

McHeffey Family

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The Family of William McHeffey

William McHeffey was born on 18 January 1822 in Gay's River, Halifax County, Nova Scotia. He was a miner and a farmer. William was married three times and moved to Colorado to live with his daughter Henrietta in 1895 at age seventy-three. William died on 19 August 1903 in Ft. Lupton, Weld County, Colorado, and was buried in Hillside Cemetery in Ft. Lupton.

He married Janet (Jane) Taylor on 29 July 1852 in Gay's River. Janet was born in 1836 in Musquodoboit, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, and was the daughter of Susan and William Taylor. She died on 9 February 1869 in Gay's River, from consumption and was buried in Gay's River United Church Cemetery.

William and Janet McHeffey had eight children:

1. Susan Minerva (Minnie) McHeffey was born on 14 September 1854 in Gay's River, Nova Scotia, and died on 20 February 1932 in Ashland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. She married Edward F. Greenwood in 1874 in Ashland, Massachusetts. They had three children: Grace, Russell, and Clarence. Edward was born on 2 November 1848 in Hopkinton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and was the son of Dollie A. and Abner Greenwood. He died before 1900 in Ashland. Around 1915, Susan married a man named Knowles that we know nothing about.
2. Henrietta McHeffey was born on 22 March 1856 in Gay's River, Nova Scotia, and died on 1 November 1928. Family legend relates that she eloped at age seventeen with a miner named Isaac Watson Wallace. Isaac had been working as a miner in Colorado and returned to Nova Scotia in order to marry Henrietta. According to the story, they were married on 28 Mar 1873 in Bangor, Penobscot County, Maine, and traveled directly to Silverdale, Clear Creek County, Colorado. They had seven children: Emma, Florence, Oralia, Chester, William, Stewart, and Mary Henrietta. Isaac Watson Wallace was born on 11 March 1845 in Nine Mile River, Hants County, Nova Scotia, the son of Hannah (Doull) and John R. Wallace. Isaac died on 30 March 1915 in San Diego, San Diego County, California. Henrietta was living in Baker County, Oregon, with her youngest daughter when she died. She was buried beside her husband in Hillside Cemetery, in Ft. Lupton, Colorado.
3. Margaret (Maggie) Jane McHeffey was born on 6 April 1857 in Gay's River, Nova Scotia and died on 8 January 1901 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado. She married Charles Heath Nuckolls on 8 August 1881 in Georgetown, Clear Creek County, Colorado. They had seven children: Minerva, Maud, Charles, Henry, Margaret, and two infants who died young. Charles Nuckolls was born on 8 February 1857 in Mills County, Iowa, and was the son of Leah (Crouch) and Columbus Nuckolls. After Margaret died, Charles married Sarah S. Barber in 1902. He was a carpenter and farmer. He died on 18 July 1924 in Granby, Grand County, Colorado.
4. An infant son was born in 1858 in Gay's River, and died in 1860 according to the Nova Scotia 1860 census.
5. Mary Ann McHeffey was born on 8 May 1859 in Gay's River, and died on 16 October 1927 in Stevensville, Ravalli County, Montana. She married John Dowling about 1886 after immigrating to Montana in 1880. They had eight children: Minnie, Helen, Lewis, Grace, John, Eva, and an infant that died young. John was a farmer, a merchant, and an undertaker. He was born on November 1859

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in Gay's River, Nova Scotia, the son of Hellen (ANNAND) and James Dowling. After Mary Ann died, John married again in 1929. He died on 25 June 1945 in Stevensville, Ravalli County, Montana.

6. William H. McHeffey was born on 16 April 1861 in Gay's River. He immigrated to Colorado in 1881 and later lived near his sister Henrietta in Ft. Lupton, Colorado. William was a miner and a farmer. In 1915 he moved to Montana and married Isabelle R. Blair who was born in 1880 in Scotland. They had no children. Isabelle's sister Jessica was married to William's brother Lewis. William died on 28 November 1934 in Superior, Mineral County, Montana.

7. Isabelle "Belle" McHeffey was born on 23 November 1863 in Gay's River, and died on 7 January 1956 in Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. She immigrated to Massachusetts in 1870. Isabelle married Ralph D. Harriman in 1890 in Middlesex County. They had no children. Ralph was born in December 1858 in Stockton, Waldo County, Massachusetts, the son of May and Otis Harriman. He was a long-time employee of the Dennison Paper Company.

8. Lewis Chase McHeffey was born on 13 November 1865 in Gay's River. He died on 1 August 1950 in Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho. He immigrated to Montana in 1877 and worked as a miner, and later he owned a sawmill. He married Jessie A. Blair 19 July 1909 in Walloa, Shoshone County, Idaho. She was born in 1881 in Scotland and died on 28 April 1954 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They had six children: Louise, James, Jessie, Mary, Daisy, and Gladys. Our family story indicated that Lewis was married again and had five more children that we know nothing about. I have been unable to validate this part of the story.

After his first wife, Janet, died, William McHeffey married Mary Ann Carroll on 19 May 1870 in Elmsdale, Halifax County, Nova Scotia. She was the daughter of Jane (Grond) and John Carroll and was born in 1846 in Gay's River. She died on 26 August 1877 in Gay's River, and was buried in Gay's River United Church Cemetery. William and Mary Ann had two children:

1. John McHeffey was born on 15 February 1871 in Oldham, Halifax County, Nova Scotia. He immigrated to Montana around 1900 and worked as a farm laborer. John never married and died on 22 October 1917 in Ravalli County, Montana.

2. Edith May McHeffey was born on 24 November 1873 in Gay's River. She immigrated to the United States in 1889. She married Frank Hamlet Clafin in 1896. He was born on 23 May 1871 in Holliston, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Frank was the son of Sarah A. (Thompson) and Joseph Curtis Clafin and worked as shoemaker and machinist. They had five children: Mildred, Marion, George, Ralph and Helen.

William McHeffey was married a third time on 5 November 1888 in Halifax, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, to Eleanor (Bentley) Wardrop, the widow of James Wardrop of Milford, Halifax County, Nova Scotia. She was born in 1834 in Upper Stewiacke, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. Eleanor was the daughter of Mary Margaret (McHeffey) and James Bentley, and was a second cousin to William. Their marriage did not last, and William McHeffey left Nova Scotia in 1895 to live in Ft. Lupton, Weld County, Colorado, with his daughter Henrietta. Eleanor died in 1926 in Milford, and was buried next to her first husband.

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by Donald A. Wallace

Every prospector gets excited when he first discovers a new vein of ore. However, after digging a little while, he can become discouraged when the vein suddenly ends. Rather than abandon this spot, a wise miner will go back to the area where he first started and take a second look to try to find the start of another vein. How similar this is to our doing family research. We get a new lead that helps us learn more about a branch on our family tree, then suddenly we hit a block and can go no further. Rather than giving up, perhaps we also need to go back and take a second look. This can be quite rewarding especially if a significant amount of time has lapsed since the last time this family branch was researched.

In two earlier articles in this series¹, I described some of the research methods that I used to trace the family of my great-great-grandfather, William McHeffey. His daughter, Henrietta, married my great-grandfather, Isaac W. Wallace, a miner from Nova Scotia who lived in Colorado. I had good success tracking this family and was able to verify what happened to all of William's children from his first two marriages, with the exception of one daughter, Margaret McHeffey.

The family story that I started with indicated that Margaret had married someone named Charles, had seven children, and died in 1901. Unfortunately, there was no other information about the name of the person she had married. Throughout my earlier research on this family, I never found any clues that would help me find out what happened to her. I am pleased to report that Henrietta's sister, Margaret McHeffey, has now been found. This article relates how I recently went back and took a second look and was successful in finding out more about the life of this family member.

The Internet is a rich and growing resource for family research information. A good starting point to trace a family is to check to see if they are listed on the LDS Family Search website <www.familysearch.org>. I had checked the International Genealogical Index–North America (IGI) database on this website several years ago when I first started researching the family of William McHeffey, and indeed his family was listed.

While some of the IGI data has been extracted from civil records, many of the entries are undocumented items submitted by LDS family researchers. The IGI entries can often be vague, incomplete, or inaccurate. It can be difficult to find reliable supporting sources to validate these entries. Whenever I use this helpful resource, I just keep in mind that I must rely on other information to validate the data.

Indeed when I reviewed the entries listed for my McHeffey ancestors, I did find that some of the information was not accurate. However, the information given does correctly list William's children from his first two marriages, and that agreed with our family story. The first time I checked the IGI data, I found no additional entries included for any of his children. However, when I recently went back to take another look, I was excited to find that there was a new link for his daughter, Margaret, indicating that she had married a Charles H. Nuckolls. Apparently, an LDS member from the Nuckolls family had submitted new information for this database since I had originally looked.

Armed with this new clue, I examined the 1880 census and was disappointed when I could not find an entry for either Charles or Margaret. However, I did find an entry for a Columbus Nuckolls, which looked like a promising lead. As I continued my research using the Family Search IGI data, I found a wealth of information on the Nuckolls family, including an ancestral file that goes back many generations. I verified this data with further census research and documented that Columbus Nuckolls was Charles's father who had come to Colorado from Iowa shortly after 1860. The family was living in Central City, Gilpin County, Colorado, when the 1870 census was taken.

I became very excited when I checked the Colorado 1900 census and hit pay dirt when I found that the family of Charles and Margaret Nuckolls was listed and living in Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County, Colorado. I knew that Margaret had died in 1901, but I was curious to find what happened to her family after her death. I located entries for Charles Nuckolls in the Colo-

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rado census for both 1910 and 1920. Charles had remarried and was living in Grand County, Colorado. The Colorado 1910 census entry listed three children, obviously from Charles's first marriage to Margaret from the fact that their mother's nativity was listed as Canada. (See table, page 23.) I also noticed that the youngest daughter, Margaret, had been born in 1901, indicating that most likely Charles's first wife had died from complications of childbirth. Using the census data and information from the Family Search IGI file, I was able to identify five of the seven children I expected to find. Apparently, if there were seven children as indicated in our family story, two of the children had died young.

I recently discovered another new Internet genealogy resource for Clear Creek County, Colorado. This county has established an Archive and Records department that is staffed by an archivist. The Clear Creek County Archives webpage <www.co.clear-creek.co.us/depts/records.htm> includes county, school, and mining district records from 1859 to the present. Located in the basement of the courthouse, these materials are available to the public. I eagerly checked their online Marriage Index and found an entry that helped document my current research: *Nuckolls, Chas H. and McHeffey, Maggie J. 1881 License #19*.

It certainly looks like it would be worthwhile to visit this courthouse the next time I vacation in Colorado.

While I was operating in the "take-a-second-look" mode, I revisited the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management (NSARM) website at <www.nsarm.org>. I was pleasantly surprised to find that they have established a new genealogy resource that provides an online database search for birth, marriage, and death records which includes links to images of the actual records. Needless to say, I soon spent several days researching this new link at <www.novascotiagenealogy.com>. Information posted on the Nova Scotia Genealogy website indicates that records are available from 1763 to 1957. However, for various reasons, records are unavailable for some time periods and only marriages go back to 1763. This website is a

commercial service operated by NSARM that has been established to provide copies of archived record images for a fee. The site uses a tedious search interface and incorporates a somewhat cumbersome image viewer called Viewpoint Media Player.² New entries are continually being added to this database so it will certainly be worth going back to take another look from time to time.

Although I could not find any records for my great-great-grandfather William McHeffey's family prior to 1869, I was still quite happy with the results of my online searches using this new tool. I found the following records in the Nova Scotia Genealogy database for his family:

- Death Registration for Janet (Taylor) McHeffey, 1869 (first wife) [See Figure 1.]
- Marriage Registration for William McHeffey and Mary Ann Carroll, 1870 (second wife)
- Birth Registration for John McHeffey, 1871 (son)
- Birth Registration for Edith McHeffey, 1873 (daughter)
- Marriage Registration for William McHeffey and Eleanor Wardrop, 1888 (third wife)

With this last piece of the puzzle solved, I have now verified the family story with which I started for William McHeffey's family. I have created a reliable family history that is much more complete and accurate than what I first had. As a final step for organizing my family research for this family, I have summarized the information in a genealogy narrative for the family of William McHeffey as shown on page 25.

Endnotes

¹"Family Prospector, Part III," *St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly* 40 (Spring 2007): 21, and "Family Prospector, Part IV," *St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly* 40 (Winter 2007): 148.

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX 1868-9						IN THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX 1868-9					
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No.	Name and Occupation	Sex	Age	Condition	Where Born	When Registered	Date and Place of Death	Particulars of Death	Signature of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Deputy Registrar
218	Robert H. Smith	M	32	Infant	Halifax	1868	27 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
219	John Thomas Smith	M	77	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
220	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
221	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
222	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
223	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
224	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
225	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
226	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
227	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
228	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
229	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
230	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
231	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
232	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
233	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
234	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
235	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
236	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
237	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
238	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
239	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels
240	Thomas Smith	M	18	Infant	Halifax	1868	28 Feb 1869	Infant	Wm. McHeffey	1868	Wm. Landels

Transcription of Above Death Registration Entry:

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE COUNTY OF: Halifax 1868-9

Book 1808, page 200, no. 598

Description of the Deceased

Name and Occupation: Janet McHeffey
Sex: F
Age: 33
Condition: Married
Where born: Musquodoboit
Parent's Names: William and Susan Taylor
Occupation: (not specified)
Whether Living or Dead: (not specified)

Particulars of Death

Date, Place of Death: 9 Feb 1869, Gay's River
Certified cause of death: Consumption
Signature of Informant: Wm. McHeffey
When Registered: 24 Feb 1869
Signature of Deputy Registrar: Wm. Landels

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Extracts from Colorado Census

Extracted data shown for (a) dwelling, (b) family number, (c) household members, (d) relationship to head, (e) age, (f) marital status, (g) years married, (h) number of children/number living, (i) place of birth, (j) place of birth of father, (k) of mother, (l) occupation:

1870, Colorado, Gilpin County, Central City

Microfilm Series: M593, roll 95, page 281, lines 3–7

a	b	c	d	e	i	l
384	344	Nuckols, Columbus	Head	36	Virginia	Notary Public
		Annie	Wife	26	Wisconsin	Keeping house
		Charles	Son	12	Iowa	At school
		Ava	Dau	7	Wisconsin	At school
		Annie	Dau	1/12	Colorado	

1900, Colorado, Clear Creek County, Idaho Springs

Microfilm Series: T623, roll 122, page 60, ED 1, SD 171, sheet 17B, lines 87–92

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l
293	296	Nuckolls, Charles H.	Head	43	M	18		Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Carpenter
		Margaret	Wife	43	M	18	4 / 4	Canada	Canada	Canada	
		Minnie Z.	Dau	15	S			Colorado	Iowa	Canada	
		Maud E.	Dau	12	S			Colorado	Iowa	Canada	
		Oscar C.	Son	9	S			Colorado	Iowa	Canada	
		Harry L.	Son	7	S			Colorado	Iowa	Canada	

1910, Colorado, Grand County, Granby, Pct. 2

Microfilm Series: T624, roll 120, page 194, ED 57, SD 2, sheet 6B, lines 90–94

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l
080	086	Nuckolls, Charles H.	Head	53	M	2/7		Iowa	Virginia	Missouri	Farmer
		Sara S.	Wife	40	M	1/7	0 / 0	Penn	Penn	Penn	Prop. Hotel
		Oscar C.	Son	20	S			Colorado	Iowa	Canada	
		Harris S.	Son	17	S			Colorado	Iowa	Canada	
		Margaret J.	Dau	9	S			Colorado	Iowa	Canada	

1920, Colorado, Grand County, Granby, Pct. 2

Microfilm Series: T625, roll 157, page 260, ED 44, SD 4, sheet 54A, lines 11–13

a	b	c	d	e	f	i	j	k	l
106	106	Nuckolls, Sarah S.	Head	56	M	Penn	Ireland	Ireland	Post Mistress
		Charles	Husband	60	M	Iowa	Virginia	Missouri	Farmer
		Margaret	Dau	19	S	Colorado	Iowa	Penn	

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Table 1. Census Data Details for Wallace and McHeffey

Extract from 1880 Colorado census for Clear Creek County, Georgetown:

Microfilm T9-89, Roll 100, ED 112, SD 12, Page 18, Lines 42-46

Wallace	Isaac	Head	34	M	Nova Scotia	Miner
	Henrietta	Wife	24	M	Nova Scotia	Keeping house
	Emma J.	Daughter	6	S	Colorado	At School
	Oralia L.G.	Daughter	2	S	Colorado	At home
	Chester O.	Son	6/12	S	Colorado	At home

Extract from 1900 Colorado census for Weld County, Ft. Lupton, Precinct No. 1:

Microfilm T623-130, ED 195, SD 1, Sheet 3B, Dwelling 63, Family 65, Lines 84-90

63-65	Wallace	Isaac W.	Head	54	M	Nova Scotia	1870	Farmer
		Henrietta	Wife	44	M	Nova Scotia	1873	
		William A.	Son	18	S	Colorado		At School
		Stewart V.	Son	14	S	Colorado		At School
		Mary Henrietta	Daughter	10	S	Colorado		
	McHeffey	William	F-in-law	80	M	Nova Scotia	1895	Farmer
	Morris	James S.	Boarder	50	S	R. I.		Miner

Extract from 1910 Colorado census for Weld County, Ft. Lupton, Precinct No. 1:

Microfilm T624-126, ED 263, SD 1, Sheet 14A, Lines 9-24

230-233	McHeffey	William H.	Head	48	S	Canada	1887	Farmer
	Farrell	Katie	Housekeeper	42	W	Arkansas		
		Ellen	Boarder	16	S	Arkansas		
		Clarence	Boarder	9	S	Arkansas		
232-235	Wallace	Isaac	Head	68	M	Canada	1870	Farmer
		Henrietta	Wife	58	M	Canada	1873	
		Mary H.	Daughter	18	S	Colorado		
	Morris	James S.	Hired man	65	S	R. I.		
233-236	Wallace	William A.	Head	28	M	Colorado		Farmer
		Florence E.	Wife	20	M	Arkansas		
		Zelma E.	Daughter	2	S	Colorado		
		Chester A.	Son	1	S	Colorado		
	Kullmar	William C.	Hired man	28	S	Missouri		

Extract from 1870 Massachusetts census for Middlesex County, Ashland:

Microfilm M593-622, Pages 49 and 54

327-426	McHeffey	Minnie	Boarder	16	S	Nova Scotia	Servant
354-467	Greenwood	Abner	Head	44	M	Massachusetts	Express agent
		Dolly	Wife	44	M	Massachusetts	Keeping house
		Edgar F.	Son	21	S	Massachusetts	Baggage master

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Table 2. Census Data Details for Greenwood and Harriman

Extract from 1880 Massachusetts census for Middlesex Co., Ashland:

Microfilm T9-538, ED 353, SD 60, Page 28, Lines 7-14

222-295	Greenwood	Hannah K.	Head	78	W	MA	MA	MA	(Widow)
223-296	Greenwood	Abner	Head	53	M	MA	MA	MA	Coal dealer
	Greenwood	Dollie A.	Wife	54	M	MA	MA	MA	Keeping house
223-297	Greenwood	Edward F.	Head	31	M	MA	MA	MA	Local express man
	Greenwood	Minnie M.	Wife	25	M	NS	NS	NS	Keeping house
	Greenwood	Grace G.	Daughter	4	S	MA	MA	NS	
	Greenwood	Russel A.	Son	2	S	MA	MA	NS	
	McHeffey	Isabell	Sister-in-law	17	S	NS	NS	NS	Servant

Extract from 1900 Massachusetts census for Middlesex Co., Ashland:

Microfilm T623-655, ED 662, Sheet 8B, Lines 84-88

192-221	Greenwood	Abner	Head	75	Wd	MA	MA	MA	Collector taxes
	Greenwood	Susan M.	Dau-in-law	46	W	Can	Can	Can	1869
	Greenwood	Grace G.	Grand Dau	24	S	MA	MA	Can	
	Greenwood	Russel A.	Grand Son	22	S	MA	MA	Can	
	Greenwood	Clarence E.	Grand Son	19	S	MA	MA	Can	

Extract from 1900 Massachusetts census for Worcester Co., Westboro:

Microfilm T263-695, ED1703, Sheet 11B, Lines 61-62

262-245	Harriman	Ralph D.	Head	41	M	ME	ME	ME	Boot tracer
	Harriman	Esabella	Wife	37	M	NS	NS	NS	1871

Extract from 1910 Massachusetts census for Middlesex Co., Ashland:

Microfilm T624-594, ED 732, Sheets 5A and 5B

70-85	Greenwood	Clarence E.	Head	29	M	MA	MA	Can	Plumber household
	Greenwood	Ethel M.	Wife	27	M	MA	MA	MA	
	Dix	Elizabeth C.	M-in-law	65	W	MA	MA	MA	
72-87	Frankland	William F.	Head	41	M	MA	Eng	Eng	Painter machine shop
	Frankland	Grace G.	Wife	34	M	MA	MA	Can	
	Greenwood	S. Minerva	M-in-law	56	W	Can	Can	Can	1870 Own income
74-48	Greenwood	Russel A.	Head	32	M	MA	MA	NS	Hardware store clerk
	Greenwood	Alma B.	Wife	30	M	PA	ME	PA	
	Howard	Stephen E.	F-in-law	68	M	ME	ME	ME	Janitor Public library
	Howard	Jennie E.	M-in-law	58	M	PA	PA	PA	

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Table 2, Cont'd. Census Data Details for Greenwood and Harriman

Extract from 1910 Massachusetts census for Middlesex Co., Ashland, cont'd:

Microfilm T624-594, ED 732, Sheets 5A and 5B

98-108	Harriman	Ralph D.	Head	57	M	ME	ME	ME		
	Harriman	Isabella	Wife	46	M	Can	Can	Can	1870	Paper cutter Tag shop

Extract from 1920 Massachusetts census for Middlesex County, Ashland:

Microfilm T625-706, ED 110, SD 140, Sheet 23B, Lines 59-60

535-561	Harriman	Ralph D	Head	61	M	ME	ME	ME		
	Harriman	Isabella	Wife	58	M	Can	Can	Can	1882	Paper maker

Extract from 1920 Massachusetts census for Middlesex County, Malden:

Microfilm T624-713, ED 258, SD 4, Sheet 3A, Lines 28-32 (Edmund Wellington, Head of Household)

41-60	Knowles	Susan	Companion	66	M	Can	Can	Can	1869	Companion
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Extract from 1930 Massachusetts census for Middlesex County, Ashland:

Microfilm T626-914, ED 175, SD 9, Sheets 10A and 10B

216-241	Frankland	William	Head	61	M	MA	Eng	MA		
	Frankland	Grace	Wife	54	M	MA	MA	Can		
	Knowles	Susan M.	M-in-law	76	W	Can	Can	Can	1869	
	Greenwood	Ralph	Bro-in-law	53	D	MA	MA	Can		Plumber
235-262	Harriman	Ralph	Head	71	M	ME	ME	ME		
	Harriman	Exabel	Wife	66	M	Can	Can	Can		None

Table 3. Census Data Details for McHeffey and Dowling

Extract from 1881 Nova Scotia census for Halifax Co., Gay's River

Microfilm Canada National Archives Roll C-13169, District 10, SD EE, page 2, Household 7

7	McHeffey	William	Head	56	W	Nova Scotia		Farmer
	McHeffey	Mary A.	Daughter	21	S	Nova Scotia		
	McHeffey	William	Son	19	S	Nova Scotia		Farmer son
	McHeffey	Lewis	Son	15	S	Nova Scotia		Farmer son
	McHeffey	John	Son	10	S	Nova Scotia		

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Table 3, cont'd. Census Data Details for McHeffey and Dowling

Extract from 1900 Montana census for Ravalli County, Stevensville:

Microfilm T625-914, ED 85, SD 155, Sheet 11A, Lines 29–36

234–234	Dowling	John	Head	40	M	Can	Can	Can	----	General Mdse
	Dowling	Mary	Wife	41	M	Can	Can	Can	----	
	Dowling	Minnie E.	Daughter	13	S	MT	Can	Can		
	Dowling	Helen	Daughter	11	S	MT	Can	Can		
	Dowling	Lewis	Son	10	S	MT	Can	Can		
	Dowling	Grace	Daughter	8	S	MT	Can	Can		
	Dowling	John L.	Son	5	S	MT	Can	Can		
	Dowling	Eva	Daughter	2	S	MT	Can	Can		

Extract from 1910 Montana census for Missoula County, Cedar:

Microfilm T624-834, ED 57, SD 1, Sheet 13B, Lines 61–63

90–90	McHeffey	Louis	Head	43	M	Can	Can	Can	1887	Miner
	McHeffey	Jessey	Wife	30	M	Sco	Sco	Sco	1901	
	Greenwood	Susan	Sister	56	W	Can	Can	Can	1867	Housekeeper

Extract from 1920 Montana census for Ravalli County, Stevensville:

Microfilm T625-975, ED 186, SD 1, Sheet 2B, Lines 92–95

55–55	Dowling	John	Head	60	M	NS	NS	NS		Undertaker
	Dowling	Mary A.	Wife	60	M	NS	NS	NS	----	
	Dowling	Eva M.	Daughter	21	S	MT	NS	NS		Saleswoman
	Dowling	Fred	Son	19	S	MT	NS	NS		

Extract from 1920 Montana census for Mineral Co., Superior:

Microfilm T625-973, ED 144, SD 1, Sheet 2A, Lines 14–25, and Sheet 3A, Lines 9–10

39–40	McHeffey	Lewis C.	Head	55	M	Can	Can	Can	1879	Owner saw mill
	McHeffey	Jessie	Wife	39	M	Sco	Sco	Sco	1910	
	McHeffey	Louisa M.	Daughter	9	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	McHeffey	James W.	Son	8	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	McHeffey	Jessie M.	Daughter	7	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	McHeffey	Mary M.	Daughter	5	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	McHeffey	Daisy B.	Daughter	4	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	McHeffey	Gladys G.	Daughter	3	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	Shadbolt	Roy L.	Bro-in-law	29	M	WI	US	US		Hotel cook
	Shadbolt	Mary	Wife	22	M	Sco	Sco	Sco	1919	
	Shadbolt	Roy L.	Son	2/12	S	MT	WI	Sco		
	Blair	Duncan M.	Bro-in-law	35	S	Sco	Sco	Sco	1912	Laborer saw mill
58–59	McHeffey	William	Head	58	M	Can	Can	Can	1881	Farmer
	McHeffey	Isabel R.	Wife	40	M	Sco	Sco	Sco	1916	

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Table 3, cont'd. Census Data Details for McHeffey and Dowling

Extract from 1930 Idaho census for Shoshone County, Kellogg:
Microfilm T626-403, ED 11, SD 1, Sheet 8A, Lines 36-43

188-191	McHeffey	Lewis C.	Head	60	M	Can	Can	Can	1880	Watchman
	McHeffey	Jessie A.	Wife	49	M	Sco	Sco	Sco	1909	
	McHeffey	Louisa M.	Daughter	19	S	MT	Can	Sco		Nursemaid
	McHeffey	James K.	Son	18	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	McHeffey	Jessie A.	Daughter	17	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	McHeffey	Mary M.	Daughter	15	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	McHeffey	Daisy B.	Daughter	14	S	MT	Can	Sco		
	McHeffey	Gladys G	Daughter	13	S	MT	Can	Sco		

Extract from 1930 Montana census for Mineral County, Superior:
Microfilm T626-1258, ED 5, SD 1, Sheet 1B, Lines 62-63

24-24	McHeffey	William	Head	68	M	Can	Can	Can	1881	Farmer
	McHeffey	Isabelle	Wife	50	M	Sco	Sco	Sco	----	

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NAME OF ALIEN	AGE	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF ARRIVAL	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	RELIGION	PROPERTY	REMARKS
X 34-34 Lewis C. McHeffey	60	M	1860	Canada	1880	High School	Farmer	Methodist	Own	
X 34-35 Jessie A. McHeffey	49	M	1871	Canada	1890	High School	Farmer	Methodist	Own	
X 34-36 Louisa M. McHeffey	19	S	1901	Canada	1901	High School	Farmer	Methodist	Own	
X 34-37 James K. McHeffey	18	S	1902	Canada	1902	High School	Farmer	Methodist	Own	
X 34-38 Jessie A. McHeffey	17	S	1903	Canada	1903	High School	Farmer	Methodist	Own	
X 34-39 Mary M. McHeffey	15	S	1905	Canada	1905	High School	Farmer	Methodist	Own	
X 34-40 Daisy B. McHeffey	14	S	1906	Canada	1906	High School	Farmer	Methodist	Own	
X 34-41 Gladys G. McHeffey	13	S	1907	Canada	1907	High School	Farmer	Methodist	Own	

Lewis C. McHeffey household, 1920 U.S. census, Superior Twp., Mineral Co., Montana.

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Charles Costello's [sic] Death

Extracted from the *St. Louis County Watchman*, 15 December 1893

Submitted by Special Collections, St. Louis County Library

The Late Mayor of Florissant Buried Yesterday Morning.

Hon. Charles Castello, an honored ex-official of St. Louis County, died suddenly at 11:50 o'clock Monday forenoon at his home in Florissant from paralysis, after having been afflicted for several months with a complication of diseases, but nevertheless he had been attending to his affairs until the day before his death. The news of his sudden demise spread rapidly and caused universal regret.

Charles Castello was of Spanish descent, though his grandfather came to this country from Ireland. He was born in Mineral Point, Wis., but while still an infant, came to St. Louis County with his parents, who settled in the old city of St. Ferdinand. At the age of 20 years, after having acquired a common school education he went to Colorado, but subsequently returned to Florissant after a stay of 18 months, and took a position [sic] as clerk in a store, and later on entered into the real estate business. In 1865 Mr. Castello was elected Mayor of Florissant which office he held 28 consecutive years, during which time he also filled the offices of Public Administrator, and Justice of the Peace of St. Ferdinand township.

In 1868 he married Miss Dora Menke of Florissant. Four children were born to them, two of whom are living.

No citizen of Florissant Valley had a higher place in the esteem of his fellow citizens than did Charles Castello, all of whom regretted to hear of his sudden demise.

The funeral took place at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, and was largely attended. In respect to his memory the entire town of Florissant was in mourning, and delegations from Clayton, Bridgeton, Normandy and other adjacent places attended the funeral. The Suburban Electric Road ran special funeral trains for the occasion.

The funeral took place from St. Ferdinand's Church, to St. Ferdinand's Cemetery, and the services, which were very impressive, were conducted by Father De Smith, pastor of St. Ferdinand Parish. The pallbearers were Leon De Lisle, C. R. Black, Michael Fortin, John Belleville, Chas. H. Hanley, Jno. A. Massey, R. H. Stevens and John Barr.

In memory of their deceased Mayor, the City Council of the city of St. Ferdinand adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, That the great and supreme Ruler of the universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from among us our worthy and esteemed Mayor, Chas. Castello, and

WHEREAS, The long and intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties as Mayor of our city for twenty-eight years, makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore,

Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of our city by service, contributions, and council, will be held in grateful remembrance;

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members of the City Council and friends of the city of St. Ferdinand, and prove a serious loss to the public.

Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased [sic] we express our hope, that even so [sic] great a loss to us all may be overruled for the good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the minute book of our city. A copy printed in the Clayton Argus, a copy printed in the ST. LOUIS COUNTY WATCHMAN, and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

LEON DE LISLE,
JULIUS REEB,
ANTON KIENSTRA,
PETER BARTEAU,
CHAS. C. CRAFT
EDWARD GUEROUX,
City Council.

CHAS. GRIESE
Clerk and Register.

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The Family Prospector, Part III

By Donald A. Wallace

Just as the discovery of a small outcrop or vein of ore often leads to greater riches as we dig deeper, the hunt for family information often starts from just a tiny bit of information. This is the third in a series of Family Prospector columns that I want to share describing some of the research strategies I have used to mine the census data.

Mining the Census Data

Our family history story indicates that my great-grandmother, Henrietta McHEFFEY, ran away from her home in Gay's River, Nova Scotia, shortly after the second marriage of her father and lived with an aunt. Then in 1873, at the age of seventeen, Henrietta eloped with Isaac WALLACE and they went to Colorado where Isaac had worked earlier as a miner.

Family traditions and narratives are often an excellent starting point to begin a family history quest. Although quite interesting, these accounts actually may be more anecdotal than factual. It is possible that the stories may have lost accuracy and details as they were handed down from generation to generation. The storytellers may also have embellished the story a bit to fit the facts they knew. The family may have wanted to make the story more interesting or perhaps they have distorted embarrassing facts. When doing family research it is quite important that these stories be verified. I have found that researching the census data is a good way to start validating the information in a family narrative.

I began with the 1880 U.S. census which was the first population schedule that would have included the household of Isaac and Henrietta Wallace. They were living in Georgetown, Colorado, and Isaac's occupation was listed as a miner. Later, Isaac left the mines due to poor health and moved to a farm in Ft. Lupton, Colorado. I found the family listed there in the 1900 and 1910 census records. The results of my search indicated

that our family story was consistent so far. (Please refer to the tables at the end of this article for more details on the census data cited.)

Another story in our family traditions recorded that Henrietta's father, William McHefey, was born in Nova Scotia, and when he was seventy-five years old, he came to Colorado to live with his daughter, Henrietta. He died a few years later in 1903 and was buried in Ft. Lupton, Colorado. The 1900 Colorado census data documents that he was part of my paternal great-grandparents' household.

The 1900 U.S. census is especially useful in that the personal description entries for each household member provide values for date of birth (month and year), age, marital status, number of years married, number of children, and number of children living, in addition to nativity (person and parents), citizenship (year of immigration, years in US, and naturalization status), and occupation. I found this census entry particularly interesting in

that it provided a solid three-generation link to my grandparents (William A. Wallace and Florence FARRELL), my great-grandparents (Isaac Wallace and Henrietta McHefey), and my great-great-grandfather (William McHefey). It also indicated when they had immigrated to the United States.

As I continued to explore more details in our family history narrative, I found the following information about Henrietta's siblings in a family document:



Henrietta (McHefey) Wallace, with daughter Emma, Silverdale, Colorado, 1874. (Family photo in collection of author.)

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1. A sister Minerva married a Mr. GREENWOOD, had a daughter and two sons. She later married a Mr. KNOWLES of Boston.
2. A sister Margaret married a Charles (last name not recorded or known) and had seven children.
3. A sister Mary Ann married John DOWLING and had eight children.
4. A brother William married Bell BLAIR late in life and they had no children.
5. A sister Isabelle married Ralph HARRIMAN.
6. A brother Lewis married Jessie BLAIR and had seven children. He had a second marriage and five more children.
7. After her father remarried a "Miss Carol," they had two children that we know nothing about.

I was intrigued by these sparse clues and began digging further to see if I could learn more about this part of my family tree.

Continuing my research, I examined additional census records to see if I could find more facts about Henrietta's brothers and sisters. I could not be sure where her siblings might be found and knew that I would need to check both the United States and Canada census records.

A good starting point is the Familysearch Web site <www.familysearch.org> because you can search both the United States 1880 and Canada 1881 census records at the same time. The results, however, are only abstracts of the census records and do not provide actual images of the records. I used the Heritage Quest site <www.HeritageQuestOnline.com> and Ancestry <www.Ancestry.com> site to examine the actual images of the U.S. census data. I collected copies of the census records that I needed from these Internet sites to add to my family history files.

I found the family of William McHeffey listed in the Canada 1881 census for Halifax County, Nova Scotia. The census indicated that William was a widower and included only the youngest McHeffey children who were still at home.

A record for Henrietta's sister, Minerva Greenwood, in the 1880 Massachusetts census,



*Tombstone of William McHeffey, 1822-1903.
Hillside Cemetery, Ft. Lupton, Colorado.
(Photo taken by author.)*

listed her as the wife of Edward Greenwood, living in Ashland, with two children. As a bonus, I found her unmarried sister, Isabelle McHeffey, was living with them. They were living next door to Edward's parents, Abner and Dolly Greenwood. Good progress. So far, all of this fit well with the few facts I already knew.

I next checked the 1900 Massachusetts census for Edward Greenwood and could not find him. With further census detective work, I found that a Susan M. Greenwood, a widow, was living with Abner Greenwood, a widower, in Ashland, Massachusetts, and was listed as a daughter-in-law. Not unexpectedly, it was becoming obvious that the names found in the census are not consistent. In fact the name of Henrietta's sister was actually "Susan Minerva," and I encountered several name variations in the census for different years. Apparently she had been named after her father's youngest sister, and Minerva as a young girl was called "Minnie." The listed age and place of birth matched what I expected for Minerva and indicated that she was born in Canada. I also found that there were three children listed, the first two matching the earlier 1880 census information. I now had the details about Susan Mi-

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nerva's daughter and two sons. This was a productive find and also provided more information about her husband's family.

This 1900 census also indicated that Susan Minerva had immigrated to the United States in 1869. I checked the 1870 Massachusetts census and found that a Minnie McHeffey was working as a servant for a family in Ashland, not far from the Greenwood family. She obviously had left Nova Scotia just after her mother had died.

When I examined the 1910 census for Ashland, Massachusetts, I found a bonanza of information about Susan Minerva's children. All three children had married and were living nearby on the same street. In addition, there were several in-laws living in the households to provide additional clues about the spouses' families.

From one page in this census I learned that:

1. S. Minerva (a widow) was living with her daughter Grace who had married William F. FRANKLAND.
2. Minerva's son Ralph had married an Edna, and her parents, Stephen and Jennie HOWARD, were living with them.

Minerva's son Clarence had married an Ethel, and her widowed-mother, Elizabeth DIX, was living with them.

Thank goodness for these close knit families that chose to live so close to one another. I always check the neighboring households whenever I find a match in a census to look for other possible family members. However, in this case it was surprising how much information I was able to gather in this one place.

I continued digging in the census data to see what I could find out about the second marriage for Susan Minerva that was indicated earlier in my family story. After further searching, I found a Susan KNOWLES born in Canada listed in the 1920 Massachusetts census as married, living as a companion to an elderly lady in Malden, Massachusetts, not far from Ashland. The census age and place of birth matched the facts for our Susan Minerva. Unfortunately, I have found no census

listing or clues to verify the full name of her second husband. The 1930 Massachusetts census lists a Susan M. Knowles, widowed, mother-in-law, living with William and Grace FRANKLAND (her daughter). I was encouraged that by just searching the census records, I was able to fully verify the sketchy facts I started with and was able to document the story about Henrietta's oldest sister.

I hit my first roadblock when I began searching for clues about Margaret McHeffey, and have been unable to locate anything more about this sister.

Henrietta's sister Mary Ann McHeffey married a John Dowling in 1886, the son of James and Helen Dowling of Gay's River, Nova Scotia. Shortly after they were married they immigrated to the United States along with her brothers, William and Lewis. They probably went to Colorado first, and then relocated to Ravalli Co., Montana, where John established a store. They are listed there in the Montana census records for 1900 to 1920. John later became an undertaker. The census listed seven living of eight children; that also verified the information in my earlier family story. I knew that Mary Ann Dowling had died in 1927 and I found in the 1930 Montana census that her husband had remarried.

Henrietta's sister Mary Ann, and her brothers William and Lewis, were still living at home with their father and working on the farm when the 1881 Canada census was taken. They all immigrated to the United States in 1887. However, the year listed in the census for their immigration dates is inconsistent in several later listings. The brothers worked in the gold mines in Cripple Creek during the gold rush. I could not locate them in the 1900 Colorado census. However, this was the time of several gold rushes that lured many miners to the west.

William later had a farm in Ft. Lupton, Colorado. The 1910 Colorado census for Weld County lists William, a single farmer, age forty-eight, as a neighbor of both his sister, Henrietta, and my grandparents (William and Florence [Farrell] Wallace.) I also was surprised to discover in this

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census listing that my father's widowed grandmother, Katie Farrell, was working as a housekeeper for Henrietta's brother William. As I continued my research, I found that William McHeffey had left Colorado and was listed next in the 1920 census in Superior, Mineral County, Montana, near where his brother Lewis had relocated. The census indicated that William was now married with a wife named Isabel, who was born in Scotland. This information also matched the earlier facts related in our family narrative. They were still living here when the 1930 census was taken. William died in 1934.

As noted above, Isabelle was living with her sister Susan Minerva at the time of the 1880 census. The 1900 census indicated that she was living in Worcester, Massachusetts, as the wife of Ralph HARRIMAN in agreement with our family history information. The census also showed that she had immigrated to the United States in 1871, although this value is inconsistent in other census years. I searched the 1910 to 1930 Massachusetts census records and located Isabelle and Ralph Harriman listed in Ashland, Massachusetts, in each census, living not far from the Greenwood clan. Once they settled in Ashland it became their permanent home.

Henrietta's brother, Lewis, came to the United States in 1887 with other family members and worked as a miner. After the gold rush ended in Colorado, he went to Montana. The 1910 Montana census lists "Louis and Jessey" [sic] McHeffey, and showed that Jessie was born in Scotland, just recently married with no children. I also discovered a surprising entry for a Susan Greenwood who was living with them as a housekeeper. This revealed a curious fact that a person can be listed in the census more than once! Susan was Lewis's sister and she was living with her daughter, Grace, in Massachusetts on April 19th when that census was recorded. On April 25th, she was visiting her brother and was listed a second time when that census was taken there.

The 1920 Montana census lists the family of Lewis and Jessie McHeffey with four small children. There are also several of Jessie's relatives living with them, all born in Scotland, including

her brother Duncan BLAIR. By the time of the 1930 census, the Lewis McHeffey family had moved to Idaho and included six children. Lewis had left the mines and owned a sawmill and later worked as a night watchman. The census once again helped verify the family story to document the first family of Lewis. I know nothing about his second marriage, other than the brief family narrative given earlier. The evidence from the census also suggests that Isabel Blair who married Lewis's brother, William, was a sister of Jessie and Duncan.

I have no family pictures of the children from William McHeffey's first marriage. However, I have been able to build a mental picture that was now fairly complete. I had successfully filled out most of the branches for this part of my family tree for my great-great-grandfather's first family. My census research had provided a wealth of information that I was able to dig up and piece together by just examining the census records. The next part of this series will relate my quest to track down the children from William McHeffey's second marriage to the "Miss Carol" mentioned in our family history story.

Note: The following census data tables contain the following fields:

Dwelling #—Family #*
Last Name
First Name
Relationship to head of household*
Age at last birthday
Marital status*
Nativity*
Father's Nativity*
Mother's Nativity*
Year of immigration*
Occupation

**Field is not included in all census years*

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