the weekes FAMILY REUNION 2007 Newsletter 5 - June 2007

Plans are progressing for the 2007 Weekes Family Reunion.

Please pass this newsletter on to anyone who might be interested in the Weekes family.

In this newsletter, we have provided the story (as we know it) of Joseph Weekes and Jane Fullerton. If you know more about Joseph and Jane, it would be great if you could share it with the rest of us.

Contact Us

Send notes by email to: webmaster1@weekesfamily.org

Send post mail to: Weekes Family Reunion 2007 39 Fuller St. Ottawa ON K1Y 3R9

Photos

Do you have photos that you would like to share? You could:

- send us digital copies
- bring originals to the reunion and we will scan them
- send originals to the Reunion mail address, we will scan them and return them right away



Family of Joseph (deceased) and Anna Weeks, Kankankee - c. 1897 Left - right: William, Anna, Albert's son, Albert's wife, Albert

New to the Family Since 2002

Ava Nicole Weekes

- to Robert D. Weekes and Katelin Anthony Anna Olivia Callan

- to Mike and Fran Callan

William Jeffrey Callan

- to Jeff Callan and Lisa Oakes

Kyle Henry Callan

- to Steve and Anita Callan

James Hamlet Magee

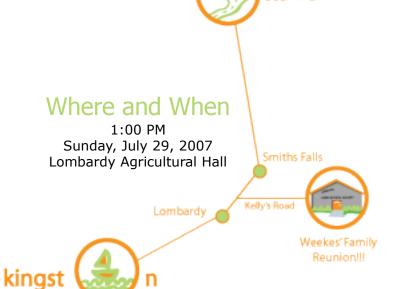
- to Stacy and David Magee

Katelynne Georgia Callan

- to Michael and Francine

Josie Steele

- to Robert and Caroline Steele



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Joseph Weekes and Jane Fullerton

The earliest Weekes ancestors that we know of are Joseph and Jane Weekes, the parents of Edward Fullerton Weekes, James, Charlotte, Alexander and one other daughter. Joseph was born in 1777 and Jane Fullerton was born in 1787.

Joseph joined the Londonderry Militia in April 18, 1803, becoming a Corporal in August. In 1805 he was stationed in Limerick, Killarney and Belfast, and in 1807 was stationed in Newry.

October 6 1807, Joseph was recruited to the 40th Regiment of Foot, 2nd Battalion, as a Private, stationed in Waterford. The 40th Regiment of Foot had a distinguished history, including Joseph's time in the regiment.

March 25 1808, Joseph joined the 1st Battalion, stationed in Cove of Cork until August, in Monte Santa in September, and then on to Portugal to take part in the Peninsular war. They served as part of Wellington's army fighting Napoleon for six years, eventually driving Napoleon out of Portugal and Spain and back into France. In 1809 Joseph was stationed in Portugal until June, then to Badajoz, Spain (on the Portuguese border), until October.

Jane Fullerton is assumed to have accompanied other army wives, following the regiment to Portugal. Joseph Weekes Jr. was born in Lisbon Portugal in 1809.

The 40th earned thirteen battle honors from Rolica to Toulouse. It was at the battle of Toulouse in 1814 that Joseph was seriously wounded, losing his left arm, and suffering face wounds from the Battle of Pamplona. He also served in Bordeaux, France around this time. By the time the Peninsular War concluded in April of 1814, the British army had marched

over 6,000 miles, and had fought undefeated for six years. The regiment returned to England in 1814, and Joseph was discharged because of his injuries, after 7 years and 87 days in the 1st Battalion. His discharge papers describe him as 5 ft. 9 in., red hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, and by trade a miller. There is an excellent book by the Sergeant of Joseph's unit, The Autobiography of Sergeant William Lawrence, that describes their lives in Portugal, Spain and France in great detail. It is a fascinating glimpse into what Joseph's military life was like.

1815, Joseph was granted a lifetime pension of 9 pence per day. We have heard that a daughter, An(ne) Jean Weekes was born in 1816.

1817, Edward Fullerton Weekes was born in Co. Antrim, Ireland.

1821, Charlotte Weekes was born.

1823, Alexander F. Weekes was born in County Derry, Ireland.

1826, James Weekes was born in County Antrim, Ireland.

1831 Joseph Weekes Jr. joined the 74th Regiment of Foot in Belfast. Joseph Sr., father, was listed as a resident of County Antrim, Parish of Aghagle. [sp?]

In 1839 Joseph, Jane and five children (Edward, Charlotte, Alexander, James and another daughter) migrated to Canada, departing from Tipperary.

In 1851 Joseph purchased N. quarter Lot 9, Con. 6, N. Elmsley, transferred from Wm Morris to Joseph Weekes, 50 acres.

In 1851, the North Elmsley Census shows Joseph as 74, Church of Scotland, a miller, and Jane as 64.

In 1854, April 26th, Joseph created his last will and testament, dying on May 20, at age 77.

In 1861, the North Elmsley census shows Jane as 72 and a house-keeper, with James and his family sharing the same address.

In 1863 the deed for the land was transferred from Jane Weekes to James Weekes, 50 acres. (witnessed by Edward Weekes and John Hogg.) Jane is presumed to have died.

It is assumed that Joseph and Jane are buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Smiths Falls, but their grave site has not been located.

