

Looking to the Future – Kersey Family – Part 2

William Sr. married three times and his first marriage was to Annie Sawyer on January 30, 1876 in Colchester. Annie was born c. 1855 in Ohio and was the daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas Sawyer, the latter being described as a pioneer of the community and a person who was the “soul of honour, and a highly respected man.” Thomas was born in Jefferson county, Ohio and fought in the Civil War. For his service he earned a substantial pension. He lived in Canada for 60 years and was also married twice. The first marriage was in Ohio and their union resulted in the birth of two daughters: Virginia Alice and Annie. Thomas’ second marriage was to Elizabeth McConnell. Thomas lived for many years at Gilgal, but later moved to Harrow. William Sr.’s second marriage was to Armina Ann Johnson in October 1902. William, a carpenter, was 50 years old at the time and Armina, a cook, was 45. Their “quiet wedding” took place at the residence of her parents James George Johnson and Elizabeth Chatneau, in Colchester and the couple was attended by Armina’s sister Lula and F.H.A. Davis of Amherstburg. William Sr.’s third marriage was to Mary Powell, who was born in Colchester and was the daughter of Nathaniel Powell. She was also the sister of “Doc” Powell who was well known in the area for his herb remedies. Mary was also previously married to Henry Harris, who passed away in 1909. It was in 1919 that Mary married William Sr. **See you next week for the next installment of our family history series.**