



Family of Stephen Blanchard and Nancy Yager in Upper Canada

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Generation One

1. **Stephen Blanchard** #192027, b. c. 1786 in Albany, New York, United States of America,¹ occupation 1851 - 1861 Farmer in Sidney Township, d. 1875 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.

1851 - 1861: Family lived in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1905; Stephen Blanchard; (pages 175 - 176)

"The Blanchards are an old family on the Front of Sidney. Their American ancestors are said to have come from Holland and settled near Albany, N.Y. An old certificate in the possession of the family shows that Stephen, the Sidney pioneer, was made an (sic) Royal Arch Mason at Albany, April 28th, 1815 by Chapter 5; this fact itself would indicate that Stephen Blanchard was more than an ordinary citizen, as there were few Royal Arch Masons at that time. He settled on the Front of Sidney about 1815, was a millwright by trade and a man of good education and broad ideas. He purchased the property known as "Blanchard's Creek," which at that time contained a very good harbor; and it was predicted that in time a town would develop at this point. Here he built a mill and other buildings and for a time it seemed that his predictions would be fulfilled; but the water power later proved insufficient and the mill property went into decay. Portions of (the) old dam may yet be seen. His first wife (Nancy Yager) died in 1826. His second wife (Susan Howard) died in 1876, aged 78. The pioneer himself died in 1875, aged 89 years.

"William Blanchard, the eldest son, married first Mary Lawrence, who died in 1861 at the early age of thirty; their children were George, Jane, Helen and Alfred. He married twice afterwards, but had no issue; and died in 1880m aged 53 years. Of his children, George went to the United States; Jane married John Way and settled in Ameliasburg; Helen married James Gordon and settled in Wisconsin; and Alfred married Henrietta Jones and settled in Sidney. Thomas Blanchard, the younger son, married Sarah Deacon and settled in Sidney. Like other members of the family he took a leading part in the affairs of the township. He was a class leader, superintendent and trustee in the Methodist church, and also a school teacher. He held the office of Councillor and Assessor in Sidney and audited the township books. He was Secretary and Auditor of Grange No. 42 Sidney, and secretary of the West Hastings Agricultural Society, for several years. He died in 1891 [ed. 1901] aged 71 years, regretted by all who knew him. His wife, Sarah Deacon Blanchard still survives him. They had two children: Thomas D. [Ed. Thomas H.] and Florence.

"Thomas D. Blanchard [Ed. Thomas H. Blanchard] married Rebecca Wills and has one daughter, Ila. He lives on the old homestead, and his widowed mother and sister Florence, who is unmarried, live with him. Thomas D. Blanchard, like his respected ancestors, has the confidence and respect of the community at large and is one of Sidney's leading citizens."

He married (1) **Nancy Yager** #192028, d. 1826 in Front of Sidney, Hastings County, Ontario.¹

Children:

2. i. **William Blanchard** #168354 b. c. 1827.
3. ii. **Thomas Howard Blanchard** #113732 b. c. 1830.

He married (2) **Susan (Susannah) Howard** #192029, b. c. 1799 in Canada West?,² d. 06 March 1876 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.³

Generation Two

2. **William Blanchard** #168354, b. c. 1827 in United States of America*,⁴ occupation 1851 Farmer in Sidney Township, d. 1880 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.¹

1851 Census suggests a birthplace of Canada West..

1851: Family lived in a frame house in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.

He married (1) **Mary Lawrence** #168355,⁴ b. c. 1830 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario,^{4,1} d. 1861 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.¹

Children:

4. i. **George B. Blanchard** #192030 b. c. 1845.
5. ii. **Thomas A. Blanchard** #193846 b. c. 1848.
6. iii. **Stephen E. Blanchard** #193847 b. c. 1850.
7. iv. **Jane Blanchard** #87371 b. c. 1853.
8. v. **Alfred Blanchard** #192032.
9. vi. **Helen Blanchard** #192031.

He married (2) **(unidentified)** #192033.¹

He married (3) **(unidentified)** #192034.¹

3. **Thomas Howard Blanchard** #113732, b. c. 1830 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario,⁵ d. 07 September 1901 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario,⁶ occupation 1861 Farmer in Sidney Township, occupation 1851 Labourer in Sidney Township, religion Wesleyan Methodist.

1851 - 1901: Family lived in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.

He married **Sarah Ann Deacon** #113733,¹ b. c. 25 December 1836 in Northumberland County, Ontario,⁷ religion Wesleyan Methodist, d. 26 January 1905 in Con. 1, Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.⁸

Children:

10. i. **Thomas H. Blanchard** #113734 b. 06 May 1871.
11. ii. **Florence Blanchard** #192037 b. c. 1878.

Generation Three

4. **George B. Blanchard** #192030, b. c. 1845 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.^{1,9} .

Moved to the United States (Pioneer Life)

5. **Thomas A. Blanchard** #193846, b. c. 1848 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.⁹ .

Is this the same person as Alfred?

6. **Stephen E. Blanchard** #193847, b. c. 1850 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.⁹ .
7. **Jane Blanchard** #87371, b. c. 1853,¹⁰ occupation Housewife, d. 19 May 1929 in Lot 69-70, Con. 2, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,¹⁰ buried 21 May 1929 in Mountain View, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.¹⁰ .

She married **John Way** #87370, occupation 1873 - 1880 Carpenter in Ameliasburgh.

John:

Family lived in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

Children:

12. i. **Louisa Jane Way** #87372 b. 27 October 1873.
13. ii. **May Rilla Way** #168349 b. c. 1871.
14. iii. **Emma Ethel Way** #174726 b. 21 August 1880.
8. **Alfred Blanchard** #192032, b. in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.¹ .

Family lived in Sidney Township.

He married **Henrietta Jones** #192036.¹

9. **Helen Blanchard** #192031, b. in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.¹ .

She married **James Gordon** #192035.¹

James:

Family moved to Wisconsin. (Pioneer Life).

10. **Thomas H. Blanchard** #113734, b. 06 May 1871 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,¹¹ baptized 16 May 1871 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,¹¹ occupation 1896 Farmer in Bayside, occupation 1921 Life Insurance Agent in Peterborough.

1921: Family lived at 585 Aylmer Street, Peterborough, Ontario. Sister Florence was enumerated with the family.

1934: Family lived at 607 Stewart Street, Peterborough.

He married **Rebecca Wills** #192038, 24 December 1896 in Belleville, Hastings County, Ontario,¹² b. 05 July 1868 in Ontario,^{13,14} (daughter of **Thomas Wills** #192044 and **Agnes Kidd** #192045), occupation Housewife, d. 23 September 1934 in Peterborough, Peterborough County, Ontario,¹⁴ buried 25 September 1934 in Little Lake Cemetery, Peterborough, Ontario.¹⁴

Children:

15. i. **Ila Florence Blanchard** #192039 b. c. 1902.

16. ii. **Alma Blanchard** #192043 b. c. 1906.

11. **Florence Blanchard** #192037, b. c. 1878 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.¹⁵ .

1921: Lived with brother Thomas and family in Peterborough.

Generation Four

12. **Louisa Jane Way** #87372, b. 27 October 1873 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,¹⁶ d. 25 June 1875 in Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.¹⁷ .

13. **May Rilla Way** #168349, b. c. 1871 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

1929: Informant at mother's death, lived in Belleville.

She married (1) **(unidentified) Spencer** #168350, d. before 1929.

She married (2) **Seth Frederick Wheeler** #168351, 10 April 1929 in Belleville, Hastings County, Ontario,¹⁸ (son of **Seth Wheeler** #168352 [Farmer in Fredericksburgh] and **Margaret Wager** #168353).

14. **Emma Ethel Way** #174726, b. 21 August 1880 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.¹⁹ .

She married **Marcus James Moy** #174725, 25 December 1901 in Mountain View, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario, b. 13 October 1877 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,²⁰ (son of **Walter William Moy** #92829 [Groom in Witton, Norfolk] and **Eliza Susannah (Agnes?) Hilton** #92830), occupation 1901 - 1921 Farmer in Ameliasburgh.

Marcus:

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

Children:

17. i. **Lena May Moy** #174728 b. 18 December 1905.

18. ii. **Morley James Moy** #174727 b. 03 May 1909.

15. **Ila Florence Blanchard** #192039, b. c. 1902 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario,¹ occupation 1923 Schoolteacher in Peterborough.

1923: Lived at 568 Aylmer Street, Peterborough, Ontario when married.

She married **George Whitfield** #192040, 27 October 1923 in Peterborough, Ontario,²¹ b. c. 1899 in North Monaghan Township, Peterborough County, Ontario (son of **William Whitfield** #192041 and **Hortense Thorndyke** #192042), occupation 1923 Farmer in North Monaghan.

16. **Alma Blanchard** #192043, b. c. 1906 in Ontario.¹³ .

Generation Five

17. **Lena May Moy** #174728, b. 18 December 1905 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,²² d. 16 September 1907 in Con. 2, Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.²³ .
18. **Morley James Moy** #174727, b. 03 May 1909 in Lot 68/69, Con. 2, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.²⁴

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- ¹ Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1905; Stephen Blanchard; (pages 175 - 176)
- ² 1871 Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/assumed relationship.
- ³ ONVS Deaths, ref. 004950-1876; c/d: Cancer in stomach, eight weeks; Informant: William TORSELLEN?, Minister, Wallbridge.
- ⁴ Details from daughter Jane's 1929 death record.
- ⁵ 1861 Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.
- ⁶ ONVS Deaths, ref. 011936-1901; c/d: Heart disease, suddenly; Informant: T.H. BLANCHARD, Jr.
- ⁷ 1901 Sidney Township, Hastings West, Ontario census; age/birthdate/place/relationship.
- ⁸ ONVS Deaths, Hastings County, 1904.
- ⁹ 1851 Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/assumed relationship.
- ¹⁰ ONVS Deaths, ref. 030387-1929; c/d: Apoplexy, two days, senility; Informant: Mrs. S. WHEELER, Belleville.
- ¹¹ Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register, 1828-1910.
- ¹² ONVS Marriages, ref. 008452-1897; Witnesses: Charles W. WILLS, Toronto; Florence BLANCHARD, Bayside.
- ¹³ 1901 Peterborough, Peterborough County, Ontario census; age/birthdate/relationship.
- ¹⁴ ONVS Deaths, ref. 027739-1934; c/d: Coronary thrombosis; Informant: Thomas H. BLANCHARD, husband, Peterborough.
- ¹⁵ 1891 Sidney Township, Hastings West, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.
- ¹⁶ ONVS Births, ref. 019053-1873.
- ¹⁷ ONVS Deaths, ref. 007173-1875; c/d: Fits; Informant: John WAY.
- ¹⁸ ONVS Marriages, ref. 014648-1929; Witnesses: Mrs. M. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. E. LAWRENCE; both in Belleville.
- ¹⁹ ONVS Births, ref. 029055-1880.
- ²⁰ ONVS Births, ref. 025395-1877.
- ²¹ ONVS Marriages, ref. 018923-1923; Witnesses: Robert WHITFIELD, RR #3, Peterborough; Alma BLANCHARD, 568 Aylmer Street, Peterborough.
- ²² ONVS Births, ref. 039254-1905.
- ²³ ONVS Deaths, ref. 025868-1907; c/d: Spinal meningitis, one week; Informant: Walter MOY.
- ²⁴ ONVS Births, ref. 040188-1909.