



## Family of Robert Jeffers in Upper Canada

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### Generation One

#### 1. **Robert Jeffers** #185372.

The Jeffers Family

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904; (pages 460 - 461)

"Some time about the year 1821 Robert Jeffers emigrated from Cork, Ireland, and settled in Canada, He had a family of seven children, several of whom entered professions, inclining most particularly to the Methodist ministry, and all of whom married with the exception of one who died before reaching maturity.

"James Frith Jeffers is more widely known than any other member of the family, for all his life he has been a leader in the educational world. A grandson of the pioneer Jeffers, and son of the Rev. Wellington Jeffers, he commenced to teach others at the early age of fifteen years. Later on he took a full course of instruction in the Model Grammar School, and on its completion taught for twenty years as master in the public and high schools. He formulated a new system of school grading and management, which he was enabled to put into practice when appointed headmaster of the Peterboro Collegiate Institute in 1876. While introducing these reforms, his schools were attended by a thousand pupils and were staffed by twenty-three teachers; and at the same time he was engaged in teaching the pupils of two departments who were to graduate for the first year's work in the University of Toronto. But the nature of his work was somewhat changed in 1881, for it was then he was offered and accepted the position of Chief Traffic Auditor of the Midland Railway. As he held his position of auditor until the Midland system was absorbed by the Grand Trunk Company, he gained a sound and practical experience in commercial, financial and railway matters, which he applied with undoubted aptitude and ability, to upholding the renown and strengthening the forces of the Belleville Business College.

"Among James Frith Jeffers' other successful essays in life it may be mentioned that he is known as the author of two histories of Canada, one of which passed through several editions and for years was the authorized text-book in the public schools. He married Mary Adelaide, daughter of Elias Clapp Ketcheson, and a granddaughter of Col. William Ketcheson."

He married (**unidentified**) #185373.

#### *Children:*

2. i. **Elizabeth Jeffers** #185374.
3. ii. **John Jeffers** #185376.
4. iii. **Thomas Jeffers** #185378.
5. iv. **Ann Jeffers** #185380.
6. v. **Robert Jeffers** #185382.

7. vi. **Wellington Jeffers** #185364.

8. vii. **Hester Jeffers** #185383.

*Generation Two*

2. **Elizabeth Jeffers** #185374, b.<sup>1</sup>

She married **John Diamond** #185375.<sup>1</sup>

**John:**

Family lived in Hay Bay, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

3. **John Jeffers** #185376, b.<sup>1</sup>

Lived in Napanee.

He married **(unidentified) Caverley** #185377.<sup>1</sup>

4. **Thomas Jeffers** #185378, b.<sup>1</sup> occupation Methodist Minister.

He married **Emmeline Sturgis** #185379.<sup>1</sup>

5. **Ann Jeffers** #185380, b.<sup>1</sup>

She married **Andrew Diamond** #185381.<sup>1</sup>

**Andrew:**

Family lived in Hay Bay, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

6. **Robert Jeffers** #185382, b.<sup>1</sup> d. at a young age.<sup>1</sup>

7. **Wellington Jeffers** #185364, occupation Methodist Minister.

He married (1) **Jane Frith** #185365.<sup>1</sup>

*Children:*

9. i. **James Frith Jeffers** #185363.

10. ii. **Emma Gee Jeffers** #185366.

11. iii. **Wellington C. Jeffers** #185368.

12. iv. **Helen Jeffers** #185370.

He married (2) **Jane Dougall** #185385.<sup>1</sup>

8. **Hester Jeffers** #185383, b.<sup>1</sup>

She married **William Chapman** #185384.<sup>1</sup>

**William:**

Family lived in Thurlow Township, Hastings County. (Pioneer Life, 1904).

*Generation Three*

9. **James Frith Jeffers** #185363.

Family lived in Belleville, Hastings County, Ontario.

He married **Mary Adelaide Ketcheson** #114322,<sup>1</sup> b. 22 January 1847 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario,<sup>2</sup> (daughter of **Elias Clapp Ketcheson** #111824 [Farmer in Sidney Township] and **Henrietta Chisholm** #114318), baptized 03 April 1850 in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario.<sup>2</sup>

10. **Emma Gee Jeffers** #185366, b.<sup>1</sup>

She married **James Graham** #185367,<sup>1</sup> occupation Methodist Minister.

11. **Wellington C. Jeffers** #185368, b.<sup>1</sup> occupation Physician in Lindsay.

She married **Mary Williams** #185369.<sup>1</sup>

12. **Helen Jeffers** #185370, b.<sup>1</sup>

She married **Robert Wilkinson** #185371,<sup>1</sup> occupation Minister.

**Robert:**

Family moved to the United States (Pioneer Life, 1904).

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<sup>1</sup> Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904; (pages 460 - 461)

<sup>2</sup> Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register, 1828-1910.

