

REBECCA FENNELL

Rebecca was born in Montague Township, Ontario, on August 1, 1848. In the censuses of 1851, 1861, 1871 and 1881 she was 4, 12, 21 and 24 (31 obviously) years old respectively. After her marriage she appeared in the 1891 census of Osgoode Township, age 41.

On March 13, 1882 Rebecca married Thomas R.Griffith; the witnesses were Susanna Fennell and James Fennell. At that time he was a resident of North Gower Township, she of Montague Township. In the 1891 census Thomas, aged 51, was recorded as a retired farmer. There was an adopted son, Henry, age 9, born in the United States. Nothing more is known of him.

Thomas died on March 8, 1901, age 62 and was buried in the Rideauvale Cemetery at Kars, Ontario.

How long Rebecca remained at Osgoode is still unknown. A granddaughter of Richard Fennell remembers visiting her there about 1908/09. By 1912 Rebecca was living in the Village of Elm Creek and she remained there until her death on June 18, 1924. It seems that while visiting a niece in California she was killed in an auto accident and she is thought to have been buried there.

Rebecca died intestate; her property was divided in eight equal shares among the five brothers and sisters who survived her and the children of three who did not. The estate commenced in June 1924 and was distributed in October 1926.

The five sisters and brothers who survived Rebecca and took a one-eighth share each were:

John Fennell,
Hezekiah Fennell,
Henry Fennell,
Elizette Burrows, and
Susanna Weir.

The children who shared the remaining three one-eighth shares were:

in respect of Richard Fennell:

Mary Ann McCurdy	(one-half of one-eighth)
Thomas Samuel Fennell	(" of ")

in respect of Anne Kilfoyle:

Sarah Lucas	(one-half of one-eighth)
Albert Kilfoyle	(" of ")

in respect of Jane Hawkins:

Theresa Leeson	(one-seventh of one-eighth)
Ettie Moulton	(" of ")
Alma McKay	(" of ")

Alton Hawkins	("	of	")
Orvan Hawkins	("	of	")
Howard Hawkins	("	of	")
Lavinia Moulton	("	of	")

Accordingly it seems that only Joseph and Mary had predeceased the distribution date and left no survivors. (As a matter of interest, the net amount of the estate was \$410.06. Accordingly a full share was \$51.26 and one-seventh of a one-eighth share was \$7.32)