James Fleming & Barbara Windecker Family

James Fleming Family data was compiled by

The data presented is intended to provide an insight into little known facts concerning the origins of James Fleming, the first white settler of Elgin County, Ontario. Also, this provides a brief insight into the families of Peter Field Fleming, husband of Charlotte Elizabeth Allen, and Maria Frances Fleming, wife of Edwin David Allen.

Primary Information Sources:

First Generation

1. Andrew Fleming, born and died in Londonderry?, Ireland.

   Children of Andrew Fleming and NN:

   2 i. Andrew Fleming, died of typhoid fever, Ireland, after 1786?
   +3 ii. James Fleming, born 1760, Bleachgreen, Londonderry County, Ireland; died 8 Sep 1838, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada. Married Barbara Windecker. (10) children.
   4 iii. Samuel Fleming, died of typhoid fever, Ireland, after 1786?

Second Generation

3. James Fleming, was born (calculated) 1760, Bleachgreen, Londonderry, Ireland; died 8 Sept 1838, aged 78 years; buried at the Fleming Cemetery, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada. James Fleming was the second son of Andrew Fleming and NN.

   James Fleming married Barbara Windecker, 1793, Fort Erie, Ontario; the daughter of Hendrick (Henry) Windecker (b. 1737, NY; d. about 1814, Ontario) and Dorothy NN. (b. about 1743, NY). Barbara Windecker was born (calculated) 19 Jul 1774, Penn

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Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania; died 7 Sept 1862, age 88 years – 1 month – 21
days; buried near her husband, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario.

The following account of James Fleming was written in 1914 by Melissa ‘Mish’ Fleming Seward, Chatham, Ontario; daughter of Andrew Fleming (1800-1884):

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the year 1786. He brought a Shipload of Merchandise with him
and started a store in that city. On account of his love for the
British Government he became objectionable to his fellow
townsmen and thought it best to go to Canada.

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Port Stanley on Lake Erie and portaged across the country to the Thames River and camped for
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his family religiously according to his Presbyterian training. He was the father of five sons and
dfive daughters. Andrew Fleming, his second son was our father who was born March 24th, 1800
and was the father of twelve children. He, Andrew Fleming, died in December 1884.

My Grandfather died in 1837. In 1813 his home and contents was destroyed by fire after the
family had fled from the Indians who burned it to the ground. “

The James Fleming family settled in Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada. 1694

Children of James Fleming and Barbara Windecker:

5 i. Hannah Fleming, born 1794, Fort Erie, Welland County, Ontario; died
   1869. Married William Everett? 1695

6 ii. Dorothy (Dolly) Fleming, born 1795, Fort Erie, Welland County, Ontario

7 iii. Henry Fleming, born 23 Mar 1798, Aldborough Township, Elgin
   County, Ontario.
   Married Hannah Field, 1829, daughter of Nathan Field and NN.
   Henry Fleming and Hannah Field had (6) children.
   Henry is believed to be the first white child born in Aldborough
   Township, Elgin County. Operated Inn, Cashmere, Mosa Township,
Middlesex County, (1845, 1861); resided Bothwell, Kent County (1871).


10 vi. George Fleming, born 1804, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario; died 1883. Married Mary Shaw, 1829. (b. 1810; d. 1893). George Fleming and Mary Shaw had (12) children.

11 vii. Mary Fleming, born 6 Apr 1807, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario; died ???. Married David McConnell 22 Feb 1829. (b. 29 Jul 1807/09?). Mary Fleming and David McConnell had (12) children.


13 ix. Rebecca Fleming, born 1813, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario; died 1891. Married James Gardiner, 20 Feb 1836. (b. 1814) Rebecca Fleming and James Gardiner had (5) children.

14 x. Anne? Fleming, born ??? Married NN Shaw?

Third Generation

8. Andrew Fleming, was born 24 Mar 1800, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada; died 5 Dec 1884; buried Arnold Cemetery, Louisville, Chatham Township, Kent County, Ontario, Canada. Andrew Fleming was the second son of James Fleming and Barbara Windecker.

Andrew Fleming married Frances ‘Fanny’ Ward, Apr 1827, the daughter of Moses Ward and Amelia Coulter. Frances Ward was born 1804; died 7 Mar 1876; buried (with husband) Arnold Cemetery, Louisville, Chatham Township, Kent Township.

Andrew Fleming was a farmer, Mosa Township, Middlesex County (1851). 1696


1696 1851 Canada West (Ontario) Census; Mosa Township, Middlesex County. Schedule A. Sheets 41A & 41B, Page Number 81 Andrew Fleming household listed.
Children of Andrew Fleming and Frances Ward:

15  i.  Mary Fleming, born about 1828, Ontario; died 1884.
    Married James Banning, (b. 1825; d. 1897), son of James Banning and
    Mary Anne Ward (b. 1800; d. 1894). Mary Fleming and James Banning
    had (1) child.

     Millwright, in Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada (1880).  
     Recipients of inheritance of George Fleming include sisters Eva
     & Mary Allen, Bevier, Macon County, Missouri.

17  iii. Ann Fleming, born about 1830, Ontario; died before 1904.

18  iv. Peter Field Fleming, born 10 Mar 1833, at
     the family homestead upon the Thames River
     (near Wardsville), Mosa Township, Middlesex
     County, Ontario;  
     died 16 April 1918; buried Huntsville, Randolph County, Missouri.
     Married (1) Charlotte Elizabeth Allen, about
     1861, Ontario. (2) children.
     Married (2) Clementine Barger, about 1870’s, Missouri.
     Married (3) Nannie Elliot, between 1902-1918, Missouri.

    Married William Merritt.

20  vi. Maria Frances (‘Fannie’) Fleming, born 4 Mar 1836,
     Mosa Township, Middlesex County; died 18 May
     1900; buried (near husband) at Locust Grove
     Cemetery, Callao, Macon County, Missouri.
     Married Edwin David Allen, 6 Jun 1860, Mosa
     Township, Middlesex County, Ontario. (5) children

     Married Gertrude NN.  (2) children.

22  viii. Elizabeth ‘Betsy’ Fleming, born about 1838?,
     Ontario; died 28 Jul 1870; buried Arnold Cemetery, Louisville, Chatham
     Township, Kent County, Ontario.
     Married Augustus Thrasher.  (2) children.

     Married NN Dollin?

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1697  1880 U.S. Census; Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada. Page Number 140A.  J. C. Cardwell
     household (Hotel or rooming house?)  George Fleming, single, listed.
1698  1914 Curator Application, Macon County Probate Court. Birth dates of sisters Eva & Mary Allen are
     stated. Curator application involves Eva and Mary Allen, minors, receiving inheritance from George
     Fleming, uncle of George Edwin Allen.
1699  1918 Newspaper obituary, Missouri. Peter Field Fleming born on the family homestead upon the
     Thames River, near Wardsville.
24  x.  **Melissa ‘Mish’ Victoria Fleming**, 1700 born about 1844, Mosa Township, Middlesex County, Ontario; died after 1914. Married **Conrad? Seward**, 1866, Kent County, Ontario. 1701 Melissa Fleming, married, teacher, lived in Richmond, Ontario County, New York (1870). 1702 Melissa Fleming, married, school teacher, lived in Macon, Macon County, Missouri (1880). 1703 Lived in Chatham, Kent County, Ontario (1914?).


26  xii.  **Magdalena Fleming**?

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1700 1851 Canada West (Ontario) Census; Mosa Township, Middlesex County. Schedule A. Sheets 41A & 41B, Page Number 81 Andrew Fleming household listed; child Melecy, born about 1844. It can not be stated with certainty, but Melecy and Melissa Fleming are possibly one and the same person.

1701 1866 Ontario Marriage Record, Kent County Marriage Records (R.G. 8 1858-1869), Series I-6-B. Volume 70, page 17. Archives of Ontario. Marriage record not obtained/verified for this publish.

1702 1870 U.S Census; Richmond, Ontario County, New York. Page Number 381B. Conrad Seward household listed; Melissa Seward, married, wife, teacher, born in Canada (calculated about 1844), also listed.

1703 1880 U.S Census; Macon, Macon County, Missouri. Page Number 381B. Joseph L. Ridgway household listed; Melissa Seward, married, boarder (no relation to head of household), also listed.
### Transcription of 1851 Canada Census

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Transcript and Original of the Fleming Family History

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(Started in Year 1764)

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James Fleming, our Grandfather, was a direct descendant of Sir Francis Fleming, who was one of the three hundred Scotch families taken into Ireland by King James the First in the year 1620. The Earl of Tyrone and Tryconnell were Catholic Noblemen of Ireland and had a large inheritance in Ulster Province. They rose in rebellion against the Protestant King but were defeated by the armies of King James, and their inheritance was confiscated and given to those Protestant Presbyterian Immigrants. Our Ancestor, Sir Francis Fleming, either bought or was given the Bleachgreen. There he made his home and founded the Fleming family about nine generations ago.

Our Coat of arms is: A mountain sheeps head with a wreath of mountain ash berries around his neck.
The motto is: I WILL MAKE SURE
(This was written by our Aunt Mish Seward (Fleming) on her last visit to see us about 1914 and copied by C.A. Fleming, March 14th, 1922)
Andrew Fleming (1800-1884). Chatham, Kent County, Ontario, Canada 1873

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L-R. Peter Field Fleming, Orlando (Andrew Miles?) Fleming and James Fleming. About 1900-1910?

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