

Brantford Family History Part 3 – From Amherstburg to Lorain, Ohio

So far, we have discussed two of Moses and Maria/Eliza Brantford's children – Moses Jr. and Frances. Now we'll move on to William. According to his death record, William was born on August 1, 1844. He married Julia Dean and the couple lived in Amherstburg for several decades before moving to Lorain, Ohio. Available documents indicate that William and Julia had at least 9 children. The 1881 Amherstburg Census lists Julia, not William, with her children: William H., Cora B., John R., and Caroline. The next Amherstburg Census for 1891 has the addition of Elizabeth and Roy, but also lists Julia's husband William Brantford who does not appear on the 1881 Census. The 1901 Census completes the list by including Aftem, Earnest and Olive.

We'll begin with William and Julia's son William H. The only additional record available for William H. is the 1901 Census that lists him living with his wife Mary E. No children are listed. No information could be found for Cora, but information for her brother John was available in two marriage records. John was first married to Anna Kale, the daughter of Albert Kale and Marjorie Beck. The couple married on November 24, 1901 in Cuyahoga, Ohio. At the time of their marriage, John worked as a Labourer, while Anna was a Housekeeper. John married a second time to Bessie Lewis on April 15, 1909 in Cuyahoga, Ohio. Bessie was the daughter of James Lewis and Martha Jones. James was now working as a Chef and Bessie was a Milliner.

John's sister Caroline or Carrie is up next. According to her death record, she was born in June 1879. She married Edward Thompson and moved from Amherstburg to Lorain, Ohio. Carrie and Edward had at least one child named Marie Katherine who was born on March 12, 1901 and later married Charles D. Owens.

Carrie's brother Aftem was born on February 1, 1892. According to his WWI Draft Registration Card, Aftem was born in Amherstburg, lived in Lorain, Ohio, and worked as a truck driver for the National Tube Co. He is also listed as married with a child, but their names are not given.

Aftem's sister Elizabeth or Bessie was born on February 19, 1887 in Amherstburg, while Roy was born on March 2, 1889, also in Amherstburg, although his WWI Draft Registration Card states that he was born March 21, 1890. It also lists him as single, living in Lorain, Ohio, and working as a "brick layer helper" for the National Tube Co. Roy married Blanche E. Nichols and according to his death record he lived in Lorain, Ohio until the time of his death and worked as a Mason's Helper.

Roy's brother Earnest was born on April 4, 1894 in Amherstburg and his WWI Draft Registration Card, just like several of his siblings, lists him as living in Lorain, Ohio and working for the National Tube Co, but in Earnest's case he worked as a chauffeur for the company. He is also listed as single at the time.

Now that we have discussed the families of Moses Jr., Frances and William, we'll move onto George, the next child of Moses Sr. and Maria/Eliza. George married Elizabeth Parker, the daughter of Henry and Martha Jane Parker, on January 9, 1870 in Amherstburg. An article from the *Amherstburg Echo*, in December 1887, mentions a George Brantford working as a Mariner on the "Wheeler." The 1881 Census lists George as a Mariner, while the 1891 Census has him working on a steamboat, so this is likely the correct George. He and his wife Elizabeth are also listed in the 1891 Census with their daughter Isabella.

What we publish is not a complete history of any family and is based on the documents that are available. We welcome photos and information to fill in the gaps. See you next week for part 4.