

## JOHN REDDICK

John Reddick was the son of Daniel and Mary Reddick. He was probably born in the townland of Ballygruby, parish of Artrea, county of Londonderry, Ireland. His birthdate is not known but upon his death in 1887 he was said to have been 62 years old indicating that he was born about 1825. When the family emigrated in 1834 his age was recorded as 6 years suggesting that the date was 1828. Census records are unreliable; his age in the 1851, 1861 and 1871 census indicates dates of birth of 1833, 1835 and 1829 respectively. He was not Daniel's youngest child but he was the youngest son born in Ireland; only David would be born in Canada

Daniel first petitioned for land in Canada in 1832 but it was not until 1834 that his family emigrated. In the course of conducting an Ordnance Survey of Ireland, lists of emigrants from a number of parishes were created in the mid-1830's. Fortunately one was of the parish of Artrea and it listed the members of Daniel's family who emigrated in 1834. John was said to be six years old, of the townland of Ballygruby, bound for Quebec and Presbyterian. He was one of nine "Riddaghs" who emigrated as a group, not all of whom can be identified as Daniel's family. As well, it is thought that John's older brother, Robert, remained in Ballygruby.

Daniel was in Canada in 1832. It is not likely that his family were with him and that they returned to Ireland to emigrate in 1834 so it can reasonably be taken that they first arrived in the latter year. This does not square away with an item in Belden's 1879 Historical Atlas of Carleton County where, in the list of Patrons, John is said to have first "settled in Co." in 1832, but a two-year variation is not meaningful and family lore may have convinced them that all were in Canada in 1832 although it seems that only Daniel was here. On the other hand there is a chance that the emigration list referred to a family which actually emigrated in 1832 even if the list was prepared later.

Had John been of the Church of England, a record of his marriage could have been located. It would have been about about 1860, perhaps a year or so earlier. Because they were Presbyterian or Methodist, and most of the early records of those churches are lost, it is not possible to establish the dates of the early events in this family with any precision.

The 1861 census of Marlborough township listed two families living in Daniel's house, a log house built in 1843. These were:

Riddick,	Daniel	age 77	Married
"	, Mary	" 70	"
"	, John	" 26	"
"	, David	" 22	Single
"	, Margaret	" 20	Married
Mulvah,	Margaret Jane	" 21	Single

John married Margaret McMullin, the daughter of Daniel and Agnes McMullin. Margaret is thought to have been born in the township of North Gower although her family moved to Marlborough township before the date of the 1861 census. Census ages are not very helpful in this case but her age at death indicates that she was born about April 1842.

From a list said to come from an Elliott family bible, their first child was Bertha, born in 1861. The date of marriage of John and Margaret can be inferred from this record. There was no child listed when the 1861 census was recorded in the early months of the year; the enumerator's certificate was dated March 6, 1861.

No one in the family has heard of Bertha; it may be that she died as an infant. In any case the dates of birth drawn from the list in the bible is as follows: (a parallel list from other sources is also shown)

Bertha		1861	
Mary	March	3, 1863	(baptism-May 23, 1862)
Joseph	February	5, 1864	(baptism-February 5, 1864)
Agnes	March	20, 1866	(baptism-February 20, 1866)
Robert	March	7, 1868	
Eliza	February	19, 1870	(family---February 19, 1870)
John	May	5, 1873	(baptism-May 5, 1872)
Nelson	February	21, 1875	(baptism-February 20, 1874)
Hammond	February	14, 1879	(baptism-February 17, 1876)
Annie		1881	(family---December 4, 1878)
Susie		1883	(family--November 21, 1880)
Joseph	May	1885	(b. cert--March 19, 1883)

There were two Josephs; the oldest died in 1876 and, as was often the case, a son born later was given the same name.

References to "baptism" indicate that the information was taken from a baptismal register but the date shown is the date of birth. References to "family" indicate that the information was received from a family member.

In view of the obvious errors in the list from the bible, those dates have been accepted only where something better is not available.

The 100-acre farm which Daniel petitioned for in 1832 was located on lot 7, concession 6, in Marlborough township. By 1840 he had moved to lot 4, concession 4, where he occupied the entire 200 acres. Later his son, James, took over the front half of the lot (i.e. the 100 acres on the end of the lot nearest to the Rideau River) and Daniel and John occupied the rear half.

In the 1851 census (recorded in January 1852) John Redaugh was living, unmarried, with his parents and his brother, David. With them were a sister and her husband and child, and a non-family member, Archibald Gobbum a tailor from Ireland. The eight people occupied a one-story log house. John's brother, James, and his family of five plus two non-family members, lived in a log house on the adjacent farm.

Upon Daniel's death in 1866, John inherited the entire estate. To his three brothers (James, Robert and David) and to his three sisters (Margaret, Jane and Mary) there was a legacy of \$1.00 to be paid ten or fifteen years later. Presumably John inherited because he was the one who remained in the home and cared for his parents and the others had received, perhaps when they married, a share of the family assets which Daniel considered equitable. His mother was still alive and although she was not mentioned in the will, John would have been responsible for her during the year that she survived her husband.

John died on April 7, 1887 and was buried in the Union Cemetery at North Gower. His death certificate records his age as fifty years but if his age when he emigrated in 1834 is used as a base, he was approximately sixty. In fact, his cemetery stone indicates an age of sixty-two years and that is a small variation for those years. His brother, James, was said to be ten in 1834 producing a date of birth in 1824. When he died in 1893 his death certificate and his cemetery stone recorded his age as seventy-seven but he might have been as young as sixty-nine. By his will John's entire property passed to his widow. (As a matter of interest, he was unable to write and signed his will with his mark)

After his death his widow, Margaret, remained on the farm for many years. Marriages of her daughters Eliza in 1897 and Mary in 1898 occurred there and there was a notice of an auction of farm animals and machinery in 1900 by her son Hammond and by Margaret in 1902. When her daughter Susie married Clarence Leach in 1904 the wedding was at her home but that was in North Gower. It is not known when she actually left the farm but she did not sell it until 1915. It seems that John and Mary Elliott, her daughter and son-in-law, rented the farm from her from 1902

until they purchased it in 1915. (Like her husband she was unable to write her name and signed the document with a "X".)

The 1901 census listed the following family members:

Reddick,	Margaret	56W	lot 4, concession 4
" ,	John	28	
" ,	Hammond	24	
" ,	Annie L.	21	
" ,	Susan	20	
" ,	Joseph B	17	

By the time Margaret moved to North Gower it is likely that only Hammond, Annie and Susie lived with her. Susan married Clarence Leach in 1904, Annie married Fred Mills at her home in 1910 and Hammond married Edith Montgomery in the same year. For most of the years Margaret's home was on Church Street across from the Anglican church.

Margaret died on January 31, 1926 at the age of 83 years and 9 months and was buried in the Union Cemetery with John who had died forty years before and with their son Joseph who had died in 1876 at the age of 13. Based upon this information it can be calculated that Margaret was born about April 1842.