

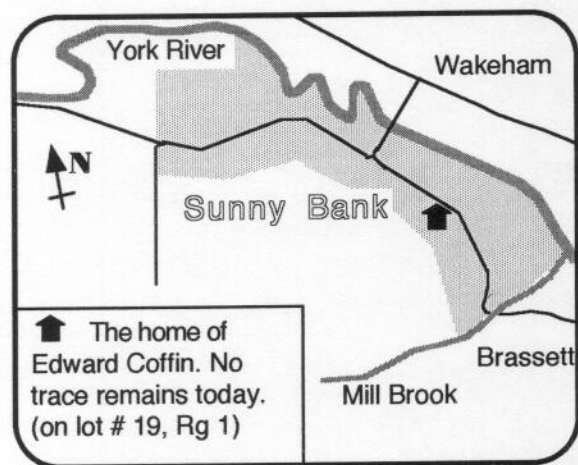
## COFFIN family of Sunny Bank

It is believed by some that the Coffin (or Coffyn) family originated in Palestine or Greece. At the time of the Norman Conquest, when the name first appears in British history, the family showed signs of Norse or ancient British characteristics. The Coffin family from which the Gaspé Coffins descended lived in the northern coast of Devonshire, England, within the parish of Brixton. Tristram Coffin left his homeland in 1642 with his wife, his mother, and two unmarried sisters, and moved to America. Finally in 1660 he settled permanently on Nantucket Island, of which he was one of the original proprietors.<sup>1</sup>

It is from Tristram and his wife, Dionis Stevens, that most of America's vast number of Coffins have descended. A great-great-grandson of his, Abraham, served as an officer on a British Navy Vessel during the American Revolution. This ship made frequent excursions into the St. Lawrence and often came to port in Gaspé. On one of these visits, in

1779, Abraham married Hannah Ascah. He received 600 acres of land in L'Anse aux Cousins, on which several members of the Coffin family still reside.<sup>2</sup>

Abraham built his house near the Mill Brook in L'Anse aux Cousins. Here he raised a family of 8 children. His fifth child, also called Abraham, married Annabella Boyle and moved to Wakeham. Their fourth child, again Abraham, settled in York. This Abraham's son, Edward McGregor, settled on lot #19 in Sunny Bank, on what is now vacant property owned by Ralph Patterson. Only two families of Coffins were raised in Sunny Bank, and today not even a trace of their homestead remains.



<sup>1</sup> The Coffin Family, Edited by Louis Coffin, Nantucket Historical Association, General Printing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio

<sup>2</sup> Family Gatherings, by Raymond Patterson, p. 113

## Coffin

Ancestors of Edward McGregor Coffin,  
First Coffin to reside in Sunny Bank

### Chart #1

Note: The book "The Coffin Family" shows records of six generations of ancestors of Abraham, the first Coffin to settle in the Gaspé area. Edward McGregor was the great grandson of Abraham. To conserve space the nine charts which result are being omitted in favor of the following list, which shows the direct "Coffin" ancestors of Edward.

Nicholas, lived in "Butlers" (now Butlass), Parish of Brixton, County of Devon

B ?

M date uncertain; wife: Johan

B ?            D 1613

D 1613

Peter, eldest son of Nicholas

B ?

M ?; wife: Joan Thember (possibly Johan or Joanna)

B ?            D May 30, 1661

D circa 1627

Tristram, 1st son of Peter, born at Brixton, Devonshire County, England

B 1605;            in 1642 he settled in Massachusetts; 1660 he moved to Nantucket.

M circa 1630; Dionis Stevens, daughter of Robert Stevens of Brixton

B circa 1610    D circa Oct. 16, 1676 or Nov. 6, 1684

D Oct. 2, 1681, age: 76

James, 4th child of Tristram

B Aug. 12, 1640

M Dec. 3, 1663; Mary Severance, daughter of John and Abigail

B Aug. 5, 1645    D?

D July 28, 1720, age: 79

Nathanial, 3rd child of James

B 1671

M Nov. 29, 1672; Damaris Gayer, daughter of William and Dorcas

B Oct. 24, 1673    D Sept. 6, 1764

D Aug. 29, 1720, age: 49

Benjamin, 6th child of Nathanial

B June 3, 1705

M (1) Feb. 3, 1726; Judida Hussey, daughter of Bachelder and Abigail

B July 27, 1708    D Aug. 6, 1759

(2) April 29, 1672; Deborah Macy, daughter of Thomas and Deborah

B June 17, 1726    D Nov. 23, 1803

D Nov. 3, 1780, age: 75

Abraham, 12th child of Benjamin, settled in L'Anse aux Cousins

B Sept. 5, 1750

M 1779; Hannah Ascah, daughter of Richard and Christiana Mellick, Peninsula

B April 8, 1763 D June 14, 1880 (?)

D 1816, age: 66

Abraham, 5th child of Abraham from L'Anse aux Cousins, settled in Wakeham

B Oct. 13, 1789

M Nov. 8, 1812; Annabella Boyle, Wakeham, daughter of James and Mary Curtis

B 1794 D 1880, age: 86

D April. 13, 1867, age: 77

Abraham, 4th child of Abraham from Wakeham, settled in York

B April 7, 1821

M 1846; Sarah Hannah Coffin of Peninsula, daughter of Philip and Margaret McRae

B Oct. 1, 1818 D 1872, age: 53

D 1874, age: 55

Edward McGregor, 4th child of Abraham from York, settled in Sunny Bank

B 1851

M 1885; Caroline Jane Grant [Grant chart #2]

B 1862 D 1930, age: 68

D 1924, age: 71

[see Coffin chart #2]

## Coffin

Descendants of Edward McGregor,  
first Coffin to reside in Sunny Bank

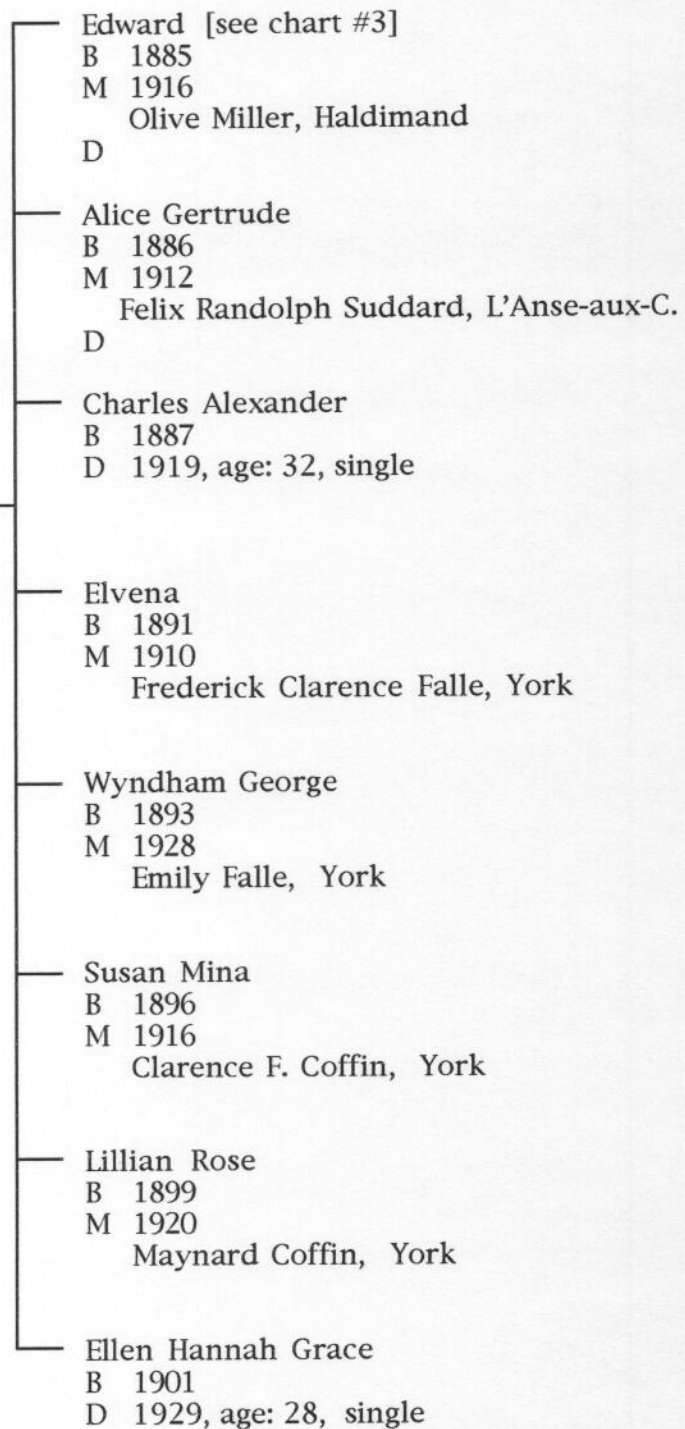
### CHART # 2

Edward McGregor  
B 1851  
D 1924, age: 71

M 1885

Caroline Grant [Grant chart #2]  
B 1862  
D 1930, age: 68

residence: Sunny Bank



Coffin

Descendants of Edward, 2nd generation

CHART # 3

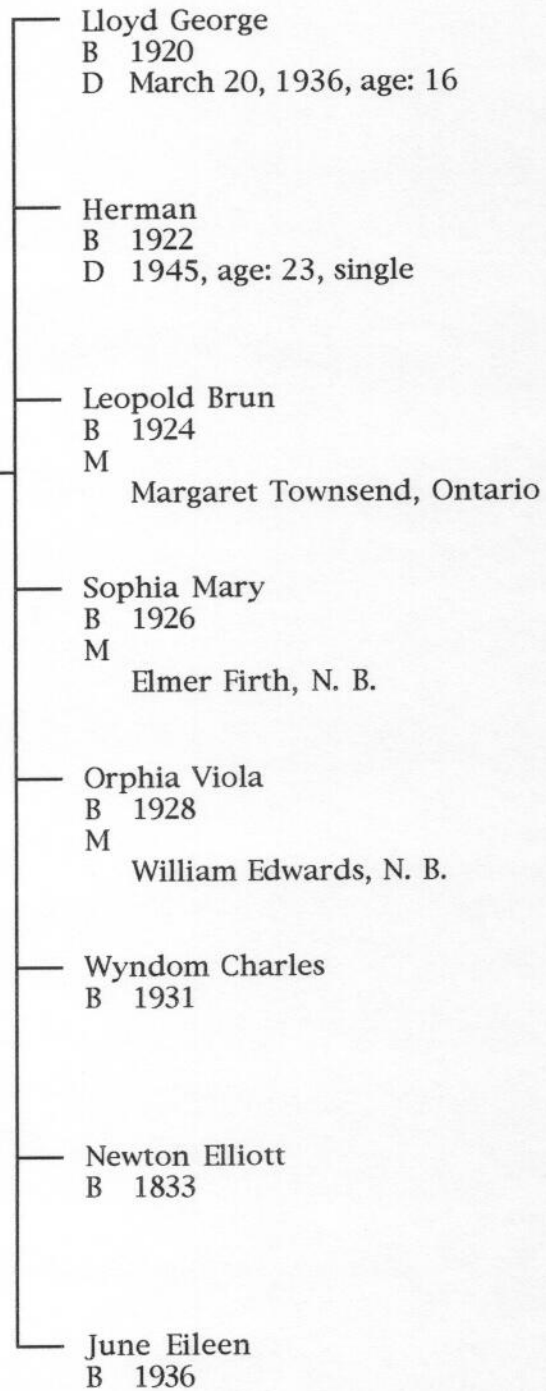
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Edward  
B 1885  
D

M 1916

Olive Miller, Haldimand  
B 1894  
D

residence: Sunny Bank  
moved to Campbellton, N. B.



Clark  
Descendants of William

CHART # 1

William Clark  
B 1803  
D 1862

M 1830

Bridget Condon, Douglastown  
B 1810  
D 1889

residence: Wakeham

James  
B 1831  
moved to Australia

David  
B Aug. 24, 1832  
M Sept. 15, 1863  
Annie Louisa Miller (Miller chart #2)  
D Jan. 23, 1904, age: 71

Mary Sophia [see Patterson chart # 13]  
B 1834  
M 1854  
William Henry Patterson (Pat ch #4)  
D 1877, age: 42

Maria Ann  
B 1835  
M 1858  
Joseph Richard Patterson (Pat ch#10)  
D 1877, age: 42

Jane  
B 1836  
M 1856  
Richard Douglas Patterson (Pat ch#10)  
D 1857, age: 21

John [see chart # 2]  
B March 3, 1841  
M (1) 1865 Frances Miller (Miller #2)  
(2) 1874 Sophia Grant (Grant ch #1)  
D Jan. 20, 1918, age: 76

Margaret  
B 1844  
D Feb. 16, 1862, age: 18

Wilkison  
B 1846  
D Feb. 16, 1862, age: 16

Elizabeth  
B 1848  
D Feb. 8, 1862, age: 14

Sarah  
B 1848  
D Feb. 28, 1862, age: 12

William  
B 1853  
D Feb. 20, 1862, age: 9

Amelia  
B 1856  
D Feb. 8, 1862, age: 6

Clark

Descendants of William, 2nd generation

CHART # 2

(from chart #1)

John Clark

B March 3, 1841

D Jan. 20, 1918, age: 76

M (1) 1865

Frances Miller (Miller chart #2)

B Dec. 18, 1838

D 1871, age: 32

residence: Wakeham

Sarah Martha [see Nelson chart # 2]

B 1865

M 1890

Robert Nelson (Nelson chart #1)

D 1920, age: 55

William Henry

B 1867

M 1892

Annabella Grant (Grant chart #3)

D 1926, age: 59

Margaret Ellen

B 1870

D 1872, age: 2

Laura [see Patterson chart #28]

B 1871

M 1898

Wolsey Patterson (Patterson #20)

D 1960, age: 89

Arthur John [see chart #3]

B 1875

M (1) Maude Patterson (Patterson #15)

(2) Ida Patterson (Patterson ch #14)

D 1952, age: 77

Wilfred Harold

B 1876

M 1909

Gertrude Enman, P. E. I.

D 1944, age: 68

John Clark

M (2) 1874

Thomas Fitzallan

B Jan. 28, 1878

M Dec. 27, 1900

Elizabeth Patterson (Patterson ch#14)

D March 6, 1960, age: 82

Sophia Mary Grant (Grant chart #1)

B 1855

D 1887, age: 32

Douglas James

B 1879

M (1) 1910 Georgeanna Hackett, Haldimand

(2) 1931 Elsie Garrett, Haldimand

D

Austin Malcolm

B 1882

M

Beatrice Denman, Edmonton

D

Chester Ernest

B 1883

D 1899, age: 16, single

# Clark

Descendants of William, 3rd generation

## CHART # 3

(from chart #2)

Arthur John  
B 1875  
D 1952, age: 77

M (1) 1895

Muriel Sophia [see Miller chart # 7]  
B June 4, 1896  
M Aug. 26, 1924  
Angus Walter Miller (Miller #4)  
D July 5, 1965, age: 69

Maude Patterson (Pat chart #15)

B 1874  
D 1896, age: 22

residence: Sunny Bank

James Arnold  
B 1906  
D Feb. 10, 1995, age: 88

Florence Ida  
B 1907  
D Nov. 7, 1988

Arthur John

M (2) 1906

Alvin Wilfred [see chart # 4]  
B Dec. 31, 1909  
M 1931  
Mildred Clark, Wakeham  
D March 18, 1994, age: 84

Ida Patterson (Pat chart #14)

B 1885  
M 1918, age: 33

residence: Sunny Bank

Winston Austin [see chart # 5]  
B Sept. 12, 1911  
M Jan. 19, 1943  
Marguerite Vardon, York  
D Dec. 3, 1986, age: 75

Vera [see Miller chart # 23]  
B June 17, 1918  
M 1941  
Kenneth Miller (Miller chart #7)  
D Dec. 5, 1979, age: 61

son of Muriel Sophia:

Silas  
B 1914  
M 1920  
Gertrude Tracey, Newcastle, N. B.  
D 1954, age: 40



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Descendants of William, 4th generation

## CHART # 4

(from chart #3)

Alvin Wilfred  
B Dec. 31, 1909  
D March 18, 1994, age: 84

M 1931

Mildred Clark, Wakeham  
B Aug. 28, 1915  
D May 20, 1976, age: 60

residence: Sunny Bank

Barbara Muriel  
B Dec. 22, 1931  
D March 16, 1985, age: 53

Wilfred John  
B April 15, 1933  
M  
Rita Roberts  
D Jan. 27, 1970, age: 36

Marina Matilda  
B Dec. 10, 1934  
D Aug., 1952, age: 17

Blair Alvin [see chart # 6]  
B May 17, 1936  
M April 28, 1957  
Marjorie Jean, York

Elizabeth Ida [see Patterson chart # 59]  
B Oct. 2, 1937  
M May 30, 1953  
Gerald Kingslay Patterson (Pat ch#42)  
D May 31, 1988, age: 50

Warren  
B Feb. 16, 1940  
D Dec. 3, 1984, age: 44

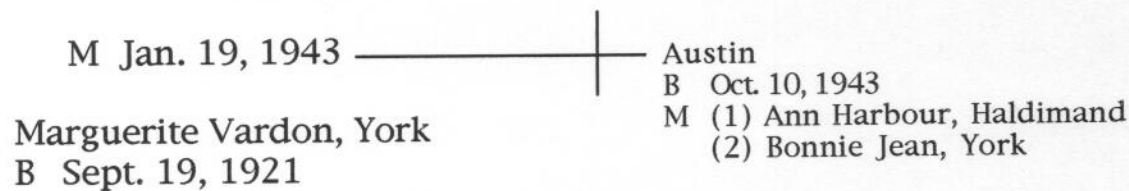
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Descendants of William, 4th generation

CHART # 5

(from chart #3)

Winston Austin  
B Sept. 12, 1911  
D Dec. 3, 1986, age: 75



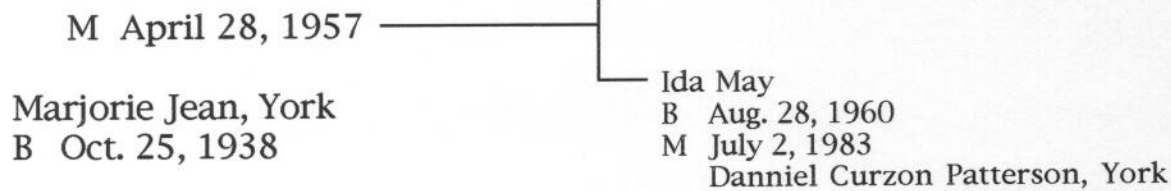
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Descendants of William, 5th generation

CHART # 6

(from chart #4)

Blair Alvin  
B May 17, 1936



residence: Sunny Bank

son of Penny:  
— Todd Ross  
B May 23, 1977