

The
CASSIDY
FAMILY HISTORY



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This History of the Cassidy family has been gathered together and put in usable form to coincide with the renovation of the little white Church built at Cassidy Lake by the late F. E. Cassidy, and which from this date on, is to be known as the—

“FRANCIS EDWARD CASSIDY MEMORIAL CHURCH”

The Cassidy Family History is
indebted to:

CLARA ANN MacDOWELL

ROBERT ALLEN CASSIDY

FRANCIS JANE CASSIDY

MATTHEW RICHARD CASSIDY

for much of the data concerning
the first two generations.

CASSIDY FAMILY HISTORY

William Cassidy was born in the port parish of Inver in the county of Donegall, Ireland, on March 4th., 1797.

His wife, Jane Millighan Cassidy, was born in the port parish of Inver, in the county of Donegall, Ireland, on June 22nd 1798.

They eloped on May 20th., 1818, to Gretna Green, Ireland. Over the anvil, the village blacksmith performed the wedding ceremony. After her marriage, Jane Millighan, who was of land gentry nobility, was disowned by her family.

On September 1st, 1819, they immigrated to Saint John, New Brunswick, where they purchased a piece of land which is now, part of King Street. While in Saint John, William Cassidy was engaged in ship-building. After being given a grant of land at Shepody, New Brunswick (of which we know nothing except that it was unsatisfactory), he lived in a log hut alone while the family remained in Saint John, or Upham, N. B.

In 1823 the Cassidy family moved to the south side of Cassidy Lake, where they resided until 1825 when they moved to a lot of land containing six hundred acres. By trading their land in Saint John, they acquired this farm. In order to draw this land from the crown, William Cassidy walked a distance of one hundred miles to Fredericton, the capital of the province. With only a primitive compass to guide him and a flint lock muzzle loading gun to protect him, he undertook the journey through the forests. Some of this original grant has been sold but the remainder is still held in the Cassidy name, by R. Allen Cassidy.

Some idea of the life lived by William and Jane Cassidy is worthy of mention at this time.

After setting on the north side of Cassidy Lake, Jane Cassidy would paddle across the lake to the site of their former home where there was a pasture for the family's only cow. While crossing the lake in October, 1825 she became lost in the smoke which had drifted over the lake from a large forest fire along the Mirmichi River—some one hundred and twenty-five airline miles north. Her husband guided her safely ashore by blowing a sea shell horn.

Candles made of tallow salvaged and remolded continually, supplied light for their home. A fireplace built of field stone served as the only heating device. Over the fire, cast iron pots, (hooked on iron cranes), were used for cooking. A cast iron dish, buried in the bed of coals at the bottom of the fireplace was used to bake the bread, for which they grew and ground wheat.

The family's clothing was made from homespun cloth, woven on hand looms (in the making of which, William Cassidy was a mastercraftsman).

Although it was some thirty miles away, Saint John was their centre of supply. Travel by horseback along a path cut in the dense forest was their means of transportation to the city. On the return journey, the load would be packed on the horse's back while the driver walked.

Some idea of the hazards faced by these people may be obtained from the story of William Cassidy defending himself with a heavy cross cut saw when he accidentally surprised a mother bear with cubs.

Nothing is known of the arrival in Saint John of William Cassidy's four brothers, Frank, Robert, Thomas, and Andrew. Neither is any information of their descendants available.

Of the family of Jane Millighan, we know only that they were of land gentry nobility.

William Casidy died on March 26, 1886, eleven years after the death of his wife who died on January 7, 1875. Both are buried in the cemetery on the Cassidy farm at Cassidy Lake.

Family Record of William Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER William Cassidy	March 4, 1797	May 20, 1818	March 26, 1886 Cassidy Lake
MOTHER: Jane Milligan Cassidy	June 22, 1798	May 20, 1818	Jan. 7, 1875 Cassidy Lake Vancouver
CHILDREN: William	May 2, 1820 Saint John	July 7, 1845 Norton, N. B.	
James H.	March 26, 1822 Upham	Dec. 26, 1849 Saint John	
Jane (Mrs. Nesbitt)	Oct 11, 1824 Sussex	March 11, 1845	Dec. 10, 1904 Cassidy Lake
Margaret Ann (Mrs. Thomas Jameison)	March 14, 1827 Sussex	Jan. 5, 1846 Sussex, N. B.	Jan 21, 1918 Cassidy Lake
Thomas	August 11, 1829 Sussex	Feb. 25, 1860 Upham, N. B.	June 30, 1902 Vancouver
Elizabeth Mary	August 18, 1831 Sussex	Spinster	May 6, 1874
Francis Edward	Feb. 27, 1834 Sussex	Nov. 9, 1866 Boston	October 25, 1927 Cassidy Lake
Henry	June 22, 1836 Sussex	Aug. 18, 1860 Saint John	Oct 1923 Colbranch. N. B.
Matilda (Mrs Orr)	May 31, 1839 Sussex	Oct 25, 1864 Sussex, N. B.	U. S. A.

Elliner (Mrs. Devitt)	August 17, 1841 Sussex	Oct. 27, 1866 Saint John	U S. A.
Richard	Sept. 10, 1843 Sussex	May 1874 Boston	May, 1923 Boston
Jemina	Dec. 12, 1845 Sussex	Spinster	Oct. 12, 1851 Cassidy Lake

Family Record of Francis Edward Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER :			
Francis Edward Cassidy	Feb. 27, 1834	Nov. 9, 1866	Oct. 25, 1927
MOTHER:			
Jane Dunlop	March 6, 1840	Nov. 9, 1866	Apr. 6, 1908
CHILDREN			
Clara Ann	Sept. 20, 1867	Jan. 1, 1903 June 26, 1907	
William Wesley	Apr. 3, 1869	Bachelor	Nov. 1937
Matthew Richard	Jan. 29, 1871	July 4, 1897	
Francis Edward	Feb. 7, 1873	Dec. 25, 1895	
Thomas Henry	March 31, 1875	Feb. 19, 1908	Feb. 12, 1937
James Arlington	March 9, 1877	Sept. 30, 1903	April 13, 1929
Robert Allen	April 30, 1879	April 18, 1910	
Frances Jane	Jan. 29, 1881	Spinster	

Family Record of Clara Ann Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
MOTHER:			
Clara Ann Cassidy	Sept. 20, 1867	Jan. 1, 1903	
FATHER:			
John Garscadden	May 12, 1868	Jan. 1, 1903	Feb. 1905
CHILDREN:			
Edward Graham	Oct. 14, 1903		May 4, 1930
FATHER: (Second Husband)			
George MacDowell	June 7, 1866	June 26, 1907	July 12, 1943
CHILDREN:			
Frances Jean	Feb. 10, 1909		
Nellie Elizabeth	Nov. 3, 1911		

Family Record of Matthew Richard Cassidy

Family Record of Matthew Richard Cassidy

	FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER				
Matthew Richard Cassidy ,		Jan. 29, 1871	July 4, 1897	
MOTHER:				
Roberta Raymond Piper		June 16, 1876	July 4, 1897	Feb. 17, 1941
CHILDREN:				
Clara Louise		Jan. 21, 1898		
Clarence Edward		June 26, 1901	Bachelor	
Ralph Matthew		Apr. 15, 1902		July 1904
Allen Robert		Apr. 4, 1903	Aug. 3, 1929	
Ruth Evelyn		July 17, 1905	Dec. 24, 1924	
George Wesley		Nov. 23, 1911	March. 15, 1941	
Murray Richard		June 24, 1916	Dec.24, 1940	

Family Record of Francis Edward Cassidy

FATHER	FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
Francis Edward Cassidy		Feb. 7, 1873	Dec. 25, 1895	
MOTHER:				
Euphemia Burt		Dec. 11, 1873		June 13, 1913
CHILDREN				
Francis Edward		Sept. 10, 1896		
Euphemia Fortune		Dec. 18, 1898		
Janet Dunlap		Apr. 2, 1901		
Clara Elizabeth		Aug. 7, 1902		April 1903
Maud Ethel		Sept. 23, 1904		
Mable Evelyn		May 10, 1906		
Frances Adelaide		June 14, 1908		
Susan Annie		Oct. 15, 1910		

Francis Edward	Sept. 10, 1896	Dec. 25, 1895	
Euphemia Fortune	Dec. 18, 1898	Dec. 25, 1895	
Janet Dunlap	Apr. 2, 1901	Dec. 25, 1895	
Clara Elizabeth	Aug. 7, 1902	Dec. 25, 1895	April 1903
Maud Ethel	Sept. 23, 1904	Dec. 25, 1895	
Mable Evelyn	May 10, 1906	Dec. 25, 1895	
Frances Adelaide	June 14, 1908	Dec. 25, 1895	
Susan Annie	Oct. 15, 1910	Dec. 25, 1895	

Family Record of Thomas Henry Cassidy

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FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER			
Thomas Henry Cassidy	March 31, 1875	Feb. 19, 1908	Feb. 12, 1937
MOTHER:			
Annie Gertrude Cochrane	Sept. 16, 1879		
CHILDREN:			
Harry Edward	Apr. 7, 1909	Apr. 6, 1935	Apr. 22, 1936
Thomas Clifford	March 19, 1911	May 16, 1942	
Steen Colpitt	March 23, 1914 ,	Sept 25, 1943	
Lenore Cochrane	Dec. 1, 1915	Aug. 26, 1940	
Frances Eleanor	July 10, 1920	Sept. 26, 1941	

Thomas Henry Cassidy	March 31, 1875	Feb. 19, 1908	Feb. 12, 1937
Annie Gertrude Cochrane	Sept. 16, 1879		
Harry Edward	Apr. 7, 1909	Apr. 6, 1935	Apr. 22, 1936
Thomas Clifford	March 19, 1911	May 16, 1942	
Steen Colpitt	March 23, 1914 ,	Sept 25, 1943	
Lenore Cochrane	Dec. 1, 1915	Aug. 26, 1940	
Frances Eleanor	July 10, 1920	Sept. 26, 1941	
FATHER:			
Thomas Henry Cassidy	March 31, 1875	Feb. 19, 1908	Feb. 12, 1937
MOTHER:			
Annie Gertrude Cochrane	Sept. 16, 1879		
CHILDREN:			
Harry Edward	Apr. 7, 1909	Apr. 6, 1935	Apr. 22, 1936
Thomas Clifford	March 19, 1911	May 16, 1942	
Steen Colpitt	March 23, 1914 ,	Sept 25, 1943	
Lenore Cochrane	Dec. 1, 1915	Aug. 26, 1940	
Frances Eleanor	July 10, 1920	Sept. 26, 1941	

Family Record of James Arlington Cassidy

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FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER:			
James Arlington Cassidy	March 9, 1877	Sept. 30 1903	Apr. 13, 1929
MOTHER:			
Jennie Bessie Floyd	Jan. 24, 1881		
CHILDREN:			
Murray David	Dec 18, 1905		March 25, 1906
Lela Sara (Hamer)	Dec. 25, 1906	Aug. 20, 1930	
James Arlington	Oct. 11, 1908	June 15, 1933	
Ronald Floyd	Feb. 2, 1911	Sept. 20, 1939	
Russell Dunlap	Jan. 31, 1918	Sept. 20, 1941	

James Arlington Cassidy	March 9, 1877	Sept. 30, 1903	Apr. 13, 1929
Jennie Bessie Floyd	Jan. 24, 1881		
CHILDREN:			
Murray David	Dec 18, 1905		March 25, 1906
Lela Sara (Hamer)	Dec. 25, 1906	Aug. 20, 1930	
James Arlington	Oct. 11, 1908	June 15, 1933	
Ronald Floyd	Feb. 2, 1911	Sept. 20, 1939	
Russell Dunlap	Jan. 31, 1918	Sept. 20, 1941	

Family Record of Robert Allen Cassidy

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FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER:			
Robert Allen Cassidy	Apr. 30, 1879	Apr. 18, 1911	
MOTHER:			
Edith Blanche Freeman	Aug. 1, 1889		
CHILDREN:			
Stanley Bernard	Mar. 7, 1912	July 3, 1937	
George Leslie Gordon	Nov. 30, 1914	July 4, 1940	

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Family Record of George Leslie Gordon Cassidy

Family Record of George Leslie Gordon Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER: George Leslie Gordon Cassidy	Nov. 30, 1914	July 4, 1940	
MOTHER: Mildred Florence Long			
CHILDREN: Robert Gordon Ramsey Douglas Gary	Sept. 13, 1946		

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER: George Leslie Gordon Cassidy	Nov. 30, 1914	July 4, 1940	
MOTHER: Mildred Florence Long			
CHILDREN: Robert Gordon Ramsey Douglas Gary	Sept. 13, 1946		

Family Record of Stanley Bernard Cassidy

Family Record of Stanley Bernard Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER:			
Stanley Bernard Cassidy	Mar. 7, 1912	July 3, 1937	
MOTHER:			
Helen Ruth Deadman	Dec 24, 1918		
CHILDREN:			
Stanley Bruce	Apr. 16, 1938		
Peter Albert	June 10, 1941		
Brian Paul	Nov. 4, 1944		

James Alexander Cassidy	Nov. 12, 1949		
James Alexander Cassidy	Jan. 21, 1943		
James Alexander Cassidy	June 28, 1939		March 1, 1945
James Alexander Cassidy	June 28, 1939		
CHILDREN:			
James Alexander Cassidy	March 1, 1945		
CHILDREN:			
James Alexander Cassidy	June 12, 1933		
CHILDREN:			
FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH

Family Record of James Arlington Cassidy

Family Record of James Arlington Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER:			
James Arlington Cassidy	Oct. 11, 1908	June 15, 1933	
MOTHER:			
Alice Alexandra Woods	March 7, 1905		
CHILDREN:			
James Arlington	April 23 1934		
Kenneth Francis	June 28, 1936		March 1, 1941
Arthur Beverley	Jan 27, 1943		
David Edward	Nov. 17, 1945		

FATHER: SEP 1 1911
 MOTHER: MAR 14 1901
 CHILDREN: JUL 30 1940

FATHER: MAY 21 1913
 MOTHER:

FATHER: SEP 5 1911 SEP 30 1933

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Family Record of Ronald Floyd Cassidy

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FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER:			
Ronald Floyd Cassidy	Feb. 2, 1911	Sept. 20, 1939	
MOTHER:			
Velma Mabie Reid	May 21, 1918		
CHILDREN:			
Ronald James	July 29, 1940		
Barbara Velma	Aug. 14, 1941		
Larry Russel	Feb. 1, 1944		

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER:			
Ronald Floyd Cassidy	Feb. 2, 1911	Sept. 20, 1939	
MOTHER:			
Velma Mabie Reid	May 21, 1918		
CHILDREN:			
Ronald James	July 29, 1940		
Barbara Velma	Aug. 14, 1941		
Larry Russel	Feb. 1, 1944		

Family Record of Ronald Floyd Cassidy

Family Record of Lela Sarah Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
MOTHER:			
Lela Sarah Cassidy	Dec. 25, 1906	Aug. 20, 1930	
FATHER:			
Wilfred Victor Hamer	Aug. 1888		
CHILDREN:			
James Thurston	June 11, 1931		
Lela Rosemary	Feb. 21 1936		July 20, 1947

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 Dec. 25 1906
 James Thurston
 June 11 1931
 Lela Rosemary
 Feb. 21 1936
 MARRIAGE
 Aug. 20 1930
 DEATH
 July 20 1947

FAMILY BIRTH MARRIAGE DEATH

Family Record of Clara Louise Cassidy

Family Record of Clara Louise Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
MOTHER:			
Clara Louise Cassidy	Jan. 21, 1898	Oct. 4, 1918	
FATHER:			
Byard Gordon Archibald	Aug. 16, 1898		
CHILDREN:			
Ernest Blair	Feb. 1, 1920		
Marion Louise	Apr. 22, 1921	Feb. 14, 1940	
Donald Reid	Sept. 4, 1922		
Sandra Elizabeth	Nov. 15, 1939		

Family Record of Murray Richard Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER:			
Murray Richard Cassidy	June 24, 1916	Dec. 24, 1940	
MOTHER:			
Marie Jean Hall	Jan. 28, 1920	Dec. 24, 1940	
CHILDREN:			
Carole Anne	Dec. 11, 1941		
Richard Murray	Oct. 28, 1944		
Janice Marie	July 21, 1948		

FATHER:

George Wesley Cassidy

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CHILDREN:

George Wesley Cassidy

MOTHER:

Marie Jean Cassidy

MOTHER:

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Family Record of George Wesley Cassidy

Family Record of George Wesley Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER:			
George Wesley Cassidy	Nov. 23, 1911	March 15, 1941	
MOTHER:			
Edythe Gertrude Ryder	Oct. 20, 1915	March 15, 1941	
CHILDREN:			
Sheila Dianne	Nov. 10, 1943		
Wesla Dawn Twins	May 30, 1946		
Donna Jean			

George Wesley	Nov. 23, 1911		
Edythe Gertrude	Oct. 20, 1915		
CHILDREN:			

Sheila Dianne	Nov. 10, 1943	March 15, 1941	
Wesla Dawn Twins	May 30, 1946		
Donna Jean			

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Family Record of Allen Robert Cassidy

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FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
FATHER:			
Allen Robert Cassidy	Apr. 3, 1903	Aug. 3, 1929	
MOTHER:			
Mildred Verna Folkins	Nov. 12, 1908	Aug. 3, 1929	
CHILDREN:			
Robert Folkins	Feb. 2, 1930		
Audrey Loraine	Sept. 15, 1932		

Allen Robert Cassidy
 Apr. 3, 1903
 Mildred Verna Folkins
 Nov. 12, 1908
 Oct. 3, 1929
 CHILDREN:
 Robert Folkins
 Feb. 2, 1930
 Audrey Loraine
 Sept. 15, 1932

FAMILY

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DEATH

Family Record of Allen Robert Cassidy

Family Record of Ruth Evelyn Cassidy

FAMILY	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
MOTHER:			
Ruth Evelyn Cassidy	July 17, 1905	Dec. 24, 1924	
FATHER:			
Eneas Ferron Gillcash	March 11	Dec. 24, 1924	
CHILDREN:			
Earl Foster	Oct 22, 1925	Sept 4, 1947	
Glen Malcolm	Jan. 1, 1929		
Marina Gertrude	May 9, 1933		