CAPTAIN JOHN HOWARD U.E.L. AND DESCENDANTS

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Member Henry Roenke of Geneva, New York shared the following piece for publication. He has in his possession the original handwritten manuscript which his great-grandmother, Maude Howard Saunders wrote c.1934. The document is printed as received, with just a few explanatory notes added. This account appeared serialized in *Cataraqui Loyalist Town Crier*, vol. 28, nos. 2-5, March-November 2009. It will be of particular interest to those with Amherst Island ancestry. Other UEL surnames contained in this story include Clute, Fraser, McMullen and Wemp.

Some years before the American Revolutionary War, there dwelt in Southern Pennsylvania a Quakeress with whom lived a young niece, Mary Hall. A frequent visitor at their home was John Howard, a young lieutenant attached to a neighboring British Regiment This regiment was stationed near the border of either Virginia or Pennsylvania. It is said the Howards came from Virginia. John belonged to an aristocratic family in Ireland (believed from near Dublin) formerly had come from England. Aunty did not approve of this young man's attentions to her niece, and frequently warned her, "Thee would better not have anything to do with that young British Officer." However, Aunty was no real obstacle, for the young people were married and had a large family at the time of the war, in which he took an active part on the British side, being connected with the 2nd Battalion of the 84th Regiment. This corps was called Rogers but was commonly called Sir John Johnson's Regiment, also the New York Royal Rangers, and by the rebels, the Royal Greens. The first Battalion of this Regiment was commonly called Jessup's Corps. "Sir John Johnson's Regiment took a notable and conspicuous part in the war but was much maligned by the enemy."

About the end of the war Lieutenant Howard's family journeyed northward to join him in Montreal. Owing to the troubulous [sic] truces and because he had been a friend of George Washington's, the family was provided through General Putnam with an escort to the border. We do not know how long he remained in Montreal, but later a part at least of Roger's Corps was stationed at Oswego and part at Carleton Island.

At the time the war broke out John Howard Jr, only a boy of ten, was in Ireland where he had been sent to an Uncle to be educated. The family was in Montreal sometime before the husband found them.

In 1784 both corps were disbanded. Sir John Johnson's Regiment had been promised a township for his regiment and they were given Ernesttown but overflowed into Fredericksburg and became the first pioneers along the Bay of Quinte. Jessup's corps which was stationed at St. John became the pioneers along the St. Lawrence. There were in all 800 strong disbanded, mostly Dutch from the Mohawk and Hudson descendants of the old stock. Officers were given a choice of lots along the front, while the rank and file took possession of the rear.

Among the Officers settled on the front at Ernesttown and Fredericksburg may be found the names of Lieut. Church, Lieut. Spencer, Capt. Crawford, and Thompson, Ensign Fraser, Capt. Howard (Wm. Canniff). Evidently Lieut. Howard had been promoted. An account book kept by

Adjutant Fraser gives the names and roll of the 84th Regiment, 2nd Battalion and is dated at Oswego, 28th of November, 1780. Subsequently this book was used as an account book by Capt. Crawford's Company and after his death came into the possession of a Mr. Sills either Conrad or Connley. Although the grants of land given to these veteran pioneers and their sons were very generous yet Parliament later made a law that a certain amount must be cleared, cultivated, etc, in a limited time and this was an impossibility when homes had to be carved out of the wilderness, consequently much land was sold for a song and bought by those who had money, particularly by members of Parliament and their friends. This was one of the abuses of the Family Compact.

Immediately all land possible had been acquired then Parliament rescinded the law. The Cartwright family was one of those which largely profited in Lennox from this unjust law and its removal. Reverend John Langhorn, first Episcopal Missionary at Bath and Fredericksburg writes of the U.E.L Settlement, "Ernesttown is the second town or rather lordship of Catarakwee, which was formerly Fort Frontenac but is now Kingston in the District of Mecklenburg and Province of Quebec. This Emesttown extends eleven miles on the mainland shore north of the Island and is opposite no opening into the main Lake or Mere-of-Ontario, but has Lanty between it and the big Lake."

"In this township was a village called Ernesttown until after 1812 when the name was changed to Bath. The village for a time rivalled Kingston in respect to rapid increase of inhabitants, the establishment of trade, building of ships, and from the presence of gentlemen of refinement and education and in the foundation of a Library and a seminary of higher education. The Island of Lanty or Isle de Lanti named after a brave French Officer who accompanied LaSalle, was in about 1793 called Amherst after Lord Amherst. The Indian name for this Island was K [Note: left blank in Mr. Roenke's typescript. Note also that Amherst Island was previously called Isle Tanti – he may have had difficulty with his great-grandmother's handwriting.]. It lies one to three miles from the Mainland, is twelve miles long and five miles at its greatest width. There is a high cliff at the head of the Island called "The Battery" to this day because at the time of the Fenian Raids a battery of guns was mounted there to repel the invaders should they come that way.

Lanty [Tanti] came into the possession of Sir William Johnson, father of Sir John, as the result of a dream. It belonged to an Indian Chief, who one morning told Sir William he had dreamed a wonderful dream – that he had been presented by Sir William with a bottle of firewater. Sir William gave the chief the whiskey, and, evidently having a strong sense of humor, decided he would dream, so later he informed the Chief that he also had a wonderful dream – that the Chief had presented him with the Island. "Very well," said the Chief. "You may have the Island, but we dream no more."

Sir William's second wife was Molly Brant, (a squaw) and when he was dying he gave her his keeps [sic] and said she was to keep them and his possessions, but, when John his son by his first wife demanded them, he got them and kept everything. Thus Lanty came to him. He left it to his daughter, Lady Bowes. She lost it at a game of cards to Lord Mountcastle and from him it came to the Maxwells, an Irish family.

During those years, many of the farms on the Island had been sold but a large number were

leased and the owners maintained a land agent at Stella to look after all matters pertaining to the property. The last agent was a gentleman from Ireland named William Montray, a Trinity College, Dublin, graduate, and a man who was most highly esteemed and respected by all classes. The Maxwell family finally decided to dispose of all their land and island property and all has either been sold or is on the market. Many of the original inhabitants of the Island were from the Mohawk Valley and among them we find the names Hitchins, Richards, and Wemp (Wimple or Wemple.)

The farm on which Captain Howard settled on the North Shore of the Bay, was that later known as the Pruyn Farm. Later, in order to be near his son, John, he sold his farm, moved to Amherst Island and lived on what was known later as Berry's Point. His daughter Elizabeth (Betsy) when a widow, also kept a private school here for a time. John Jr. lived on a farm later known as McGuinness Farm west of the wharf at Emerald, and Edward lived on the third farm from the head of the Island.

Captain Howard had three sons, John, Edward and Thomas, and five daughters, Elizabeth, Sarah (died young), Jane, Mary, and Sarah (the second.) John Jr. was sent to an uncle in Ireland to be educated. He was born in 1766 and died in 1829. The other boys were much younger. There is an Edward Howard buried in Bath graveyard, died June 15, 1815, age 67 years, seven months, fifteen days, supposed to have been related to John Sr. There were many Howard U.E.L.s and I do not know if all were related. Captain Howard's sword is now in the possession of one of his descendants, John James Neilson, and was given him partly because he was named after his grandfather, James C. Howard, to whom it had been left by his grandfather, and also because John was the only descendant who served in the C.E.F. in World War of 1914 to 1918.

John Howard Jr. of the second township of Catarakwee called Ernest Township, bachelor and Anne Jackson of the same township, spinster, were married in Bath church by Banns, October 2, 1788, John Langhorn was minister.

Anne Jackson's brother, Thomas, lived at Emerald just below the bridge and was found one morning murdered in his field.

Nellie George whose mother was a sister of Anne and Thomas Jackson married Miles Wemp, son of Barnabas Wemp (the first Wemp in the district) and Catharine Gates. Miles' son James Jackson Wemp was Mrs. Ackroyd's father.

For the descendants of John and Anne Howard see further on. Reverend Langhorn's register Bath records that in 1789 James O'Conner of the first township of Catarakwee, called Kingston, Widower, and Elizabeth Howard of the third township of Catarakwee called Fredericksburg, spinster, were married in St. John's Church, Bath, July 8th. J. O'Conner was a Doctor. This old Aunty O'Conner on her husband's death lived for a time at Berry's Point there in Bath where she built a house next door below where many years later Edward Howard built. She was supposed to be very wealthy but was also very stingy, and her niece, Mary Hall, the second daughter of Edward and Rosanna, who boarded with her and went to school said she did not get enough to eat. Aunty O'Conner had a son James who died an old bachelor and left his money outside the

family. James C. Howard was a namesake. Captain Howard's daughter Mary married Colin McKenzie April 15, 1794 in St. John's Church, Bath. They had a family of daughters, one of whom married a McKenzie (not sure of this one) unrelated, another married Dr. Stuart, another Mr. Hancox, and one remained a spinster. The next family marriage, that of Jane of Amherst Island, January 26, 1793 (which is the first mention of the removal of the family to Amherst Island) to John Richards of Marysburg. This entry was made in St. Paul's register Fredericksburg, of which church the Reverend Langhorn wrote "St. Paul's Fredericksburg, was opened on Christmas Day 1791. This is perhaps the first church that ever was built new from the ground in the Province of Quebec, solely for a Church of England, excepting one of the Mohawk Churches lays down to a seniority."

Jane and John Richards' children were Howard, Jane (married a Dewell), one who married a Campbell, and others. There was said to be Indian blood in the Richards.

Captain Howard did not live long after moving to the Island and was interred in Bath Cemetery July 20, 1795 or 1794.

On February 14, 1797, the Captain's son Thomas was married to Charlotte Richardson. They evidently lived for a time on Amherst Island as their daughter Mary and son Edward were baptized there as children of Island parents – the former January 14, 1798 and the latter May 19, 1799. Their other children, who were born after they moved to Marysburg, (called 6th township) were John baptized June 12th, 1803, Thomas Richardson baptized January 31, 1808, Susannah baptized January 31, 1801, and Jane baptized January 19, 1813. Mary married a Mr. Peterson of Adolphustown and their son Hazelton, a widower, married Mary Howard, Bath, widow of Edward Howard a son of Thomas and Mary Hall the second.

Edward married his cousin, Elizabeth Anne (Aunty Betsy) daughter of Edward and Rosanna. His sons were John, married a Miss Williams, Thomas (left two daughters, Almeda and Minerva) and William and daughters Catherine, Eliza, Sarah, and Charlotte. (Eliza married John Wemp and Sarah married William Wemp, brother of John.)

Susannah was married first to Gibbs Raney. Her second husband was a Blanchard. Jane married a Fraser. Thomas Howard's sons were like all the Howards, big men, but they were wild and hard drinking.

Mary Howard Peterson lived at Rednersville. She was a very fine woman and had a big family. Some Howards at Colborne are descendants of Thomas and Charlotte. Edward, son of Captain Howard, married Rosanna McMullen on December 22nd, 1802. The ceremony was performed by Reverend A. McDonald, Presbyterian Minister, who came to Ernesttown in 1800. Rosanna was a Roman Catholic, but turned at marriage. She was of U.E.L descent, sister of old Aeneas McMullen and Aunt of Aeneas McMullen (who married Catherine Wemp, sister of John and William Wemp), who carried the mail to and from the Island for many years and whose children were Edward, Mary, Miriam, and John.

Edward and Rosanna had four daughters. The eldest, Margaret married Reuben Rogers. She died

before her father. The second, Mary Hall born November 25, 1804, baptized January 20, 1805 married her cousin Thomas sou of John and Anne. The third daughter Elizabeth (called Aunt Betty) baptized March 3, 1807, married her cousin Edward son of Thomas and Charlotte. Catherine Devanny was the maiden name of Rosanna's mother, married a Scott (Thomas I think) and had one daughter, Beatrice.

Sarah, the youngest of Captain Howard's children, who was born after the children came to Canada, married on September 19, 1803 to William McKenzie. Her mother spent her declining years with this daughter, and lived to be 90 years old, being interred February 9, 1829; therefore born in 1739. The mother was over 50 when Sarah was born.

William McKenzie and Colin McKenzie who married the sisters Sarah and Mary were brothers. Sarah had three sons. Two died young of dissipation, the other, Colin, died older in the same way. One was educated for a lawyer and the other for the ministry, but drank themselves to death.

Captain Howard's son John, who married Anne Jackson, had nine children, Margaret, James, Mary Anne, John, Thomas, George, William James Jackson, Jane, and Katy.

- I. Margaret, called Peggy, was baptized while her parents lived in Fredericksburg, in St. Paul's Church on July 20, 1789. She married William McGuinness, whose baptism is recorded in St. John's register as son of George and Nancy McGuinness of Ernesttown, April 27, 1788. One daughter married Angus McKay and Elizabeth married James Jackson Wemp. A son married his cousin Caroline Howard, a daughter of George and Rachael.
- II. James, the second child, was baptized August 12, 1792. At this time his parents were living on the Island of Lanty [Tanty]. James died the next year and was interred November 21, 1793.
- III. Mary Ann was baptized November 6, 1794. She married an Anderson.
- IV. John was baptized April 21, 1798 or 6. John married a Miss Hopper in 1824 and had, as well as other, children. George married Miss B__ D__. James married Elizabeth _____. William married a Miss Harrison, (their son is John of Hamilton.) Margaret married John Hall. Jane married Charles Hager. Harriet married Sam Harrison, second husband, Medford. They all had lived on Amherst Island. All moved to Hagersville except John B. A son John Benjamin married his cousin Lucretia, daughter of his uncle, George Howard, and Rachael Wemp Howard. only one child, a daughter Rachael lived to womanhood, and she married Reginald Fowler, who late in life was M.P.P. for his county of Lennox and Addington. Their eldest daughter married Harold Herbert, son of James C. Howard and Julia Isabel Clute Howard.
- V. On February 10, 1801 Thomas, son of John and Anne of Amherst Island was baptized. He married his cousin on March 20 to 25, Mary Hall (the second) Howard, daughter of Edward and Rosanna McMullen Howard, and had a large family. George Macauley, Thomas May 7, 1829, James Connor, Henry, Caton, Charles, Maurice, Mary Lucretia, Bertha, Helen. His older sons, George Macauley Thomas and Edward went to Australia when very young men. George remained and married and had a large family, but it is doubtful if he prospered, as he would have

returned to Ontario later if he had been able to afford the expense. Edward (son of Mary, the second, and Thomas Hall) returned and married his cousin Mary Howard, daughter of his Uncle William James Jackson Howard and Louise Hitchins daughter of Richard. They had two children, Ida, who married DeAlex Kennedy of Bath and had two sons: Howard educated for the ministry, for a time a preacher, and Roderick.

Edward's son Frederick married Jewett Schryver and had no offspring. (See other children of Thomas and Mary Hall, the second, later on.)

VI. The next child of John and Anna named Katy was baptized August 21, 1803, her life was very short as she was interred January 16, 1804.

VII. On August 18, 1805, George, son of John and Anna, was baptized. He married Rachael Wemp, daughter of U.E.L. Barnabas and Katherine Gates Wemp. The children were Charles, who married Eliza Moore, stepdaughter of William J. J. Howard (who married the widow Moore after his Louise died), Lucretia who married her cousin John B. Howard, Rachael and George who never married, Caroline who married J. McGuinness had two children. The first William married to Eva Howard, his cousin, daughter of Charles and Eliza, and the second, Mary, who married Edward McMullen, son of Aeneas and Katy Wemp, and left one daughter, Miriam.

VIII. In 1809 William James Jackson son of John and Anne Howard was baptized on March 14th. He married Louise daughter of Richard Hitchins. His children were William, James, Allen, Mary, Jane and Louise. Allen married his cousin Mary Hitchins daughter of Colonel Hitchins and had no children. He lived on the south shore of Amherst Island on the farm inherited from his father, which he eventually sold and moved to British Columbia, where after a few years he deserted his wife, who returned to the Island and lived with Rachael Howard until her death, and then, with her nephew Allen Hitchins. Mary married her cousin Edward son of Thomas and Mary Hall, the second, Howard, and after Edward's death married Hazelton Peterson. Jane married David Preston and Louise, a Mr. Todd.

IX. In 1813 Jane, daughter of John and Anne, was baptized on January 24th. She married a Martin; her granddaughter, Mary Martin, a school teacher who visited often at Rachael Howard's. She married a Bonnycastle. She has a daughter, Evelyn.

Anne Jackson, wife of John Howard Jr., UEL was interred May 21, 1820, as recorded by J. Stoughton, Episcopal Missionary. Her husband survived her nine years, being interred March 9, 1829, aged 63 years, therefore, born in 1766, and ten years old when the war began and 17 years old when it ended in 1783.

Henry Orton Howard, son of Thomas and Mary Hall Howard married [31 Dec. 1873] Mary Davy and had two children Laura and Sydney.

Mary Lucretia daughter of Thomas and Mary Howard married Anthony Northrup of Lawrence, Michigan. They had no children. Bertha Helen married Mr. Bell and had no children. Charles Norman Howard died a bachelor.

James Conner Howard, son of Thomas and Mary Howard born May 15, 1835, died September 12, 1904. He married Julia Isabel Clute March 10, 1864. They had a family of thirteen, ten of whom grew to manhood aud womanhood. James C. was born on Amherst Island near the head, on the land his grandfather Edward lived. His father and mother later bought land on the mainland almost opposite the Island home, and lived there the remainder of their lives acquiring quite a property.

James C. Howard died in the General Hospital, Kingston, September 12, 1904 of inflammation of the brain, following an operation for the removal of cataracts. Julia C. Howard died January 21, 1927 of shock as she fell through ice. Julia Clute's ancestors of whom we have record were Colonel Fraser and his wife Elizabeth born 1769. In stamped book in U.E.L. list in Crown Lands Department at Toronto is a record of William Fraser, Adjutant R.R.N.Y., Fredericksburg Provisional List 1786.

William and Elizabeth had three daughters all of whom married, one to a McNab, one Jane baptized April 1, 1788 [married] to John C. Clute, and the other I do not know but Great Aunt Margaret Clute used to speak of Uncle or Great Uncle Sir William Ferguson, an uncle by marriage. Judge Clute of Pt. Edward was related but do not know if he was John's brother, Richard's son. Possibly the Ferguson connection was through William and Elizabeth as one of them was related to Sir John Johnson's first wife.

Adjutant, commonly called Colonel Fraser died in Montreal on his way to his old home in the Highlands of Scotland for medical treatment of a wen. His widow married Colonel Timothy Thompson a suitor before her first marriage. Both William Fraser and T. Thompson were British officers in the Revolutionary War in the Second Battalion of the 84 Regiment.

A record of Reverend John Langhorn's, St. John, Ernestown reads, Timothy Thompson of the 3rd township of Catarakwee, call Fredericksburg, bachelor, and Elizabeth Fraser of the same township, widow, were married in this church by license this 26th day of February 1791. Elizabeth's daughter, Jane, therefore, was not quite three years old at this time.

I do not know Elizabeth's maiden name but either she or William was related to the McGuinnesses, and her grandson, Fraser Garrett Clute, was a namesake but whether the Garrett was her name or the middle name of his own father, I do not know. She was educated in a convent in Montreal.

"Mrs. Thompson buried January 3, 1847, aged 80 years old." (Reverend Harper.) Therefore, Mrs. Thompson was born in 1767.

Timothy Thompson buried April 4, 1825, Colonel T. Thompson was quite a prominent man, being a magistrate and judge of the district and had much property which he left to a granddaughter of his wife's, Elizabeth Clute, whom he adopted when an infant in spite of his wife's protests, who refused to care for her and left it to her husband. Eliza Clute married a How. Jane Fraser married John G. Clute commonly called Major Clute. The Clutes came from the Mohawk Valley. Their proper name was Canute, and they called themselves descendants of King

Canute.

Clutes lived on the bay shore in Fredericksburg and had a large family. John, David, Henry, Fraser Garrett, Eliza, Magdalen and Margaret. All married except Margaret who gave up her sweetheart to care for her parents.

John G. Clute had at least one brother, Richard, as I have heard my grandfather speak of Uncle Richard, I think he lived in Pr. Edward County.

John married Eliza Smith and had several children, Lil, Eva, John, Stuart, and others. He inherited the homestead in which his sister Margaret also had an interest, but he lost it by endorsing a note for Chamberlin and Sills, manufactures of Shoshousse Redenny. Henry Clute married Emma Nugent. They had two sons. His wife ran away with a Murdock, taking the boys with her and he spent all his property in an unsuccessful search for them.

Magdalen married Nicholas Murdoch and had a family, but all that I know of them is that a daughter Jane married Hiram Casey and had two children, Robert and Emma. Emma married Robert Carson of Kingston and has a large family.

There also was a son John who married a Denny. Fraser Garrett married Lucinda English, daughter of Robert English at one time a rich man who lived beside the Rideau River. He had at least one son Harry. There may have been others. Lucinda was a cousin of the Nortons who had a distillery near Kingston. Robert's wife who was a Miss Chapman died and he married again but unhappily took to drink and lost all his property. Lucinda was brought up by a cousin, who was Marshall Davey's mother. Marshall Davey lived on "Front Road" (Bay of Quinte.) It was his daughter Mary who married Orton Howard. John G. Clute had a brother Richard and I think Judge Clute is a descendant of his. Fraser G. and Lucinda Clute had three sons, Robert, Thompson, and James, and also three daughters, Julia Isabel, Margaret Jane, and Henrietta.

Robert ran away when a young man and was believed killed in the U.S. Civil War. Thompson was a salt water sailor. He left a widow but no children.

James married Jenny Smith and has three sons, James, Eddie, and William. He is a ship builder on Staten Island, New York and very prosperous.

Julia Isabel born September 2, 1843 married James Connor Howard March 1864. For their children see further on.

Margaret Jane married James H. Metcalfe who was Land Commissioner in Manitoba, and M.P.P. and M.P. for Kingston, for many years, later, warden of Kingston Penitentiary. Their children were:

I George died unmarried,

II Frederick Folger twice married, both wives English girls, several children.

III Mary Ethel married James F. Sutherland, has three children, Anita married to D. McBride, Kingston, Ethel May married to R. Dew and James, Married.

IV Gertrude married Charles McKay, has one son, Lionel.

V Rosalind married S. Anderson, has one son, Kenneth.

VI John married a Toronto school teacher. He served overseas during World War, all through it.

VII Alvin married to Edith Saunders.

Henrietta Clute married Ingersoll Casler of New Jersey, had two sons and two daughters. Fraser Garrett died of paralysis, aged 77 years old, and Lucinda, his wife, died of pneumonia in New Jersey, aged 81 years old.

James Conner Howard and Julia Isabel Clute's children were

I Emma Georgiana born January 9, 1865, who married L. W. J. Neilson, son of John and Charlotte Neilson, March 2, 1889. They had four children, Orniston, Howard, Mary Ethel (who married Edgar Wishart), Anne Marion (who married Arthur Leonard Coleman of Sask). He was killed in France in 1916 in the World War.

John James who served in C.E.F. at home and abroad married Muriel Barker, July 16th.

II Maude Evaleen born September 3, 1866 and married James M. Saunders February 20th, 1886. They were married in Cape Vincent, New York after eloping there. They have two children. Maude Elva born in Milwaukee December 6, 1886, married Dr. Harry G. Guess in Buffalo, New York on June 30, 1915. They have five children, two girls born January 6, 1917, Marjorie and Marion, Mildred born June 8th, 1920, Kathleen born November 17, 1923 and Harry C. Born February 27, 1927.

Howard born November 3, 1888 in Cleveland, Ohio married Eleanor Swanson of Superior, Wisconsin in Duluth, December, and have three sons: James Howard born October 23, 1921, Donald born October _____, and Jack born August 26, 1931. Howard has been a lake captain for many years, and when first appointed was for some years the youngest captain on the lakes.

III Thomas George, born March 30, 1868, single.

IV William Arthur Edward, born August 25, 2869, married Marion Patterson, daughter of James and Margaret Neilson Patterson. Their children died young.

V Elizabeth Lucinda born August 3, 1871, married Frederick Loale has three children, Ethel, married Ed Miller, Arthur and Frances also married.

VI James Francis, born May 11, 1873, died July 7, 1873.

VII Harold Herbert, born June 14, 1874, married Florence Fowler, daughter of Reginald and Rachael Howard.

VIII Francis Malcolm, born January 7, 1876, died at the age of 27, November 2, 1903, unmarried.

IX May Gertrude born October 28, 1877, married W. G. Dunkley, has two sons Arthur and James, also three daughters Julia, Margaret, and Wilma. Her husband died and she married Seymour Smith.

X Ethel Marion born January 19, 1880, died September 5, 1884.

XI James Frederick born April 7, 1881, went west shortly before his father died, wrote home for more than a year and cannot be traced since.

XII Julian Clare born July 16, 1883, died August 27, 1883.

XIII Clarence Vere born December 10, 1885, married Perle Connor 1926. Died June 9, 1934, and had no children.

Lately traced by Mrs. Backus:

The Howards went to Ireland from England in 1649. They had fought for King Charles. That was the year he was beheaded. In a little more or less than 100 years our John Howard came to America. He had a son 10 years old when war was declared in 1763, so he must have been in America 11 years at least.

Howard ancestors' names, Hall, Jackson, Duvaney, (Rosanna McMullen's mother's maiden name) also McMullen, being Rosanna Howard's maiden name.

Clute ancestors' surnames, Fraser, Chapman, English, Clute, (Chapman was Lucinda English Clute's mother's maiden name.