A Journey Through History – the Ancestry of Rebecca Crouse – Descendant of United Empire Loyalists

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A History of Samuel Miles Jones & Rebecca Crouse

According to my research, based upon the information I have been given and tracked down through an on-line records search, I have found the following information concerning the union of Rebecca & Miles Jones. Up to this point, we were unable to find a maiden name for Rebecca. In most of the on-line and available census records, she is listed by her married name of Rebecca Jones. Through my mother and her sisters, we were able to establish a possible surname of CROUSE. Through a lucky hit on an internet genealogy web site, that supposition has been proven as correct. Stepping back a couple of generations the surname appears as CRAUSS in an earlier census (pre-1860) listing for Rebecca's grandfather. But I digress, and will touch on this further in this essay.

A bit of a history lesson is needed at this point for clarification of some dates and locations.

Previous to 1784, the Province or British Colony of New Brunswick and the State of Maine did not exist as the area was part of the British Colonies of Nova Scotia and Massachusetts. Only through the American Revolution and an act of the British Parliament in 1784 did this area become the British Colony of New Brunswick and did not become a Province until the Act of Confederation in 1867.

Some of the place names have changed or have been amalgamated into other larger nearby communities.

Due to the custom of naming children after relatives, the given names kept reoccurring in successive generations, resulting in more than one person with the same name. As a result there may be one or two unintentional relationship errors.

It is also possible that we may be still related to Rebecca Crouse's family through some of the offspring of some of the Jones listed herein, albeit, at best, a distant relationship.

We will be working backwards from here using already established and verified information.

The principals are:

Samuel Miles Jones (a.k.a. Miles Jones) is the name that will be referred to throughout this essay. The correct spelling appears to be MILES in all official documents, rather than the more commonplace MYLES.

Rebecca (Crouse) Jones – previously known only by her married name as Rebecca Jones

Rebecca was born on December 03, 1855, in New Zealand (or Zealand) in York County, New Brunswick. Rebecca married Samuel on September 15, 1881, in Zealand Station. Less than a year later her death occurred on June 1, 1882, a few months short of her 27th birthday. There were no children. Samuel later married **Mary Haines** in 1889 from which this lineage is now descended.

Records show her parents as:

Father - James Jonas Crouse – Born September 20, 1815 in Zealand Station, York Co., NB Married about 1838 in Douglas, York Co., NB Died August 28, 1898 at Zealand Station, York Co. NB

Mother - Rachel Jones – Born about 1818 in Keswick Ridge, York Co., NB. Married about 1838 in Douglas, York Co., NB Died – About 1890. (Unable to establish correct date as there was more than one Rachel Jones in the area at this time)

James and Rachel had 10 children in the following order: (their spouses are also listed)

1. Benedict – born Dec 1839 – married Mary Jones – died about 1905.

2. Elizabeth (Lizzie) - born Sep 1843 - married Urial Jones about 1862, died Aug 1921.

3. Anson – born Jan 1845 – married twice - 1. Hannah Russell, 2. Eliza Jane Estey.

4. **Dean C.** – born Sept 1847 - married twice - 1. Anstice (Ann) H. Estey, 2. Hannah Elizabeth Lawrence.

5. **Comfor**t - born Feb 1849 – married Eliphalet (Lifey) Morehouse, Oct 1888 – died Aug 1921.

6. Mary Huldah (Huldy) – born May 1852 – married John Dineen – died May 1905.

7. Rebecca (Becky) – born 3 Dec 1855 – married Samuel Miles Jones on 15 Sept 1881, died 1 June 1882.

8. **Samuel (Sam)** – born May 1857 – married Phoebe (Phoeb) Ann Burt in Oct 1887, died Sept 1942.

9. Emerenza (Emma) E. – Born 1860, married Silas Edward Morehouse in Nov 1881, and died Mar 1891.

10. **Trueman Richard** – born Mar 1863, married Annie A. Estey in May 1895, and died Aug 1948.

Grandfather – Philip Crouse (Crauss) – he was a United Empire Loyalist arriving in the Fredericton area from North Carolina, USA about November 1789. He applied for and was granted 400 acres of land along the Keswick River by the British Crown. His native country is listed as The Netherlands. His son Gould was instrumental in having the settlement of New Zealand named after his father's home province of Zeeland in The Netherlands.

Philip was born in the Province of Zeeland in The Netherlands. When he was a young boy, around 1763 to 1768, presumably with his parents, he emigrated from Rotterdam to Philadelphia. Philip was in Salisbury, North Carolina as a young teenager and later lived on a family farm next to Beaver dam Creek not far from the present-day town of Crouse, North Carolina. He strongly opposed the rebels that promoted the independence of the American Colonies from Britain. After the Revolution, recognized as a Loyalist sympathizer, Philip was asked to leave North Carolina. He saved his money and in 1789 booked passage on a ship for Saint John, New Brunswick. Upon arrival he immediately traveled up the St. John River looking for land that he could homestead. He found his way to Keswick Valley where he applied for his 200 acre (later 400 acre) British Crown Land Grant. There, next to where he is buried, he built his log cabin. He met Sarah Burt and they married in 1791. Philip and Sarah raised 18 children, Sarah, Rebecca, John, Darius, Philip, Elizabeth, Peter, Huldah, Gould, Thomas, Amy, Polly, Urial, Jonas, Richard, Mary, James and Benjamin. When Philip passed away, at the home of his son Benjamin at the venerable age of 96 years old, his obituary read, "He had 18 children, by his wife, and lived to see 196 of his grandchildren, and 118 of his great grandchildren. He was much esteemed by all who knew him."

Grandmother – Sarah Burtt – Yes, her family was responsible for the New Zealand (Zealand) settlement being renamed Burtt's Corner in 1893, later renamed to BURTTS Corner, as her great grandson, (from her daughter Elizabeth), Elwood was the Postmaster and her offspring had owned the local general store (30+ years) and lumber mill (20+ years). Previously, it was known as Cardigan Station, but was sometimes confused with the nearby village of Cardigan.

The Burt family was also United Empire Loyalists, arriving form the Connecticut Colony about 1783 when Sarah was only 8 years old. Sarah was Philip's first wife who died shortly after the birth of her 18th child at the age of 53. Philip Sarah was born in Ridgefield, Connecticut Colony, the later remarried. daughter of Loyalists Benjamin and Rebecca Burt. After war broke out between the American Colonies and Britain, Sarah's father joined the British Troops at Long Island. When Sarah was only 8 years old the General Assembly of Connecticut confiscated her family's estate as punishment for their Lovalist activities. After the war her family joined the great 1783 exodus of Loyalists to Saint John, in the soon to be created British Colony of New Brunswick. It took the family about 7 days to travel approximately 100 kilometers by schooner up the St. John River to the Grand Lakes area near Burton, where in 1785 Sarah's father applied for a British Crown Land Grant. Unfortunately Sarah's father died in August 1785 and the grant was not finalized. Sarah's mother reapplied for the same land grant as a Loyalist soldier's widow and the grant was approved in 1787. Sarah lived on this land with her widowed mother and siblings, and endured the loss of her father when she was just 14 years old. Frustrated with the spring freshets that flooded their land, they soon sold their property and moved further upriver to the Keswick Valley, arriving around the summer of 1788. Sarah met Philip Crouse and in 1791 they were married. By 1817 she was already a grandma to 6 grandchildren when she gave birth for the 18th and last time. On October 7, 1823, the Fredericton, New Brunswick newspaper The Royal Gazette reported that Sarah passed away "after a short illness" when she was 53 years old. **"She was the mother of 18 children, and has left a tender and affectionate husband, with 16 of them to lament her loss."**

Sarah & Philip produced 18 children listed below:

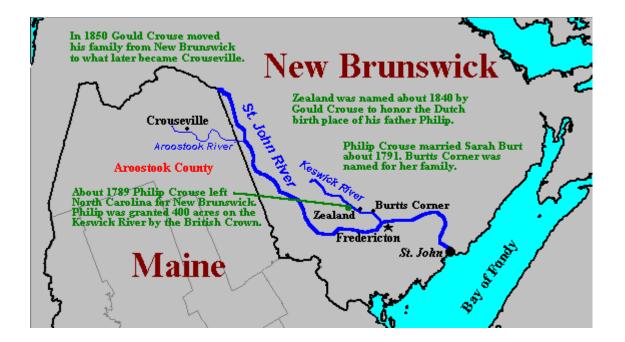
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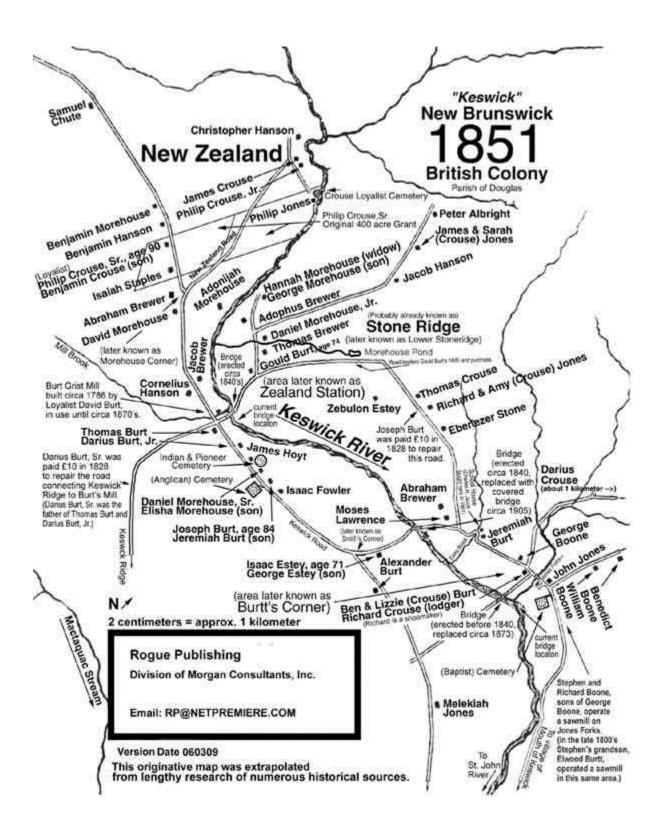
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A Brief history of the Burtt family:

Note: The Burtt surname was spelled without the 2nd T until about 1860, when, for whatever reason, it was added. It may have been a misspelling on an official document and it became the official spelling from that point on.

In 1819 Benjamin Burt married Elizabeth Crouse, daughter of Philip & Sarah Crouse and settled near the mouth of the Keswick River near the present day Burtts Corner. Their son Benjamin R. opened and ran the first Burtt's Store between 1861 & 1871. Benjamin R.'s son, Elwood, took over the store in the 1890s and expanded the business in the village. He also owned the village's biggest employer, Burtt's Sawmill, employing up to 60 people at that time. Because he ran the local store, Elwood was also responsible for running the local post office, thereby increasing his store business as it brought people into his store. In 1893, when the Canadian government was setting up a national postal system, Elwood arranged to have his store designated as the official post office for the community and himself as the official postmaster. During this time the community was known as Cardigan Station, which caused some confusion for local mail delivery with the village of Cardigan just down the road. With his position as the local postmaster and owner of both the store and sawmill, he was able to influence the decision to get the settlement renamed to Burtt's Corner. In 1985, the Canadian government once again modified the town's name to BURTTS Corner by dropping the apostrophe.





CROUSE LOYALIST CEMETERY

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The New Brunswick Courier, 21 Mar 1857

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The Family History for Benjamin BURT-48

First Generation

1. Benjamin BURT-48 born 1760, Zeeland, The Netherlands, died Aug 1785.

Benjamin married **Rebecca-49**.

They had the following children:

+ 2 F i. Sarah BURT-28 was born about 1770 and died 23 Sep 1823.

Second Generation

2. Sarah BURT-28 (Benjamin) was born about 1770 in Ridgefield, Connecticut Colony, USA. She died 23 Sep 1823.

Sarah married Philip CROUSE Sr-27 in 1791 in Keswick Valley, York County, New Brunswick. Philip was born 1760 in Zeeland, The Netherlands. He died 21 Feb 1857.

Birth surname may have been spelled CRAUSS in The Netherlands

They had the following children:

+	3	F	i.	Sarah CROUSE-29 was born 30 May 1792 and died 03 Mar 1876.
	4	F	ii.	Rebecca CROUSE-45.
				Rebecca married Isaac ALLEN-103.
	5	М	iii.	John CROUSE-31.
+	6	М	iv.	Darius CROUSE-32 was born 25 Apr 1796 and died 03 Sep 1880.
	7	М	v.	Philip CROUSE Jr33.
+	8	F	vi.	Elizabeth CROUSE-47.
	9	М	vii.	Peter CROUSE-35.
	10	F	viii.	Huldah CROUSE-37.
				Huldah married BURT-51 .
+	11	М	ix.	Gould CROUSE-39.
	12	М	x.	Thomas CROUSE-41.
	13	F	xi.	Amy CROUSE-43.
				Amy married JONES-104 .
	14	F	xii.	Polly CROUSE-46 was born about 1807. She died Jun 1813.
	15	М	xiii.	Urial CROUSE-36.

Urial married Sarah-55 "Sally".

	16	Μ	xiv.	Jonas CROUSE-38 was born about 1810. He died Sep 1823.
	17	М	XV.	Richard CROUSE-40.
	18	F	xvi.	Mary CROUSE-42.
				Mary married (1) BURT-105 .
				Mary also married (2) STAPLES-106.
+	19	М	xvii.	James Jonas CROUSE-4 was born 20 Sep 1815 and died 28 Aug 1898.
	20	М	xviii.	Benjamin CROUSE-34.

Third Generation

3. **Sarah CROUSE-29** (Sarah BURT, Benjamin) was born 30 May 1792 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. She died 03 Mar 1876 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick.

Sarah married **James JONES-71** on 26 Sep 1810 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. James was born 27 Nov 1787 in Oromocto, Sunbury County, New Brunswick. He died 04 Dec 1877 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick and was buried in New Zealand, York County, New Brunswick.

They had the following children:

21	M i. Darius JONES-72 was born 30 Dec 1811 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. He died 22 Mar 1887 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick.
	Darius married (1) Rachel BURT-73 on 16 Mar 1842.
	Darius also married (2) Rhoda TRIPP-74.
22	M ii. John JONES-75 was born 23 Feb 1813 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. He died 29 Mar 1854.
23	M iii. David JONES-77 was born 23 Sep 1814 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. He died 13 May 1842.
24	F iv. Mahala JONES-78 was born 08 Dec 1815 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. She died 01 Jul 1913.
	Mahala married Richardson WEBB-79 on 05 Aug 1837.
25	M v. Philip JONES-80 was born 07 Jul 1817 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. He died 14 Jul 1904.
	Philip married Lavinia GOULD-81 on 09 Jan 1850.
26	F vi. Jemima JONES-82 "Mima" was born 07 Feb 1819 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. She died 26 Aug 1914 in Tracy Station (Tracy), Sunbury County, New Brunswick and was buried in Tracy Cemetery, Sunbury County, New Brunswick.
	Mima married Israel TRACY-83 on 25 Oct 1843.

27	F vii. Mary JONES-84 "Polly" was born 25 May 1820 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. She died 14 Jul 1919 in Jacksonville, Carleton County, New Brunswick and was buried in Jacksonville Baptist Cemetery, Carleton County, New Brunswick.
28	M viii. Melchiah JONES-76 was born 13 May 1822 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. He died 29 Jul 1904 in Sisson Settlement, York County, New Brunswick.
	Melchiah married (1) Lydia SISSON-85 on 25 Sep 1850 in Sisson Settlement, York County, New Brunswick.
	Melchiah also married (2) Comfort-86.
29	F ix. Sarah JONES-87 was born 15 May 1824 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. She died 12 Mar 1864 in St. Mary's Ferry, York County, New Brunswick, Canada.
	Sarah married John STAPLES-88 on 10 Sep 1845.
30	M x. Benedict JONES-89 was born 07 Oct 1825 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He died 14 Oct 1893.
	Benedict married Lucy Ann DUNPHY-90 on 06 Oct 1859.
31	M xi. Richard JONES-91 was born 26 May 1828 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He died 22 Sep 1906.
	Richard married Mary E. NASON-93 on 28 Feb 1867.
32	F xii. Sophia JONES-94 was born 21 Sep 1829 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. She died 18 Feb 1896 in Tracy Station (Tracy), Sunbury County, New Brunswick.
	Sophia married James TRACY-95 on 26 Sep 1860 in York County, New Brunswick, Canada.
33	F xiii. Nancy JONES-96 was born 14 Jul 1832 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. She died 01 May 1911 in Tracy Station (Tracy), Sunbury County, New Brunswick.
	Nancy married George WEBB-97 on 15 Dec 1852.
34	M xiv. Boone JONES-98 was born 09 May 1834 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He died 06 Jun 1918.

Boone married Ann Frances YORK-99 "Fanny" about 1878.

35 M xv. **James JONES Jr.-100** was born 23 Nov 1835 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He died 25 Jun 1906.

James married Emily Jane NASON-101 on 29 Nov 1862.

36 xvi. **Baby JONES-102** was born ???. Baby died ???.

6. **Darius CROUSE-32** (Sarah BURT, Benjamin) was born 25 Apr 1796 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. He died 03 Sep 1880 in St. Mary's Ferry, York County, New Brunswick, Canada and was buried in Cardigan Station, York County, New Brunswick.

St. Mary's Ferry is part of Fredericton North Cardigan Station is now known as Burtts Corner

Darius married **Phoebe JONES-56** on 02 Jan 1822 in York County, New Brunswick, Canada. Phoebe was born about 1805 in York County, New Brunswick, Canada. She died 06 Dec 1881 in St. Mary's Ferry, York County, New Brunswick, Canada and was buried in Cardigan Station, York County, New Brunswick.

They had the following children:

37	F i. Sarah CROUSE-57 was born about 1825 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. She died 1881.
	Sarah married (1) Stephen BOONE-58 in Nov 1860.
	Sarah also married (2) Richard BOONE-59.
38	F ii. Lydia CROUSE-60 was born about 1831 in Keswick, York County, New Brunswick. She died about 1857.
	Lydia married Richard BOONE-61 about 1850.
39	M iii. Lewis CROUSE-62 was born about 1833 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He died about 1881.
	Lewis married (1) Patience SISSON-63 "Patricia" on 26 Sep 1860 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick.
	Lewis also married (2) Annie MCCOLBOURN-64.
40	M iv. Henry CROUSE-65 was born 29 Feb 1836 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He died 30 Oct 1925 in

	Naswaaksis, York County, New Brunswick and was buried in South Devon, York County, New Brunswick.
	South Devon is part of Fredericton North. Burial is in the Sunny Bank Cemetery
	Henry married Saphronia A66 about 1861.
41	F v. Abigail CROUSE-67 "Abby" was born about 1838 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. She died after 1860.
42	F vi. Nancy CROUSE-68 was born 1842 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. She died after 1880.
43	F vii. Eliza CROUSE-69 was born about 1845 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick.
	Eliza married George W. HANSELPACKER-70 on 08 Jul 1863.
8.	Elizabeth CROUSE-47 "Lizzie" (Sarah BURT, Benjamin).

Lizzie married Benjamin BURT-20.

By the 1890s, most of the BURT families had changed their surname spelling to BURTT

They had the following children:

- 44 M i. Benjamin R. BURTT-30.
- 11. Gould CROUSE-39 (Sarah BURT, Benjamin).

Gould married Hepzibah-52 "Hepsy".

They had the following children:

45 M i. Abraham CROUSE-53.

Abraham married Bethiah-54.

19. James Jonas CROUSE-4 (Sarah BURT, Benjamin) was born 20 Sep 1815 in Zealand Station, York County, New Brunswick. He died 28 Aug 1898 in Zealand Station, York County, New Brunswick. James married **Rachel JONES-5** about 1838 in York County, New Brunswick, Canada. Rachel was born about 1818 in Keswick Ridge, York County, New Brunswick. She died about 1890.

They had the following children:

46 M i. **Benedict CROUSE-6** was born 11 Dec 1839 in Parish of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He died about 1905 in Parish of Bright, York County, New Brunswick and was buried in St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery, Zealand, York County, New Brunswick.

Benedict married Mary JONES-7.

47 F ii. Elizabeth CROUSE-8 "Lizzie" was born 24 Sep 1843 in Parish of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. She died 09 Aug 1921 in Parish of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick and was buried in Burtts Corner Community Cemetery, Burtts Corner, York County, New Brunswick.

Lizzie married Urial JONES-9 about 1862.

48 M iii. Anson CROUSE-10 was born 15 Jan 1845 in Stoneridge, York County, New Brunswick. He died about 1913 in Zealand Station, York County, New Brunswick.

Anson married (1) Hannah RUSSELL-11.

Anson also married (2) Eliza Jane ESTEY-12.

 M iv. Dean C. CROUSE-13 was born 09 Sep 1847 in Parish Of Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He died 07 Jul 1921 in Parish Of Bright, York County, New Brunswick and was buried in St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery, Zealand Station, York County, New Brunswick.

Dean married (1) Anstice H. ESTEY-14 "Ann".

Dean also married (2) Hannah Elizabeth LAWRENCE-15.

50 M v. **Comfort CROUSE-16** was born 09 Feb 1849 in New Zealand, York County, New Brunswick. He died 02 Aug 1921 in Newburg Junction, Carleton County, New Brunswick and was buried in Acker's Creek, Lower Brighton Cemetery, Carleton County, New Brunswick.

Comfort married **Eliphalet MOREHOUSE-17** "Lifey" on 03 Oct 1888 in York County, New Brunswick, Canada.

51 F vi. Mary Huldah CROUSE-18 "Huldy" was born 23 May 1852 in New Zealand, York County, New Brunswick. She died 24 May 1905.

Huldy married John DINEEN-19.

52 F vii. **Rebecca CROUSE-2** was born 03 Dec 1855 in New Zealand, York County, New Brunswick. She died 01 Jun 1882 in Zealand Station, York County, New Brunswick and was buried in Burtts Corner Community Cemetery.

Rebecca married **Samuel Miles JONES-1** on 15 Sep 1881 in Zealand Station, York County, New Brunswick. Samuel was born 23 Jan 1859 in Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He died 08 Mar 1943.

53 M viii. **Samuel CROUSE-21** "Sam" was born 24 May 1857 in New Zealand, York County, New Brunswick. He died 02 Sep 1942 in Zealand Station, York County, New Brunswick.

Sam married **Phoebe Ann BURT-22** "Phoeb" on 13 Oct 1887 in McKeen's Corner, York County, New Brunswick.

54 F ix. Emerenza E. CROUSE-23 "Emma" was born 1860 in New Zealand, York County, New Brunswick. She died 22 Mar 1891 in Parish Of Bright, York County, New Brunswick.

Emma married **Silas Edward MOREHOUSE-25** on 30 Nov 1881 in New Zealand, York County, New Brunswick.

55 M x. **Trueman Richard CROUSE-24** was born 17 Mar 1863 in New Zealand, York County, New Brunswick. He died 14 Aug 1948 in New Zealand, York County, New Brunswick and was buried in St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery, Zealand Station, York County, New Brunswick.

Trueman married **Annie A. ESTEY-26** on 22 May 1895 in Zealand Station, York County, New Brunswick.

Fourth Generation

44. Benjamin R. BURTT-30 "Ben" (Elizabeth CROUSE, Sarah BURT, Benjamin).

He had the following children:

56 M i. Elwood BURTT-44.