

Ref: 2014-13
Jane Donahoe

Re: FOLEY Search - Halifax, Halifax County, Nova Scotia

Your Straight Line of Descent ...all info in blue may be incorrect

Gr Gr Grandparents

Michael Foley¹ "labourer", b ca 1795 County Waterford, Ireland; died before November 1873 - possibly June 1861²... (see also F, p 4 of this report)

m ca 1840

Bridget Rowe, b 1807-1811 at Co Waterford, Ireland; died a "widow" 11 Nov 1873 at Halifax; perhaps a sister/o Robert Rowe b 1804, Co Waterford & settled at South Maitland, NS³

Bridget (Rowe) Foley died at 155 Brunswick St



Gr Grandparents

John William Foley, "mason" "plasterer" "mechanic" "contractor" "tradesman" "builder"; b 24 June 1844, at Halifax, Nova Scotia; d 10 April 1925 at Halifax, NS

m 20 May 1872, at Halifax, NS

Margaret Graham, b 17 Aug 1850; d 9 March 1933

d/o **William Graham & Catherine Falkner/Faulkner**.

John & Margaret lived in Halifax at 29 Allen St and 281 North St



Grandparents

George John Foley, "general clerk" "salesman" "confectionary agent" "confectioner" "caterer in restaurant business"; b 6 July, 1880; d 10 May 1948

m before June 1901

Elizabeth 'Bessie' Blanche Spriggs, b 27 July 1878; d 4 Nov 1951

d/o **Peter Spriggs** "contractor" "carpenter" (1827-1894) & **Elizabeth "Bessie/Betsy" A Allen**

Peter & "Bessie" (Allen) lived in Halifax at: 182 Agricola St

George John & Bessie (Spriggs) lived in Halifax at: 279 Robie St and 48 Windsor St.



Parents

Annie Margaret Foley, b 17 Dec 1910; d 1 Feb 1992

m

James Robert Donahoe, b 26 July 1911; d 1991

s/o James Edward Donahoe "grocer" "liquor merchant" & Rebecca Margaret Duggan

Marg & Bob lived at: South Park St, Hfx and 24 Rockwood, Armdale, NS

¹ Erins Sons Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1751-1958; Vol III; Terry Punch; p 114
FOLEY, Michael, "labourer"; age 50; arr 3 Sep 1855 [ergo b 1795]; b Ireland [doesn't say which county]

² Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada to 1863, Vol IV; Terry Punch; page 35

³ Erins Sons Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1751-1958; Vol 1; Terry Punch; p 72

_____ Generation: Gr Gr Grandparents

The marriage record & death certificate of **John William FOLEY** both state that John was the son of Michael FOLEY and Bridget ROWE... both Irish.

The marriage records of a (1) **Catherine FOLEY** and a (2) **Maurice Foley** connect them, in the same generation, to **"Michael & Bridget FOLEY"** and to **"M FOLEY & B POWER"**. Catherine's death record shows that she was born 3 Dec 1842, d/o Michael & Bridget FOLEY. Maurice's marriage & death certificates indicate that he was born circa 1842; s/o M Foley & B Power. Both Catherine & Maurice named children "Bridget" and "Mary".

I suggest two possible scenarios:

- (i) Michael Foley had two wives. He married 1st Bridget Power and produced Catherine & Maurice, who were both born close to 1842... and both of whom died within two years of each other in 1902 & 1900. Michael then married 2nd Bridget Rowe and produced John William who was born b 24 June 1844 and who died in 1925.
- (ii) There were two Michael Foleys...cousins/relatives...one married Bridget Power, the other married Bridget Rowe.

1851 ~ There is no Michael Foley, nor Bridget FOLEY, listed in the 1851 Census in Nova Scotia.

1861 ~ There are TWO Michael Foleys listed in Halifax in the 1861 Census (A, B below). *In this Census only 'Heads of Families' were named - other persons, living at the address, were listed in numbers as 'males', 'females'.* The TWO Michaels are listed in the same Film Number M-1165: one has 4 in his family, the other has 5. There is ONE Bridget Foley in this census listed as the 'Head of Family' (C page 3 of this report)

1871 ~ The 1871 Census, Nova Scotia, shows Bridget FOLEY, **b ca 1811**, "widowed", living with her son, John FOLEY who was "unmarried".(E page 3) Three years later, her death record states that she was born in **County Waterford**, Ireland and that she died of cancer in Halifax on 11 Nov 1873 at 66 years old [**b ca 1807**]. Her death was reported by 'Morris Foley' [sic]. *The 4-yr difference in Bridget's recorded death year is consistent with inaccurate record-keeping of birth years in the old Census returns.* Sometimes it was the enumerator's fault. Sometimes it was the vanity or the forgetfulness of the person being enumerated!

Evidence was found that a Michael FOLEY, **b ca 1795** in **County Waterford**, Ireland, served in the British-Canada 35th Foot Regiment. (D page 3)

A: Polling District #2

1861 Census of Canada - Halifax

Name: **Michael Foley**
Home in 1861: Halifax, Nova Scotia
Film Number: M-1165

Household Members: **Name** **Age**
Michael Foley

2 males + 2 females [**Michael Foley**, John Wm b 1844 + wife Bridget + dau Catherine]

B: Polling District #5

1861 Census of Canada - Halifax

Name: **Michael Foley**
Home in 1861: Halifax, Nova Scotia
Film Number: M-1165

Household Members: **Name** **Age**

[Michael Foley](#)

2 males + 3 females [**Michael Foley** + John Wm b 1844 + Bridget + dau Catherine + dau ?]

C: Polling District #5

1861 Census of Canada

Name: **Bridget Foley** – Head of household

Home in 1861: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Film Number: M-1165

Household Members: **Name** **Age**

[Bridget Foley](#)

2 females and 2 males [**Bridget Foley** + dau Catherine + step son Maurice + son John William] Doesn't say Bridget is a widow, but she is "head" of household, so perhaps one can assume she is, or that she has been abandoned by husband.

D: [Canada, British Regimental Registers of Service, 1756-1900](#); on Ancestry.com

Name: **Michael Foley**

Age: 19

Birth Date: **abt 1795**

Birth Place: **Waterford, Waterford**

Military Date: 18 Apr 1814

Unit: 35th Foot Soldiers

E: [1871 Census of Canada](#); on Ancestry.com

Name: **Bridget Foley**

Gender: Female

Age: 60

Birth Year: **abt 1811**

Birth Place: Ireland

Marital Status: **Widowed**

Religion: Catholic

Origin: Irish

Province: Nova Scotia

District: Halifax West

District Number: 196

Division: 01

Subdistrict: Halifax Ward 5

Subdistrict Number: f

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Name

[Bridget Foley](#)

Household Members: [John Foley](#)

[Edward Fahey](#)

Age

60

26 son **John Wm** b ca 1845 "plasterer" – he married Margaret Graham a year after this 1871 Census

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F: Death of your Michael Foley?

The following Halifax newspaper [Acadian Recorder] death notice *may be* your Michael FOLEY...

Died: 29 June 1861 at the Poors' Assylum, Halifax, **Michael FOLEY**, age 74 [b ca 1787] from Ireland –AR, 6 July 1861⁴

G: Death of Bridget Foley

Bridget Foley, died 1873 in Halifax, Halifax County

NS Archives

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1873** - Book: **1808** - Page: **476** - Number: **1036**:

NS Archives

Died 11 Nov 1873 “widow” of cancer

At 155 Brunswick St, Halifax, NS

Signature of informant: **Morris Foley**

_____ Generation: Gr Grandparents

In the 1881 and 1891 Census Nova Scotia **John (William) & Margaret Foley** were living in the same polling district as Maurice Foley in Halifax. This family was not found in the 1911 Census. John was b 24 June 1844 & died in 1925. Margaret (Graham) Foley was b 17 Aug 1850 and d in 1933. A child, Michael, was born to them in 1873 but died before the 1881 Census. Their FIVE other children are listed in the 1891 Census (see top of page 6) John died in 1925 of senile myocarditis (heart). Margaret died in 1933 of heart problems.

1881 Census of Canada

Name: John Foley
Gender: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 37
Birth Year: 1844
Birthplace: Nova Scotia
Religion: Roman Catholic
Nationality: Irish
Occupation: Mason
Province: Nova Scotia
District Number: 9
District: Halifax City
Sub-District Number: F
Subdistrict: Ward 5
Division: 2



	Name	Age
	John Foley	37
Household Members:	Margret Foley	30
	Mary Foley	6
	William Foley	4
	George Foley	1

⁴ Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada to 1863, Vol IV; by Terry Punch; page 35

Birth of Michael Foley, s/o John & Margaret Foley, died as a child before 1881

Michael Foley, born 1873 in Halifax County*

NS Archives

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1873** - Book: **1810** - Page: **232** - Number: **101**: NS Archives

1881 Census of Canada

Name: Morris Foley
Gender: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 36
Birth Year: 1845
Birthplace: Nova Scotia
Religion: Roman Catholic
Nationality: Irish
Occupation: Mason
Province: Nova Scotia
District Number: 9
District: Halifax City
Sub-District Number: F
Subdistrict: Ward 5
Division: 2

	Name	Age
	Morris Foley	36
	Mary Foley	34
	Willima Foley shld be 'William' who became Rev Dr Wm J Foley	15
	<i>SEE PAGE 11 of this report</i>	
Household Members:	Bridget Foley	12
	Margret Foley	10
	Michael Foley	8
	John Foley	5
	Mary Foley	3
	Gertrude Foley	4/12

1891 Census of Canada

Name: John Foley
Gender: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 44
Birth Year: abt 1847
Birthplace: Nova Scotia
Relation to Head of House: Head
Religion: Roman Catholic
French Canadian: No
Spouse's Name: Margaret Foley
Father's Birth Place: Ireland
Mother's Birth Place: Ireland
Province: Nova Scotia
District Number: 33
District: Halifax City
Subdistrict: Ward 5a

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

	Name	Age
	John Foley	44
	Margaret Foley	39
Household Members:	Mary Foley	16
	William J Foley	13
	George Foley	10
	Ethel R Foley	8
	Annie J Foley	5

1891 Census of Canada

Name: Maurice Foley
Gender: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 44
Birth Year: abt 1847
Birthplace: Nova Scotia
Relation to Head of House: Head
Religion: Roman Catholic
French Canadian: No
Spouse's Name: Mary Foley
Father's Birth Place: Ireland
Mother's Birth Place: Ireland
Province: Nova Scotia
District Number: 33
District: Halifax City
Subdistrict: Ward 5a
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

	Name	Age
	Maurice Foley	44
	Mary Foley	44
Household Members:	Bridget Foley	18
	Maggie Foley	16
	John Foley	14
	Mary Foley	12
	Maurice Aloysius Foley	7

Death of Maurice Foley

Maurice Foley, died 1900 in Halifax, Halifax County

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1900** - Page: **249** - Number: **35**: NS Archives site

Death of Mary Foley, w/o Maurice Foley

Mary Foley, died 1916 in Halifax, Halifax County

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1916** - Book: **21** - Page: **95** - Number: **567**: NS Archives site

1901 Census of Canada

Name: John W Foley
Gender: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 56
Birth Day & Month: 24 Jun
Birth Year: 1844
Birthplace: NS
Relation to Head of House: Head
Racial or Tribal Origin: Irish
Nationality: Canadian
Religion: Roman Catholic
Occupation: Mason
Province: Nova Scotia
District: Halifax (city/cité)
District Number: 33
Sub-District: Halifax (City/Cité) Ward/Quartier No 4
Sub-District Number: D-3
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

	Name	Age
Household Members:	John W Foley	56
	Margaret Foley	49
	Mary Foley	26
	William G Foley	23
	Ethelret Foley <i>incorrect transcription</i>	18
	Annie J Foley	15
	Annie Graham <i>sister-in-law "tailoress"</i>	35

1921 Census of Canada

Name: John W Foley
Gender: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 76
Birth Year: abt 1845
Birth Place: Nova Scotia Halifax
Relation to Head of House: Head
Spouse's Name: Margaret Foley
Father Birth Place: Ireland
Mother Birth Place: Ireland
Racial or Tribal Origin: Irish
Province or Territory: Nova Scotia
District: Halifax
District Number: 57
Sub-District: Halifax (City)
Sub-District Number: 62
City, Town or Village: Halifax
Street or Township: 29 Allen St
Municipality: Ward 4
Occupation: Contractor
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

	Name	Age
Household Members:	John W Foley	76
	Margaret Foley	70

Death of John William Foley

John William Foley, died 1925 in Halifax, Halifax County

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1925** - Book: **105** - Page: **107**: NS Archives site

Death of Margaret Foley; w/o John William Foley

Margaret Foley, died 1933 in Halifax, Halifax County; myo.....w/o John William Foley

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1933** - Book: **137** - Page: **205**: NS Archives site

_____ Generation: Grandparents

George John Foley and his wife, Bessie Blanche Spriggs were married either late 1900 or early in 1901. They appear in the 1901 Census, with no kids, and living with Bessie's brother's family – Alvin & Mary Spriggs. George Foley was variously a salesman, clerk, confectioner, caterer, & in the restaurant business. He died of colon cancer. His wife died from gangrene (diabetes). The death certificate of Bessie (Spriggs) Foley identifies her mother as Elizabeth "Bessie" ALLEN.

1901 Census

Name:	George J Foley	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Age:	20	
Birth Day & Month:	6 Jul	
Birth Year:	1880	
Birthplace:	Ns	
Relation to Head of House:	Head* <i>Two 'Heads' (families) in the same house: George & Bessie (Spriggs) Foley & his bro-in-law's family (Alvin & Mary Spriggs). Alvin was a carpenter.</i>	
Racial or Tribal Origin:	Irish	
Nationality:	Canadian	
Religion:	Roman Catholic	
Occupation:	Clerk General	
Province:	Nova Scotia	
District:	Halifax (city/cité)	
District Number:	33	
Sub-District:	Halifax (City/Cité) Ward/Quartier No 5	
Sub-District Number:	E-7	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	George J Foley	20
	Bessie B Foley <i>née Spriggs.</i>	22

1911 Census *This Census page is almost illegible...*

42	279	Foley ? George John	M	Head	M	Jul	1880	30	1901	Caterer
43	279	Foley ? <i>Bessie</i>	F	Wife	M	Jul	1881	30	1901	
44	279	Foley Frances <i>shld be Florence</i>	F	Daughter	S	Feb	1903	8	1901	
45	279	Foley Ethel	F	Daughter	S	Aug	1904	6	1901	
46	279	Foley Catharine	F	Daughter	S	Nov	1908	2	1901	
47	279	Foley Margaret	F	Daughter	S	Dec	1910	6/12	1901	

1921 Census

Name:	George J Foley																								
Gender:	Male																								
Marital Status:	Married <i>before June 1901</i>																								
Age:	40																								
Birth Year:	abt 1881																								
Birth Place:	Nova Scotia																								
Relation to Head of House:	Head																								
Spouse's Name:	Bessie Foley																								
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Of the nine children in this 1921 Census, all attended public school except daughters Florence & Ethel Foley, who went to the Convent

1881 Census of Canada

Name: Bessie B. Spriggs
Gender: Female
Age: 2
Birth Year: 1879
Birthplace: Nova Scotia
Religion: Church of England
Nationality: English
Province: Nova Scotia
District Number: 9
District: Halifax City
Sub-District Number: G
Subdistrict: Ward 6
Division: 2

	Name	Age
	Peter Spriggs <i>b Waverly, NS</i>	52
	Elizabeth Spriggs <i>née ALLEN, b Falmouth, MA, USA</i>	44
	Annie R. Spriggs	17
Household Members:	Kate A. Spriggs	13
	Laurata Spriggs	11
	Mary I. Spriggs	9
	Alvin H. Spriggs	6
	Bessie B. Spriggs	3

Marriages of Bessie B Spriggs' siblings... *missing is her own, which is not listed in NS Archives site*

Kate A. Spriggs and William Marsden married 1888 in Halifax County

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1888** - Book: **1818** - Page: **83** - Number: **77**

Ref: [keating Family Tree](#) on Ancestry.com ; **Tree pages Owner:** [tpkplpmp](#)

Katherine ("Kate Allen") Spriggs

Birth August 25, 1868 in Waverley, Nova Scotia, Canada

Death January 19, 1927 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

Parents

- [Peter Spriggs](#)
1827 – 1894
- [Mary Elizabeth \(Bessie\) Allen](#)
1836 – 1898

Spouse & Children

- [William Marsden](#)
1864 – 1942
- [Marguerite Gertrude Marsden](#)
1911 – 1989

Annie R. Spriggs and John Gilfoy married 1883 in Halifax County

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1883** - Book: **1817** - Page: **162** - Number: **111**

Lauretta E. Spriggs and Frederick House married 1888 in Halifax County

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1888** - Book: **1818** - Page: **102** - Number: **337**

Mary Spriggs and John R. Quinn married 1902 in Halifax County

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1902** - Book: **1820** - Page: **16** - Number: **229**

Mary Green and Alvin Spriggs married 1900 in Halifax County

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1900** - Book: **1819** - Page: **220** - Number: **34**

Death of Elizabeth M [sic] Spriggs ... mother of Bessie B Spriggs

Elizabeth M. Spriggs, died 1898 in Halifax, Halifax County

Item can be found in Registration Year: **1898** - Page: **206** - Number: **12**

Parents of Elizabeth Mary (Allen) Spriggs... mother of Bessie B Spriggs

Charles Pillsbury Allen... father of Mary Elizabeth "Bessie" Allen; grandfather of Elizabeth "Bessie" Blanche Spriggs

Birth 20 Jul 1805 in Princeton, Worcester County, MA, USA

Death 13 Feb 1862 in Waverley, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, Canada

Catherine Rudolf

Birth 1810 at Halifax, NS

Death 1879

Ref: [Elliott Family Tree](#); on [Ancestry.com](#) ; Tree pages Owner: [SherylPrickett](#)

_____ Generation: Parents

No evidence was found related to the siblings of Annie Margaret (Foley) Donahoe in the Archives of Nova Scotia beyond the births of herself and of two of her sisters Katherine Veronica and Doris. Privacy laws prevent the Archives from publishing births after 1913 (100 years); marriages after 1938 (75 years) & deaths after 1963 (50 years). Numbers based on last year - 2013.

An on-line search of The Church of Latter Day Saints records; Nova Scotia Gen Web for Halifax County; and ancestry.com; did not produce any of your Foleys after the dates above. Terry Punch's book covered Irish immigrants to Nova Scotia only until 1863. The moratorium on Census info in Canada is 90 years, so the most current census we have is 1921. The Americans have everything up to their 1940 Census on line.