James "Lorne" Coffey, son of Richard Coffey & Elizabeth Ann Dorcas, 25 Jun 1907 in Harvey. Born 14 Jun 1882 in Acton. Died 18 Jan 1968.

(Witnesses to marriage were D. A. Coffey and Minnie J. Briggs.)

They had the following children:

68 i. Margaret Elizabeth Coffey

**28. Minnie Jane Briggs**. Daughter of Alexander Briggs & Margaret Jane Nesbitt. Born 28 Feb 1890 in Harvey.

She married Carl Woodwell.

**29. Wesley W. Embleton**. Son of George R. Embleton & Jane Briggs. Born 9 Dec 1872 in Harvey. Died 8 Apr 1948.

Wesley was unmarried. He went to the Klondike during the gold rush days. Later he lived in Los Angeles, California.

**30. Thomas Albert "Ab" Embleton**. Son of George R. Embleton & Jane Briggs. Born 27 Sep 1874 in Harvey. Died 15 Jun 1956. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

Lived on a farm on the Swan Road in Harvey.

He married Margaret Isabelle Swan, daughter of Alexander "Sandy" Swan & Isabelle Kay Wilson, 21 Oct 1913 in Charlotte Co., NB. Born 26 Aug 1882 in Harvey Sta. Died 3 Apr 1960 in Harvey Sta. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

They had the following children:

69 i. Mabel Stella Jane Embleton

70 ii. Ruby Della Isabelle Embleton

**31. Hannah May Embleton**. Daughter of George R. Embleton & Jane Briggs. Born 30 Nov 1876 in Harvey. Died 1967 in New York.

Lived in White Plains, and Port Chester, New York.

She married Charles Daniels.

They had the following children:

71 i. Jennie Daniels

**32. Elizabeth "Lavina" Embleton**. Daughter of George R. Embleton & Jane Briggs. Born 14 Nov 1878 in Harvey. Died 8 Jan 1950.

Lavina and Eugene Bandel lived in White Sulfur Springs, Montana, and had two children: Eugene Jr., and Theodore Embleton Bandel.

She married Eugene Bandel, 3 Mar 1906 in Anaconda, Montana. Born 1879. Died Apr 1925. They had the following children:

- 72 i. Eugene Bandel Jr.
- 73 ii. Theodore Embleton Bandel

**33.** Annie "Alberta" Embleton. Daughter of George R. Embleton & Jane Briggs. Born 18 Jul 1880 in Harvey. Died 20 Jan 1960 in Butte, Montana. Buried in Mountain View Cemetery. Religion Methodist.

Alberta lived in Butte, Montana and had two children by first marriage: Robert Embleton MacKenzie and Charles Perkins MacKenzie.

From a Montana newspaper - 1960:

Death Summons Alberta Gilbert

Mrs Alberta A. Gilbert, wife of John Gilbert of 2019 Oregon, died in a local hospital Wednesday morning. She had been a Butte resident for the last 50 years. Mrs Gilbert was born at Harvey Station, NB, Canada, July 18, 1880.

She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile and the Methodist Church.

Besides her husband she is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Mr and Mrs Robert MacKenzie and Mr and Mrs Charles MacKenzie, all of Butte; grandchild, Robert J. MacKenzie, Butte; brothers and sistersin-law, Mr and Mrs Manzer Embleton, Harvey Station, Mrs Hannah Daniels of Port Chester, Maine; nephews and Nieces, Mr and Mrs Raymond Bell and Mr and Mrs Milton McMullen, of Harvey Station, and Mr and Mrs Theodore Bandel of Modesto, Calif.

The body is in Richards Funeral Home where the Rev. Richard F. Vick will conduct services Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

She first married John MacKenzie. Died Sep 1926.

They had the following children:

74i.Robert Embleton MacKenzie75ii.Charles Perkins MacKenzie

She second married John "Jack" Gilbert. Born 1880. Died Jul 1961.

**34. Lenna Jane Embleton**. Daughter of George R. Embleton & Jane Briggs. Born 10 May 1883 in Harvey. Died 5 May 1939. Buried in Rockland Cemetery, McAdam.

Lenna and Rude lived in McAdam. They raised two sons: Allison Delbert Phillips and Ivan Rudolph Phillips. (Two daughters died in infancy.)

From newspaper obituary:

Late Mrs L. Phillips

McAdam, May 8 -- The funeral of Mrs Lena Phillips was held this afternoon from her late home, McAdam Junction, at 2.30. Rev. Quincy Stairs of the Pentecostal Church officiated. Music was furnished by the choir, the hymns The End of the Way, and In the Golden By and By being sung. Home Sweet Home was sung by Mr and Mrs Flewelling. The flowers were of great beauty. The pallbearers were B. McGee, B. Robinson, P. Tracy and H. Anderson. Interment was made in the family lot, Rockland Cemetery.

She married Rudolph "Rude" Phillips. Born 12 May 1890. Died 20 Oct 1957. Buried in Rockland Cemetery, McAdam.

They had the following children:

- 76 i. Allison Delbert Phillips
- 77 ii. Ivan Rudolph Phillips

**35. Manzer George Hill Embleton**. Son of George R. Embleton & Jane Briggs. Born 28 Oct 1885 in Harvey. Died 3 Jan 1975 in Harvey Community Hospital. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

He first married Millicent "Millie" Plumedore. Born Approx 1901. Died 12 Apr 1926.

He second married Jessie "Maude" Wilson, daughter of Robert Wilson & Elizabeth "Betsy" Torrance, 17 Jul 1942. Born 26 Nov 1885 in Harvey Sta. Died 26 Aug 1970 in Harvey Community Hospital. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

36. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Briggs. Daughter of Thomas Briggs & Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan. Born 29 Nov

1876. Died 19 Apr 1917. Buried in Brockway Cemetery.

She married John S. Brockway, 18 Oct 1899 in York Co., NB. Born 6 Aug 1869 in Brockway, NB. Died 3 Nov 1942. Buried in Brockway Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

Two other babies died in infancy besides Cora and Alvia.

They had the following children:

78	i.	Cora Brockway
79	ii.	Olive Melissa Brockway
80	iii.	Alvia Brockway
81	iv.	Sarah "Elizabeth" Brockway
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82 v. Margaret Brockway

**37. James Matheson "Matthew" Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan. Born 18 Aug 1879 in Manners Sutton. Died 16 Nov 1935 in York Mills, NB. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Partner In Briggs & Little Woolen Mill, York Mills, NB.

From undated newspaper item:

Estate Admitted For Probate

On Saturday in the York County Probate Court before Judge of Probate J. B. Dickson, the estate of the late Councillor Matthew Briggs, of Manners Sutton was admitted for probate. The estate was valued at \$12,000 mostly made up of interest in the York woollen mills and life insurance. It is divided between the widow and children. Mrs Briggs and a son were the executors named in the will.

From newspaper obituary (1935):

Coun. J. M. Briggs Died on Saturday

Prominent Business Man of Harvey--Member of Municipal Council.

(Special Despatch to The Daily Gleaner)

Harvey Station, Nov 18 -- Word of the sudden passing on Saturday afternoon, of Councillor J. Matthew Briggs caused a general expression of regret. Mr Briggs had not been well for the past two years but until Friday he was able to attend to his business when he was stricken with a severe attack which resulted in his death on Saturday.

The late Mr Briggs was born in Manners Sutton, August 18th 1879. He was employed with the C.P.R. at McAdam for a time and following was the manager of the Farmers Trading Company, Ltd., Coburn, for a period of seven years. Since 1916 he and his partner Howard M. Little, have owned and operated the Briggs & Little Woolen Mills, York Mills. The esteem in which he was held in this parish was demonstrated when he was elected a Councillor for Manners Sutton by acclamation in 1933. He was a highly respected and honored citizen, well known for his fairness, sound judgment and business ability, a keen sportsman and much interested in all activities for the betterment of the community. He will be deeply mourned by all who came under the influence of his true Christian life.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Miss Cora L. Little, one son, Russell, of the firm of Briggs & Little, two daughters, Mrs Charles Leighton, Windsor, Ont., and Miss Margaret, R.N., at home, two sisters, Mrs LeBaron Little, York Mills, Mrs Harry T. Swan, Harvey Station, and one brother, Charles Briggs, Manners Sutton.

The funeral was held from the home this afternoon at 2.30 pm. Interment in the Harvey Cemetery.

He married Cora Levina Haslett, daughter of James Hazlett & Angelina "Gelena" Little, 21 Aug 1901 in York Co., NB. Born 31 Oct 1884. Died 20 Nov 1961 in Harvey Community Hospital. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

They had the following children:

83 i. Vercelia Gelena Jane Briggs

84 ii. Russell Thomas Briggs

85 iii. Margaret A Briggs

**38. Margaret Jane "Maggie" Briggs**. Daughter of Thomas Briggs & Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan. Born 18 May 1881 in Harvey Sta. Died 6 Dec 1952. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

She married Lebaron Lester Little, son of Robert Little & Christina Coburn, 5 Aug 1903 in York Co.,

NB. Born 25 Jul 1881 in Harvey. Died 21 Jan 1978 in Harvey Community Hospital. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

They had the following children:

86	i.	Sarah "Rosella" Christina Little
87	ii.	Lottie Marguerite Little
88	iii.	Frederick Thomas Little
89	iv.	Jessie Elizabeth Little
90	v.	Charles LeBaron Little

**39. William "Willie" Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan. Born Oct 1884 in Harvey Sta. Died 18 Dec 1886 in Harvey Sta. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

**40.** Lottie Briggs. Daughter of Thomas Briggs & Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan. Born 4 Aug 1885 in Harvey Sta. Died 9 Dec 1964 in Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Religion Presbyterian.

She married Henry Thomas "Harry" Swan, son of John Moffitt Swan & Mary Coburn, 22 Jun 1910 in York Co., NB. Born 12 Mar 1884 in Tweedside, NB. Died 28 Jul 1955 in Harvey Community Hospital. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Mill Operator, Carpenter, Undertaker. Religion Presbyterian.

From newspaper obituary - 1955:

Widely Known Harvey Resident, Dies, Buried

Harvey Station - The death of Harry T. Swan occurred at Harvey Community Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr Swan was born at Tweedside in York County 71 years ago, a son of the late John and Mary (Coburn) Swan. Most of his life was spent in this community where he was a well known carpenter. He was also a mill operator for many years and was well and favorably known. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and an elder for forty years; a charter member of Cherry Mountain Lodge No. 50 F.A.A.M., a member of Unity Chapter No. 35 O.E.S., a member of the Management Board of Harvey Community Hospital and the County Finance Unit. He took an active part in all community affairs and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and relatives.

Mr Swan is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Lottie Briggs of Harvey; three daughters, Mrs James Craig of Fredericton, Mrs Herb Swan and Mrs Allison Knowlton of Harvey; three brothers, Arthur Swan, Fredericton, George Swan, Portland, Oregon, and John Swan of Harvey; two sisters, Mrs James R. Swan, Tweedside, and Mrs Harold Langley, Brockway, NB; six grandchildren, Sheila and LeRoy Knowlton, Paul, Larry and Dale Swan and Nancy Craig.

A son, Allen Swan, predeceased him.

The funeral was held from Knox Church following prayers at his late home. Rev. Dr. Watson of Fredericton conducted the service assisted by the choir of Knox Church who sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Breathe On Me Breath of God." The church was filled to capacity and many stood outdoors. Floral tributes were very numerous and beautiful, prominent were the Eastern Star and the Masonic Emblem.

Dr. Watson brought a comforting message to the bereaved family and spoke of the life of the deceased in his home, his church and the community.

They had the following children:

91	i.	Allan John Swan
92	ii.	Sarah "Florence" Swan
93	iii.	Mary Elizabeth "Allene" Swan
94	iv.	Margaret "Joyce" Winnifred Swan

**41. John H. Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan. Born 7 Sep 1887 in Harvey Sta. Died 11 May 1930 in Chipman Memorial Hospital, St. Stephen. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Milling Business.

From newspaper obituary - 1930:

John Briggs of York Mills, age 43, died May 11, 1930. Mr Briggs death followed an operation in

Chipman Memorial Hospital, St. Stephen. His health had not been good for some time but able to be around the house and see to his work. He was a son of the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Briggs, Manners Sutton, and carried on a large milling business at York Mills, and also had an interest in the box factory of that place.

For further information on this family see page 66, "The Little Family of Harvey Settlement 1786-1992" compiled by J. Watson, B. Swan and J. Hall.

He married Tressa Jane Little, daughter of James Lewis Little & Annie F. Parker, 11 Jun 1913 in York Co., NB. Born 25 Jun 1890 in York Mills. Died 7 Oct 1993 in Loch Lomond Villa, Saint John. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

From The Daily Gleaner, 8 Oct 1993:

BRIGGS

On Thursday, October 7, 1993, Tressa Jane Briggs, of Loch Lomand Villa, Saint John, formerly of York Mills, NB, in her 104th year. Survived by three sons Ross and his wife Lucille of Vancouver, Alan and his wife Phyllis of York Mills, Manley and his wife Clarice of Saint John, one daughter Thelma Briggs of Saint John.

Resting at Swan Funeral Home in Harvey until Saturday when funeral service will be held in the funeral home at 2 pm, Rev. Gordon Blackwell and Rev. David Dewar officiating. Visiting hours Friday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Interment in Harvey Community Cemetery.

They had the following children:

95	i.	Thelma Mina Briggs
96	ii.	John "Ross" Briggs
97	iii.	Allan Alburn "Tommy" Briggs
98	iv.	Manley Donald Briggs

**42. (Infant) Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan. Born 15 Jul 1890 in Harvey Sta. Died 19 Jul 1890 in Harvey Sta. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

**43.** Charles A. Briggs. Son of Thomas Briggs & Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan. Born 15 Jul 1890 in Harvey Sta. Died 5 May 1956. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery. Occupation Farmer.

He married Sarah Elizabeth Jane "Bessie" Burrell, daughter of Thomas A. S. Burrell & Isabella Christina "Tina" Piercy, 29 Mar 1916 in York Co., NB. Born 22 Sep 1898 in Tweedside. Died 26 Nov 1970 in Harvey Community Hospital. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

They had the following children:

99i.Roxie Briggs100ii.Thomas Matheson Briggs

**44. Allan Thomas Briggs**. Son of Thomas Briggs & Sarah Jane "Janie" Swan. Born 31 Oct 1894 in Harvey Sta. Died 4 Jul 1932. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

He married Alma Isabell Little, daughter of George Marshall Little & Mary Isabel Lister. Born 17 Jun 1897 in York Mills. Died 26 Nov 1982 in Moncton Hospital. Buried in Harvey Settlement Cemetery.

From The Daily Gleaner, 27 Nov 1982:

Mrs Alma Briggs

Mrs Alma Isabel Briggs of Riverview and formerly of York Mills, died Friday at the Moncton Hospital following a brief illness. She was 85.

Born in York Mills, she was the daughter of the late George and Mary (Lister) Little. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church, Riverview, and a life member of the Saxby Temple No. 35 Pythian Sisters of Riverview. Her husband, the late Allan Briggs, predeceased her in 1932.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs Merle Robinson (Katrine) with whom she lived, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is the last surviving member of her immediate family.

The body is resting at Tuttle Brothers Funeral Home, Moncton from where the funeral service will be held on Sunday, Nov 28 at 2:30 pm. The body will be forwarded to the Swan Funeral Home, Harvey

Station where a prayer service will be held on Tuesday, Nov 30 at 2 pm. Interment will follow in Harvey Cemetery.

They had the following children:101i.Mary Katherine "Katrine" Briggs102ii.Betty Briggs

**45.** Cyrus David Briggs. Son of Matthew Briggs & Mary Elizabeth Little. Born Approx 1890. Christen 23 Sep 1893 in Harvey Presbyterian Church Records. Died Approx 1950/1960 in Mesulo, Montana. In 1891 Census, he was one year old and living with his mother in his grandparent's home.

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