
RICHIE, Earle Pembroke and Agnes

Kathleen Ritchie

My parents arrived in Naramata, BC in June 1919. My father was born and raised in the Ottawa Valley. He was orphaned at the age of eight, and was brought up in the home of his older sister, Minnie Beatrice Ritchie (later Smith). Dad was a third generation Canadian; his grandfather was a teacher from Edinburgh College, Scotland, having been sent over to teach in one of the first High Schools in Canada. Dad joined the Army in Saskatoon, and served in WWI; he was wounded in the Battle of Vimy Ridge. After a lengthy convalescence in England, he and a chum visited Belfast, N. Ireland, and it was here he met his future wife, Agnes Brereton. They were married Nov 7, 1918, and sailed for Canada April 15, 1919.

Due to my Dad's war wounds, he was advised to live on the west coast, and was granted a ticket to Victoria, BC. Enroute by train, they decided to make a brief stop in Naramata, then the home of his widowed sister, Mrs. M B Smith. Both Mom and Dad loved the Valley and Naramata so much, they chose it to make their home.

There were three children born: Bill, Kathleen and Sam. Bill resides in Cawston where he is an orchardist, Sam is deceased, and I live in Penticton.

The second year my parents were in the Okanagan, and in the month of June, my mother developed a near fatal illness. The doctor diagnosed it as 'sleeping sickness' she was at home, and left to die.

My aunt Minnie agreed to adopt my brother Billy, who was just four months old. Mom was in a semi-conscious state, and not expected to survive much longer, when an old Scottish nurse, Miss Gordon, knocked on the door and enquired if anyone had checked the "Irish Lady" for wood ticks. This was done, and a tick was found. Dr. McGregor was called, and after the tick's removal, Mom made a miraculous recovery. This was the only time in her 90 1/2 years Mom was ever ill.

Dad enjoyed reasonably good health, except for being bitten by a black widow spider in 1939, and spending eight months in Shaughnessy Hospital in 1934 at which time he had his lung collapsed.

My parents retired to Penticton in 1950. Dad died in 1966 and Mom in 1982.

Earle Pembroke Ritchie

1-John Fisher Ritchey

born: 1816, County Mayo, Ireland
died: 28 Apr 1884, Fitzroy, ON

+ Jane Forbes

born: 19 Nov 1825, Fitzroy, ON
died: 18 Jan 1876, Fitzroy, ON

2-William Dickson Ritchie

born: 1845
died: 1893

+ Mary Law Wilson

born:

3-Earle Pembroke Ritchie

born: 23 Nov 1884, Stonecliffe, Ontario
died: 28 May 1966, Penticton, BC

+ Agnes Caldwell Brereton

born: 15 Apr 1892, Belfast, Ireland
marr: 7 Nov 1918, Belfast, Ireland
died: 22 Nov 1982, Penticton, BC

4-William Arthur Ritchie

born: 7 Feb 1920, Penticton, BC
died: 11 Mar 2000, Cawston, BC

+ Martha Glennys Gillard

born:
marr: 27 Jun 1946, Kelowna

4-Kathleen Isabella Ritchie

born: 14 Aug 1921, Penticton, BC
died: 8 Nov 1996, Penticton, BC

+ Frederick Lipsack

born:

4-Louis Samuel Ritchie

born: 27 Dec 1927, Penticton, BC
died: 29 May 1955, Penticton, BC

+ Frances Parks

born:

3-Minnie Beatrice Ritchie

born:

+ Smith

born:

Earle Pembroke Richie

2-John Forbes Ritchey
born: 1850
died:

+ Catherine Frances Wolfe
born:
marr: 18 Sep 1895, Amprior, ON

3-Jennie May Ritchey
born:

