

COMMUNITY

Eight Generations of Cochranes in Cramahe Township

James Cochrane came to Canada from Wakefield, Yorkshire, England. It appears he was one of the sons of Lord Dundonald.

James settled in Cramahe Township, Lot 26, Concession 1, Broken Front. He was a gardener/farmer. In the early days on this lakeshore property, there was a "Halfway House", an establishment "half way" between Kingston and Toronto at which travellers stopped for food, refreshment, exchange of horses, etc.

James Cochrane married Mary E. Davis, born 1786 in Wexford County, Ireland. The couple had nine children, five of whom died in infancy or early childhood. Mary died in 1855 and is buried in the northeast section of Salem Cemetery. Her headstone is found there today. It is assumed James was also buried there although no stone remains attesting to this.

Four Children of James and Mary E. Cochrane

The four surviving children of James and Mary Cochrane were:

- 1. William H. ,1826-1886
Married Elizabeth (Betsy) Youlton, 1830-1902.
Their seven children were:
 - a. James 1853-1922
John Y. 1854-1875 - married Nettie ?
 - b. Martha Maude (1855-1905 - married Nathaniel Gaffield
 - c. William H. 1857-1927
married Elizabeth Bradd 1864-1926
 - d. Dr. Charles E. 1861-1895
married???
 - e. Albert 1868-1940
married Cynthia Ann Armstrong 1868-1937
 - f. Wallace 1871-1905
married Georgina M. Bailey 1885-1960
- 2. James 1828-1891
married Catherine M. Huyck 1834-1899
Their two children were:
 - a. Alice 1852-1855
 - b. Margaret Eleanor 1857-1939
married Hiram Rouse, Brighton

Great aunt

Kathryn Irene "Kittie" Cochrane August 1900 - April 22, 2001)



Kittie, left, with a friend before setting out on her mail run from Grafton 1921-24.

From a Letter to the Editor, *The Cobourg Sentinel Star*, June 6, 1973

Sir:
Re: Female Letter Carriers
To my knowledge, the Letter Carriers Union of Canada has always supported women mail carriers and I am sure that at this date there are many employed in this fashion. During the 1920s, when I lived on Robert Litster farm in Vernonville, a wonderful conscientious girl, Kittie Cochrane, brought the mail daily with horses and buggy.

At first she substituted for her father when his ill health kept him indoors and when he was incapable to make the Grafton-Vernonville daily run, she became responsible.

Rain/shine, Kittie could be depended upon and for many years she was a dedicated Government Employee. Not an easy task, but she served in noble fashion.

Another devoted Government Servant was my Grandfather David Deviney of Grafton. During a period of his life between 1895 and 1910, he served in the postal service of Cobourg and Grafton.

Edward Winter,
Cleveland, Ohio

Fourth cousin

James Frank Cochrane, below and Marlene Harnden's grandfathers were brothers.

From the *Colborne Chronicle*, 1988
James Frank Cochrane, former reeve of Cramahe Township and onetime Warden

of Northumberland County, died after suffering a heart attack and stroke at Cobourg General Hospital. He was 68. Mr. Cochrane had been in hospital for six weeks following an earlier attack.



Jim Cochrane

He was born and raised in Cramahe Township, the son of the late Annie Renetta Davis and William James Cochrane.

Cochrane was a farmer who, in the last 20 years, took up the breeding and racing of standardbred horses - trotters and pacers,

'He entered political life when he was elected to Cramahe Township school board in 1959. He later served on the township council for a period of 21 years, 17 as Reeve. He was elected Warden of Northumberland County just before his retirement from politics in 1980.

He was a past Master of Colborne Masonic Lodge No. 91.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Armstrong, daughter of Marianne Cochrane of Oshawa, son James William, and sister Mary R. Bell of Boucherville, Quebec. He was predeceased by a younger sister, Phyllis Patton.

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