

78. POOLE

The Poole name entered the Mennonite Church in Ontario through an orphan boy, George Poole, from England. George Poole was taken into the Joseph Kuepfer home in Gadshill and he attended Gadshill School. (Gadshill is located just north of the city of Stratford.) He became a member of Maple View Mennonite Church near Wellesley. He married Mary Spenler in 1904, and they raised their family of 7 children on a farm at R.R. 1, Milverton (near Topping). They built a new house in the early 1900's, an addition to the barn, and a shed. George was known to be a loving, hard-working man.

The name of the hamlet Poole, located in the vicinity of where the Poole family lived, is not connected to this family's surname. Poole, which at one time had its own post office, existed for quite a while before George and Herbert Poole stepped upon Canadian soil.

Brothers George Poole (age 7) and Herbert Poole left Liverpool, England on May 19, 1887 and arrived at Quebec City, Canada aboard the *Sardinian* on June 1, 1887 with a final destination of Stratford, Ontario. They were part of a group of 96 boys and girls destined for Annie MacPherson's receiving home at 51 Avon Street, Stratford, Ontario. George had two brothers and one sister: Emma Elizabeth (b. 1876), William Arthur (b. 1878), and Herbert (b. 1882). Herbert died August 18, 1887 in Stratford, Ontario. Both parents of these four children had died in 1886 in England.



PLOWS AT 80 — George Poole of RR 1, Milverton, can still do a full day's work plowing although he celebrated his 80th birthday last March 20. Mr. Poole bought the farm 50 years ago. His wife is also in excellent health. They have seven children. Record Photo

GEORGE JOSEPH POOLE

George Joseph Poole, 87, of R.R. 1, Milverton, died early Monday morning, April 10, at his home after a brief illness.

He was born in Birmingham, England, March 20, 1880. He had farmed in Mornington Township, retiring in 1947. He was a member of Maple View Mennonite Church, Wellesley.

He was twice married. His first wife, the former Mary Spenler, died August 1, 1928. He is survived by his second wife, the former Leah Kropf, whom he married in 1941.

He is survived by five sons, William and Roy, both of Poole; Norman, John, and Lorne, all of R.R. 1 Milverton; two daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Clara) Schultz, of Brunner, and Mrs. Elroy (Clara) Schultz, of R.R. 1, Millbank; 24 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. A stepson, Irvine predeceased him.

The body rested at the Futher Bros. funeral home, Wellesley, until noon Wednesday, when removal was made to the Maple View Mennonite Church for the funeral service. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

FAMILY OF GEORGE AND MARY (SPENLER) POOLE

George Joseph Poole, b. 20 Mar 1880 at Leeds, England (another source: Birmingham, Warwickshire)

d. 10 Apr 1967, bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery

son of George Poole and Louisa Ann Rowland

1m. 7 Feb 1904

7 Oct 1904, Mornington by Nicholas Nafziger (civil registry*)

Mary Spenler, dau. of Peter K. Spenler and Elizabeth Steinman

b. 22 Oct 1881; d. 3 Aug 1938, bu. Maple View Mennonite Cemetery

2m 5 Feb 1941, Perth County, Ontario

Leah (Kropf) Ropp b. 10/20 Sept 1893, Mornington Twp. d. 28 Jan 1986 Milverton, Ontario

Children:

1. William Poole (1905-1977) m. Fannie Zehr (1901-1970)
 - 1) Clarence Poole (1929-) m. Ethel Roes
 - 2) Ivan Poole (1932-1950)
 - 3) Edna Poole (1934-) m. Emerson Ropp
 - 4) Lloyd Poole (1936-) m. Magdalena Ropp
 - 5) Violet Poole (1940-1970) m. Wayne Lichti
 - 6) Eileen Poole (1947-) m. Robert Eichmeyer
2. Norman Poole (1906-1990) m. Ruby Kipfer
 - 1) Florence Shirley Poole (1934-1952)
 - 2) Arthur Douglas Poole (1938-)
3. John Poole (1907-2000) m. Emma Schultz
 - 1) Beatrice Katherine Poole (1934-)
 - 2) Laverne Poole (1937-) m. Mary Ann Brunk
4. Clara Poole (1911-1981) m. Gordon Schultz
 - 1) Melvin George Schultz (1935-) m. Lorraine Zehr
 - 2) Norman Leslie Schultz (1936-) m. Fern Leah Steinmann
 - 3) Harold Gordon Schultz (1937-) m. Marlene Schwartzentruber
 - 4) Maryann Katherine Schultz (1940) m. David Boyd Lichti
 - 5) Glenn Lorne Schultz (1953-2001) m. Anita Kay Erb
5. Roy Poole (1913-1980) m. Sylvia Brenneman
 - 1) Murray Moses Poole (1941-) m. Muriel Brenneman
 - 2) Marilyn Magdalena Poole (1946-) m. Keith Aaron Brenneman
 - 3) Howard George Poole (1952-) m. Mary Aletha Jodry
6. Lorne Poole (1918-) m. Mabel Ropp
 - 1) Wayne James Poole (1957-) m. Barbara Grace Purcell
 - 2) Sandra Ellen Poole (1958-) m. Murray Edward Crawford
7. Emma Poole (1920-2002) m. Elroy Schultz
 - 1) Floyd Kenneth Schultz (1943-1934) m. Audrey Gertrude Lantz
 - 2) Ray William Schultz (1947-) m. Brenda ann Zehr
 - 3) Freida Marie Schultz (1950-) m. William David Richards
 - 4) Delmar Peter Schultz (1958-) m. Janet Oldenburger

Marriage Record of George and Mary (Spener) Poole

*Marriage records Film #M115, entry No. 015276

(found in Lorraine Roth's file: Civilreg/MA7, in possession of Bruce W. Jantzi – bwjantzi@gmail.com)

Poole, George, 23, resident of Mornington Twp., b. England, laborer, Mennonite son of George Poole and Mary Marshal m. Oct 7, 1904, Mornington Twp., by [Bishop] Nicholas Nafziger Mary Spener, 22, resident and b. Mornington Twp, Mennonite dau. of Peter Spener and Elizabeth Steinman witnesses: Samuel Nafziger, Peter Spener, both of Mornington Twp.	M115 #015276
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Note: The above marriage record gives George Poole's mother's name as Mary Marshal. Records from England give her name as Louise Ann Rowland, and the grandmother's name as Emma Marshall.

ANCESTRY OF GEORGE JOSEPH POOLE

I. William Poole

II. Richard Poole, deceased by 1875 (son of William Poole)

m. May 1, 1849 at Birmingham, Warwickshire, England
Emma Marshall, b. 1830 at Kings Norton, Worcester, England
d. Jan. 12, 1908 at Birmingham, Warwickshire, England
Children:

1. William Marshall Poole, b. 1849
2. **George Joseph Poole** (1852-1886) m. Louise Ann Rowland
3. Arthur Poole (b. 1854)
4. Alfred Richard Poole (b. 1855)
5. Emily Poole (b. 1859)

III. George Poole, son of Richard Poole

b. July 29, 1852 at Birmingham, Warwickshire, England
d. Mar. 7, 1886 at Leeds, York, England
m. Oct. 9, 1875 at Leeds, York, England

Louise Ann Rowland, b. June 16, 1854 at Bersham, Wrexham, England
d. Sept. 24, 1886 at Leeds, York, England
Children:

1. Emma Elizabeth Poole, b. 1886 at Leeds, England
2. William Arthur Poole, b. 1878 at Leeds, England
3. **George Joseph Poole**, b. Mar. 20, 1880 at Leeds, England
d. Apr. 10, 1867 at Milverton, Perth County, Ontario, Canada
4. Herbert Poole, b. 1882 at Leeds, England;
d. August 18, 1887 at Stratford, Ontario, Canada

NOTES:

- 1) Much of this information for the POOLE family Introduction is taken from papers collected by Clarence Poole of Country Meadows, Brunner, Ontario in 2017.
- 2) The Poole family genealogy can be found in:
 - a. *Family Tree of George Joseph Poole 2013*, an 18-page stapled document
 - b. The George Poole and Mary Spenler section in *The Family History and Genealogy of Christian Steinman and Veronica Eyer*, compiled and published by the Christian Steinman Family Book Committee, Baden Ontario, 1990
- 3) Lorraine Roth had not done the research of the Poole family, though it appeared she had planned to include this family in her work. She had a small document which listed George Poole and his children in her files, but nothing further.

Bruce W. Jantzi
Wellesley, Ontario
November 2017



George Joseph Poole (1880-1967)