

ELIZETTE FENNELL

Elizette (Eliza ?, Lizette?) was born in Ireland on March 20, 1837. She married William Burrows, perhaps before 1871 since she was not listed with the Fennell family in that census. The 1871 census in each of Montague and Beckwith townships has been searched for William and Elizette Burrows but without success to date. (but see below). On the other hand they have been located in 1881, in Beckwith Township, living, it seems, adjacent to Francis and Ann Kilfoyle.

The 1881 listing is strange; at first glance it seems that Elizette was with the Kilfoyles since she appears to have been the last person listed in the Kilfoyle family, (family #6) and William the first person listed in the Burrows family, (family #7). Perhaps that was the arrangement but there is also a very real chance that the enumerator simply made a mistake. Still the invariable rule was to list the husband first and, if that practice was followed in this case, Elizette was enumerated with the Kilfoyles.

There were three Burrows children in 1881:

Jane	age 7
Thomas	" 4
Rebecca	" 2

In the North Dakota census of 1885 Analetia Burrows, age 12, was listed with Thomas and Ann Fennell, her grandparents. She was a daughter of William and Elizette. She may have been the "Jane", age 7, in 1881; if she was not, there is another child to account for.

Elizette, age 51, was one of the heirs-at-law and a resident of Walsh County, North Dakota, at the time of Thomas Fennell's death in 1890. William's name was on the tax roll of Pulaskie Township in 1890; earlier rolls were not checked. It remained on the roll until 1899 but was not there in 1900. The Burrows' 40-acre farm was on the SE1/4 of NE1/4 of section 27, about a mile from the farms of Hezekiah (to the south) and Thomas Henry (to the north).

Along with others of the family, the Burrows family moved to Elm Creek, Manitoba, at the turn of the century. From "Ripples From the Creek", a history of Elm Creek, a 1901 extract from a local newspaper noted that:

"...there was a real boom in town property.....and Mr. Burrows from N.D. settled three miles N.E. of Elm Creek..".

Although the tax rolls of the early 1900's were not checked, there is little doubt that they moved directly to the SE1/4 section 32, township 8, range 4W. After 1905 this was established as the Rural Municipality of Grey. Their farm lay between the farms of John Fennell and Jane Hawkins.

The tax roll of 1912 (the earliest checked) lists William Burrows in the Village of Elm Creek, living in a house adjacent to that of Rebecca Griffith. There are photographs of

Elizette and William (and others) in front of that house; in 1992 it appeared to be under demolition.

From "Ripples From the Creek" comes this brief biography:

"Burrows- Mr. Burrows was born in Ontario and had come west to North Dakota and in 1901 had continued to Manitoba, settling three miles N.E. of Elm Creek. His farm was located in 32-8-4. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows had two sons and two daughters- Mrs. Porter (Alberta) and Mrs. Weir (Grand Forks). Mr. Burrows died in 1923 at the age of 82."

The date of Elizette's death is not known but she was one of the beneficiaries of Rebecca Griffith who died in 1924.

The only child known with any certainty was Analetia. She was born about 1872/3 and married George Weir, a brother of John Weir who was her grandfather's (much younger) neighbour. Analetia had four children and there are grandchildren.

As to William Burrows, there were only three Burrows listed in Montague township in 1851 but the census was complete only as to Division 3 covering concessions 7, 8, 9 and 10; Divisions 1 and 2, covering concessions 1 to 6, had been lost. Those three were Francis, John and William A. ages 18, 15 and 12. They were with the Patrick Gillivery family on lot 27, concession 10.

In 1861 there was the family of George Burris on lot 11, concession 6. The oldest son, (at least the oldest at home then) was Wm Burris, age 15, born in Upper Canada. George and Catherine, both born in Ireland, ages 37 and 40, had been in Canada for many years since all of their children had been born in Canada.

In 1871 George Burrows and his family lived on lot 11, concession 6. William was not listed with this family but on the adjacent lot 10 was the family of William Burrows and his wife Eliza E. and children George and Jane. Their ages were 23 years, 24 years, 1 year and 1 month respectively. In 1881, in Beckwith township and listed after the Francis and Ann Kilfoyle family, were William, Lisette, Jane, Thomas and Rebecca Burrows, whose ages were 32, 36, 7, 4 and 2. In the circumstances it is likely that William Burrows who married Lizetta Fennell was the son of George and Catherine