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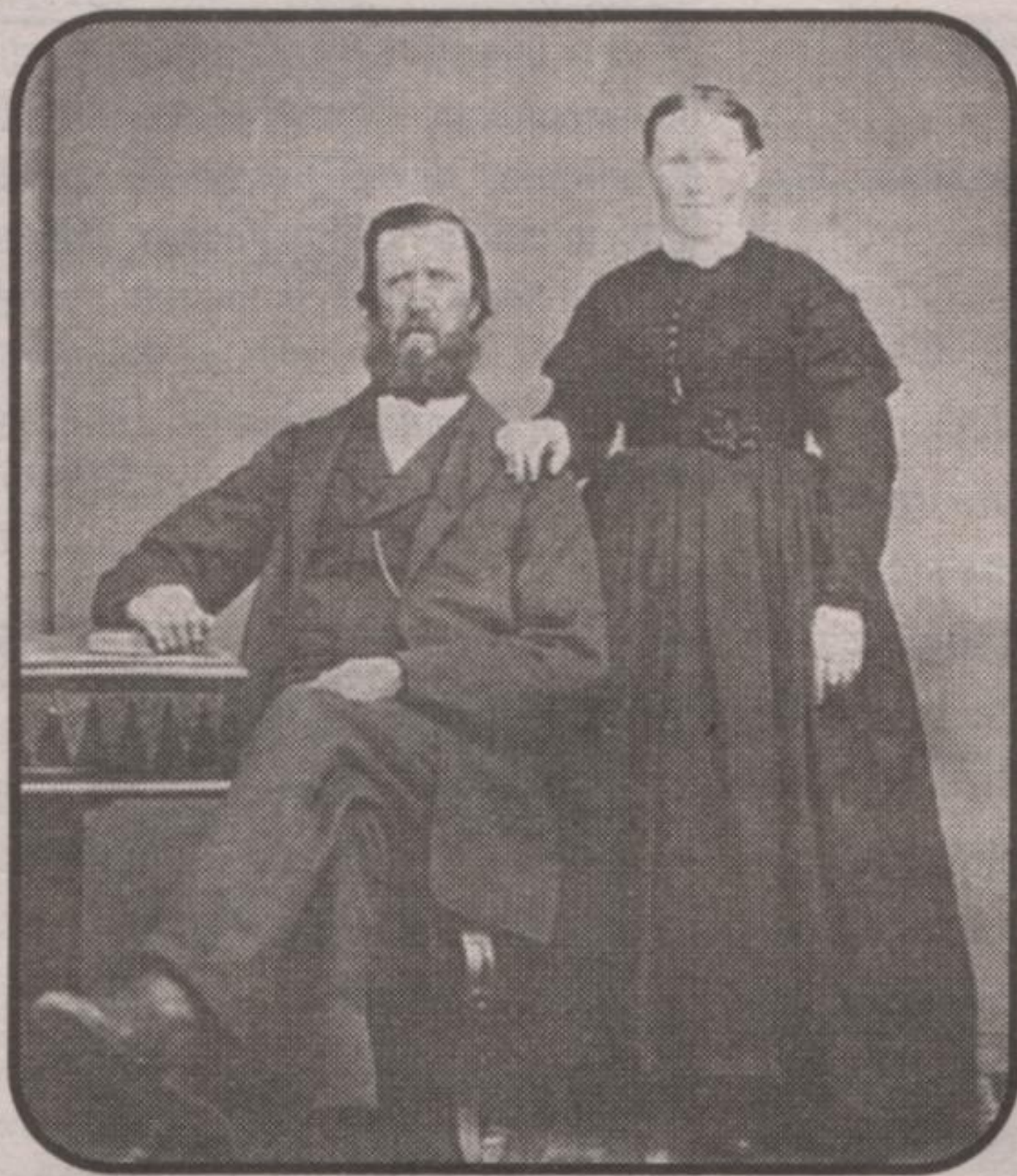
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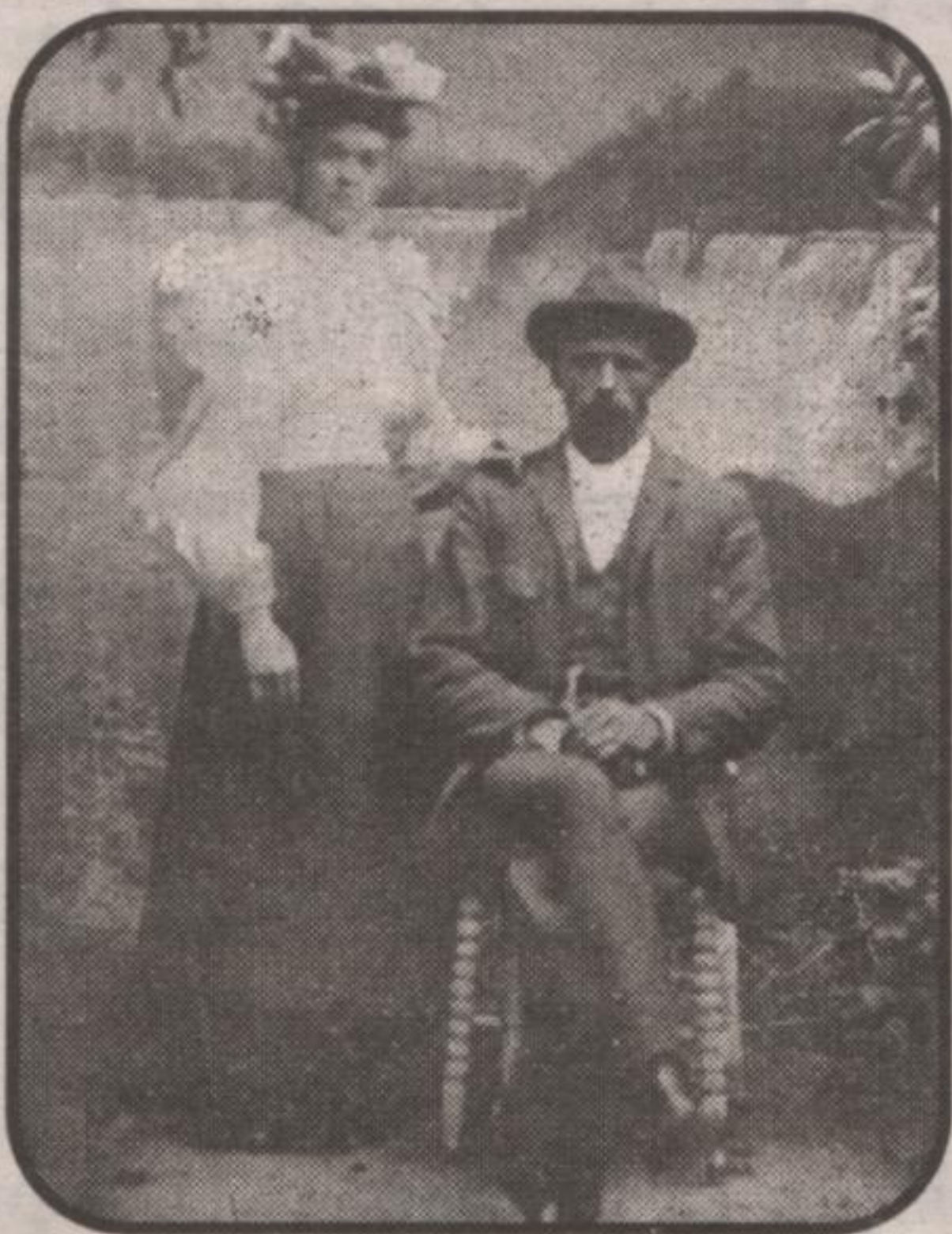
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Thomas II & Mary Joyce  
~ circa 1865 ~

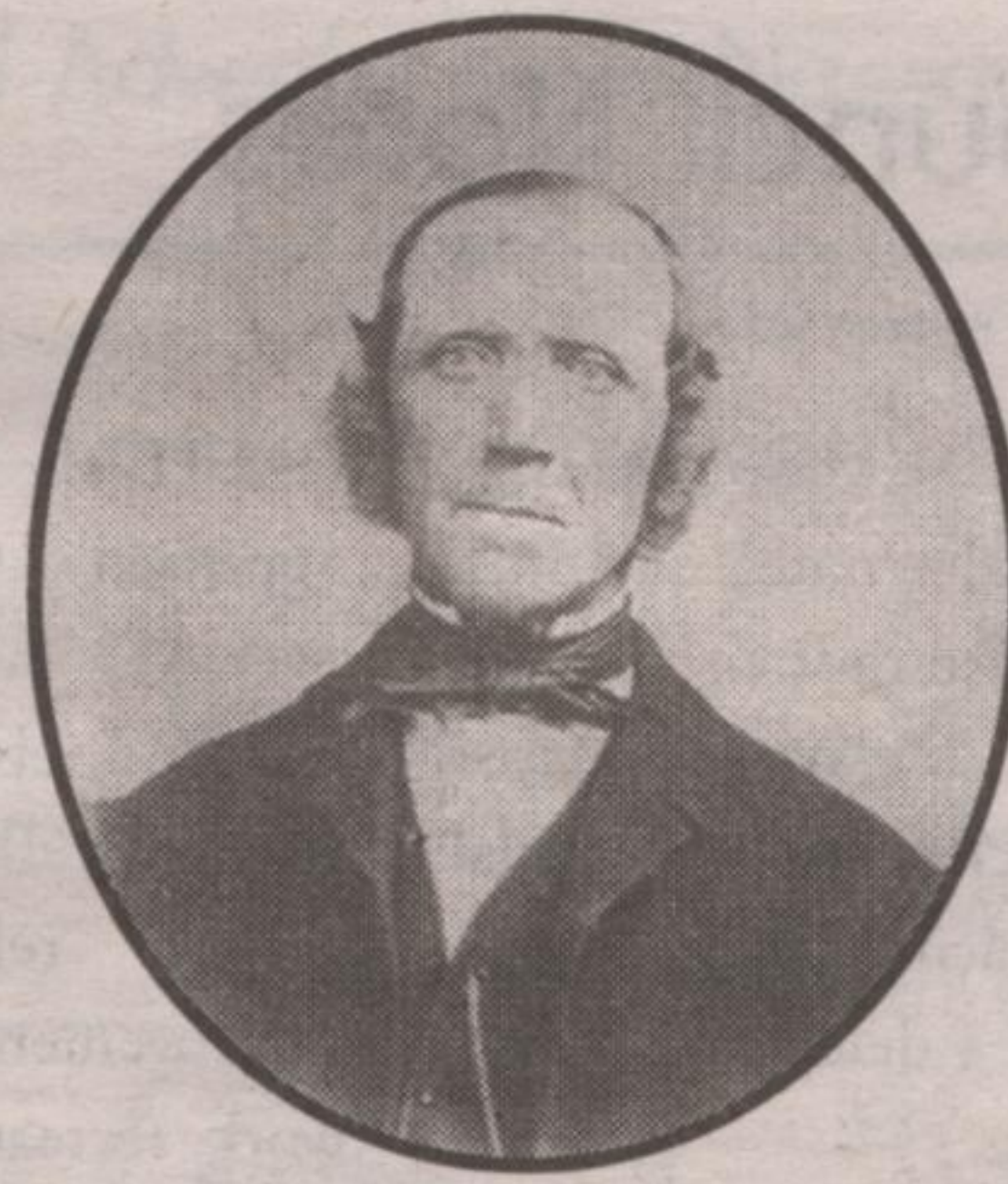


Susan & Robert Joyce

Honeymoon at Niagara  
~ 1899 ~

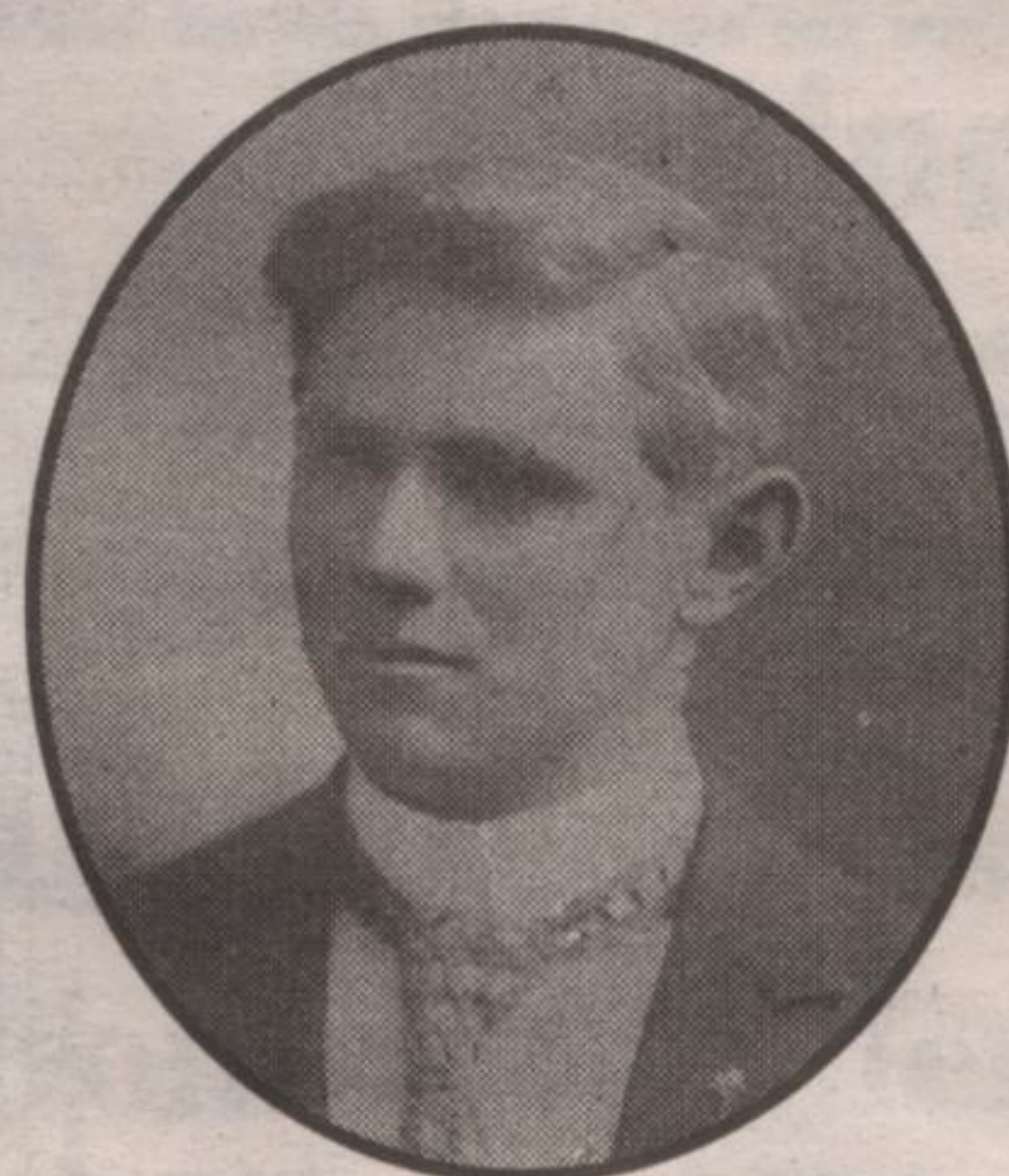


Bobby & Mary Joyce  
~ 1913 ~



William Joyce  
~ circa 1870 ~

Thomas Joyce III & daughter Annie Elizabeth  
~ circa 1906 ~



Clarkson Joyce  
~ 1900 ~

Thomas Joyce  
b. 1772, d. 1864



Joyce Family Tree

Elizabeth McMurray  
b. 1773, d. 1849

William Joyce  
b. 1808, d. 1888

Rachel Joyce  
b. 1809, d. 1889

Thomas Standish  
b. 1809, d. 1949

Thomas Joyce II  
b. 1814, d. 1901

m1. Mary Wilson  
b. 1815, d. 1853

m2. Mary Stark  
b. 1838, d. 1904

George Joyce  
b. 1820, d. 1831

Georgina Standish  
b. 1839, d. 1841

Joseph T. Standish  
b. 1840, d. ?

Martha Beaty

Georgina E. Standish  
b. 1842, d. 1930

George Thompson

Rachel M. Standish  
b. 1845, d. ?

Wm. Joyce Standish  
b. 1847, d. 1917

Martha L. Haffey

Thom. Joyce Standish  
b. 1850, d. 1923

Emma Roe

George Joyce  
b. 1847, d. 1904

Elizabeth Joyce  
b. 1851, d. 1861

Thomas  
b. 1859,  
Esth

William  
b. 1860,

James S.  
b. 1862,

Robert J.  
b. 1863,

Susa  
b. 18

Elizabeth  
b. 1865,

Geor

Mary D.  
b. 1867,

Wm.

John E.  
b. 1868,

Richard  
b. 1870,

Mar

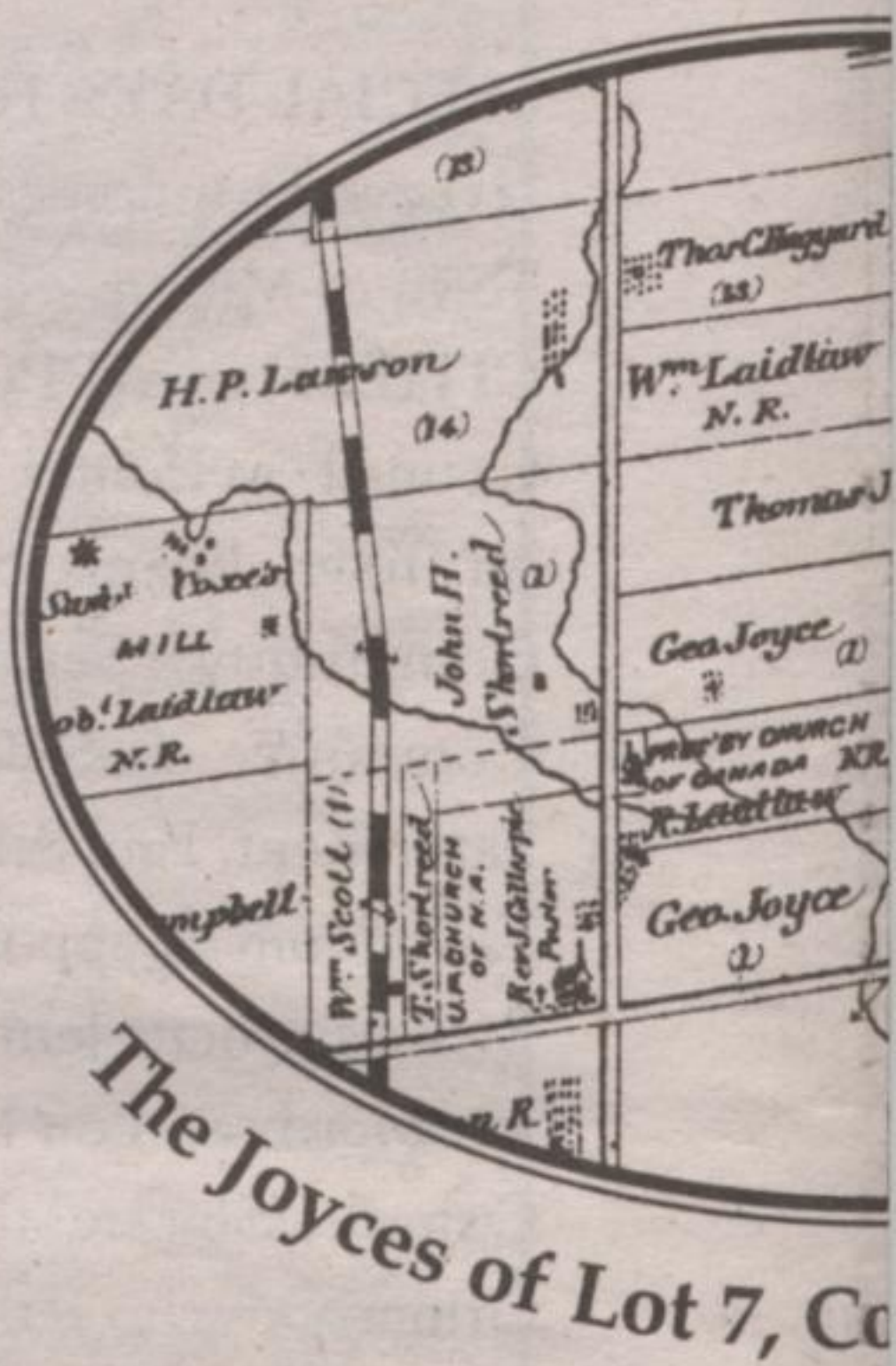
Abraham  
b. 1872,

Andrew  
b. 1875,

Clarkson  
b. 1876,

Albert E.  
b. 1878,

# Shoebox



Thomas and Elizabeth Joyce came to Canada from the Parish of Seago, County of Wick, Ireland, in 1820. They purchased 100 acres on the east half of Lot 7, Conc. 4, Esquesing. As the only Irish family in the area at that time, legend has it that their Scottish Presbyterian neighbours first had to teach them the basics of farming. Their children were William, Rachel and Thomas Jr., all born in Ireland. Another son, Thomas III, was born in Canada. The Joyces had acquired the north 50 of the west half of Lot 7, Conc. 4 from David and Elizabeth Laidlaw. Son William remained a bachelor and farmed with his father and retired to Georgetown. He also served as a Justice of the Peace. Daughter Rachel married George Stark and the couple had 12 children: Thomas III married Elizabeth Stark. Thomas III married Elizabeth Stark and the couple had 12 children: Thomas III married Elizabeth Stark. The Livingstones had a bakery in Georgetown. The Esquesing Historical Society. William married Mary Jane Cameron and became a Justice of the Peace and at one time also ran a butcher shop in Acton with his brother Clarkson. He married George Huffman and settled in Point Edward. Mary Dinah married William Stark and settled in Point Edward. John Edwin was listed as a miller in 1891, but apparently died in 1920. Richard Henry, known locally as Dickie, farmed on Lot 5, Conc. 3 and married Alice Wedderburn who was returning home from Saskatoon to visit her gravely ill mother on the Vermillion River when the train that she and her mother were travelling east on was derailed and she had passed away the day of the accident. Andrew Dixon Joyce went out west and farmed in the 1870s and 1880s. Clarkson McMurray Joyce, better known as Clarkie, married Margaret Livingstone and farmed a part of Lot 6, Conc. 3 of Esquesing. Robert died in 1941, Robert and Susan Joyce's son Thomas Harold Joyce purchased Clarkson's farm. Clarkie moved to Milton and drove a mail route for a number of years. He later returned to the farm and lived with nephew Tommy and niece Mary. Siblings William and Mary were well known in the community for their music at local dances. Sister Olive died of the flu at age 18 and their brother Robert died of an accident at age 13. Brother Finlay married Edith Ford of Ontario and farmed at Lot 5, Conc. 3, formerly the Richard Joyce farm. Finlay and Edith farmed together under the name the Joyce Brothers and had a number of Guernsey cattle that was sold in 1956. Tommy kept the calves on the farm and the milking herd on Lot 5. Fin died in 1957. His wife Edith now lives in Milton and remains quite active at the age of 94. Their son Robert retired from his work as a guard at the Guelph Reformatory. Susan was involved with standardbred race horses for a number of years. In 1900 she was trainer of the year on the Ontario Jockey Club circuit. Daughter Elizabeth married Roy Bousefield and they operate an apple orchard and store on Deerpark Road.

Partial - direct line only for Lot 5, Conc. 3, Esquesing family. Photos and background information courtesy of Dawn Livingstone, Edith and Don Joyce, Susan McDonald and Marshall Neilson. Compiled by Betty Brownridge.

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