my Young

Trudges

Dunnan . Ic Phodos

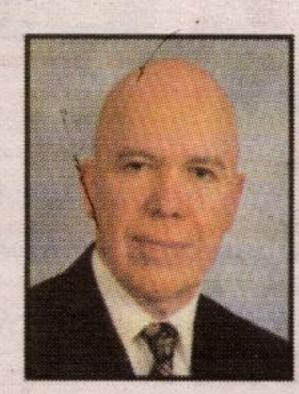
SHOEBOX

Your Success. Your Terms.

What a Concept.

Comprehensive insurance planning for your family.

Talk to us about life, disability and critical illness insurance.



Lou Mulligan, CFP, RHU 204-420 Main St.E., Milton (905)876-0940



E CONCEPTS.

Affiliated with N.F. Insurance Agency Inc.

- · Pioneers in practical, energy-efficient housing
- Small-scale company providing constant on-site supervision and personal interaction with clients
 - Uniquely crafted homes, additions and renovations
- Extreme care taken in choice of building material for quality and chemical composition
- Barrier-free access and attention to other special needs is 'our standard'
- "We believe we build the most efficient and comfortable homes in Ontario."



(519) 856-9306

Fax: (519) 856-9611 Rockwood, Ontario

Visit us at our new web site!

www.bradenhomes.ca



William Allen Trudgen, fourth generation of William Trudgens in Canada, and wife Sophia (Stringer), with children (left to right) Harley, Elmer, Muriel. ~ circa 1916 ~



William Trudgen Jr. (1804 -1880) came with his parents and siblings to Nassagaweya from Cornwall, England in 1819. ~ 1871 ~

Sisters Mary Dennis

(Trudgen) Burrows, left,

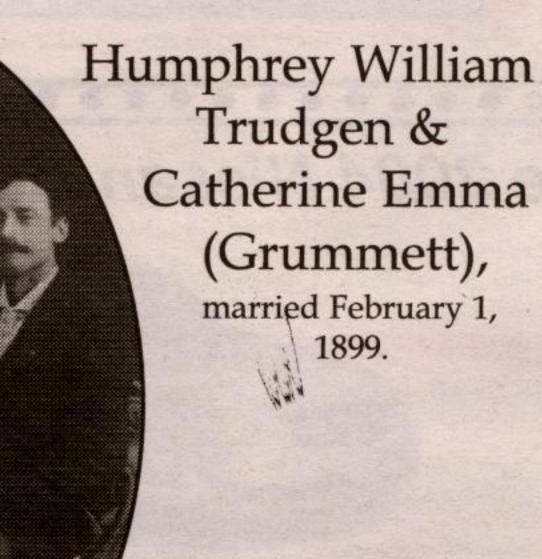
and Rebecca Elizabeth

(Trudgeon) Sheppard,

daughters of Humphrey Trudgeon

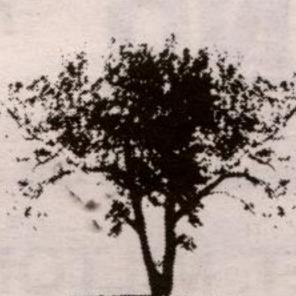


Mary (Taylor) Trudgen (1804 - 1877), wife of William Trudgen Jr. ~ circa 1875 ~





William Trudgen Sr.



Trudgen Family Tree

Ann Simmons b. 1781, d. 1851

Front, from left to right: Rosana Gertrude, John Taylor holding Olive May, Mary Ann, John Francis. Back: William Allen, Maria Ann, Mary Elizabeth, Henry Humphrey.

TA7as William Trudgen the first or second settler in Nassagaweya V Township? The question is still being vigorously debated by local historians. The keeping of land records for the area was still in its infancy when William Trudgen Sr., his wife Ann and six children arrived from Cornwall, England in 1819 and filed for a grant of land in Concession 3. David Scott may have obtained his lot in Concession 7 at the south end of the township a year earlier but Joshua Norrish, who wrote the first history of Nassagaweya and was personally acquainted with most of the pioneers, couldn't make up his mind who was number one.

Family of John Taylor Trudgen

& Mary Ann (Allen)

~ circa 1885 ~

Trudgen (pronounced True-gen, also often spelled Trudgeon) was the first settler in the northern half of the township. He had landed in New York in the spring of 1818 after a trying voyage of eight weeks, stopped for a while in New Jersey, then crossed into Upper Canada at Queenston, staying briefly before wintering at York. In 1821 he left the family near Dundas Street and the 12 Mile Creek and began looking for land, which in many cases could be had for free. He and another man set out in mid-winter through Esquesing. His companion got discouraged and turned back, but Trudgen plunged on and reached the north corner of Lot 22, Concession 3 at sunset. After a brief inspection he made up his mind to take the property. Retracing his steps he found his companion semi-conscious in front of a fire in a surveyor's shack, his legs and clothing scorched. They bound his sore legs with pieces of blanket and headed back the next morning.

Trugden secured the west half of Lot 22 for himself, and the east half for his son William Jr. He and two sons returned to the lot a short time later, built a shanty, cleared some land and put in their first crop before bringing the rest of the family to their new home in June 1822. Their youngest daughter Amelia was only five years old, but years later had a vivid recollection of the two-day trip during which the team of horses had to ford a stream and a barrel of flour rolled off their sled into the water. They brought a cow for milk and butter, and a sow with two young pigs for meat. The pigs subsisted on beech nuts that were plentiful in the woods, until a bear attacked and killed two of them one night.

William Trudgen was a deeply religious man and opened his cabin in 1823 for the first church services in Nassagaweya. Two Methodist circuit preachers from the U.S. conducted the meetings, which a local resident recalled was usually announced by loud horn-blowing. Services were held in

William Trudgen Jr.

m. Mary Taylor

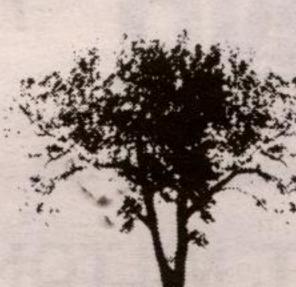
b. 1804, d. 1877

Mary Ann Trudgen

b. 1806, d. ca. 1831

b. 1804, d. 1880

b. 1776, d. 1860



m. Nicholas Winter Rebecca Trudgen b. 1809 m. Henry Young b. 1807 Humphrey Trudgen b. 1811, d. 1873 m. Elizabeth Norris b. 1822, d. 1847 Eliza Trudgen b. 1813, d. ca. 1880 m. William Fletcher b. ca. 1806 Amelia Trudgen b. 1817, d. 1904 m. Jonathan Adamson b. 1810, d. 1890

Hanna Trudger b. 1832, d. 1910 m. Francis Ro

William Trudge b. 1836, d. 1880 m. Lucinda C

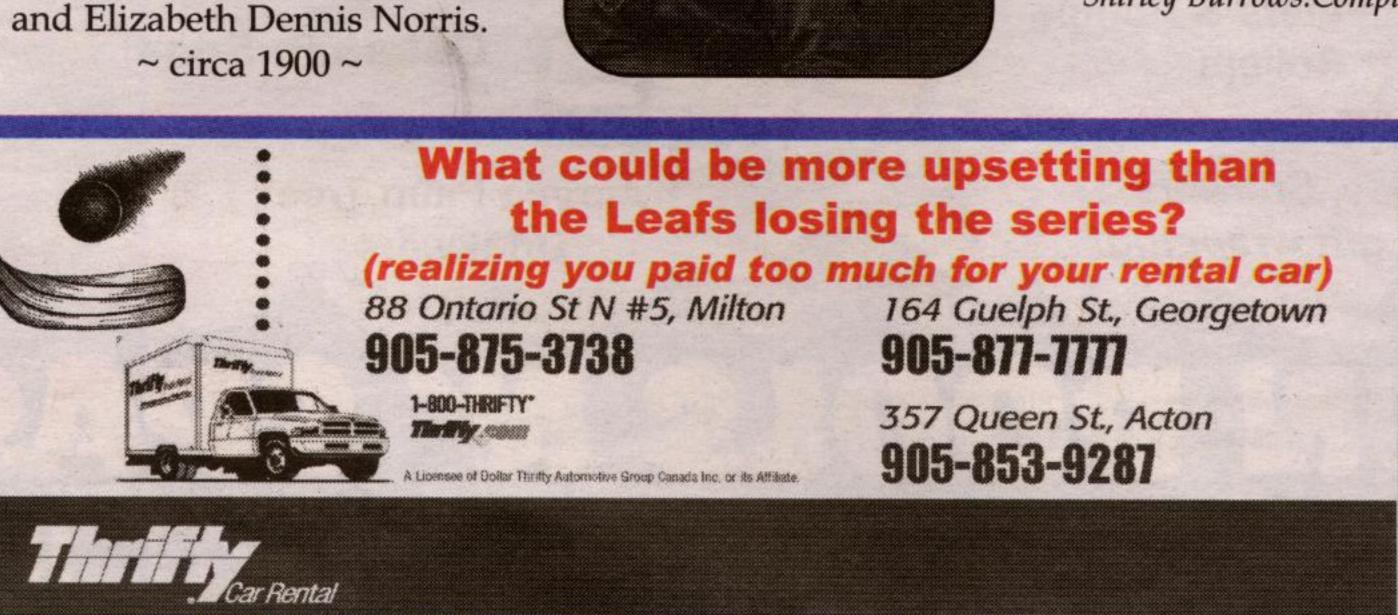
Amelia Trudger b. 1839, d. 1874 m. Lottie May

John Taylor Tru b. 1840, d. 1925 m. Mary Ann b. 1843, d. 192 Mary Elizabeth b. 1842

m. William Truesdell Eliza Rebecca Tr b. 1846

m. Thomas Ga

Partial direct line for the Trudgen family of Lots 21 & 22, Conc. 3, Nassagaweya. Story by Ken Wilson. Photos courtesy of Clifford Trudgen, and John & Shirley Burrows. Compiled by Deborah Quaile.



Bite me. [With confidence.]