

Early Residents of Marrtown, Jordan Mountain, Goshen/Sheba, Thompson Corner, McFarlane Settlement

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Marrtown is Located 5.56 km N of **Kierstead Mountain**, Studholm Parish, Kings County, N.B. It was originally called **McKnight**, PO 1886-1899 with G.E. McKnight as the first postmaster. In 1898 McKnight was a farming settlement with 1 post office, 1 store and a population of about 75. It was renamed Marrtown in 1899: and was PO 1899-1928.

Jordan Mountain is located about 10 miles north of Sussex on a road running parallel to that from Smith Creek to Old Ridge and Havelock. This road lies along a height of land between Smith Creek and Millstream valley. The school district was identified as #7, parish of Studholm. It received its name from the Jordan brothers who were the first settlers in the area.

Goshen is located 4.52 km NE of Highfield, Johnston Parish, Queens County. It was settled about 1827. In 1866 Goshen was a farming community with approximately 22 families, including 5 Johnston families. In 1871 it had a population of 100 and in 1898 Goshen had a population of 75, which included Sheba, PO 1878-1947. In 1898 Sheba was a settlement with 1 post office and a population of 50.

Thompson Corner is located 2.26 km NW of Kierstead Mountain, on the road to Long Creek, Studholm Parish, Kings Co., N.B., and included the settlement of Fenwick, PO 1862-1928 with Freeze Fenwick as the first postmaster. In 1898 Fenwick was a farming settlement with 1 post office, 1 store and a population of 150.

McFarlane Settlement is located 5.36 km SE of Long Creek, on the road to Kierstead Mountain, Johnston Parish, Queens County. It was settled about 1825 by a McFarlane family from Ireland. In 1866 McFarlane Settlement was a farming community with approximately 9 resident families.

Marrtown Families

The Marrtown Road runs off the Trans Canada at the side of the Simpson property. Early settlers of Marrtown, as remembered by Mrs. Murray (Ethel) Keirstead, of Berwick, were: Keirsteads, Bunnells, Fowlers, Redstones, Fawcetts, Camerons, Rankins, Gamblins, McKnights, Longs, Coyles, Chitticks, Perrys, Birneys, Rouses, Thompson, Forwards, and Greggs. Edward Long had a general store and a butcher shop in early days on the Gamblin Road, which at one time, was a well-travelled road between Marrtown and Keirstead Mountain, coming onto the highway between the Harold Thompson and Lloyd Sleep farms. Mr. Long later moved to Lower Millstream. The Coyle family kept the post office and later Herbert Chittick kept the post office in his general store on the Chittick Road. The first postmaster was George Edwin McKnight from 1889-1900 and it was called McKnight's post office. Tilley McKnight also kept a post office and also had a lumber, shingle, and sawmill run from a water pond.

David McKnight had a carpenter shop but he later moved to Berwick. George McKnight had a blacksmith shop at Marr's Corner. This was also called Thompson's Corner. Some mining and prospecting was done in the area but there was not enough to make it valuable. It was called the

Snider Mountain Mine. George R. McKnight had a store and a grist mill between Marrtown and Snider Mountain built by Stephen Chapman. The school district was called the "Counties of Kings and Queens." It consisted of Studholm, Brunswick and Johnston Parishes, a border district. At one time it had 40 pupils, but it was closed and opened many times due to weather and no doubt teachers not available. Henry Chapman deeded a piece of land for a school in 1873 for the sum of \$5.00 and Justice Bunnell and Steve Gregg built the school.

The census rolls of 1851 for the Parish of Studholm list several **Marr** families who settled in and around Jordan Mountain, Keirstead Mountain, Gibbon Mountain, Marrtown, McFarlane Settlement, and Goshen/Sheba.

~The Arrival of the Marr Families~

Alexander Marr Sr., 1749-1829, a native of Aberdeen Scotland, served with the 42nd. Highland Regiment throughout the American Revolutionary War, was discharged at Halifax in 1783, came with the Loyalists to St. John, married Esther Job Deed, and eventually received a 250 acre crown grant at Smiths Creek in 1809 where the Pat Madden farm is located. He was founder of the Marrs who spread along the creek and over Jordan Mountain. In 1800 he had 5 acres of land, 4 cattle and 4 sheep. He died of drowning in 1828 at 80 years of age and is said to be buried at the Nowlan/Knollin cemetery, although no marker remains. Issue: Richard, Lydia, John, James, Alexander.

Richard Marr was the eldest son of Alexander Marr Sr. (1795-1862). Farmer in Marrtown. Married Elizabeth Rouse (1800-1879) about 1818. In the 1851 census; George M., age 24; Charles, age 21; David, age 16; William, age 12; Gersham, age 5; Elizabeth, age 18; Lydia, age 14; Emily, age 10. The settlement of Marrtown was established by Richard Marr about 1840 and the McKnight families settled there later, William McKnight being the first. Several of Richard's family remained there and one of them operated a blacksmith shop.

Alexander Marr Jr. (1811-1875)

A son of Alexander Marr Sr., born 1811 Jordan Mountain, farmer. He married **Sarah Jane Graham** Dec. 27th 1832. He lost his life in Trout Brook, while returning home one night from work at The Vale (Sussexvale). He left Sarah Jane (Graham) Marr a widow, age 36; his children; Abigail, age 19; Sarah, age 14; Christy Ann, age 12; Margaret, age 7; Eliza Jane, age 3; Charlotte Amelia, age 1; John, age 13; George A., age 10; William James, age 6; Elisha, age 4. Alexander is buried on Jordan Mountain.

James Marr, a son of Alexander Marr Sr., was born at Smith's Creek 10 Dec. 1806. He married, at the age of 19, 17 year old **Mary Ann Graham** in August of 1825. In 1827 they moved to Jordan Mountain, where they brought up 12 children and spent their remaining 64 years. Mrs. Marr died Oct. 23, 1899. For many years there was only a blazed trail up the hill to their home. James Marr carried a sack of grain on his back to the mill at the McGregor Brook Road and returned home with the flour and meal over the same long, hilly route. He walked down the mountain trail with his wife, and as many children as could go along, to attend Methodist Church services in a little schoolhouse along the creek. James Marr died at his home on Jordan Mountain, the 25th Feb. 1892, the oldest resident on Jordan Mountain. James was known as an honest man, a good neighbour and a kind father. His funeral at Newtown was preached by Rev. James Crisp. James and Mary Ann rest in the Newtown cemetery.

Issue:

Family of James Marr 1806-1892 & Mary Ann Graham 1808-1889; married at Sussex, Aug. 4, 1825 (*Nancy in 1851 census)

1. James Thomas 1826-1807, m. Elizabeth Harrison Coates 1824-1904
2. Mary Ann 1829-1897, m. William Tamlyn; William buried Jordan Mt., Mary Ann buried Newtown Cem.
- ¾ Twins: Edward William and William Edward, born 28 May 1831.
3. Edward W. 1831-1911, m. widow Mary Jane (McArthur) Murray 1842-1882
4. William E. 1831-1904, m. Susannah Grigg 1839-1880
5. James Henry 1834-1907, m. Mary Eliza Marr 1842-1927 d/o Wilson Marr
6. Simon Peter 1837-1919 m. Amanda M. Coates 1846-1920. Buried Pine Grove Cem.
7. Oliver-no data
8. George, resided at Jordan Mtn in 1918, b. 1838
9. Susan Amelia 1845-1872 m. John McGaughey. Buried Jordan Mountain
10. Alfred Flynn 1846-1926, m. Letitia Esther Folkins 1852-1912 (**Jim Marr's g.grandparents**)
11. Elizabeth Jane 1849 m. David Brown
12. Reuben Chesley 1852 –m. Georginna A. Kerr, b. 1852 New Maryland, N.B. d/o Andrew J. Kerr and Mary Murray Noble. Moved to Newburyport, MA

Obituary~Mary Ann (Graham) Marr

Jordan Mountain (Kings Co.) Oct. 30, 1889 - It is with deep sorrow that we chronicle the death of **Mrs. James Marr** (Mary Ann Graham) who departed this life 23rd inst. in her 81st year. The wide circle of friends that the deceased has left behind her will lament to learn that such a useful light has been extinguished. Her innumerable acts of kindness will ever bear testimony to the fact that she was a friend indeed. Her philanthropic spirit has been instrumental in erecting to her memory a grander monument of remembrance than could ever be sculptured by man, and a respect and admiration too deep to be accurately expressed except by those to whom she has in various ways proved herself a friend. She was married before she was 18 years old and had lived to share the joys and sorrows of over 64 years. She was the mother of twelve children, nine of whom survive her. She was a grandmother of 62 and a great grandmother of 19. Her remains were interred in Newtown burying ground 25th inst. The funeral sermon was conducted by Rev. A. Lucas.

James and Mary had but three neighbours, the **Jordan** brothers; **John**, born in Bedford, England, 16 October, 1795, who had come to New Brunswick in 1822, settling on Jordan Mountain and **Richard** and **Moses**, for whom the mountain was named.

Mary Elizabeth (Jordan) Reynolds, born October 1, 1835, a daughter of John Jordan and Sarah Abigail Marr, Alexander Marr's daughter. Mrs F.A. Reynolds of Manhurst, Kings County, died in peace and assurance of eternal life at her home on the 7th instant, 1908, age 73. Her husband was Frank Reynolds (1835-1917). They rest in Maple Grove Cemetery, Petitcodiac, old section, across the road.

~ McKnight Family of English Settlement and Marrtown~

The archival record preserves information about five McKnight siblings who came to New Brunswick from Northern Ireland in 1826. Other early members of this family are unknown. David McKnight, in applying for a grant of land in English Settlement in October 1826, stated that he had a brother and two sisters dependent upon him. David McKnight later exchanged this grant with William McKnight, apparently a fifth sibling, who, according to the 1851 Census, also arrived in the province in 1826.

[unknown father]^A **McKnight**

Issue:

- i. Margaret McKnight, b. 1784, Ireland
- ii. Josiah McKnight, b. say 1790, Ireland
- iii. David McKnight, b. 1795, County Donegal, Ireland
- iv. William McKnight, b. 1797, Ireland
- v. Ann "Nancy" McKnight, b. 1801 Ireland

William¹ McKnight, b. 1797, Ireland; d. 1881-1891; m. in Ireland; to **Sarah McCorkle**; b. 1803, Ireland; d. 1881-1891. They are interred in the Kirk Cemetery, Keirstead Mountain, Studholm parish, Kings County.

Issue:

- i. Sarah McKnight, b. 1826, Ireland
- ii. Paul McKnight, b. 1828, Sussex parish, Kings County, NB
- iii. James McKnight, b. 1 November, 1830, Sussex parish, Kings County, NB
- iv. Margaret McKnight, b. 1832, Sussex parish, Kings County, NB
- v. William McKnight, b. 21 January, 1835, Sussex parish, Kings County, NB
- vi. Mary McKnight, b. 1836, Sussex parish, Kings County, NB
- vii. David McKnight, bapt. 26 August, 1838, records of Trinity Church, Sussex, Kings County, NB; d.y.
- viii. David McKnight, b. 1 May, 1841, Studholm parish, Kings County, NB
- ix. John McKnight, b. 1842, Studholm parish, Kings County, NB
- x. George McKnight, b. 1844, Studholm parish, Kings County, NB
- xi. Elizabeth McKnight, b. 1846, Studholm parish, Kings County, NB

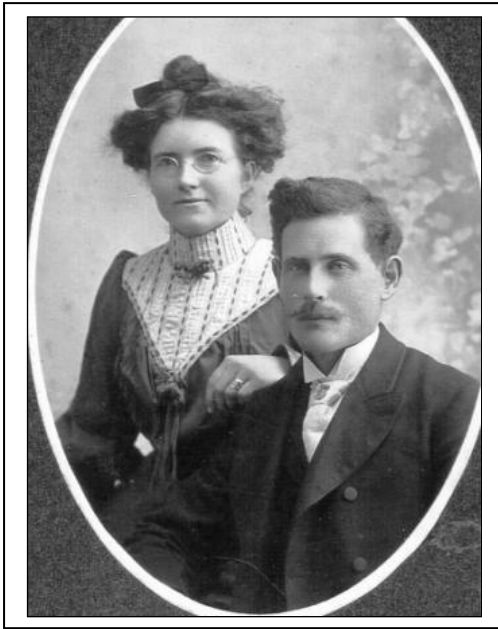
William McKnight purchased a piece of his brother David's grant at English Settlement in 1829. He sold this tract back to David in 1837. ¹He shared in the inheritance of his late brother Josiah's property around that time. Afterwards William McKnight settled at **Marrtown**, which was at that time part of **McFarland Settlement**, and which was later called **Fenwick** after the local postmaster. William McKnight was enumerated as a farmer and proprietor there in 1851. ²

William McKnight and his wife **Sarah McCorkle** were married in Ireland and had a large family. Their eldest child was born in Ireland and at least ten more children were born to them in New Brunswick. William McKnight was a farmer and a lumberman and lived at **Marrtown** until his death in the 1880s. ³ He and his wife Sarah were Presbyterians and were interred in the Old Kirk Cemetery at nearby Keirstead Mountain, though no tombstone or marker remains.

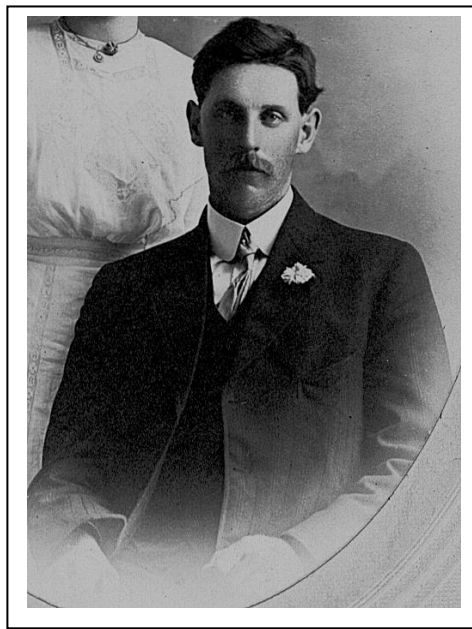
William² McKnight Jr. (*William¹*) b. 21 January, 1835, Sussex Parish, Kings County, NB; bapt. 1 September, 1835, records of St. Andrew's Kirk, Saint John, NB; d. after 1911; m. to **Susan Lavinia Taylor**, daughter of Samuel Taylor and Barbara Ann Best; b. 6 April, 1847, Studholm Parish, Kings County, NB; d. after 1911.

Issue:

1. David Wellington McKnight, b. 17 March, 1868, Marrtown, Studholm Parish, m. Rachel Ellen Thompson
2. William Albert McKnight, b. 26 October, 1880, Marrtown, Studholm Parish, m. Joyce Edna Crealock
3. Susan Jane McKnight, b. 10 September, 1872, Marrtown, Studholm Parish, m. James Robert Gamblin
4. Samuel James McKnight, b. 4 April, 1874, Marrtown, Studholm Parish, unmarried.
5. George Stanley McKnight, b. 1876, Marrtown, Studholm Parish, unmarried.
6. Ann Augusta McKnight, b. 26 March, 1878; Marrtown, Studholm Parish
7. Locksey Seymour McKnight, b. 1881, Marrtown, Studholm Parish
8. Charles Murray McKnight, b. 3 July 1883, Marrtown, Studholm Parish
9. John Henry McKnight, b. 18 Nov 1886, Marrtown, Studholm Parish, m. Ethel Idella Cameron
10. Edwin Ford McKnight, b. 10 Dec 1888, Marrtown, Studholm Parish
11. Effie Lavenia McKnight, b. 17 Jan 1890, Marrtown, Studholm Parish, m. Thomas Wiley Birney



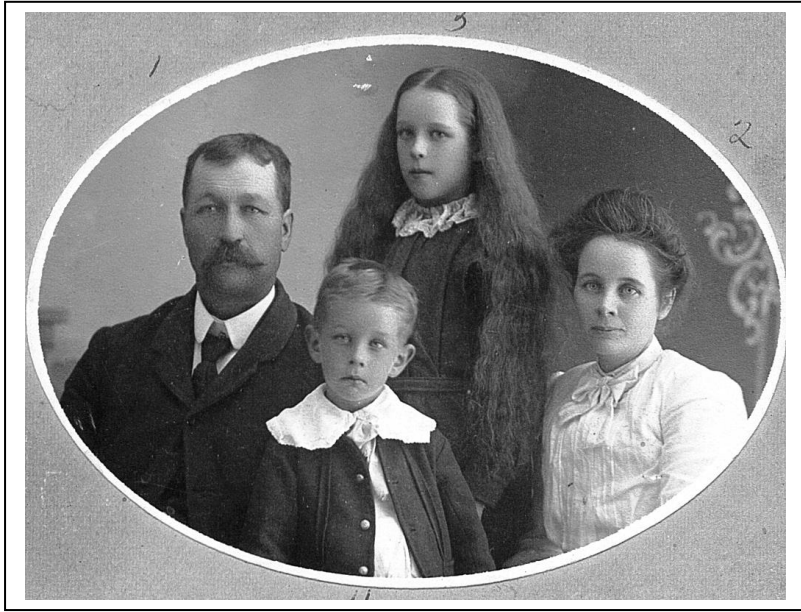
William Albert McKnight &
Joyce Edna Crealock



Samuel James McKnight



Annie Almira &
Ethel Idella Cameron



John Henry McKnight , James Robert Gamblin,
Susan Jane McKnight, Alma & Emery Gamblin

John Henry McKnight, (William) b.18 Nov. 1886, Marrtown, Kings Co., N.B. died 24 Dec. 1959, married **Ethel Idella Cameron**, b.7 June 1903, Sheba, Johnston parish, Queens Co., N.B., died 1987, m. on 21 June 1921, parish of Sussex, Kings Co., N.B.

Issue:

1. Arnold Murray McKnight, b.25 Oct. 1936, married Eleanore Mae Steeves, b. 29 April, 1940, 25 January, 1958 Fawcett Hill, Petitcodiac, N.B.

George Rankin (1836) and Hannah Vincent (1847)

Issue:

1. Annie Almira Rankin b., abt 1886, Sheba, m. 1902 James Marshall Cameron
2. May Rankin, b., unk. Sheba, married (1) unkn Mullins (2) T.G.K. Leonowens
3. Matilda Jeannette Rankin, b. 7 Aug. 1888, Sheba, married Henry Allan Simpson, b., 6 Feb. 1881, Sheba, on 31 Dec. 1902.

James Marshall Cameron, b., abt 1880 Sheba, married **Annie Almira Rankin**, 23 Jan. 1902; b. 12 Mar 1886, Sheba, parish of Johnston, Queens Co., N.B., died 25 Aug. 1946, Sheba, daughter of George Rankin and Hannah Vincent.

Issue:

- 1 Ethel Idella Cameron, b., 7 June 1903, Sheba, Queens Co., N.B.
2. Medley F. Cameron, b., abt 1919, Sheba, Queens Co., N.B.
3. Kathleen Cameron, b. 1922, Sheba, Queens Co., N.B.



James M. Cameron, Annie & Ethel, Cameron farm, Sheba, Queens Co., N.B.

~The Leonowens Story~

**~May Rankin of Sheba, Queens Co., NB. & Thomas George Knox Leonowens~
“Grandson of Anna of Siam”**

This family story from Arnold and Eleanore McKnight’s family history had a very interesting surprise. Arnold’s grandmother’s sister, May Rankin, had first married a Mullins from N.B. and had a son Bernard. They later moved to Ontario where May became a widow. She met and married Thomas George Knox Leonowens, a grandson of the famous Anna Leonowens, who was governess to the children of the King of Siam. Thomas and May had two children, Helen and William. The Leonowens came to Sheba to visit May’s parents and sister, Annie Cameron, in summers past.



Helen Leonowens at the James Cameron farm in Sheba.

**Obituary~ T.G.K. Leonowens Dies, Grandson of Anna of Siam~
Lived In Hamilton, Ontario Since 1927**

The grandson of Anna Leonowens who was governess to the children of the late King Momgkut of Siam, featured in the play and film, “Anna and the King of Siam”, Thomas George Knox Leonowens, of this city, died yesterday in the General Hospital after a brief illness. He was 64 years old. Mr. Leonowens was born in Bangkok, Siam, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leonowens, of London, England. After the death of his mother in the Siamese capital, he left that country at an early age and was educated in Europe, Canada, and the United States. For several

years he toured the continent with his famed grandmother. During the First World War, Mr. Leonowens served with the Canadian forces. He took up residence in this city in 1927. Previously he had lived in Halifax, Montreal, Maine and Bermuda.

Mr. Leonowens, whose home was at 234 Bond Street North, is survived by his wife, May (Rankin); two sons, Louis, a plantation manager at Ixhuatan, Guatemala, and Kenneth, from a former marriage; two children, William and Helen, of this city, four grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Richard Monahan of Montreal. Copy to Halifax NP

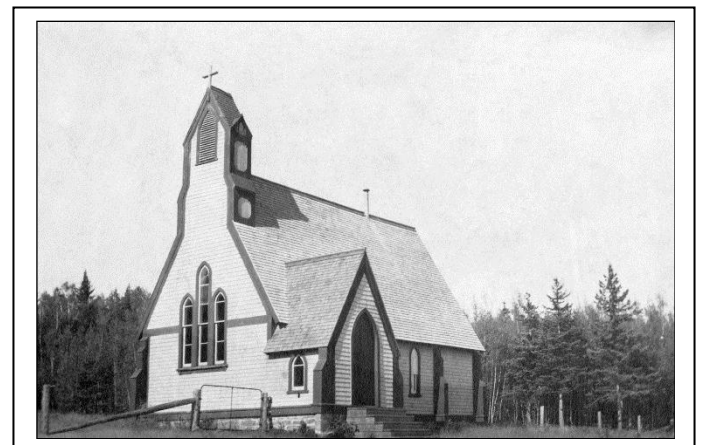
¹ ~**Anna Leonowens Was Pioneer in Women's Suffrage As Active Worker While Living In Halifax~**

Halifax-Anna Leonowens, heroine of the musical, "The King and I", is mainly remembered as the gay light-hearted British governess who with her laughter and song tamed the court of the tyrannical King of Siam. But Anna was a far more formidable figure than the frothy, formidable woman beloved by script writers. She was a brilliant, eloquent, determined woman. During the 20 years she lived in Halifax in the late 19th century- a time when women were expected to devote their lives to home, church, and family-she was a pioneer in the movement for women's suffrage playing a prominent role in the city's cultural and social life, helping to prepare the way for establishment of Nova Scotia's first art college in 1887.

Thomas Wiley Birney, son of John and Sarah (Clark) Birney, born July 5th, 1882 in Sheba, Queens Co., N.B. died March 8th, 1961. His wife, **Effie Lavinia (McKnight) Birney**, daughter of William and Lavinia Taylor McKnight, born January 17, 1890, in Marrtown, Kings co., N.B., died January 12, 1972. Following their marriage in 1910, in Sussex, by Rev. J. Aiton, the Birneys first lived in Marrtown. They moved to Collina in 1920 living there until 1925. While at Collina, daughter Effie Beryl died unexpectedly in June, and in September 1926, the Birneys moved to Cambridge, Mass. They remained there until 1955. Their daughter, Eva, took her parents to live with her in Arlington, Mass. until their respective deaths. Eva passed away at age 97 in Arlington, Mass., unmarried. Thomas Birney's father's stone is the only one remaining in the old cemetery on the Leonard Road in Sheba. The Anglican Church was moved to the corner of the Chittick and the Leonard Roads. The stones were moved as well with many of the early people to the new cemetery. The Church is now gone, but the Cemetery is maintained and still in use.



Thomas Wiley Birney & Effie Lavinia McKnight
William McKnight home, Marrtown



Saint Paul's Anglican Church,
Goshen/Sheba
Deconsecrated and demolished 1975

Emery Roley Gamblin-28 Jan 1900-1951

Belleisle Creek, Kings County was shocked at the death of Emery Roley Gamblin of a heart attack. Born at Marrtown 51 years ago, he was a son of the late James R. and Susan McKnight Gamblin. He was a graduate of the Halifax Barber College in 1929 and had been a prosperous farmer for the last 19 years. He was a member of the United Baptist Church of Collina, Kings County. Mr. Gamblin never married, but remained in the home with his mother; one sister, Alma, Mrs. W. B. Pearson; one brother, Sterling J., both of Collina; one niece and five nephews. The funeral was held from the Wallace Funeral Home, followed by service in the United Baptist Church in Collina, conducted by Rev. W. P. Stiles. Pallbearers were Waldo Kelly, Stanley Sharpe, George Keirstead, Ira Keirstead, Whitfield French, and Reginald Howe. Interment took place at Snider Mountain.

Merrill McKnight-24 Dec. 1893-29 June 1956

Son of George Edwin and Priscilla Gamblin McKnight of Marrtown

The sudden death of **Merrill McKnight**, was learned of with deep sorrow. Mr. McKnight fell into the silo at his home, while repairing a blower on a harvester. Rushed to hospital in Saint John, he died en route at Rothesay. He was born at **Marrtown** in 1893 and moved to Riverbank from Collina, 35 years ago. He owned and operated Cozy Nook Farm at Riverbank. A member of the United Baptist Church, Norton, he served as deacon and for a number of years was superintendent of the Sunday School and teacher of the boys' class. His many acts of kindness and his ready smile endeared him to a host of friends. For many years he conducted a stall in Saint John City Market, where he made many friends in all walks of life. He leaves to mourn his wife, Waive; two sons, Rev. Earle T. McKnight, Fredericton, and Allan H. McKnight, Coalinga, Cal.; one daughter, Mrs. Austin Charles, Chipman; six grandchildren; four sisters; Mrs. Thomas Weaver, Wolfville, N.S.; Mrs. George Stiles, Salmonhurst; Mrs. Henry Weaver, Sydney, N.S.; and Mrs. Wilfred Currie, Annapolis, N.S.; one brother, Murray McKnight, St. Catherines, Ont., and a number of nieces and nephews. The funeral was held with prayers at the home, followed by service in the United Baptist Church, Norton, with Rev. K.W. Blakney officiating assisted by Rev. Dr. Murray Armstrong. Interment was made at Riverbank Cemetery. Pallbearers: Russell Long, Russell Bustin, C.W. Hall, Harold Perkins, Roy Graves, and Oswald Fenwick.

Mrs. Annie Almira (Rankin) Cameron- born in Sheba- 12 March 1886-25 August 1946

The death of Mrs. Annie Almira (Rankin) Cameron occurred unexpectedly at her home, Sheba, Queens County, at an early hour Sunday, August 25th, after a lengthy period of failing health. She had not been confined to her bed and her sudden death came as a shock to her relatives and friends. She was born in Sheba 60 years ago, a daughter of George and Hannah Rankin, and had resided all her life in that community where she was held in high esteem by many friends. Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Mrs. John H. McKnight, Pearsonville; and Mrs. Merlin Cromwell, Cambridge, Queens County; one son, Sgt. J.E. Cameron, on overseas service with the Canadian Army; two sisters, Mrs. May Leonowens, Montreal and Mrs. Allen Simpson, Lower Millstream; and two grandchildren, Arnold McKnight and Bernice Cromwell. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon with prayers at the Wallace Funeral Parlors conducted by Canon Mansel C. Shewen, followed by service at St. Paul's Church, Sheba and interment. Pallbearers: Merritt Cameron, Hedley Cameron, William Cameron, Thomas Cameron, Roy Shannon, William Simpson.

Robert Tilley McKnight-14 June 1866-23 Sept. 1931

The death of Robert Tilley McKnight occurred at 353 City Road, Saint John on Wed. Sept 23, 1931. He was a son of the late James and Isabel McKnight and was born at Marrtown, Kings Co. N.B. Besides his wife, Ida Jane (Crawford), he leaves to mourn three daughters and one son; Mr. James Forward, Snider Mountain, The Misses Annie and Ida at home, and Frederick of Hartford, Conn. Also four brothers; John of Helena, Montana, George of Collina; James of Marrtown; and Elias of Houlton, Maine. Interment was at Keirstead Mountain Cemetery. Service by Rev. C. Martin.

Samuel James McKnight-The death of Samuel James McKnight took place at the home of his brother, Charles McKnight, Marrtown, Kings Co., on Tuesday, July 19th, 1932. He was a son of the late William and Susan L. (Taylor) McKnight, Marrtown, where he was born 58 years ago. Many relatives mourn his death, the nearest being three sisters, Mrs. James Gamblin, Collina; Miss Augusta McKnight, Marrtown, who took care of him during his illness; Mrs. Wiley Birney, Cambridge, Mass.; and five brothers, William, in the Canadian West; David, Berwick; Charles, John and Edwin, Marrtown. Mr. McKnight was highly regarded by his many friends. He was engaged in the lumbering business all his life. The service was held in Keirstead Mountain Baptist Church with Rev. R. W. Hopkins, Cody's, officiating. The pallbearers were Herbert Chittick, Arthur Perry, Emery Gamblin, Thomas Thompson, Herbert Muir, and McLeod Fenwick. Interment was made in the Keirstead Mountain Cemetery.

Mrs. John Chittick-1844- 20 Jan. 1932

The death of Mrs. John Chittick aged 88 years, took place on January 20th, 1932, at her residence, Keirstead Mountain. Mrs. Chittick, who formerly resided in Marrtown, Kings county, is survived by her husband, whose age is 92 years; also four sons. The funeral was held on January 22nd with prayers at the house and the service in St. Paul's Church, Goshen (Sheba) Queens County. The interment being in the adjoining churchyard. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. E.C. Budd, Priest- in-charge of the Parish of Johnston. The old Chittick home is still a home on the Chittick Road in Sheba. There was a general store there at one time as well.

Wedding-Cameron-McKnight-June 29th, 1921

An interesting event took place at the Methodist Parsonage, Sussex, N.B. on Wednesday afternoon, June 29th, when Rev. J.M. Rice united in marriage Ethel Idella, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cameron of Sheba, N.B. and John H. McKnight of Marrtown, N.B. Mr. and Mrs. McKnight will reside in Marrtown.

Wedding-Thompson-Chown -Apohaqui, June 17th, 1925. A pretty wedding took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Chown, Collina, when their daughter, Edna Pearl, became the bride of Thomas Lee Thompson, son of Mary and the late William Thompson, of Marrtown. Rev. W.E. Scott performed the ceremony beneath an arch of lilacs and apple blossoms and the wedding march was played by Miss Myrtle McKnight, the bride's cousin. The bride wore sand georgette, heavily beaded, and was attended by Mrs. George Jones as matron of honor, the groom being supported by the bride's brother, Edward Chown. The guests included only the near relatives and numbered about 40. After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Thompson departed amid showers of rice and confetti for a wedding trip to Charlottetown. The bride's travelling costume being of navy satin with sand and blue hat. On their return they will reside at Keirstead Mountain where the groom is a well-to-do farmer.

**James Marshall Cameron-Born Marrtown, lived and farmed in Sheba and Penobsquis
-1880-19 Mar 1959**

Sussex-The death of James Marshall Cameron occurred at Kings County Memorial Hospital here after an illness of two months. He was born at Marrtown in 1880, a son of the late John and Mary (Crawford) Cameron. He had resided at Sheba, Queens Co., for many years operating his farm, before taking up residence at Penobsquis. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John McKnight, Sussex, and Mrs. Merlin Cromwell, The Narrows: five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. The body rested at the Wallace Funeral Home, Sussex, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. W.E. Hart, Bloomfield. Interment was in the family lot in the cemetery adjoining St. Paul's church, Sheba. Pallbearers were William Cameron, Merritt Cameron, Roy Shannon, and Donald Shannon.

Mrs. John Moore~1851-1920

The death of Mrs. John Moore occurred at her home in Marrtown, Kings County, at an early hour, Friday, January 9th, 1920, after an illness of about two months. Mrs. Moore, who before marriage was Miss Hannah Vincent, was born at Cole's Island N.B., sixty-nine years ago. Besides her aged husband she leaves four daughters, Mrs. Charles Forward, of Marrtown; Mrs. Bernard Mullins of Montreal; Mrs. James Cameron, of Goshen; and Mrs. Allan Simpson of Mountain Dale. The funeral took place on January 10th, Rev. C.A. Warneford conducting the service and interment was made in St. Paul's Episcopal Cemetery, Goshen.

Henry Allan Simpson- 6 Feb 1881-25 Sept. 1961-At Kings County Memorial Hospital, Sussex, Sept 25, 1961, Henry Allen Simpson, husband of Matilda J. (Rankin) Simpson, of Apohaqui, Kings County,

survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters. Born in Saint John in 1881, he was the son of the late Robert W. and Elizabeth (McFarlane) Simpson. The family moved to Sheba, Queens County, where Henry later married Matilda Rankin. He became a farmer and a lumberman. He was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Sheba. Interment was in Riverbank.

The old settlements of Marrtown, Jordan Mountain, Goshen/Sheba, McFarlane/McFarland Settlement, Thompson Corner have few inhabitants today. Their history lies in the cemeteries scattered throughout the countryside. The Kirk cemetery is along the highway to Long Creek; Saint Paul's Anglican is at the corner of the Chittick and Leonard roads in Goshen; Jordan Mountain Cemetery on the Tait property, long neglected, has been restored and is being maintained by Jim Marr and Ralph Almon. There is another cemetery on Jordan Mountain east of the Taylor road where only one stone remains and that is of Alexander Marr Jr. 1811-1875.

Many stones have been restored in Newtown Cemetery, Smith Creek Road. Many relatives rest there. The McKnight families of Marrtown rest in the Keirstead Mountain Cemetery. In Saint Paul's Anglican Cemetery, Goshen, Queens County, rest the Cameron, Birney, Chittick families.



Jim Marr with g.g grandparents James and Mary Ann (Graham) Marr family stones in the Newtown Cemetery, Smith Creek Road, Kings Co., N.B.

Jim's g.g. grandfather, James Marr (1806-1892) rests here.

Sources:

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