

(excerpt from a family letter in New Brunswick)

WOODWORTH FAMILY

Joseph Woodworth (That would be Ellie's Great Grandfather) and his first cousin John Woodworth were born and lived in England until they were young men. Then they decided to try a new life in U.S.A. So they immigrated over and settled in Mass, U.S.A. They were there only a short time, when they heard about the Government of Canada giving 200 acres of uncleared Crown Land free to any one that would clear it.

These two young men decided to come to New Brunswick and get the free Crown Land. As there was no way to travel, they decided to walk, so they set out on foot on their long journey, approximately six hundred miles. They arrived at Albert Mines, New Brunswick, and were given the free uncleared land. They immediately went to work clearing the land, and built themselves camps which they lived in until they got married. Joseph got his two hundred acres on the site now the property of Roy Downey, and the house that is occupied now by the Downeys is the same original house that was built by Joseph Woodworth at the time he got married. It is still in excellent condition. (That would be Ellie's great grandfather) and the house he built then still in excellent condition. John Woodworth got his land farther down the road. I do not know the exact location.

Joseph Woodworth married Pheobe Dowling, she was born in Ireland, later her family moved to Scotland, then to New Brunswick. Her Mother's maiden name was Williams and she had a brother who held the rank of "General" in the English Army.

Joseph and Pheobe had seven children all born in the house now occupied by the Downey's. The house is in the exact spot it was then.

The childrens names are as follows---Williams, John Wesley, Edward Chandler, (he was Ellie's grandfather), born March 27th, 1841. Eliza Ann, Jordan, Rebakah Jane, the youngest boy Martin died when a baby.

Williams married Miss Cameron, they had no children. John Wesley married Betsy Terris, they had no children. Edward Chandler (That is Ellie's grandfather) married Elizabeth Sage, and had nine children. Jordan married Emma Giles and had four children. Eliza Ann married Titus Steeves, and had four boys. Rebekah Jane married John Currie, they had three children who lived to grow up, she had some that died when children.

Williams owned and managed a General Store in Surrey and Hillsboro. John Wesley owned and operated a farm at Albert Mines, until he went to Vancouver B.C. He lived to be age 105 years, he had excellent health right up to the last, also a keen mind.

Edward Chandler (Ellie's grandfather) owned and managed a General Store at Albert Mines, also kept the Post Office. The station was named Woodworth's after him. He also had a farm. Eliza Ann's husband owned and operated a farm at Albert Mines, ----- (end of provided page)

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The material above is provided by Earl Clerke, who in turn received the material as a letter from a relative many years ago. Material was provided in regard to a query about Minnie Alberta Woodworth, b 27 Sept. 1872, daughter of Edward Chandler Woodworth.

NOTE: Joseph and John did not immigrate from England, but rather are descended from Walter Woodworth of Scituate, MA, b abt 1610. The lines of Joseph and son Edward Chandler Woodworth line are as follows: EDWARD CHANDLER 7 WOODWORTH, son of Joseph 6 and Phoebe (Joseph 5,4, Ebenezer 3, Benjamin 2, Walter 1); born Albert Mines, New Brunswick, 27 March 1841.

Original copy of material follows:

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