

Descendants of Mary Ann Bissett [r794]

Mary Ann Bissett married John Gammon in 1791. He was instrumental in establishing a Methodist place of worship in the Cole Harbour area.

As there were several Gammon families in Nova Scotia at the time, their genealogy is a subject of some controversy. This has only been complicated by the practice of naming related children, often living in the same communities, with the same or very similar given names. Much of the research in this area has been marred by unsourced efforts to create single lines of descent.

Considerable effort has been expended on trying to straighten out the various lines of descent and much that was in the prior editions of this work has been altered to reflect the new research. In addition, although some elements remain unclear, several new lines have been sorted out from the clutter of Gammons present in Massachusetts.

Generation One

1. MARY ANN BISSETT [r794] was born circa 1773 Tatamagouche, Colchester, Nova Scotia, Canada. She married John H. Gammon [r894], son of John Gammon [r8285] and Lucy ?? [r8286], on 8 Jul 1791 at Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.¹ She died 8 Oct 1857 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.^{2,3}

JOHN H. GAMMON [r894] was born 1755. *His age at death is given in his death notice as 105 years and on his tombstone as 104 years.*^{4,3} He died 15 Jan 1861 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.^{5,6,7}

John H. Gammon [r894] is mentioned in a note associated with John Gammon [r8285] 1756 Lunenburg, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada.⁸

As of before 1791, John H.'s [r894] occupation was with the Royal Navy.⁹

John H. [r894] conducted a land transaction 1808 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *He purchased "part of a lot laying between Major Lyons No. 4 and Joseph Gray Esq No. 5 at Cole Harbour" from James Robertson. The transfer was recorded in 1813.*¹⁰

John H. Gammon [r894] is mentioned in an event-note associated with John George Bisset [r791] 20 Oct 1808 Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.¹¹

George [r8310] and John H. Gammon [r894] conducted a land transaction 18 Dec 1819 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *George Gammon of Halifax sold his recently purchased 614 acres of land to John Gammon of Cole Harbour and John Longard of Halifax. Longard subsequently sold his share to John Gammon for a token sum.*¹²

John H. [r894] conducted a land transaction 1822 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *Sold five acres to the Methodist Society for their Lawrencetown Meeting House for five shillings.*¹³

John H. [r894] appeared in the census of 1827 at Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *shows four males and five females - with one birth, one marriage of a female, and no deaths in the prior twelve months.*¹⁴

William [r8296] and John H. Gammon [r894] conducted a land transaction 22 Apr 1829 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *William Gammon sells fifty acres to his father, John Gammon, for five shillings. Deed is endorsed by William's wife "Ann".*¹⁵

John H. [r894] conducted a land transaction 1832 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *John Longard of Halifax sold his share of the 614 acres, which had been purchased in 1819, to John Gammon for 10 shillings.*¹⁶

John H. [r894] and William Gammon [r8296] conducted a land transaction 1835 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *John Gammon sold 50 acres to son William. The transfer was registered in 1841.*¹⁷

John H. [r894] appeared in the census of 1838 at Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *shows, in addition to head, 1 m >14; 2 f > 14.*¹⁸

Note for him 1840 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada: *Appeared in the tax assessment rolls.*¹⁹

Note for him 1844 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada: *Appeared in the tax assessment rolls.*²⁰

John H. Gammon [r894] left a will dated 22 Apr 1859 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Executors included: Nathaniel Russell [r812]. Beneficiaries included: Joshua G. Gammon [r1308], Susan Scott Gammon [r4233] and Maria Margaret Gammon [r1506]. *Specified land in Lawrencetown to go to son Josua. The description notes that it is adjacent to the land of William Gammon. Remaining land to go to daughters as tenants in common, with restrictions on sale of either share.*²¹

Known children of Mary Ann Bissett [r794] and John H. Gammon [r894] were as follows:

- 2 i. **JOHN GAMMON** [r1503] was born 16 Jan 1792 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He died circa 1878 Chatham, Northumberland, New Brunswick, Canada.
- 3 ii. **GEORGE GAMMON** [r2270] was born 8 Sep 1793 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Catherine Beck [r996] on 26 Mar 1826 at Brunswick Street Methodist, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *George Gammon is identified as a bachelor and, as such, can be distinguished from the married George Gammon of Halifax who had a pew in the Methodist Church there in 1815/1816.* He died 18 Mar 1880 Dartmouth, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, age 86. *reported as having been in his "88th year".*
- iii. **ANDREW WILLIAM GAMMON** [r1508] was christened 25 May 1795 Saint George's Anglican, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²² He died 1795 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²³
- iv. **ELIZABETH GAMMON** [r2269] was born 4 Mar 1796 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁴ She was christened 18 Apr 1797 Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁵ She died before 1818.
- 4 v. **JOSEPH F. GAMMON** [r8289] was born 18 Mar 1799 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Sarah ?? [r8301]. He married Elizabeth Whitten [r8306] on 19 Nov 1854 at Savannah, Chatham, Georgia. He married Margaret McDonald [r8307] on 10 Feb 1859 at Savannah, Chatham, Georgia. He died 24 Oct 1865 Savannah, Chatham, Georgia, age 66.
- 5 vi. **SAMUEL GAMMON** [r4230] was born 6 Mar 1801 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Margaret Cogill [r4235], daughter of Daniel Cogill [r7225] and Margaret ?? [r7226], on 12 Jul 1822 at Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Thomasina Smith [r7080] circa 1837. He married Elizabeth Mudge [r4251] on 6 Jan 1843 at Bathurst, Gloucester, New Brunswick, Canada. He died 16 Dec 1881 Bathurst, Gloucester, New Brunswick, Canada, age 80.
- 6 vii. **WILLIAM GAMMON** [r8296] was born 7 Apr 1804 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *Birth year is from death record; family bible shows 7 Apr 1803.* He married Eliza Ann MacKensie [r4821], daughter of Alexander MacKensie [r9358] and Ann ?? [r9359], on 14 Oct 1826 at Brunswick Street Methodist, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He died 25 Dec 1891

- 70 Revere Street, Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, age 87. *shows birth place as Halifax NS; occupation is farmer; mother Ann Bissett, born in France; father John Gammon, born in England.*
- 7 viii. **JOSHUA G. GAMMON** [r1308] was born 6 Feb 1805 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Sophia Carolina Morash [r1307], daughter of John Leonard Morash [r7203] and Margaret Publicover [r7204], circa 1842. He died 21 Mar 1894 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, age 89.
- 8 ix. **RICHARD GAMMON** [r4231] was christened 10 Oct 1807 Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Martha Jane Hawkins [r4316], daughter of Joseph Hawkins [r7209], on 7 Feb 1830 at Brunswick Street Methodist, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Bethia Atwood [r9215] circa 1855. He died 20 Nov 1889 age 82.
- 9 x. **JUDITH ANN GAMMON** [r1507] was born 15 Sep 1810 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She married Robert McNamara [r3598] on 30 Nov 1828 at Brunswick Street Methodist, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She died circa 1911 Bathurst, Gloucester, New Brunswick, Canada.
- 10 xi. **MARIA MARGARET GAMMON** [r1506] was born 20 Oct 1811 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She married James Whitten [r4317] on 6 Apr 1842 at Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She married John Woods [r9040] before 1859. She died 22 Dec 1900 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, age 89.
- 11 xii. **BENJAMIN GAMMON** [r4232] was born 7 Jul 1814 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married Deborah Pratt [r4318], daughter of Alexander J. Pratt [r4729] and Rachael Hammerer [r4730], on 9 Mar 1841 at Savannah, Chatham, Georgia. He died 1893 Savannah, Chatham, Georgia.
- xiii. **SUSAN SCOTT GAMMON** [r4233] was born 4 Jun 1816 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁴
- Susan Scott Gammon [r4233] was registered in school by George Gammon [r2270] for the term ending 1 Jun 1829 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁶
- Susan Scott Gammon [r4233] was registered in school by George Gammon [r2270] for the term ending 1 May 1831 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁶
- Susan Scott Gammon [r4233] was named a beneficiary in John H. Gammon's [r894] will of 22 Apr 1859.²¹
- Susan Scott Gammon [r4233] appeared in the census of 1881 in the household of John Woods [r8316] at Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁷
- Susan Scott Gammon [r4233] appeared in the census of 1901 in the household of John Woods [r8316] at Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁸
- xiv. **ELIZABETH GAMMON** [r4234] was born 24 Jul 1818 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁴ She died 21 Jan 1906 Savannah, Chatham, Georgia, age 87.²⁹
- Elizabeth Gammon [r4234] immigrated with Joseph F. Gammon [r8289] to Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, 10 Sep 1838.³⁰
- Elizabeth Gammon [r4234] appeared in the census of 1860 in the household of Mary ?? [r9162] at Savannah, Chatham, Georgia.³¹
- Elizabeth Gammon [r4234] appeared in the census of 1870 in the household of William B. Adams [r4817] at Savannah, Chatham, Georgia.³²
- Elizabeth Gammon [r4234] appeared in the census of 1880 in the household of William B. Adams [r4817] at Savannah, Chatham, Georgia.³³
- Elizabeth Gammon [r4234] appeared in the census of 1900 in the household of William B. Adams [r4817] at Savannah, Chatham, Georgia.³⁴

Generation Two

2. **JOHN GAMMON** [r1503] (*Mary Ann Bissett*) was born 16 Jan 1792 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁴ He was christened 23 Oct 1792 Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁵ He died circa 1878 Chatham, Northumberland, New Brunswick, Canada.²³

John [r1503] lived in New Brunswick, Canada, as of 1814.³⁵

John [r1503] conducted a land transaction 25 Mar 1818 Glenelg, Northumberland, New Brunswick, Canada. *He purchased land from William Gordon for £260.*³⁶

John [r1503] appeared in the census of 1851 at Chatham, Northumberland, New Brunswick, Canada. *shows him as living alone.*³⁷

John Gammon [r1503] left a will dated 12 May 1868 Chatham, Northumberland, New Brunswick, Canada. Beneficiaries included: Judith Ann Gammon [r1507], John Gammon [r7175], Matilda Gammon [r7176] and Samuel Gammon [r4230].²³

Known children of John Gammon [r1503] and an unknown spouse were as follows:

- 12 i. **JOHN GAMMON** [r7175] was born after 1851 Chatham, Northumberland, New Brunswick, Canada. He married Hannah Vandaestine [r7177].
- ii. **MATILDA GAMMON** [r7176]^{23,23} was born after 1851.²³
Matilda Gammon [r7176] was named a beneficiary in John Gammon's [r1503] will of 12 May 1868.²³

3. **GEORGE GAMMON** [r2270] (*Mary Ann Bissett*) was born 8 Sep 1793 Lawrencetown, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁴ He was christened 5 Dec 1793 Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁵ He married Catherine Beck [r996] on 26 Mar 1826 at Brunswick Street Methodist, Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *George Gammon is identified as a bachelor and, as such, can be distinguished from the married George Gammon of Halifax who had a pew in the Methodist Church there in 1815/1816.*^{1,38} He died 18 Mar 1880 Dartmouth, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, age 86. *reported as having been in his "88th year".*⁴

George's [r2270] occupation was a very famous chair maker, listed as such in the 1838 "Nova Scotia Furniture."²³

George [r2270] paid the tuition of students (Susan Scott Gammon [r4233] and Benjamin Gammon [r4232]) registered in school in the term ending 1 Jun 1829 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁶

George Gammon [r2270] is mentioned in an event-note associated with John George Bisset [r791] 29 Mar 1830 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.³⁹

George [r2270] paid the tuition of students (Susan Scott Gammon [r4233]) registered in school in the term ending 1 May 1831 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *Susan's age is shown as 15 years.*²⁶

George [r2270] paid the tuition of students (Mary Elizabeth Gammon [r8283]) registered in school in the term ending 9 Jun 1833 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁶

George [r2270] paid the tuition of students (Mary Elizabeth Gammon [r8283] and Martha Gammon [r8297]) registered in school in the term ending 6 Jan 1834 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁶

George [r2270] paid the tuition of students (Martha Gammon [r8297]) registered in school in the term ending 20 Jun 1835 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁶

George [r2270] paid the tuition of students (Mary Elizabeth Gammon [r8283] and Martha Gammon [r8297]) registered in school in the term ending 24 Dec 1835 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.²⁶

George [r2270] paid the tuition of students (Mary Elizabeth Gammon [r8283] and Martha Gammon [r8297]) registered in school in the term ending 10 Jun 1836 Cole Harbour, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. *The records indicate that he also paid the tuition for a John Gammon.*²⁶