

## **The Boyd Family Part 4- US Connection**

Now that I've discussed Maria Boyd Baylis, I'll move on to her sister Rachel. According to her death record she passed away on January 26, 1916 in Detroit. This record also reveals that Rachel was born on September 10, 1860. There is more to share about Rachel's sister Esther. She married Robert Sylvester Freeman, the son of Bryant and Elizabeth Freeman, on February 19, 1890 in Windsor. Esther passed away on November 24, 1944 in Detroit and was widowed at that point. This record also shows that Esther was born on June 8, 1880. Esther and Robert's children include James Edward, Mina, and Robert Boyd. There is also the possibility that they had additional children named Iowen and Nolan because they are listed as children of Robert and Esther on the 1920 Census, but the 1930 Census lists them as grandchildren, along with another grandchild named Ernest. James Edward's birth record states that he was born on September 1, 1892 in Detroit, while Robert Boyd was born on January 6, 1900, also in Detroit. His death record lists his date of passing as February 4, 1966 in Chicago. This record also mentions that he was born on January 6, 1900, worked as a head waiter and was married to a woman named Edna Dee.

Robert's sister Mina Dell Freeman married Chester Johnson, the son of Hamilton Johnson and Rana Coleman, on October 20, 1914 in Windsor. I also found records for three of Mina and Chester's children, Clarence, Raymond and Chester Jr. Clarence Johnson married Mabel Royal, daughter of Clyde Royal and Rosie Hooks, on August 31, 1946 in Ohio. Clarence's brother Raymond was married to Mildred Black, the daughter of Jesse Black and Carrie Williams, on April 18, 1848 in Sandusky, Ohio. Raymond's death record reveals that he passed away on December 25, 1949 in Detroit. Mina and Chester's son Chester Jr. married

Emma E. Burdette, daughter of Herman Burdette and Catherine Ice, on June 1, 1945 in Clark, Indiana.

Esther's sister Margaret is the next child of John Boyd and Ellen Nolan. The only information I could find for her was an obituary printed in the *Amherstburg Echo* on January 5, 1894 which says "Margaret Boyd, fourth daughter of John Boyd, of this township, aged about 27 years, died on December 27<sup>th</sup> after a lingering illness. Consumption was the cause of her death. The funeral was conducted in Detroit whence she was brought to Harrow and interred in Central Grove Cemetery."

**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.**