



## Family of George Drewry and Elizabeth Pepper in Upper Canada

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### Generation One

1. **George Drewry** #173671, b. in England.<sup>1</sup> .

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"The Drewry family in Canada are of English origin, as the pioneer of that name, George Drewry, was one of the earliest of those who migrated from the United Kingdom, immediately following the first influx of settlers from the United States. Accompanied by his wife, (whose maiden name was Elizabeth Pepper) , and their five children , he came direct to Sophiasburgh, to the High Shore, about 1817, and for a short time occupied the "Downs Farm," situated near the old homestead of John Woods, the pioneer.

"Mr. Drewry was a through agriculturalist, and possessed a scientific knowledge of soils and the essential elements necessary to successful farming, but he was not favourably impressed with this place, and he and his family (with the exception of his eldest son) removed to the township of Cramahe, where he secured good land, and through years of patient toil and perseverance, achieved success."

He married **Elizabeth Pepper** #173672, in England,<sup>1</sup> b. in England.<sup>1</sup>

#### Children:

2. i. **George Drewry** #173673 b. c. 1798.
3. ii. **William Drewry** #173681.
4. iii. **Edward Drewry** #173684.
5. iv. **Eliza Drewry** #173686.
6. v. **Frances (Fanny) Drewry** #173689 b. c. 1807.

### Generation Two

2. **George Drewry** #173673, b. c. 1798 in England,<sup>1,2</sup> occupation Farmer in Sophiasburgh, occupation 1871 Farmer in Brighton Village, d. 1885 in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> .

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"George, the eldest of the family, who elected to remain in Prince Edward, had been well educated in England and qualified as a school teacher. He engaged in school teaching in Sophiasburgh, for about three years, and then purchased a bush farm on the 2nd concession of Sophiasburgh. After clearing a portion of his farm, and building the

orthodox pioneer dwelling, he married Mis Kezia Roblin, daughter of Philip Roblin. In his career as an early settler, he escaped none of the vicissitudes and hardships incident to the times; but the unremitting industry which characterized him, as well as the average early settler, in the end rewarded him with a fruitful farm and a comfortable home, and he found himself among those successful pioneers, who were rated as "well off."

"His son Philip, eventually succeeded to this property, and he with his son, Wallace, now occupy this old homestead, which is one of the landmarks of the neighborhood's first settlement.

"In later years, some years after his wife had died, George Drewry, the son of the Canadian founder of the family, bought a property in Brighton village, Northumberland County, and thither he removed until his death in 1885. He often recounted his early hardships as a pioneer, when the nearest grist mill was at Kingston, and the wolves and bears were numerous and fierce. In the public affairs of his community, George Drewry was always interested; he subscribed to the best principles of the Reform party, and invariably advocated and supported them. For many years he held the commission of Justice of the Peace, and as such, was known for his calm and temperate judgement. Although reared in the faith of the Established Church of England, he was broad and liberal in his views concerning other denominations, and in later life, if he showed and marked preference, it was to the Methodist Church, which he frequently assisted and also attended."

He married (1) **Keziah Roblin** #117486, 20 November 1820 in Sophiasburgh,<sup>3</sup> b. in Ontario,<sup>4</sup> (daughter of **Philip Roblin** #117479 [Miller in Ameliasburgh] and **Prudence Platt** #117484), d.<sup>1</sup>

*Children:*

7. i. **Charles Edward Drewry** #87996 b. c. 1833.
8. ii. **William Drewry** #173676.
9. iii. **Philip Drewry** #104884 b. c. 1823.
10. iv. **Mary Drewry** #173677 b. c. 1825.
11. v. **Francis (Fanny) Drewry** #173678 b. c. 1830.
12. vi. **Nancy Drewry** #173679.
13. vii. **John Drewry** #173680.

He married (2) **Sylvia Squier** #173674,<sup>1</sup> b. c. 1825 in Ontario,<sup>2</sup> d. after 1871 in Brighton?

*Children:*

14. viii. **Albert H. Drewry** #173675 b. c. 1857.
3. **William Drewry** #173681, b. in England.<sup>1</sup> .

Settled in Bowmanville.

He married **Mary Burnham** #173683.<sup>1</sup>

4. **Edward Drewry** #173684, b. in England.<sup>1</sup> .

He married **(unidentified)** #173685.<sup>1</sup>

**(unidentified):**

Settled in Wisconsin, USA.

5. **Eliza Drewry** #173686, b. in England.<sup>1</sup> .

Lived in Wardsville, Ontario.

She married (1) **George Shaw** #173687.<sup>1</sup>

She married (2) **Johnston Grover** #173688.<sup>1</sup>

6. **Frances (Fanny) Drewry** #173689, b. c. 1807 in England.<sup>2</sup> .

She married **Nathaniel Thayer** #173690,<sup>1</sup> b. c. 1790 in United States of America,<sup>2</sup> (son of **(unidentified) Thayer** #199153 and **(unidentified)** #199154), occupation 1871 Tanner and Currier in Brighton Township, occupation 1851 Yeoman in Brighton Township, religion 1851 Presbyterian, d. after 1871.

**Nathaniel:**

1851 - 1871: Family lived in Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario.

*Children:*

15. i. **Elza Thayer** #173691 b. c. 1830.
16. ii. **Isaiah Thayer** #173692 b. c. 1833.
17. iii. **Sarah Thayer** #173693 b. c. 1834.
18. iv. **Frances A. (Fanny) Thayer** #173694 b. c. 1838.
19. v. **Loira Thayer** #252678 b. c. 1842.
20. vi. **Ira B. Thayer** #173695 b. c. 1844.

*Generation Three*

7. **Charles Edward Drewry** #87996, b. c. 1833 in Ontario,<sup>5</sup> occupation 1870 Township Clerk, Ameliasburgh, occupation 1871 - 1875 Miller in Ameliasburgh, d. 1897.

(Name also appears as "DREURY", "DREWERY", "DRURY", "DREWRY" spelling has been used throughout these genealogies to the 20th century.)

1870: Lived in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario

1873: Lived on 2nd Concession, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

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" His son, Charles Drewry, who married Sarah Dempsey, owned a grist mill near Roblin's Mills, which he conducted for some years, when he sold out and moved to Colborne. Here he carried on a flour mill, and built and operated a new grist mill. He was a millwright, as well as a miller, and with his brother built a number of mills throughout the counties of Hastings and Northumberland. He led a busy and active life, and in addition to his private business, he was clerk of the Council in Ameliasburgh, issuer of marriage licenses and Justice of the Peace. After removing to Colborne, he served in the Town Council and upon the School Board, and also upon the Trustee Board of the Methodist Church, of which church he was a devoted member, being Superintendent of the Sunday School. His political affiliations were with the Liberal party.

"Mr. Drewry died in 1897, and his widow still survives him. Their son, George Drewry, B.A., was educated at the Public and High Schools of Colborne. He then matriculated at Victoria University with the degree of B.A. in 1890.

"He later taught school for a short time, and studied law with the eminent firm of Clute, McDonald and McCrimmon. He was called to the Bar in 1895 and enrolled as a barrister and solicitor. He at once began a the practice of law at Colborne, and has long enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, attracting substantially all the legal business of Colborne and the surrounding country."

He married **Sarah Ann Dempsey** #87997, b. c. 1835 in Ontario.<sup>5</sup>

### *Children:*

21. i. **Charles Frederick Drewry** #113977 b. 04 March 1864.
  22. ii. **William Drewry** #147595 b. c. 1865.
  23. iii. **George Drewry** #147596 b. c. 1868.
  24. iv. **Anna Gertrude Drewry** #87998 b. 28 July 1870.
  25. v. **Emma Frances Drewry** #88246 b. 16 May 1873.
  26. vi. **Lillian Drewry** #93155 b. 18 July 1875.
  27. vii. **Mary E. Drewry** #173709.
8. **William Drewry** #173676, b.<sup>1</sup>

Family lived in Murray Township, Northumberland County, Ontario.

He married **Olive Miller** #173696.<sup>1</sup>

### *Children:*

28. i. **Agnes Drewry** #173697.
29. ii. **Malcolm Drewry** #173698.

30. iii. **Ira Drewry** #173699.

9. **Philip Drewry** #104884, b. c. 1823 in Ontario,<sup>6</sup> occupation 1871 Farmer in Sophiasburgh.

Surname also appears as "DRURY".

He married **Sarah Anne Bogart** #104885, b. c. 1830 in Ontario.<sup>6</sup>

*Children:*

31. i. **George Drewry** #173670.

32. ii. **Wallace D. Drewry** #104886 b. c. 1860.

10. **Mary Drewry** #173677, b. c. 1825 in Sophiasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>7</sup> occupation Farmer's Wife, d. 01 February 1908 in Pt. 15, Con. 1, WGP, Sophiasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>7</sup>

She married **Philip Way** #162547,<sup>8</sup> d. before 1908 in Sophiasburgh?

**Philip:**

Family lived at Marsh Front, Sophiasburgh.

*Children:*

33. i. **Charles Edward Way** #162546 b. c. 1855.

11. **Francis (Fanny) Drewry** #173678, b. c. 1830 in Ontario.<sup>1,2</sup>

She married **James B. Gordon** #173706,<sup>1</sup> b. c. 1823 in Scotland,<sup>2</sup> occupation 1871 Miller in Brighton Township.

**James:**

Family lived in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario.

*Children:*

34. i. **Barbara (Barbery) R. Gordon** #198421 b. c. 1848.

35. ii. **William Gordon** #173708.

36. iii. **Margaret Gordon** #198422 b. c. 1852.

37. iv. **Thomas E. Gordon** #198424 b. c. 1856.

38. v. **Harriet W. Gordon** #198423 b. c. 1858.

39. vi. **Jane Gordon** #198425 b. c. 1862.

40. vii. **Minnie Gordon** #173707 b. c. 1870.

12. **Nancy Drewry** #173679, b.<sup>1</sup>

She married **George Sherwood** #173710,<sup>1</sup> b. c. 1838 in Ontario (son of **Daniel Sherwood** #198394 [Farmer in Brighton Township] and **Mariah? (unidentified)** #198395), occupation 1871 Sailor in Brighton Township.

**George:**

Family lived in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario. Other SHWERWOOD families enumerated nearby.

*Children:*

- 41. i. **Nellie R. Sherwood** #173711.
- 42. ii. **Frances Sherwood** #173713.

13. **John Drewry** #173680, b.<sup>1</sup>

Family lived in Newburgh, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

He married **Sarah Darling** #173701.<sup>1</sup>

*Children:*

- 43. i. **Elizabeth Drewry** #173702.
- 44. ii. **Fred Drewry** #173703.
- 45. iii. **Mary Drewry** #173704.
- 46. iv. **Harrt Drewry** #173705.

14. **Albert H. Drewry** #173675, b. c. 1857 in Ontario.<sup>1,2</sup>

Family lived in Trenton, Hastings County, Ontario.

He married **Jennie Stedman** #173722.<sup>1</sup>

*Children:*

- 47. i. **Jennie Drewry** #173723.
- 48. ii. **(unidentified) Drewry** #173724.
- 49. iii. **(unidentified) Drewry** #173725.

15. **Elza Thayer** #173691, b. c. 1830 in Northumberland County, Ontario,<sup>9</sup> occupation 1851 Schoolteacher in Brighton Township.

16. **Isaiah Thayer** #173692, b. c. 1833 in Northumberland County, Ontario,<sup>1</sup> occupation 1851 Saddler in Brighton Township, occupation 1871 Farmer in Brighton Village.

1871: Family lived in Brighton Village, Northumberland County, Ontario.

He married **Mary (unidentified)** #199164, b. c. 1834 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>

*Children:*

50. i. **Walter Thayer** #199165 b. c. 1857.
  51. ii. **Frances Thayer** #199166 b. c. 1858.
  52. iii. **John Thayer** #199167 b. c. 1863.
  53. iv. **Mary E. Thayer** #199168 b. c. 1867.
17. **Sarah Thayer** #173693, b. c. 1834 in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>9</sup> .
  18. **Frances A. (Fanny) Thayer** #173694, b. c. 1838 in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>9</sup> .
  19. **Loira Thayer** #252678, b. c. 1842 in Canada West.<sup>9</sup> .
  20. **Ira B. Thayer** #173695, b. c. 1844 in Northumberland County, Ontario,<sup>1,2</sup> occupation 1871 Merchant in Brighton Village.

1851: Not with family...

*Generation Four*

21. **Charles Frederick Drewry** #113977, b. 04 March 1864 in Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>10,5</sup> baptized 06 November 1864 in Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>10</sup> .
22. **William Drewry** #147595, b. c. 1865 in Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>5</sup> .
23. **George Drewry** #147596, b. c. 1868 in Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>5</sup> .
24. **Anna Gertrude Drewry** #87998, b. 28 July 1870 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>11</sup> .
25. **Emma Frances Drewry** #88246, b. 16 May 1873 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>12</sup> .
26. **Lillian Drewry** #93155, b. 18 July 1875 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>13</sup> .
27. **Mary E. Drewry** #173709, b. in Ameliasburgh?<sup>1</sup> .
28. **Agnes Drewry** #173697, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> .
29. **Malcolm Drewry** #173698, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> .
30. **Ira Drewry** #173699, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> .
31. **George Drewry** #173670, b. in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>1</sup> d. in childhood.
32. **Wallace D. Drewry** #104886, b. c. 1860 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>6</sup> occupation 1885 Farmer in Sophiasburgh.

Surname also appears as "DRURY."

He married **Martha Ann (Hattie?) Osborne** #157971, 27 May 1885 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>14</sup> b. c. 1868 in Consecon, Prince Edward County, Ontario (daughter of **Jonathan Greeley Osborne** #81526 [Clerk in Ameliasburgh] and **Melissa Marsh** #157972).

*Children:*

- 54. i. **Ernest Campbell Drury** #165437 b. 31 August 1889.
  - 55. ii. **Gilbert Drury** #229458.
  - 56. iii. **Anna Drury** #229459.
33. **Charles Edward Way** #162546, b. c. 1855 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario, occupation 1893 - 1894 Farmer in Northport.

1908: Informant at mother's death in Sophiasburgh.

He married **Mary Elizabeth Dempsey** #75019, 30 August 1893 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>15</sup> b. 22 July 1870 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>16,17,10</sup> (daughter of **William Ryerson Dempsey** #75015 [Farmer in Albury] and **Emily Boulter** #75014), baptized 27 July 1870 in Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>10</sup>

*Children:*

- 57. i. **Helen Letta Way** #175119 b. 02 June 1894.
  - 58. ii. **Gladys Marjorie Way** #175717 b. 22 May 1898.
  - 59. iii. **Hilda Lorena Way** #207686 b. 13 March 1901.
  - 60. iv. **Gena Merle Way** #208588 b. 18 November 1907.
- 34. **Barbara (Barbery) R. Gordon** #198421, b. c. 1848 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>
  - 35. **William Gordon** #173708, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>
  - 36. **Margaret Gordon** #198422, b. c. 1852 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>
  - 37. **Thomas E. Gordon** #198424, b. c. 1856 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>
  - 38. **Harriet W. Gordon** #198423, b. c. 1858 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>
  - 39. **Jane Gordon** #198425, b. c. 1862 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>
  - 40. **Minnie Gordon** #173707, b. c. 1870 in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1,2</sup>
  - 41. **Nellie R. Sherwood** #173711, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>

She married **Harry Lanson** #173712.<sup>1</sup>

*Children:*

- 61. i. **Ormond K. Sherwood** #173715.
- 62. ii. **Marion Sherwood** #173716.
- 63. iii. **Donald Sherwood** #173717.
- 64. iv. **Garnet Sherwood** #173718.
- 65. v. **Ruby Sherwood** #173719.
- 66. vi. **Marjorie Sherwood** #173720.



67. vii. **Drewry Sherwood #173721.**

42. **Frances Sherwood #173713, b.<sup>1</sup>**

She married **Wilbert Price #173714.<sup>1</sup>**

**Wilbert:**

Family lived in Manitoba.

43. **Elizabeth Drewry #173702, b. in Lennox and Addington, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>**

44. **Fred Drewry #173703, b. in Lennox and Addington, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>**

45. **Mary Drewry #173704, b. in Lennox and Addington, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>**

46. **Harrt Drewry #173705, b. in Lennox and Addington, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>**

47. **Jennie Drewry #173723, b. in Trenton?, Hastings County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>**

48. **(unidentified) Drewry #173724, b. in Trenton?.<sup>1</sup>**

49. **(unidentified) Drewry #173725, b. in Trenton?.<sup>1</sup>**

50. **Walter Thayer #199165, b. c. 1857 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>**

51. **Frances Thayer #199166, b. c. 1858 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>**

52. **John Thayer #199167, b. c. 1863 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>**

53. **Mary E. Thayer #199168, b. c. 1867 in Ontario.<sup>2</sup>**

*Generation Five*

54. **Ernest Campbell Drury #165437, b. 31 August 1889 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>18</sup>**

Surname also appears as "DREWRY."

1932: Informant at wife's death, lived in Wellington.

He married **Ethel Mae Joyce #196359, 19 March 1913 in Napanee, b. 18 July 1890 in Ontario,<sup>19</sup>** (daughter of **Franklin Murney Joyce #104009** [Farmer in Hallowell Township] and **Emma Bristow #160741**), occupation 1932 Housewife in Wellington, d. 01 February 1932 in Wellington, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>19</sup> buried 03 February 1932 in Wellington Cemetery, Wellington, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>19</sup>

**Ethel:**

\*\* confirm marriage \*\*.

*Children:*

68. i. **Marion Viola Drury #224184 b. 20 December 1913.**

55. **Gilbert Drury #229458, b.<sup>20</sup>**

56. **Anna Drury #229459, b.<sup>20</sup>**

57. **Helen Letta Way #175119, b. 02 June 1894 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>21</sup>**

58. **Gladys Marjorie Way #175717, b. 22 May 1898 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>22</sup>**

59. **Hilda Lorena Way #207686, b. 13 March 1901 in Sophiasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>23</sup>**

60. **Gena Merle Way #208588, b. 18 November 1907 in Lot 15, Con. 1, WGP, Sophiasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>24</sup>**

61. **Ormond K. Sherwood #173715, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>**

62. **Marion Sherwood #173716, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>**

63. **Donald Sherwood** #173717, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> .
64. **Garnet Sherwood** #173718, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> .
65. **Ruby Sherwood** #173719, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> .
66. **Marjorie Sherwood** #173720, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> .
67. **Drewry Sherwood** #173721, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> .

*Generation Six*

68. **Marion Viola Drury** #224184, b. 20 December 1913 in Pt. 16, Con. 2, WGP, Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>25</sup> .

She married **Neil Robinson Wood** #207003, 16 January 1932 in Wellington, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>26</sup> b. 04 February 1908 in Lot 28, Big Island, Sophiasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>27</sup> (son of **Robertson (Robert) Wood** #144978 [Mariner in Picton] and **Eliza A. Storms** #144979), occupation 1932 Farmer in Hillier Township.

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<sup>1</sup> Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, DREWRY Family, pp 295 - 297.

<sup>2</sup> 1871 Brighton, Northumberland East, Ontario census; age/birthplace/assumed relationship.

<sup>3</sup> Register of the McDowall Church, Rev. Robert McDowall, 1800 - 1816; and others to 1836..

<sup>4</sup> Gayla Vidal genealogy, MAGRC, transcribed OCT 2018.

<sup>5</sup> 1871 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.

<sup>6</sup> 1871 Sophiasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/assumed relationship.

<sup>7</sup> ONVS Deaths, ref. 025222-1908; c/d: Paralysis of bowels, five days; Informant: Charles E. WAY.

<sup>8</sup> Details from son Charles' 1893 marriage record.

<sup>9</sup> 1851 Brighton Township, Northumberland County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/assumed relationship.

<sup>10</sup> Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register, 1828-1910.

<sup>11</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 009421-1870.

<sup>12</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 044230-1873.

<sup>13</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 018183-1875.

<sup>14</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 010005-1885; Witnesses: Charles MAY, Sophiasburgh; Annie ARTHUR, Consecon.

<sup>15</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 010458-1893; Witnesses: W.B. GORDON, Kingsford; Alice Helen DEMPSEY, Ameliasburgh.

<sup>16</sup> Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904; pp 180-182.

<sup>17</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 011296-1870.

<sup>18</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 031482-1889.

<sup>19</sup> ONVS Deaths, ref. 028943-1932; c/d: Gastric carcinoma; Informant: Ernest DREWRY, Husband, Wellington.

<sup>20</sup> Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904; The Osborne Family, pp 616 - 619.

<sup>21</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 028122-1894.

<sup>22</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 035913-1898.

<sup>23</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 035066-1901.

<sup>24</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 040138-1907.

<sup>25</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 049799-1914.

<sup>26</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 016917-1932; Witnesses: Joe C. FOLEY, Jessie L. MORDEN; both in Wellington.

<sup>27</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 042527-1908.