

## **Robert Wood Family 1787 – 1978**

Robert Wood – Born 1787, died at Lombardy Sept. 9, 1867, aged 80 years.

Concerning the Wood name. The following facts may be of interest. The original man was Robert Wood who came from Perthshire, Scotland on one of the Baltic ships in 1815. He settled on a piece of land at Wayside, in Drummond township, on the way to Carleton Place. He was a school teacher and we believe he assisted in some of the survey work in the area. Robert Wood is mentioned in the book, A Pioneer History of Lanark County, Jean McGill.

We are told he was married to a Miss Brown also from Scotland who came with their two little boys to Canada in 1815. But his wife died in Montreal leaving him and his two boys to come ahead to Concession III, lot #7 of Drummond township to start a new life in Canada. He did marry late in life and had one child who later became a Mrs. George Bone of the Haliburton area.

The two boys were about 5 and 3 years old, the one was James and the other Robert.

The one we originate from is the James born in 1810 and died at the age of 63 on June 22, 1873. The other Robert was born in 1812 and died at 66 on Apr 5, 1878.

Not too clear why the original Robert left the Perth area in Drummond township but all our roots stem for his next move to South Elmsley in the Bass Lake area. It is here some Woods still exist in and around Lombardy and Rideau Ferry and the graves of these men and their wives and families are in the Union Cemetery at Lombardy, Ontario.

James Wood was married to Sarah Ann Tweedy who lived to be 87 years of age and was known as a mid-wife in that area. The Tweedies were from Perthshire, Scotland. To the marriage was born, James, Robert, John, Mary Ann (Mrs. Pat Wills) Jenny (Mrs. Nelson Covell).

John Wood was married to Maria Wills and died in 1923 at about 73 years of age, in Smiths Falls. To their marriage was eight children, Mary Ann, James, Margaret, Elizabeth, William, Phoebe, Effie and Robert. Their mother Maria Wills was the daughter of the former Margaret Orme of Bellina County, Mayo, Ireland and Patrick Wills of Sligo County Ireland. Mr. John Wood was a farmer in the Lombardy area and a livestock dealer.

His son William George Wood who was born in Lombardy Jan 14, 1880 and died in Smiths Falls Apr 11, 1955. His wife, Clara Elizabeth Clark of New Boyne, Ont. lived in Perth and Smiths Falls throughout their married life. Clara Elizabeth Clark's mother was Catherine Rogers, daughter of John Rogers from Ireland and these graves also of John Clark are at the Anglican Church at New Boyne. W.G. Wood was a dealer and connected with cattle business for much of his life in the Smiths Falls and Perth District.

To this marriage of William George Wood and Clara Elizabeth Clark were born John Albin, William Gerald (deceased 1931), Thelma Ann, Wilhalmina Clara.

Their son John Albin born 1914 married Helen Clara Coleman, daughter of Melvon Coleman and his wife Mamie Stewart, whose ancestors were Irish and Scotch.

To John Albin and Helen Clara were born William John and Helen Elizabeth (twins).

William John Wood married Heather Eva Hughes and their children William Robert, Kevin John (deceased) and Paul Douglas.

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