



## Family of Henry Mordecai Widdifield and Anna Lundy in Upper Canada

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### Generation One

1. **Henry Mordecai Widdifield** #134310, religion Society of Friends/Quaker.

Family originally from England, settled in Pennsylvania. Henry came to Whitchurch, York County, Ontario in 1801 (Pioneer Life...)

He married **Anna Lundy** #134311, b. 1790 in Pennsylvania?.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Anna:**

Sister of slave emancipator Benjamin Lundy.

#### *Children:*

2. i. **John Crumley Widdifield** #68738 b. 21 February 1832.

### Generation Two

2. **John Crumley Widdifield** #68738, b. 21 February 1832 in Haldimand County, Ontario,<sup>2,3,4</sup> occupation 1871 Bailiff in Uxbridge, Ontario North,<sup>3</sup> d. 25 November 1908 in Uxbridge, Ontario County, Ontario.<sup>5,6</sup>

1871: Family lived in Uxbridge, Ontario.

He married **Elizabeth Stowerling** #68739, b. c 03 April 1837 in Ontario County, Ontario,<sup>3,7</sup> (daughter of **(unidentified) Stowerling** #103242 and **Caroline Ashton** #103243), d. 17 February 1921 in Stouffville, York County, Ontario.<sup>7</sup>

#### **Elizabeth:**

Note that on Elizabeth's death certificate, her maiden name is shown as "STOUTENBURGH".

#### *Children:*

3. i. **Charles Howard Widdifield** #68735 b. c. 1859.
4. ii. **Annie Widdifield** #103235 b. c. 1860.
5. iii. **Francis Widdifield** #103237 b. c. 1862.
6. iv. **Caroline (Carrie) Widdifield** #103236 b. c. 1864.
7. v. **Mortimer Widdifield** #103240 b. c 1866.
8. vi. **Mary Widdifield** #103238 b. c 1867.

9. vii. **Elizabeth Widdifield** #103241 b. 1870.

*Generation Three*

3. **Charles Howard Widdifield** #68735, b. c. 1859 in Uxbridge, Ontario County, Ontario,<sup>8,3</sup> occupation 1887 - 1889 Barrister and Solicitor in Picton, occupation Judge, d. 10 June 1937 in 90 Admiral Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada,<sup>9</sup> buried 12 June 1937 in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto, York Co., Ontario, Canada.<sup>9</sup> .

1925: Residence at 209 Spadina Road, Toronto at second marriage

from Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904, The Morgan Families:.

"James F. Gillespie, a son of Sheriff Gillespie, and grandson of the pioneer Thomas Morgan, was appointed deputy sheriff for the County of Prince Edward in 1876. Before receiving his official appointment he was engaged in commercial life, having served for some time in a merchant's office. Besides his more important official duties, for the last nineteen years he has held the post of treasurer for the town of Picton; he is also treasurer of the Public School Board. His daughter Emma M. is the wife of Charles Howard Widdifield, a leading barrister of Picton. The Widdifields were an English Quaker family who settled in Pennsylvania, and one of whose descendants, Henry Widdifield, located as a United Empire Loyalist in Whitchurch, county of York, in 1801. The family retained its Quaker tenets, one member, Richard Widdifield, being at one time widely known in Upper Canada, as a Friend preacher. The family has numerous branches settled in York and Ontario counties. Another of its members, J. Henry Widdifield, M.D., has been sheriff of Toronto for some years. He was for fourteen years representative for North York in the Legislative Assembly, and moved the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne at the session of 1875. Charles H. Widdifield's grandmother was a sister of Benjamin Lundy, who published the first anti-slavery paper in the United States. In an interesting article in the Cosmopolitan Magazine it is stated that Benjamin Lundy was a New Jersey Quaker, who was born at Hardwick, and that his English and Welsh ancestors came at an early date to America, where branches of the family have been found in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and, indeed, wherever Quakers settled. The article adds that Lundy too the field about 1818 as a missionary of emancipation, and planted the seeds of that great movement which finally achieved the downfall of slavery. His sister, Anna Lundy, who was born in 1790, was the grandmother of Charles H. Widdifield.

"Mr. Widdifield was born at Uxbridge, in Ontario County. After receiving his education at the Upper Canada College, he read law in the office of Hector M. Howell, K.C., now of Winnipeg. Continuing his studies under Martin and Hopkins, of Lindsay, he was admitted as solicitor in 1881, and called to the Bar in 1886. He first practised in Uxbridge for four years with J.A. McGillvray, K.C., now Supreme Secretary of the Independent Order of Foresters. In 1883 he married, and in 1885 he settled in Picton. Since that date he has been a prominent figure in Prince Edward County in legal circles. In 1894 he was appointed Local Master of the High Court, having since continued to hold that office. He is secretary and treasurer of the Bay of Quinte Insurance Company. Like all the members of his family Mr. Widdifield is an ardent Liberal, and has for some time now acted as secretary of the County Liberal Association. He has frequently contributed to legal periodicals, and is the author of a work known as Widdifield on Costs. The Western Law Times reviewing this publication in 1891, writes: -

"We would have felt inclined to say that Mr. Widdifield had approached perfection in the special method he has followed in dealing with his subject, for we have nothing but praise for this useful and eminently practical book. The work, which is a manual on the taxation of costs in the High Court of Justice, is altogether very complete, and we must congratulate the author on the real success of his labors."

"Mr. Widdifield has taken his share in the local affairs of Picton, and has been a member of the Town Council and the School Board. He has not, like his ancestors, adhered to the Friends Society, but is an earnest supporter of the Church of England and Church Warden of St. Maty Magdalene's Church in Picton."

He married (1) **Emma Morgan Gillespie** #68743, 25 September 1883 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>10</sup> b. c. 1858 - 1861 in Ontario,<sup>11</sup> (daughter of **James Gillespie** #94796 [Confectioner in Picton] and **Sarah M. Morgan** #94797), d. before 1925.

*Children:*

10. i. **James Gillespie Widdifield** #68737 b. 08 September 1887.
11. ii. **Charles Russell Widdifield** #83807 b. 17 JUL1889.
12. iii. **Grace Montgomery Widdifield** #83808 b. 23 February 1895\*\*.
13. iv. **Thomas Howard Widdifield** #174372 b. 26 January 1895.
14. v. **Mary Montgomery Widdifield** #83810 b. 19 January 1897.

He married (2) **Annie Christina MacDonald** #68736, 04 November 1925 in Toronto, ON, Canada, b. c 1870,<sup>12</sup> (daughter of **Archibald Campbell?** #68741 and **Ann MacDonald** #68740), d. after 1937 in Toronto?

**Annie:**

1925: Residence in Chatsworth, ON at second marriage.

4. **Annie Widdifield** #103235, b. c. 1860 in Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .

She married **Merritt V. Disher** #157952, 07 August 1907 in Bertie, Welland County, Ontario,<sup>13</sup> b. c. 1870 in Ridgeway, Ontario (son of **Benjamin M. Disher** #157954 and **Manilla Dickout?** #157955), occupation 1907 Merchant in Ridgeway, occupation 1921 Printer in Bertie Township.

**Merritt:**

1921: Lived with second wife, children from first marriage in Bertie Township, Welland, Ontario.

5. **Francis Widdifield** #103237, b. c. 1862 in Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .

6. **Caroline (Carrie) Widdifield** #103236, b. c. 1864 in Uxbridge, Ontario County, Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .

She married **Thomas J.W. Sutherland** #157948, 16 December 1891 in Uxbridge, Ontario County, Ontario,<sup>14</sup> b. c. 1847 in East Gwillimbury, Ontario (son of **Donald Sutherland** #157950 and **Frances Wilson** #157951), occupation 1892 Jeweller in Bradford, Ontario.

7. **Mortimer Widdifield** #103240, b. c 1866 in Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .
8. **Mary Widdifield** #103238, b. c 1867 in Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .
9. **Elizabeth Widdifield** #103241, b. 1870 in Uxbridge, Ontario North, Ontario,<sup>3</sup> occupation 1904 Nurse in Picton, religion 1904 Roman Catholic.

1871: Aged three months at time of census.

She married **John Kearney** #103245, 01 November 1904 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>15</sup> b. c 1873 in New York City, USA (son of **Charles W. Kearney** #103246 and **Isabella Green** #103247), occupation 1904 Architect in New York City, religion 1904 Anglican.

#### *Generation Four*

10. **James Gillespie Widdifield** #68737, b. 08 September 1887 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>16</sup> d. July 1976 in Michigan, USA,<sup>17</sup> occupation Minister.

1937: Informant at father's death, residence 90 Admiral Road, Toronto, Ontario.

He married **Nellie Victoria Blanch Clatworthy** #83814, 23 July 1913 in Toronto, York County, Ontario,<sup>18</sup> (daughter of **Kitty Lawer** #83816 and **George Clatworthy** #83815 [Manufacturer]).

11. **Charles Russell Widdifield** #83807, b. 17 JUL1889 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>19</sup> .

He married **Marion Denne** #83821, 24 December 1915 in Peterborough, Ontario,<sup>20</sup> b. 1891 in Peterborough, Ontario,<sup>21</sup> (daughter of **Thomas Henry G. Denne** #83822 and **Anna May Davidson** #83823), d. 1950,<sup>21</sup> buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>21</sup>

#### **Marion:**

Confirm birth/death dates, some confusion on gravestone (Image 18-07253).

#### *Children:*

15. i. **Pat C. Russell Widdifield** #110649.

12. **Grace Montgomery Widdifield** #83808, b. 23 February 1895\*\* in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>22,23</sup> .

Confirm birth date, brother Thomas was born 26 JAN 1895 (ref. 027897-1895)

1911: Lived in Owen Sound, Ontario when married.

She married **Hugh Beverly Roney** #83811, 20 September 1911 in Owen Sound, Grey County, Ontario,<sup>24</sup> b. c 1886 (son of **Gifford Roney** #83812 [Farmer] and **Victoria Lott** #83813), occupation Medical Doctor.

#### **Hugh:**

1911: Lived in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA when married.

13. **Thomas Howard Widdifield** #174372, b. 26 January 1895 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>25</sup> .  
14. **Mary Montgomery Widdifield** #83810, b. 19 January 1897 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>26</sup> .

#### *Generation Five*

15. **Pat C. Russell Widdifield** #110649.

Verify this relationship... birth/death dates are suspect...

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- <sup>1</sup> Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904; The Morgan Families, pages 576 - 579.
  - <sup>2</sup> Details from son Charles' 1937 death record.
  - <sup>3</sup> 1871 Uxbridge, Ontario North census; age/birthplace/assumed relationship.
  - <sup>4</sup> Quaker Meeting Records, West Lake Meeting ; Membership Record Book, 98-H-1; 1796-1888.
  - <sup>5</sup> York County Death Register.
  - <sup>6</sup> ONVS Deaths, ref. 005219-1908; c/d: Apoplexy (cerebral), a few days; Informant: S. MOORE.
  - <sup>7</sup> ONVS Deaths, ref. 038077-1921; c/d: Old Age, Heart failure; Informant: Mrs. F. SANGSTER, Stouffville, daughter.
  - <sup>8</sup> Age 78 at death in 1937.
  - <sup>9</sup> ONVS Deaths; ref. 1937-004878; c/d: Myocardial failure, coronary thrombosis, arteriosclerosis; chronic nephritis, uremia; Informant: Rev. James WIDDIFIELD, 90 Admiral Road, Toronto; Son.
  - <sup>10</sup> Ontario, Canada Marriages, index only.
  - <sup>11</sup> 1871 Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.
  - <sup>12</sup> Age 55 when married in 1925.
  - <sup>13</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 020877-1907; Witnesses: Edith M. DISHER. Robert M. DISHER; both in Ridgeway.
  - <sup>14</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 009019-1892; Witnesses: Charles A. SMITH, Bradford; Cora WIDDIFIELD, Uxbridge.
  - <sup>15</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 016244-1904; Witnesses: James WIDDIFIELD, E. WIDDIFIELD; both in Picton.
  - <sup>16</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 029897-1887.
  - <sup>17</sup> SSDI SSN 385-36-1440.
  - <sup>18</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 0235608-1913.
  - <sup>19</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 031641-1889.
  - <sup>20</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 012131-1915; Witnesses: T.H. DENNE, Roland DENNE; both in Peterborough.
  - <sup>21</sup> Glenwood Cemetery, Section M, August 2018; Image 18-07253.
  - <sup>22</sup> 1901 Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario census; birthdate/relationship.
  - <sup>23</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 024898-1885.
  - <sup>24</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 1911, Grey County; Witnesses: Margaret DUNNE, 462 Gilmour Street, Peterborough; H.D. COWPER, M.D. Owen Sound.
  - <sup>25</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 027897-1895.
  - <sup>26</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 036492-1897.