

The Nolan Family Part 4 – Museum Connection

Eva Mabel's brother, Charles Franklin, was born on August 7, 1904 in Colchester and married Ester Gold Howard on March 8, 1927 in Windsor. According to their marriage record, Esther was a widow and houseworker, while Charles was a fireman. Other records show that he and Esther moved to Windsor where, Charles worked as a foreman. According to Esther's birth record, she was born on September 7, 1905 in Collingwood and was one of three children to George Howard and Florence Chambers. Esther's siblings include George Howard who was born on February 20, 1887 and Orville Howard who was born on April 26, 1897 in Cleveland, Ohio. According to her 1994 obituary, Esther's "love for poetry was her forte and you could hear 'Mother Nolan' reciting her Favorite poem at many functions in the surrounding areas."

Esther and Charles Franklin Nolan had several children including Frank Wade, Winifred, Dileana, Joyce Rosaline, Lloyd George, Patricia Gloria, Warden Dwight, Hattie Mae and Catherine Elaine Bernadette. Frank Wade Nolan Jr. was born on December 2, 1927 in Windsor and he married Dorothy Resler (daughter of Joseph and Lena Resler) on April 12, 1952 in Windsor. Dorothy worked as a hair stylist who later worked at Straith Hospital until retirement. Frank also worked for Ford Motor Company and as a truck driver for Allied Supermarkets.

Winifred was born on September 26, 1930 in Windsor and married Warren Leach on October 18, 1974 in Vancouver, British Columbia. According to her obituary, Winifred "had a love and passion for entertaining. She began entertaining at the tender age of nine when she began taking her first tap dancing lessons. She won her first singing contest at the age of 14 at the Vanity Theater. As an adult her singing career allowed her the benefits of travelling from Windsor, Ontario; Oakland, California; British Columbia; and as far as Whitehorse, Yukon."

Dileana was born on September 11, 1932 in Windsor and married Al Larkin (son of Alban and Adelina Larkin) and had three children: Nathaniel (Dale), Terence and Brad. Next is Dileana's sister Joyce Rosaline who was born on February 9, 1935 in Windsor and she married John Thomas Gordon (son of Robert and Margreta Gordon) and had a son named Ian. Lloyd George Nolan was born on May 21, 1937 in Windsor and married Aurora Zambrano. Lloyd and Aurora had a son named Wade and a daughter named Melissa. Lloyd's sister was Patricia Gloria Nolan and her date of birth is May 22, 1938. She was born in Windsor and married Clayton Quates and their children include Debbie, Kevin and Jackie Quates.

Warden Dwight was born on July 8, 1940 in Windsor and he married Gertrude Elayne Mulder, the daughter of James Arthur and Milda Mulder. Their children include Tracey, Charles James (married Constance Baylis) and Jamie. Hattie Nolan was born in 1945 in Windsor, but sadly passed away in 1946 in Windsor. Finally, Catherine Elaine Bernadette Nolan was born on April 11, 1946 in Windsor and her children include Leslie (married William Turner) and Kim (married Michael Turner).

Before marrying Charles Franklin Nolan, Esther married Charles Clifford Chickee on September 15, 1922 in Essex County. Charles Clifford Chickee was the son of Thomas Wesley Chickee and Minnie Haines. Thomas Wesley Chickee was born in 1874 in Owen Sound, Ontario, and passed away on July 30, 1924 in Essex. His wife Minnie Haines was born on August 31, 1875. In addition to Charles Clifford, Thomas and Minnie had at least two other children: Hughes Chickee, who married Margaret, and Gertrude Chickee who married Charles Mosely. Charles Clifford Chickee and Esther Gold Howard's children include Vivian and Florence. Vivian Chickee married Edsel Smith on April 28, 1942 in Windsor and they had twelve children: Leon (wife Dianne); Sylvester; Virgil (wife Sharon); Gerald (wife Doris);

Dennis (Lynda); Lorna (husband Philip Huff); Douglas (wife Brenda); Paul (wife Lynn); Timothy (Jacqueline); Lydia (husband Gary Sims); Pamela (Anthony Handsor); and Aaron. Vivian's husband Edsel Smith was a pastor at the Church of God In Christ in Harrow; St. Mark's A.M.E. Church in Colchester; and St. Mark's Evangelical Church. It was there that Vivian founded the Sunshine Band which was a platform for children to develop their musical talents. She was also a kindergarten Sunday School Teacher and later earned her certificates in Upholstery Refinishing; Arts and Crafts; Interior Decorating and Macramé.

Florence Chickee was born on June 30, 1923 and later married Randolph Charles Logan, a WWII Veteran and the son of Cleroy Logan and Ellen M. Littlejohn. This is where AFM Board President, Monty Logan, comes into the Nolan family history. Florence and Randolph Logan had four children: Wayne Clifford, Beverly (married Bobby Chase, the son of Charles Chase and Bessie Elizabeth Travis), Felton (married Sandy) and Jocelynn (married Sidney Chase, son of Charles Chase and Bessie Elizabeth Travis). Wayne Clifford Logan is the father of Monty Logan (married to Gina Terry and Monty has two sons, Kyle and Brett from his first marriage). Wayne Clifford Logan was born in 1942 and was first married to Juanita Mulder (daughter of Wilbur Howard Mulder and Juanita Helen Taylor). In addition to Monty, Wayne and Juanita also have a son named Guy (married Pam Bowden). Wayne Clifford Logan also married Linda Taylor (daughter of Orville Isaac Taylor and Margaret Johnson) on August 13, 1983 in Windsor.

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 5.