

Three Brothers from Kitley

I have come to the conclusion that the three Looby families found in Leeds County in the 1852 census are related. I have included them in my Ancestry tree as children of Edward Looby Sr. of Kitley Township, Leeds pending proof otherwise.

Looby Families in the 1852 Census

Surname	Givens	Age	Province	District	Subdistrict	#	Page	Line
Looby	John	34	West	Leeds (county)	Elmsley township	193	p. 20d, 21a, (41)	38
Looby	Elisabeth	26	West	Leeds (county)	Elmsley township	193	p. 20d, 21a, (41)	39
Looby	Craford	6	West	Leeds (county)	Elmsley township	193	p. 20d, 21a, (41)	40
Looby	William	4	West	Leeds (county)	Elmsley township	193	p. 20d, 21a, (41)	41
Looby	Elisabeth	3	West	Leeds (county)	Elmsley township	193	p. 20d, 21a, (41)	42
Looby	Edward	33	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 13d, 14a, (105)	44
Looby	Elizabeth	24	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 13d, 14a, (105)	45
Looby	George	3	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 13d, 14a, (105)	46
Looby	Mary Jane	2	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 13d, 14a, (105)	47
Looby	William	31	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 21d, 22a, (121)	17
Looby	Ruth	29	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 21d, 22a, (121)	18
Looby	Ann	10	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 21d, 22a, (121)	19
Looby	Edward	8	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 21d, 22a, (121)	20
Looby	Joanna	6	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 21d, 22a, (121)	21
Looby	William Robert	4	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 21d, 22a, (121)	22
Looby	John	3	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 21d, 22a, (121)	23
Looby	Archibald	1	West	Leeds (county)	Kitley township	195	p. 21d, 22a, (121)	24

John, the oldest is an innkeeper in the village of Lombardy in 1852. The book *South Elmsley in the Making*, by James Kennedy, states that John, who was previously a farmer in Kitley Township, bought the Lombard Inn in 1851. His wife was Elisabeth Bennett (her surname was found on son Crawford's death registration). By 1861 he and his family are in Stanley, Huron County, Canada West. His occupation in the census is hard to decipher but could be 'manager'. John and Elisabeth had three other children, Jane (1854), Mary Ann (1857) and Susan (1865). John died in 1872 and is buried at the Bayfield Public Cemetery.

Edward is employed as a labourer according to the 1852 census of Kitley Township. By the time the 1861 is taken, he is an innkeeper in Stanley Township, Huron County. The 1879 County Atlas lists him as the proprietor of a commercial hotel in the town of Bayfield in the same township which he apparently leased. Edward is buried at the Bayfield Public Cemetery.

William (per *South Elmsley in the Making*) came to South Elmsley Township about 1850 from the South part of Leeds. William was married to Ruth McCormack and they had six children as listed above. Their eldest child, Ann, was actually born in South Elmsley (1842) according to her death certificate, while daughter Johanna was born in Younge Township (1844) and son Edward was born in neighbouring Elizabethtown Township (1846). The 1852 census has his occupation as 'labourer' in Kitley. William's marriage certificate (to Jane Graham his second wife) indicates that his father's name was Edward and mother's Jane. The 1901 census lists 1832 as the year that William arrived in Canada.

Edward Looby Sr., father of the three came from Fermanaugh, Ireland about 1832 and can be found in early census reports for Kitley. Edward Sr. was married to Jane Crawford which explains the name that John gave to his oldest son. Various family trees found on the Internet list a fourth child Mary (1801-1877) who married James Elliott in Fermanaugh and lived in Kitley Township from about 1832 until at least the 1843 based on the birthplaces of their children. They moved about 1844 to Bayfield, Huron County according to stories found on the Internet. One could suppose that this was the reason for the movement of John and Edward to that area. The Elliotts were also in the hotel business in Bayfield.

Edward Looby Sr?

Census reports for Kitley are available for the years 1832 and 1833 at the provincial archives on microfilm MS-2551. They have not been examined but may contain enough information to confirm that Edward Sr. actually came to Canada. The following census reports could be interpreted several different ways. The two adult males in the 1839 household could be Edward Sr. and one of the sons or they could be two sons with their mother. I lean toward the latter as there don't seem to be any other Loobys in the area. If it is the 2 son scenario then they would be John and Edward Jr.. William appears to be established in Yonge Township by this time. A change takes place in the household in 1841 with the addition of a second adult female and a male child. The additions are probably John's wife Elisabeth Bennett and a son but the child seems to die before 1844 and there are no male children of this age present in 1852 in any Looby family in Canada West. The loss of one adult female between 1841 and 1842 may be the death of the mother ,

Jane Crawford. The 1844 census sees the addition of another adult female, probably Elisabeth, the wife of Edward. Her maiden name has not been found in any historical record to this point. In the 1848 census there are three children, all of them probably belonging to John (i.e. Crawford, William and Elisabeth). Although William is shown in Kitley in 1852, it would seem that he moved there when his brother John moved to Lombardy about 1850.

1839 Census – Kitley Leeds	MC	MA	FC	FA	M	F	Total
577 Looby Edward		2		1	2	1	3

1841 Census – Kitley Leeds	MC	MA	FC	FA	M	F	Total
913 Looby Edward	1	2		2	3	2	5

1842 Census – Kitley Leeds	MC	MA	FC	FA	M	F	Total
Looby Edward	1	2		1	2	1	4

Note: One column in the 1842 census report shows that the family had been in the county for 11 years.

1844 Census – Kitley Leeds	MC	MA	FC	FA	M	F	Total
1629 Lobie Edward		2		2	2	2	4

1848 Census – Kitley Leeds	MC	MA	FC	FA	M	F	Total
Looby Edward	2	2	1	2	4	3	7**

** In 1848 there was an unrelated 8th person in the home, probably a domestic servant.

Conclusion

There are not that many people in Ontario, past or present, with the name Looby. A search of Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid returns only 84 burials under that name. There are enough coincidences in the information found to date to safely say that the families noted above are all related.

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