

WELLS - BATTIN FAMILY HISTORY

1. **Peter Gordon Makipaa Dale**
b. Wednesday February 19, 1969 - Etobicoke, Ontario

2. **George Gordon Dale**
b. June 19, 1931 - Toronto, Ontario
m. July 14, 1962 - Caledonia, Ontario
d. February 15, 2006 – Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

Aili Helen Mackie
b. October 15, 1931 - Hagersville, Ontario

Father - Eino Gerhard Makipaa
Mother - Nora Tiirikainen

3. **Mary Jessie Ellen Wells**
b. June 24, 1899 – Joseph Street, Walkerton, Ontario
m. August 16, 1930 – Toronto, Ontario
d. March 13, 1987 – Etobicoke, Ontario

Ross Victor Dale
b. May 29, 1891 – Alliston, Ontario
d. May 4, 1961 – Toronto, Ontario

Father - George Dale
Mother - Mary Margaret McGirr

4. **William McNivin (Henry) Wells** – William arrived in New York City, U.S.A. in 1878 after a long voyage from London, England. He moved from New York City to Buffalo, N.Y. in 1883. In 1890 William moved to Toronto, Ontario. In 1898 he moved to Walkerton, Ontario. William and Janet moved to Kincardine, Ontario just three months prior to William's death. William apprenticed as a Basket Maker from the age of 14 to 19 in England. Grandma Dale told me that William loved to fish, swim, boat and, generally, loved the water while living in Great Yarmouth. Grandma Dale told me that a relation in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk had a rack or shed for drying and smoking fish. However, it burned down and was uninsured. It may have been owned by Henry Wells Sr.

b. November 22, 1859 – Caistor Road, Yarmouth Northern, Norfolk, England. William has 2 siblings: Susannah (b. approx. 1856 and d. prior to 1871) and Mary (b. approx. 1858). The census data states that Susannah was born in Aylsham, Norfolk. However, I suspect she was born in Stockport, England. Mary was born in Stockport, England.

m. April 6, 1892 – Battin Farm, Logan Twp., Perth Co., Ontario
d. February 25, 1920 – Kincardine, Ontario

- 4(A). **Janet Battin** – Tailoress.

b. July 27, 1863 - Logan Twp., Perth Co., Ontario
d. September 15, 1922 – Kincardine, Ontario

5. **Henry Wells** – Henry moved to Peckham, London prior to 1871. He was a Basket Maker, Labourer. We can ascertain from census records that Henry (b. approx. 1828) lived with his father Henry (b. approx. 1806) and brothers Robert (b. approx. 1827) and Samuel (b. approx. 1831) in Aylsham, Norfolk in 1841. This census record indicates that Henry (the elder), Robert, Henry and Samuel were all born in Norfolk, England. In 1851 Henry (b. approx. 1830) is found residing with John and Mary Farman as a “Journeyman Basket Maker” servant in Hautbois Magna, Norfolk. The census record indicates that Henry was born in Aylsham, Norfolk. In 1861 Henry (b. approx. 1830) is living in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk as a Basket Maker with Ellen (b. approx. 1833), Susanah (b. approx. 1856), Mary (b. approx. 1858) and William (b. approx. 1859). This census record indicates that Henry was born in Aylsham, Norfolk, Ellen in Ireland, Susanah in Aylsham, Norfolk, Mary in Aylsham, Norfolk and William in Yarmouth, Norfolk. In 1871 Henry (b. approx. 1829) is living in St. Paul Deptford, London as a Basket Maker with Ellen (b. approx. 1835), Mary (b. approx. 1859) and William (b. approx. 1861). This census record indicates that Henry was born in Aylsham, Norfolk, Ellen in Ireland, Mary in Stockport, Cheshire and William in Yarmouth, Norfolk. In 1881 Henry (b. approx. 1824) is living at 247 Commercial Road, Camberwell, London as a widower Basket Maker with his daughter Mary (b. approx. 1858). The census record indicates that Henry was born in Aylsham, Norfolk and Mary in Charshaw, Suffolk. In 1891 Henry (b. approx. 1830) is living as a Basket Maker in Camberwell, Peckham, London with his new wife Louisa (b. approx. 1838). The census record indicates that Henry was born in Aylsham, Norfolk and Louisa in Greenwich. In 1901 Henry (b. approx. 1830) is living as a Basket Maker in Deptford St. Paul, London with his wife Louisa (b. approx. 1838) and daughter Mary (b. approx. 1858). The census record indicates that Henry was born in Aylsham, Norfolk, Louisa in Greenwich, Kent and Mary in Stockport, Lancashire. Based on the foregoing, it would appear that Henry lived with Ellen in Stockport, England when Mary was born in approximately 1858.

c. July 12, 1829 - Aylsham, Norfolk, England. Henry has 6 siblings: Hannah (c. September 4, 1825), Robert (c. July 15, 1827), Samuel (c. January 8, 1832), James (c. September 8, 1833), Ann (c. August 23, 1840) and Sarah (c. May 22, 1842). All siblings were born in Aylsham, Norfolk.

m. August 13, 1854 - Stockport, Chester and Lancaster, England. Henry and Ellen were married in the Chapel of Saints Philip and James (Roman Catholic Church), Chapel Street, Edgeley, Stockport. He lived on Waterloo Road, Stockport and Ellen lived on Union Street, Stockport.

d. December 25, 1912 - London, England. Henry died in the Camberwell Infirmary after having been knocked down by a tramcar on August 24th and broke his hip. Henry was buried in Brockley Cemetery – Grave No. 716, Plot 1.

Ellen McNavin [McNivin]

b. approx. 1832 - Ireland

d. 1871 - London, England

Father - Peter McNavin - Ireland – Farmer

d. before August 1854

6. **Henry Wells** - England – Excise Man, Gardiner, Labourer. We can ascertain from census records that in 1841 Henry (b. approx. 1806) lived as a Gardener with his sons Henry (b. approx. 1828), Robert (b. approx. 1827) and Samuel (b. approx. 1831) on Kirkhouse Road in Aylsham, Norfolk, England. The census record indicates that Henry (the elder), Robert, Henry and Samuel were all born in Norfolk. In 1851 Henry (b. approx. 1803) is living as a Gardener with his wife Susanna (b. approx. 1804) and children Samuel (also a Gardener) (b. approx. 1833), Ann (b. approx. 1841) and Sarah (b. approx. 1843) at #172 Cromer Road in Aylsham, Norfolk. The census record indicates that Henry was born in Blickling, Norfolk, Susanna in Cromer, Norfolk and the children in Aylsham, Norfolk. In 1861 Henry (b. approx. 1803) is living as a Gardener with his wife Susannah (b. approx. 1804) and Ann (Dress Maker) (b. approx. 1841) in house #27 adjoining Cromer Road in Aylsham, Norfolk. The census record indicates that Henry was born in Blickling, Norfolk, Susannah in Cromer, Norfolk and Ann in Aylsham, Norfolk. In 1871 Henry (b. approx. 1803) is

living as a Gardener with his wife Susannah (b. approx. 1804) at #30 Cromer Road in Aylsham, Norfolk. The census record indicates that Henry was born in Blickling, Norfolk and Susannah in Cromer, Norfolk.

c. August 8, 1802 – Blickling, Norfolk, England. Henry has 6 siblings: Hannah (c. August 31, 1800), Sarah (c. March 17, 1805), Ann (c. May 10, 1807), Samuel (c. July 23, 1809), Maria (c. February 2, 1812) and Robert (c. September 25, 1814). All siblings were born in Blickling, Norfolk.
m. November 2, 1824 – Blickling, Norfolk, England

Susannah/Susanna/Susan Brereton

b. September 16, 1803 – Cromer, Norfolk, England. Susanna has 3 brothers: James Nave (b. August 26, 1805), Benjamin Matthew (b. September 4, 1809) and Robert (b. August 24, 1822). A note accompanying Susanna's birth entry says "late Knace? Spinster". A similar note accompanying Benjamin Matthew's birth entry says "late Nave Spinster". All siblings were born in Cromer, Norfolk. James married between April – June, 1839 on the Isle of Thanet, Kent, England. Benjamin married Mary Bayfield (b. approx. 1809 and daughter of Doily Scott Bayfield) in St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk on August 1, 1838. He died in September 1870 in Yarmouth and Mary died in 1870 in Yarmouth as well. Robert married Jessey Woolston (daughter of Benjamin Woolston) in Yarmouth, Norfolk on April 4, 1843. The 'Index to the Captains Registers of Lloyd's of London (Guildhall Library Ms 18567)' has the following entries. "Brereton, Benjamin Matthew b. Cromer 1809 S35829 v. 2 1856-1870" and "Brereton, Robert b. Cromer 1818 S35647 vol. 2 1855-1869". The publication "The Mercantile Navy List and Maritime Directory for 1867" has the following entry under the following categories (category first followed by the entry): "Official No. – 16608; Name of Ship and Port of Registry – Good Design, Yarmouth; Commercial Code Signal (if any) – H.B.C.T.; Registered Tonnage – 92; Horse Power – blank; Name and Address of Sole Registered Owner, or of Managing Owner when there are more Owners than One – Benjamin Brereton, Yarmouth".

Father - William Brereton – The birth entry for his son Robert indicates that William was a Fisherman (see bold, italics and underlined entry at item #4 – William Wells). *William has 4 siblings: Hannah (c. June 23, 1765); Thomas (c. September 16, 1771); Nella (c. May 7, 1773) and John (b. January 4, 1775). All siblings were born in Cromer, Norfolk. I cannot find a birth/christening entry for William. Thus, this is speculative at present.*

b. approx. 1769
m. June 6, 1803 – Southrepps, Norfolk, England
d. February 14, 1837 – Cromer, Norfolk, England

Grandfather - William Brereton/Briarton/Brierton – from Cromer, Norfolk
m. June 4, 1764 – St. Mary the Virgin, North Repps, Norfolk. A John Rogers was a witness. The birth entry note states: "William was from the extraparochial parish of Cromer. Ann was from the extraparochial parish of Overstrand. He signed X. She signed X. John Ellis Clerk. According to the Banns of Marriage they were both single".

Grandmother - Ann Rogers – from Overstrand

Mother - Ann Knave/Nave
b. approx. 1784
d. December 22, 1838 – Cromer, Norfolk, England

7. **Samuel Wells** – from Blickling, Norfolk, Labourer. We can ascertain from census records that in 1841 Samuel (b. approx. 1781) lived as an Agricultural Labourer with his wife Ann (b. approx. 1776) on Kirkhouse Road (the same road as his son Henry) in Aylsham, Norfolk, England. The census record indicates that Henry and Ann were both born in Norfolk, England. In 1851 there is a census entry for a Samuel Wells (b. approx. 1776) living as a widower Agricultural Labourer at 157 Commercial Road,

Aylsham, Norfolk. It states the place of birth as “N.K.” – presumably “Not Known”. I’m uncertain as to this entry.

b. 1779 – Aylsham, Norfolk, England. Samuel has 4 siblings: Anne (b. 1772), Jane (b. 1775), Susannah (b. 1779 – perhaps a twin) and Thomas (b. 1784). All siblings were born in Aylsham, Norfolk.
m. November 4, 1799 – Blickling, Norfolk, England
d. 1856 – Aylsham, Norfolk, England (the death record indicates he died at age 78, i.e. b. approx. 1778)

Ann Fisher – from Blickling, Norfolk

b. approx. 1776 – Norfolk, England

8. Samuel Wells – There is reference to a “Sam Wells” living on “Mr. Carrs Corner” in Aylsham, Norfolk in the 1821 Census for Aylsham, Norfolk compiled on May 28-31, 1821. It is on page 5 thereof.

b. approx. 1752

m. 1771 – Aylsham, Norfolk, England

d. 1828 – Aylsham, Norfolk, England (the death record indicates he died at age 76, i.e. b. approx. 1752)

Elizabeth Hix

5(A). **John D. Battin** - Butcher, Farmer, Engineer - arrived in Canada 1850. He resided in Lower Canada working as an Engineer for a period upon arrival

b. January 13, 1833 – Derril, Devonshire, England

m. September 28, 1858 – Stratford, Ontario

d. May 21, 1906 - Logan Twp., Perth Co., Ontario

Jessie Robertson - Bar-maid - arrived in Canada 1849. As evidenced by her will, Jessie could not sign her name.

b. August 15, 1835/1836 - Blair Gowrie, Perthshire, Scotland

d. April 4, 1915 - Moncton

Father - **James Robertson** – Farmer - arrived in Canada 1849. James lived on Lot 27, Concession 15, Logan Township, Simcoe Co. The Robertsons came from Blair Gowrie, Scotland, a northern fishing village. Family lore states that individuals slept in hollows in the outer stone walls of the Robertson homestead in Scotland. There is a story that Charlotte McLaren came from Glasgow. However, this is likely where she sailed from according to Jessie Wells. The lawyer who handled the estate of ‘Mollie’ Robertson of Chicago (daughter of George (Geordie) Robertson and granddaughter of James and Charlotte) said that the Robertsons in Scotland were quite well off. Sometime around WW I, George Battin (son of John and Jessie) went to Scotland on a cattle boat to receive the Battin share of an earlier Robertson estate. The amount he came back with was said to be enough to pay off the mortgage on the farm. Jessie resided at her daughter Jean Battin's house at the time of her death and prior thereto lived with her son-in-law Alex Chalmers. Jessie had gall stones in later life. Jessie was a bar maid in Guelph. This was where she and John met. Joe Adair has a brown wooden chest that belonged to Jessie. His father, Ralph, thinks she may have used it to carry her effects from Scotland. According to the book, "Legacy of Logan", page 501, James Robertson left Scotland in 1850 from Perthshire.

b. 1811 - Blair Gowrie, Perthshire, Scotland

m.

d. January 17, 1885 - Logan Twp., Perth Co., Ontario

Mother - **Charlotte McLaren** - arrived in Canada 1849

b. 1814 - Blair Gowrie, Perthshire, Scotland

d. November 9, 1884 – Logan Twp., Perth Co., Ontario

6(A). **John Battin** – *Pyworthy*, Devonshire, England - Butcher, Farmer, Labourer, Troacher (or Peddler). Records reveal that John was from Pyworthy and was born approximately 1796. He was a labourer and butcher who married Sarah Draper on June 27, 1815. They lived in Derril and Church Village. Their children were John, Maria, Mary Ann and Jane Draper Battin. John, Jane and Mary Ann died young and their names were reused for later children. Thus, they had at least 7 children. John Sr. and family are in the 1841 Census for Pyworthy. He is identified as a Labourer.

b. 1788/1796 – *Pyworthy, Devonshire*, England

m. June 27, 1815 – *Pyworthy, Devonshire*, England

d. *August 27, 1876* - Logan Twp., Perth Co., Ontario – from bladder complications

Sarah Draper – family lore states that Sarah Draper (or her family) was from Denmark. She had long black hair. She also had 3 brothers who were tall in stature and sailors. The only mention of Draper in the Pyworthy parish records is Sarah's marriage to John.

b. approx. 1797

** Note: Italics represent information that I have not yet independently confirmed.*