

William Garland Kidd

William was born in either February 1837 or 1838 to John Kidd and Margaret Garland in Beckwith, probably at the original Kidd farmhouse. His gravestone has his date of birth as February 1, 1838. The 1851 census shows that he is 16 years old and living with his widowed mother and most of his brothers and sisters.

According to his obituary, he began teaching in Lanark County in 1855 and the next year moved to southwestern Ontario where he taught near Walkerton. William then went back to school (University) in Toronto for three years and graduated from Normal School in 1859. (Toronto Normal School Jubilee Record of 1875).

After graduation, he returned to southwestern Ontario returned to teaching in Fergus, where he was in charge of the schools in Fergus, Ontario. (Obituary)

William was shown as an early member of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Nichol Township, where he and his wife, Lenora McGrath, (born July 11, 1843) were married. No specific marriage date was mentioned, but I assume it was around 1861, as their first child, Minnie (Margaret Jane) was born on March 22, 1862. Some sources show Minnie as being born in 1866, but all of the Censuses show that she is two years older than her brother, John Franklin Kidd, who was born on January 26, 1864. Ida Maria was born on February 28, 1868 and was baptised on May 13, 1870 in Fergus by Rev. R. Brewster and William was born on April 3, 1870 and was baptised on May 13, 1870 in Fergus by Rev. R. Brewster.

The school records of 1870 for William G. Kidd, and the 1871 Census show that he is teaching in Fergus, Ontario. In 1872 he received his certificate, as an Inspector from the Board of Examiners, enabling him to become an Inspector of Schools in Ontario. At that time his home was listed as Fergus, Ontario. His obituary shows that he was in charge of the schools in Fergus about that time.

William and his family moved to Kingston, Ontario about 1872, where he first became principal of the Senior Schools in Kingston at the Johnson Street School and then at the Wellington Street School. (Obituary)

The 1875 Kingston Street Directory shows William living at 53 Arch Avenue, which is on the Queen's University Campus. He is listed as a school teacher. About that time William became the Inspector of Schools for Kingston, Frontenac area.

The 1881 Kingston Census shows him as a school Inspector, and living with his wife, Lenora and their children Minnie, 19, Franklin 17, Ida, 13, and William, 11.

The 1885 City of Kingston Street Directory shows him living at 34 Sydenham Road as an Inspector of Schools. The Toronto Normal School Jubilee 1897 – students from 1847-1875, shows information on William, perhaps indicating that he attended the Jubilee.

The 1901 Kingston Census shows that Ida is living at home with her parents. The 1907, 1908, and 1909 Street Directories show they are living at 146 Barrie Street and William is listed as a school Inspector. After that, the Directories show the same address, but no occupation for William. He retired in 1909, after being a teacher for 19 years and an Inspector for 33 ½ years. (obituary and Superannuation Record).

According to several sources, William loved the outdoors and nature in general. He was somewhat of an amateur geologist. He evidently donated his rock specimens to Queen's University.

William and his family remained in their Barrie Street home at least until William died on October 27, 1922. According to Ida Marie's death certificate, she remained in the Barrie Street home until her

death in 1930. (In 2013, both the Sydenham and the Barrie houses are still in good shape. The Barrie Street house is being used as an Aboriginal Student Centre – {personal observation}).

Lenora's obituary stated that she had lived with her daughter, Minnie, in Oak Park, Illinois for several years. It is not clear if she moved right after her husband's death. Lenora died in Illinois on March 18, 1931. She is buried in Cataraqui Cemetery in Kingston, next to her husband and two of her children, Ida and John Franklin.

William and Lenora's Children

Minnie Kidd

According to her grave stone and several censuses, Minnie (Margaret Jane) was born in Fergus, Ontario on March 22, 1862 to William and Lenora. The 1871 Fergus, Ontario Census shows Minnie as 9 years old. She lived in the Fergus area with her family until moving to Kingston when her father got a new job as a teacher.

The 1891 Kingston, Ontario Census, lists Minnie as 19 years old and living with her parents.

On August 8, 1883, Minnie married Charles Samuel Meacham. They both move to Oak Park, Illinois. Charles had moved to Chicago Illinois in 1881 and was working as a salesman.

They had five children: Lola May born 18, 1885; Cecil Ridge born in 1888; William Charles born in 1889; Hubert Franklin born in 1890; Kathleen born in 1908.

Cecil died of pneumonia at age 16 on January 10, 1905. Perhaps this is why Minnie and Charles decided to have another child (Kathleen) so many years after the birth of their last child, Hubert in 1890.

Their two sons, Hubert Franklin and William Charles both became doctors and were both team doctors for the Chicago Black Hawks for many years.

Their four remaining children all married: Dr. William Charles married Katharine Bates on Nov 29, 1911 in Illinois; Lola married Raymond Hampton; Dr. Hubert Franklin married Genevieve Mason; Kathleen married Gilbert Joyaux.

William and Charles both had families and are buried in Forest Home Cemetery in Cook County, Illinois. Two of Dr. Hubert Meacham's children moved to El Paso, Texas.

There is no record of Lola's or Kathleen's family, but Lola is buried in Illinois and Kathleen is buried in El Paso Texas.

This branch of the family has spread from Kingston to Illinois, Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana.

Dr. J Franklyn Kidd

Dr. J Franklyn Kidd, son of William G. Kidd was born in Fergus, Ontario in January 1864. He became a brilliant surgeon in Ottawa. The Daily News of Kingston in April 1882, reports: "Dr. F. Kidd Hospital Surgeon Receives the Chancellor's Prize of \$25 for an essay on the brain." He actually graduated from Queen's University in 1883 with a degree MDCM and medals in both medicine and surgery. (He must have been in Medical School when he wrote the paper).

He first practised medicine for a short time in Carp and then moved to Ottawa.

Dr. John Franklin Kidd married Edith Augusta Hurdman (born April 24, 1869) of Hurdman lumber mills in the Ottawa area. Her father had the Hurdman Bridge built over the Rideau River for better access to his mills. They were married about 1885. They did not have any children.

Dr. Kidd was actively engaged in the building and organization of the old St. Luke's Hospital in 1897. He was its chief surgeon until 1926, at which time the Ottawa Civic opened. During W.W. I he was overseas, where he was evidently injured when a bomb hit the hospital (Bram Hill) that he was working in.

"Who's who" records: "Kidd, Lieut. Col. John Franklyn, C.M.G. 1919 Canadian Army Medical Corp. (Retired), served European was 1915-19 (Dispatches C.M.G.) d. 13 July 1933. C.M.G. - The Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George was founded by George III in 1818. There are 3 classes: Knights of the Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, and Companions, or C.M.G. The latter is reserved for those in the colonies that rendered distinguished service.

In 1924 the honorary degree of LLD was conferred by Queen's University. To this day Queens University has a bursary in his name. It is awarded to an outstanding medical student every year.

In 1933 he was presented to with Gold Cane award which is presented to doctors who have accomplished a lot in their medical careers. In this case Dr. Kidd had achieved that in his fifty years as a doctor.

He supported athletics in Ottawa, and was an executive of both football and lacrosse. He was keen on hockey. Each fall he and his wife would go to Mattawa for a moose hunt. He was also very interested in trains and loved to ride on them. One photo shows him on the front of the first electric train in Ottawa about 1891.

At the time of his death he was living on Aylmer Road in Aylmer, Quebec at his residence, "Longfields". This house has been designated an historic site. It is located near the golf course that he and his wife frequented.

John Franklin Kidd and his wife Edith are both buried in Kidd plot in Cataraqui Cemetery in Kingston. They are both listed in the Beechwood Cemetery where the Hurdman's are buried.

Ida Marie Kidd

Ida was born on February 28, 1868 in Fergus, Ontario. She moved to Kingston where she remained until her death in 1930. Not much has been found about Ida, except that she was single and lived with her parents and that she had liver disease and died of hypertension.

William Edwin Kidd

William was born in Fergus, Ontario in 1870. He too became a doctor and moved Oak Park, Illinois. He married Adeline Frances Mayo on December 20, 1900. Adeline had been married before she married William and had four children with her first husband (Russell). A daughter died before she married William, but William adopted the three remaining children. Both Dr. Kidd (died 1941) and his wife, Adeline (died 1964) are buried in Forest Park Cemetery, Oak Park, Illinois.