

The Law-Abiding and Law Enforcing Banks Family – Part 3

Anthony's first wife was Susan Simpson, who was born in North Colchester Township on 9 March 1845, to Levi Simpson and Elizabeth Hutchins Simpson. Levi was born in the US circa 1791 and Elizabeth was born in Wales, England circa 1799. Interestingly, when Anthony married Susan in March 1862, he had a joint ceremony with his childhood friend, Samuel Day who married Sara Hunt. Their union resulted in nine boys (William Erving, Walter, George, James, John, Gordon, Garnett, Anthony Jr. and Eli) and five girls (Emma, Elzora, Martha, Adella, and Cora). With the exception of Cora, Garnett, Eli and Anthony Jr. (twins), all of their children were born in a log cabin owned by Anthony's mother, Esther. Esther's farm was one hundred acres of land with a log cabin and a cemetery for the burial of family members. It is amazing to think that Esther owned all of that property at that time. What an amazing woman! The four children, mentioned above, were born in the family home that Anthony built, which was on 54 acres of land in South Colchester. After Susan's passing, Anthony married a widow, Katherine Rideout, from Colchester South, on 11 March 1910; they had no children.

Among Anthony and Susan's children were their daughters Adella, who married Julius Mumford Garvin of Detroit on 7 October 1914, had a daughter Katherine and owned a small dressmaking shop, while Cora, who is mentioned above, was born on 18 September 1891 and married Blake White on 4 July 1917. Martha was born on 19 July 1943 and married Frank Dennis, and had one child, Walter, who was born on 22 September 1896. All three sisters resided in Detroit. Emma was born on 24 September 1865 and was buried behind her grandmother's log cabin. Elzora was born in 1866, but died in infancy. She, like Emma, was buried in the cemetery behind her

grandmother's log cabin. We're not done yet. There is still more to come. Next week is our final installment of the Banks Family History.