

with her brother Donald, owned "The Glen".

- (6) Peter Fisher b. 1 July 1846; d. 24 Aug. 1846; bur. Fisher's Glen
326 (7) Donald Fisher b. 8 Nov. 1849

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RODNEY MONTROSS (parent: Silas Montross, 82)

b. 12 Dec. 1812 in Charlotteville tp., Norfolk Co., Ont.

d. 29 Aug. 1884 (GS); bur. Fisher's Glen, Norfolk Co., Ont.

m. Oct. 1839 Clarissa Ann Green b. 10 Jan. 1820, dau. of Jeremiah and Mary (Monro) Green* of Norfolk Co.; she d. 29 May 1867 (GS) and was bur. at Fisher's Glen. Their marriage bond, dated 15 Oct. 1839, was signed by Obid Smith and Reuben Green (Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.).

Rodney farmed on Lot 20, Con. 1, Charlotteville, on part of his father's 200 acres. The census of 1852 records him as a Baptist. By his will, proved 17 Aug. 1885, he left 1½ acres to his daughter Sarah and 2.59 acres to his son Morris.

Children (8, all b. Charlotteville tp.):

- (1) Sarah Montrose b. 8 Oct. 1840; d. 6 Sept. 1913; bur. Fisher's Glen; unm. Sarah, on her mother's death in 1867, kept house for her father and looked after the younger children; she accompanied her brothers John and Ainsley to Kingsville, Ont., about 1873 and kept house for Ainsley and also for John after his wife died about 1875, leaving a 3-year-old child Louis Ainsley Montrose ("Little Ain"). Sarah raised the child after his father left. The 1½ acres of land, described as of near Normandale, Ont., which she inherited from her father in 1884, she left on her death to her brothers Lewis and Ainsley.
327 (2) John Montrose b. 25 July 1842
(3) Morris Montrose b. 26 Sept. 1844; d. 31 Aug. 1917 in Ontario Hospital, Hamilton,

*Jeremiah Green was born 15 Oct. 1787. His wife Mary Monro was born 8 Mar. 1794 and died 18 June 1838, according to her gravestone once in the now abandoned Curtis cemetery, St. Williams, Ont. See footnote to Wilson Montross (160). As daughter of a United Empire Loyalist, John Monro of Walsingham tp., Norfolk Co., Ont., lieutenant in the New Jersey Volunteers, she received 200 acres of land (OC 23 Dec. 1815).

Ont.; unm. In 1861 he was at home, his occupation being given as laborer. He acquired considerable skill as a silversmith, his nephew Cameron Hayes Montrose (708) having in 1952 a silver cup engraved by him. In 1901, his brother David Duncombe Montrose (329) of Normandale, Ont., took charge of him and on 18 Dec. 1906 had him committed to the Ontario Hospital. Records state: "No interest in work though naturally industrious when alright. Always been temperate. *** Religious, says has just returned from Holy Land".

- 328 (4) Wilson Montrose b. 15 Sept. 1847
(5) Clarissa Ann Montrose b. 25 July and d. 2 Sept. 1850; bur. Fisher's Glen cem.
329 (6) David Duncombe Montrose b. 23 Aug. 1851
330 (7) Lewis Montrose b. 10 Oct. 1853
331 (8) Ainsley Montrose b. 28 Aug. 1855

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HARRIET MONTROSS (parent: Anderson Montross, 83)

b. abt. 1804 in Charlotteville tp., Norfolk Co., Ont. d. aft. 1846, when she received a legacy of £6:5 from her father

m. Caleb Bentley

Children (2):

- (1) Anderson Bentley, who in 1895 received a legacy of \$100 from his uncle Anderson Montross (167)
(2) Simon Bentley, resided in Imlay City, Mich., in 1897, when he received a legacy of \$50 from his uncle Levi Montross (168). We were able to find none of his descendants there in 1953

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SIMON MONTROSS (parent: Anderson Montross, 83)

b. 1 Dec. 1806 in Charlotteville tp., Norfolk Co., Ont.

d. 1 Apr. 1872 (GS); bur. Plains cem., South Yarmouth tp., Elgin Co., Ont.

m. 1836 Ann Maria Creelman, dau. of William and Harriet Creelman (of Nova Scotia and Yarmouth) and sister of Olevia Ann who married Simon's younger brother Levi. Their marriage

bond, dated 11 Jan. 1836, was signed by Henry Black and George Barnes, yeoman of Yarmouth tp. (Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.)

Simon was about 10 years of age when his parents moved from Norfolk Co. to the vicinity of St. Thomas, Ont. He probably was engaged, like his father and brothers, in hauling grain to the Lake ports and bringing back other commodities. Under his father's will, dated 20 Nov. 1846, he inherited 8 acres of land in the lot on which the family resided, the north half of Lot 6, Con. 5, Yarmouth. After his death, his wife continued to reside on this tract of land, as is shown by an 1877 map of Elgin Co. She later married. . . . Lawton (Laughton) and survived him also. She was said to have been buried at Union, Ont., but a search failed to reveal her gravestone. No children.

Sources: Cora Blanche Montross (721); Mabel Trenaman, daughter of Margaret Ann Montross (337).

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DAVID MONTROSS (parent: Anderson Montross, 83)

b. 4 July 1808 in Charlotteville tp., Norfolk Co., Ont.

d. 1894 in Seattle, Wash., of dropsy; bur. Lakeview cem., Seattle

m. 1830 Elizabeth Jackson b. abt. 1814, dau. of James Jackson, a Canadian Methodist minister; Elizabeth d. Feb. 1892; bur. beside husband

David was brought at 8 years of age from Norfolk Co. to Elgin Co. near St. Thomas, Ont. He continued to live on his father's farm after he was married and, in 1847, received 8 acres of it by bequest. Before 1850 he removed to Port Huron tp., St. Clair Co., Mich., where he appears as a laborer in the 1850 census and as a farm laborer in the 1860 census. In 1863 he purchased 10 acres on the Black River in Clyde tp. of the same county for \$800. The next year he was residing in Port Huron, where he bought, for \$1,000, six parcels of land, ranging from a lot in the village of Birdsville to a 70-acre farm, all in St. Clair Co. (Deeds, St. Clair Co. 14:274; 15:279). By 1870 he was a hotel-keeper in Clyde tp. with real estate worth \$2,000 and \$600 of personal property. He later acquired a financial interest in the stage line between Port Huron and Brockway Centre. In 1881 he bought 2 lots in the town of Fort Gratiot and 1 in Port Huron (Deeds, St. Clair Co. 75:130). At this

period of his life he had his right arm amputated following a severe attack of erysipelas.

About 1886 David took up a timber-land homestead in the State of Washington. He had become interested through his son-in-law Chauncey Brockway and his grandson Keats Montross, who were in the lumber business there and were said to have performed his homestead duties for him. After 1890 he lived with his daughters Martha Ann and Jane, who, with their husbands, had followed to Washington. He returned to St. Thomas on a visit to relatives which lasted about a year. Mabel Trenaman (see 337) told us in 1947 that she remembered him as "a very fine grand-uncle".

Children (7, 1st 5 b. near St. Thomas and last 2 near Port Huron):

- 332 (1) James A. Montross b. abt. 1832
 (2) Rebecca Montross b. abt. 1834; was with her parents near Port Huron in 1850
 333 (3) Benjamin N. Montross b. abt. 1836
 334 (4) Hannah Montross b. abt. 1840
 (5) Sarah E. Montross b. abt. 1845; d. abt. 1853, having tripped and fallen into a tub of scalding water
 335 (6) Martha Ann Montross b. 4 Jan. 1850
 336 (7) Jennie (E. Jane) Montross b. abt. 1856

Sources: David's birthdate from obituary in *Seattle Post Intelligencer* quoted in MPHS 26:470. Obituary erroneously gives his parents as David and Margaret Montross and his birthplace as New Brunswick, Canada. Other details are from the obituary corrected by Jennie Irene Inglis (716).

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REBECCA MONTROSS (parent: Anderson Montross, 83)

b. abt. 1811 in Charlotteville tp., Norfolk Co., Ont.

m. (1) Alexander Allen

m. (2) aft. 1850. . . . Tucker of Port Huron, Mich.

Under the will of her father, made 20 Nov. 1846 and recorded 4 Feb. 1847, Rebecca received £6:5, she being described as the wife of Alexander Allen.

No known children.

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ANDERSON MONTROSS (parent: Anderson Montross, 83)

b. 10 Sept. 1813 in Charlotteville tp., Norfolk Co., Ont.

d. 27 June 1897; bur. St. Thomas, Ont.

m. 8 Mar. 1838 Lydia Ann Barnes b. 12 Jan. 1821, dau. of Jonas Barnes (b. 26 Aug. 1780) and

his wife Deborah (b. 11 Dec. 1780); Lydia Ann d. 6 July 1897; bur. beside husband. Marriage bond, dated 5 Mar. 1838, was signed by Henry Black of St. Thomas, gentleman, and Samuel Ferris of Yarmouth tp., Elgin Co., Ont., grocer (Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.).

Anderson was brought when 3 years old from Norfolk Co. by his parents to Yarmouth tp. near St. Thomas. In the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837, Anderson served with the Government forces. It is related that, when an alarm had been given, Anderson in his hurry got into line without his gun but his comrades covered up for him so successfully that he was not penalized.

He farmed for many years on Con. 2, Yarmouth tp. On 12 Feb. 1877, he purchased several lots on Ross St., St. Thomas, for \$3,260, as appears from a deed in possession (1947) of Mabel Trenaman (see 337). The St. Thomas directory of 1892-3 lists him as a gentleman, residing at 45 Ross St. While on the farm he had attended the Yarmouth Baptist Church; at the time of his death he was an honorary deacon in the Centre St. Baptist Church in St. Thomas.

By his will, dated 25 Apr. 1895, he left to his wife all his personal property and the life use of his real property, which consisted of 5 city lots. Subject to this life use, the lots were divided among his niece Drusilla Barnes, his grandson by adoption Elbert Trenaman, and his adopted daughter Margaret Ann Trenaman. From the sale of one lot, \$100 bequests were to be paid after his wife's death to his nephew Anderson Bentley, James Clifford of Kankakee, Ill., his nephew Benjamin Montross; \$200 was left to the Regular Baptist Home Missionary Society; and the remainder to Mabel Trenaman (Wills, Elgin Co. No. 2661).

Children (none; 1 adop.):

337 (1) Margaret Ann Montross b. 23 Feb. 1846

Source: Anderson Montross, Jr., family Bible in possession (1947) of Mabel Trenaman, dau. of Margaret Ann Montross, above.

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LEVI MONTROSS (parent: Anderson Montross, 83)

b. 15 Nov. 1815 in Charlotteville tp., Norfolk Co., Ont.

d. 23 Oct. 1897 at Gosfield South, near Kingsville,

Ont., of femoral thrombosis; bur. St. Thomas, Ont.

m. (1) 8 Nov. 1838 Olevia Ann Creelman, whose sister Ann Maria Creelman had married Levi's brother Simon (164). Olevia Ann was born 12 May 1817, dau. of William and Harriet Creelman of Nova Scotia and Yarmouth tp., Elgin Co., Ont.; she d. 11 Mar. 1892; bur. St. Thomas. Marriage bond, dated 5 Nov. 1838, was signed by Simon Montross and Abraham Newcomb (Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.).

m. (2) widow of Elder.....Smith of Aylmer, Ont.

Levi was brought as an infant from Norfolk Co. to his parents' new home near St. Thomas, Ont. Like his father, he farmed and hauled commodities between St. Thomas and Port Stanley on Lake Erie. On 7 Oct. 1844 he bought from his father 30 acres, part of the north half of Lot 6, Con. 5, Yarmouth tp. (Deeds, Elgin Co., Yarmouth, 7771). He was a member of the Yarmouth Baptist Church, of which his wife was a charter member, although her family were Quakers. Levi was a deacon for 15 years. When they moved to St. Thomas in 1884, they attended the Centre St. Baptist Church—Levi was a life member of the Baptist Missionary Society.

Levi's second marriage did not turn out well. After about 18 months, during which time they lived at her home in Aylmer, his wife was taken ill and her daughter insisted that Levi should leave. He went to Port Huron and stayed with his adopted son Jeremiah and later to Kingsville, residing with his adopted daughter Seraphina, and died at her home. By his will, made 17 May 1897, he bequeathed \$725 and his cane to his adopted son Jeremiah B. Montross and \$25 and his gold watch and chain to Jeremiah's son Arthur. Each of Jeremiah's other children got \$50. To his niece and adopted daughter Seraphina Taylor (340) he left \$900; to her daughter Flossie Palmer \$100; and \$50 to each of her other 3 children and to his nephews Simon Bentley and Levi Stonehouse. Bequests totaling \$1,000 were given to 4 Baptist Church organizations. The rest of the estate was divided equally between Jeremiah B. Montross and Seraphina Taylor. The executors were instructed to add his name with a suitable inscription to the monument erected on his first wife's grave (Wills,

Elgin Co. No. 2708). The monument is an imposing shaft of pink marble.

Children (none; 2 adop.):

- 338 (1) Jeremiah Bacon Montross b. 28 Jan. 1842
(2) Seraphina Taylor, his niece (340)

Sources: Levi Montross's family Bible, owned in 1956 by William Ewart Palmer (732), and obituaries kept in the Bible; Mabel Trenaman (see 337).

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MARY MONTROSS (parent: Anderson Montross, 83)

b. possibly abt. 1818 in Yarmouth tp., Elgin Co., Ont.

d. 24 Aug. 1863 (GS); bur. Charlton cem., Lobo tp., Middlesex Co., Ont.

m. George Barnes b. 9 June 1796; d. 18 Oct. 1880; bur. beside wife; they resided on a farm near Duncrief, Ont., about 10 miles west of London

Children (3 known, all b. Lobo tp.):

- 339 (1) Lydia Barnes b. 1834
(2) Drusilla Barnes d. aft. 1897, when her uncle Anderson Montross (167) bequeathed to her a city lot in St. Thomas, Ont.; m. Edward Stonehouse, farmer, and lived near Duncrief and later in St. Thomas; 4 ch.:
(a) Wilbur Stonehouse, died in his teens
(b) Glorina Stonehouse m. Harry Cooper; resided in Medicine Hat, Alta.; had 3 or 4 sons and 3 daughters, one named Florence, who married and resided in Minneapolis
(c) Edgar Stonehouse, killed in a train wreck in Alberta
(d) Newton Stonehouse, resided in St. Thomas until about 1900
(3) Emma Barnes m. Egerton Stonehouse, brother of her sister's husband Edward; resided in Lobo tp. -

Note and Sources: Mary's birthdate is uncertain; her age was chipped from her tombstone when we saw it in 1956. The known birthdates of her brothers and sisters makes 1818 a probable birthdate but she may have been born earlier. Report on her 2nd and 3rd known children came from Mabel Trenaman in 1947.

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SARAH B. MONTROSS (parent: Anderson Montross, 83)

b. 14 June 1820 in Yarmouth tp., Elgin Co., Ont.
d. 12 Sept. 1880 at Sarnia, Ont.; bur. Ailsa Craig, Ont.

m. (1) Dec. 1838 Watson W. Taylor, a joiner by occupation, who d. bet. 1850 and 1857; marriage bond, dated 23 Dec. 1838, was signed by Anderson Montross and Henry Black (Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.)

m. (2) 16 July 1857, Rev. John A. Williams officiating, George Stonehouse

Sarah inherited from her father 50 acres of the home farm in 1847; it is probable that she and her first husband were already living on it. When Watson died in the early 1850's, he left Sarah with 5 young children. The fourth, Seraphina Taylor, was taken and adopted by Sarah's brother Levi; the 3 older ones left home early, possibly after Sarah had married again and gone to live in Ailsa Craig.

Children (8, 5 by 1st husband, all b. Yarmouth; 3 by 2nd, all b. Ailsa Craig):

- (1) Elwood Taylor, said by his nephew Elmer James Minthorn (735) to have left home and never been heard from again
(2) Joseph Taylor, d. aft. 1905 in Corunna, Mich.; m. Phoebe....., who d. bef. 1916; resided in Owasso, Mich.; said by niece Minnie Walton to have died in the poorhouse
(3) Frank Taylor, said by niece Flossie Palmer (733) to have lived in Ohio, from where he came on a visit to her mother in Kingsville, Ont.
340 (4) Seraphina Taylor b. 4 Oct. 1847
(5) Charles Taylor b. 1850; d. 1905; bur. Kingsville, Ont.; unm.; farmer; lived many years with his sister Seraphina and her husband Levi Palmer near Kingsville
341 (6) Mary Ann Stonehouse b. 16 Apr. 1858
(7) Emma Stonehouse b. 10 Oct. 1860; d. 27 Dec. 1919; m. at Ailsa Craig 19 Feb. 1880 David Walton; in Sept. 1880 were living in Sarnia, Ont.; in the early 1880's moved to Mt. Pleasant, Mich., then to Lake City, Mich.; 5 ch.:
(a) Nora Walton b. 18 Dec. 1880; d. 9 July 1882
(b) Howard Walton b. 7 Oct. 1882; m.; he died 15 Aug. 1936; 2 ch.:
i. Arvilla Walton b. 1913; m.Grey
ii. Morse Walton b. 1930
(c) Minnie Walton b. 7 Oct. 1884; m.