



Merrill Family of Prince Edward County

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Generation One

1. **Samuel Merrill** #106000, b. in Connecticut, USA.¹ .

He married **Ruth Brown** #106001.

Children:

2. i. **Samuel Merrill** #67601 b. c 1800.
3. ii. **Stephen B. Merrill** #106002 b. 1813.

Generation Two

2. **Samuel Merrill** #67601, b. c 1800 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario, Canada, occupation 1870 Esquire, d. 22 March 1870 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.² .

Age 70 years, four months at death.

Historical Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, 1878; H. Belden & Co., Toronto.

"Edwards Merrill, of Picton, Barrister-at-Law, is the grandson of Samuel Merrill, who came from Connecticut during the first years of the present century, and settled in Kingston, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits with considerable success.

"His son Samuel (afterwards the father of a family of eleven children, of whom Edwards was the eighth in order of age), having chosen law as his profession, and having studied in the office of Hon. C.A. Hagerman (then of Kingston, but afterwards Chief Justice of Upper Canada), was called to the bar in 1823, and subsequently removing to Picton (in which place he was the first lawyer), he continued to practise his profession there for nearly half a century.

"For many years - and until failing health had incapacitated him from laborious application to professional duties - he enjoyed an exceedingly large and lucrative practice; and was considered, on all hands, one of the best lawyers - whether as counsel or advocate - in the whole of the old Midland and Bay Quinte districts. He was first Registrar of the Surrogate Court here, which position he resigned, after having satisfactorily filled it for eighteen years. He was also Master-in-Chancery for a number of years.

"When a young man he was of a military, as well as patriotic, turn, and volunteered in an artillery company which did duty at Kingston during the War of 1812 - 1813.

"Though himself a strong Conservative, some of the family espoused the other side of politics quite as strongly. Among these was his brother, Stephen B. Merrill, for many years proprietor of that veteran Reform journal, the Prescott Telegraph, and now Inspector of Inland Revenue."

He married **Mary Edwards Hall** #67602,³ b. c 1805 in United States.⁴

Children:

4. i. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106003.
 5. ii. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106004.
 6. iii. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106005.
 7. iv. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106006.
 8. v. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106007.
 9. vi. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106008.
 10. vii. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106010.
 11. viii. **Edwards Merrill** #67594 b. c 1842.
 12. ix. **Asa Merrill** #67607 b. c 1844.
 13. x. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106009.
 14. xi. **Perry Merrill** #67605 b. 05 April 1847.
3. **Stephen B. Merrill** #106002, b. 1813 in Canada, occupation Publisher, Inspector of Inland Revenue.¹ .

He married **Lori Holden** #106099, 08 November 1866 in Prescott, Leeds and Grenville, Ontario,⁵ b. c 1808 in Vermont (daughter of **Ephraim Fluit?** #106100 and **Sarah (unidentified)** #106101).

Generation Three

4. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106003.
5. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106004.
6. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106005.
7. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106006.
8. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106007, b.¹
9. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106008, b.¹
10. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106010, b.¹
11. **Edwards Merrill** #67594, b. c 1842 in Ontario, Canada,⁶ occupation 1871 Lawyer, occupation 1891 County Court Judge, d. 13 June 1905 in 2 Hill Street, Picton, Prince Edward County, ON, Canada.⁷ .

1866: Residence in Picton, when married, he was a colleague of John A. MacDonald during that Canadian Prime Minister's Picton years.

1871: Lived in Picton with family.

1881: Not found 1881 Picton census?

1891: Census states that Edwards father was born in Ontario, mother in the United States.

1905: Reputed to have committed suicide at 2 Hill Street, by hanging from the balcony...

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"Edwards Merrill, of Picton, Barrister-at-Law, is the grandson of Samuel Merrill, who came from Connecticut during the first years of the present century, and settled in Kingston, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits with considerable success.

"Edwards Merrill was born in Picton, September 1841. He was educated here, and studied law in the office of this place. He was admitted as an attorney in 1865; called to the bar in 1867; and has practised here ever since. He married, in 1866, Carrie, daughter of the late Paul Wright, and grand-daughter of the late Dr. J.B. Chamberlain, both widely known and highly respected citizens of Napanee; and the present family consists of three children.

"Like his father, he is of a military turn, having been for a number of years, and until its disbandment, Captain of No. 2 Company, 16th Regiment.

"As a lawyer. Mr. Merrill is regarded as a sound counsel, and a rising man in his profession; while, as a gentleman, he commands the respect of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance."

He married **Carolyn (Carrie) Wright** #67595, 11 January 1866 in Napanee, Lennox and Addington, Ontario, Upper Canada, b. c 1845 in Ontario, Canada,⁶ (daughter of **Paul Wright** #67603 and **Hannah (Ann) Chamberlain** #67604), d. 18 March 1938 in 4 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, York County, ON, Canada,⁸ buried 19 March 1938 in Picton, Prince Edward County, ON, Canada.

Carolyn:

1866: Lived in Napanee, Ontario when married.

1911: Widowed, lived at 40 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, ON with children Edward and Helen. Note that Helen's birthdate is shown as NOV 1873, Edward's as APR 1875.

The family home at 4 Prince Arthur Avenue, 2 blocks north of Bloor Street on Avenue Road in Toronto no longer exists, having been replaced by a modern high-rise.

1921: Carolyn is listed in "The Torontonians Society Blue Book" at 4 Prince Arthur Avenue, with other residents shown as Mrs. Frank EGERTON, Mrs. Christopher HOLDEN, Mr. Edward B. MERRILL and Miss Anne MERRILL.

Children:

15. i. **Helen Mary Merrill** #67598 b. 12 November 1866.
 16. ii. **Edward Belden Merrill** #67596 b. c 1869.
 17. iii. **Anne (Annie) Merrill** #67599 b. 05 November 1871.
 18. iv. **Carrie (Muriel) Merrill** #67600 b. 24 February 1884.
12. **Asa Merrill** #67607, b. c 1844 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada,⁹ occupation 1861 Labourer in Marysburgh, occupation 1869 Salesman.

1861: Lived in Marysburgh, Prince Edward County with Matthew MERRILL and family. Relationship? was Matthew an uncle?

He married **Emma A. Welbanks** #67608, 12 October 1868 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada,⁹ b. c 1846 in Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada,⁹ (daughter of **David Welbanks** #67609 and **Nancy (unidentified)** #67610).

Children:

19. i. **Mary Merrill** #67611 b. 14 October 1869.

13. **(unidentified) Merrill** #106009, b.¹

14. **Perry Merrill** #67605, b. 05 April 1847 in Canada,¹⁰ occupation 1920 Bookkeeper, occupation 1871 Carpenter and Painter, occupation 1881 Store Keeper, d. 05 October 1920 in Picton, Ontario, Canada,^{11,10} buried 07 October 1920 in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, ON, Canada.¹⁰ .

1871: Perry and wife Hattie lived with Perry's widowed mother in Picton.

He married **Hattie P. (unidentified)** #67606, b. 1851 in Ontario,¹² d. 1939, buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.¹³

Generation Four

15. **Helen Mary Merrill** #67598, b. 12 November 1866 in Napanee, Ontario, Canada,^{6,14} occupation Author, Poetess, Naturalist, Archivist, d. 08 June 1951 in Toronto, York County, ON, Canada,¹⁴ buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, ON, Canada.

Helen lived in Toronto from 1905 until her death in 1951.

She married **Frank Egerton** #67612, 11 May 1917 in Toronto, York County, ON, Canada,¹⁵ b. c 1874 in Maidstone, KEN, England,¹⁶ (son of **Albert Edward Egerton** #67613 and **Mary Frances Carroll?** #67614), d. c 1949? in Toronto?, occupation 1921 Civil Engineer.

Frank:

1916: Emigrated from England

1917: Residence in Toronto, ON when married.

1921: Frank and Helen lodged with Harold B SEFTON and wife Jean at 10 Rathnelly Avenue, Toronto.

The 1921 "The Torontonians Society Blue Book" gives the couple's address at 10 Rathnally/Rathnelly Avenue; Helen belonged to the Toronto Women's Press Club

(Rathnelly Avenue is just off Avenue Road, north of the railway, and not far (about 12 blocks north of Prince Arthur Avenue off Avenue Road)

Note that Frank and Helen were listed in the 1920 edition of "The Society Blue Book, Toronto", her address was shown as c/o 4 Prince Arthur Avenue.

Helen was a member of several (at least seven) Toronto clubs:

Canadian Society of Genealogists; Secretary

Mycological Society of Ontario, and others.

16. **Edward Belden Merrill** #67596, b. c 1869, occupation 1911 Civil Engineer, occupation 1937 Hydro Employee, d. 09 January 1937 in 4 Prince Arthur Road, Toronto, York County, ON, Canada,¹⁷ buried 11 January 1937 in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, ON, Canada.¹⁷ .

Note that Edward was noted as "Belden" in the 1891 census. He was an artist, helping illustrate his sister Helen's book "Picturesque Prince Edward County" with both photographs and paintings.

He married **Rachel R. (unidentified)** #67597, after 1911 in Toronto?

17. **Anne (Annie) Merrill** #67599, b. 05 November 1871 in Picton, Prince Edward County, ON, Canada,^{6,18} occupation Author/Journalist.
18. **Carrie (Muriel) Merrill** #67600, b. 24 February 1884 in Picton, Prince Edward County, ON, Canada,^{6,19} d. 01 June 1924 in Toronto, ON, Canada,²⁰ buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, ON, Canada.^{21,22} .

The Edmonton Daily, 19 OCT 1907

"The engagement of Miss T. (sic) Muriel Merrill, daughter of the late Judge Merril (sic), Picton, Ont., and Christopher Holden, electrical engineer, Preston, Lancashire, England is announced. Miss Merrill is a sister of Miss Merrill (probably Anne, JB), who spent last winter in Calgary as editor of the Prairie."

She married **Christopher Holden** #67615, October 1907 in Winnipeg, AB, CAN,²³ b. 19 September 1876 in Preston, LAN , England,²⁴ (son of **William Henry Holden** #67616 [Cotton Mill Manager] and **Alice (unidentified)** #67617), baptized 15 October 1876 in Blackburn, LAN, ENG, occupation 1921 Electrical Engineer, d. 1924, buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.²²

Christopher:

Came from a family of at least seven children.

1881: Lived at 44 Miles Street, Preston, LAN.

1890: Emigrated from England to Canada.

1921: Lived with wife Muriel at 378-380 Markham Street, Toronto.

19. **Mary Merrill** #67611, b. 14 October 1869 in Picton, Prince Edward County, ON, Canada,^{25,26} d. 03 December 1869 in Picton, buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, ON, Canada.

¹ Historical Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, 1878; H. Belden & Co., Toronto.

² ONVS Deaths, ref. 009757-1870; c/d: debility, three months; Informant: Edwards MERRILL, Barrister-at-Law, Picton.

³ Details from son Edwards and Perry's death certificates.

⁴ 1871 Picton, ON census; age/birthplace/relationship.

⁵ ONVS Marriage Index.

⁶ 1891 Picton, Prince Edward County census; age/birthplace/relationship.

⁷ ONVS Deaths, ref. 024528; c/d: Accumulative sclerosis, 6 months.

⁸ ONVS Deaths, ref. 01673-1938; c/d: Gastro-enteritis, influenzal or coli-infection probably; myocarditis and general arterio-sclerosis; Informant: Miss MERRILL, 4 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto.

⁹ Ontario, Canada Marriage Index, ancestry.ca.

¹⁰ Glenwood Cemetery, Section J, August 2018; Image 18-07156.

¹¹ ONVS Deaths; ref. 031874-1920; c/d: Heart enlargement; Informant: J.A. WEAR, Friend.

¹² 1881 Picton, ON census; age/birthplace/relationship.

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- 13 Glenwood Cemetery, Section J, August 2018; Image 18-07155.
 - 14 Simon Fraser University Library, Canada's Early Women Writers.
 - 15 ONVS Marriages, ref. 002559-1917.
 - 16 Details from 1917 marriage certificate.
 - 17 ONVS Deaths, ref. 001398; c/d: Pneumonia; Informant: Miss Annie MERRILL, sister, 4 Prince Arthur Road, Toronto.
 - 18 ONVS Births; ref. 009417-1871.
 - 19 ONVS Births, ref. 030828-1884.
 - 20 ONVS Deaths; ref. 003900-1924; c/d: Pneumonia, Emphysema.
 - 21 ONVS Deaths; ref. 003900-1924.
 - 22 Glenwood Cemetery photographs, 2016; Image: 16-5995.
 - 23 The Winnipeg Tribune, p 12.
 - 24 1921 Toronto, York County census; age/birthplace/relationship.
 - 25 ONVS Births; ref. 009402-1869.
 - 26 ONVS Births, ref. 007630-1869 (no name on record).

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