

Allen Family History

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James Fleming & Barbara Windecker Family

James Fleming Family data was compiled by
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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:

1. '1914 'Fleming Family Early History' recorded by Melissa 'Mish' Fleming Seward, Chatham, Ontario; copied 1922 by Clifford A. Fleming, Missouri. Melissa 'Mish' Fleming Seward is a daughter of Andrew Fleming (1800-1884). Original paper in possession of James Allen Halley, 2006.
2. "My Search for the James Fleming Family and a Genealogy of Descendants" by Jean Habing (nee Fleming), 1978. Jean Fleming Habing, 8860--112th St, Delta, British Columbia V4C 4X4. Reference copy at Chatham Library, Kent County, Ontario, Canada.

First Generation ¹⁶⁹²

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):

“... after our Grandfather had left Ireland for Philadelphia, in 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.

He settled at Black Rock, near Ft. Erie, in the vicinity of Niagara Falls and he became a dry goods merchant of that town. In 1796, or near that period he was chosen by Lord Simcoe who was Governor of Canada, at that time to be one of his Party on an excursion to Western Ontario, in the vicinity of Windsor and Detroit. They came in a boat to Port Stanley on Lake Erie and portaged across the country to the Thames River and camped for the night on a beautiful spot on the River Bank in Elgin County, which attracted my Grandfathers admiration to such an extent that he decided after his return home to Black Rock he would return and purchase this. He did the next year and my uncle, Henry Fleming, was the first white child born in Elgin County.

James Fleming was well educated for the time in which he lived. He was a Christian and trained his family religiously according to his Presbyterian training. He was the father of five sons and five 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,

Henry Windecker, son of Johann Georg Windecker (1715-1761), was a British Loyalist, served under Butler's Rangers in the raids of the Mohawk Valley, Montgomery County, New York (1781), was in the Wyoming Valley (Luzerne County) Pennsylvania, ultimately removed to Ontario after the American Revolution.¹⁶⁹³

¹⁶⁹³ The history of Hendrick ('Henry') Windecker is well documented. One of the best reference sources is <http://www.fortklock.com/windeckerwar.htm>. Henry Windecker also appears on the Old United Empire Loyalist List at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~apassageintime/uelist/w.ue.html> > the complete Windecker family history appears at <http://www.fortklock.com/windecker.htm>

¹⁶⁹⁴ Numerous land transactions for the Fleming family appear in the Elgin County Township Land papers for Aldborough Township. <http://www.elginogs.ca/townshippapers/aldboroughtp.htm>

¹⁶⁹⁵ Jean Habing source indicates a Barbara Fleming who married William Everett, and states that Hannah Fleming and Barbara Fleming may be the one and the same person.

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- Middlesex County, (1845, 1861); resided Bothwell, Kent County (1871).
- +8 iv. **Andrew Fleming**, born 1800, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario; died 1884. Married **Frances Ward**, April 1827. (12) children.
- 9 v. **Samuel Fleming**, born 1803, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario; died 1867. Married **Hanna Arnold**, 1827. (b. 1810; d. 1896). Samuel Fleming and Hannah Arnold had (8) children. Samuel and Hanna are buried in Bothwell, Kent County, Ontario.
- 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.
- 12 viii. **James Fleming**, born 1810, Aldborough Township, Elgin County, Ontario; died 6 Jun 1848. Married **Ann Gibb**, 1831. (b. 1812; d. 1868). James Fleming and Ann Gibb had (6) 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?**

Samuel Fleming and Hanna Arnold had a son, Robert T. Fleming, who married Lucy Gooderham. The family details can be found on page 642.

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



Andrew Fleming, 1873
Chatham, Ontario, Canada.
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¹⁶⁹⁶ 1851 Canada West (Ontario) Census; Mosa Township, Middlesex County. Schedule A. Sheets 41A & 41B, Page Number 81 Andrew Fleming household listed.

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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.
- 16 ii. **George Fleming**, born about 1829, Ontario. Single. Lived in California. Millwright, in Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada (1880).¹⁶⁹⁷
Recipients of inheritance of George Fleming include sisters Eva & Mary Allen, Bevier, Macon County, Missouri.¹⁶⁹⁸
- 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; ¹⁶⁹⁹ 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.
- 19 v. **Sarah J. Fleming**, born about 1834, Ontario.
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
- 21 vii. **Andrew Miles Fleming**, born about 1838, Ontario.
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.
- 23 ix. **Amanda Fleming**, born about 1842, Ontario.
Married **NN Dollin?**

The Peter Field Fleming & Charlotte Elizabeth Allen family is described in detail, starting on page 57.

The Edwin David Allen & Maria 'Fannie' Fleming family is described in detail, starting on page 55.

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.

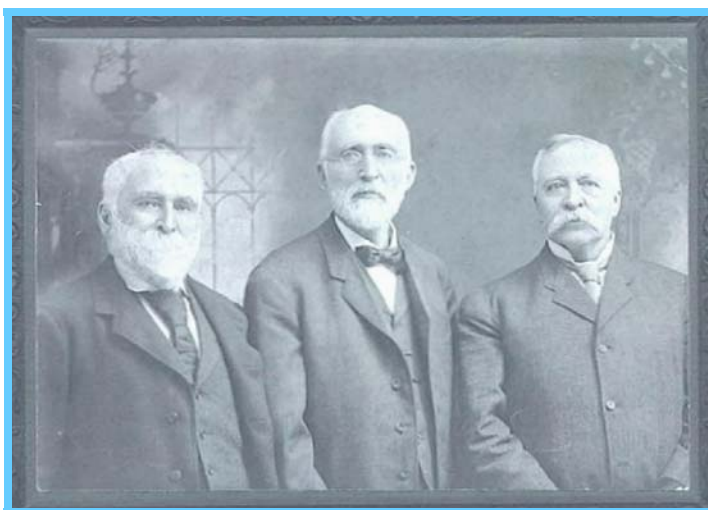
¹⁶⁹⁸ 1914 Curator Application, Macon County Probate Court. Birth dates of sisters Eva & Mary Allen are stated. Curator application involves Eva and Mary Allen, minors, receiving inheritance from George Fleming, uncle of George Edwin Allen.

¹⁶⁹⁹ 1918 Newspaper obituary, Missouri. Peter Field Fleming born on the family homestead upon the Thames River, near Wardsville.

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- 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?).
- 25 xi. **James Fleming**, born 27 Jan 1846, Mosa Township, Middlesex County, Ontario. Moved to Chatham (1867). Married **Mary Margaret Rutherford**, 1895. (3) children.
- 26 xii. **Magdalena Fleming?**



Left to Right. Peter Field Fleming, Orlando (Andrew Miles?) Fleming and James Fleming. About 1900-1910? Photo courtesy of Annette McDuffee, 2006. Used by permission.

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.

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Transcription of 1851 Canada Census

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- Andrews Fleming, farmer, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 51 years, male, married, 5 males residents; 8 female residents, 3 males attending school, 3 females attending school, house is Frame House, 1.5 story.
- Fany Fleming, farmer, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 47 years, female, married.
- Mary Fleming, farmer, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 23 years, female, single.
- George Fleming, carpenter, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 22 years, male, single.
- Ann Fleming, spinster, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 20 years, female, single.
- Peter Fleming, laborer, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 19 years, male, single.
- Sarah Fleming, spinster, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 17 years, female, single.
- Maria Fleming, spinster, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 15 years, female, single.
- A. M. Fleming, farm laborer, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 13 years, male, single.
- Elizabeth Fleming, spinster, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 11 years, female, single.
- Amandy Fleming, spinster, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 9 years, female, single.
- Melecy Fleming, spinster, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 7 years, female, single.
- James Fleming, farm laborer, born Canada, Methodist Church, residence in Mosa Township, age at next birthday 5 years, male, single.

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Transcript and Original of the Fleming Family History

FLEMING FAMILY EARLY HISTORY (Started in Year 1764)

Our Grandfather James Fleming was born at Bleachgreen, Londonderry, Ireland in the year 1764. His Father's name was Andrew Fleming. James Fleming was the second son and had two brothers – Andrew, the eldest and Samuel, the youngest, who died within six weeks of each other of typhoid fever after our Grandfather had left Ireland for Philadelphia, in 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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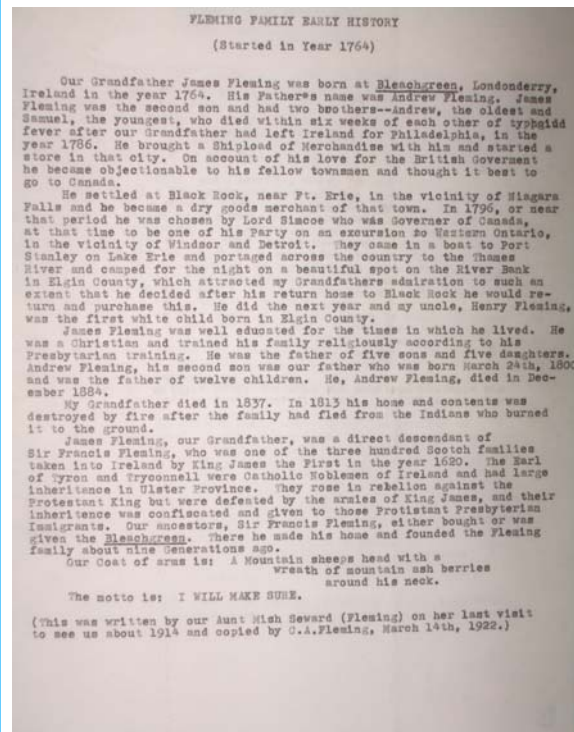
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James Fleming, our Grandfather, was a direct descendant of Sir Francis Fleming, who was one of the three hundred Scotch families taken into Ireland by King James the First in the year 1620. The Earl of Tyrone and Tryconnell were Catholic Noblemen of 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 sheep's head with a wreath of mountain ash berries around his neck.
The motto is: I WILL MAKE SURE

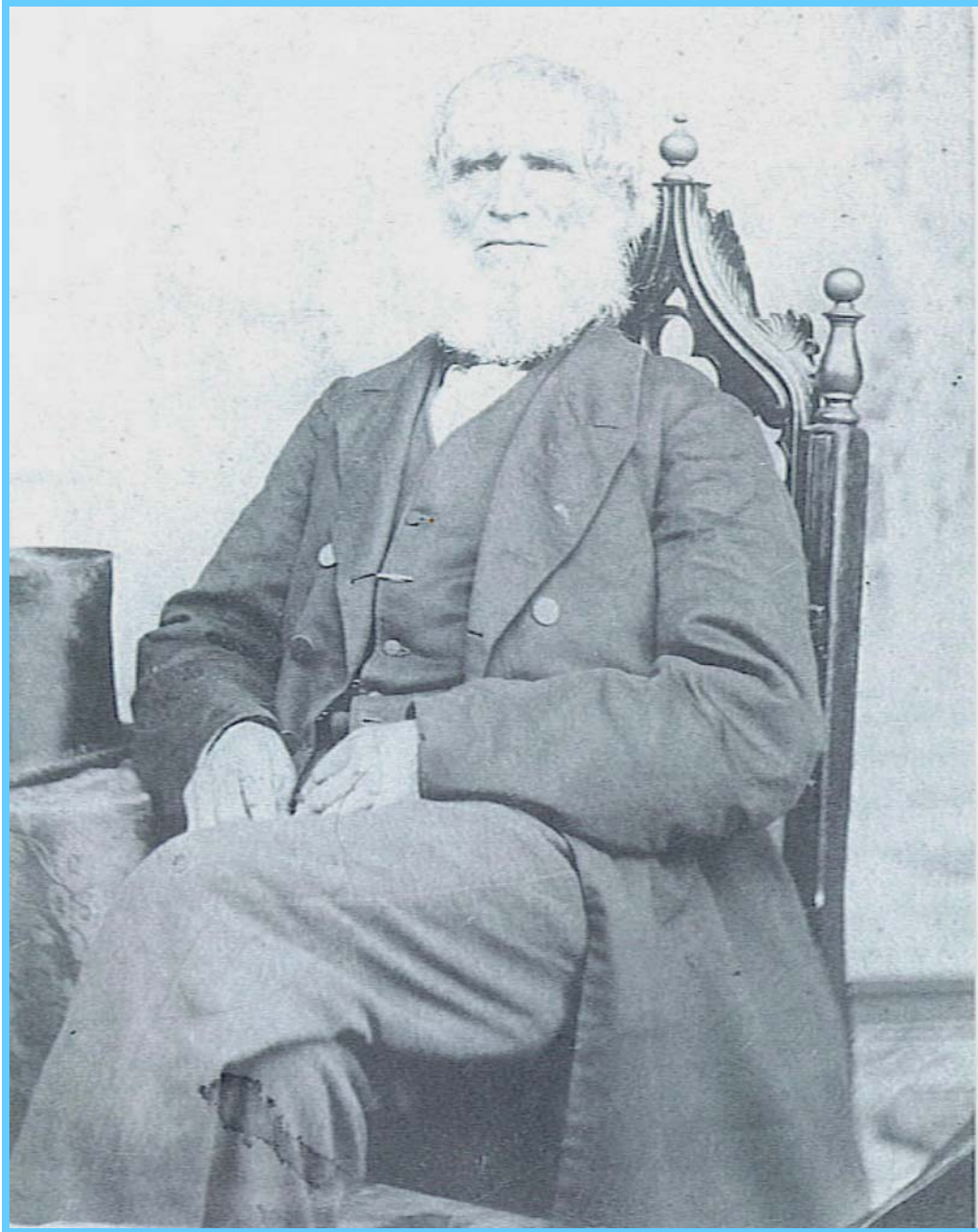
(This was written by our Aunt Mish Seward (Fleming) on her last visit to see us about 1914 and copied by C.A. Fleming, March 14th, 1922)



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

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