

Fay Family Chart
Sanilac and St. Clair Counties

Israel Fay of USA and Canada and Some of His descendants in Michigan,
Wisconsin, Minnesota and New York State

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Israel Fay born c. 1815 in Ohio, married Eveline Webster, born c. 1820 in New York State. The first documentary evidence of this family so far is the 1860 US Census, with both listed in the 1860 Census of Forrester, Sanilac County, Michigan, with five children born in Ontario and Michigan:

1. William Edwin Fay, born c. 1838 in Ontario, Canada, married 3 Aug 1859 in Sanilac County, Michigan to Catherine Leitch, died 13 July 1924 in Port Huron, Michigan. She was born c. 1839 in Argyle, Scotland, daughter of Neil Leitch and Mary McLachlan, and died 13 Jan 1909 in Port Huron, Michigan.

William Edwin Fay had ten children, all born in Sanilac County, Michigan: John Orville Fay, born c. 1860 (his children: William Edward, Arthur Washington, Clancy) James Henry Fay born c. 1860/62 (see below) Marcus Lafayette Fay, born c. 1864 (wife Annette Keaton, children Edward and Bee) Isabel Fay, born c. 1866

William Edward Fay born c. 1869

Mary Jane Fay born c. 1870

Minnie Fay born Aug 1873

Neil F. Fay born c. 1875, married 27 June 1924 Agnes Snyder

Arthur Fay born c. 1879

Rose Catherine Fay born 11 Aug 1880 in Bridgehampton, Sanilac County, Michigan.

2. Sarah Fay born c. 1846 in Ontario, Canada.

3. Marcus LaFayette Fay born c. 1848 in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, married c. 1871 Sarah Griffiths, he died 10 Sep 1921 in Duluth, Minnesota. He was in logging and mining interests and was mayor of Virginia, Minnesota. Duluth obituary gives birthplace. They had two children Clara and George

4. Lanora or Nora Fay born c. 1851 in Michigan, married Frederick Gilbert 4 Dec 1867.

5. Clarissa Fay born c. 1854 in Michigan.

In Wisconsin and New York:

James Henry Fay born c. 1860/62 in Carsonville, Sanilac County, Michigan. Married 25 Dec 1887 in Bloomer, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, to Ida May Campbell born 1 July 1855 in Wisconsin. He died 5 June 1929 in Ft. Frances, Ontario, Canada. Her father James Edward Campbell had two river steamboats he named after his children, the Ida May and Frank Forrest, and later ran a fishing and hunting resort on Long Lake in Chippewa County, Wisconsin. They had one son:

Edward Arnold Fay 16 Sep 1889 in Bloomer, Wisconsin and died 6 Nov 1976 married 1912 Barbara McCulloch 18 Feb 1893 in Fulton, Rock County, Wisconsin, and died in 1970 in Cortland, NY. He farmed in Bloomer until deciding to move east in 1922 to New York. They had two sons:

John Edward Fay born 21 June 1918 in Bloomer, Wisconsin, and died 1986 in Albany, NY, married 1945 in Homer, New York to Lena Esther Morse, born 8 Aug 1917. No children. He became a teacher and then entered the army and made that his career. Upon retirement from the army, he resumed education, then worked for the NY State Education Department. He had a keen interest in history and later in family history before his accidental death.

Neil Henry Fay born 11 Sep 1919, died 20 Feb 2005 married 27 June 1943 in Homer, Cortland County, New York, to Marjorie Jean Bartlett 1922 - 1986. He farmed with his father on the family farm and then had his own farm. They had four sons:

Bruce Edward Fay born 29 Jan 1944 married 1966 Lenora Elizabeth Flick, after a while in the army, they settled down to farming in Moravia, New York. They have three daughters:

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