

## JAMES REDDICK

James Reddick (Riddegh, Ruddock, Riddick, etc.) was a son of Daniel Reddick and his wife, Mary. An emigration list of 1834 recorded the members of the Daniel Reddick family from the parish of Artrea in County Derry. The list reported James to have been 10 years old.

James had three brothers, John and David who were younger and an older brother, Robert, who, in the absence of any evidence that he emigrated to Canada, may have stayed in Ireland, indicating a person who was independent of the family. James also had a number of sisters.

The date of James Reddick's birth is not known with certainty but it may be approximated from:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Computed Birth date</u>
Emigration list	1824
Cemetery marker	1816
Death Certificate	1816
1851 Census	1826
1861 Census	1821

As well, the census of each of 1881 and 1891 suggests a date of birth in 1818 so, based on all of these sources, it seems likely that his actual date of birth was in the period 1816-1820.

James' death certificate records his place of birth as County Latrim (sic), Ireland. This obviously is a reference to County Leitrim and, since his father had been a member of the Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners since 1811, the family may have been living there then rather than in the Parish of Artrea, County Derry, where Daniel was born and from which the family emigrated. (Note: there is a townland of Leitrim, parish of Ballyscullion, Londonderry)

An Ordnance Survey Emigration List for County Derry for 1834 lists James, age 10, with the family bound for Quebec. They settled in Marlborough Township, Carleton County, at first on lot seven on concession six, and subsequently on lot four, concession four. Although Daniel obtained a patent on the first farm on account of his military service, he and James were tenants for many years on the second farm before buying it. James occupied the front half of the lot and by 1855 had cleared forty acres.

James (Jimmy) married Matilda Goldie in the 1840's, probably a year or so before the birth of their first child in 1848. The 1900 census of

Minnesota reported that in that year she had been married for 53 years indicating 1847 as being approximately the year of marriage.

Matilda was born in Ireland, in the Parish of Aghalee in County Antrim on August 18, 1823 the daughter of William Goldie (sometimes Gouldie) and Ellen Logan. After Ellen's death, William came to Canada in 1845, at first to Quebec and later to Ontario, settling in the North Gower area. It has been said that he brought three daughters with him but that his sons remained in Ireland on the family farm. In fact it seems that at least four daughters came with him:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Jane	c1815	married Thomas Cook died June 15, 1860 age 45
Matilda	1823	married James Reddick died Jan'y 17, 1911 age 88
Margaret	c1828	married Arthur Johnston October 20, 1853
Elizabeth	c1830	died Dec'r 28, 1846 age 16

and as well there appears to have been a son:

John	c1845	married Mary A. Magee November 17, 1868
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William's son, John Goldie, was born in Canada. In the census of both 1851 and 1861, William was not a widower but was married to Anne so it appears that he may have married a second time. Since he was born in Canada, John must have been a child of the second family but there is no sign of him in the 1851 census. In the 1861 census he was recorded as 16 years old.

There were fourteen children of Jimmy's marriage to Matilda Gouldie:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>
Robert	November 18, 1848
Mary Ann	1849
William	1850
Erastus	May 30, 1851
Oliver	1853
Milo	1855
Louisa	February 6, 1858
Matilda	May 24, 1859
Minerva	May 21, 1861
Jemima	February 10, 1862

Rachael (twin)		1866
Miriam (twin)		1866
Eliza Ellen	March	19, 1870
Mary Ann Amanda	May	26, 1872

All were born on the farm on lot four, concession four in Marlborough township.

In 1861 the family's home was a log house built in 1848. This would likely have been the second structure since the usual practice was to put up a shanty at the outset in order to have immediate shelter and to live in it until a proper house could be built. Alternatively a shanty may have been built on Daniel's portion of the lot for the entire Reddick family and Jimmy's log house erected only when he married. Daniel's log house was built in 1843. Those two houses survived for well over one hundred years. Daniel's house was destroyed by fire in the 1970's; Jimmy's house was removed in 1980 although it had not been used as a residence since 1916.

Jimmy was said by descendants to have been a clever person, sought out by people in trouble, with a good knowledge of law and an accomplished drinker; it was for the last talent that he was best remembered. The family have told how his return from Kemptville would be announced by hearing him singing at the top of his voice, long before they could see him. One of his drinking spots was in the building which, in the 1940's, was the Max Millar store. The Kemptville Weekly Advance reported on July 22, 1881, (when he was over sixty years of age) that

"at a late hour on Friday night last, Widow Norman's house was visited by James Reddick of Marlborough who, while under the influence of liquor, made a lively fuss for a short time. At last she was compelled to resort to some efficient aid and called upon Constable Robinson for protection. The officer with considerable difficulty succeeded in hand-cuffing his prisoner and finally placed him in the lock-up. Both prisoner and plaintiff appeared before the Reeve the following day when rather amusing evidence was given on both sides. Reddick was fined two dollars and costs amounting in all to about \$4.50."

Jimmy's youngest daughter told a niece her story of sleeping at the foot of Jimmy's bed so that he would not get up during the night unnoticed and light a candle and so burn the house down.

Jimmy's farm, the front half of lot four, was of marginal quality. At the outset the hill portion was covered by maple forest which Jimmy cut

down and (likely) burned only to discover that the land was so stony as to preclude cropping. The eventual evidence of its quality lies in the fact that between 1935 and 1985 many acres of that hill were removed in a gravel operation. Near the back of the farm, closest to his father's farm, there was a sand deposit which further reduced the cultivable area. A field on the south side still shows, when it is newly ploughed, the vestiges of the location of a lime kiln where limestone was converted to lime for making plaster. Jimmy planted a substantial apple orchard which produced crops until the 1940's.

After a long illness, Jimmy died on June 17, 1893, of "paralysis" and was buried in the North Gower Union cemetery; he was 77 years old.

Jimmy's widow remained on the family farm for a few years after his death. Four of her fourteen children had already died; most of the daughters and at least one son lived in Minnesota and it seems that only Erastus who had also been in Minnesota for a number of years lived with her at home. In 1895 and 1896 he advertised the farm for sale or rent but it was not until 1898 that it was sold to Joseph and Eliza Bartley. Eliza was the daughter of John Reddick, Jimmy's brother, who had inherited the rear half of the lot from his father on Daniel's death. At that time Matilda and Erastus left the community to join the family in Aitkin, Minnesota.

In Aitkin Matilda lived with her daughter Eliza Ellen until Eliza Ellen's marriage in 1909. For a time she lived with Matilda returning to Eliza Ellen's home shortly before her death. Matilda died on January 17, 1911 and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Aitkin.