

Barden Family History in Lancaster, New Hampshire

Patrick Barden and Catherine Brown immigrated to the St. Jacques de Leeds, Megantic, Quebec, Canada region in the early 1830s, being some of the first pioneers who with their respective families settled the Frobisher Quarter. Patrick's family originated in Kilkenny County, Ireland, and Catherine's family originated from County Limerick, Ireland. Catherine and Patrick had four daughters who eventually immigrated to the area of Lancaster, NH and died there, and she and those daughters are all buried in the old Catholic cemetery on Water Street. Catherine (died 1902) is buried with her daughter Johanna (Joanne) Barden Martin (died 1921); Anne Emma Barden McGee (died 1889); Honora (Nora) Barden Alexander (died 1892) and Ellen (Nellie) Barden (died 1883).

Margaret Barden (1836 – 1886) and John Powell (1841 – 1902) Families

Margaret Barden Powell

Margaret was the eldest of the family born to Patrick Barden and Catherine Anne (Kate) Brown. Her birth date is recorded as November 9, 1836, Leeds Village, Megantic County, Quebec and is documented with a birth record of baptism at St. Sylvestre, Quebec. Godparents were John O'Neill and Bridget Brown.

She died May 26, 1886, (age 49) at Ste. Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada. Present were her husband John Powell and Michael Brown who could not sign. Her cause of death is not known, however, small pox and diphtheria were rampant that year in Megantic County. Her daughter Catherine also died the following month. The death record from Ste. Agathe reads:

"On the twenty eight of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty six, we the undersigned priest have interred in the cemetery of this parish the body of Margaret Barden, wife of John Powell, farmer, of this parish. Deceased on the twenty sixth instant, aged forty eight years. Present, John Powell and Michael Brown who could not sign. This act has been read to the parties."

There is now no physical evidence of her burial in the Ste. Agathe church graveyard and no Ste. Agathe parish record exists which identifies the location area of her burial site within the church graveyard.

John Powell

Margaret married farmer **John Powell** before 1869, however no record of marriage has been found in Quebec. It is likely he and Margaret married in Vermont or New Hampshire, as he reported in census reports he had immigrated in 1865. It was common for the pioneers of the Eastern townships of Quebec to travel across the U.S. border to seek work and to look for places to settle. Marriages often occurred in St. Johnsbury, Vermont which was the end of the railroad line. Margaret's brother John married in 1863 in St. Johnsbury.

Other members of the Barden family also were living in Lancaster, New Hampshire during this period. Frequently the breadwinner of the family moved ahead to the US before the rest of the family joined him, however, census records of John and his family were found in Ste. Agathe through 1881, therefore, he may have moved back and forth between Ste. Agathe and Lancaster, New Hampshire seeking work.

John was born December 12, 1941 in Ste. Croix, Quebec, Canada. Ste. Croix is the general area where Ste. Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec was later incorporated. His parents were Henry Powell and Mary Penny,

farmers living in Ste. Agathe, with Henry Powell originally from Tipperary, Ireland and Mary Penny also born in Ireland. His Godparents were Frances Langy and Sara Lappen.

A year after Margaret Barden's death in 1886, he married Catherine Cross in St. Agathe, Quebec, on June 8, 1887. The marriage record reads:

"On the eighth of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven, whereas the dispensation of two of the banns has been granted by Monsignor E.S. Segare, Vicar General of his Eminence E.A. Taschereau dated on the seventh instant when as also the publication of the third bann has been made at the prone of our parochial mass between John Powell of this parish, widower of age of late Margaret Barden on the one part; and Catherine Cross of this parish, daughter of age of the late Thomas Cross, Postmaster, and of late Mary O'Dea of Newmarket, County Clare, Ireland on the other part; no impediment having been discovered, we the undersigned parish priest of this parish, have received their mutual consent to be married and have given them the nuptial benediction in the presence of Stanislas Brochus and Joseph Morrisette, friends of the contracting parties, and who have signed with us. The married couple could not sign. This act has been read to the parties."

John was buried in Lancaster, New Hampshire next to his deceased wife, Catherine Cross who had died several years before.

John died November 1, 1902 in Lunenburg, Vermont after spending some of his life in Lancaster and Vermont according to his obituary:

"After 50 years of hard toil, John Powell, a former resident in town, died at his sister's home in Lunenburg, Vt. November 1. He was a hard working, industrious man and had always earned highest esteem. Mr. Powell had been ill for some time and finally succumbed to what was called a complication of diseases. His remains were taken to this town and funeral services held at All Saint's church. He was buried beside his wife, who died here several years ago. Three sons, two daughters, besides seven brothers and three sisters are left to mourn his loss."

Documented records:

The 1861 Canadian Census shows John living with his parents in Ste. Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec Canada. He was listed on the census as 14 in 1861.

The 1871 Census shows John and Margaret Barden living in Ste. Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada nearby his father's farm. Only two children were born by 1871, Patrick Henry, 2 and William, 3 months. John is listed as 26.

The 1881 Census of St. Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, shows John Powell, occupation farmer, age 35 and Margaret (Barden), age 40 with children Patrick, age 13, William age 9, Mary Ann age 8, John age 4, David age 2, and James less than one year.

The 1891 Census of Canada does not show John Powell and his family. The 1890 Census of the U.S. does not exist.

The 1900 Census of the U.S. shows John Powell living in Lancaster Town, Coos, New Hampshire, in the household of Joseph Campbell (also from Canada). John is listed at 54 years of age, a widower who first immigrated in 1865 and had been residing for 35 years in the U.S. His job is reported as day laborer.

Children:

There were 9 children documented born from the marriage of Margaret Barden and John Powell:

- 1) Patrick Henry Powell** – born February 25, 1869 in Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada and died May 5, 1881 in Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada at age 12. There was an epidemic of Scarlet Fever in the area in 1881.
- 2) William James Powell** born January 8, 1871 in Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada and died before 1940 in St. Albans, Vermont. William married Elizabeth Mills before 1889 and then married Nellie Nichols about 1914. He was employed with the railroad.

In the 1881 Canadian census, William was living in his family household in Ste. Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec and was 10 years old.

In 1890 there is no U.S. Census available and it is speculated John Powell had moved the family to Lancaster, New Hampshire during this time period after his marriage to Catherine Cross.

In 1900 William's location has not been identified in census reports.

In 1910 he was living in Burlington, Vermont with wife Elizabeth Mills and her parents. He indicates in the census report he immigrated in 1900; therefore, he may have been missed in the 1900 census of the US and the 1901 census of Canada. His occupation is listed as Brakeman on the railroad.

In 1920, William lived in Swanton, Vermont with wife Nellie Nichols. It is speculated his first wife died and William remarried around 1913. His daughter from his marriage to Elizabeth Mills continued to live with her grandparents. His occupation is listed as Conductor on Railroad.

In 1930, William lived in St. Albans, Franklin, Vermont as a widower. Wife Nellie appears to have died in the past 10 years. His children with Nellie, William Jr. (15), Frances (14), and George (8) were also living with him.

William and Elizabeth had the following children:

- William J Powell born in 1889
- Agnes Powell born in 1903

William and Nellie Nichols had the following children:

- William James Powell born in 1914
- Frances L Powell born in 1915
- Nellie Powell born in 1916
- George Powell born in 1919

- 3) Mary Ann "Annie" Powell** born March 6, 1872, and baptized at Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada. Annie married Kenneth Chisholm in 1895 in Medford, Massachusetts. She died May 30, 1955 in Medford, Massachusetts.

Annie Powell and Kenneth Chisholm had the following children:

- Harold K. Chisholm born 1896

- Viola M. Chisholm born 1897 died 1982
- Chester W. Chisholm born 1898
- J Elmer Chisholm born 1901
- Ernest J Chisholm born 1905
- Albert J Chisholm born 1915
- Kenneth Chisholm born 1917

Annie seems to have struck it rich, according to a Chisholm source

"Uncle Kenny' married an Irish girl (Annie Powell - BC) in 1895 (the year Dad was born) and they had a large family. They didn't tell his mother back in Scotland his bride was a Catholic since the shock might have killed the old lady. I remember visiting Uncle Kenny's elaborate home in Medford. Uncle Kenny had arrived in the U.S. with nothing and grandfather had helped him get a start. Just prior to World War I, the story goes, he was working for some dry goods (cloth) establishment in Boston when the owner died. The widow offered the business to two young employees on convenient terms. Uncle Kenny and his friend took up the deal and when the war came along, and their stock of European imports became hard to get, they were made. Aunt May, according to Dad, said Uncle Kenny was a millionaire. And that was back when a million was real money!"

- 4) Catherine Bridget Powell** born February 6, 1874 and baptized at Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada. Date of death June 19, 1886 in Ste-Agathe, Quebec, Lotbiniere, Canada, at age 12 years and 4 months. She died several weeks after her mother, likely from the same cause.
- 5) John Thomas Powell** born June 7, 1875, Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada and died April 14, 1961 in Riverton, New Hampshire. He married Sarah "Sadie" Hagan in the early 1900s. He was living next door to his cousin in Essex, Vermont and reported he immigrated in 1880.

John Powell and Sadie Hagen had the following children:

- Rita Powell
- William J Powell born 1908 and died 1961
- Catherine E Powell born 1911
- James F Powell born 1921 and died 1984

- 6) David Powell** born July 25, 1876, Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada and died April 12, 1939 in Lancaster, New Hampshire. He married Mary Young.

David Powell and Mary Young had the following children:

1. John Powell

"David Powell, a life-long resident of Lancaster, died at his home on Canal Street, Wednesday morning April 12 (1939), after a long illness. He was born in Ste. Agathe, Can, 62 years ago, the son of John Powell and Carrie Marden Powell. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mary Young Powell and a son John, one sister, Mrs. Kenneth Chisholm of Medford. Mass, one brother, John Powell of Riverton and a host of friends.'

Authors note: his mother was Margaret Barden but he was raised by Catherine (Carrie) Cross Powell; therefore it is expected he did not report this information correctly.

- 7) James Francis Powell** born June 20, 1879 in Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada, and died there June 24, 1879.

8) James Powell born February 12, 1880 in Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada, and Date of Death is Unknown.

9) Honora Jane Powell born and baptized February 8, 1881 in Ste-Agathe, Lotbiniere, Quebec, Canada. Date of Death was before 1939 as noted on the death of her brother David Powell.

Johanna Barden (1846 – 1921) and John Martin (1839 -1907) Families

Johanna (Joanne) Barden

Johanna was the seventh child of the family born to Patrick Barden and Catherine Anne (Kate) Brown. She was born February 5, 1846 and was baptized February 15 at St. Nicholas in St. Sylvestre, Lotbiniere, Quebec according to her baptism record recorded in Quebec. She died July 21, 1921 in Lancaster, Coos, New Hampshire of a strep skin infection. Johanna immigrated in 1866 to New Hampshire. She married **John Martin** in 1874 in New Hampshire.



Authors note: Official records indicate born on February 5 and died on July 21.

John Martin

John was born in October 7, 1839 in St. Sylvestre, Lotbiniere, Canada and immigrated in 1862 to New Hampshire. He died March 1, 1907 after a lingering illness of three years at the age of 68.

Johanna and John married June 24, 1874 according the official state marriage record of New Hampshire.

Certificate of Marriage No 6; State of New Hampshire; John Martin Lancaster; 31; farmer; Patrick Martin and Ann Dougan born in Ireland; Johanna Barden 28; Patrick Barden farmer

In the 1870 U.S. Census, Johanna, and John have not been located.

In the 1880 U. S. Census, Johanna and John lived in District A, Lancaster, Coos, New Hampshire. They had one child, Mary A. Martin aged one, born in New Hampshire. John is listed as a farmer.

There is no census record in 1890 in the U.S.

In the U.S. Census of 1900, Lancaster Town, Coos, New Hampshire, John was 61 and Johanna was 54. They had been married 26 years (1874), and had seven children, with two of them living in 1900. Children were Mary A., aged 21 born in New Hampshire, and Kate J. aged 19, born in New Hampshire. Johanna's mother Katherine (Catherine) is also listed in the census as living with Johanna and John. She was 89 years old and stated she had 13 children with only four of them living in 1900. Catherine indicates she immigrated to the U.S. in 1896; this would have been after Patrick's death.

In the U.S. Census of 1910 of Lancaster, Coos, New Hampshire, Johanna was 63 years old and a widow. She reports she had seven births with only two children living. Living with Johanna were Christine, aged 29 years, listed as a housekeeper for a private family. Mary Ann Fortine, daughter is living in the same household with her husband **Joseph F Fortine**. She has been married for three years and has two children. Grandchildren are Mary E. Fortine aged 2 and John G. Fortine, aged 9 months, both born in New Hampshire. Joseph Fortine is listed as a farmer.

In the U.S. Census of 1920, Johanna was living in Lancaster, Coos, New Hampshire on Gore Road with daughter Kathleen, 39 who is single.

Children of Johanna Barden and John Martin were:

- 1) Mary A. Martin born in 1879 in Lancaster, Coos, NH and married to Joseph F. Fortin. They lived in Lancaster, New Hampshire and Lunenburg, Vermont just over the border from Lancaster. They had five children, Geneva, Ethelyne, John, Bernice, and Catherine.
- 2) Catherine J. Martin born in July 5, 1880 in Lancaster, Coos, NH and died January 5, 1955 in Lancaster, Coos, NH. Catherine was never married.
- 3) John C. Martin born December 1887 in Lancaster, NH and died August 21, 1897 in Lancaster, NH.

Anne Emma Barden (1853 -1889) and Joseph McGee (1847 – 1925) Family

Anne Emma Barden

Anne was the second youngest of the family born to Patrick Barden and Catherine Anne (Kate) Brown. Anne Emma Barden was born November 27, 1853 in Leeds Village Lotbiniere, Quebec, and was baptized December 4, 1853 in St. Gilles, Quebec. She was the second Ann born in the family, the first was killed in a fire at an early age, and subsequently Anne Emma was born.

Anne Emma Barden birth and baptism is documented in the records in Quebec. She was born November 27, 1853 in Leeds Village Lotbiniere, Quebec, and was baptized December 4, 1853 in St. Gilles, Quebec. John Brown and Ann Johnson were sponsors.



Anne died in Lancaster, New Hampshire September 14, 1889 of consumption.

Census Records

The 1880 U.S. Census report for District A, Lancaster, Coos, NH shows Anne E and Joseph McGee (carriage shop). Son Charles H McGee was four months old.

The 1900 U.S. Census reports for Boston, MA, Ward 19, District 1439 shows Joseph McGee, aged 54; son Charles H aged 20, Catherine, age 20, Anna Belle aged 14, Agnes aged 12, and Frank McGee brother to Joseph living at 45 Burney Street. Joseph was a Wheelwright. Son Charles was listed as a law student, and daughter Catherine was listed as housekeeper. His brother was employed as a box maker.

The 1910 U.S. Census reports of Canton, MA, District 1099, shows Joseph, aged 62; daughter Katherine M. aged 28; Agnes E. aged 22. Joseph is listed as a wheelwright, Katherine has no occupation and Agnes is listed as a finisher in a Woolen factory.

The 1920 U.S. Census reports of Canton, Ma, District 183, shows Joseph, aged 72; 106 Prospect Street; Wheelwright shop; Catherine aged 38 single, packer at a Rubber Factory; Belle, aged 34, no occupation; Agnes E., 32, forelady at a Woolen Factory.

Joseph McGee

Joseph was born June 30, 1847 in St. Sylvestre, Lotbiniere, Quebec to John McGee and Honora Mullavey. He and Anne married in the late 1870s, likely in Lancaster, New Hampshire. Joseph worked as a carriage maker according to the census reports from Lancaster. Until Anne's death in 1889 they remained in Lancaster, NH. Joseph, according to his obituary, relocated to Canton, Massachusetts in 1900. This was his obituary:

"Joseph McGee Was Well Known Canton Business Man

Passed Away at His Home on Prospect St. Monday - Was 78 Years Old

Joseph McGee of Prospect Street passed away at his home on Prospect Street on last Monday morning. He was very well known in this town having conducted his business as a wheelwright and mechanic here for many years.

Mr. McGee who is 78 years old settled in this town twenty-five years ago.

His first place of business was on Howard Street but he then moved to the rear of Ames Avenue where he had a shop in what was the Reynolds grain shed. When the fire destroyed the building Mr. McGee decided to retire from business. Since then he has resided with his daughters on Prospect Street.

He had made a host of friends due to his honest methods in business and many mourn the sudden loss of such a fine man.

He is survived by three daughters, the Misses Anabelle; Agnes, and Catherine McGee and by a son Charles of Salem, Mass."

Joseph died in 1925 in Canton, MA and was buried in Lancaster, Coos, New Hampshire next to Anne.



Children

- 1)** Francis H McGee born in 1878 and died in 1879.
- 2)** Charles Henry McGee born January 19, 1880. He married Elizabeth V. Griffin and had four children. He died in Salem, MA in December of 1952.
- 3)** Catherine May McGee born August of 1882. She died in Canton, MA in 1965, she never married.
- 4)** Christina L. McGee born July 1885 and died September 1885 in Lancaster, New Hampshire.
- 5)** Anna Belle McGee born June 1886 and died January 1964 in Canton, MA, she never married.
- 6)** Agnes E. McGee born in 1887 in Lancaster, NH and died September 1955 in Canton, MA, she never married.
- 7)** Sarah J. McGee born in 1888 in Lancaster, NH. It is unknown when Sarah died.

Ellen Barden (1855 – 1883)

Ellen (Nellie) Barden

Nellie was the youngest of the family born to Patrick Barden and Catherine Anne (Kate) Brown. Ellen was born July 14, 1855 in Leeds Village, Megantic, Quebec. She was baptized July 29, in St. Gilles, Quebec.

Nellie died January 30, 1883 in Lancaster, New Hampshire.

In the 1880 Census of Concord, New Hampshire, she was employed as a servant in the home of William Chace, a lawyer. She died of tuberculosis in 1883 in Lancaster. Her grave was not located in the cemetery in Lancaster, NH.

Honorah Barden (1852 – 1892) and Thomas Alexander (1856 – 1921) Family

Honorah Barden

Nora was the third youngest of the family born to Patrick Barden and Catherine Anne (Kate) Brown. Honorah (Nora) was born in May 1852 in Leeds Village, Megantic, Quebec, Canada and was baptized at St. Gilles on May 21, 1852. She married Thomas Alexander after 1881. Nora and Thomas moved to Lancaster, Coos, New Hampshire.

Nora and Thomas married around 1885, likely in Lancaster, NH. Nora died in January of 1892 of Laryngeal Diphtheria in Lancaster, NH and is buried in the Alexander plot in Calvary Catholic Cemetery.



Thomas Alexander

Thomas Alexander was born in Leeds, Megantic, Quebec on December 6, 1856. His parents were Thomas Alexander and Margaret **McConahan**. He was baptized November 6, 1857 at the New Ireland Methodist Church, Megantic, Quebec, Canada. It was unusual for the Catholic and Protestant residents of the area to inter-marry as there were frictions among the two religions in the Eastern townships of Quebec.

1900 U.S. Census report shows Thomas Alexander, farmer, living in Lancaster, immigrating in 1875, and a 44 year old widow. His two sons were 10 and 11.

According to the 1910 census, Thomas Alexander married again in 1906 in Lancaster to Mattie (surname unknown). Thomas died November 10, 1921 in Lancaster, New Hampshire from a cerebral hemorrhage.

1920 U.S. Census report shows Thomas Alexander, general laborer living in Lancaster, immigrating in 1880. He was married to Mattie. Living next door is his son Frank, 29 and his family.

Children

- Fred Joseph Alexander born in 1888 and died in 1962 in Lancaster, NH. He was married to a Margaret and had four children, Kenneth, Helen, Charles, and Robert. Fred remained in the Lancaster, Coos, New Hampshire area.
- Frank H. Alexander born in April of 1890. He married a Doris and remained in the Lancaster, Coos, New Hampshire area. He had four children, William, Richard, Dorothy and Frances.

For further information regarding the history of the remaining Barden family members in the United States, Quebec and Ireland see the Ancestry.com web site

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/78134/person/-2130704547>

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