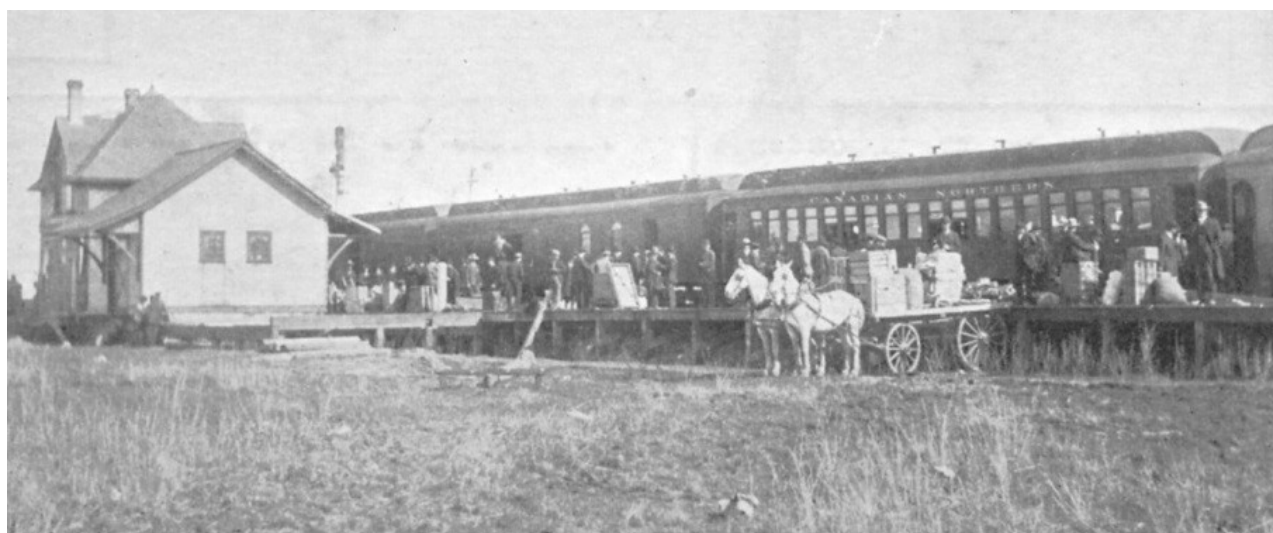


The Woods of London

An overview of the descendants of William Woods and Hannah Brown
who lived in London, England in the 1800s



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Introduction

Woods has been a common surname in both Scotland and England since the Norman invasion in 1066. It is generally believed to indicate that the bearer of the surname lived near a wood.

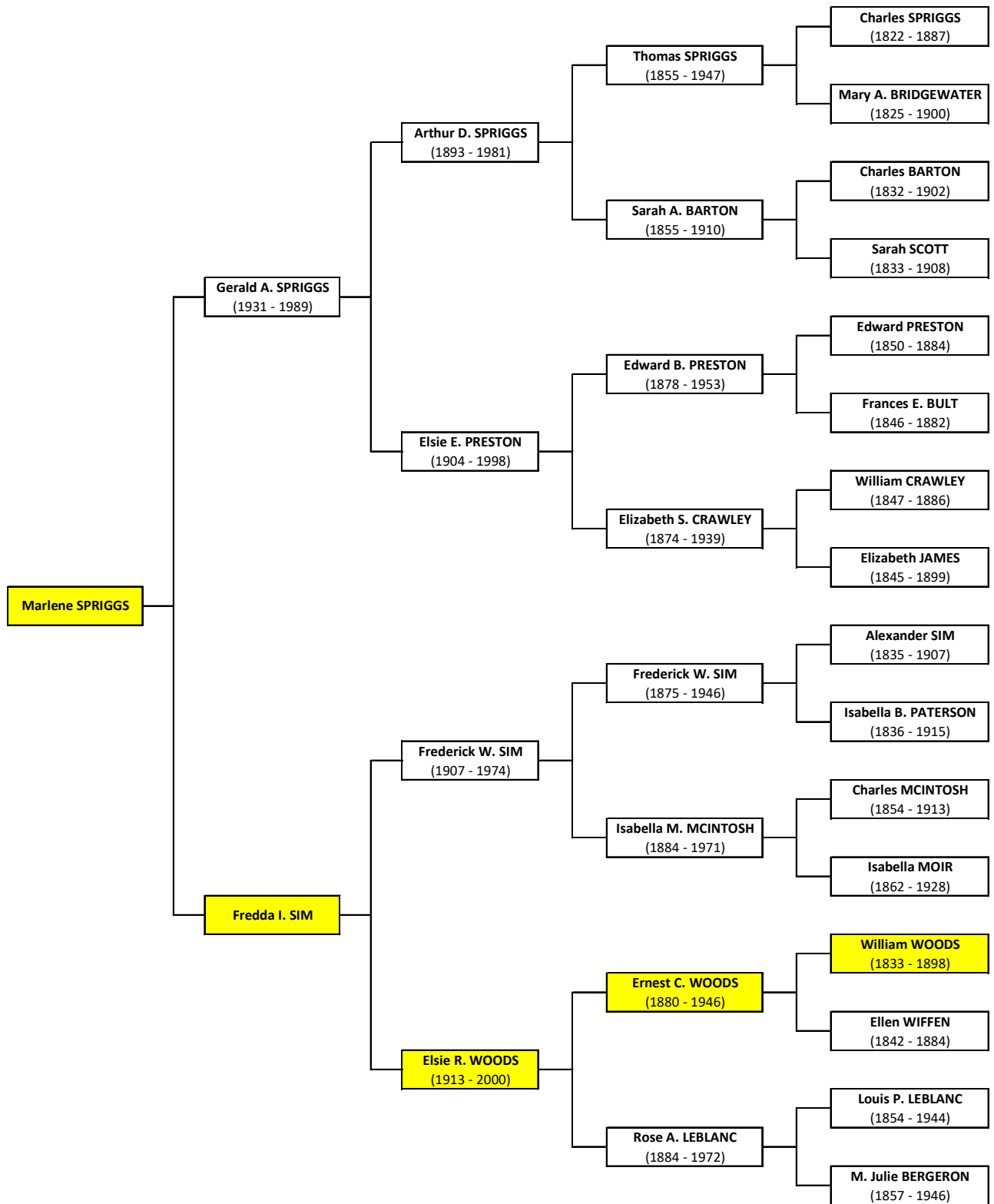
This document is focussed on my wife's Woods ancestors who emigrated to St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, from London, England. The story begins in Brampton, a village in Huntingdonshire, England in the early 1800s, and is intended to provide a general overview of the many descendant branches of our Woods family tree. There will be more information on my wife's immediate family, and their story, as that is what I am most familiar with, but I hope that it will also provide a better understanding of the other descendant lines, and how we are all related.

Throughout the document, to protect their privacy, I have tried to avoid providing details of living relatives, and I apologise if this cut-off has not been perfectly executed.

This is not intended to be the final word on the Woods family of London, and I hope that over time, new information will be identified, and that people from the various descendant branches might add additional chapters to this document, expanding the story of their Woods lines.

I apologise for any errors that may have crept into the document, and I welcome any corrections, family photographs, or other feedback, which can be incorporated into future versions.

The chart on the next page shows with yellow highlight, the ancestral line that is the focus of this document.



Chapter 1 – William Woods and Hannah Brown

According to the 1851 census, William Woods was born circa 1806 in Brampton, Huntingdonshire, England but record of his birth or baptism have not been found to date.

William Woods married Hannah Brown at St. Mary Newington in Surrey on 7 April 1833 and they first appear together in the 1841 censusⁱ, where they are found living at Maiden Lane, St. Paul Covent Garden, London, with their four eldest children. William is a Baker by trade and the N in the right-hand column of the record indicates that he was not born in London, although his wife and children were.

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born in same County
	Unfinished or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		
Maiden Lane	1		Levett Cook	45		Bookbinder	N
			Hannah do		40		Y
			Levett do	9			N
			Hannah do		6		Y
			Maria Battis		25	F.S.	N
			William Wood	35		Baker	N
			Hannah do		30		Y
			William do	7			Y
			Maria do		5		Y
			Alfred do	3			Y
		Hannah do		1		Y	

William Wood in 1841 census.

By 1851 the Woods family had moved to 7 Barclay Place in South Hackney, and they continued living at the same address through 1861. By 1871, the family had moved to 11 Sheep Lane, still in South Hackney, and William, now 64 years old, was still working as a Baker. Two of their children are still living at home and their daughter Frances is living next door at No. 10, with her husband Daniel Godfree and their children.

William Wood	Head	do	64	Baker	Huntingdon
Hannah do	Wife	do	63		St Pauls
Charles do	Son	Winn	30	Brush maker	Covent Garden
Harriet do	do	do	21	Machinist	Hackney

William Wood in 1871 censusⁱⁱ.

By 1881, Frances and Daniel Godfree have moved to Lewisham and I have not found William and Hannah Woods in the 1881 census. It is likely that both died between 1871 and 1881, but I have not found confirmation of their death to date.

William Woods and Hannah Brown had ten children, born as follows –

- William Woods, born 2 August 1833
- Maria Woods, born 25 July 1835

- Alfred Woods, born abt. 1837
- Hannah Woods, born abt. 1839
- Charles Woods, born abt. 1841
- George Henry Woods, born abt. 1843
- Frances Mary Woods, born abt. 1844
- Charlotte Margaret Woods, born 1847
- Elizabeth Woods, born 1850
- Arthur Woods, born 1852

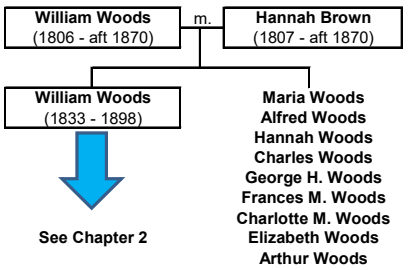
I have not traced the descendant lines of each of these children in detail, apart from the eldest son, William Woods, born in 1833, who will be covered in chapter 2. Connection to some of these earlier Woods will be covered in the chapter on DNA Connections at the end of the document.

The known descendants of William Woods and Hannah Brown are as follows –

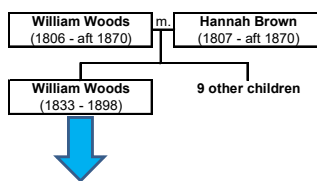
1. William WOODS (b. Abt 1806-Brampton, Huntingdon, England; d. Aft 1870)
sp: Hannah BROWN (b. Abt 1807-Strand, Middlesex, England; m.7 Apr 1833; d. Aft 1870)
 2. William WOODS (see Chapter 2)
 2. Maria WOODS (b.25 Jul 1835-Cripplegate, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1850)
 2. Alfred WOODS (b. Abt 1837-Cripplegate, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1860)
 2. Hannah WOODS (b. Abt 1839-Cripplegate, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1850)
 2. Charles WOODS (b. Abt 1841-Cripplegate, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1870)
 2. George Henry WOODS (b. Abt 1843-Cripplegate, Middlesex, England; d. Jul/Sep 1902-Richmond, Surrey, England)
sp: Mary Ann Sabina SAPSWORTH (b. Jan/Mar 1845-Shoreditch, Middlesex, England; m.28 Aug 1864; d. Jan/Mar 1925-Richmond, Surrey, England)
 3. George William WOODS (b. Oct/Dec 1865-Hackney, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1880)
 3. Frederick WOODS (b. Apr/Jun 1868-Hackney, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1880)
 3. Sidney Ernest WOODS (b. Oct/Dec 1877-Richmond, Surrey, England; d. Aft 1910)
sp: Jane Rose CULLEN (b. Abt 1880-St. John's Wood, Middlesex, England; m.27 Jun 1903; d. Aft 1910)
 4. Violet May WOODS (b. Apr/Jun 1910-Islington, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1910)
 3. Walter WOODS (b. Jan/Mar 1881-Surrey, England; d. Jan/Mar 1881-Surrey, England)
2. Frances Mary WOODS (b. Abt 1844-Hackney, Middlesex, England; d. Jul/Sep 1896-Lewisham, Kent, England)
sp: W. Daniel GODFREE (b. Abt 1842-Croydon, Surrey, England; m.20 Jul 1865; d. Oct/Dec 1893-Lewisham, Kent, England)
 3. Frances Alice GODFREE (b. Jul/Sep 1866-Hackney, Middlesex, England; d. Jan/Mar 1939-Bromley, Kent, England)
sp: James William MARTIN (b. Abt 1866-Croydon, Surrey, England; m.8 Sep 1889; d. Apr/Jun 1902-St. George Hanover Square, Middlesex, England)
 4. Maud Mary MARTIN (b. Oct/Dec 1890-Forest Hill, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
 4. James Daniel MARTIN (b. Jan/Mar 1892-Forest Hill, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
 4. Mabel Florence MARTIN (b. Apr/Jun 1893-Forest Hill, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
 4. Arthur William MARTIN (b. Jul/Sep 1895-Forest Hill, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
 4. Gladys Alice MARTIN (b. Oct/Dec 1898-Forest Hill, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)

- sp: Henry James BOURNER (b. Jan/Mar 1868-Mayfield, Sussex, England; m. Jul/Sep 1911; d. Jan/Mar 1935-Bromley, Kent, England)
3. Hannah Elizabeth GODFREE (b.6 Oct 1868-Hackney, Middlesex, England; d. Jul/Sep 1952-York, York, England)
- sp: Edward John SMITH (b. Abt 1868-Sydenham, Kent, England; m. Oct/Dec 1893; d. Jan/Mar 1939-York, York, England)
4. Sydney John SMITH (b.11 Aug 1894-Ballysax, Kildare, Ireland; d. Aft 1938)
- sp: Daisy Caroline M. DE MELLO (b.25 Jul 1893-Darlington, York, England; m. Jul/Sep 1922; d. Aft 1938)
4. Dorothy Mary SMITH (b. Abt 1896-Ballysax, Kildare, Ireland; d. Aft 1910)
4. Joseph Frederick SMITH (b.6 Mar 1897-Ballysax, Kildare, Ireland; d. Oct/Dec 1974-Barnet, Greater London, England)
- sp: Gladys Mary CROWTHER (b.6 Jun 1898-York, York, England; m. Oct/Dec 1922; d.1985-Amphill, Bedford, England)
4. Edward William SMITH (b. Abt 1899-Ballysax, Kildare, Ireland; d. Aft 1910)
- sp: Isabella MCGARRITY (b.1904; d.1989)
4. Madge Gertrude SMITH (b.28 Nov 1899-Ballysax, Kildare, Ireland; d. Aft 1938)
3. Ellen Maria GODFREE (b. Apr/Jun 1870-Hackney, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1880)
3. Mary E. GODFREE (b. Jan/Mar 1872-Shoreditch, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1900)
- sp: Thomas HAWKINS (b. Abt 1872-North Tawton, Devon, England; m. Apr/Jun 1898; d. Aft 1900)
3. Charlotte Lucy GODFREE (b. Oct/Dec 1873-Shoreditch, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1880)
3. Lois Lavinia GODFREE (b. Jan/Mar 1875-Shoreditch, Middlesex, England; d. Jan/Mar 1956-Battersea, London, England)
- sp: Alfred Louis LAWRENCE (b. Abt 1878-Sydenham, Kent, England; m. Jul/Sep 1901; d. Jan/Mar 1950-Wandsworth, London, England)
4. Frances LAWRENCE (b. Abt 1905-Sydenham, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
3. Daniel Frederick GODFREE (b. Jul/Sep 1877-Shoreditch, Middlesex, England; d.16 Nov 1940-Bournemouth, Hampshire, England)
- sp: Ada Mary TAYLOR (b. Abt 1879; m. Oct/Dec 1907; d. 16 Nov 1940-Bournemouth, Hampshire, England)
4. Eric Frank GODFREE (b. Oct/Dec 1915-Christchurch, Hampshire, England; d. Aft 1940)
3. Miriam GODFREE (b. Oct/Dec 1879-Shoreditch, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1890)
3. Minnie GODFREE (b.18 Jan 1882-Lewisham, Kent, England; d. Aft 1938)
- sp: Frederick CHURCH (b.2 Jan 1883-Penge, Surrey, England; m. Oct/Dec 1906; d. Aft 1938)
4. John CHURCH (b. Oct/Dec 1909-Lambeth, London, England; d. Aft 1910)
4. Frederick George CHURCH (b. Jul/Sep 1912-Camberwell, London, England)
4. Ethel M. CHURCH (b. Jan/Mar 1921-Camberwell, London, England)
- sp: Douglas M. SECKER (m. Oct/Dec 1947)
3. Elizabeth Harriet GODFREE (b. Jan/Mar 1883-Lewisham, Kent, England; d. Aft 1890)
3. Ethel GODFREE (b. Oct/Dec 1884-Lewisham, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
3. Ada May GODFREE (b. Jul/Sep 1886-Lewisham, Kent, England; d. Jul/Sep 1951-Hampstead, London, England)

- sp: Ernest W. HAYNES (b. 29 Aug 1886-Lewisham, London; m. Jul/Sep 1914; d. Jan/Mar 1974-Islington, London, England)
4. Stanley H.E. HAYNES (b. Apr/Jun 1915-Lewisham, London, England; d. Apr/Jun 1916-Lewisham, London)
 4. Hilda M. HAYNES (b. Apr/Jun 1918-Lewisham, London, England; d. Apr/Jun 1923-Lewisham, London, England)
 4. Frank Haynes (b. 11 Jun 1920; d. Aft 1938)
 4. Margaret E. HAYNES (b. Oct/Dec 1921-Lewisham, London, England)
 - sp: Arthur PRACY (m. Apr/Jun 1941)
 - sp: Dudley G.A. WILLSHAW (m. Apr/Jun 1954)
 4. Lilian P. HAYNES (b. Apr/Jun 1923-Lewisham, London, England)
 - sp: Henry Halliday (m. Apr/Jun 1947)
 4. Gladys M. HAYNES (b. Jan/Mar 1925-Holborn, London, England)
3. Charles William H. GODFREE (b. Apr/Jun 1888-Lewisham, Kent, England; d. Jul/Sep 1960-Harrow, Middlesex, England)
 3. Albert Edward GODFREE (b. Oct/Dec 1889-Lewisham, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
2. Charlotte Margaret WOODS (b. Apr/Jun 1847-Hackney, Middlesex, England; d. Apr/Jun 1851-Hackney, Middlesex, England)
 2. Elizabeth WOODS (b. Jul/Sep 1850-Hackney, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1870)
 2. Arthur WOODS (b. Oct/Dec 1852-Hackney, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - sp: Susannah Elderton SAPSWORTH (b. Jul/Sep 1852-Hackney, Middlesex, England; m.3 Aug 1879; d. Aft 1910)
 3. Horace William WOODS (b. Apr/Jun 1880-Pancras, London, England; d.28 Mar 1931-Thanet, Kent, England)
 - sp: Kate Edith WATSON (b.30 Jan 1883-Battersea, London, England; m. Jan/Mar 1907; d. Jul/Sep 1974-Thanet, Kent, England)
 - 4. Ethel Edith WOODS (b. Apr/Jun 1910-Edmonton, London, England; d. Aft 1910)
 3. Ethel Mary WOODS (b. Jan/Mar 1882-Clerkenwell, Middlesex, England; d. Aft 1910)
 3. Rhoda Louisa WOODS (b.17 Oct 1884-St. George in the East, London, England; d. Apr/Jun 1947-Thanet, Kent, England)
 - sp: George William BUDDEN (b.29 Jul 1885-Wimbledon, London, England; m. Oct/Dec 1907; d. Apr/Jun 1955-Thanet, Kent, England)
 - 4. Bertram William BUDDEN (b. Jul/Sep 1908-Ramsgate, Kent, England; d. Apr/Jun 1912-Thanet, Kent, England)
 - 4. Elsie R. BUDDEN (b.15 Jan 1911-Ramsgate, Kent, England; d. Aft 1938)
 - sp: Alfred A. NAIRNE (b.9 Jan 1913-Thanet, Kent, England; m. Apr/Jun 1935; d. Aft 1938)
 - 4. Rowland J. BUDDEN (b.17 Apr 1912-Thanet, Kent, England; d. Aft 1938)
 - sp: Florence MILLER (m. Jul/Sep 1939)



Chapter 2 – William Woods and Ellen Wiffen



William Woods, the eldest child of William and Hannah Woods, was born at Cripplegate, London, England on 2 August 1833, and was baptised at St. Paul Covent Garden on 29 December 1833.

As a young man he was a Teacher (1851), and a Commercial Clerk (1861), but at the time of his marriage to Ellen Wiffen in South Hackney on 18 October 1863, he was working as a Carpenter. Ellen Wiffen was the daughter of a Miller.

In the first eight years of their marriage, William and Ellen Woods had four children, as follows –

- Ellen Maria Woods, born 8 July 1864
- Elizabeth Annie Woods, born 22 January 1867
- Mary Woods, born 1868 (died 1868)
- William John Woods, born 11 February 1871

We would therefore expect to see William Woods and his family in the 1871 census of England (taken on 2 April 1871), but I have found no trace of the family, apart from Ellen Maria Woods, who is found living at Good Easter, Essex, with her maternal grandparents, John and Esther Wiffen. Perhaps six year old Ellen was sent to her grandparents, as her mother would have been busy with a new baby, William John Woods, born just a few months earlier, but where were William and Ellen?

The next record that I have found of William and Ellen Woods is the birth of their daughter May Esther Woods, in Ontario, Canada on 25 May 1875. So the Woods family emigrated from London, England at some point between February 1871 and May 1875.

William and Ellen Woods had two children born in Canada, as follows –

- May Esther Woods, born 25 May 1875
- Ernest Charles Woods, born 18 July 1880

In Canada, William Woods worked as a Clerk / Bookkeeper, and died of paralysis at an asylum in London, Ontario on 19 October 1898. His wife Ellen Woods, nee Wiffen, died in St. Thomas, Ontario on 14 October 1884. Both are buried in the St. Thomas Cemetery.

Ellen Maria Woods, the eldest child of William and Ellen, did not travel to Canada with her parents and siblings, and we will likely never know why they would have left their eldest child in England. As stated earlier she was living with her maternal grandparents at the time of the 1871 census, and in the 1881 census she is living at Battersea, London, with her grandfather's brother, George James Wiffen and his wife, Mary Ann. Ellen is listed as a 16 year old servant,

so was likely working in George's shop. Ellen married Charles Bamberger in Battersea on 27 September 1885, and their known descendants are as follows –

1. Ellen Maria WOODS (b.8 Jul 1864-Shoreditch, London, England; d. Oct/Dec 1941-Brentford, Middlesex, England)

sp: Charles BAMBERGER (b. Abt 1864-Rhine, Germany; m.27 Sep 1885; d. Oct/Dec 1929-Lewisham, London, England)

2. Charles BAMBERGER (b.14 Dec 1885-Battersea, Surrey, England; d. Jul/Sep 1978-Derby, Derby, England)

sp: Fanny G. HARDY (b.10 Apr 1886; m. Apr/June 1911; d. Jul/Sep 1968-Derby, Derby, England)

3. Sydney C. BAMBERGER (b.16 Sep 1914-Derby, Derby, England; d. Aft 1944)

sp: Alice Matilda HEATH (b.25 Feb 1920-Derby, Derby, England; m. Jul/Sep 1944; d. Oct/Dec 1982-Derby, Derby, England)

4. Joan L. BAMBERGER (b.-Derby, Derby, England)

3. Reginald J. BAMBERGER (b. Oct/Dec 1919-Derby, Derby, England; d. Aft 1947)

sp: Lily ALLSOPP (m. Oct/Dec 1943; d. Aft 1947)

4. Janet E. BAMBERGER (b.-Derby, Derby, England)

3. Edith R. BAMBERGER (b.7 Jul 1925-Derby, Derby, England; d. Aft 1955)

sp: Duncan M. BROWN (m. Apr/June 1948; d. Aft 1955)

4. Malcolm J. BROWN (b.-Derby, Derby, England)

4. Donald I. BROWN (b.-Derby, Derby, England)

4. Andrew R. BROWN (b.-Ilkeston, Derby, England)

2. Ellen BAMBERGER (b. Jul/Sep 1889-Battersea, Surrey, England; d. Oct/Dec 1891-Lambeth, London, England)

2. Frederick William BAMBERGER (b. Oct/Dec 1890-Battersea, Surrey, England; d. Oct/Dec 1891-Wandsworth, London, England)

2. Esther BAMBERGER (b.4 Nov 1892-Battersea, Surrey, England; d.13 Nov 1966-Willerton, Somerset, England)

2. Hilda BAMBERGER (b. Oct/Dec 1894-Battersea, Surrey, England; d. Jan/Mar 1939-Lewisham, London, England)

2. Walter BAMBERGER (b. Jul/Sep 1897-Battersea, Surrey, England; d. Jan/Mar 1962-Hastings, Sussex, England)

sp: Joyce M. WARNER (b. Jul/Sep 1899-Edmonton, Middlesex, England; m. Oct/Dec 1924; d. Oct/Dec 1960-Ashford, Kent, England)

2. Edward BAMBERGER (b.17 Apr 1899-Battersea, Surrey, England; d. Oct/Dec 1976-Southwark, Greater London, England)

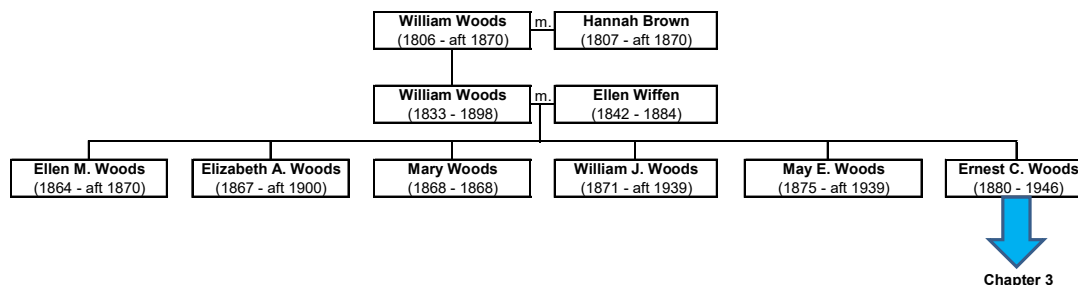
2. Herbert BAMBERGER (b.13 Aug 1900-Battersea, Surrey, England; d.30 Aug 1960-Middlesex, England)

Elizabeth Annie Woods married William Algie in St. Thomas, Ontario on 17 December 1889. Her husband, William Algie, died on 30 September 1903 in London, Ontario, and I lost track of Elizabeth after his death. She is likely the widowed Mrs. Elizabeth Algie found in directories of Springfield, Missouri in the early 1900s, as this is where her sister May was living at the time. One relative suggests that she went on to have 6 children (Melda, Oscar, Phillip, Aime, Arthur and Francis), but I have found no record of this.

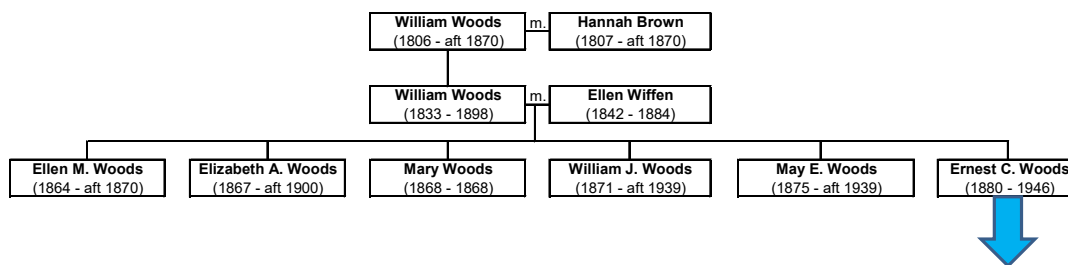
William John Woods worked as a Teletype Operator and later as a Printer / Compositor. He married twice, firstly to Grace B. Phillips, circa 1897, and after Grace died in 1931 he married Hilda Christiansen. William and Grace were found living in Montreal in the 1901 and 1911 census, but were living in Buffalo, New York in the 1905, 1920 and 1930 census. William and Hilda were found in the 1940 census living at Tonawanda, Erie County, New York. William died in October 1947 and Hilda in 1967. William and both of his wives are buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, New York.

May Esther Woods married Harry Henderson Cole in St. Thomas, Ontario on 12 October 1898. May and Harry had two children in the following few years – Hugh Algie Cole (1900) and Evelyn Mae Cole (1901), but both children appear to have died young, as in the 1910 census, May and Harry were living in Springfield, Missouri and had no children living with them. A third child, Harriet Cole, was born 16 February 1915 in Springfield, and moved with her parents to Riverside, California during the 1920s. Harry Cole died in California on 24 October 1937 and May died 2 April 1968. Harriet Cole married Raymond Joseph Arnold and died in Riverside, California on 11 May 2002.

Ernest Charles Woods, the youngest child of William Woods and Ellen Wiffen will be covered in chapter 3.



Chapter 3 - Ernest Charles Woods and Rose Alida LeBlanc



Ernest Charles Woods, the youngest child of William Woods and Ellen Wiffen, was born in St. Thomas, Ontario on 18 July 1880. His mother died when he was only four years old, and his sister Elizabeth stepped into the role of keeper of the house.

He was still living in St. Thomas when his father died in 1898, and was working as a Telegraph Operator with Canadian Pacific Railway (C.P.R.). However he soon moved west, working for C.P.R. in Timmins, Fort Frances, Rainy River (Ontario), and McLean (Saskatchewan).

In Fort Frances, Ernest met Rose Alida LeBlanc, daughter of Louis Philippe LeBlanc and Marie Julie Bergeron, and they married in Fort Frances on 2 December 1903. Within a year they were living in McLean, Saskatchewan, and their first child, Evelyn May, was born in McLean in 1904.

The family was not in McLean very long, as their second child, William James Woods, was born in Warman in July 1906, and died there in September 1906.

The Village of Warmanⁱⁱⁱ was incorporated in 1906, but had come into being two years earlier when the C.N.R. (Canadian Northern Railway at the time, but later Canadian National Railway) had expanded west to North Battleford. Warman lay at the intersection of the east-west C.N.R. line and the north-south C.P.R. line from Regina to Prince Albert. The railway and a promise of quarter sections (160 acres) of farmland for \$10 brought a large influx of settlers to the Warman area.

Ernest and Rose Woods had a total of seven children, born as follows –

- Evelyn May Woods, born 15 November 1904 at McLean, Sask.
- William James Woods, born July 1906 (died September 1906) at Warman, Sask.
- Ernest Charles Woods, born 8 May 1908 at Warman, Sask.
- Elizabeth Julia Woods, born 20 February 1911 at Warman, Sask.
- Elsie Rosa Woods, born 21 December 1913 at Warman Sask.
- Russell Lane Woods, born 15 September 1916 at Warman, Sask.
- Leonard Kenneth Woods, born 30 June 1919 at Warman, Sask.

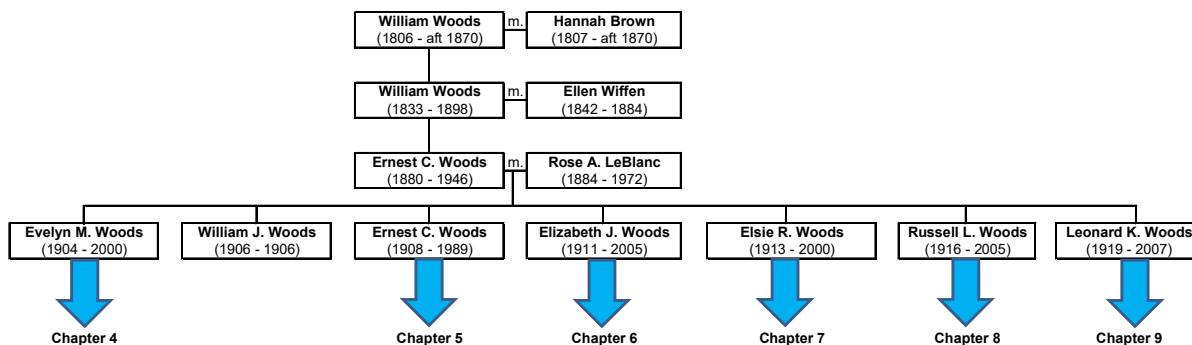
By 1909 Ernest was the C.N.R. Station Agent in Warman, but he had also gained title to a homestead on the NE quarter (160 acres) of section 28, township 38, range 4, west of the 3rd meridian.

In the 1921 census^{iv}, Ernest, Rosa and their 6 living children are found living in the Village of Warman, but in the 1926 census, only Ernest and daughters Elizabeth and Elsie are living in

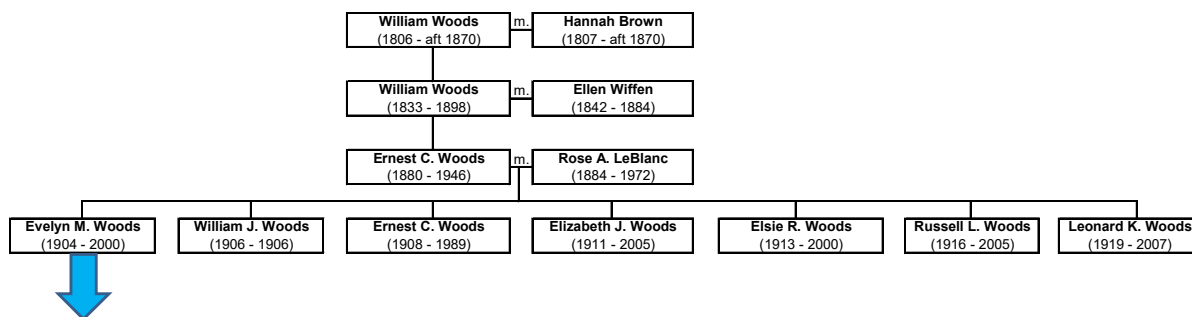
Warman. The eldest child, Evelyn, had married in 1924, Ernest junior had left home, and Rose had moved into Saskatoon, with the two youngest children.

Ernest and Rose Woods eventually divorced. Rose later married Lorne Blanchard, a member of the Saskatchewan Legislature, and died in Flin Flon, Manitoba on 3 April 1972. Ernest married Jean Mae Carson (nee West), died in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on 27 August 1946, and is buried in the Regina Cemetery.

The six children of Ernest and Rose Woods who reached adulthood, all married and had children of their own. Additional details on each of the six families will be covered in chapters 4 through 9.



Chapter 4 – Evelyn May Woods and Clifford Mitchell Campbell



Evelyn May Woods, the eldest child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc, was born 15 November 1904 at McLean, which at the time was in the North West Territories, but on September 1905 became part of the newly formed Province of Saskatchewan.

Soon after her birth the family moved to Warman, where she lived until her marriage to Clifford Mitchell (Cliff) Campbell in 1924. Cliff was born in Owen Sound, Ontario, and had moved to Saskatchewan via Hannah, North Dakota. He fought at the Second Battle of Ypres, The Somme and Amiens, was wounded several times, but returned to Canada in 1919, where he resumed employment with C.N.R.

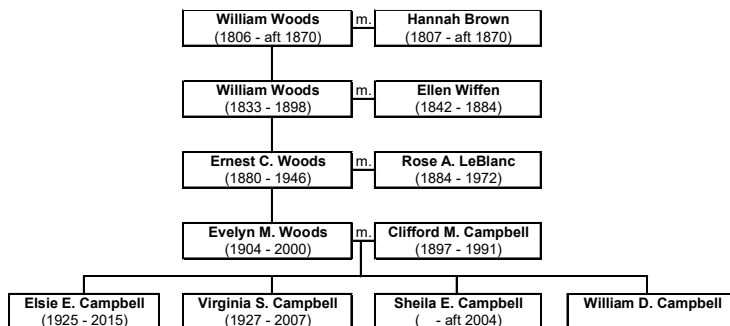
Evelyn and Cliff lived initially in Humboldt, followed by numerous other towns across Saskatchewan, with Cliff retiring as C.N.R. Agent in Fiske in 1962.

They raised three daughters and a son, who all married and had children. The known descendants of Evelyn and Cliff are as follows –

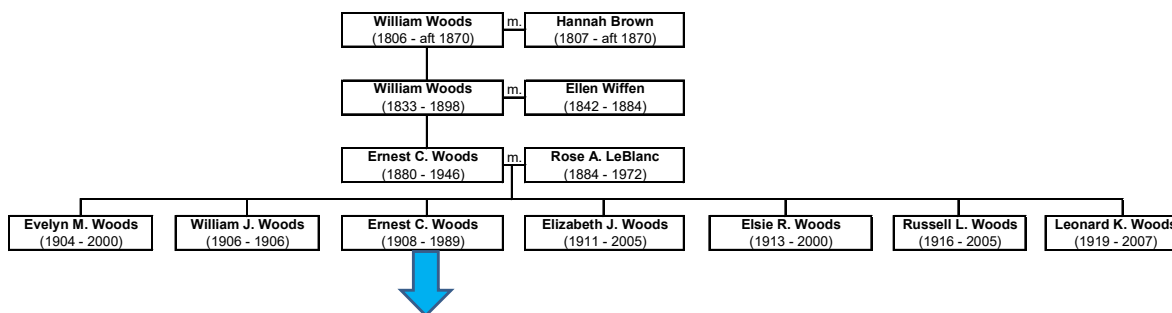
1. Evelyn May WOODS (b.15 Nov 1904-McLean, North West Territories, Canada; bur.5 Apr 2000-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
 - sp: Clifford Mitchell CAMPBELL (b.11 May 1897-Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada; m. Aug 1924; d.29 Oct 1991-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
2. Elsie Elizabeth CAMPBELL (b.6 Apr 1925-Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.13 Dec 2015-Brandon, Manitoba, Canada)
 - sp: Lorne JULSETH (d. Bef 1986)
3. Harvey JULSETH
 - sp: Maureen Leslie COHOE
3. Donald Lorne JULSETH (b.11 May 1951; d.27 Sep 2019-Alberta, Canada)
 - sp: Joan Louise FRASER
 - sp: Anita
4. Kim JULSETH
4. Justin JULSETH
 - sp: Carly
4. Chris JULSETH
4. Eric JULSETH
4. Megan JULSETH
3. Louise Marie JULSETH
 - sp: Daniel Ward RODENBUSH

2. Virginia Susan CAMPBELL (b.18 Jan 1927-Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.18 Jul 2007-Langley, British Columbia, Canada)
 sp: Andrew MCINNES (m. Abt 1946; d.1990)
3. Barbara MCINNES
 sp: Ron FREEMAN
3. Dorothy MCINNES
 sp: Gordon BROGAN
3. Cathy MCINNES
 sp: Randy BJORKLUND
2. Sheila Evelyn CAMPBELL (d. Aft 2004)
 sp: Merle Austin CLIMENHAGA (m. Jun 1953; d. Bef 2006)
3. Jeff CLIMENHAGA
 sp: UNKNOWN
4. Holly CLIMENHAGA
2. William Duncan CAMPBELL
 sp: Diane
3. Greg CAMPBELL

Cliff and Evelyn moved to Saskatoon after retirement, and died there in October 1991 and April 2000 respectively. Both are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon.



Chapter 5 – Ernest Charles Woods (junior) and Norina C. Wilson



Ernest Charles (known as Bus) Woods was born in Warman, Saskatchewan on 8 May 1908, the third child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc.

Bus married Norina (Ronnie) Wilson, and the couple had five children. Their known descendants are as follows –

1. Ernest Charles WOODS (b.8 May 1908-Warman, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.14 Mar 1989-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)

sp: Norina C. WILSON (b.1910;d. Oct 1986)

2. Shirley May WOODS (b. Abt Apr 1931; d.2 Mar 2013-Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada)

sp: Clifford SECKINGER (b.19 Oct 1928; d.15 Jun 1991)

3. Sherrida Jean SECKINGER

sp: Jack LAROCQUE

4. Gerald Trent LAROCQUE

4. Carmen Gaye LAROCQUE

4. Sher Monique LAROCQUE

3. Clifford Campbell SECKINGER

sp: Brenda DATON

4. Tina SECKINGER

4. Cindy SECKINGER

4. Carl SECKINGER (d.10 Nov 2000)

3. Wendy Lee SECKINGER

sp: Robert PETTIGREW

4. Grant PETTIGREW

4. Crystal PETTIGREW

3. Lane Barkley SECKINGER

sp: Suzanna RUDE

4. Nathan SECKINGER

4. Elyse SECKINGER

2. Ernest John WOODS (b.16 May 1931; d.23 Jan 1994)

sp: UNKNOWN

3. Geraldine Frances WOODS

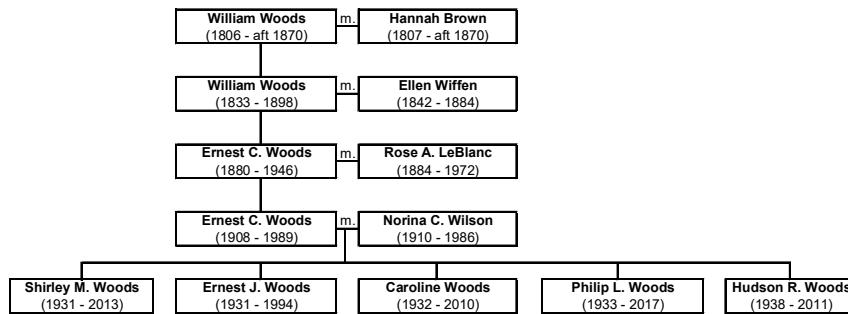
3. Pat WOODS

3. Tim WOODS

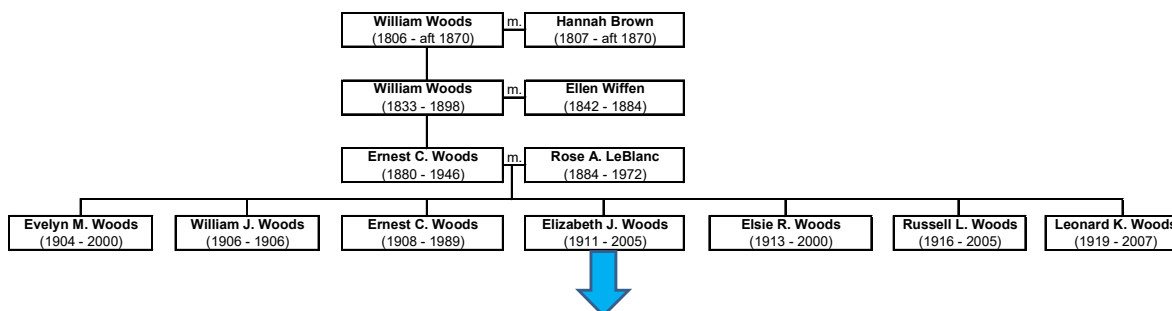
sp: UNKNOWN

- 4. Shaunna WOODS
- 4. Mitchel WOODS
- 2. Caroline WOODS (b. Abt 15 May 1932; d.18 Aug 2010)
sp: Harold HERRIOT (b.1928; d.2000)
- 3. Kelly HERRIOT
- 3. Loreen HERRIOT
- 2. Philip Lindsay WOODS (b. Jun 1933; d.3 May 2017-Nipawin, Saskatchewan, Canada)
sp: UNKNOWN
- 3. Shirley
- sp: UNKNOWN
- 3. Lindsay WOODS
- 2. Hudson Robert WOODS (b.28 Oct 1938; d.6 Jun 2011)

Norina Woods died in October 1986 and Bus died 14 March 1989. Both are buried in the Flin Flon Cemetery, Manitoba



Chapter 6 – Elizabeth Julia Woods and Alfred Charles Nicholls



Elizabeth Julia Woods, the fourth child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc, was born at Warman, Saskatchewan on 20 February 1911.

Elizabeth, (known as Boo) married Alfred Charles Nicholls in Saskatoon on 31 July 1932, and the marriage produced six children. The known descendants of Elizabeth and Alfred are as follows -

1. Elizabeth Julia WOODS (b.20 Feb 1911-Warman, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.12 Jul 2005-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

sp: Alfred Charles NICHOLLS (b. 1902-Birmingham, England; m.31 Jul 1932; d.19 Feb 1981-Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)

2. Mona Irene NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

sp: Robert Mitchell WOODCOCK (b. Abt 1933; d.15 Sep 1995-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

3. Karen WOODCOCK

sp: Greg MCGAW

4. Adam Robert MCGAW

4. Brittany Lee MCGAW

3. Jim WOODCOCK

sp: Susan NICHOLLS

4. Jenna Rae WOODCOCK

3. Dave WOODCOCK

sp: Cheryle

4. Camille WOODCOCK

4. Clint WOODCOCK

2. Ernest Alfred NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

sp: Karen WICKLUND

3. Michael NICHOLLS

3. Janet NICHOLLS

3. Stephen NICHOLLS

2. Malcolm James NICHOLLS (b. -Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

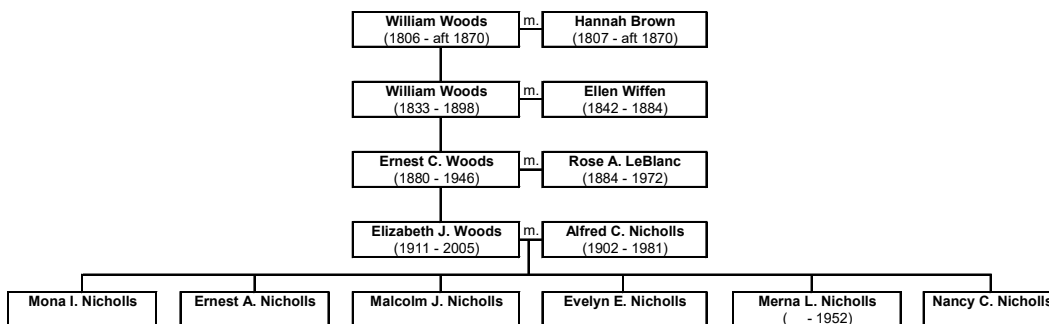
2. Evelyn Elizabeth NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

2. Merna Louise NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. 8 Oct 1952; bur. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

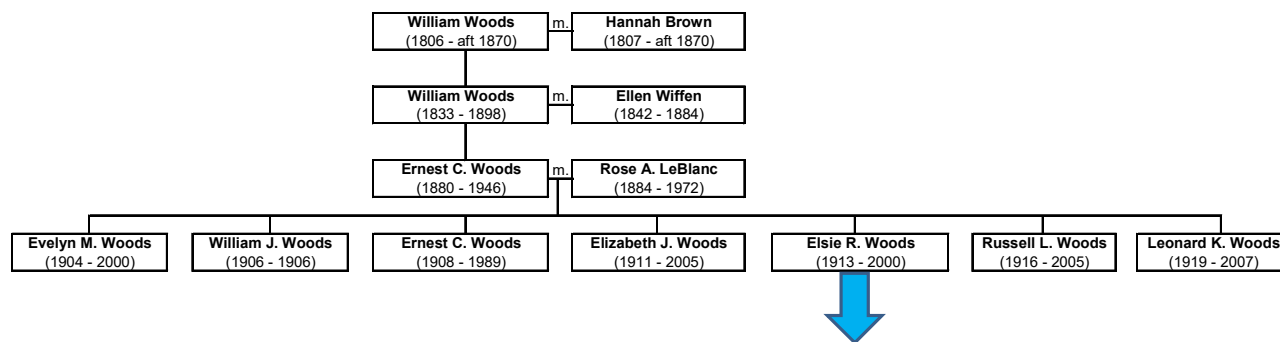
2. Nancy Catherine NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

sp: David ISBISTER

Alfred Nicholls died 19 February 1981 and Elizabeth died 12 July 2005. Both are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon.



Chapter 7 – Elsie Rosa Woods & Frederick William Sim



Elsie Rosa Woods was born in Warman, Saskatchewan on 21 December 1913, the fifth child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc. Her birth record states that her father was a Farmer, but he was also the Station Agent in Warman for Canadian National Railways (C.N.R.).

It was in Warman that Elsie met Fred Sim, who was working for C.N.R. as a Labourer. Elsie became pregnant and the parents whisked them off to Saskatoon, where they were married on 3 July 1929, by the local Presbyterian Minister, with Fred's mother and Elsie's father as witnesses.

Fred was soon transferred to Forgan, Saskatchewan, followed by Birtle, Manitoba, and about 1937 he was transferred to Loverna, Saskatchewan. Fred and Elsie had nine children, all born in Forgan and Loverna, Saskatchewan, except for Audrey, as follows –

- Rosa Isabella Sim, born 31 January, 1930
- Neil MacIntosh Sim, born 21 August, 1932
- Fredda Iris Sim
- Audrey Sim, born 1935 at Birtle, Manitoba
- Russella Jean Sim, born 27 May 1936
- Shirley Ann-Hope Sim, born 1937
- Bruce Fraser Sim
- Barry Stuart Sim
- Richard William Winston Sim, born abt. 1943

The family was only in Birtle, Manitoba for a short time, but it was here that the fourth child, Audrey, was born in 1935, and sadly died three months later from pneumonia. So they were probably relieved to be transferred to Loverna, and put the tragedy behind them.

Life in Loverna was good for the Sim family. Fred was always working at something, whether at C.N. or at home, where they had large gardens, and he also found time to cut the hair of some of the local men, and to make and maintain outdoor ice rinks for the town children in the winter. In 1945 he was elected to the position of Mayor of Loverna.

Tragedy struck in 1950, when their thirteen year old daughter Shirley, died of leukemia.



Shirley Sim.

This put a huge strain on Fred and Elsie, from which their relationship did not recover. By 1958, Fred was living in Saskatoon, working as a maintenance foreman at the National Research Council, and in 1967 they officially divorced.

Frederick William Sim died in Saskatoon on 30 July 1974, at 67 years of age.

Elsie initially remained in Loverna with the younger children, but after the house burned down, she moved into town and found work at the Canadian Forces base in Alsask.

After her divorce from Fred, Elsie Sim married Gordon Scott (Pat) Aasen and the couple lived at Alsask. Pat died 14 December 1996 and Elsie died 18 July 2000.



Rosa Sim & Tom McFee wedding.

Rosa Isabella, the eldest child of Fred and Elsie Sim married twice, firstly to Tom McFee in 1951, but the marriage ended in divorce, and Rosa later married Clifford Hogberg.

Rosa was an excellent curler, and won many tournaments. She did not have any children from either marriage and died in Edmonton, Alberta on 5 April 1985.

Fredda Iris Sim was working in Rosetown, Saskatchewan when she met Gerald Arthur (Gerry) Spriggs and they married in Rosetown in 1953, as Gerry was in the process of being transferred to Foam Lake, Saskatchewan. They moved to Foam Lake the following week, and it was there that their daughter Marlene Lynn (my wife), and son, Arthur William, were born, before Gerry was transferred to Regina (1957), Montreal (1965), Calgary (1966), Montreal (1969), Toronto (1976) and Winnipeg (1982). Their third child, Robert Gerald, was born in Montreal. After retirement, Gerry and Fredda relocated to Cloverdale, British Columbia, to enjoy the coastal climate.

But Gerry's golden years were cut short and he died in 1989 at his daughter's house in Calgary, Alberta, and he is buried there in the Queen's Park cemetery.



Fredda Sim & Gerry Spriggs wedding.

Through a mutual friend, Fredda met Nicholas (Nick) Karbonik, a widower with three adult children, living in Calgary, and they married in Calgary on 8 February 1992. Fredda and Nick soon moved to Nanaimo, British Columbia, where they lived an active retirement, playing a lot of golf and travelling. Nick passed away suddenly in Nanaimo on 17 August 2018, and Fredda continues to live in Nanaimo.

Neil MacIntosh Sim joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer. He married Bernadette Boyer in North Bay, Ontario on 3 July 1965, but they did not have any children together. Neil died at Ottawa General Hospital on 2 August 1998.



Neil Sim.



Floyd Sonmor and Jean Sim wedding.

Russella Jean (Jean) Sim married local Loverna lad, Floyd Sonmor and they had two children – a son who lives in Kindersley and a daughter who lives on Vancouver Island.

Floyd Sonmor died on 1 November 1977 and is buried in Loverna's Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Jean moved to Edmonton, Alberta and worked there for many years as a Nurse. She died in Edmonton on 20 September 2016.

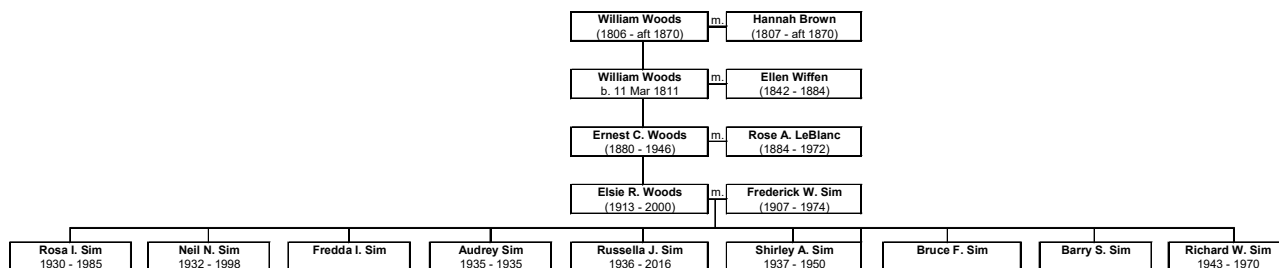
Bruce Fraser Sim became a School Teacher and later a Corporate Lawyer. He married Donna Shirley Doig in Saskatoon on 4 July 1964. Bruce and Donna raised three children in Calgary, all of whom now live in the United States. Bruce and Donna continue to live in Calgary.



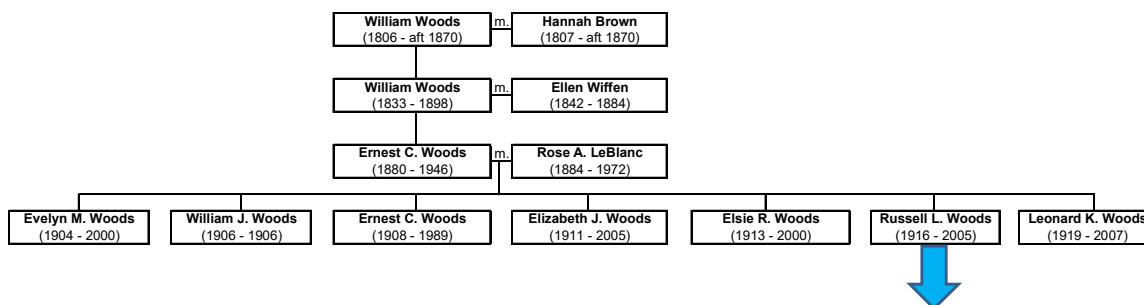
Donna and Bruce Sim (1999).

Barry Stuart Sim married Jean and they have three children, a son and two daughters.

Richard William Winston Sim received Winston as a given name as his father was a big fan of Winston Churchill, who was leading Britain in WWII at the time of Richard's birth. Richard was found dead below a bridge on the frozen North Saskatchewan River in Edmonton in February 1970. He had been paid the day before, and the family believe that he was likely mugged and thrown off the bridge.



Chapter 8 – Russell Lane Woods and Eva May Pinchin



Russell Lane Woods, the sixth child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc, was born at Saskatoon on 15 September 1916.

On 8 June 1940, Russell married Eva May Pinchin. The couple initially lived in Saskatoon, with their first child being born there, but later moved to Flin Flon, Manitoba, where their other three children were born.

The known descendants of Russell and Eva Woods are as follows –

1. Russell Lane WOODS (b.15 Sep 1916-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.22 Feb 2005-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)

sp: Eva May PINCHIN (b.19 Feb 1915-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; m.8 Jun 1940; d.11 Dec 2011-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)

2. Lorna May WOODS (b. -Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

sp: Ralph PEAKE

3. Trevor Laine PEAKE (b. -Calgary, Alberta, Canada)

3. Tara May PEAKE (b. -New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada)

sp: Hugh NICHOL (b.31 Jul 1932; m.8 Oct 1994; d.15 Jan 2010)

2. Linda Rose WOODS (b.-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)

sp: Duncan MCDOWELL

3. Amy Jean MCDOWELL (b.-Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada)

sp: Jason SCHNEIDER

2. Russella Louise WOODS (b.-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)

sp: Douglas MCBURNEY

3. Amber Leigh MCBURNEY (b.-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

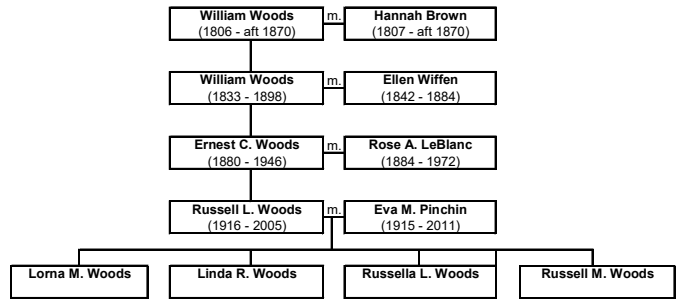
2. Russell Mark WOODS (b.-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)

sp: Stephanie EINARSON

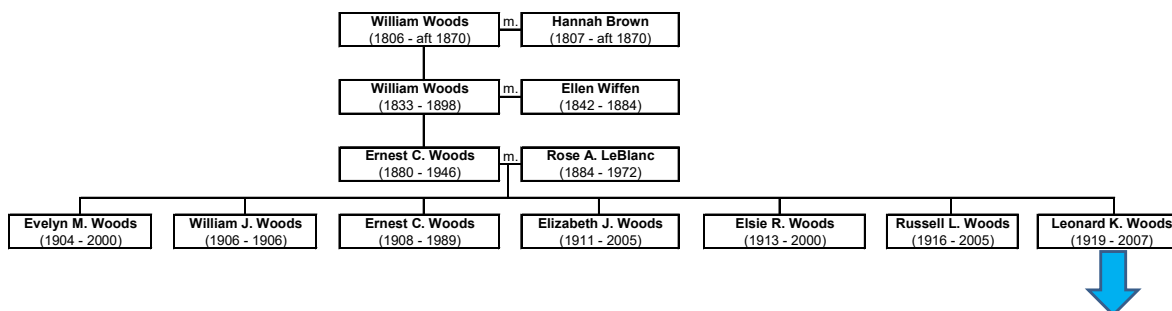
3. Darian WOODS (b.-Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada)

3. Shandrae WOODS (b.-Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada)

Russell died in Flin Flon, Manitoba on 22 February 2005 and Eva died, also in Flin Flon, on 11 December 2011.



Chapter 9 – Leonard Kenneth Woods and Irene Vandale



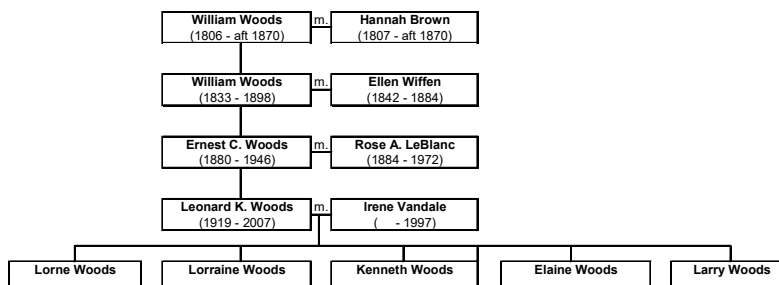
Leonard Kenneth Woods, was born in Warman, Saskatchewan, the youngest child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc.

He married Irene Vandale in July 1940, and the union produced five children.

The known descendants of Leonard and Irene Woods are as follows –

1. Leonard Kenneth WOODS (b.30 Jun 1919-Warman, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.13 Apr 2007)
sp: Irene VANDALE (m. Jul 1940; d.4 Nov 1997)
 2. Lorne WOODS
 2. Lorraine WOODS (d.2007)
sp: Jack BAYCROFT
 3. Dalton BAYCROFT
 2. Kenneth WOODS (d.1997)
 2. Elaine WOODS
sp: Eugene GERMANN
 3. Michael GERMANN
 3. Deanna GERMANN
sp: Rene GUNPUTRAV
 2. Larry WOODS
sp: Lee Ann
 3. Brad WOODS
 3. Brett WOODS
 3. Leonard WOODS

Irene Woods died on 4 November 1997 and husband Leonard died 13 April 2007.



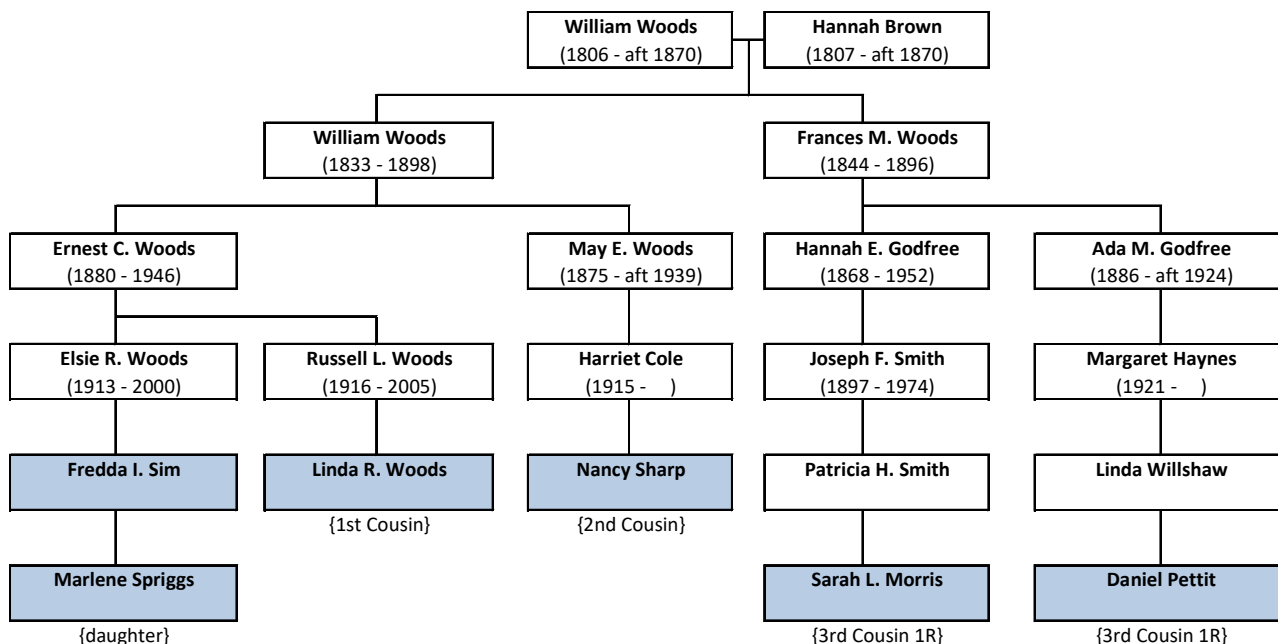
Chapter 10 – DNA Testing

The foregoing chapters have identified many of the descendants of William Woods, born circa 1806 in Brampton, Huntingdonshire, based primarily on public records. So it would be nice to be able to confirm the validity of the ancestral lines as researched.

Autosomal DNA testing, through companies such as Ancestry, 23andMe, My Heritage and FamilyTreeDNA, is of huge benefit to genealogists in confirming familial connections identified by researching the paper trail of our ancestors. If two people who have well-researched family trees, which identify a common ancestor, also share autosomal DNA, and if there is no other obvious ancestral connection, then it is highly likely that the identified common ancestor is correct.

Through comparison of the autosomal DNA results of my mother in law, Fredda Sim, with the results of others who have taken DNA tests (DNA matches), I have found several Woods cousins who were previously unknown to me, including descendants of two of the children of William Woods and Hannah Brown. So autosomal DNA testing has been instrumental in confirming my wife's Woods ancestry. Identification of shared DNA between Fredda Sim and Woods line relatives at the first, second, and third cousin levels reinforces the accuracy of the researched line back to William Woods and Hannah Brown.

The chart below shows several of Fredda's Woods connections confirmed with autosomal DNA testing, but not all known DNA connections have been included in the chart to improve readability.



Woods DNA Connections of Fredda Sim.

There are many other people who have taken autosomal DNA tests, with whom Fredda shares significant amounts of DNA, and with whom it appears that she may share a common Woods ancestor, but unfortunately there is no paper trail to establish the correct relationship.

It is unlikely that relatives beyond fifth cousins will share significant amounts of autosomal DNA, so for more distant connections on the male ancestral line, Y-DNA testing could also be very useful.

The Y-chromosome is passed down the male line from father to son, largely unchanged, although mutations do occur from time to time. It is these mutations that create what is termed “genetic distance” between Y-DNA samples – the genetic distance between two samples increases by 1 with each mutation on either line of descent from a common ancestor. The relative stability of the Y-chromosome is therefore useful in identifying common male ancestors in ancient times.

I therefore encourage male Woods descendants to take the Big Y-700 test at FamilyTreeDNA, or even the somewhat cheaper Y-111 test, which could help to clarify how our Woods family fits into the overall haplotree of humankind. These tests are frequently on sale, especially around Black Friday in November.

To date I am not aware of any Huntingdonshire Woods male descendants who have taken Y-DNA tests, so even one person testing would be useful, and several, from different lines of descent would be a bonus.

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