

## Coryell History

One time in the State Historical Library of Des Moines I found the name of Abraham Coriell or Coryell among the list of French Huguenots who settled in N. J. in 1701. As the name Abraham has been repeated in our family, I felt sure that Esther was descended from this same Huguenot because we knew she was born in N. J.

Another time in the City Library of Omaha, I found the name of Mrs. Adelaide Anderson as a descendant of Abraham Coriell, the Huguenot, I wrote to Washington to learn her address as a member of the Daughters of the Revolution. When I learned it was Lambertville(?) N.J., I wrote her and was richly rewarded by receiving all of the following:

Abraham Coriell, French Huguenot of Piscataway township Middlesex County probably came with English and Scotch emigrants who landed at Amboy, N.J. early in 1700. He settled in Piscataway in 1702. He was a farmer and a freeholder - no mention of his wife. He had four sons.

### Abraham

David b. July 1704 m. Elsie Slack in 1727 or before  
d. between Sept. 1777-1779.  
Emanuel b. 1707 d. 1749 m. Sara Tunison  
Samuel

David lived at Randolphville N.J. - was a commissioner of Highways from 1734 - 37. His wife was Elsie Slack (Dutch?) and their children were as follows: (note children's names)

Agnielje b. 1728 d. after Sept. 28, 1782 m. Andrew Smalley  
Janetje b. May 16, 1731 d. in infancy  
David b. Dec. 11, 1735 d. Sept. 1828 m. Esther Heath dau. of Richard  
Randolph Heath in 1758 and d. Mar.20,  
susannah b. Aug. 7, 1748 d. about 1824 1796.  
m. Peter Runyan.  
Abraham b. Oct. 26, 1738 d. 1803 Newmarket  
(My comment - it was an old custom to rename for any child who had died.  
we find this so often in old records - such as two Janetje's.)  
Elias b. Aug. 1741 d. Jan. 6, 1820 m. Sarah Runyon  
Janetje b. Nov. 24, 1744 d. between 1828 & 1830 m. Cornelius Bora

Abraham who married Esther Heath in 1756 had 11 children. He was a private and a minute man in the revolution. He was a collector in 1784, doctor and farmer and in 1785 constable in 1789 on the town committee in 1802.

Children: Sarah b. Jan.20, 1757 Middlesex Co. N.J.m. Peter Runyan  
Agnes b. Mar. 14, 1761 Wayne Steuben Co. N.Y. (lived there) m. Wm. Irwin.  
David (3rd generation David) b. Dec. 29, 1762 m. Charity Irwin.  
Else b. July 30, 1764 m. Randolph Runyan.  
Susannah b. Nov. 23, 1766 d. July 27, 1820 m. Samuel Blackford.  
Ann b. July 10, 1768 lived in Lake Co. N.Y. m. Thomas Dunham.  
Edther (our Esther)- perhaps because she was a seventh child made her unusual in her talents according to an old saying b. Apr.30, 1770.  
lived in the Lake country (?) N.Y. after she married John Bartholomew.  
(She had a son David, brother of our Fanny and then Fanny had a David making the 5th generation of Davids.)

Abraham J. b. Sept. 17, 1772 lived in Seneca N.Y. m. Anne Couvert  
Richard b. Feb. 3, 1777 d. Dec. 17, 1838 lived near Harris Lane N.J.  
m. Sarah Smalley  
John b. July 15, 1779(?) New Market N.Y.  
Elias b. May 11, 1781 d. 1862 lived in New Market N.J. Reading N.Y.  
1813 Portsmouth, Ohio, 1818

John B. Oct. 7, 1765 in N.J. m. Esther Coriell who was born Apr.30, 1770  
He was a wheelwright and built many mills, being an expert in that trade.  
He moved to N.Y. in 1795 remaining 7 years in Binghamton and spent the balance of his life at Lodi, Seneca, Co., is said to have lost an arm or leg in the War of 1812. Died at Lodi, Jan. 24, 1813

Their children:  
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John b. Oct.7,1765 m. Esther Coriell b.Apr.30, 1770.

Children:

Sarah b. Aug. 19, 1787 m. Wilson

Robert b. Feb. 15, 1779

Phoebe b. Oct. 23, 1790 m. Cornelius Coryell

John b. Oct. 23, 1792

Elsie b. Jan. 14, 1795 m. Jerry Lockwood

Hester b. May 26, 1797 m. Abraham Wilson

David b. June 9, 1799

Abraham Coryell b. Aug. 13, 1801

Fanny b. Sept. 3, 1803 m. John Wilson

Sally b. May 6, 1806 m. Albert Wilson - both died in Watkins N.Y.

d. Apr. 1881

Jane b. June 9, 1808 m. Isaac Matson d. Apr. 14, 1874

at Horsehead N.Y.

Joseph b. Jan. 24, 1811 d. Sept. 22, 1875 at Elmira N.Y.

This Esther Coriell Wilson must have had the gift of description for the following traditions have been handed down to the daughter Fanny to my grandmother Olivia, to my cousin Maude whom my grandmother raised as her own child and thence to Helen Mossman. I will add these stories.

When Esther Coryell was a young lady living in the New Jersey, the coloured cook was making pies, when she discovered she was about to make the 13th mark on the top crust, "Oh laws, Missy Esther, I mustn't do that - dats bad luck, don't know what bad luck it might bring." So Chloe put the pie in the oven short of the 13th mark having caught herself just in time to save the day for all good fortune. Esther, when the cook's back was turned, just to prove the superstition false to the old coloured woman, took the pie out and made the 13th hole in the top of the pie. And that day her lover was killed, when he fell from a hay rack!!

She afterwards married John Bartholomew and moved up into N.Y. which seemed so far into the wilderness and worried amongst the Indians that her mother Esther Heath Coryell worried about her until she worried herself sick so that she died shortly after.

I have proven this tradition in fact for the Bartholomew history states that John moved from N.J. in 1795 to Binghamton, N.Y.

The Coryell history states that Esther, wife of Abraham, died Mar. 20, 1796. So when traditions keep so close to facts for so many generations, surely give credit to the other stories.

After Esther and her husband John Bartholomew moved to N.Y. which was after all, just a little way into the state, on the Delaware River, they built a log house, One night when it was about finished all but hanging the door they heard noises in the distance which made them uneasy fearing Indians were whooping and announcing their approach. As they were prowling about their cabin in the dark, wondering what defence they could make against the Indians, John bumped into a man standing just inside the door, with his shoes in his hand. He was a man who had accompanied them from N.J. The reply he made to John when asked why he was ready to give them the slip, if any trouble arose, was such that his name was unworthy to be mentioned. He said to John, "Everyone for himself, in times like these!" The noise was coyotes barking.

Also Esther Coryell Bartholomew said that when she was a child she could put her ear to the ground and hear the reverberations of the cannon in the Revolutionary War. (As she was born in 1770 she was five years old or more of age and as her father Abraham was a soldier, the family were greatly interested in the nearby battle, perhaps of Princeton, Middlesex County, was on line of march between Trenton and New York.

The Craven Family

Lazenby Craven Married Ann Leece. They had eight children, six of these are pictured here. Lazenby's family all were sick and died of diptheria while he was away from home, tending shepherds. They thought that the diptheria was brought into the home by a recently purchased buffalo robe. Cravens were from Yorkshire Ann Leece's family was large, she being one of six, that John Hays and Susannah Townlea had as grandchildren. Her parents were Mary Hays and Henry Leece. John Leece and Ann Dickson were her other grandparents, who had twelve grandchildren.



c. 1940 MABEL HATTIE MARGARET THOMAS HILDA ELIZABETH  
 (MRS BRUCE TURNBULL) (MRS CLAUDE WILSON) (MRS FRANK HALEY) CRAVEN (MRS RUSSELL McDOWELL) (MRS HERBERT MCINTOSH)



HAYING TIME

of the year 1857, four months in arriving at their destination.

John Leece married Elizabeth Lund and had four children Joseph, Adaline, John & Mary.

Ann Leece married Lazenby Craven and had eight children, George, Margaret, Hilda, Thomas F., Elizabeth, Lazenby (Richard), Hattie, Mabel.

Henry Leece married Julia Hollingshead, & Elizabeth McDonald. He had seven Mary, Julia, Henrietta, Charles, John, Joseph, and Sarah.

Susannah Leece married James Fawcett and had Ida and William.

Mary Leece married George Ezard and had five - Thomas, Mary, Lizzie, Tilford and Ella.

Henry and Mary Leece's children were John Jacob Ann, Henry, Susannah Ellen, Mary, Margaret George, \*William, \*Edward Elizabeth & Richard. \* were twins.

The Leece family emigrated from Scotforth Lancashire, England, on Apr. 1, 1857 when Margaret (7th) child was not quite one year old. The ship was the Martin Luther and it was shipwrecked on mountains (or coast of France), and towed into Plymouth by mail steamer. It was laid up for repairs for six weeks and the family finally arrived in Maple station, Toronto or York area on Aug. 1



The Craven family

Margaret Leece married Caleb Crook and had eight children, Sidney, Mary, Myrtle, Caleb, John, Edwin, Garnet, & Hilda.

George Leece married Jane Harris and had eight children, Mary Violet, Franklin, Maud, Myrtle, Robert, Grace & Benjamin.

Edward married Maria Crook and had three children, Florence, Bertha and John. William Leece was a twin to Edward. No information on his descendants, or of Elizabeths.

Richard Hays Leece married Maria \_\_\_\_\_, and had nine children.

Most of these are buried in Maple, King City or Brampton cemetery. George H. Craven died of appendicitis at 16.

Margaret Craven Married Frank Haley and had two - Frances & Thomas.

Hilda Craven married Russell McDowell and had three children - Vilo, ERmins, and Arnold.

Thomas F. married Mamie E. Rouse and had four children - Frances, T. Ray, Margaret and Grace.

Lizzie (Elizabeth) Craven married Herbert McIntee - no children.

Hattie married Claude Wilson and had one child Goodsell who married Isabella Capling. Hattie also raised her nephew, James Andrews.

Mabel Craven married Bruce Turnbull and had 5 - Ina, Rita, Kathleen, Winnifred and Jean (deceased at six years of age)

Frances Haley married Doug Bowen and had one daughter Lucille.

Thomas Haley married Hilda Winlaw, no children

Vilo McDowell married Ken Andrews and had James Andrews, and Ross.

Ermina McDowell married Fred Bowes and had one daughter Gretta.

Arnold McDowell married Mary Beresford and had four sons, Albert Clifton, who died in 1944, Brian, Alan and Carl.

Frances Craven married D. Leslie Cowan and had two children - Allan and Linda.

T. Ray Craven married Mamie A. Allen and had one son Kenneth.

Margaret Craven - no children.

Grace Craven married Robert Hart and had one daughter, Gail.

Goodsell Wilson married Isabella Capling and had three daughters Helen, Muriel, and Irene.

Obadiah Richard Craven enlisted in W.W. I and was missing in action, no children, unmarried.

Ina Turnbull married Harry Carson and had five Gerald, Ronald, Bruce, Erma\*, and Verna\*. twins

Rita Turnbull married Frank Ingram and had one son, Roy.

Kathleen Turnbull married Ed Welch and one daughter Betty Ann

Winnifred Turnbull married Ernest Melanson and had one son, Ross.

E D E N

Written in memory of Thomas C. Fero and his daughter Rosa

I love to think of Eden,  
And friends I long to see;  
I love its vales, its hills and dales,  
They all seem dear to me.

For once I lived at Eden,  
And had a happy home,  
But death has it invaded,  
And caused me far to roam.

I love to think of Eden,  
Although it's far from here,  
In its green shade are loved ones laid,  
And friends I loved most dear.

'Tis there my father slumbers,  
A parent kind and true;  
Also among its number,  
An only sister too.

I dearly loved sweet Rosa,  
And now I miss her sore;  
She being an only sister,  
I miss her all the more.

The life of our home circle,  
She was her father's pride;  
In yonder glades, the two are laid,  
Their graves lie side by side.

So now I say farewell,  
To scenes so sad to view;  
To Eden's bowers and blooming flowers,  
I needs must say adieu.

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It is understood that the Feros lived in the store-resident on the north-west corner in Eden.

THE HONOURABLE CLINTON J. FORD  
RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE OF ALBERTA

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(Historical data prepared for Historical Society of North Hall, Bayham Township, Elgin County, Ontario, at request of Mrs. Wilfred Harper)

Clinton James Ford - born March 29th, 1882, on his father's farm at North Hall, Bayham Township.

William Mills Ford, his father, was born and raised on the Ford farm at North Hall, his mother having died shortly after his birth. He was the son of

Thomas Mills Ford - who came from England near Manchester, in the early part of the century with his father, who died on the way to Canada, via New York, U.S.A., and was buried at Troy, New York State. Thomas, who was then 17 years old, came on to Canada and was for years the close friend and secretary of Robert Firby, who owned and operated a very successful saw and lumber mill on what was then known as Stimers Creek, somewhere near the Townline of Malahide and Bayham Townships.

William Mills Ford married rather young, Elizabeth Hawley and took over the management of his father's farm at North Hall - legally described, I think, as Lot 8, Concession 9, Township of Bayham, comprising 100 acres. He later acquired the 100 acres to the north of it. He had 9 children - their names were:

Mary - who married Ardan L. Cook, son of Squire A.L. Cook - a magistrate of repute in the township of Bayham.

Emma - who married Charles Firby, a grandson of the Robert Firby mentioned above.

Thomas Hawley Ford - who married a daughter of Ira W. Hayward of Corinth.

Clinton J. Ford - who married Kitty A. Evans of Corinth. She was the daughter of Richard and Margaret Evans, who kept the general merchant's store and operated the post office at Corinth for many years.

Susie - who married Dr. A. Riddell of Bayham, or Richmond as it was once called.

Harry M. Ford - who married Lulu Riddell, a niece of Dr. Riddell, and who served overseas in the first Great War, and is now a barrister in Toronto.

Jennie - who married Thomas W. Ballantyne, a divisional engineer of the C.P.R. and lived in Toronto.

Christie - who married Thomas Brown of Orillia, Ontario.

Earl H. Ford - who married Hazel Small, who once taught in the Public School.

W. M. Ford - who was active in local politics, being a councillor and later Reeve of Bayham Township for several years and Warden of Elgin County for one year. He was afterwards a County Councillor for Elgin County for eight years, being elected to represent Bayham, Malahide and South Dorchester under an act of the province, subsequently repealed, that divided Elgin County into Districts for representation on the County Council.

Clinton James Ford - attended public school at S.S. No. 6, Township of Bayham, located where the new school now stands. The principal was James Amos who held this position for about 35 years at the modest salary of \$500.00 until two or three years before he retired this salary was raised to \$525.00 or \$550.00 a year. J. Amos was widely known for efficiency passing so many High School entrance pupils. (I attribute to him my foundation education. My memory of the teachers, even the primary department, recalls the names of Miss Bancroft and Miss Sarah Baker, who married a young farmer named John Wills, who afterwards went to Detroit, Michigan, and became a well-known preacher in the United States.)

After High School entrance 1896, he attended Tillsonburg High School and got commercial certificate in 1897. Later, at Aylmer Collegiate Institute under principalship of W.W. Rutherford B.A. received honors in Mathematics and Science, 1900.

Attended Model School, St. Thomas, in the autumn of 1900 and received third class certificate qualifying him to teach in public school for three years; this was the fall of the year when there was a scourge of typhoid fever in North Hall neighbourhood. Louis Benner on the old Benner farm, on the Forge Road just southwest of the North Hall church, was the first to contact it, and he died in August. Many others took it, and some died - one whose name I forget died on the Howell farm. The Ketchabaws got it in the house on the corner where the old Blacksmith's shop stood, they recovered; most of this time I was at the Model School, St. Thomas, but stayed home two weeks during the time my father was ill.