

Marshall Family History Part 5 – Reaching 107

Now that we have discussed Charles, Sarah, John, Lucinda, Alex, Harriet, David, Parthinia Elizabeth, George and Cordelia, we will finish by discussing Alice (Elsie) and Hezekiah. Alice Marshall married Moses Baylis who, according to his death record, was born in July 1850 in Philadelphia and was the son of Henry Baylis and Mary Jane Washington. Moses and Alice had two sons named John (1879) and Harry (1888). Sadly, John passed away at the age of 17 in 1895 after contracting measles which spread to his lungs. Harry married and established himself on a farm on Concession 4 in the Hillsville area (Colchester). Sadly, he also died young after contracting tuberculosis and dying of heart failure at the age of 27 in 1915. Harry's wife, whose name we do not know, passed away a few years later, in 1918, in Detroit where she lived following Harry's passing.

Alice passed away in 1908 and we were able to find her obituary from September 11, 1908, which says "Mrs. Moses Baylis passed away Monday after a three year illness with Bright's disease, leaving a husband and one son. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, services being conducted at the B.M.E. church by Rev. P. Brooks, and interment was in the Potlake burying ground. The deceased's maiden name was Marshall and she leaves several brothers and sisters. The pallbearers were Newton Bell, Joseph Bell, Albert Hurst, Early Hurst, Sharper Bell and William Marshall."

Some time following Alice's passing, Moses retired from farming, and moved and lived with his sister in law, Belle Day and his sister, Annie. Sadly, Moses passed on September 1, 1930 in Colchester. He was a very religious person and he often spoke to groups at church and other gatherings. According to his obituary, "Mose[s] Baylis, 80 years of age, and a well known character in Colchester South died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Amos Washington on Monday.

Mr. Baylis was born in Philadelphia in 1850 and as a small boy came to Colchester South with his parents. He was married to Alice Marshall, who predeceased him some years ago. Funeral services were conducted in the B.M.E. Church in Harrow on Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. F.O. Stewart of Windsor. Burial was in Erie Cemetery. The pallbearers were Forest Matthews, Wylie Grayer, James Grayer; William Morgan, Thomas Graham and James Graham.”

The last child of Alex and Maria Marshall to be discussed is Hezekiah who is also referred to as ‘Shug.’ He married three times: 1st Eliza Jones, 2nd Ellen Hurst and 3rd Emma Johnston. Based on the records found, Hezekiah and Eliza’s children are Arthur, Ellen Louise and Daisy Ellen, although the last two children could be the same person because they have the shared name of ‘Ellen.’

According to Arthur’s death record, he died on September 9, 1915 in Colchester at the age of 27, was single and a labourer. His obituary adds “Arthur Marshall, only son of Hezekiah Marshall, died on Thursday of last week, with typhoid fever, following a general illness of six months or more. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon to Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Malden, and was conducted by Rev. Peter Brooks. The pallbearers were: Walter Jackson, James Brooker, Joseph Morgan, John Harris, Arthur Coates and William Thornton. Surviving him are his parents and one sister, Mrs. Daisy Baylis, of Malden. Deceased had been employed for some time by W.H. Ferriss, of Harrow.”

Arthur’s sister Ellen Louise was born on January 1, 1890 in Colchester North Township. As mentioned, Ellen Louise and Daisy Ellen may be the same person because they share the same birthday. The death record for Daisy Ellen from February 5, 1924 also says January 1, 1890 for the date of birth. Her death record also says that Daisy married John Baylis, the son of Robert and Maria Baylis. Sadly, Daisy passed away in 1924 which was reported in the

Amherstburg Echo. The obituary says “Mrs. John Baylis passed away on Tuesday after a brief illness with pneumonia. She gave birth to a daughter a week ago Sunday and caught cold on account of the changeable weather. The funeral was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon to Central Grove church and cemetery. Mrs. Baylis was before her marriage Daisy Marshall, daughter of Hezekiah Marshall. She is survived by her father, husband and seven small children. She was only thirty-three years old.” John Edward Baylis passed away several decades later, on August 31, 1968. In total, John and Daisy had nine children: Clarence Dirford (1909), Robert (1912), Keitha (1913), Elmer (1916), Orville Wellington (1917), John (1921), Lucy (1922), Vida Wanita (1923), and Donald (1925).

Hezekiah’s second wife was Ellen Hurst, the daughter of Elliot and Amanda Hurst, on November 25, 1894 in Harrow. Hezekiah is listed as a widower at the time, so Eliza had passed at this point. Hezekiah’s third wife was Emma Johnston/Johnson, who according to a September 8, 1911 article in the *Amherstburg Echo* was the daughter of Robert R. Johnson and visited him in Cleveland, Ohio for three weeks. Emma is mentioned in the *Amherstburg Echo* a few more times including on June 14, 1956 when “Mrs. Keitha Land of Elmstead entertained at a birthday dinner on Sunday afternoon honoring her grandmother, Mrs. Emma Marshall of Harrow. Mrs. Marshall was presented with a sum of money as a gift. Rev. T.J. Berry and members from the Puce Baptist Church joined in a Communion service with the elderly honored.” She is also mentioned in the June 12, 1974 issue which mentions that Emma was a resident of Sun Parlor Home in Leamington and would be turning 107 years old in July. The article mentions that “She was born in Windsor on Confederation Day, July 1, 1867. Before going to Leamington Mrs. Marshall lived in Windsor and Colchester South with her granddaughter, Mrs. Jud Mulder, R.R. 2, Harrow.”

A few years later, on February 2, 1977, her obituary also appears in the *Echo* which says “Mrs. Emma Marshall 107 years of age, died in Leamington January 26. She was wife of the late Hezekiah Marshall; grandmother of (Vida) Mrs. Judson Mulder, Elmer; Orville and Donald Baylis all of Harrow, Clarence Baylis of Windsor and Robert Baylis of Elmstead; Keitha deceased. The funeral was in Harrow, Saturday. Burial in Colchester Memorial Cemetery.” Just a few days after that, February 9th, Vida Mulder put a card of thanks in the *Echo* which said “The family of the late (Grandie) Emma Marshall wish to express their sincere thanks to their many friends and relatives for cards and flowers in the loss of their grandmother. Special thanks to the pallbearers, Elder Edsel Smith and Pastor M. Hurst, J.H. Madill, nurses and staff of the Sun Parlor Home in Leamington. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered by granddaughter. Mrs. Judson [Vida] Mulder Harrow, February 2, 1977.”

Emma’s husband Hezekiah Marshall passed away years before, on April 9, 1932 in Colchester at the age of 68. It also says that he was married and born circa 1864. His obituary from April 15, 1932 shares more details and says “It seems as if everyone in this and adjoining communities knew ‘Shug’ Marshall (Hezekiah), who died Saturday morning, as the result of a stroke of paralysis, which seized him the Tuesday before. He was ... [an] individual with a lot of personality, and had a lot of friends. Mr. Marshall was born here 68 years ago youngest son of the late Alexander Marshall one of the township’s earliest colored settlers. The only member of the family left is David Marshall, who lives in Amherstburg. Among the others were Mrs. Harriet Hurst of Amherstburg; Mrs. Mose Baylis of this township and Mrs. Delia Lyons. There were seven sons and six daughters of them originally. Relatives include the families of Hurst, Baylis, Bell and Carter. He spent his whole life in this vicinity and was employed with W.H. Ferriss and with Gordon Arner nearly forty years altogether and was a faithful hardworking man.

He had three wives, the third of whom was Emma Johnson of Detroit, who survives him. All his children are deceased but he has seven grand children and quite a number of nephews and nieces. Mr. Marshall was a member of the B.M.E. Church, Harrow, and funeral services were conducted there Monday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Stewart, followed by burial in the family cemetery, near Colchester.”

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 where we will celebrate another amazing family.