

## ROBERT REDDICK

Robert was born on the family farm in Marlborough township, Carleton county, Ontario. There is no independent source for the date of his birth so it must be taken as March 7, 1868, the date on the list from the bible. This coincides well with his ages, 3 and 13, when the 1871 and 1881 census' were taken. He did not appear in the 1891 census when he would have been 23.

On September 22, 1897, at the home in Marlborough township of her parents, Robert married Annie May Hart. Annie was the daughter of John Hart and Isabel Ross. Their farm was on lot 3, concession 3, Marlborough township, the farm across the road and next east of the Reddick farm. At the start, Nelson Bartley says that they lived across the road from the Bartley farm. That would have been on lot 4, concession 3.

Robert and Annie's first child, a daughter Annie May, was born on April 6, 1899 and baptised on December 13, 1899 in the North Gower Anglican church. At that time the family lived at Beckett's Landing, the community where the road from North Gower to Kemptville crossed the Rideau River in the early years. The 1901 census listed the family as follows:

Reddick,	Robert 33	lot 4, concession 1
" ,	Annie May	21
" ,	Bella M	2

On May 3, 1901 an entry onto NW16, township 15, range 22, W2 was recorded for Robert. The patent was issued on February 20, 1905. In his application for patent dated August 2, 1904, Robert stated that he was 31 years old; that he had built his house on the land in the first week of June 1901 and had lived continuously there except for a couple of months visiting in Ontario; that he had a wife and one child whose residence duration was the same as his; that his farming activities were:

	<u>Acres broken</u>	<u>Acres cropped</u>
1901	25	--
1902	40	25
1903	50	35
1904		40

He also stated that he had four horses in each year; that the house was 14 feet by 18 feet, the horse stable 16 feet by 26 and that there was a poultry barn.

From a map compiled from early school records and found in "A Record of Activities and Reminiscences of Rouleau and District" prepared in 1971 it can be seen that the four quarters of section 16, township 15, range 22, W2 were occupied by Reddicks (although there is some doubt about the accuracy of the map). On a map representing the status before 1922, only the names of Robert and John remain, Robert on NW16, 15, 22, W2.

There were problems in the family and Robert left Rouleau. From directories he is found in Steveston on Lulu Island near Vancouver at least by 1929; the Leachs (Susie) and the Davises (Agnes) may have already been there or they would soon arrive. From 1929 to 1932 Robert was recorded as a labourer, from 1936 to 1938 as "ranching" on R. R. #1 Steveston.

From a funeral notice it is learned that Robert died on November 8 in his 71st year but the year of death is not stated. Having accepted March 7, 1868 as his date of birth, it can be calculated that the year of his death must have been 1938. That is, he would have been 70 years old since March 7, 1938. His name would have been listed in the directory for that year but it would not (and it did not) appear the following year. He was buried in the Ocean View Burial Park.

Annie remained on the farm at Rouleau for a time after Robert left. There were two other children besides Bella but it is not known whether they were his children. Cora Violet Reddick was born on June 17, 1908; her brother Arnold Monroe Reddick on November 6, 1917. Bella was raised by her uncle John J. Hart and his wife, the former Mary Robinson. John had settled at Rouleau at the same time as the Reddick brothers; his farm was on the adjacent section.

There may have been a time when Annie lived in Winnipeg but it is known that she eventually moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she married Edward Arthur Sturley. She died there on March 3, 1959. Arnold Monroe formally changed his name to Edward Arnold Sturley