

### The Saunders Family Part 3 – The Gardener

The next child of Benjamin and Mary Saunders to be discussed is George. According to the Museum's family history collection, George died young. He is mentioned in the 1930 obituary for his brother Aaron as deceased at that point, so it was before 1930 that he passed.

George's sister Mary is the last child of Benjamin and Mary Saunders. She married twice. Her first marriage was to Albert King and the second was to Willis Chapman. Mary and Albert were married on July 10, 1876 in Gross Ile, Michigan. Albert was the son of Urial/Uriah King and Keziah Goodrich. Mary and Albert had four children: Estella, Albert, Lula, and Mary Jane. There is more information on Estella so she will be discussed last. Her brother Albert was born on February 14, 1879 in Anderdon and passed away on September 3, 1895, also in Anderdon. His obituary in the *Amherstburg Echo* says that he passed at the age of 16 years old at his father's residence of typhoid fever.

Albert's sister Lula, also known as Francis Louisa, was born on January 9, 1882 in Anderdon. Sadly, she also passed away at a young age, 14 years old, on September 1, 1894. Lula's sister Mary Jane was born on January 2, 1885 and sadly passed at the age of 14 months in December 1884.

The last child of Mary and Albert King to be discussed is Sarah Estella King. She was born on October 31, 1883 in Anderdon. She married Peter Stokes Jr., the son of Peter Stokes and Mary Ann Robinson. According to Sarah Estella King's obituary, her husband Peter worked as a gardener for the John Mullen and Fred Elliott estates. In October 1931 the *Amherstburg Echo* published an article that further discusses Peter's work in gardening through the Amherstburg Garden Contest. The article titled "YARD CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED" says "Prizes

Given in Each of the Three Wards – J. Jones, Judge – “... Mr. Jones and his brother visited every street in the town and considered that great credit is due to many of the people of Amherstburg for the time they spent on the upkeep of their lawns ... The prizes were awarded as follows: ... Second Ward – best lawns and gardens, Ray Nicholson, Gore street; C. Drouillard, Murray street; Peter Stokes, King street.”

**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 4.**