

The Holbert Family History Part 3 – By Land or By Sea

As mentioned in their obituaries, Bertha and David had a son named Joseph D. Holbert. He married Mable Bow, daughter of William and Mamie Hughes, on June 2, 1924 in Detroit. Sadly, Mable passed away a few months later. The *Amherstburg Echo* shared her obituary on September 19, 1924, which says “Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph Holbert, who died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mammie Bow, Seymore street, took place Sunday to the A.M.E. church, Rev. Alexander officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, the pallbearers being Lionel Conway, Reginald Adams, Alonzo Harris, Roy Banks, Norvel Wilson and John Boyd. The deceased’s maiden name was Mabel Bow and she was born in Detroit May 1st, 1905. She was married to Joseph Holbert June 2nd, being a bride of three months, which makes it doubly sad. Besides her husband and mother, she leaves two sisters: Lillie (Mrs. Arkard Wilson), Nettie (Mrs. Neal Wilson), and four brothers: Richard, Ellwood, Elmer and Carl. Those who attended the funeral from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Purdie Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Powers, Mrs. Whittaker, Miss Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Robert Miller, Mrs. Maud Valentine, of Detroit; Denzie Green, of Cleveland, and Harry Smith, Windsor.”

Joseph married a second time to Maxine Alice P. Roper who was born on May 21, 1906 in Dresden and was the daughter of Joseph Roper and Alice Freeman. On October 19, 1928, the *Amherstburg Echo* printed “Joseph Hulbert and his bride are spending their honeymoon at the home of his father, David Hulbert, Brock street. Mr. Hulbert was married at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Detroit; Tuesday, October 8th, to Miss Maxine Roper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roper of Dresden, Rev. Mr. Gomez officiating. Their attendants were the bride’s niece Mrs. Garnet Cook and Lewis Brock.” I was also able to find a few references to Maxine’s parents in the *Amherstburg Echo*. The first mention is for Maxine’s father Joseph Roper on January 26,

1934 and says “Joseph Hulbert and wife were called to Dresden last week on account of the illness of the latter’s father, Joseph Roper. Mr. Roper died on Monday.” A death notice appears in the paper which says that Joseph Roper died on January 22, 1934 at the age of 81. Just a few months later, Maxine’s mother Alice passed away and her obituary appears in the *Amherstburg Echo* on July 20, 1934 and says “Local Resident’s Mother Dies – The death occurred at Dresden on Sunday evening of Mrs. Alice Roper, widow of the late Josiah Roper, and mother of Mrs. Joseph Holbert, of Amherstburg. Deceased had been in ill health for several months, and was confined to bed for the past three weeks. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman and was a life long resident of Dresden. She was an active worker in the Queen Street Baptist Church, and will be greatly missed from the congregation. Besides Mrs. Holbert she is survived by another daughter Mrs. David Lambkin of Dresden, and one son, Freeman Roper, of Dresden.”

I was also able to find an obituary for Joseph David Holbert in the *Amherstburg Echo* from February 1, 1945 which says “Following a short illness Joseph David Hulbert, aged 46 years, died in Hotel Dieu, Windsor, early Tuesday morning. He was taken to the hospital Friday suffering from a kidney condition. He was born in Amherstburg the son of David Hulbert and his late wife Bertha Green. The young man attended the schools in Amherstburg and went sailing on the lakes as a cook. Coming ashore he worked at the Brunner Mond Canada Limited plant and recently at Ford Motor in Windsor. He was twice married, his first wife the former Mabel Bow of Detroit, died shortly after marriage. His second wife was the former Maxine Roper of Dresden. Besides his wife he is survived by his father and two children Jackie and Bobbie. His grandfather, for whom he was named was the well known pastor of the First Baptist Church in Amherstburg at the turn of the century. The young man was master of Lincoln Lodge No. 8 A.F.

& A.M. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon in the First Baptist Church, Amherstburg and burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery.”

Joseph’s second wife Maxine married a second time on May 19, 1945 in Wood County, Ohio to Leroy Banks, the son of Henry Banks and Mary Web. At the time Henry worked as a Factory Foreman. Maxine Roper Holbert Banks passed away on January 10, 1976 at the age of 69. Her obituary from the *Amherstburg Echo* shares a few details of her life and says “Mrs. Maxine Pauline Banks, Kempt St., Amherstburg, died Saturday in her 70th year. Born in Dresden the deceased was predeceased by two husbands Joseph Hulbart and Roy Banks. She was mother of John Hulbert and Robert Banks, sister of Freeman Roper and Mrs. May Lampkin both of Dresden. The funeral will be in the First Baptist Church today at 1 p.m.. Rev. Banks Clark officiating. Interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.”

As mentioned, Joseph Holbert and Caroline Hedgman had two more children: John and Maud. John married Louisa Smith Watson, the daughter of Charles Smith and Lydia Brown, on November 22, 1921 in Detroit. John’s sister Maud married several times. The details of her first marriage appear in the *Amherstburg Echo* on September 30, 1898 and says “On Monday last at Cleveland, Miss Maud Holbert, youngest daughter of Rev. J.D. Holbert, was united in marriage to Andrew Jackson, of Rainesville, Ohio, now of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson returned to town on Wednesday where Mrs. Jackson will remain a short time before taking up her residence in Detroit.” Their marriage record states that the date of their marriage was September 19, 1898.

Maud’s second marriage was to Richard Herod, the son of Richard Herod and Nancy Quinn. The couple married on January 7, 1911 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. At the time, Maude’s occupation was Singer, while Richard was a Waiter. Maud’s next marriage was to Charles F. Valentine, the son of John H. Valentine and Marie Ryan. They married on November 17, 1919 in

Detroit. On Maud's death record, she is listed as Maude Williams which indicates that she married a fourth time. Her husband's first name is not listed, but it does say that Maud was born on July 29, 1885 in Amherstburg.

Now that I have discussed Joseph Holbert, I will move on to discuss his remaining siblings Simon, Lewis, and Rebecca. Simon is listed on the 1901 Census as living under the household of his brother Joseph. This census records that Simon was single. He passed away just a few years later on February 11, 1903 in Amherstburg which was reported in the *Amherstburg Echo* which says "Simon Hulbert died in Amherstburg on Wednesday of last week, in his 61st year. Deceased was born in Washington County, Ohio, in 1842, and came to Amherstburg in 1860. He served in the U.S. civil war for which he received a pension. He lived in Colchester North and Amherstburg off and on since the war. He was a brother of Rev. Jos. Hulbert, of Amherstburg, and Lewis, of New Canaan. Mrs. John Boyd, Amherstburg, at whose residence he died, was also a sister. He was taken ill with a complication of diseases about a year ago and gradually grew weaker. The funeral took place Thursday to Rose Hill cemetery."

Simon's brother Lewis is next. He married Eliza Jane Allen, the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Allen, on January 8, 1891 in Colchester. Eliza and Lewis' children include Raymond, Lacy/Lucy, Orvill, Laverne, and Waneta. The 1901 Census also lists additional children named James A., Joseph and Charmia. Raymond Hulbert was born on October 27, 1892 in Colchester North. He married twice. His first marriage was to Martha Cottan and they married on April 11, 1914 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Raymond's second marriage was to Elsie White, the daughter of John W. White. They married on September 13, 1922 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Raymond's sister Lacy/Lucy Ann married Zepich Fletcher, the son of Zepich Fletcher and Rena Pines, on October 16, 1916 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She passed on December 16,

1943 in Ann Arbor. Her death record mentions that she was born on August 1, 1895. Her brother Orvill's death record mentions that he passed on June 27, 1922 in Ann Arbor, but that he was born on August 10, 1896 and was single. Orvill's sister Laverne married Elwood Johns, the son of Jim Johnson and Laura Evason, on November 2, 1924 in Ann Arbor. She must have married a second time because her death record lists her as Laverne Sellers, who passed on May 18, 1940. This record also mentions that she was born on April 23, 1906. The last child of Eliza Allen and Lewis Hulbert is Waneta (some records say Marieta). She married Joseph Perkins, son of John Perkins and Mary Lee, on April 3, 1920 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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.