



Genealogy of the John Ashley Family, England and Kingston, Ontario

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Generation One

1. **John Ashley** #220338, b. in England.¹

He married **Margaret (Closkey?)** #220339,² b. in Ontario.¹

Children:

2. i. **Cumberland Ashley** #220336 b. c. 1843.
3. ii. **Anne Elizabeth Ashley** #258293 b. 31 August 1853.

Generation Two

2. **Cumberland Ashley** #220336, b. c. 1843 in Kingston Township, Frontenac County, Ontario, d. before 1923 in Kingston? .

He married (1) **(unidentified)** #220337, d. before 1873.

He married (2) **Hannah Mary Grass** #211223, 06 May 1873 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,³ b. c. 1848 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,⁴ (daughter of **Lewis Grass** #211219 [Blacksmith in Kingston Township] and **Catherine Quintell** #211220), d. 26 May 1923 in 236 Wellington Street, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,⁵ buried 26 May 1923 in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario.⁵

Children:

4. i. **(unidentified) Ashley** #220340.
3. **Anne Elizabeth Ashley** #258293, b. 31 August 1853 in Kingston Township, Frontenac County, Ontario,⁶ d. 29 June 1944 in 1926 Verden Avenue, Windsor, Essex County, Ontario,⁶ buried 01 July 1944 in Victoria Memorial Cemetery, Windsor, Essex County, Ontario.⁶
(confirm parents)
1884: Lived in Pittsferry, Pittsburgh Township, Frontenac County, Ontario when married.

She married **George Allen Wartman** #258292, 30 June 1884 in Pittsburgh Township, Frontenac County, Ontario,⁷ b. c. 06 September 1854 in Richmond Township, Lennox and Addington, Ontario * (son of **John Herchmer Wartman** #178837 [Farmer in Kingston Township] and **Jane Ann Grass** #178754), occupation 1884 Farmer in Washburn, Pittsburgh Township, occupation 1901 Grain Merchant in Bath, occupation 1921 Coal Merchant in Bath, d. 11 November 1942 in 1926 Verdun Avenue, Windsor, Essex County, Ontario,⁸ buried 13 November 1942 in Victoria Memorial Cemetery, Windsor, Essex County, Ontario.⁸

George:

1901: Family lived in Bath, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

* 1942 Death Record shows birthplace as "Portsmouth, Ontario."

Children:

5. i. **Harriet Elizabeth (Margaret Jane) Wartman** #258296 b. 08 April 1885.

Generation Three

4. **(unidentified) Ashley** #220340.

1923: Informant at mother's death, lived at 26 Division Street, Kingston.

She married **E. Stewart** #220341.

5. **Harriet Elizabeth (Margaret Jane) Wartman** #258296, b. 08 April 1885 in Washburn, Pittsburgh Township, Frontenac County, Ontario,⁹ occupation 1919 Bookkeeper in Kingston, d. 01 September 1981 in Belleville?,¹⁰ buried in Belleville Cemetery, Belleville, Hastings County, Ontario.¹⁰

She married (1) **George Edwin Searle** #258295, 09 July 1919 in Napanee, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,¹¹ b. c. 1878 in Torquay, Devonshire, England,¹² (son of **Stephen Searle** #259000 and **Jane Hill** #259001), d. 31 May 1953 in 1926 Verdun Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.¹²

George:

1919: Lived in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario when married.

1922: Moved to Windsor from Montreal/Kingston.

1942: Informant at father-in-law George WARTMAN's death, lived at 1926 Verdun Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

Children:

6. i. **Harold Searle** #258997.

7. ii. **Vera Searle** #258998.

She married (2) **Gerald James Shore Loynes** #284677, b. 18 July 1886 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,^{13,14} (son of **Shore Loynes** #248104 [Grocer in Kingston] and **Caroline Eliza Chalmers** #273423), d. 04 January 1982 in Belleville?,¹⁰ buried in Belleville Cemetery, Belleville, Hastings County, Ontario,¹⁰ occupation 1913 Bank Manager in Woodstock, Ontario.

Gerald:

Only son.

1913: Family lived in Woodstock, Oxford County, Ontario.

1943: Family lived in Toronto.

Generation Four

6. **Harold Searle** #258997, b.¹²

1953: Lived in South Orange, New Jersey.

7. **Vera Searle** #258998, b.¹²

She married **J.E.H. Campbell** #258999.

J.E.H.:

1953: Family lived in Toronto.

¹ Details from daughter Anna's 1944 death record.

² Details from son Cumberland's 1873 marriage record.

³ ONVS Marriages, ref. 003402-1873; Witnesses: George E. ASHLEY, Kingston Township; Catherine GRASS, Kingston.

⁴ 1851 Enumeration District 2, Kingston Township, Frontenac County, Ontario.

⁵ ONVS Deaths, ref. 014673-1923; c/d: Arterio-sclerosis; chronic interstitial Nephritis; Informant: Mrs. E. STEWART, Daughter, 26 Division Street, Kingston.

⁶ ONVS Deaths, ref. 038464-1944; c/d: Hemiplegia, arterial hypertension, uremia; Informant: Mrs. George SEARLES, Daughter, 1926 Verden Avenue, Windsor.

⁷ ONVS Marriages, ref. 003250-1884; Witnesses: John ASHLEY, Pittsburgh Township; Agnes WARTMAN, Kingston Township.

⁸ ONVS Deaths, ref. 016567-1942; c/d: Cerebral hemorrhage, senility; Informant: G.E. SEARLES, Son-in-law, 1926 Verdun Street, Windsor.

⁹ ONVS Births, ref. 009329-1885

¹⁰ findagrave.com, Belleville Cemetery, Belleville, Hastings County, Ontario.

¹¹ ONVS Marriages, ref. 015811-1919; Witnesses: Abbie May HUDSON, Napanee; Anna Gertrude KEMP, Bath.

¹² The Windsor Star, 01 JUN 1953; Obituary for George Edwin SEARLE.

¹³ 1891 Victoria Ward, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.

¹⁴ ONVS Births, ref. 009992-1886.

