| | A Timeline of William Yelland and Family from 1797 to 1920 William Yelland has 352 Descendents in Canada, as of 2011 | | | | |
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| Year | Date | Event | | | |
| 1797 | 21 May | William's father, William Yelland, Sr., was baptised in Thrushelton, Devon, England "William, son of Richard Yelland and Mary, his wife, was christened, 21 May 1797, by John T. Spry, Vicar, in the Parish of Thrushelton." | | | |
| 1799 | 6 May | William's mother, Thomasin Northcott, was baptised in Thrushelton, Devon, England "Thomasin, daughter of William Northcote [sic] and Thomasin, his wife, was christened 21 May 1799, by John T. Spry, Vicar, Parish of Thrushelton." | | | |
| 1829 | 17 Nov | William's parents, William, Sr. and Thomasin, were married in Thrushelton, Devon, England; "William Yelland and Thomazine Northcote [sic], both of this parish, were married by banns, with the consent of parents, by H.G. Salter, Curate. Witnesses were Roger Northcott and John Northcott, Thomasin's brothers." William was an Innkeeper. | | | |
| 1830 | 19 Jun | Brother, Benjamin Yelland, baptised in Thrushelton, Devon, England | | | |
| 1832 | 10 Mar | William Yelland was born in Thrushelton, Devon, England. | | | |
| 1832 | 25 Mar | William was baptised in Thrushelton, Devon, England. Thrushelton Parish Register 1832, Entry #341 states: "William, son of William and Thomasin Yelland of Thrushelton, labourer, by W.W. Harvey, Curate, Parish of Thrushelton." | | | |
| 1838 | 22 Apr | Sister, Mary Yelland, was baptised in Thrushelton, Devon, England; Abode: Little White-Spit, Parish Registers, Thrushelton Baptisms 1829-53. | | | |
| 1841 | 7 Jun Census England | Census for Thrushelton, Devon, England, Page 8; Living at Huddispitt, Thrushelton, Devon, England; William Yelland, 39, Ag Lab; Thomasin Yelland, 37; William, 8; all born in same county; Charles Cowling, 58, Independent; Richard Newcomb, 50, Ag Lab | | | |
| 1843 | 25 Nov | Sister, Grace Yelland, was born in Thrushelton, and baptised in Whiteborough, Devon, England; Abode: Little White-Spit | | | |
| 1843 | 15 Dec | Sister, Grace Yelland, died in Thrushelton, Devon, England "Buried 15 December 1843, Grace Yalland, of Whitborough, aged 3 weeks": Parish Registers, Thrushelton Burials 1830-77 | | | |
| 1845 | 1 Dec | Sister, Grace Yelland, was born in Thrushelton, Devon, England | | | |
| 1851 | 30 Mar Census England | Census for Thrushelton, Devon, England, Page 14; Living at 54 Little Whits Pill, Thrushelton, England; Wm Yelland, 53; Inn Keeper; Thomasin Yelland, 51, Wife; Wm Yelland, 19, Ag Labourer; Mary, 12, Scholar; Grace, 5 | | | |
| 1851 | 1 Jun | William came to Canada alone, at 19 years of age, (Possibly as part of the Bible Christian Movement, from Devon, England to Ontario at that time); he worked on the farm of William Fitzgerald at Smith Township, Ontario | | | |
| 1852 | 12 Jan Census Canada | Province of Canada West (Ontario), District One, Town of Peterborough, County of Peterborough; Page 33; living with Thomas Hutchinson, his wife, Jane, and family, 20 years old, a blacksmith, from England, and a Bible Christian; also another blacksmith, Samuel McLennan was living there | | | |
| 1852 | November | Indentured as an apprentice carriage maker and blacksmith in the shop of Thomas Hutchinson on Bethune Street, near London Street, just below what was then called the Smithtown Hill, Peterborough, Ontario | | | |
| 1856 | | After his Indenture, he started a blacksmith business for himself, when he moved to what is now 462-466 George Street, Peterborough, Ontario. | | | |
| 1857 | 1 Sep | Married Elizabeth Fidelia Sweeting, daughter of Jonathon Sweeting, Sr. and Hannah Collings, at Smith Twp, Peterborough, Ontario. "Marriages by Edward R. Roberts for 1857, Smith Township, County of Peterborough, Ontario" | | | |

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| 1858 | 27 May | Sons, Jonathon Sweeting Yelland and William George Yelland born: "Sons, Jonathon Sweeting Yelland and William George Yelland, twins, born at Peterborough, Ontario" |
| 1859 | 23 Aug | Sons, Benjamin Cragg Yelland and Joseph Henry Yelland, born at Peterborough, Ontario. Birth Announcement from the Peterborough Examiner 25 Aug 1859: "YELLAND - In this town, on the 23 August 1859 to the wife of Mr. Wm. Yelland, the birth of twin sons. This, Dr. Harvey tells us, is their second set of twins (sons) within 15 months." "They were born on George Street (in the 'little white house' next door to the carriage shop)": Peterborough Examiner |
| 1861 | 14 Jan Census | Canada West (Ontario), Page 52; District Three, Town of Peterborough, County of Peterborough; 29 on his next birthday; married to Fidelia, 28; with four children; Sarah |
| | Canada | Joplin, servant; John Munn, blacksmith; Thomas Webster, blacksmith; born in England; a blacksmith; and a Bible Christian; Fidelia is listed as a Baptist. |
| 1861 | 4 Jun | Son, Fredrick J. Yelland, born at Peterborough, Ontario |
| 1862 | 4 Apr | Father, William Yelland, Sr., died at Bratton Clovely, Devon, England. He died at Bratton Clovely, 4 Apr 1862, but he was buried at Thrushelton. "Burial on 8 April 1862 of William Yelland of Thrushelton, aged 65 years": Parish Registers, Thrushelton Burials 1830-77. |
| 1862 | 19 Jun | Father, William Yelland, Sr.'s will proved; England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations); William Yelland: Wills 1862 - Page 170. William, Sr. lived at Glebe House in the village of Bratton Clovely, Devon, at the time of his death. The total worth of his effects at the time of his death was less than 100 Pounds (house and premises containing two dwellings). In his will he left his house and premises to his two daughters, Mary and Grace. The rest of his possessions he left to his wife, Thomasin and his son, Benjamin. He did not leave anything to his son, William, possibly because he had given William an amount of money to move to Canada in 1851. |
| 1862 | 16 Aug | Daughter, Mary Thomasin Yelland, born at Peterborough, Ontario |
| 1864 | 25 Oct | Son, Albert Edward Yelland, born at Peterborough, Ontario |
| 1871 | 2 Apr Census Canada | Province of Ontario, Page 37; District 56 West Peterborough, Town of Peterborough; Family 150; William, 39; married to Elizabeth F., 38; with seven children; a Bible Christian, born in England; a blacksmith; also, James Snelgrove, wagon maker; Isaac McCarthy, wagon maker; James Stubbs, blacksmith; Joseph Stabler, blacksmith |
| 1872 | 15 Sep | William, 40 and Fidelia, 40 returned to England for some seven weeks and were passengers on the SS Prussian returning from Liverpool to Quebec, leaving Liverpool 5 Sep 1872 and arriving at Quebec 15 Sep 1872; they were ticketed to Peterborough. He convinced his younger sister, Grace, 26, and her husband, Samuel Fishleigh Allin, 26, to come to Canada. They also located in Peterborough, Ontario. The Allin family were, for quite a time, the proprietors of a pottery manufacturing firm, Peterborough Pottery, which the family continued to run for some years after the death of Samuel in 1884. |
| 1875 | 14 Feb | Son, Jonathon Sweeting Yelland, died at Peterborough, Ontario. |
| 1877 | 7 Nov | Mother, Thomasin (Northcott) Yelland, died at Whiteborough, Devon, England "Buried on 22 November 1877, Thomasine Yelland of Whiteborough, aged 79 years": Parish Registers, Thrushelton Burials 1830-77 |
| 1877 | to 1895 | Politically he was a Liberal. He was elected to Peterborough City Council from 1877 to 1895. His first term as alderman was from 1877 to 1881, and his second term from 1883 to 1888. |
| 1881 | 4 Apr Census Canada | Page 19; Province of Ontario; District 126 West Peterborough; Town of Peterborough District No. 4; Family 83; William, 49; married to Elizabeth F., 49; with five children; born in England; a blacksmith; William and the children were listed as Bible Christian, Elizabeth F. and daughter, Mary T., were listed as a Baptist |

| 1884 | | He was originally a Bible Christian, a member of the Bible Christian Church, and a Trustee of the "William Hall Charity Fund." On the union of the Bible Christians with the Methodists in 1884, he became a member of the George Street United Methodist Church. |
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| 1885 | 18 Nov | Son, Joseph Henry Yelland and Sarah Ann Creamer were married in St. Luke's Anglican Church, Peterborough, Ontario. |
| 1888- | | In the Peterborough City Directory 1888-89, he was a carriage maker; worked at 462 |
| 89 | | George Street, his own blacksmith shop; and lived at 466 George Street. |
| 1891 | 6 Apr Census Canada | Page 73; Province of Ontario, District 110 Peterborough West, Town of Peterborough District No. 4; Family 360; William, 59; married to Elizabeth F., 58; with one child, Fredrick J., 30, living at home; born in England; a Methodist, his wife, Elizabeth was a Full Baptist; a Carriage Manufacturer with 7 employees |
| 1891 | 15 Oct | His wife, Elizabeth Fidelia (Sweeting) Yelland, died at Peterborough, Ontario |
| 1891 | 17 Oct | Elizabeth Fidelia Yelland was buried in Little Lake Cemetery, Peterborough, Ontario; Sec. C, Range 16 S, Lot 23, Grave 2 (no shell); Rev. Trotter, Clergy |
| 1892 | | In 1892, he retired, at age 60. For nearly a generation of time he carried on a large and successful carriage making business. He branched out into the coal business, in view of the devastation of the adjacent woodlands. In connection with his sons he carried on a very extensive and profitable trade. After his retirement, the business was carried on by his son, Joseph Henry, until the age of the motor cars arrived. |
| 1893 | 31 May | Married Mary Jane Down, at Lakefield, Ontario, with John F. Allin, son of William's sister Grace, of Peterborough & Evelyn Gordon, daughter of Mary Jane's sister, Sarah, of Lakefield, as witnesses. |
| 1896 | to 1898 | He was elected as the 15th Mayor of Peterborough, Ontario, for two year term |
| 1896 | 26 Feb | Son, Albert Edward Yelland, died at Peterborough, Ontario |
| 1898 | 15 Sep | Son, Fredrick J. Yelland, died at Peterborough, Ontario |
| 1901 | 31 Mar Census Canada | Page 16; Province of Ontario, District 107 West Peterborough, Town of Peterborough; Family 168; William, 69; married to Mary J., 54; Mother-in-law, Mary Down, 79; born in England; a Methodist; a carriage builder; immigrated to Canada in 1851; lodger, William F. Stubbs, 24, living with them |
| 1911 | 1 Jun Census Canada | Page 19; Province of Ontario, District 113 Peterborough West, Peterborough City; Family 222; 258 McDonnell Street; William, 79; married to Mary, 64; Mother-in-law, Mary Down, 90, living with them; born in England; a Methodist; occupation listed as 'Income' |
| 1918 | 27 May | The Family Register was completed by William Yelland for the members of his family on 27 May 1918. It appears to have been completed under The Statistics Act which was an Act by the Canadian Government in 1918 which created the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, now called Statistics Canada, since 1971. |
| 1918 | 23 Sep | Daughter, Mary Thomasin (Yelland) Graham, died at Fenelon Falls, Ontario. |
| 1920 | 19 Sep | William died at Peterborough, Ontario; his address at the time of his death was 207 Murray Street, Peterborough, Ontario. The carriage shop was purchased from the estate of William Yelland, in 1920, by Mr. H. Gainey. |
| 1920 | 21 Sep | Buried in the Little Lake Cemetery, Peterborough, Ontario, Section C, Range 16 South, Lot 23, Grave 1, age 88 years |