



Family of James Beckwith and Almeda Richardson in Upper Canada

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Generation One

1. **James Joseph Beckwith** #195735, b. c. 1846 in Ontario,¹ occupation 1871 - 1891 Farmer in Kaladar, d. before 1932.

1871 - 1891: Family lived in Kaladar, Addington County, Ontario.

He married **Almeda Richardson** #195736, 17 March 1868 in Lennox and Addington, Ontario,² b. c. 1850 in Ontario,¹ (daughter of **(unidentified) Richardson** #195769 and **Mary Campbell** #195770), d. 27 March 1932 in Kaladar, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,³ buried 28 March 1932 in Flinton United Church Cemetery, Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.³

Almeda:

1911: Lived alone in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

1932: Almeda died when her house in Kaladar burned down.

Children:

2. i. **Sarah Matilda Beckwith** #195765 b. c. 1867.
3. ii. **Mary A. Beckwith** #195750 b. c. 1870.
4. iii. **Emma Elizabeth Beckwith** #195751 b. c. 19 June 1872.
5. iv. **Margaret Jane (Maggie) Beckwith** #195753 b. 05 February 1874.
6. v. **Charles E. Beckwith** #195752 b. c. 19 August 1875.
7. vi. **Rachel Annie Beckwith** #195754 b. 30 March 1877 *.
8. vii. **Rollo Beckwith** #195755 b. c. 1880.
9. viii. **James Albert Beckwith** #84276 b. 19 April 1880.
10. ix. **John Abner Beckwith** #195756 b. c. 1884.

Generation Two

2. **Sarah Matilda Beckwith** #195765, b. c. 1867 in Kaladar, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,⁴ d. 1920 in Kaladar, Lennox and Addington, Ontario, buried in Flinton United Church Cemetery, Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.⁵ .

She married **William Campbell** #195768.

3. **Mary A. Beckwith** #195750, b. c. 1870 in Ontario,¹ occupation 1891 Housekeeper in Kaladar.

She married **George S. Way** #195757, 23 January 1892 in Bridgewater, Elzevir Township, Hastings County, Ontario,⁶ b. c. 1864 in Hungerford Township, Hastings County, Ontario,⁷ (son of **Edward Way** #90690 [Labourer in Hungerford Township] and **Mary (unidentified)** #90691), occupation 1892 Baker in Tweed.

4. **Emma Elizabeth Beckwith** #195751, b. c. 19 June 1872 in Ontario,¹ occupation 1891 Shirt Maker in Kaladar, d. 24 February 1938 in Parry Sound General Hospital, Freeman Township, Ontario,⁸ buried 26 February 1938 in Fosters Bay Cemetery, Ontario.⁸ .

1891 census shows birthdate of about 1872; death record suggests 1877...

She married **Albert V. Duncan** #195758, d. after 1938.

5. **Margaret Jane (Maggie) Beckwith** #195753, b. 05 February 1874 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.^{1,9} .

She married **Charles Bereshear** #195759, 07 June 1897 in Tweed, Hastings County, Ontario,¹⁰ b. c. 1872 in Kaladar (son of **P, Bereshear** #195760 and **Louisa Best?** #195761), occupation 1892 Shantyman in Kaladar.

6. **Charles E. Beckwith** #195752, b. c. 19 August 1875 in Ontario,¹ d. 29 January 1954 in Flinton?, buried in Flinton United Church Cemetery, Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.
7. **Rachel Annie Beckwith** #195754, b. 30 March 1877 * in Flinton Lennox and Addington, Ontario,^{1,11} baptized 28 August 1877 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹² .

* Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms show birthdate of 19 APR 1877
Converted to Catholicism when married.

She married **James Champagne** #195771, 25 June 1895 in Tweed, Hastings County, Ontario,¹³ b. c. 1867 in Canada (son of **Charles Champagne** #195772 [Farmer in Flinton] and **Agnes (Agee) Manseau** #195773), occupation 1895 Labourer in Flinton, religion 1895 Roman Catholic, d. 05 April 1918 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,¹⁴ buried in Flinton Cemetery, Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁴

James:

Family lived in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

Children:

11. i. **Norman Champagne** #195778 b. c. 1896.
12. ii. **Helen Irene Champagne** #195774 b. c. 1897.
13. iii. **Laura Champagne** #195775 b. 21 March 1898.
14. iv. **Susan Champagne** #195790 b. c. 1899.
15. v. **Gilbert Champagne** #195779 b. c. 1902.
16. vi. **Alfred James Champagne** #195780 b. c. 1904.
17. vii. **Hilda Champagne** #195781 b. c. 1907.

- 18. viii. **George Champagne** #195782 b. c. 1908.
- 19. ix. **Anna Rachel Champagne** #195777 b. 19 February 1910.
- 20. x. **Pearl Champagne** #195783 b. c. 1912.
- 21. xi. **Ina Champagne** #195784 b. c. 1913.
- 22. xii. **Kenneth Champagne** #195785 b. c. 1914.
- 23. xiii. **Mildred Champagne** #195786 b. c. 1917.

- 8. **Rollo Beckwith** #195755, b. c. 1880 in Ontario.^{1,15} .
- 9. **James Albert Beckwith** #84276, b. 19 April 1880 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,¹⁶ occupation 1904 - 1908 Cheesemaker in Plevna, d. 1959 in Prince Edward County, Ontario,¹⁶ buried in Cherry Valley United Church Cemetery, Athol Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.¹⁶ .

1921: Family lived in Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

He married **Eva Victoria Godkin** #84277, 16 January 1904 in Frontenac County, Ontario,¹⁷ b. 19 September 1884 in Fernleigh, Frontenac County, Ontario,¹⁶ (daughter of **James Godkin** #9116 [Farmer] and **Susan Morris** #9117), d. 1969 in Prince Edward County, Ontario,¹⁶ buried in Cherry Valley United Church Cemetery, Athol Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.¹⁶

Eva:

1904: Lived in Plevna, Frontenac County when married.

Children:

- 24. i. **Morris Albert Beckwith** #142728 b. 1905.
- 25. ii. **Clifford Kenneth Beckwith** #195741 b. 16 March 1908.
- 26. iii. **Marjorie Aileen Beckwith** #84180 b. 1911.
- 27. iv. **Harold Godkin Beckwith** #195742 b. c. 1915.

- 10. **John Abner Beckwith** #195756, b. c. 1884 in Ontario,¹ occupation 1908 Cheesemaker in Kaladar.

He married **Mabel Lavacque** #195762, 15 April 1908 in Tweed, Hastings County, Ontario,¹⁸ b. c. 1887 in Ontario (daughter of **Leon Lavacque** #195763 and **Jennie Arnie?** #195764).

Generation Three

- 11. **Norman Champagne** #195778, b. c. 1896 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,¹⁹ occupation 1921 Garage Machinist in Flinton.
- 12. **Helen Irene Champagne** #195774, b. c. 1897 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,¹⁹ occupation 1921 Private Servant in Flinton, religion Roman Catholic.

13. **Laura Champagne** #195775, b. 21 March 1898 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,²⁰ occupation Housewife, d. 14 September 1944 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,²⁰ buried 18 September 1944 in Flinton Cemetery, Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.²⁰ .

She married **Eli Lessard** #195776, 16 May 1917 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,²¹ b. c. 1897 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario (son of **Noe (Noway?) Lessard** #195794 and **Celia Yanah** #195795), d. after 1944 in Flinton?, occupation 1917 Farmer in Flinton.

Eli:

1921: Family lived in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

Children:

- 28. i. **Reta Lessard** #195796 b. c. 1919.
- 29. ii. **Helen Lessard** #195797 b. c. 1920.
- 30. iii. **Edwin Lessard** #195798 b. 1921.

14. **Susan Champagne** #195790, b. c. 1899 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

She married **James Laskares** #195791, 09 May 1921 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,²² b. c. 1890 in Sparta, Greece (son of **Peter Laskares** #195792 and **Emily Katrina** #195793), occupation 1921 Candy Maker in Kingston.

15. **Gilbert Champagne** #195779, b. c. 1902 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,¹⁹ occupation 1921 Miner in Flinton.
16. **Alfred James Champagne** #195780, b. c. 1904 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,¹⁹ occupation 1924 Painter in North Tonawanda.

1924: Lived at 37 Royal Avenue, Buffalo, New York when married.

He married **Agnes Margaret McNab** #195787, 13 October 1928 in North Tonawanda, Niagara, New York, USA,²³ b. 10 February 1904 in Hamilton, Wentworth County, New York (daughter of **John McNab** #195788 and **Elizabeth Hempsteck** #195789), occupation 1924 Factory Work in North Tonawanda.

Agnes:

1924: Lived at 271 Main Street, North Tonawanda, New York when married.

17. **Hilda Champagne** #195781, b. c. 1907 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁹ .
18. **George Champagne** #195782, b. c. 1908 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁹ .
19. **Anna Rachel Champagne** #195777, b. 19 February 1910 in Holton Street, Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.²⁴ .
20. **Pearl Champagne** #195783, b. c. 1912 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁹ .
21. **Ina Champagne** #195784, b. c. 1913 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁹ .
22. **Kenneth Champagne** #195785, b. c. 1914 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁹ .
23. **Mildred Champagne** #195786, b. c. 1917 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁹ .
24. **Morris Albert Beckwith** #142728, b. 1905 in Frontenac County, Ontario,²⁵ occupation 1926 Cheesemaker in Athol Township, d. 1996,²⁵ buried in Cherry Valley United Cemetery, Athol Township, Prince Edward County.²⁵ .

He married **Marjorie Wood** #142729, 28 August 1926 in The Parsonage, Ernestown Township, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,²⁶ b. 1908 in South Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,²⁵ (daughter of **David A. Wood** #76362 [Farmer in South Marysburgh] and **Waity Minaker** #76361), d. 2004,²⁵ buried in Cherry Valley United Cemetery, Athol Township, Prince Edward County.²⁵

Children:

31. i. **Joan Beckwith** #195749 b. 01 April 1931.
 32. ii. **David Morris Beckwith** #195747 b. 18 March 1932.
 33. iii. **Barbara Faye Beckwith** #142730 b. 1937.
 34. iv. **Albert Beckwith** #195748.
25. **Clifford Kenneth Beckwith** #195741, b. 16 March 1908 in Plevna, Clarendon and Miller Township, Frontenac County, Ontario,^{27,28} occupation 1930 Cheesemaker in Cherry Valley.

He married **Alice Maud McKinley** #195743, 19 November 1930 in Cannifton, Hastings County, Ontario,²⁹ b. 27 March 1908 in Greenbush, North Marysburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,³⁰ (daughter of **William McKinley** #130356 [Farmer in North Marysburgh] and **Bertha Maud Hill** #130357).

26. **Marjorie Aileen Beckwith** #84180, b. 1911 in Addington County, Ontario, occupation 1928 Lady in Athol Township, d. 2002 in Prince Edward County, Ontario,³¹ buried in Cherry Valley United Cemetery, Prince Edward County, Ontario.³² .

She married **James Lloyd Ostrander** #84152, 19 April 1928 in Athol Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,³³ b. 09 January 1907 in Athol Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,^{34,35} (son of **Philip Manley Ostrander** #83273 [Yeoman/Farmer in South Marysburgh] and **Ida Ann (Amelia) Brooks** #84146 [Housewife]), occupation 1928 Cheese Maker in Athol Township, d. 1995 in Prince Edward County, Ontario,³¹ buried in Cherry Valley United Cemetery, Prince Edward County, Ontario.³²

Children:

35. i. **Doris Ostrander** #84278 b. 1929.
 36. ii. **Eva Violet Ostrander** #84181 b. 06 October 1932.
 37. iii. **Arley Ostrander** #85235.
 38. iv. **James Ostrander** #85236.
27. **Harold Godkin Beckwith** #195742, b. c. 1915 in Prince Edward County, Ontario,²⁷ d. 26 December 2002 in Toronto Grace Hospital, Toronto, Ontario.

Death notice suggests that he had no children of his own, but had nieces and nephews.

He married **Dina (unidentified)** #195746, d. before 2002 in Toronto?, York County, Ontario.³⁶

Generation Four

28. **Reta Lessard** #195796, b. c. 1919 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁹ .
29. **Helen Lessard** #195797, b. c. 1920 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁹ .
30. **Edwin Lessard** #195798, b. 1921 in Flinton, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹⁹ .
31. **Joan Beckwith** #195749, b. 01 April 1931 in Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, USA.^{37,38} .

April 1932: Crossed from Syracuse, New York into Canada along with brother Morris; both born in Syracuse. Destination was their grandfather, J.A. BECKWITH in Cherry Valley, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

32. **David Morris Beckwith** #195747, b. 18 March 1932 in Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York,³⁹ d. 16 November 2000 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, United States.

Crossed from Syracuse, New York into Canada at Prescott, Ontario 29 APR 1932. American Citizen.
1993: Lived at 2151 Oakland Road, Spc. 383, San Jose, California (US Public Records Index)

33. **Barbara Faye Beckwith** #142730, b. 1937,²⁵ d. 2003,²⁵ buried in Cherry Valley United Cemetery, Athol Township, Prince Edward County.²⁵ .

She married **Parker Walsh** #142731,²⁵ b. c. 1935?

Parker:

Death not yet found... may still be alive (2020) There are no other WALSH names in Cherry Valley Cemetery.

34. **Albert Beckwith** #195748, d. 2020? .
35. **Doris Ostrander** #84278, b. 1929 in Prince Edward County, Ontario.³¹ .

She married **(unidentified) Young** #140716.³²

36. **Eva Violet Ostrander** #84181, b. 06 October 1932 in Athol Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,⁴⁰ d. 25 December 1932 in Athol Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,⁴⁰ buried 26 December 1932 in Cherry Valley Cemetery, Athol, Prince Edward County, Ontario.⁴⁰ .
37. **Arley Ostrander** #85235, b.⁴¹
38. **James Ostrander** #85236.

¹ 1891 Kaladar, Lennox and Addington, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.

² Details from son James' 1904 marriage record.

³ ONVS Deaths, ref. 021371-1932; c/d: Suffocated by smoke and flame when her house burned down; Informant: R. REID, Nephew, Sharbot Lake, Ontario.

⁴ 1881 Kaladar and Anglesea, Addington, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.

⁵ findagrave.com, Flinton United Church Cemetery, Kaladar Township, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

⁶ ONVS Marriages, ref. 004964-1892; Witnesses: Arthur SANDERSON, Clara SANDERSON; both in Bridgewater.

⁷ 1871 Hungerford, Hastings East, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.

⁸ ONVS Deaths, ref. 027482-1938; c/d: Diabetes mellitus; Informant: Albert J. DUNCAN, Husband, Mactier?.

⁹ ONVS Births, ref. 012834-1874.

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- 10 ONVS Marriages, ref. 006807-1897; Witnesses: Charles E. JONES, Louisa C. LEWIS; both in Tweed.
11 ONVS Births, ref. 014888-1877.
12 Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register, 1828 - 1910.
13 ONVS Marriages, ref. 005026-1895; Witnesses: May? M. WILSON, Annie E. WILSON; both in Tweed.
14 ONVS Deaths, ref. 023341-1918; c/d: Cerebral apoplexy, one week; Informant: Charles CHAMPAGNE, Flinton.
15 ONVS Births, ref. 015651-1879.
16 findagrave.com, Cherry Valley United Church Cemetery, Athol Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.
17 Details from daughter Marjorie's 1928 marriage record.
18 ONVS Marriages, ref. 010494-1908; Witnesses: Clara A. BURNS, Olive E. BURNS; both in Tweed.
19 1921 Flinton, Kaladar Township, Lennox and Addington, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.
20 ONVS Deaths, ref. 059080-1944; c/d: Cerebral hemorrhage, essential hypertension; Informant: Colbert LESSARD, Sister-in-law, Flinton.
21 ONVS Marriages, ref. 012*73-1917; Witnesses: Colbert LESSARD, Eugenie LESSARD; both in Flinton.
22 ONVS Marriages, ref. 011413-1921; Witnesses: Charles DAPHNES?, Lucy MERRISK; both in Kingston.
23 New York County Marriages; ref. 2974-1928.
24 ONVS Births, ref. 028325-1910.
25 Cherry Valley United Cemetery, Athol Township, Prince Edward County; May 2019; Image 19-01318.
26 ONVS Marriages, ref. 038670-1926; Witnesses: Maitie WOOD, Leta WOOD; both at Picton, RMD #3.
27 1921 Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.
28 ONVS Births, ref. 018039-1908.
29 ONVS Marriages, ref.013438-1930; Witnesses: Hazel Marie DANARD (sic), Milford; Harold G. BECKWITH, Cherry Valley, Prince Edward County.
30 ONVS Births, ref. 042402-1908.
31 findagrave.com, June 2017; Cherry Valley United Cemetery.
32 Cherry Valley United Cemetery; Image 19-01101.
33 ONVS Marriages, ref. 019946-1928; Witnesses: Morris BECKWITH, Mrs. Morris BECKWITH; both in Cherry Valley.
34 1911 Athol, Prince Edward County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.
35 ONVS Births, ref. 039944-1907.
36 National Post (Toronto, Ontario), 28 DEC 2002; Death Notice for Harold Godkin BECKWITH.
37 Canada - US Border Crossings, April 1932.
38 New York State Birth Index.,
39 SSDI SSN 083-56-5011.
40 ONVS Deaths, ref. 029112-1932; c/d: Indigestion from the food she was eating; Informant: Lloyd OSTRANDER, Father.
41 The House of Ostrander; The Ostrander Family, Manly Ostrander, 1942.