

The Monteith Family
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Irish Immigrants
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On April 13th/1929- Joseph and Rebecca Monteith set sail on the S.S CALIFORNIA from Londonderry, Northern Ireland with their family of ten children, a few

steamer trunks and fifteen pounds to immigrate to Canada. The passage



was paid for by the government. Their home town was Castledery, Tyrone County, Northern Ireland. Castledery is on the Derg River. Derg is an Irish word for the colour red. Red of course meaning the red soil or shores but locals say it is the blood from the battle fought. This area is said to be the most bombed area by the I.R.A. in Northern Ireland. The town of 3000 people boast a bomb proof Police Station. The family located in Woodstock, Ontario but after one year they

joined Rebecca's sisters family the Kerrs in Peterborough, Ontario.



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Back Row- L-R- William John, Mary Bridgethetta, Elizabeth Ellen,
George, Joseph, William James.

Front Row-L-R- Rebecca, Mother Rebecca, Sarah Violet (on knee), Robert
James. Joseph, Thomas (on knee).