

**APPENDIX & SUMMARY**  
**John Eveleigh, junior and Mary McGie Family**

John Eveleigh with Mary McGie and children arrived in Upper Canada in 1854.

**1861 census: Wallace Township, Perth County, Ontario**

LAC Microfilm C 1065, page 11, lines 5-16 <sup>1</sup>

<u>names as on census</u>	<u>born</u>	<u>church</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>known birth date</u>
John Evely, farmer	Ireland	CE	60	M	
Margret Evely <sup>2</sup>	UC	"	24	M	<i>10 September 1836</i>
Daniel Evely <sup>3</sup>	"	"	22		<i>19 November 1838</i>
Aless Evely <sup>4</sup>	UC	CE	14		
Catherin Evely	"	"	6		<i>see Summary, below</i>
John Henry Evely [sic] <sup>5</sup> "		"	5		
Cathren Evely [sic] <sup>6</sup> "		"	2		
Joseph Evely <sup>7</sup>	"	"	31	M	
Emeley Evely <sup>8</sup>	UC	CE	20	M	
John Evely	"	"	3		
Elisabeth Evely	"	"	1		

The nine eldest children of John and Mary were born at Rawdon and baptized (or buried) there and are recorded in the Christ Church register:

Joseph Eveleigh born January 14, 1831

Mary Ann Eveleigh, born November 1832

John Eveleigh, 10 Oct. 1834

Margaret Eveleigh, 10 September 1836

Daniel Eveleigh, 19 November 1838

William Eveleigh, 5 December 1840 and died April 12, 1848

George Eveleigh, born 23 Feb. 1843, died 6 March 1847

Elizabeth Eveleigh was born 25 May 1845 and married William J. Lee

(Source: Marian Sargent and Rod Lee. See their photos on page 5 of this file.)

Alice Eveleigh, 4 June 1846

John and Mary left Rawdon after the birth of Alice and began a long and difficult migration with seven youngsters. Their ultimate destination was Wallace, Perth County, Ontario but the birth and death of a daughter reveals that time was spent at two other Lower Canada locations. Was John speculating in real estate by buying farms and selling after making improvements or were there other reasons for the moves.

**Jane Eveleigh**, their tenth child, was born on May 4, 1849 in the parish of Beloeil and baptized on August 19 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Chambly. John was a

farmer and both parents signed the register. [Beloeil is about twelve miles north of Chambly, on the Richelieu River, in an area of excellent farm land.]

Wee Jane was buried on May 4, 1852, three days after her death as recorded in the Episcopal Church, Sherrington Township (it became Huntingdon County and later Laprairie / Napierville; near the New York border). The register was signed by John, his eldest son Joseph and six other men, perhaps the bearers. The first named were Rawdon friends George and Edward McGowan. George McGowan had settled at Rawdon c. 1832 with his parents and siblings. He moved to Sherrington 1847-48. Edward McGowan was actually, George's nephew, Edward Brittain.

**Catharine Eveleigh** was born at Wallace Township, Perth County on December 6, 1854 (Marian Sargent). This marks the family's move to Upper Canada, after the 1852 death of little Jane. Catherine married Joseph Shipley Cosens on August 15, 1874 in Brussels, Huron County, ON. She died March 25, 1900 Hesperia, Newaygo County, Michigan and is buried at Clark Cemetery, Newaygo (Michigan Deaths Index). See photo on page 5 of this file.

On the census, later in 1900, Joseph Cosens was a stone mason at Holton, Muskegon County with daughters 14 and 11 and a son 3 years. Marian Sargent writes, "Joseph and family were living next to George Buck and his family; Joseph's daughter Alma Cosens was married to their son Melbourne Buck, and they were my grandparents. Another daughter of Joseph and Catherine was Maude Cosens Robinson who lived across the road. Joseph and his family lived with the Robinsons for a time after Catherine's death, while Joseph helped to lay brick for a house for my grandparents, on the Buck property. That's why Joseph had moved from Hesperia to Holton at the time of the census."

Mary Everley [sic] mother-in-law 94 [sic], was living with Joseph and was said to have immigrated to USA in 1854. In fact this was probably when she left Quebec for Perth County, Ontario. Joseph Cosens immigrated to the U.S. in 1880.

Mary (McGie) Eveleigh died April 28, 1903 at Hart Township, Oceana County, Michigan of apoplexy and was buried the following day in the Poor Farm Cemetery at Hart. This was shortly after her daughter Catherine Cosens' death, in 1900 and that of Catherine's fifteen year old daughter, in 1901. The family was under great stress and could no longer care for her at home. The information on Mary's death registration does not match what we know of her making her too old and born in Canada but there is little doubt that this is her. Muskegon, Oceana and Newaygo counties all meet at the four corners where Clark Cemetery (where her daughter Catherine and other family members are buried) is located.



**Daniel Eveleigh** (1838- 1909)  
and his brother-in-law  
**William J. Lee** (1840-1914)

**Elizabeth Eveleigh**, Mrs. Wm. J. Lee (1844-1918)  
and her sister  
**Catharine Eveleigh**, Mrs. Joseph S. Cosens (1854-1900)

The photographs above came from an 1863 photo album that belonged to Elizabeth Eveleigh (Mrs. William J. Lee) and were taken in Listowel, Ontario. You can see the photographer's brace behind Mr. Lee to hold the subject steady for the long exposure. One cannot see the women's feet – they appear to be suspended on puppet strings.

The photos were shared with readers of Up To Rawdon by her descendant Rodney T. Lee of Guelph. He is a member of The Rourkes of Annaharvey 1956 – 2016 Reunion Page on Facebook.

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<sup>1</sup> The handwriting is very rough and the unique spelling of names has been replicated. Their religious affiliation was Church of England but rendered as CE and sometimes EC. The birthplaces are wrong and should be Lower Canada. See footnote 33 regarding sources. Actual birth dates from Christ Church, Rawdon register are in italics.

Three family members are missing - John's spouse Mary McGie, their son John Eveleigh, junior, and his wife Margaret Swan. The Perth County Marriage Index records

that on 26 June 1860 John Evilis [sic] of Wallace, born Canada, son of John and Mary, married Margaret Swan, 19 of Wallace, Perth County born in Scotland, daughter of George and Margaret Swan.

**John Evely** [sic], 25 years, was on the January 13, 1861 Rawdon Census, in the home of Dean Burns. He was single and marked a family member [sic]. On the same page are the children and step-daughter of Edward McGie, Junior; see *McGie of Rawdon and Quebec*. Had John had returned on family business?

We speculated that Mary McGie Eveleigh was with Margaret Swan, the wife of son John as she was expecting a child. This was not so because Margaret is recorded as a married woman in her father's home at Wallace, under her maiden name. Was Mary McGie visiting at Rawdon and overlooked by the census taker?

John Eveleigh and Margaret Swan had one child, **George Eveleigh** born March 9, 1861 at Listowel. He died at Owen Sound on February 12, 1920 where he was a hotel keeper for nearly thirty years. In December, 1897 he had married Jennie Cecilia Coffee, of Dornoch; he had no siblings or children (from obituary courtesy of Marian Sargent).

<sup>2</sup> **Margaret Eveleigh** was unmarried and may be found on the 1852 Census at St-Joseph de Chambly as a servant of 16 in the household of Thomas J. Clunie, a Scottish born *bourgeois*. Curiously, her parents were not in Chambly County or in Huntingdon County. See summary at close of this section.

<sup>3</sup> **Daniel Eveleigh** married Elizabeth Cosens (aka Cousins) at Wallace, Perth County on October 1, 1871. See photo on page 5 of this file.

He farmed at Wallace, in 1871; he was 26 years, [sic] and Elizabeth was 24 and his mother Marrey 55, [sic], lived with him and in 1881 when he was a widower. The 1879 Perth County Historical Atlas locates Daniel at Wallace, Concession 42, Lot 2 and dates his settling there from 1853. His father, John had received Tickets of Location in 1853. In 1891, Daniel and his son, Charles, were alone on a farm at Grey Township, Huron County. In 1901, they were at Elma in North Perth County. By 1911, Charles had returned to Grey Township.

**Children** of Daniel Eveleigh and Elizabeth Cosens:

**John Wesley Eveleigh** was born at Wallace Township, November 3, 1872; died before 1881.

**Charles Eveleigh** was born August 4, 1874 (1901, 1911 census). Charles E. Eveleigh married Elizabeth Jane Lucas at Cranbrook, Huron County on October 26, 1904. She was 19 years old from Grey Township. Charles identified as 27 and born at Wallace, Perth. In 1911, Charles was Anglican and had a farm in Grey Township with his brother-in-law and sister, William and Eliza Lucas. Known children of Charles:

**Gertrude Isobel Eveleigh** 28 March 1906 at Ethel, Grey, Huron

**Edna May Eveleigh** 8 June 1909 at Ethel, Grey, Huron

**Daniel Eveleigh** - 15 August 1879- September 2, 1879

Elizabeth Cosens Eveleigh died August 31, 1879 at Wallace; she was 38. Daniel Eveleigh, senior, died on August 2, 1909 at Ethel, Grey Township and is buried with his Elizabeth

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Cosens, Woodlawn Cemetery, Listowel. Son Charles and his wife Elizabeth are also buried there (Marian Sargent).

<sup>4</sup> **Alice Eveleigh** was baptized July 18, 1847. No birth date recorded in the civil copy of the Christ Church Rawdon, register. The Grey County Marriage Registers named Alice Everleigh [sic] of Wallace, Perth County married to Rawdon native William Dawson of Keppel, 16 February 1866 at Clark, in Grey County. This photo, with permission of the Grey Roots Archival collection, appears in Beautiful Stoney Keppel 1855-1986: a project of the Keppel Township Historical Society edited by Betty Warrilow, Betty Siegrist and W. Bev Shouldice 1986.

See: *To Huron's Shore* in Up To Rawdon, Part Two for more on William Dawson's family and his children with Alice.



Alice died on December 24, 1932 of Influenza at Kemble Road, Sarawak Township; her residence was still Keppel Township. Her birth date recorded as June 4 and age 84 years.

<sup>5</sup> **John Henry** (actual surname). His parents were Mary Ann Eveleigh of Wallace who had married Hugh Henry of Elma Township, Perth County at St. John's Anglican Church, Elora on January 5, 1855. The witnesses were John Eveleigh (father / brother) and Margaret Eveleigh, presumably the bride's younger sister (at home in 1861). Her brother John was single and had not yet married Margaret Swan.

Hugh Henry must have died prior to the 1861 census or was very ill and the children were with their Eveleigh grandparents. His son, John Henry was a resident of Elma

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Township, Perth County 21 years and wed Martha Ballance, 18 years, at Brussels, on February 13, 1877.

<sup>6</sup> **Catherine Henry** daughter of Mary Ann Eveleigh and Hugh Henry; see previous footnote. On July 27, 1863, Mary Ann Henry married George Zimmerman of Elma Township. For the 1871 Ontario Census (Perth County, Elma Township) all the children were recorded as Zimmerman. Possibly she was called Mary Catherine because she is recorded as Mary Zimmerman, 12, and her brother as John Zimmerman, 15. Mary Ann had three more boys by George Zimmerman.

In 1881 Mary Zimmerman, was enumerated as married and was living beside her brother Daniel Eveleigh at Wallace with her six children but there is no trace of her husband on the US or Canada censuses 1880 / 1881.

<sup>7</sup> **Joseph Eveleigh**, son of John and Mary Eveleigh, was born 14 January 1831 and baptized on 20 February 1831 at Christ Church, Rawdon with sponsors Martin Hobbs, John Booth and Alice Eveleigh. Information on his family comes from Daniel Morrison, *A History of Pickford Area Pioneer Families*, 1973.

<http://familyhistory.themartyns.net/locationresearch/UnitedStates/Michigan/PickfordHistory/index.htm>

"In the year 1878 [sic], Joseph Eveleigh and his wife, Mary Ann (Cross), and seven children came to this area [Chippewa County, Michigan] from Chesley, Ontario" which is north of Listowel. "Mr. Eveleigh homesteaded 160 acres of land in the Stirlingville area. They had a family of twelve, five children being born in the United States." (Marian Sargent has a list of 14 children that possibly does not include the two by his first wife Emily.)

In 1900, Mary Ann was farming at Pickford, Chippewa County, Michigan with four Canadian born sons (born 1871, 1875, 1877 and 1878) and one daughter born in US, 18 May 1881. They had settled there in 1879. Joseph and five of his children died of typhoid fever in 1893.

"They operated a store on the farm. They had to travel to Sault Ste. Marie by sailboat for supplies, often being delayed waiting for a favorable wind. The boat would then be tied up on the Munuscong River at what was known as Eveleigh's Landing. Then the supplies were transported by a horse hitched to a jumper and unloaded at the store."

<sup>8</sup> No information is available about "Emily" who presumably was Joseph's first wife and their children.