

John Gibson of Port Hope
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John Gibson was a tailor in Port Hope when he appeared in 1861 census records from that town. However, by 1871 he had purchased a tavern, and that appears to have been his downfall. John, born about 1825 in Ireland, married Matilda Sloan in a Presbyterian ceremony in Port Hope on May 2, 1851.

Matilda's parents were from Kingston, where her father, Hugh Sloan, married Margaret Crawford in 1830.

John was at one time master of Orange Lodge No. 44 in Port Hope. On the 24th of May, 1878, (Queen Victoria's birthday), John choked to death on a piece of meat while eating lunch at Lee's Hotel. An inquest was held, and the results are quoted in this chapter. John is buried in Port Hope Union Cemetery., but there is no gravestone.

His widow remarried on Feb. 5, 1879, to Andrew Steen, a Quebec-born sailor, and they lived in Toronto. She died in 1890 but it is not known where she is buried.

Notes about John Gibson

Because census records for Port Hope for 1851 have vanished, we must pick up the Gibson family in 1861, as follows:

1861 Page 15 District 2 (frame house, 1/4 acre)

Name occupation birthplace age sex status religion

John Gipson tailor Ireland 32 m m C of S

Matilda Gipson U.C. 25 f m

Martha J. Gipson ditto 8 f s

Mary Gipson ditto 5 f s

Hugh J Gipson. ditto 3 m s

John Henry Gipson ditto 2 m s

1871 District 51 East Durham B2

John Gibson hotel keeper Ireland 47 (Sco) M Presby

Matilda Gibson Ont. 34 Presbyterian

Martha Gibson Ont. 16

(Note: Mary, who should appear between Martha and Hugh J., is missing from the 1871 list.)

Hugh J. Gibson Ont. 13

John H. Gibson Ont. 12

Franck Gibson Ont. 7

Maggie Gibson Ont. 5

Alice Gibson Ont. 4

William Gibson Ont. 3

Sarah Gibson Ont. 2
Emily Gibson Ont. 7/12 October

1881 Port Hope

John Gibson has died, and none of his family appears in the Port Hope census. However, we have tracked some of them as follows:

Mabel Gibson, age 9, born Canada, parents both born in Canada, living in Covington, Kenton, Kentucky, in 1880 with her aunt Sarah and uncle Thomas Wilson. Thomas is 32, born Canada, engineer; Sarah is 31, born Canada, keeping house.

Alice Gipson, 15, born Canada, parents both born in Canada, living in Shelby, Tennessee, in 1880, with her uncle and aunt Archer and Kate Sloan, and their son Willie, age 16. Archer is 40, born CT, as were his parents (which we know is wrong); Kate is 31, born NY. They are operating a millinery store. Willie is also born in Canada.

Sarah Gibson, 16, born Canada, is a hired girl on the farm of James and Martha Wilson in Brighton, Monroe, New York, in 1880, but there's no way of knowing if she's the same Sarah who was two years old in 1871 in Port Hope

In the 1881 census of Vaughan, York West, Ontario, there are three Gipsons (notice the spelling) living with George and Jane Hill: Harry is 21, working as a painter; Thomas is 19, and a tinsmith; Mary is 16, no occupation. All are listed as Church of England, the same as the Hills. Once again, we have no evidence that these are the right family.

1891 Port Hope

Francis Gibson, 26, born Ont.; father born Ireland; mother born England; Baptist; chiseller in file factory Cordilia Gibson, 19, born Ont.; parents born England.

1901 Toronto

Martha appears with her husband, Albert Parkin, and children Bruce and Roda (spelled as the census has it), but that's all we've found so far.

The following appeared in the Port Hope Guide in 1854: Orange Association

At the annual meeting of the District Lodge of Hope, held at John Foster's Inn, Port Hope, on the 10th January, 1854, for the purpose of Electing Officers for the ensuing year. The following officers of the different lodges were present:

Brother John Foster, District Master and Master of Lodge No. 141 in the chair.

Thos. Robinson, Deputy District Master and master of 75

David Marshall, District Secretary and Master of 44

Geo. C. Ward, Master of 309

Joseph Cornett do 378

John Wilson do 421

John Gibson, Deputy Master 44

Michael Henry 378

Thos. Cosgrove 75
Robert Warner 141
John Coldwell, Senr. Comt. man 44
R. W. Smart, secretary 309
Robt. Kendle do 378
Thos. Stevenson do 141
James Braky, treas. 44
S. R. Beamish do 306
David Carson 306
Thos. Curry, Member of 44
Malcolm Leith, do 386
Alexander Deyele do 386
Joseph McCardle do 378
The following persons were elected for the ensuing year:
R. W. Smart - District Master
Chas. Dean - Deputy District Master

Sixteen years later, John Gibson bought the hotel from John Foster's widow, Ellen Foster. Another fellow Orangeman from the 1854 list also played a role in the life of John Gibson. Thomas Curry was a witness, along with Isabella Jamison, at the marriage of John Gibson and Matilda Sloan on May 2, 1851. The wedding was performed in Port Hope by Rev. John Cassie, a Presbyterian minister.

John Gibson's career as a hotel keeper hit a snag in the 1870s. Minutes of Port Hope town council of Feb. 27, 1874, show that Charles Gilchrist, license inspector, reported that John, up to the end of 1872, had a tavern license and during most of that time kept a house which was "very disorderly and a constant source of trouble to the constables of the town, and in which disturbances were constantly occurring." Gilchrist noted that in 1873 council had refused to grant John a license "and the said John Gibson in my opinion is an unfit person to receive such a license."

By May, 1878, when another report in the Port Hope Guide mentioned John, he was demoted from tavern keeper to licensed shop keeper:
LICENSES - The following licenses were granted for Port Hope for 1878-9: Taverns - William Mackie, George Lambert, J. W. German, R. G. Blackham, Thos. Plain, Martin Griffin, John Lynn, J. H. Hawkins, John Lee, Wm. Nelson, Jas. Christopher, Jas. Bradley, T.W. Hunt (Queen's Hotel), and Lawrence Haw. Total, 14. Shops - Simpson & Read, John Gibson, J. J. Walsh & Co., Thomas McCreery, John Lydon, and Robert Milligan. Total, 6.

Only three weeks after the above list of licenses was published, the Guide ran this brief item:
May 30, 1878 - LOCAL JOTTINGS - Fatal Accident-On the Queen's Birthday, John Gibson, an old resident of Port Hope and a former councilman, was taking dinner at J. Lee's Hotel, when he was choked to death with a piece of meat. Those that were present

and saw his actions thought he had had a fit. A doctor was sent for, who, when told of the symptoms, put his fingers in the dead man's throat, and drew out a piece of beef over three inches long, and one and a half inches wide. An inquest was held and a verdict rendered in accordance with the above facts."

On August 3, 1917, there was another item in the Port Hope Guide:
Another bar room passed out this morning. It will be remembered by many of our older readers as John Gibson's Hotel on Queen Street, later being conducted as a boarding house by Miss Moore.

The bar was situated at the south end of the building. Mr. Helm, who owns the building, had this portion torn down, but the rough cast structure still remains.

The coroner's report on the inquest into the death of John Gibson is housed at Trent University in Peterborough.
Most of the original spelling and punctuation have been retained in this transcript.

Inquest of Coroner Maxwell on the body of John Gipson.

Inquisition taken upon view of the body of John Gipson of Port Hope before R Maxwell, Coroner, May 24th 1878, filed July 2d 1878, IWK, CP

Province of Ontario
United Counties of
Northumberland & Durham,
to wit:

An inquisition indwted(?) taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen, at the Police office in the Town of Port Hope in the County of Durham, one of the Said United Counties, on the twenty-fourth day of May in the forty-first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, before Robert Maxwell Esquire, one of the coroners four Said Lady the Queen, for the said Counties, on view of the body of John Gipson, then and there lying dead, upon the Oath of Donald McLennan, Robt H. Smith, Edward Morphatt, John Trick, Wm. Yoe, Chas Philp, Augustus Gaudry, Abra Creamer, Geo W. Hastings, Simon Marshall, Thomas Henry, Robert Powe, John Goheen and John Holmes, Good and lawful men of the Said Town of Port Hope, in the said counties duly sworn and who being then and there duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Said Lady the Queen when, where, how and by what means the said John Gipson came to his death, do upon their oath say that the Said John Gipson came to his death on the day of the date hereof (twenty fourth of May 1878)at the Town of Port Hope, in the County of Durham from Suffocation caused by a large piece of Beef lodging in his throat at Midday at a public Dining table in John Lee's Tavern on Mill Street - And we further think there was no

necessity of holding an inquest in such a case. -

And so the jurors aforesaid upon this oath aforesaid do say that the said John Gipson came to his death in manner & by the means aforesaid.

In witness whereof as well the Said Coroner as the jurors aforesaid have to this inquisition set & subscribed their hands and seals on the day and year and at the place first mentioned above.

R. Maxwell, Coroner

Northumberland & Durham (seal)

Donald McLennan Foreman (seal)

Robert H. Smith (seal)

EW Morphet (seal)

John Trick (seal)

William Yeo (seal)

Charles Philp (seal)

Agustus X Gaudre, mark (seal)

Abraham Creamer (seal)

George W. Hastings (seal)

Simon Marshall (seal)

John his X mark Goheen (seal)

Thomas Henry (seal)

John Holmes (seal)

Robert Powe (seal)

Province of Ontario

United Counties of

Northumberland

and Durham, to wit:

These are to certify that by an inquisition taken before me on view of the Body of John Gipson at the Town of Port Hope in the County of Durham, one of the above united counties, and bearing date the twenty fourth day of May instant, the jurors in the said inquisition named have formed that the said John Gipson came to his death on the day of the date hereof at Port Hope, from suffocation caused by a large piece of beef lodging in his throat at midday at a public dining table in John Lees tavern on Mill Street.

Given under my hand this 24th day of May A D 1878 R Maxwell, coroner N & D

Province of Ontario

United Counties of Northumberland and Durham to wit:

Information of witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on the behalf

of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, touching the death of John Gipson. at the Police office on Walton Street, in the Town of Port Hope, in the County of Durham, one of the above said United Counties on the twenty fourth (24th) day of May in the Forty-first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria & before R Maxwell Esq, one of the coroners of the said counties, on an inquisition then & there taken on view of the body of Jno. Gipson then and there lying dead, as follows to wit:

I seen Mr. John Gibson the deceased today about 12:30 p.m. at John Lee's Tavern. I went to take the dishes off the table & asked a man at the table if he wanted anything as I turned saw Mr. Gipson & asked him xxx Mr Gibson was then throwing up & fell down at once & I picked him up & I went for Dr. Clemenshaw. Deceased was in usual health & came in and asked for his dinner, had Roast Beef potatoes && green stuff. I thought he was in a fit when falling did not see him take the peice of beef - Miss Lee brought him the tea & he threw it out of his mouth and nose don't know whether he was dead or not when I arrived. I am of the opinion that the peice of beef caused his death by choking only one man at table taking dinner at the time. Deceased before sitting down to dinner he told Miss Lee to keep a parcel safe for him that he had left in the bar. did not seem worse of liquor.

Catharine her X mark Hays
R Maxwell, coroner, witness

Wm William labourer examined saith I saw deceased this morning 24th May 78, at John Lynn's North American Hotel.

Saw him drink three glasses of whisky in a short time. this was before he went to John Lees Hotel. I went for the Chief Constable Mr. Marshall as soon as I found what had happened but did not find him then. John Gipson was was dead at Lee's & lying in the back yard on the steps leading from the dining room door thereto. The above information taken before me this 24th May 1878. R Maxwell, coroner.

Andrew Duff from the City of Rochester sworn and said Arrived here about 8 days ago stopped that time at Mr. Lees Tavern did not see Mr. Gibson until about half & hour before going to dinner today. I had not seen him before - I went into dinner & Mr. Gibson followed me. appeared capable of taking care of himself - was called to dinner about 12.00 noon. he dropped over corner of table & a few minutes after sitting down - I called Mr. Lee both of us carried him outside & struck him on the back thought him choking, was still getting blacker in the face until the doctor came & he put his finger down his throat & pulled out a large peice of meat & said he was too late - signed in presence of R Maxwell, coroner, Andrew his X mark Duff.

J. W. Clemesha M. D. sworn says was called to see the deceased Jno Gipson between twelve & one o'clock today. When I reached Lee's Hotel, where the deceased was I found him dead. I at once removed a large peice of meat from the throat which in my opinion was the cause of death - from suffocation.

J. W. Clemesha M.D.

All the above information was severally taken and acknowledged in the day and year and at the place above mentioned before me.

R Maxwell, coroner

Hugh Gipson examined saith

I am son of the deceased John Gipson. My father was a native of Ireland a member of the Presbyterian Church age at time of death about fifty-five years. I was from home this day of his death until evening.

Hugh Gibson

R Maxwell, coroner

Jane Lee examined saith

I am daughter to Mr. Lee Tavern keeper. I saw the deceased Jno Gipson when he came into dinner. I gave him the tea and left him eating - I don't know who helped deceased to the meat at the table but it is likely he helped himself. I had left the room - but hear a chairs fall & went back to see what the matter was - Mrs Hays said deceased had taken a fit - Then I called my Pa, and he and another man brought him to the door for to get air and there he remained until the doctor came.

Jane Lee

R. Maxwell, coroner

Death of a salesman

Bruce Pollard had this to say about his mother, Mabel (who has been located in the 1880 census of Kentucky):

Mabel lived with an older sister in Covington, Kentucky, before moving back to Port Hope. The sister's husband left one night on a trip - he was a travelling salesman - and the two young women locked the door behind him as he had told them to do. At 11:30 or 12:00 that night, they heard a knock at the front door, and both became frightened. They took a gun the husband had left for them, and demanded to know who was at the door. When they got no response, they shot through the door and killed the intruder, who turned out to be the husband.

"We moved out of that home quick," Bruce quoted his mother as saying. Mabel apparently returned to Port Hope, then to Toronto where she got a job as a seamstress at the T. Eaton Co. "when only eight girls worked there," Bruce said. She met George Pollard through a friend from work. *See note later . . .

The Gibson children

"She was always the first in the neighbourhood to have her wash out on the line on a Monday morning - and it was always the whitest."

This kind of tribute would have pleased many women of Martha Gibson Parkin's generation. It was said of Martha by a grandson, Ross "Toby" Maywood of Toronto.

The little lady (Ross also remembered his grandmother as a tiny, pleasant woman) was born July 24, 1852, in Port Hope and died April 7, 1925, in Toronto. She is buried with her husband, Albert Parkin, in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto. There is no gravestone.

Martha was the eldest of a large family of John Gibson, an Irish-born tailor who for a time operated a hotel/tavern in Port Hope, and his wife, Matilda Sloan, who was born in Kingston, Ont. Martha's brothers and sisters are believed to be as follows:

Hugh J., born about 1858, moved to Chicago.

John Henry, born about 1859, was a sailor on the Great Lakes. He lived in Toronto with the Maywood family for a while, then moved to Detroit where he worked for Dodge Brothers, which later became part of Chrysler Corp., in the tool department. He married Mary Campbell, but there were no children.

Their address listed on a death record from the Michigan department of public health was 1746 E Gd Blvd, Detroit. John Henry died May 11, 1924, and his birth date was listed as 24 May 1867, and his age as 56 years, 11 months and 18 days. However, he was shown as two years old on the 1861 census of Port Hope, so he was probably eight years older than the death record shows.

The death certificate also states that John Henry had lived in Detroit for five years before his death, and that his body was returned to Port Hope for burial. Cemetery records there give this information:

John Henry Gibson, 65, brother of plot owner (presumably Frank Gibson), died at Detroit May 10, 1924, of acute dilation of heart; buried Range 11, Lot 87.

A nephew, Bruce Pollard of Weston, remembered Uncle Harry as a ship captain, "a happy-go-lucky guy," who always had a joke to tell. He was also a drinker, and "Aunt Maggie" in a letter once told Uncle Frank not to put up with Harry imposing on him. However, according to Frank's

daughter, Frank also drank, so he apparently felt some sympathy for Harry. Frank Gibson, the only member of the family to remain in (or return to) Port Hope after their father's death. He was born Nov. 29, 1860, and married Aug. 20, 1890, at Port Hope to Cordelia Jane Richards of Springville (near Peterborough), and died April 28, 1935, at Oshawa. He worked as a mechanic for Port Hope Sanitary, which became Crane Canada, and later for the Nicholson File Company.

An obituary in the Port Hope Guide of April 29, 1935, gives his name as Frances Lewis Gibson, but a death notice calls him Franklin Lewis Gibson. His age is 74, and the survivors listed, besides his wife, are one brother, Hugh J. of Chicago, and two sisters, Mrs. William Carson of Toronto and Mrs. George Pollard of Weston.

Port Hope cemetery records show Frank is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Range 11, Lot 87, along with his wife and brother.

Frank and "Aunt Cordy" were married by Rev. D. Reddick, a Baptist clergyman. Cordelia's parents were Henry John Richards, a tailor from Cornwall, England, and Elizabeth Robbins. The family lived in Millbrook, Springville and Bailieboro at various times. Cordelia, their eldest child, was born June 1, 1871, and died Sept. 9, 1947. The others were Joseph James Beard Richards, born 1872; Maria Olivia Robbins Richards, 1874; Walter Henry Richards, 1876; and John Tredenham Richards, known as Denham. These names were provided by Margaret Hamilton, a daughter of Frank and Cordelia.

Frank and Cordelia's family:

1. Emma (Mrs. T. Mansell Leech), born June 14, 1891, died Aug. 6, 1981, in Empress, Alta. No family.
2. George Henry, born Dec. 12, 1892, lived only four days.
3. Francis Walter, born Jan. 4, 1894, lived in Fort Erie, and probably had children.
4. Mary Olivia, known as Olive, born Nov. 8, 1895, died Oct. 6, 1936. She married Victor Wilson and lived in Niagara Falls.
5. Sarah, born July 31, 1897, died at age five of scarlet fever. She too is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Port Hope, Range 11, Lot 87.
6. John Henry, born April 17, 1899. We don't know what became of him.
7. Muriel Elizabeth, born March 24, 1901, married Charles Smith of Oshawa, and later lived in Anderson, Indiana. She died March 29, 1981.
8. William Joseph, born July 5, 1903, and was in the United States Army, according to his sister Margaret. He died in the U.S., date and place unknown.
9. Margaret, born Sept. 23, 1907, married Roy Hamilton, and was living in Rexdale when I interviewed her in 1985. They had three children:
Jean Margaret, Mary Jane, and Roy David Hamilton.
 1. Jean Margaret Hamilton, born Aug. 18, 1932, married Jim Ashley (divorced) and Harry Kift of Oshawa. Her family: 1. Mary Jane Ashley, born May 26, 1958; married Charles Aube and had a child, Michael Aube,

March 12 1983. 2. Stephen James Ashley, born May 17, 1954, married Cathie, and had a daughter Sarah. 3. Margot Anne Ashley, born Sept. 30, 1959; 4. Karen Jean Ashley, born Nov. 16, 1962, married Frank Woo on April 30, 1983; 5. Elizabeth Kim Ashley, born Oct. 23, 1964.

2. Mary Jane Hamilton, born Sept. 20, 1933, married Thomas W. Styffe, who died on New Year's Day 1982. Their children were: 1. Philip Thomas Styffe, born March 23, 1957; 2. Thomas William Styffe Jr., born Aug. 15, 1959, married Ivy Young June 27, 1981 3. Roy Charles Styffe, born April 14, 1964.

3. Roy David Hamilton, born June 12, 1936, married Shirley Hodgson; died the day after Christmas 1982. Their family: 1. Laura Elaine Hamilton, born Feb. 15, 1959; 2. Eric Alan Hamilton, born March 5, 1960, married Bruna Ann Alberton Aug. 11, 1979; they had one child, Aaron David Hamilton April 2, 1983. 3. Karen Louise Hamilton, born Sept. 21, 1962; 4. James David Hamilton, born Sept. 4, 1968.

10. Helen Isobel Gibson, born Sept. 17, 1909, died Aug. 24, 1982; she was living in Oshawa in 1935; later married Lewis Foote.

Marguerite or Maggie Gibson, born about 1866, lived in Minneapolis, Minn., and was a doctor of some sort, possibly an osteopath. In a letter owned by her nephew, Bruce Pollard, dated Nov. 7, 1904, and written on stationery of the Landour Hotel, she tells her sister, Bruce's mother, that she is going into hospital for a hip operation. Bruce, whom I visited in 1985, remembers Aunt Maggie. He said she lost her husband, and used insurance money to train as a doctor. She moved to Toronto or Weston in 1910 or thereabouts, and George Pollard made a shack for her to live in at the back of his property. She stayed there for a few weeks and died of tuberculosis. Bruce remembers one daughter: 1. Alice, a tall redhead, who married a milkman in Cobourg.

Alice Gibson, born about 1867, probably in Oshawa.

William Gibson, born about 1868. Nothing more is known of this one.

Sarah Gibson, circa 1869. Another mystery.

Emily or Matilda Gibson. The 1871 census shows an Emily, age 7 months, and born in October 1870. A record of Wesleyan Methodist baptisms shows a Matilda Gibson, daughter of John and Matilda, born Aug. 31, 1870, in Port Hope and baptised Aug. 5, 1871, by Rev. J. B. Howard

Agnes Gibson. This name was on a list of aunts and uncles given to me by Mrs. Hamilton. We have no further information.

James Gibson. This name too is on the list of aunts and uncles from Mrs. Hamilton. However, her list does not include Hugh J., so this might be the same person. Her list also does not include Sarah, Emily or Matilda.

Mary Gibson. This name is in the 1861 census, age 5, but not on the 1871 list nor on Mrs Hamilton's list.

Elizabeth Gibson, who married William Carson, a railwayman who lived in

Toronto. According to Bruce Pollard, the Carsons had two children, Cora and Bill.

Mabel Ethel Gibson, born Sept. 12, 1873 in Port Hope. She married George Pollard, a blacksmith, on June 1, 1897, at Toronto Junction. The marriage was performed by Rev. Lewis W. Hill of Weston Baptist Church. A family Bible owned by Bruce Pollard shows that William Pace and Carrie E Pace were witnesses.

Mabel died in 1945. Her husband, who had been born in a log house in Mitchell in 1869, according to an obituary in the Bible, died Jan. 10, 1966, at age 96. His birthdate is given as Feb. 5, 1869. George moved to Weston in 1891 and set up a blacksmith shop at the northeast corner of Weston Road and John Street. At the time of his death, the obituary says, he was the oldest Odd Fellow in Ontario. His wife had been a member of Westonia Rebekah Lodge. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery (in Weston?).

The Gibson family does not appear on Port Hope census records in 1880, although some of the children have been located in other censuses. It is not known at this time where Martha was staying in the year following her husband's death.

The Pollards had five children, two of whom were still living in 1985:

1. Bruce Gibson Pollard, born May 15, 1898, at Weston, was sharing his home in Weston with a grandson, Larry Saalmans. Bruce had one child, Dorothy, who married the manager of a Toronto jewelry company, named Saalmans. She died of cancer. They had two sons, Larry, born c1963, who was living with Bruce, and Bruce Saalmans, born about 1965, who was living with his father.
2. The Pollards' second child, Lillian Edith, born Oct. 27, 1899, lived in Regina where her husband, Mr. Smith, ran a Beaver Lumber store.
3. Stanley Wilber Pollard, born Nov. 1, 1901, at Weston, died at age 21 of blood poisoning after injuring his knuckles while working on construction of the Queen Elizabeth Highway.
4. Norval Roland Pollard, born June 1, 1904, lived in Detroit and spent winters in Florida. His nickname was "Buck".
5. Blanche Mildred Pollard, born June 12, 1909, at Weston, married Mr. Tokrud and lived in Toronto and Oshawa.

BLANCHE POLLARD

In 2001, I was able to locate Lee Tokrud, a stepson of Blanche Pollard. He said Blanche was a widow in 1937 when she moved to Timmins as a housekeeper for Lionel Tokrud, who was also widowed, and married him. The marriage was not happy, and they separated in 1941. Lee said both George Preston and Jean Preston were married, but he did not know their married names, nor did he want any further contact with the family.

Descendants of Hugh and Margaret Sloan

(Tracing Gibson and Sloan relatives has been a slow process. This year, 2002, I made contact with some cousins, descendants of Frank Gibson and Cordelia Richards who returned to Port Hope after the rest of the family moved away.)

1 Hugh Sloan b: Abt 1794 in Vermont, U.S.A. (according to Michigan census 1881 in which a son was enumerated - other sources say Ireland and England) alive in 1861 in Port Hope; of Pittsburgh Tp, near Kingston, at time of marriage

. +Margaret Crawford b: in Scotland, of Kingston m: March 9, 1830 in Kingston d: Aft 1851 before 1861

..... 2 Matilda Sloan b: Abt 1836 in Kingston, Upper Canada d: July 23, 1890 in Toronto

..... +John Gibson b: Abt 1825 in Ireland m: May 2, 1851 in Port Hope, Presbyterian, Rev J Cassie d: May 24, 1878 in Port Hope Buried: May 26, 1878 Port Hope, Union Cem, Range 49

..... 3 Martha J. Gibson b: July 24, 1852 in Port Hope, Ont. d: April 7, 1925 in Toronto, Ont. Buried: Toronto, Prospect Cem.

..... +Albert Parkin b: Abt 1851 in Port Hope, Ont. m: November 24, 1871 in Port Hope, Ont., Rev JB Tapp d: October 2, 1908 in Toronto Buried: Toronto, Prospect Cem.

(For descendants of Albert Parkin and Martha Gibson, see Bullied Parkin genealogy.)

..... *2nd Husband of Martha J. Gibson:

..... +John J. Teskey m: Aft 1908 in Toronto

..... 3 Mary Gibson b: Abt 1856 in Upper Canada

..... 3 Hugh James Gibson b: Abt 1858 in Upper Canada

..... 3 John Henry (Harry) Gibson b: Abt 1859 in Port Hope, Ontario, Canada d: May 11, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. Buried: Port Hope, St. John's Cem, Range 11 Lot 87

..... +Mary Cameron

..... 4 no children

..... 3 Frank Lewis Gibson b: November 29, 1860 in Ontario d: April 28, 1935 in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada Buried: Port Hope, St. John's Cem, Range 11 Lot 87

..... +Cordelia Jane Richards b: June 1, 1871 in Springville, Ont. m: August 20, 1890 in Port Hope, Baptist, Rev. D. Reddick d: Sept. 9, 1947 in Oshawa, Ont., age 76+3+8 days. Buried: Port Hope, St. John's Cem, Range 11 Lot 87

..... 4 Emma Gibson b: June 14, 1891 d: August 6, 1981

..... +T. Mansell Leech d: in Empress, Alta.?

..... 4 George Henry Gibson b: December 12, 1892
d: December 16, 1892

..... 4 Francis Walter Gibson b: January 4, 1894.
Railway conductor, moved to Fort Erie d: 1969 in Orangeville hospital

..... +Ina May Tulloch

..... 5 Frederick Lester Bunny Gibson b:
Sept.1, 1919 in Fort Erie, Ont.; d: March 20, 1998

..... +Catherine Bozak b: January 4,
1917 in Hudson Bay, Sask.

..... 6 Judy Gibson b: Aft
1947

..... +Fiorino

..... 7 Son At
Sheridan College Fiorino

..... 6 Lorna Catherine Gibson
b: December 2, 1942

..... 6 Murray Wayne Gibson b:
March 27, 1944

..... 6 Wray Douglas Gibson b:
April 5, 1947

..... 6 Garry Lester Gibson b:
September 2, 1948

..... 6 Robert Gibson b: Abt
1950

..... 6 Robin Gibson b: Abt
1950

..... +Vukvick

..... 5 Norma Gibson b: Abt 1917 age 84
in 2001

..... +Naylor alive in 2002 in
Buffalo, NY

..... 5 Jean Gibson d: Abt 1992

..... +Fretz

..... 5 Donna Gibson d: Abt 1974

..... +Reiderer

..... 5 Frank Gibson b: Abt 1926 of
Edmonton in 2002

..... 5 Robert Gibson b: Abt 1933 d:
November 17, 1953 in plane crash @ Kippen, Ont.

..... 4 Mary Olivia Gibson b: November 8, 1895
d: November 6, 1936

..... +Victor Wilson m June 1, 1920, Port

Hope, d: in Niagara Falls, ?
 4 Sarah Gibson b: July 31, 1897 in Port
 Hope, Ontario, Canada d: March 6, 1903 in Port Hope, Ont., scarlet
 fever Buried: Port Hope, St. John's Cem, Range 11 Lot 87
 4 John Henry Gibson b: April 17, 1899
 4 Muriel Elizabeth Gibson b: March 24, 1901
 d: March 29, 1981 in Anderson, Indiana?
 +Charles Smith m: in Oshawa?
 4 William Joseph Gibson b: July 5, 1903 d:
 in Fort Bliss, Texas?
 4 Margaret Gibson b: September 23, 1907

 +Roy Hamilton; lived in Islington
 5 Jean Margaret Hamilton b: August
 18, 1932
 +James Ashley
 6 Stephen James Ashley
 b: May 17, 1954
 +Cathie
 7 Sarah Ashley

 6 Mary Jane Ashley b:
 May 26, 1958
 +Charles Aube
 7 Michael Aube
 b: March 12, 1983
 6 Margot Anne Ashley b:
 September 30, 1959
 6 Karen Jean Ashley b:
 November 16, 1962
 +Frank Woo m: April
 30, 1983
 6 Elizabeth Kim Ashley
 b: October 23, 1964
 *2nd Husband of Jean Margaret
 Hamilton:
 +Harry Kift
 5 Mary Jane Hamilton b: September
 20, 1933
 +Thomas W. Styffe d: January
 1, 1982
 6 Philip Thomas Styffe
 b: March 23, 1957
 6 Thomas William Styffe
 Jr. b: August 15, 1959

..... +Ivy Young m: June
27, 1981

..... 6 Roy Charles Styffe b:
April 14, 1964

..... 5 Roy David Hamilton b: June 12,
1936 d: December 26, 1982

..... +Shirley Hodgson

..... 6 Laura Elaine Hamilton
b: February 15, 1959

..... 6 Eric Alan Hamilton b:
March 5, 1960

..... +Bruna Ann Alberton
m: August 11, 1979

..... 7 Aaron David
Hamilton b: April 2, 1983

..... 6 Karen Louise Hamilton
b: September 21, 1962

..... 6 James David Hamilton
b: September 4, 1968

..... 4 Helen Isobel Gibson b: September 17, 1909
d: August 24, 1982 in Oshawa, ?

..... +Lewis Foote

..... 3 Maggie (Marguerite) Gibson b: Abt 1866 in Ontario

..... 3 Alice Gibson b: Abt 1867 in Ontario

..... 3 William Gibson b: Abt 1868 in Ontario

..... 3 Sarah Gibson b: Abt 1869 in Ontario

..... 3 Elizabeth Gibson b: Abt 1870 in Port Hope, Ont.

..... +William Carson b: Abt 1867 in Canada m: April 8,
1890 in West Toronto Jct, Ont., Presbyterian, A.C. Miles

..... 4 William Carson

..... 4 Cora Carson

..... 3 Emily Matilda Gibson b: August 31, 1870 in Port
Hope Christened: August 5, 1871 Port Hope, Wes.Meth.

..... 3 Mabel Ethel Gibson b: September 12, 1873 in Port
Hope d: 1945; buried Riverside Cemetery, Weston? Buried: Riverside Cem.

..... +George Pollard b: February 5, 1869 in Mitchell,
Ontario, in a log house m: June 1, 1897 in Toronto Junction, Ontario,
Weston Baptist, Rev LW Hill d: January 10, 1966 in Toronto Junction,
Ontario, age 96

..... 4 Bruce Gibson Pollard b: May 15, 1898 in
Weston, Ontario d: Bef 1998 in Weston, Ontario

..... +unknown

..... 5 Dorothy Pollard d: Bef 1985
..... +Saalmans mgr of jewelry co.
in Toronto m: Abt 1962

..... 6 Larry Saalmans b: Abt
1963 in Toronto, living with Bruce Pollard in 1985

..... 6 Bruce Saalmans b: Abt
1965 in Toronto, living with father in 1985

..... 4 Lillian Edith Pollard b: October 27, 1899
in Weston, Ontario d: Bef 1966 in Regina, Sask. ?
..... +Smith of Regina, Sask., Beaver Lumber
store

..... 4 Stanley Wilbur Pollard b: November 1,
1901 in Weston, Ontario d: Abt 1922 in age 21, blood poisoning while
working on QE highway

..... 4 Norval Roland Pollard b: June 1, 1904 in
Weston, Ontario d: Aft 1985 lived in Detroit and Florida

..... 4 Blanche Mildred Pollard b: June 12, 1909
in Weston, Ontario d: Bef 1985 in Oshawa
..... +Unknown Preston m: Bef 1936

..... 5 George Preston living in
Oshawa c1951

..... 5 Jean Preston
..... *2nd Husband of Blanche Mildred Pollard:

..... +Leo (Lionel Kolbjorn) Tokrud m: 1937 in
Timmins (probably)
..... *2nd Husband of Matilda Sloan:

..... +Andrew Steen b: Abt 1851 in Quebec, sailor, m: February 5,
1879 in Toronto, Holy Trinity Church

..... 2 Andrew C. Sloan b: August 15, 1836 in Kingston, Ont. , moved
with his parents to Port Hope and went to Port Huron in the 1850s.
Christened: October 17, 1836 Kingston, Ont., St. Andrew's, Presbyterian;
died Nov. 14, 1907, buried in Port Huron.

..... +Frances E. Greenfield Robeson b: Abt 1835 in Michigan m:
November 16, 1866 in Port Huron, Michigan.d: 1887 in Michigan (Lakeside
Cemetery). Age at death: 52 est.

.. 3 Stepson Frank Robinson Sloan b: Abt 1855 in Michigan

.. 3 Stepson Fred Sloan b: Abt 1856

.. 3 Elmer Sloan b: Abt 1868 in Michigan d: 1918; m April 7, 1903 in
Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois.
+Emma C. Wolf, b. in Caslerville, Illinois.

3 Susan M. Sloan b: Abt 1868

.. 3 Jeannie M. Sloan b: October 28, 1870 in at home in 1894

.. 3 Elizabeth Sloan b: Abt 1878

.. 3 Jessie Sloan b: Abt 1878 at home in 1894

..... 2 James Sloan b: February 12, 1839 in Kingston, Ont. went to New York pre-1889 Christened: April 14, 1839 Kingston, Ont., St. Andrew's, Presbyterian
..... 2 Archibald Sloan b: September 19, 1841 in Kingston, Ont. went to Kentucky pre-1889 Christened: February 6, 1842 Kingston, Ont., St. Andrew's, Presbyterian
..... +Mary Ann Jackson m: May 5, 1862 in St. Clair County, Michigan
..... 2 Elizabeth Anne Sloan b: May 15, 1844 in Kingston, Ont. Christened: September 2, 1844 Kingston, Ont., St. Andrew's, Presbyterian

..... 2 Sarah Margaret Sloan b: Abt 1850 in Port Hope, Ontario, moved to Covington, Kentucky, before 1880 census.
..... +Thomas John Wilson b: Abt 1845 in Canada m: September 5, 1870 in Cobourg, Ontario, Methodist
..... 3 Percival Sloan Wilson b: April 1, 1875 in Hamilton, Ontario

The Sloan Connection

Hugh SLONE (sic) was a member of 1st Regiment Frontenac militia in 1828. The next reference we have to Hugh Sloan, our ancestor, is an item in a book entitled Ontario Marriage Bonds, 1803-1834, which was reproduced on a Family Tree Maker CD. It states:

"SLOAN, Hugh, of Pittsburg, & Margaret CRAWFORD, of Kingston, b: Robert McNinch & John Ferguson of Kingston, yeomen. 9 March 1830 at Kingston."

Apparently Anglican records show the marriage of Hugh Sloane (sic) and Margaret Crawford on that same date, 9 March 1830, by license. Although they were Presbyterian, the wedding probably was performed by an Anglican clergyman.

Marriage bonds were issued to ensure that the wedding took place as planned, the bondsmen putting up a certain amount of money. Anglicans could avoid this by having banns read in the church on three successive Sundays. The Sloans had their children christened in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kingston, according to records in the Presbyterian archives in Toronto.

We know that Matilda, the eldest, married John Gibson of Port Hope on May 2, 1851, so we believe Hugh was living there at that time. To confirm this, we also have

Hugh Sloan in 1848 census of Port Hope, C of England, age 21-30 (b1818-1827). Two in family born England, two born Canada. This would mean the parents born overseas, I guess, and the children still at home had been born in Canada. Hugh appears in Port Hope directories of 1857 and 1858 as a boarder/tenant.

Hugh Sloan in 1861 census is a widower, 67 (c1794), b Ireland, C of S, living with Mary Hughs and children in Port Hope.

On Jan. 19, 1851, John Gibson and Mary Sloan were witnesses at the marriage of John Moffatt and Margaret Jane McGaughey, both of Port Hope, by Rev. Cassie. Newcastle District Marriage Registers on MF. This probably was John and Matilda.

An article taken from the Port Hope Weekly Guide of Friday July 5, 1889, lists young men who have left Port Hope for greener pastures; included are three SLOANs, Andrew to Port Huron, Archibald to Kentucky, and James to New York. We have located Andrew and Archie.

Andrew became a U.S. citizen in 1859, renouncing allegiance to the Queen of Great Britain.

On Nov. 16, 1866, he married a widow named Frances E. Robeson (or Robinson) in Port Huron, and acquired two stepchildren. He and Frances then had four more, Elmer about 1868, Susan a short time later, Jeannie in 1870, and Elizabeth later, perhaps as late as 1878. The 1880 census shows Andrew as furniture merchant, age 44, Francis is 45, Elmer 12, Jennie 9 and Elizabeth 2. No Susan.

The Internet tells us Elmer Sloan was born in Port Huron to Andrew C. Sloan and Frances Petty, so that gives us his mother's maiden name. He married April 7, 1903, in Belleville, St., Clair County, Illinois, to Emma C. Wolf. So far we have no further record of the other children.

Andrew is listed in records as a cabinet maker, mattress maker, and upholsterer. He died Nov 14 1907 and is buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron. A small death notice with photo appeared in the Port Huron newspaper.

Archie Sloan turns up in the 1880 census in Shelby, Tennessee, where he operated a millinery store with his wife, Kate. He was 40 and she was 31. They had a son, Willie, age 16, born in Canada, and a visitor, Alice GIPSON, a niece, age 15, also born in Canada. A Sloan researcher sent me this marriage record:

Marriage Record for Archibald Sloan

Spouse: Mary Ann Jackson

Date: 5 May 1862

Residence: Canada West

Age: 21

Minister: D.D. O'Dell, JP

County and State: St Clair Co. MI (The same county where brother Andrew settled.)

Strangely, in the 1880 Tennessee census, there is another Archer Sloan, a 35-year-old black man living in Nashville, Davidson.

Individual Record 1880 United States Census (FamilySearch)

Andrew C. SLOAN
Birth Year 1836>
Birthplace ONT
Age 44
Occupation Furniture Merchant
Marital Status M <Married>
Race W <White>
Father's Birthplace VT
Mother's Birthplace SCO
Census Place 2nd Ward, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan
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St. Clair County, Michigan Marriages 1857-1866

5 May 1862
Archibald Sloan, 21, Canada West
Mary Ann Jackson, 21, Canada West
John Thompson & Charles Steel; D.D. O'Dell, JP

16 Nov 1866, Port Huron
Andrew E. Sloan, 28, Port Huron
Mrs. Frances E. Robson, 31, Port Huron
W. Charles Thompson & William J. Mulford, both of Port Huron; Rev. James S. Hoyt

Further to my Sloan research.2011:

I found that the Mary Hughs with whom Hugh Sloan was living in 1861 was in fact his daughter, wife of James L. Hughes, a carpenter, and that the Hughes family later moved to Peterborough. The 1881 census shows James as age 47, C. Methodist, and Mary J. (Mary Jane in another record) as 45. Their children are Andrew, 25, a painter, Minnie 22, Frederick, 19, a clerk, Elizabeth, 17, Frank J., 16, Ada, 13, and Howard, 6.

From an internet site about Ontario marriage records, I learned that Elizabeth Hawthorne Hughes married John Colon Grant on Sept. 28, 1898, in Peterborough, and Ada married William Thomas Spencer Feb. 26, 1890, in Peterborough.

Also, another child apparently was born to the Hugheses: Gordon Bruce Hughes, born June 21, 1882.

Hi, Alan, I found Archie's obit in The Memphis Appeal Avalanche, 10 Jan 1892; Sloan-The funeral of the late Archie K. Sloan will take place from residence, No. 269 Main street this (Sunday) morning at 10 o'clock. Services will be conducted by rev. Dr. Eugene Daniel of First Presbyterian Church. Friends are invited to attend. (from researcher Debbie Burrell, Memphis, Feb. 9, 2011)

Dec. 28 2010: Internet Search -- Shelby County Deaths says Archie K. Sloan, age 45, died Jan. 8, 1892 of concussion of brain in county jail.

I have found my Archie Sloan in an online directory of Shelby County (Memphis) Tennessee dated 1883. Previously I sent you his baptism date/place -- 19 Sept 1841, Kingston, Ontario, Canada -- and a note that he appears in 1880 census of Shelby, TN, as Archer Sloan with wife Kate and son Willie.

The 1883 directory shows the following Sloans:

SLOAN, ARCHIBALD K., boots and shoes, 221 Main, r 223 Main
SLOAN, A.K. MRS., millinery and dressmaking, 223 Main
Sloan, Belle Miss, dressmkr M. & E. G. Kremer & Co., bds 37 Adams
Sloan, John R., carpenter, W.C. Ellis & Son, r ss Broadway, 2d e of 6th, Ft P
Sloan, Levi, c, porter Erb & Co., r 130 Exchange
Sloan, Rose, wid W., r 76 Front
Sloan, William F., clk A. K. Sloan, bds 223 Main
Sloan, William T., clk Rogers & Co., bds 19 Pontotoc

That's all. My Willie is here as William F., so that adds a middle initial to both his name and his father's.

Archie was a son of Hugh Sloan and Margaret Crawford of Kingston and Port Hope, Ontario. He had siblings named Matilda (my ancestor) b c1836 Kingston, Andrew C. b c1836 Kingston, James b c1839 Kingston, Elizabeth Anne b c1844 Kingston, Sarah Margaret b c1850 Port Hope.

Matilda (m. John Gibson, tailor, tavern keeper) lived Port Hope and Toronto; Andrew went to Port Huron, Mich.; James to New York, Elizabeth Anne unknown; Sarah Margaret to Kenton, Kentucky.

So far I can't find any death notices etc. for Archie or Willie or Mrs. in Tennessee. Maybe he moved away. The directory shows at least 13 people working for him or his wife, so he wasn't just a one-man operation

Re: Mary Sloan Hughes''

Obit in Peterborough Examiner transcribed by June James June 2011: res 302 Park St., born Kingston Nov 15 1836, m on 19th birthday, 1855, moved to Pbo in 1861.
Witness (with John Gibson) at marriage in 1851 Jan. 19 of John Moffatt and Margt J. Gaukey, by Rev. John Cassie, Presbyterian, Port Hope.
Birth date from obituary i Peterborough EXaminer

From Little Lake Cemetery records: Mary Jane Hughes: L 002 017 16S D

Owner of the grave is James Hughes
Date of death is Apr. 27 1906 at the age of 70
Died of heart and kidney problems