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Gard's Grassroots Genealogy: Johnston, Morrison

Help me pull the weeds!



Mary Emmaline Haycock's mother was Eliza Jane Johnston. She was born in Quebec, migrated to Ontario and came to Lakeport about 1883 brought, I'm sure, with her Haycock family courtesy of Thomas Haycock. This is what I know about her part of the family.

James JOHNSTON was born in 1810 in , County Sligo, Ireland. The name Johnston or Johnstone is prevalent in the south of Scotland.

Note from Ken Haycock in June, '00: "The last I knew no one had determined where the Johnston family came from in Ireland. I found the burial site for James Johnston in Lakeside Methodist Cemetery in Oxford Co., Ont. and it says he died on 12 Mar 1871 at age 59 yrs, 11 months and a native of County SLIGO, Ireland."

This would give a birth date of 12 April, 1811 for James.

James married Mary MORRISON. Mary was born in County Sligo Ireland about 1811; I've lost the reference.

Morrison's were early inhabitants of the Isle of Lewis and Harris and were associated with the McDonalds; some say they were the Judges for the McDonalds.

A note I received some time ago from Diane Deputy Johnson stated:



Just where Kenn said it would be; photo from Dave Cooper's cemetery site.

I got my information from Kenneth Haycock in British Columbia. Since then have gotten information that the Morrison's and the Johnstons fought with the McDonald clan for the Stuart and fled to Ireland after defeat. Then to Canada, and of course offspring to U.S. as Haycock wife.

Ancestry.com has notes from the Drouin Collection of records from Quebec shown below; it is specifically from Presbyterian St. Paul in Montréal and dated 1831. *Stuff in italics is a best guess.*

J. Johnston
and
M. Morrison

marriage

James Johnston of New Chicago Tesley gammas, a Bachelor, and Mary Morrison of the same place Apemation are joined in marriage at Montréal by Mommy on this seventeenth of January one thousand and Eight hundred and thirty one (something in this final time having fun erased).

by
Edw. Black Min.
his
James X Johnston
mark

her
Mary X Morrison
mark

Din Smonld
George WinEane

Well, it looked about like the above. We now know they were m. in Montréal and when. Note that this was part of the commonwealth and entry was not immigration.

From Janet Johnson a descendant of C.W. Haycock from her mother's notes:

They met in original Northwest Territory where she was teaching. Eliza Jane Johnston's mother's (maiden) name was Mary Morrison. Her grandmother's name - Mary Stuart; they were the Stuarts of Bute, an island off the west coast of Scotland. Rev. CW. Studied the ministry & EGH heard that he learned Greek & Latin to better interpret the Bible. He was a hell-fire & brimstone preacher, so they say. He preached in a Baptist Church in New Sarum, Ontario.

Indeed, the Isle of Bute is off the west coast of Scotland in a mass of islands and just short of Arran with which it is politically connected [now]. *The early Stuarts there were from Scandinavia and were the stewards of the area then Stewards of the islands and changed the name to Stuart; don't take my word for it until I do more research. The original Northwest Territory in Canada was Inuit land; I'm not going to go there [been close 'tho]. In the U.S. it was the greater Michigan area; I'll work on that.* Other info which I can't reference at the moment has that the Johnstons and the Morrisons fought at Culloden to restore the house of Stuart in 1846. If Mary Morrison was b. 1811, her mother ?? Morrison may have been b. 1786 and her mother "Mary Stuart" may have been b. ca. The Clan Stuart of Bute is related to the

Stuarts of the House of Stuart but how “Mary Stuart” is related I have no idea.

In the 1852 census of Oxford Co., James Johnston, Mary and Eliza are all listed as “Church of Scotland” which, per churchofscotland.org: “Revolution Settlement of 1690 finally established the reformed, presbyterian Church as the national Church of Scotland. “ and seemed to be that way at least until 1843; the record could well be our Johnstons. They were in East Nissouri Twp., Oxford Co., Ont.

A “gleaning” said: “[JOHNSTON, J. | town clerk for East Nissouri Township, 1840-1844 ; assessor for East Nissouri Township, 1841 | Shenston \(1852\), page 206](#)”. I think this is likely our James.

James and Mary had the following children:

William JOHNSTON.

William married Emaline HAYCOCK, daughter of Otis HAYCOCK and Anna Eliza PHILLIPS, in Feb 1861 in St. Mary's, Perth, Ontario, Canada. Emaline was born in 1832.

Married in St. Mary's, Perth. There is a St. Mary's in Perth Co. N.W. of Oxford Co.; Abram Meddaugh's second wife m. her first husband there.

Eliza Jane JOHNSTON was born in Quebec on 21 Mar 1841 and died on 10 Mar 1932.

She was my g'grandma. [See some info here.](#)

Rebecca JOHNSTON was born in 1842 in , Quebec, Canada.

Rebecca married George HAYCOCK, son of Otis HAYCOCK and Anna Eliza PHILLIPS, on 21 Oct 1861 in , Oxford Co., Ontario, Canada. George was born in 1837 in Burford, Ontario, Canada.

Mary Anne JOHNSTON was born in 1845.

Susan JOHNSTON was born in 1850 in , Quebec, Canada.

James JOHNSTON was born in 1850 in , Quebec, Canada.

A note on the ClanJohnston page says:

Ulster Johnston(e)s

During the early 1600s, many Johnston(e)s migrated to Ulster, which was then an unsettled frontier. It has been said that there are now more Johnston(e)s in Northern Ireland

than in Scotland! Many of these Johnston(e)s subsequently migrated to America.

Sadly, the links to Johnston and Morrison sites are all down. Maybe someday.

Asides:

My GG'Pa was Charles William Haycock. He married Eliza Jane Johnston in Ontario in 1861. I have not a lot of information on the family history.

However, a couple of chance incidents led to some interesting insights. These were first, my father mentioned once that an aunt told him that the family was related to the Stuarts (his only aunts were Haycocks) and second, when he bought me a lap robe for my first car (a '41 Dodge with no heater), he could not get a Stuart tartan but was happy to find a MacDonald tartan.

A recent trip to Ireland and Scotland allowed us to get information that would be harder to find here. First, Johnston is a very Scottish name; the t is intentional. The Johnstons were from the area of the English border; Perth is said to at one time have been John'sTown. The name shows up in Ireland in Ulster or the "Scotch-Irish" or "Ulster Irish" area. Migration to Canada was a minor event as they were both part of the British Empire requiring no formal immigration; I have not yet seen James on a passenger list.

Second, Morison (one or two r's) is also very Scotch also showing up in Ireland as "Ulster Irish". The Morisons had clan status on the upper part of the island of Lewis and Harris (yes, the Harris of Harris Tweed which come from the lower part). The name is traced back to the Viking days. The Morisons were the lawyers and judges for the MacDonald clan the MacDonald being the "Laird of the Isles". I have seen where the Morisons fought along with the MacDonalds and, I believe, did so at the battle of Cullodin under Charles Stuart "Bonnie Prince Charlie" or "Balmy Prince Chuck" depending on how you look at it. After losing at Cullodin, many of the Scots found it well to remove themselves to Ireland where they did not always fare better or to the new world. There are records of Morisons in Quebec since the 1700s.

O.E. & Mary's children were Edwin STUART, Ila Jean and George WALLACE [my father was Jr.]. Stuart, Ila and Wallace are quite Scottish.

<http://www.butesonsanddaughters.co.uk/census1841.shtml> is a list of the **1841** census of Bute,

best I could do. I don't have a total of the population but the list is dominated by 309

Duncans and 190 Campbells. There were 125 Stewarts, 7 Stuarts, 71 Johnstons, 6 Johnstones and 83 Morrisons.

The coat of arms is that of the Stuarts of Rothesay [on the Isle of Bute].

The connection of course is still speculative.



Acknowledgment: the gravestone photo is from a large collection of photos taken by **Dave Cooper**. Try: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dcoop/> Dave went out in the snow to take pix for me of G.W. Meddaugh's youngsters at Springford so they are there, folks. Dave said his ancestor's brother was the one that recorded the youngster's deaths.

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13Aug.'12	Redid as .pdf, some update, links gone.
24Feb.'15	Note from Janet Johnson.
15Jun'15	Note from Diane Johnson; note on marriage
11 May 2017	Trimmed up!