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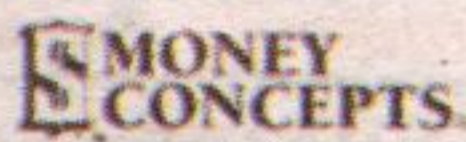
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The Graham Family
back row l to r: R.J., John,
Jenny, Maggie, Will
front row: l to r
Annie, Richard, Alice Ann,
George
~ C1915 ~



The Graham Brothers
John Graham (back centre)
l to r. William (DDS), George and R.J.(centre front)
~ 1905 ~



R.J.. with Prince and Joe at
Milton Fair 1909



Jeff Nurse and John Breckon with Dan and
Glennie at Milton Fair 1999



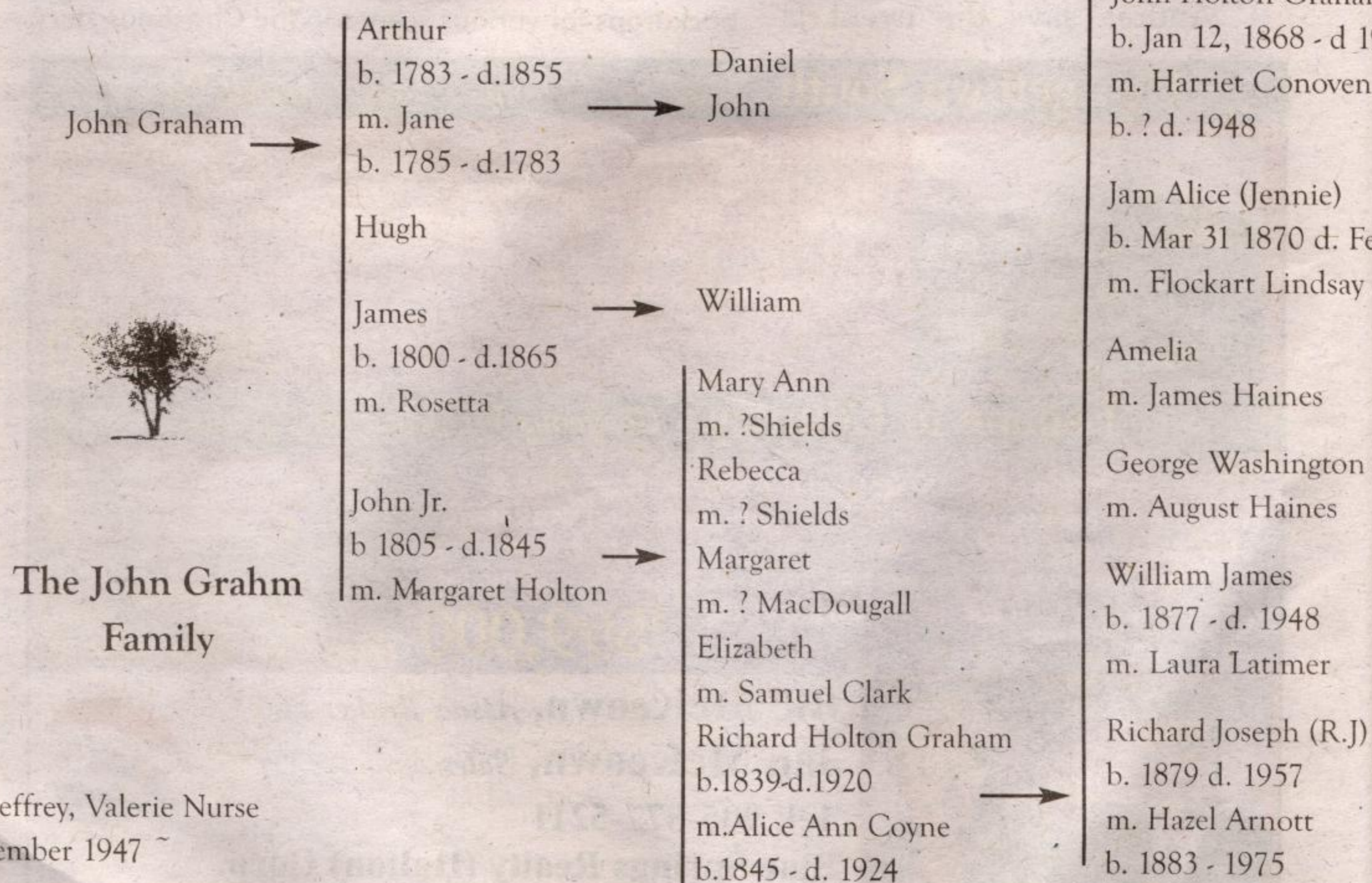
Ashgrove Over
90's
back row: Arthur
Ruddell and Fred
Wigglesworth
front row: l to r
Hazel Graham and
Louisa Ruddell
~ 1973 ~



l. Adrienne, Jeffrey, Valerie Nurse
~ December 1947 ~

John Graham and family emigrated from County Tyrone Ireland in 1820. They came first to New York then up to Esquesing by covered wagon. He purchased 200 acres, Lot 12 Con 7, from Timothy Street. This farm is about 1 km north of Ashgrove on Trafalgar Road. John was a lawyer in Ireland. We do not know his wife's name or if she came. Four sons are recorded; Arthur, Hugh, James and John Jr. Arthur received the crown deed in 1847 for W half of Lot 14, Con 7. After his death the farm was sold to his son David and he sold it in 1871. Nothing more is known of them. Hugh Graham went out west. James bought the west end of the home farm from his father in 1832. His son William received it in two parcels in the 1860's and sold them. He became a doctor. This farm eventually was the home of Milton and Annabel Bird and family. Today it is owned by Stan Dodson. John Jr. married Margaret Holton and farmed the homestead. They had four daughters and one son. Mary Ann and Rebecca married Shields men from Peel County Margaret married a McDougall and lived at Whitby. Elizabeth married Samuel Clark. They lived on the west side of the farm before his death in 1871. Richard Holton Graham married Alice Ann Coyne of Trafalgar. The contractor for the new barns on their home farms apparently played cupid. Richard was very active in the community. He was a member of and reeve of Esquesing Council as well as member of Halton County Council for twenty-three years. He was also a Justice of the Peace. He was a member of Peel Insurance and a founding director of Halton Mutual Insurance Co. He raised purebred Shorthorns, Clydesdales and Cotswold Sheep. Richard and Alice had three daughters and four sons. Margaret married Edward Huffman. They farmed the Huffman homestead at Lot 11, Con. 8, ten sideroad at Ashgrove. They had a daughter Irene. John Holton married Harriett Conover of Trafalgar. They farmed across from the homestead on the present John Bird farm and SE 50 ac. of Lot 13, Con 7, later moving to Burlington. Jane (Jennie) married Flockart Lindsay of Acton. George married Augusta Haines and Amelia married James Haines both of Peel Co. George had a furniture store in Georgetown, then became a funeral director in Toronto. William was a dentist in Brooklyn, N.Y. In 1923. Alice Ann, who had gone to live with her daughter Margaret Huffman developed pneumonia. Jennie went to help nurse her, as did Bella Huffman Book. Alice Ann recovered but Margaret and Jennie contracted the pneumonia and died. Bella was gravely ill but survived.

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