



Generation One

1. **George Drewry** #173671, b. in England.¹

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"The Drewry family in Canada are of English origin, as the pioneer of that name, George Drewry, was one of the earliest of those who migrated from the United Kingdom, immediately following the first influx of settlers from the United States. Accompanied by his wife, (whose maiden name was Elizabeth Pepper) , and their five children , he came direct to Sophiasburgh, to the High Shore, about 1817, and for a short time occupied the "Downs Farm," situated near the old homestead of John Woods, the pioneer.

"Mr. Drewry was a through agriculturalist, and possessed a scientific knowledge of soils and the essential elements necessary to successful farming, but he was not favourably impressed with this place, and he and his family (with the exception of his eldest son) removed to the township of Cramahe, where he secured good land, and through years of patient toil and perseverance, achieved success."

He married **Elizabeth Pepper** #173672, in England,¹ b. in England.¹

Children:

2. i. **George Drewry** #173673.
3. ii. **William Drewry** #173681.
4. iii. **Edward Drewry** #173684.
5. iv. **Eliza Drewry** #173686.
6. v. **Fanny Drewry** #173689.

Generation Two

2. **George Drewry** #173673, b. in England,¹ occupation Farmer in Sophiasburgh, d. 1885 in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .

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"George, the eldest of the family, who elected to remain in Prince Edward, had been well educated in England and qualified as a school teacher. He engaged in school teaching in Sophiasburgh, for about three years, and then purchased a bush farm on the 2nd concession of Sophiasburgh. After clearing a portion of his farm, and building the orthodox pioneer dwelling, he married Mis Kezia Roblin, daughter of Philip Roblin. In his career as an early settler, he escaped none of the vicissitudes and hardships incident to the times; but the unremitting industry which

characterized him, as well as the average early settler, in the end rewarded him with a fruitful farm and a comfortable home, and he found himself among those successful pioneers , who were rated as "well off."

"His son Philip, eventually succeeded to this property, and he with his son, Wallace, now occupy this old homestead, which is one of the landmarks of the neighborhood's first settlement.

"In later years, some years after his wife had died, George Drewry, the son of the Canadian founder of the family, bought a property in Brighton village, Northumberland County, and thither he removed until his death in 1885. He often recounted his early hardships as a pioneer, when the nearest grist mill was at Kingston, and the wolves and bears were numerous and fierce. In the public affairs of his community, George Drewry was always interested; he subscribed to the best principles of the Reform party, and invariably advocated and supported them. For many years he held the commission of Justice of the Peace, and as such, was known for his calm and temperate judgement. Although reared in the faith of the Established Church of England, he was broad and liberal in his views concerning other denominations, and in later life, if he showed and marked preference, it was to the Methodist Church, which he frequently assisted and also attended."

He married (1) **Keziah Roblin** #117486,¹ b. in Ontario,² (daughter of **Philip Roblin** #117479 [Miller in Ameliasburgh] and **Prudence Platt** #117484), d.¹

Children:

7. i. **Charles Edward Drewry** #87996 b. c. 1833.
8. ii. **William Drewry** #173676.
9. iii. **Philip Drewry** #104884 b. c. 1823.
10. iv. **Mary Drewry** #173677.
11. v. **Fanny Drewry** #173678.
12. vi. **Nancy Drewry** #173679.
13. vii. **John Drewry** #173680.

He married (2) **Sylvia Squier** #173674.¹

Children:

14. viii. **Albert H. Drewry** #173675.
3. **William Drewry** #173681, b. in England.¹ .

Settled in Bowmanville.

He married **Mary Burnham** #173683.¹

4. **Edward Drewry** #173684, b. in England.¹ .

He married (**unidentified**) #173685.¹

(unidentified):

Settled in Wisconsin, USA.

5. **Eliza Drewry** #173686, b. in England.¹ .

Lived in Wardsville, Ontario.

She married (1) **George Shaw** #173687.¹

She married (2) **Johnston Grover** #173688.¹

6. **Fanny Drewry** #173689, b. in England.

She married **Nathaniel Thayer** #173690.¹

Nathaniel:

Family lived in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario.

Children:

15. i. **Elza Thayer** #173691.
16. ii. **Isaiah Thayer** #173692.
17. iii. **Sarah Thayer** #173693.
18. iv. **Fanny Thayer** #173694.
19. v. **Ira Thayer** #173695.

Generation Three

7. **Charles Edward Drewry** #87996, b. c. 1833 in Ontario,³ occupation 1870 Township Clerk, Ameliasburgh, occupation 1871 - 1875 Miller in Ameliasburgh, d. 1897.

(Name also appears as "DREURY", "DREWERY", "DRURY" spelling has been used throughout these genealogies to the 20th century.)

1870: Lived in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario

1873: Lived on 2nd Concession, Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

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" His son, Charles Drewry, who married Sarah Dempsey, owned a grist mill near Roblin's Mills, which he conducted for some years, when he sold out and moved to Colborne. Here he carried on a flour mill, and built and operated a

new grist mill. He was a millwright, as well as a miller, and with his brother built a number of mills throughout the counties of Hastings and Northumberland. He led a busy and active life, and in addition to his private business, he was clerk of the Council in Ameliasburgh, issuer of marriage licenses and Justice of the Peace. After removing to Colborne, he served in the Town Council and upon the School Board, and also upon the Trustee Board of the Methodist Church, of which church he was a devoted member, being Superintendent of the Sunday School. His political affiliations were with the Liberal party.

"Mr. Drewry died in 1897, and his widow still survives him. Their son, George Drewry, B.A., was educated at the Public and High Schools of Colborne. He then matriculated at Victoria University with the degree of B.A. in 1890.

"He later taught school for a short time, and studied law with the eminent firm of Clute, McDonald and McCrimmon. He was called to the Bar in 1895 and enrolled as a barrister and solicitor. He at once began a the practice of law at Colborne, and has long enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, attracting substantially all the legal business of Colborne and the surrounding country."

He married **Sarah Ann Dempsey** #87997, b. c. 1835 in Ontario.³

Children:

20. i. **Charles Frederick Drewry** #113977 b. 04 March 1864.
 21. ii. **William Drewry** #147595 b. c. 1865.
 22. iii. **George Drewry** #147596 b. c. 1868.
 23. iv. **Anna Gertrude Drewry** #87998 b. 28 July 1870.
 24. v. **Emma Frances Drewry** #88246 b. 16 May 1873.
 25. vi. **Lillian Drewry** #93155 b. 18 July 1875.
 26. vii. **Mary E. Drewry** #173709.
8. **William Drewry** #173676, b.¹

Family lived in Murray Township, Northumberland County, Ontario.

He married **Olive Miller** #173696.¹

Children:

27. i. **Agnes Drewry** #173697.
 28. ii. **Malcolm Drewry** #173698.
 29. iii. **Ira Drewry** #173699.
9. **Philip Drewry** #104884, b. c. 1823 in Ontario,⁴ occupation 1871 Farmer in Sophiasburgh.

Surname also appears as "DRURY".

He married **Sarah Anne Bogart** #104885, b. c. 1830 in Ontario.⁴

Children:

30. i. **George Drewry** #173670.

31. ii. **Wallace D. Drewry** #104886 b. c. 1860.

10. **Mary Drewry** #173677, b.¹

She married **Philip Way** #162547.⁵

Philip:

Family lived at Marsh Front, Sophiasburgh.

Children:

32. i. **Charles Edward Way** #162546 b. c. 1855.

11. **Fanny Drewry** #173678, b.¹

She married **James Gordon** #173706.¹

James:

Family lived in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario.

Children:

33. i. **Minnie Gordon** #173707.

34. ii. **William Gordon** #173708.

12. **Nancy Drewry** #173679, b.¹

She married **George Sherwood** #173710.¹

George:

Family lived in Brighton, Northumberland County, Ontario.

Children:

35. i. **Nellie R. Sherwood** #173711.

36. ii. **Frances Sherwood** #173713.

13. **John Drewry** #173680, b.¹

Family lived in Newburgh, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

He married **Sarah Darling** #173701.¹

Children:

- 37. i. **Elizabeth Drewry** #173702.
- 38. ii. **Fred Drewry** #173703.
- 39. iii. **Mary Drewry** #173704.
- 40. iv. **Harrt Drewry** #173705.

14. **Albert H. Drewry** #173675, b.¹

Family lived in Trenton, Hastings County, Ontario.

He married **Jennie Stedman** #173722.¹

Children:

- 41. i. **Jennie Drewry** #173723.
- 42. ii. **(unidentified) Drewry** #173724.
- 43. iii. **(unidentified) Drewry** #173725.

- 15. **Elza Thayer** #173691, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
- 16. **Isaiah Thayer** #173692, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
- 17. **Sarah Thayer** #173693, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
- 18. **Fanny Thayer** #173694, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
- 19. **Ira Thayer** #173695, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .

Generation Four

- 20. **Charles Frederick Drewry** #113977, b. 04 March 1864 in Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,^{6,3} baptized 06 November 1864 in Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.⁶ .
- 21. **William Drewry** #147595, b. c. 1865 in Prince Edward County, Ontario.³ .
- 22. **George Drewry** #147596, b. c. 1868 in Prince Edward County, Ontario.³ .
- 23. **Anna Gertrude Drewry** #87998, b. 28 July 1870 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.⁷ .
- 24. **Emma Frances Drewry** #88246, b. 16 May 1873 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.⁸ .
- 25. **Lillian Drewry** #93155, b. 18 July 1875 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.⁹ .
- 26. **Mary E. Drewry** #173709, b. in Ameliasburgh?¹ .
- 27. **Agnes Drewry** #173697, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
- 28. **Malcolm Drewry** #173698, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
- 29. **Ira Drewry** #173699, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
- 30. **George Drewry** #173670, b. in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,¹ d. in childhood.
- 31. **Wallace D. Drewry** #104886, b. c. 1860 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,⁴ occupation 1885 Farmer in Sophiasburgh.

He married **Hattie Osborne** #157971, 27 May 1885 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,¹⁰ b. c. 1868 in Consecon, Prince Edward County, Ontario (daughter of **Jonathan G. Osborne** #81526 and **Melissa Marsh** #157972).

32. **Charles Edward Way** #162546, b. c. 1855 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario, occupation 1893 - 1894 Farmer in Northport.

He married **Mary Elizabeth Dempsey** #75019, 30 August 1893 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,¹¹ b. 22 July 1870 in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario,^{12,13,6} (daughter of **William Ryerson Dempsey** #75015 [Farmer in Albury] and **Emily Boulter** #75014), baptized 27 July 1870 in Ameliasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.⁶

Children:

- 44. i. **Helen Letta Way** #175119 b. 02 June 1894.
- 45. ii. **Gladys Marjorie Way** #175717 b. 22 May 1898.

33. **Minnie Gordon** #173707, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
34. **William Gordon** #173708, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
35. **Nellie R. Sherwood** #173711, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .

She married **Harry Lanson** #173712.¹

Children:

- 46. i. **Ormond K. Sherwood** #173715.
- 47. ii. **Marion Sherwood** #173716.
- 48. iii. **Donald Sherwood** #173717.
- 49. iv. **Garnet Sherwood** #173718.
- 50. v. **Ruby Sherwood** #173719.
- 51. vi. **Marjorie Sherwood** #173720.
- 52. vii. **Drewry Sherwood** #173721.

36. **Frances Sherwood** #173713, b.¹

She married **Wilbert Price** #173714.¹

Wilbert:

Family lived in Manitoba.

37. **Elizabeth Drewry** #173702, b. in Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹ .
38. **Fred Drewry** #173703, b. in Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹ .
39. **Mary Drewry** #173704, b. in Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹ .
40. **Harrt Drewry** #173705, b. in Lennox and Addington, Ontario.¹ .

41. **Jennie Drewry** #173723, b. in Trenton?, Hastings County, Ontario.¹ .
42. **(unidentified) Drewry** #173724, b. in Trenton?.¹ .
43. **(unidentified) Drewry** #173725, b. in Trenton?.¹ .

Generation Five

44. **Helen Letta Way** #175119, b. 02 June 1894 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.¹⁴ .
45. **Gladys Marjorie Way** #175717, b. 22 May 1898 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.¹⁵ .
46. **Ormond K. Sherwood** #173715, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
47. **Marion Sherwood** #173716, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
48. **Donald Sherwood** #173717, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
49. **Garnet Sherwood** #173718, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
50. **Ruby Sherwood** #173719, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
51. **Marjorie Sherwood** #173720, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .
52. **Drewry Sherwood** #173721, b. in Northumberland County, Ontario.¹ .

¹ Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, DREWRY Family, pp 295 - 297.

² Gayla Vidal genealogy, MAGRC, transcribed OCT 2018.

³ 1871 Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.

⁴ 1871 Sophiasburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/assumed relationship.

⁵ Details from son Charles' 1893 marriage record.

⁶ Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register, 1828-1910.

⁷ ONVS Births, ref. 009421-1870.

⁸ ONVS Births, ref. 044230-1873.

⁹ ONVS Births, ref. 018183-1875.

¹⁰ ONVS Marriages, ref. 010005-1885; Witnesses: Charles MAY, Sophiasburgh; Annie ARTHUR, Consecon.

¹¹ ONVS Marriages, ref. 010458-1893; Witnesses: W.B. GORDON, Kingsford; Alice Helen DEMPSEY, Ameliasburgh.

¹² Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904; pp 180-182.

¹³ ONVS Births, ref. 011296-1870.

¹⁴ ONVS Births, ref. 028122-1894.

¹⁵ ONVS Births, ref. 035913-1898.