1886 Barn Raising Participants on the James Davidson Moodie Farm

1. Jas. Ferrier (1865-1947) Age 21, son of Isaac Francis Ferrier and Catherine Fisher. Brother-in-law of James D. Moodie. Married Margaret Hossie in 1890, with whom he had five children. He was born, lived and died in North Burgess Township. James' great grandfather arrived in Canada in 1815 with his wife and children, on the ship 'Eliza', part of the "Edinburgh Settlers". Ferriers owned Lot 7 and 8 in Concession 10, N. Burgess.

2. John Ferrier Sr. (1844-1920) Age 42, son of Abraham Ferrier and Sarah Wrathall. Uncle by marriage to James D. Moodie. Married to Margaret Cavers in 1870. They had 7 children. He was born, lived and died in North Burgess Township.

3. John [*Richard*] Palmer (1864-1924) Age 22, son of George Palmer and Elizabeth Allan. Living with parents next to Isaac Ferrier in 1881 census, Lot 9, Concession 9. Married Margaret McGregor in Manitoba in 1917.

4. Jas. Robinson (1825-) Possibly the James Robinson living in Drummond Township in 1881 with wife and 8 children? The person in the picture looks too young however? Suspect it might be one of his sons. Another possibility is a James Robertson, carpenter, of Perth, 18 yrs. in 1881 census. ?

5. Robt. [Davidson] McLaren (1846-1938) Age 40, son of Donald McLaren and Isabelle Davidson. Never married. Living with parents in Bathurst in 1852, age 6 yrs. Probably the grandson of John McLaren who settled on Lot 14 in Bathurst in 1816, part of the original Scottish settlement.

6. Abraham Ferrier Jr. (1859-1937) Age 27, son of Isaac Francis Ferrier and Catherine Fisher. Married 1) Martha Jane Wilson in 1885 (one child) and 2) Eva Cunningham in 1890 (four children). Born and raised in N. Burgess, lived in Manitoba for more than 10 years after his second marriage, and died in N. Burgess.

7. Harry Acheson Looks to be at least 30 years of age. Hard to determine who this is as 'Harry' is a nickname for Henry. The only known Henry in the family is George Henry Acheson a son of William (see #37 below) but he born in 1876 and would only be 10 years of age at the time. It is possible that this is one of William Acheson's three younger brothers with the middle name of Henry or that this person was misidentified in the original newspaper article. The Acheson families lived on Lot 4 in Concession 9, Burgess.

8. Isaac Ferrier (1867-1947) Age 19, son of Isaac Francis Ferrier and Catherine Fisher. Married Minnie Warren in 1904. Isaac and Minnie had six children, two (twins) died in infancy.

9. Alex Moodie (1830-1918) Age 56, son of Thomas Moodie and Christina Drysdale. Married to Rebecca Ferrier. They had twelve children. Lived on Lot 7, Concession 9.

10. Robt. Strong There are two Robert Strongs about the same age living in Bathurst at this time. Most probably Robert Henry Strong (1866-1923), son of Thomas Strong and Elizabeth Ferguson. They lived around Lot 12 or 13 in Concession 1 or 2 in Bathurst. Robert never married.

11. John McDonald (1843-1920) Age 43, neighbour to the Moodies in 1881, grew up on the East ½ of Lot 5 in Concession 10 of N. Burgess but died on Lot 4. Married Margaret Helen Oatway in 1874 and they had at least six children.

12. [Thomas] Albert Wilson (1860-) Age 26, believed to be son of Thomas Wilson and Jane Churchill, married Minnie Davidson in 1883. The family is reported to have lived on the 6th line in Bathurst (while most of the Wilsons were on Lots 15 and 16 in the 1st Concession).

13. Home Boy (Name not known)

14. Alex [R] Dodds (1853-1926) Age 33, son of Ralph Dodds and Louisa McKay. Married Jane Ritchie in 1877. They moved to the United States in 1888, to Manitoba in 1891 and then to Saskatchewan about 1906. Alex and Jane had eleven children. Living at Glen Tay, Bathurst at the time of the photo.

15. Jas. D. Allan (1859-1941) Age 27, son of Robert Allan and Christina Ferrier. Married Janet Ann Wilson in 1883. James and Janet had six children.

16. Robert Brash (1852-) Age 34, a neighbour of Thomas Moodie in 1881, living on E1/2 Lot3 Con. 10.. Married Rebecca Moulton in 1885.

17. Jas. [Moodie] Wilson (1868-1949) Age 18, son of George Wilson and Isabella Moodie. Did not marry.

18. Jas Cameron, Blacksmith, Fallbrook (1855-1950) Father of Walter, the better known Fallbrook blacksmith. Middle name Lochlin. Born in Quebec. Married to Margaret Matilda Wrathall in 1892.

19. Andy {Walker] Turnbull (1869-1943) Age 17, son of Henry Turnbull and Ellen Allan. Ellen was dau. of John Allan and Elizabeth Drysdale. Married Alice Victoria Barker in Manitoba 1894.

20. John [Malcolm] Ferrier (1863-1934) (or alternately John Fisher Ferrier (1856-1899)?) John Malcolm was the son of Isaac Ferrier and Catherine Fisher, married Annie Margaret McKerracher in 1886, while John Fisher was the son of Abraham Ferrier and Janet Fisher, married Alice Poole in 1886.

21. R. Davidson There are two Robert Davidsons in the area in 1901

22. Abe Moodie (1862-1924) Age 24, Abraham was the son of Alexander Moodie and Rebecca Ferrier. Married in 1889 to Margaret Allan. They had 12 children. Lived and died in North Burgess.

23. Frank Allan Sr. (1830-1904) Age 56, Francis was the son of James Allan and Jean Drysdale. Married Mary Ann Moodie in 1856 and moved West to Manitoba by 1901. Frank and Mary Ann had six children.

24. Name unknown

25. Geo. [Wesley] Farnell (1860-1937) Age 26, son of Joseph Farnell and Elizabeth Houze. Married Alecia Jane Rathwell in 1892. They had eight children. The Farnell family owned Lot 5 in Concession 9, N. Burgess.

26. Jas. Fraser (1828-1910) Son of Archibald Fraser and Mary Holliday. Married to Margaret Wilson about 1852 and they had seven children. Lived in Bathurst.

27. Abraham Ferrier Sr. (1832-1899) Age 54, son of Abraham Ferrier and Sarah Wrathall. Married Janet McNee Fisher in 1854. They had six children. Lived on Lot 8 Con. 10, Burgess.

28. Mac Ferrier (1863-1908) Malcolm Fisher Ferrier, age 23, son of Abraham Ferrier and Janet Fisher. Married Ellen Findlay (whose mother was a Moodie) and had one child.

29. Robt. Allan (1835-1912) Age 51, son of James Allan and Jean Drysdale. Married to 1) Christina Ferrier (two children) and 2) Christina Fisher (11 children). Although the newspaper listing indicates that Robert was located in Rathwell, Manitoba, there are no census reports that show that. He was in North Burgess in 1881 and in 1891, probably on the family homestead Lot 6, Con. 10.

30. Robt. Moodie (1846-1904) Son of James Moodie and Jane Davidson. Married Elizabeth Jane Thornton in 1872. Lived in Perth in 1881 and Carleton Place (Inn Keeper) in 1891. They had three children.

31. Frank Allan Jr. (1860-1910) A.K.A. "Francis J". Son of Robert Allan and Christina Moodie. Married Rebecca Wrathall Oliver in 1892. Rebecca's mother was a Moodie. They had four children.

32. Jas. [Davidson] Moodie (1851-1938) Age 35, son of James Moodie and Jane Davidson. Married Christina Ann Ferrier in 1883. Barn was being raised on his property, the West ½ of lot 4 Concession 10, North Burgess.

33. John Allan (1865-) Son of John Allan and Jane Acheson.

34. Od. Consitt Probably Adalphus (Ad) Consitt (1839-1919) Lived in Bathurst Township in 1881/1901.Widower of Mary McGowan (1842-abt 1870). Son of Capt. Thomas Consitt (navy)who settled on lot 21 in 1816.

35. Chas. Walker (1836-) Born England. Wife and 3 Children in 1881 census (pg 21).

36. John Armour (1844-1917) Age 42, lived in Burgess North in 1881, Lot 11, Con 9. Brother in-law of Ellen Moodie, dau of Alexander Moodie and Rebecca Ferrier.

37. Wm. Acheson (1837-1903) Age 49, son of Steward Acheson and Elizabeth Conboy. Married Isabella Allan in 1864 and they had seven children. William owned the SW1/2 of Lot 4 in Concession 9 of North Burgess.

38. John Moodie (1819-1909) Age 67, son of Thomas Moodie and Christina Drysdale. Married Jeanette Anderson in 1844.

39. T.A. Moodie (1859-1949) Thomas Alexander Moodie, age 27, son of Alexander Moodie and Rebecca Ferrier. Married Elizabeth Findlay in 1885. They had eight children.

40. John McGowan (1838-1915) John McGowan of Bathurst married to Mary Consitt. Brother-in-law of Adolphus Consitt.

41. Matt Balderson (1824-1899) Age 62, born and died in Drummond Township. Married to Mary Gordon. A carpenter living in Perth in 1881.

42. Isaac Ferrier Sr. (1828-1886) Age 68, son of Abraham Ferrier and Sarah Wrathall. Lived on Lot 6 Con 8 in N. Burgess. Married Catherine Fisher in 1855 and had eight children. Died in December of that year.

43. Barney [Bernard] Hogan (1848-1932) son of Michael Hogan and Mary McGowan. Cousin of John McGowan in the picture and related to various Consitts.

44. Alex Abercrombie (1834-) Two farms away in 1881 with wife Sarah and 7 children.

45. Sloan (first name unknown) Possibilities: There is a Joseph Sloan in Perth in 1881. A Thomas (56) in Bastard in 1891. Edward (20) in Burgess South in 1881.

46. Jas. Moodie Sr. (1809-1894) Son of Thomas Moodie and Christina Drysdale. Arrived in Canada in 1822. Married Jane Davidson in 1839. Father of James Davidson Moodie and eight other children. Lived on the West ½ of lot 4 Concession 10, North Burgess.

47. Wm. Cowie (1840-1918) William Adams Cowie, son of Robert Cowie and Jane Adams, lived on Lot 5 Con 10. Married (1) Margaret Kemp in 1862 and (2) Catherine McKenzie in 1889.

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