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# Articles & Informative Letters

## Wadman Family Bible

- submitted by Art Phaneuf, Lisbon, NH

The following information was taken from the Wadman Bible and sent to GANS by Art Phaneuf of Lisbon, NH. He realized the importance of saving the genealogical information contained within its pages. Mr. Phaneuf decided to try and find the family who may claim ownership of the book so he sent it with the following notation in the hopes that one of our members may be connected to the families mentioned or know someone who is related to the Wadman, Campbell, or Williams families.

"I believe that people are not truly dead until totally forgotten by anyone living. Lineage is very important to me and I extend that beyond my own family. When I was at the local recycle center a.k.a. dump, I was looking in the shed reserved for useful items. The book section is usually productive for me. I found the family Bible buried under some kids' books. Looking through it, I saw lineage notes, a picture and information about the families. I realized that I held in my hands about 100 years of their devotion and love for one another. How could I let that go into the trash! Although not my family, I felt sure that there must be someone out there just dying to have the Bible, and who would give it the love and continuance it deserves."

### Family Records

Father - Francis **Wadman** b. 10 March 1824 at Five Islands, NS, d. 3 May 1890 at Halifax, NS

Mother - Eliza **Campbell** b. 3 October 1829 at Economy, NS, d. ?

Parents - m. 14 July 1851

Children: Charles b. 17 November 1855 at Five Islands, NS, d. 19 November 1855 at Five Islands, NS

Orrington Scott - b. 3 October 1857 at Five Islands, NS, d. 15 June 1915 at Boston, MA

Mary Eliza - b. 6 May 1861 at Five Islands, NS, d. 4 February 1900 at



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## Acadia Mines, NS

Written at a later date in blue ink in different places on the same sheet of paper was the following information:

- 1) Walter H. Williams b. 2 October 1889, d. Toronto, Canada
- 2) David Williams b. 15 June 1860, d. 26 February 1926 at Londonderry, NS
- 3) Daniel Wheeler b. 6 November 1903, d. 19 April 1972 at Cambridge, Mass.

Also an added note: Died William Campbell July 22 (?)

Written on a loose piece of paper was the following information:

Born:

Gr Pa Dec. 18, 1817	GrMa Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1817
Un Tom June 16 1840	Auntie Morris June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1843
" Josie Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1847	" John Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> 1850
Aunt Jennie Ap - 11 <sup>th</sup> 1852	" Bill May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1854
" Dau. May 14 <sup>th</sup> 1856	"Pa" David June 15 <sup>th</sup> 1860

Also a Certificate of Baptism was folded between the pages:

Surname.....Williams                      Child's name.....Ida Florence  
 Date of Birth.... Not stated (Nov. 27 1891 was added in blue ink)  
 Place of Birth.....West Mines, Londonderry  
 Date of Baptism.....June 19, 1892 (eighteen ninety two)  
 Parents' Names.....David and Mary Williams  
 Occupation.....Miner  
 Abode.....West Mines, Londonderry

Officiating Minister..... Rev. W. J. Ancient. Rector.  
 No. 371 ... I certify that the above particulars are truly extracted from the Register of Baptism of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Londonderry kept at the Clerical Secretary's Office of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Witness my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1949. Signed Rev. J. Stead, Clerical Secretary & Registrar. 414 Barrington St., Halifax, NS.

### Family Photo Found

A photo, found between the pages of the Bible, lists no names as to who the people are in the picture so we have placed it on the cover of this issue in the hopes someone may recognize the family.

## Wadman Bible – Additional Information

- by Freda Withrow, Editor, NSG

In the summer issue of the *NSG* we presented information from the Wadman Bible that was discovered in a recyclable center by Art Phaneuf of New Hampshire, US. It gives me great pleasure in saying that one of our members living in the Parrsboro area recognized the family name and informed Sylvia Warren and her brother Richard Wadman that information regarding their family's Bible had been published. They were very pleased to receive the Bible and the picture of their relatives. We also heard from William Hill and Judi Graham of Nova Scotia who are both connected but more distantly than the Wadmans of Parrsboro. Ms Graham believes that the picture shown on our *NSG* Spring 2005 cover was possibly David and Mary (Wadman) Williams and their children Ida and William taken ca. 1892. The following additional information regarding the Williams/Campbell branch of the Wadman family was sent to us by Mr. Hill.

A look at the 1871 census of Lower Londonderry, Colchester County, N.S., revealed the following, as those persons identified in the WADMAN Bible as being members of the WILLIAMS family. (Pages 89,90 (287-321))

WILLIAMS, William, male, 54, born in Wales, Church of England, Welsh, Miner, married man

-Mary, female, 55, born in Wales, Church of England, Welsh, married

-Joseph, male, 23, born in Wales, Church of England, Welsh, Miner

-John, male, 21, born in Nova Scotia, Church of England, Welsh, Painter

-Sarah J., female, 19, born in Nova Scotia, Welsh

-William, male, 17, born in Nova Scotia, Church of England, Welsh

-Daniel, male, 15, born in Nova Scotia, Welsh, going to school

-David, male, 11, born in Nova Scotia, Welsh, going to school

Church of England cemetery, on the Londonderry-Lomvale Road, Londonderry, Colchester County, N.S. -

WILLIAMS, William C., d. 7 Jan. 1887, aged 70 years

WILLIAMS, Mary, d. 7 Dec. 1887, aged 73 years [probably closer to her true age than in census]

-Update to Vital Statistics Project

Onsite and online access to one million 19th- and 20th-century Vital Statistics registrations in NSARM custody is planned for April 2006: the project is continuing on schedule and as planned.

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## More Information on the Wadman Family

- submitted by Carol Hyslop

**(Editor's note:** The following information was sent to us by email in connection to the Wadman Bible discovered by Art Phaneuf of Lisbon, NH. We have been very pleased with the feedback that we have received in connection to this family Bible as it was almost lost forever.

**Re:** Wadman Family Bible, pg.5, *The Nova Scotia Genealogist*, Spring, 2005, Vol. XXIII/1)

My great-uncle, Reginald Mattinson of Pugwash and Tatamagouche, researched his family and left the following information:

-Reginald Mattinson s/o Edward Mattinson and Annie Wadman\*

\*Annie Wadman b. 09Aug1869 at Five Islands, N.S. d/o John Fraser\* and Kezia A. (Fales) Wadman

\*John Fraser Wadman b. 1825, at Five Islands, N.S. s/o Francis Neptune and Susanna (Corbett) Wadman:

-Other children of Francis & Susanna Wadman:

Robert, Leonard, Francis \*\*, William, Richard, Silas

\*Francis (b. 1822- d. 3 May 1890), Sea Captain, m. Eliza Campbell

Children: Orrington and Mary Eliza

He has no further information on this part of the family, nor anyone by the name of Williams. My grandmother was Bertha Mattinson, sister to Reginald. I hope you might hear from other descendents of Francis Neptune Wadman. Uncle Reg has recorded Francis Neptune was born on a British ship enroute to England from India in 1775 (hence the name) and was the son of General Wadman.