

48. Canada, County of Perth, to wit: I, ELIZABETH WEAVER¹ of the Township of South Easthope in the County of Perth, spinster, do make oath and say:

1st, That I was, on the 5th day [of] February last past, delivered of a female child.

2nd, I do further declare, make oath and say that WILLIAM ROBERTS,² brickmaster of the Town of Stratford, is really the father of said child of which I have been delivered as aforesaid. *Elizabeth [X her mark] Weaver*

Voluntarily sworn before me at Stratford this 5th day of April, A.D. 1864. *P.R. Jarvis*, Mayor

49. Canada, County of Perth, to wit: I, ANN JANE FLUKE³ of the Township of Hibbert in the County of Perth aforesaid, spinster, do make oath and say:

1st, That I am now pregnant and sick with an illegitimate child⁴ and expect to be delivered thereof in about four months hence.

¹ On the reverse of this affidavit is written "Enclosed by Mr. Jarvis, Mayor. No fee sent." The 1851 census of Ellice Twp. contains the listing of 9 year old Elizabeth Weaver, born in Canada West. She is in the family of farmer Jacob Weaver (35) and his wife Elizabeth (34). This woman, however, is probably not the correct one, as it appears that Mayor Jarvis, who took this affidavit, misheard the surname, which was actually Rever.] The 1861 census of South Easthope Twp. contains the listing of 41 year old farmer Valentine Reiver, born in Germany, his wife, [no given name listed], also 41, and five children ranging in age from 15 years to one year. Elizabeth is not shown in the family, but is possibly a relative. The Perth Co. marriage register contains the marriage of William Roberts, 27, of Stratford, born in England to John and Sarah, to Elizabeth Rever, 20, of Stratford, born in Germany to Henry and Mary Rever, on May 26, 1865.

² The 1871 census of Stratford contains the listing of 34 year old William Roberts, brickmaker, born in England. His wife is Elizabeth (24), and there are four children in his family, ranging in age from 6 to 2 years. Also living with him are John Roberts (70) and his wife Sarah (58), both born in England. A family tree on Ancestry states that William Roberts was the son of John Roberts and Sarah Price.

³ On the reverse of this affidavit is written "Per letter from Mr. H. No fee sent." A Genealogy.com website on the McTaggart family states that Amos McTaggart had an older brother, John, who married Mary Elizabeth Fluke. By 1855, John and Mary Elizabeth were in Hibbert Twp. It is likely that Ann Jane was a relative, and was living with the family. A family tree on Ancestry states that Mary Elizabeth was born in Prince Edward Co. A family tree on FamilySearch states that Ann Jane Fluke was born in 1837. William Cooper, 30, of North Branch, Michigan, married Ann Jane Fluke, 29, of North Branch, born in Canada, on December 7, 1867. Find a Grave states that Ann Jane Cooper died on December 21, 1873 in Lapeer Co., and was buried in the Burlington Cemetery in North Branch. Her death registration states that she died on December 29, 1873.

⁴ The 1870 U.S. census of North Branch, Lapeer, Michigan contains the listing of 40 year old William Cooper, born in Ireland, his wife Ann J., and two children, ranging in age from 5 years to one year. The oldest is Alice V., born in Canada. A family tree on FamilySearch states that Alice Victoria Cooper was born in July 17, 1865 to William Cooper and Ann Jane Fluke. She married Adelbert Sabin and died on October 12, 1949 in Onaway, Presque Isle, Michigan.

2nd, I do further declare, make oath and say that AMOS McTAGGART¹ of the said Township of Hibbert, labourer, is really the father of the said child of which I so expect to be delivered as aforesaid. *Ann Jane Fluke*

Voluntarily sworn before me at Hibbert in the County of Perth this ninth day of April, A.D., 1864. *George Hamilton*, J.P.

50. Canada, County of Perth, to wit: I, MARIA CATHERINE HOFFMEYER² of the Township of Fullarton in the County of Perth, spinster, voluntarily make oath and say:

1. That I am the daughter of John Hoffmeyer of Fullarton aforesaid and am unmarried and reside with my father, the said John Hoffmeyer, at Fullarton aforesaid.

2. That I am well acquainted with JOHN SCARTH,³ formerly of the Township of Downie in the County of Perth, carpenter, by whom I became pregnant with child.

3. That I was, on the twentieth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three at Downie aforesaid delivered of a female child, and I declare that the said John Scarth is really the father of such child so born as aforesaid.

Maria Catherine [X her mark] Hoffmeyer

Sworn before me at the Town of Stratford in the County of Perth this twenty first day of April, A.D. 1864, having been first read over and explained to the deponent Maria Catherine Hoffmeyer, who fully understood the same and subscribed the same by making her mark thereto in my presence. *John A. Scott*, J.P.

¹ The 1851 census of Hibbert Twp. contains the listing of 14 year old Amos McTaggart, born in Canada. He is in the family of farmer Robert McTaggart (52) and his wife Susana (48). The Huron Co. marriage register contains the marriage of Amos McTaggart, 25, of Hibbert Twp., son of Robert and Susan McTaggart, to Mary Corbet, of Hay Twp., on June 21, 1865 in Brucefield (Huron Co.). A family tree on Ancestry states that Amos' parents were Robert McTaggart and Susanna Vanskiver.

² On the reverse of this affidavit is written "No fee paid." & "22/4/64-Mssrs. L. & W.F." On the "Our Genealogy Pages" website, the page for the Herborth and Coughtry families contains the listing of the family of Johannes Hoffmeyer, b. 1810 in Hessen, Germany, d. 1896 in Fullarton Twp. His wife is Elizabeth Nickolaus. Among the list of his given children is Catherina Hoffmeyer, born November 4, 1845 in New Hamburg. The Waterloo Co. marriage register contains the marriage of Adolph Steppler, 36, of Baden, to Catherine Hofmeier, 22, of Baden, born in New Hamburg to J. Hofmeier and M. [sic] Nicklaus, on June 5, 1866. Mrs. Catharine Steppler, widow of Stratford, born Nov. 10, 1845 to John Hoffmayer and Elizabeth Nicklaus, died of apoplexy on May 1, 1930.

³ The 1861 census of Downie Twp. contains the listing of 22 year old labourer John Scaarf [sic], born in Canada West. He is in the family of tavern keeper H. Scarf (48) and his wife Rachael (35). The obituary of his father, Henry Scarth in the October 14, 1896 issue of the Vancouver Daily World, states that he resided in Perth County for 88 years. His first wife was Rachael Stinson, whom he married in 1836 and who died in 1863. By her, he had four sons, with the eldest being Jonathan, alderman of Winnipeg. Jonathan Scarth of Stratford, aged 73 years 4 months, son of Henry Scarth and Rachael Stinson, died on February 9, 1911 of arteriosclerosis in Stratford.