

## VIII. REDFORD S. CAVERLY 1846 - 1940

(Charles H., Philip Jr., Philip Sr., John Sr., Peter I, Peter Gerardus, Jean)

Redford was born in Rawdon Twp., Hastings County, Ontario. His exact birth year is unknown but the following census records give us some clues. The census for 1861 = b. 1847, 1870 = b. 1846, 1880 = b. 1845, 1900 = b. 1844, 1920 = b. 1842. The 1861 Hastings Co., Ontario census information which would have been given by his parents and the 1870 census that he would have given as newly married and head of his own household would seem to be the more accurate dates. After the 1870 census he seems to consider himself older with each census. Then we get to March of 1940, he is celebrating his 100th. birthday according to the *Tuscola County Advertiser*.

Redford moved with his parents and siblings to Deckerville, Sanilac Co., MI around 1864 and then to Bingham Twp., Huron Co., MI two years later. His father's ill health prevented him from enlisting to fight in the Civil War. When the news of Lee's surrender came in 1865, he was helping to build the first docks at Forestville, MI.

In August, 1868 a patent was issued to Redford for 117 acres in the SW fractional quarter of Section 19 of Bingham Twp., Huron Co., MI shown in the blue. This map was taken from the 1890 Huron Co. plat book and the pink and green show land belonging to Redford's brothers William and Joseph at that time.



On the left is a 1994 picture of a friend peering down at a stone foundation on Atwater Road in Section 19 of Bingham Twp. where Redford once owned land.



On Nov. 12, 1868 Redford married Julia Ann Stillwell, daughter of William and Hulda Stillwell. Their first home was a log cabin with a sand floor. The 1870 federal census shows Redford, Julia, and four month old Charles (named after his paternal grandfather) living in Bingham Twp., Huron County, MI. He gave his occupation as farmer with a value of real estate owned as \$1,200 and value of personal belongings of \$250.



The above picture of Julia and Redford is from a Xerox copy sent to me by a 2<sup>nd</sup>. cousin who has the original. I have used my computer Adobe program to improve the background and the upper half of their clothing.