

The Green Family History Part 5 – The Last John Green

Now that we have discussed John and Margaret Green's family, we will move on to the last John Green to be discussed in this family history. John Green married Lucinda Baylis, the daughter of Robert Baylis and Elizabeth Ryer. Interestingly, there are two marriage records for John and Lucinda. The first is from August 2, 1873 and the second is from August 6, 1895. In both records their ages match up for Lucinda who was born circa 1856. The Marriage Record from 1895 states that John was the son of Ellik Green, but I believe this is the incorrect spelling of Alex Green. In a 1910 article from the *Amherstburg Echo* titled "A Double Funeral" it states that John was born in Malden Township in 1850 and was the son of the late Alexander Green. This article does not mention John's mother's name, but in the 1871 Census for Malden there is a John Green listed with parents Alexander and Aliza Green. I compared John's age on his marriage record and the 1871 Census, and they match up so this is likely the correct John Green and that his mother's name was Aliza. The article "A Double Funeral" also sadly shares that John was hit by a streetcar in Detroit while driving a wagon and passed away in the Red Cross hospital from a fractured skull. It adds that John and his son Frank both worked as teamsters in Detroit and was born in Malden Township in 1879. At the time of John's passing, Lucinda had already passed away on November 3, 1891.

Lucinda and John had at least ten children. The 1891 Census lists John and Lucinda with their ten children: Elizabeth (14), Gordon (13), Frankie (11), Gusla (9), Clara (7), Angeline (5), Emeline (5), Burk (3), Arabelle (2), and Augusta (2/12). Elizabeth married Henry Chambers on August 8, 1892 in Amherstburg. Henry was the son of Lewis and Manda Chambers. Elizabeth and Henry's children include Rebecca who was born on January 24, 1894 in Amherstburg, John Mahlon who was born on November 15, 1900, Elizabeth Ellen who was born on April 21, 1905

in Amherstburg and William Henry who was born on March 26, 1909, also in Amherstburg.

According to the obituary for Elizabeth Green Chambers, printed in the *Amherstburg Echo* on December 5, 1946, “Mrs. J. Henry Chambers died in Hotel Dieu, Wednesday, following an illness of three years. She was the former Elizabeth Green and was born in Malden 73 years ago. She leaves six children, Mrs. Ethel Goodwin, Franklin, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, Henry, Reford of Detroit; (Virginia) Mrs. Morley R. Stewart of Amherstburg. Rev. I.H. Edwards will officiate at the funeral in the First Baptist Church Saturday at two p.m. and burial is to be in Rosehill Cemetery.”

Elizabeth’s brother Gordon is next. According to several records, he was born circa 1878 and passed on March 26, 1899 in Malden at the age of 21. His death record also reveals that, at the time of his death, Gordon was single and worked as a labourer. The *Amherstburg Echo* mentions “Gordon Green, son of John Green died on Monday morning after being ill for about a year with consumption. The funeral was held on Wednesday.”

Gordon’s brother Frank married Louisa or “Lula” Marshall, the daughter of David Marshall, although some documents list Hezekiah Marshall instead of David. The 1881 Census lists John and Lucinda’s children as Eliza, Gordon and John F., so it is certainly possible that Frank’s first name could also be John considering his other siblings were either female, born much later or do not have the initial “F” in their name.

The next child of Lucinda Baylis and John Green is Gusla or “Gussie” who was born on December 22, 1881 in Malden, followed by twins, Emeline and Angeline who were born on December 25, 1886, also in Malden.

Next is Burk who was born November 9, 1887 and Augusta who was born February 11, 1891, both in Malden. I was able to locate Augusta’s obituary which reveals the last name (but

not first) of her husband. It says “Obituary for Mrs. Augusta Watkins – Echo – May 19, 1911 – “Mrs. Augusta Watkin died in Chicago, Ill., on Thursday, May 18th, of pneumonia, aged 29 years. She was a daughter of the late John Green, of Malden, who was killed in Detroit by accident, and a sister of Frank, who was also killed there a short time ago, and a sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Chambers, of Amherstburg. The remains were brought to Amherstburg on Sunday and after services in the First Baptist church, conducted by Rev. J.D. Holbert, were taken to Mount Pleasant cemetery for burial. Four members of the family have died in eight months.”

Sadly, two of Lucinda and John’s children, Julia Ann and John Henry, both passed at early ages. Julia Ann was born on May 14, 1876, but passed away a few years later on February 19, 1880, while John Henry was born on January 16, 1881 and passed away the next month on February 12, 1881.

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 where we will celebrate another amazing family.