

ADAMS FAMILY

As told me by my mother Mrs. Harry Martin...

Captain Edwin Adams: was a cousin of the Foremans. He and the Penson family arrived in the Indian Village in 1869. Captain Adams built a house on the narrow strip of land between the river and Lake Rosseau. It is still called "Adams Bay". When they moved away the property was bought by a Mr. Burkholder from Hamilton and they called it the "Hermitage". Some time later it was bought by a Mr. Dubois who changed the name to "Sans Souci".

There is a paragraph on page 16 in the Tweedsmuir History which states that when they left Port Carling, none of them were heard of after. They came back to visit my family at intervals. The Adams had four children; George, Edith, Phyllis and Edward.

Edith: married a Mr. Beckwith and they lived on Isabella Street in Toronto. My mother often spent time with them there, previous to her marriage.

Phyllis: married and went to the United States to live. She often came back to visit the Martins and Foremans until around 1912. Mother had correspondence from her long after that.

George Kennett Adams: became a Methodist Minister. My mother visited him in St. Catharines when he was a minister there. He visited the Martins in 1925 or 1926. He had a daughter living in St. Catharines who was married to a doctor practising there.

FOREMAN FAMILY

William Foreman Sr: Captain Adams was a cousin of the Foremans. On his recommendation he persuaded the Foremans of Whistable, Kent, England, to come to the Indian Village. They arrived in May 1870 on a sailing vessel, then travelled *by train to Orillia, by boat across Lake Couchiching to Stashago, &* by oxen and wagon to McCabes Bay, Gravenhurst over a very rough road made of logs. These roads were referred to as "corduroy roads". They then proceeded up Lake Muskoka on the first boat, the Waubamick 1869, and landed at the mouth of the Indian River.

Mr. William Foreman Sr. was accompanied by his wife Emma May (nee Adams) and six children; William Jr., eleven years old, Sarah, nine years old and Kennett, Walter, Frank and Richard, all younger. They all attended the first school. It was situated just back of the present United Church. At that time it was the Methodist Church. Miss O'Brierne was the first teacher. Mr. William Foreman Sr. was a trustee and signed the patent for the property the church now stands on.

They settled on land across from an Indian landing in the narrow below Bailey Street. I believe it is now called "Dukes Point". There were many Indian graves there. Many flint arrowheads were found there by the children, proving that Indians travelled these lakes.

In 1891 Mr. William Foreman Sr., his wife Emma along with Richard and his wife Mary Ennis left Muskoka for Red Deer, Alberta. They established a settlement and called it "Foreman" near Red Deer. Therefore they lived in Muskoka from 1870 to 1891. Mr. William Foreman Sr. and Emma were my grandparents. As they left Muskoka before I was born, I do not have any memories of them.

William Foreman Jr: married Florence Penson daughter of R. G. Penson. They had six children; Ellen (Nellie), Bert, Sydney, Arthur, Percy and Florence. When the children were quite young their mother died and William re-married. He married Ada Watson (nee Penson) who had one daughter; Emily Watson. He was active in municipal affairs. Steamboats began to appear so work was created in towing logs, freight, passengers etc. Realizing Muskoka as a tourist attraction, they built the original "Endiang" summer resort. They operated it until 1910 when the family went to Lacombe, Alberta.