

The Conway Family Part 2 – The Midwife

The 1911 Census lists George as being born in January of 1867 and also lists his wife Pearl and their children: Lionel (born March 1896; age 15), William (born October 1899; age 11), Mary (born January 1910; age 10), Edmona (born February 1903; age 8), George Norman (born February 1906; age 5), James (born August 1908/9; age 2), Catherine (born 1911) and Pearl's mother Mary Brooks (born March 1835; age 76). In the 1901 and 1911 Censuses Mary is also listed as "English." The 1921 Census lists George and Pearl with their children Lionel (labourer), Wilbur, Norman, Mary (Domestic), Edmona, James (Student), Katie (Student), Ruth (Student, age 8), Lester (age 6), Thelma (age 4) and Bertha (age 1), but Pearl's mother Mary is not listed.

Now we will discuss George and Savina Pearl's children. Orval was born in Amherstburg, but sadly passed away at the age of 2 ½ years on April 21, 1896. Orval's brother Lionel married Annie Banks. At the time of their marriage Lionel was 28 years old and worked as a Ferryman, while Annie was 22 and the daughter of Tom Banks and Mary Jones. Lionel and Annie were married on June 21, 1924 in Detroit. The couple had a son named Donald Robert Conway, but he sadly passed away shortly after birth. He was born on December 20, 1933 in Amherstburg.

Wilbur is the next child of George and Savina Pearl, but he is sometimes listed as William in records like the 1911 Census. A birth record for William Valentine Conway states that he was born on October 7, 1898 in Amherstburg to George Conway and Pearl Brooks.

There was no available information for Mary, Mona, James, Thelma and Marjorie, except for their date of birth. Mary Marguerite was born February 25, 1901 in Amherstburg, Pearl Edmonia was born on August 16, 1903 in Amherstburg, James in 1908, also in Amherstburg, Thelma Leona was born November 18, 1918 in Windsor and Marjorie Ann was born on

December 18, 1924 in Amherstburg. According to his birth record, George Norman Conway, son of George and Pearl, was born on February 19, 1905 in Amherstburg. Interestingly, it was Pearl's mother Mary Ann Brooks who was the midwife that delivered George.

Next is Catherine Conway, likely named after George's mother. According to her birth certificate, her full name was Thurly Katherine/Catherine Conway and she was born in Amherstburg on December 5, 1910. Catherine married Stanford Dillard and according to the June 3, 1938 edition of the *Amherstburg Echo* the couple had a daughter named Elaine. Thurley Katherine Dillard's naturalization papers state that she was naturalized on July 22, 1960 in Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio at the age of 49 years after living in the state for 25 years.

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 2.