# Book 7 Chapter 7 – 1 Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Children of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

### Revised July 2024

**Last Child: Melissa Jane** B 27 Sept 1857 Goderich, Township, Huron Ont.

D 03 Mar 1944 Hamilton, Ont. M 07 Feb 1883 London, Ont.

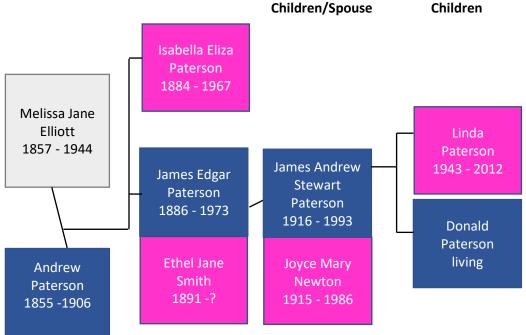
Spouse: Andrew Paterson B 06 Dec 1855 N Oxford township

D 04 Jan 1906 Ridgeway, Ont. (near Ft Erie)

IRC – Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Con – road concession

### **Melissa Jane Elliott Family Tree**

## Melissa – youngest child of JR Elliott and Betsy Elliott



Melissa was born when the family was living in a shanty on 50 acres beside the Bayfield River in Goderich Township, Huron County. Sometime around the time she was 8 years old, the family seems to come apart. The family had returned to Ingersoll after their attempt at homesteading in Huron Co. This was sometime around 1863 as her father was mentioned as living in Ingersoll at that time as per his oldest son's marriage announcement in the Ingersoll Chronicle. However, he was later found living in Minnesota with another wife and, as per the 1900 census, had emigrated in 1866. It can be speculated that her mother and father either went through a divorce or he simply left with another woman. Divorces in that era were never discussed because of the stigma would put on the family. In fact, Melissa's mother referred to herself as being "widowed" in censuses when her husband was alive and living in Minnesota where he would outlive her by over 5 years.

Confirmation of her father's disappearance can be seen in the 1871 family census. Life was probably financially difficult for the family. The older children left the family as soon as possible. The younger ones were mostly likely farmed out to relatives to work as farm labour for the boys and as house

servants for the girls. As an example, Melissa's older sister, Josephine, was a 15-year-old house servant for her aunt Maria Seldon in 1871 and Melissa's teenage son Edgar was likely working on a farm. Only Edwin, Thomas and Melissa were at home. Sons Edwin and Thomas were labourers and probably sources of income for the group.

In the census year 1881, mother Eliza was 60 years old and living with her son Thomas and his wife Elizabeth. Where was Melissa?

There was a Melissa Elliott boarding in Ingersoll in 1881. That would be a possibility, however I am concerned the census age is out a few years. The census listed her as being 18 years of age. In 1871 she would have been 15. Since her mother had moved in with her son Thomas and family and all her other siblings had moved on in the 1871 census, this may have been Melissa and she had given an older age to perhaps satisfy the landlady or enumerator. It would make sense that she was boarding in town as she was not married in 1871 and not living with her mother. No other Melissa Elliott was found in Ingersoll during that time frame.

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Melissa living in a boarding house 1881.

In February of 1883 Marissa married Andrew Paterson. As a sidebar, they were married in London, Ont. The two witnesses were James and Adelia Rogers who were discussed in Chapter 1 of Book 7 as probable relatives of Melissa's mother Eliza Rogers.





1865 Paterson farm location (McGill Maps)



Andrew Paterson grew up on his family's farm NW of Ingersoll on Con 2 Lot 6 N Oxford according to the 1856 Tremaine Maps from U of Toronto. One of their neighbours to the south was the recently arrived Seldon/Elliott Family from Devon. By the time Andrew was 22, his occupation was listed on the 1881 census as a miller. A miller was a person who operated the equipment to grind grain or corn into flour. There were several mills in Ingersoll and the surrounding area in the 1880s. With proximity to Ingersoll and Marissa living in that town in the 1881 census, they met and were married. By the 1891 census the couple and 2 children were found in the Eldon township area of Victoria County in the Kawartha Lakes, north of Toronto. This

would have been a major move for the couple as the distance from Ingersoll was about 280 kms. This would be comparable to moving to a different province today.

Andrew was listed as a store clerk and they appeared to live on a few acres in or near a village. I have



not been able to identify which village but am leaning towards Woodville. Daughter Isabella was six and son James Edgar four at the time of the 1891 census. Other records show the children were born in Eldon township so it is easy to surmised they arrived in Eldon by 1885 at the latest. It would be safe to assume they moved there soon after the couples August 1884 London wedding. The reason for the move is unknown.

Photo – Eldon township 1890s – Kawartha Lakes Library

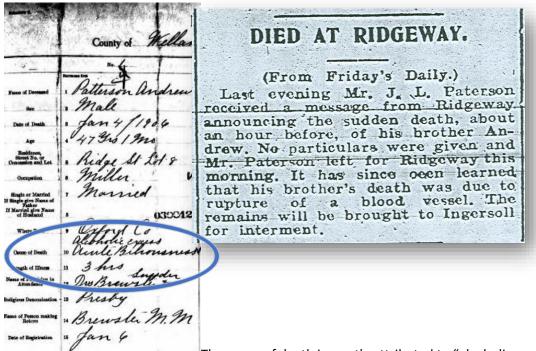
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The family was on the move again and by 1901 they were in Ridgeway, Ontario. Ridgeway is in **Welland County** on the shore of Lake Erie and five kilometers west Fort Erie. It is famous as the major battle site of the Fenian Raids that Melissa's brothers JR and Thomas fought in 1866. Andrew was again listed as a flour miller and was making a healthy \$624 per annum, well above the average wage. Again, this can be looked at as a substantial move for the family.

Major events happened soon after that. Andrew died on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, 1906. His death was in the county of Welland and according his death certificate information probably near or in the small village of Ridgeway. A notice posted in the Ingersoll newspaper of the day indicated such. In the notice, J L

Paterson was Andrew's younger brother and a successful Ingersoll lawyer. Andrew's death certificate gives some insight to the reason for his death.



The cause of death is mostly attributed to "alcoholic excess." It would not seem a stretch that alcoholism may have been the reason that the family moved so often and when doing so moved relatively long distances. He may have had trouble maintaining a job and by moving far away from his previous job he was able to make a fresh start with employment elsewhere.

There is a good chance that several moves were missed due to the fact the censuses were 10 years apart. Homelife may have been very difficult for his wife and children. There were no services to assist families dealing with alcoholism in the late 1800s and Melissa's siblings were not close by. Unless widowed, there was still the stigma of a wife leaving her husband. Melissa witnessed the hardship of a separated family when her mother and father parted company when she was six to eight years old. A question does present itself at Andrew's death. Were the children and wife living with him in Ridgeway at the time of his death? There was several Paterson's living in the Welland area at the time. Did he go live with these relatives and the family moved back to Ingersoll? The only fact we know is that Melissa and daughter Isabella were in Ingersoll soon after Andrew's 1906 death. Isabella was a stenographer at her uncle's law firm in 1908. Melissa lived on King St. east of Mill St. in Ingersoll. This was a few buildings up the street from her sister Josephine Toull's grocery store that the Toull's owned a

few years previously.

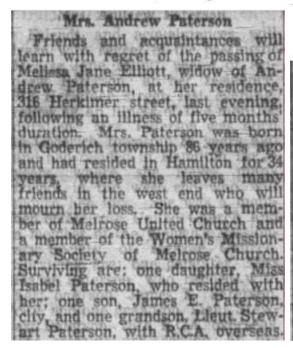


Ingersoll Gazetteer directory 1908

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Melissa moved again. This time she travelled to Hamilton to live with her two children in 1910. Son James was there at the time and took in his mother and sister.

The Hamilton Spectator 31 Mar 1944, Fri Page 11



The Hamilton Spectator 03 Apr 1944, Mon Page 11

The funeral service for Melissa Jane Elliott, widow of Andrew Paterson, late of 316 Herkimer street, was held on Saturday afternoon from the funeral home, 114 Main street west at Bay street, where many friends paid tribute to the deceased. Rev. Dr. John Mutch, of Melrose United Church, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the service at the funeral home. The remains were conveyed to Ingersoll on Sunday afternoon where interment took place in Ingersoll Rural Cemetery, Many old friends in that town were in the committal attendance for service.

### Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers Children of Melissa Jane Elliott and Andrew Paterson

Child: Isabella Eliza B 10 Aug 1884 Victoria Road, Eldon, Kawartha Lakes, Ont.

D 22 Sept 1967 Hamilton, Ont. As per IRC Index

Child: James Edgar B 10 Aug 1886 Victoria Road, Eldon, Kawartha Lakes, Ont.

D 23 Mar 1973 Hamilton, Ont. As per IRC Index (age 86) M 05 Sept 1915 Hamilton, Ont.

Spouse: Ethel Jane Smith B 06 July 1891 Hamilton

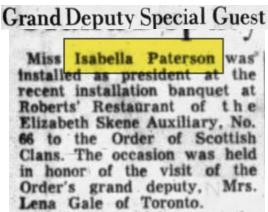
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The Hamilton Spectator 24 Apr 1936, Fri Page 26

On Wednesday afternoon the following members of the Y.W.C.A. swimming classes passed the necessary tests of the Royal Lifesaving society: Award of merit, Sally McClean; bronze medallion, Isabella Paterson; elementary cer-

It seems that son James Edgar did not make the trip back to Ingersoll after his father's death but struck out on his own at age 19. By the 1911 census, Edgar as he was known, had established himself as a draftsman working in Hamilton. Melissa, by that time, was 53 years old and she and daughter Isabella had moved from Ingersoll to live with Edgar at 117 Kent St. Hamilton.

Melissa was noted as head of the house and widowed. Isabella at 26 was contributing to the household income as a law office stenographer. She was an executive with the Order of Scottish Clans in her later years.





May 1958 – Hamilton Spectator

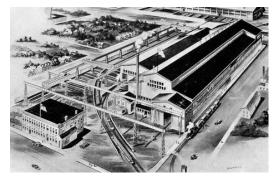
Isabella "Bella" Paterson

The Order of Scottish Clans was a **fraternal and benevolent society.** The dual purpose of the Order was to provide life and disability insurance to Scottish immigrants and their descendants, and also to preserve the culture and traditions of Scotland among Americans of Scottish ancestry. Her father was of Scottish descent.



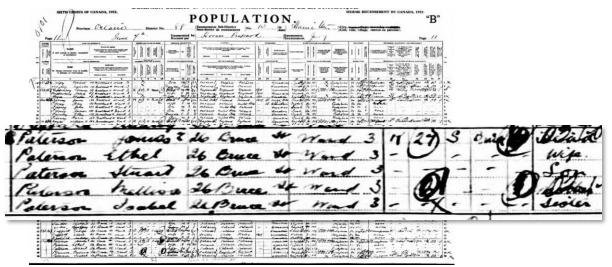
James Edgar, then age 24, added income as a draughtsman (draftsman)

for the Hamilton Bridge
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worked for throughout
his life. The company
was noted for designing
and fabricating steel
bridges and large
manufacturing plants.
The company suppled
steel beams for the Royal



York Hotel in Toronto when built in 1928 - 1929.

James Edgar's marriage to Edith Smith was on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, 1915 and the immediate addition of son Stuart a year later increased the household to five. During this period, he was a Sargent Major with the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. Both Edgar and Isabella continued in their occupations in the 1921 census. This time they were living at 26 Bruce St. near the base of the Hamilton escarpment where Edgar was named as head of the house. Ten years later Melissa and spinster daughter Isabella were living at 316 Herkimer St in Hamilton. There was some kind of split ownership agreement between Melissa and a widow named Ella Cummings who also lived in the house. Son James would eventually be sole owner.



Was Edgar a WWI veteran? I have not found any records to indicate his involvement. I also wonder if there was any contact between Melissa and her niece Josephine Beckett. They both lived close to each other during the 1930s when Josie moved from Windsor to Hamilton to be closer to the Beckett family. It would be a shame if they never crossed paths.

This is where the census trail runs out. Several voter lists records spread over 3 decades indicate that Melissa and Isabella and eventually Edgar moved to 316 Herkimer St. in Hamilton

Voters lists 1935, 1953, 1963.



316 Herkimer St Hamilton Ont.

Melissa died in Hamilton 30 Mar 1944 and was removed to IRC where she was buried with her husband.

The 1935 voters list still had Melissa and Isabella at 316 Herkimer. Edgar was not with them at that time as I suspect he had moved with his family to another house. He would later return once his wife passed and his only son married. By that point, Melissa had died and Isabella and Edgar lived out their lives in the house.



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# Mrs. Melissa Paterson Passes At Hamilton The death occurred in Hamilton on Friday of a former well known resident of Ingersoll, in the person of Mrs. Melissa Paterson, widow of the late Andrew Paterson, in her 87th year. The family moved to Hamilton a number of years ago and Mrs. Paterson is fondly remembered as the former Melissa Elliott. She is survived by a daughter, Miss Ella at home and a son, Edgar Elliott and James Elliott.

Daughter Isabella continued to live on Herkimer St. until her death 22 Sept 1967 and is buried in IRC. Edgar is buried with the family at IRC after his death 23 Mar 1973 at age 86.



Edgar's wife Ethel Jane Smith was not buried with him and has not been located. It is interesting to note that Melissa's nephews were pall bearers, proof that the John Rogers Elliott family that lived in the Ingersoll region remained in close contact.





**Child of James Edgar Paterson and Ethel Smith** 

Child: James Andrew Stewart B 07 Sept 1915 Hamilton, Ont.

D 1991

Spouse: Joyce Mary Newton B 1915 Hamilton

D 1986 Etobicoke

I have not been able to locate any other child of Edgar's except Stuart.

Much confusion reigns on Ancestry sites as to James Andrew Stuart Paterson. It seems there were two Stuart/Stewart Patersons in Hamilton in the 1960s. One ended up living in Guelph and is listed on Ancestry as a descendant of Melissa Elliott. I found information that refutes the claim. A Hamilton Spectator clipping states that Stuart married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J C Beggs. The daughter was named Evelyn.

The 1949 Voters list had that Stuart and his wife living with his in laws in Hamilton. He was listed as a wire splicer (likely phone company). At some point prior to 1963 this couple moved to Metcalf St. in Guelph.



This Stuart died 26 Aug 1993 and is buried in Guelph's Milgrove cemetery with his wife Evelyn and her parents. Further investigation found that this Stuart's father was found living in Brantford.

The Hamilton Spectator 10 Aug 1964, Mon Page 19

Mrs. J. C. Begg, of Hamilton, accompanied by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Paterson, and their son, Brian, of Guelph, recently returned home from an extended trip along the St. Lawrence and back through Algonquin Park. They spent some time at the summer home of Mrs. Begg's other daughter, Mrs. C. P. Hope, at Bluff Island, Lake Joseph, Muskoka.



The Hamilton Spectator 28 Aug 1993, Sat Page 24

PATERSON, Stuart Stevenson - At Guelph General Hospital on Thursday, August 26, 1993, in his 78th year. Beloved husband of Evelyn Begg and dear father of Brian. Survived by a sister, Earla McManamy and 14 nieces and nephews. Mr. Paterson was a retired employee of Bell Canada with 35 years of service. The family will



Correct Stewart Paterson and wife.

Primary differences between the two Stuart/Stewarts are the different spelling of their names and the Guelph Stuart had a different middle name – Stevenson.

The correct Bella and Stewart were still found in Hamilton in 1966 where as the other Paterson moved to Guelph in 1963.

The Standard 13 May 1966, Fri · Page 18

REMINDERS of spring, including small flower baskets on the tea tables will set the theme in the parish hall of Church of the Good Shepherd tomorrow afternoon when the Women's Guild of the church holds its annual spring tea and bake sale.

Pouring will be Mrs. William Sparks, Mrs. Armand LaPierre, Mrs. Harry Langhorne, Mrs. Milton Payne, Mrs. Fred Davidson and Mrs. Lloyd Edwards, with Mrs. James Paterson and Miss Isabel Paterson.

Stewart worked in the banking industry and moved often throughout his career. I have not been able to locate him suspect he retired while living in Toronto.

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LINDA J. PATERSON, B.A. London, Ontario Women's Athletic Committee Drama Club Times Staff Women's Undergraduate Intramural Sports

Likely daughter at Huron University College 1964.

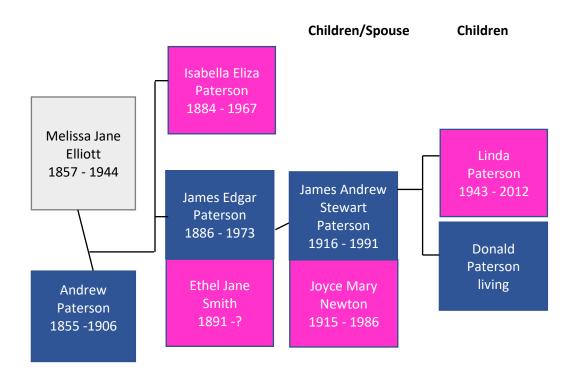
Daughter of Stuart Paterson and Joyce Newton Linda Joyce B 1944 Toronto

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Son of Stuart Paterson and Joyce Newton

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### Acknowledgments

It has been forty months since Covid led me to this journey of connection to my family. Traipsing through the past has enriched me with knowledge of where I was born and raised in Oxford County. I also understand more about my extended ancestorial family and the lives they led. I wish to thank the following people and organizations that put up with what may have seemed as unending requests and constant badgering. I apologize to those I have missed. This project is as much yours as mine. Take a bow.

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And to my immediate family – I am sorry that I caused so many eye rolls as I regaled them with stories from past generations. Their patience, encouragement and editing skills were always welcome and at times needed.

Glenn Elliott

Great, Great Grandson of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers.

Revised June 2024.

### End of Book 7.

Next Book 8: The Thomas Elliott and Laura Lewis Family