

The Nolan Family Part 2 – Mary and Harriet

Thomas Jr. and Mary Jane Nolan's first child, George, lived on a farm in New Canaan and married a woman named Henrietta Campbell, the daughter of Alex Campbell.

Alexander Nolan married twice. According to his marriage certificate, Alexander's first wife was Mary Ann Hall, the daughter of Richard Hall and Drury Blackwell. They were married on May 2, 1888. The 1891 Census lists Mary as "Mary F." while other documents list her as Mary F. Allen, meaning that she could have been previously married to someone else with the last name Allen. Mary was born circa 1864 and passed away on April 11, 1894. Mary's obituary mentions that she left behind two children, but the record does not name them. Nolan family records fill in the gap by listing their children as Harold Alexander and Betsy Jane. Harold was born on December 24, 1888 in Colchester, married Marie and had three children named Clifford (m. Johnnie K. Spruce and had two children named Lydia and Michael); Gordon (m. Dorothy Packer and children include Larry, Gordon Jr., Dennis and Gary) and Clarence. Harold's sister Betsy Jane was born September 27, 1890 but sadly passed away at the age of 7 in 1896. Further research shows that Mary and Alexander may have had more than two children. Documents show their children also included James who was born on December 28, 1892 and Dorcus.

Alexander's second wife was Harriet "Hattie" Mae Scott and the couple married on February 5, 1896 in New Canaan. Hattie was the daughter of Joseph Rogerist Scott whose father was previously enslaved in Kentucky but escaped to Canada in the early 1800s and eventually settled in New Canaan. Joseph Sr. married Caroline Sara Matthews and had a son, Joseph Rogerist Scott Jr. who was born in 1835. Joseph Jr. married Dianah Galloway who was the daughter of David Galloway and Harriet Black. In addition to Harriet Mae, Joseph and Dianah had nine other children: William, Frank (his obituary states that he worked as a finisher of fancy

cement and marble work); Charles Franklin (married France Campbell); George Alton; Sara; Walter Clarence; Daniel Sylvester; Dorcas and Ethel A (married Fred Chavis).

Joseph Jr. and Dianah's daughter Hattie, as mentioned married Alexander Nolan. At first, they lived in New Canaan but later moved to Windsor. Interestingly, the 1881 Census lists Alexander's origins as "African," but on the 1901 Census, Alexander's Indigenous ancestry appears because he is listed as "Chippewa," while Harriet, or Hattie is listed as "African." Their children Harold, Ada and Bertha are all listed as Chippewa like their father. In total, Alexander and Harriet had ten children: Ada Zadolgia, Bertha, Melvia/Meliva, Eva Mabel, Charles Franklin, Lloyd, Edna Zella, Sarah, George Washington and Kenneth.

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 3 where we will discuss Alexander and Harriet's children.