

## LANGTONS OF FARRELLTON, QUEBEC

### **Arrival in Canada**

Michael Langton is the patriarch of this family in Canada. This is his story...

Michael Langton was born about 1810 in Ireland. He died on 14 Apr 1891 in Farrellton, Quebec, Canada. He married Anastasia Collins on 07 Feb 1839 in Ballyhemmin, Co Kilkenny, Ireland. She was born about 1825 in Ireland. She died before 1895 in Canada.

Michael had three children in Ireland. Edmond, Michael and Bridget were born in 1840, 1843 and 1845, respectively. All children are presumed to have died in about 1847 as a result of the Great Famine; when potato blight hit and destroyed the entire country's crop leading to mass starvation.

Prior to his arrival in Canada, Michael would have lived in the Castlecomer Miner Area, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland. His family's emigration would have been arranged by the mine owner, Wandesforde. His exact date of arrival in Canada is unknown. However, it is almost certain that he first set foot on Canadian soil at Grosse Ile, Quebec. At that time, all incoming vessels were quarantined on this island in the St. Lawrence Seaway, about 20 miles downstream of Quebec City. The consequences were often devastating. No fewer than 5424 people were buried there in 1847, with typhus and diphtheria being the primary causes of death. Grosse Ile is now a National Historic Site of Canada.

Michael had six children in Farrellton, Quebec. John James, Eliza, Michael, Thomas Andrew, Andrew and Edmond were born between 1847 and 1858. Perhaps Michael and Edmond were named after their deceased siblings back in Ireland.

Michael's mother was most likely Bridget Buckley, the matriarch of this family in Canada. She also would have lived in the Castlecomer Mining Area. She was born about 1781 in Ireland. She died in Apr 1861 in Farrellton, Quebec, Canada. She married Edward Langton about 1805 in Ireland. He was born about 1781 in Ireland. He died before 1847 in Ireland.

Bridget had at least three children in Ireland. Margaret, Sarah, and John were born in about 1821, 1825, and 1827, respectively. Michael is believed to be an older child, as explained later on in this article.

### Michael's son Thomas Andrew

### A typical family in Quarantine at Grosse Ile



## Traced Location in Canada

Michael Langton and Anastasia Collins settled in Farrellton, Quebec. Their children were baptised in St. Camillus Catholic Church.

St. Camillus Catholic Church, Farrellton, Co. Gatineau, Quebec



As stated earlier, Michael is believed to be an older child of Bridget Buckley. This is why...

In the 1851(1852) Census for the Province of Canada East (Quebec), Michael is found living in the Sub-District of Masham, at Rang#4, in Lot#2. Bridget's son John is found living in the same Sub-District, at the same Rang#, in the adjacent Lot#1. Bridget's daughter Sarah is found living with her husband Peter Jones in the same Sub-District, in adjacent Rang#3, in Lot #4.

In the 1861 Census, they switched Lots. Michael remained at Rang#4, Lot#2 and also occupied John's Rang#4, Lot#1. John vacated Rang#4, Lot#1, and occupied Sarah & Peter's Rang#3, Lot#3. Sarah & Peter vacated Rang#3, Lot#3, and occupied Rang#3, Lot#4.

The fact that Michael, John and Sarah have the same surname, came from the same place in Ireland, came to the same place in Canada and lived so close to one another, even exchanging properties, strongly suggests that they were related. Michael even named his first born daughter Bridget, presumably after her grandmother.

## Traced Location in Country of Origin

The earliest known ancestor is Michael Langton of Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland.

Castlecomer Langtons are likely descended from the nationalist Langton mayors of Kilkenny, who resisted both Cromwell and Charles I. Kilkenny's arms still incorporate the Langton arms.

For more information about the Langtons in Ireland, I invite you to read "Irish or Irish American", written by David Langton, at <http://www.lostlangtons.co.uk/IrishAmericans.shtml>

Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland



Partial Map of Ireland in 1848



## Prosperity in Canada

Today, there are at least 29 individuals that still carry the Langton name (by birth); 7 live in the Province Quebec and 22 live in the Province of Ontario. This Canadian branch of the Langton Family Tree has 4 sons to perpetuate the name of Langton. There may be more, but more Langtons would need to be contacted in Ontario to find out for sure.

To this very day, there are 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> generation Langtons living on the original homestead in what is now called "La Municipalité de La Pêche, Québec".

## DNA – Haplogroup

There is no DNA data available for this Langton family in Canada. Perhaps you can be the very first to unlock the mysteries of this family's ancestral origins in Ireland.

If you are a male descendant and would like to learn more about genetic genealogy, I invite you to visit:


ANCESTRY for their DNA Information: <http://dna.ancestry.com/learnMorePaternal.aspx>

LOST LANGTONS for their DNA Project: <http://www.lostlangtons.co.uk/LangtonDNAProject.shtml>

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Note: only males can take this test, but females can ask a father, brother, paternal uncle or nephew to take it for them.

**Please note: You will not receive a percentage breakdown of your ethnicity, race or geographic origin with a Paternal Lineage DNA test.**

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