

The Many Members of the Nall Family – Part 2

Following Sarah's passing on September 18, 1910, James Nall moved to Windsor. A few years later, on February 26, 1913, he married Minnie Odey/O'Dey in Windsor. Minnie was a widow whose maiden name was Larter. Her parents were Milton, a farmer, and Docha (Warden) Larter. While living in Windsor, James worked in the dry-cleaning business and was a devout member of the church. He was also a Past Master of Amherstburg's Lincoln Lodge (Masonic) and for years was a deacon of the Amherstburg First Baptist Church. After moving to Windsor, he became the chairman of the deacon's board of the First Baptist Church in Windsor. Sadly, James met an unfortunate end, dying of a "stroke of apoplexy." He was on his way home from a church revival at the First Baptist Church and was struck ill. He was mistaken for being intoxicated and put in a jail cell where he remained all night. It was not until the next morning that his family found him, but sadly he died shortly after arriving home. He must have been a very respected person because many from Amherstburg and the surrounding area attended his funeral at the First Baptist Church in Windsor, where the funeral was conducted under the auspices of the Lincoln Lodge of Amherstburg.

James' sister and the second Nall child was Theresa who was born on January 29, 1868 in Amherstburg. Circa 1890, Theresa married Joseph N. Stevens, a cook, who was born in November of 1864 or 1865 to Joseph Stevens and Mary McCurdy. Interestingly, the 1900 US Census for Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio lists several of Theresa's siblings living with her and Joseph, including Hattie, Grace, Mattie and Forest. During this time, according to the 1900 Census, Hattie worked as a waitress, Grace and Mattie are listed as "servant girls" and Forest was a cook. The same census lists Joseph and Theresa's three children: May (b. September 1890), Ellen/Ella (b. November 1892) and Chestor (b. October 1894). The 1900 Census also

states that Joseph Stevens came to the United States in 1870, while the rest of the family emigrated in 1899. In the 1920 Ohio Census it includes an addition to the family. Among those living with Joseph, Theresa and Ella is Ella's husband Roscoe Brown, all under the same roof. Roscoe was born in Atlanta, Georgia in roughly 1891 to William Brown and Amelia Williams. At this time, Joseph and his son-in-law, Roscoe, are both listed as "stewards" on a steamship. It is certainly possible that they worked on the same ship. **Stayed tuned for more next week!**