

MILO REDDICK

Milo's date of birth is known only by inference. A record of his baptism (as an infant) has not been located although he was baptised as an adult in the North Gower Anglican church on March 15, 1876. The register did not record his age at that time so it is only from the census' of Marlborough township that we can estimate his year of birth.

1861	age 6
1871	" 16

Accordingly it can be assumed that he was born in 1855 or, since the census would have been taken in the early months of the year, perhaps in 1854.

On October 23, 1876, Milo married Mary Good whose family lived on the Rideau River front in Marlborough Township several miles east of the village of Burritts Rapids. The witnesses were Richard Hart, a neighbour of the Reddicks, and Susannah Good, likely Mary's sister, Susan. Mary's older brother, William, had a son John. In September 1980, Johnny, then in his 90's remembered only that his Aunt Mary and Milo "...went to the States...". Williams (and Mary's) parents were John Good and Mary Ann Ross. A summary of the Ross family discloses that Mary Good (Milo Reddick) had seven children. Although it is useful to have this summary, it should not be taken as wholly factual; it briefly summarizes the recollections by a relative of information that he had heard from his mother and which has not been verified.

Very little more is known of Milo. A niece in Aitkin, Minnesota, said that he was supposed to have run away from home and was never heard of again but this does not fit the few other items of information that we have. His mother's obituary noted that a son lived in New York City and from this lead he has been identified in directories of that city in 1883, 1885 and 1887 as a carpenter but no other details are yet known. His name was not located in the New York state census soundex index in 1880 but in 1900 there was a

Ruddock, Mary A.	46	Canada	Manhattan
" , William	21	Mass.	1879
" , Mollie	16	" .	1884

Street NR, House #2125

but this may not be the Mary Good who married Milo. As well, the 1880 soundex index of Massachusetts did not produce a listing for Milo and Mary so the matter remains far from satisfactory.

Erastus' obituary noted that "two" brothers survived in 1906 and Oliver and Robert are known with certainty to have been alive at that time. One would think that the sisters who probably wrote it would have known

whether or not Milo was still alive but five years later it was likely they who wrote their mother's obituary and there it was stated that "...fourteen children, eight of whom are living.....a son in New York City....". The eight who were then living would have been Robert, Louisa, Nerv, Minnie, Yenny, Jemima, Til and (to make eight) Milo. Had Erastus' obituary been written by someone other than a family member it would have been reasonable to have referred to only two brothers. In fact, his obituary was brief and not at all like his mother's. Perhaps it was not written by his sisters.