

MAKELA, KUSTAA

Kustaa Makela was born July, 30, 1876 in Lappi, Hameen laani, Finland. He was married to Josefiina Koivunen, born January 3, 1879, also in Lappi. They had three children.

In 1910 Kustaa came alone to Toronto where he worked as a welder in the Massey-Harris factory. In 1912 he brought his family out to Canada and in 1914 they moved to Louise Township - [the fall of 1913 - O. Svensk].

Kustaa and 'Fiina had many children, all but one girls. [I guess there was about a dozen of us altogether, Hilja Maki]. Most of them died as babies or children. Alina, Tyyne and Hilja survived to adulthood. Alina died as a young woman, leaving a son. Arvo Saari.

Kustaa and 'Fiina lived long lives themselves. He died in 1960 and she in 1968. They are buried in Whitefish.