

MARY ANN AMANDA (Minnie) REDDICK

Minnie, the youngest of the children of James Reddick and Matilda Goldie was born on May 26, 1872 and baptised in the North Gower Anglican church on February 29, 1876.

Minnie's name appeared in the Marlborough township census in 1881 as "Mary A." age 9 and in 1891 as "Mary Ann" age 19. In 1881 there were seven children still at home with the parents but in 1891 there were only Erastus and Minnie. By this time Erastus had already been in Minnesota for as much as fifteen years and it is assumed that he was home only to care for his parents; his father died the following year. In this context, the story is told of Minnie sleeping at the foot of her father's bed to guard against the possibility that he would get up and burn down the house by trying to light a candle while intoxicated; he was a well-known drinker.

The 1900 census of Aitkin Township listed:

Sickener, William	29	Head	Sept.1870
" , Minnie	25	Wife	May 1875 Imm.1892
" , Ronald	3	Son	Apr. 1897
" , Willard	1	Son	June 1899
Anderson, Christina	10	Servant	

William was born in Michigan, as were his parents. He and Minnie had been married for four years and had two children both of whom were born in Minnesota. He was a logging contractor and the family lived in a mortgaged house, not on a farm.

The 1910 census of Minnesota listed Minnie and her family in Aitkin. She had separated from William and his name did not appear. Minnie was identified as the "Head" of the family, thirty-five years old, married for thirteen years and the mother of seven children, all born in Minnesota, of whom six survived. The census also reported that she had immigrated to the U.S.A. in 1892. The date and place of her marriage are not known nor have we any information concerning her husband except that he was born in Michigan and buried in Aitkin.

Minnie's children, all born in Michigan, in 1910 were:

Ronald G.	age	11	(died in England-WW1)
Wilfred E.	"	10	(buried Winnipeg-Vet.WW1)
Thelma	"	6	(buried Marquette, Mich.)
Gilbert	"	4	
Helen	"	3	(Helen Rau-in Las Vegas)
Kenneth	"	1	(buried Cumberland, Mich.)

In addition, there was Myron who was buried on the White Earth Indian Reservation. The family lived there at one time when William was the foreman of a sawmill and the child was killed there, obviously the child who died before 1910. A niece has said that all of the children were born in Aitkin and that the family lived at Morris, Manitoba at one time.

"Wilfred" is actually "Willard" according to a niece. He and Ronald joined the Canadian Army; Ronald was killed overseas and Minnie was presented with the Gold Star.

Minnie died on June 13, 1963, the last of the family of James and Matilda Reddick to die. She is buried in Marquette, Michigan. In an adjacent plot, with a stone inscribed "Weber" are buried

Thelma R.	August 4, 1903	December 21, 1973
Wilbur J	November 3, 1900	

The latter was Bill Weber who was very ill in June 1980 and not expected to survive.