Ancient Origins

Lumley is a habitation name from Durham and originates with the Anglo Saxon *lum* or pool and *leah* or woodland clearing. This is a noble English family, who according to tradition are descended from Ligulf, who lost his estates in Northumbria at the time of the Norman Conquest; probably after the defeat of Earl Morcar (or Morkere) in 1070. The Lumley name was first recorded in the 12th century when Robert de Lumeleye witnessed a charter. The arms of Robert de Lumeleye are described as “Or, a fess gules between three parrots proper collared of the second” which means “a gold shield with a red horizontal stripe between three parrots coloured naturally and with red collars.” Please note that our Lumley family has no tradition of a coat of arms and our earliest ancestor is dated in the late 16th century.

From the early 17th century onwards, our Lumley Family is known to have resided in and around Winterton, which is in the north of Lincolnshire, about 8 miles north of Scunthorpe and a mile and a half south of the River Humber. The name Winterton is from the Old English Wintra+inga+tun, or “Homestead of the followers of Wintra”. In the 1086 Domesday Book, the village name is given as “Wintrintune”. A Roman villa stood at Winterton and some of its mosaics and artefacts have been recovered. Holy Well, near the village, was considered a medicinal cure by the ancients. William the Conqueror granted Lordship of Winterton to Norman D’Arcy, whose descendants held it for several centuries. The Anglican Church tower and nave at Winterton may have an Anglo-Saxon origin. The Anglican Church is dedicated to All Saints.

Generation One

**Christofer Lumbley**

circa late 16th century, early to mid 17th century (?)

Christofer married (unknown) Duglasse and they had the following children:

- Thomas born 1608, died 1608
- Brian born 1609
- William born 1611
- Antonie born 1613 died 1613
- John born 1614, died 1616
- **Mitchell Lumley**, mentioned next.
- Elizabeth born 1626
- Martha born 1628

Note: about this time, Robert Lumley of West Halton had the following children:

- Jillian Lumley born 1618
- Elizabeth Lumley born 1619

Generation Two

**Mitchell Lumley**

Born 1617 at West Halton, Lincolnshire.

West Halton is about a mile and a half north-west of Winterton and about 8 miles west of Barton-upon-Humber.

Mitchell married in 1656 at Appleby to Anne Crust, who was born in 1628 at West Halton. Anne was a daughter of Richard Crust and sister of John Crust (b.1630) and Elizabeth Crust (b. 1634).
Mitchell and Ann had the following children:

- Mitchell Lumley born 1670, died 1673
- **Thomas Lumley**, mentioned next.
- Susana Lumley born 1674

There is a gap of 14 years between the marriage of Mitchell and Ann in 1656 and the birth of what appears to be the first child in 1670. Perhaps there were other earlier births outside of Lincolnshire or perhaps not registered?

**Generation Three**

**Thomas Lumley**

Born in 1677 at Appleby, Lincolnshire, about 8 miles south of Winterton.

Thomas married Hannah (unknown) and they had the following children:

- Austin Lumley born 1704
- Thomas Lumley born 1710
- **John Lumley**, mentioned next.
- Margaret Lumley born 1718

**Generation Four**

**John Lumley**

Born in 1716 at West Halton, Lincolnshire.

John married in 1740 at Roxby (about a mile south west of Winterton) to Isabel Anderson and they had the following children:

- Austin Lumley born 1742
- William Lumley born 1744
- Hannah Lumley born 1747
- John Lumley born 1750
- Lettice Lumley born 1754
- **Thomas Lumley**, born in 1757 at West Halton, Lincolnshire, mentioned next.
- Anderson Lumley born 1762, died 1762

We are lacking proof that Thomas Lumley, son of John Lumley and Isabel Anderson (shown above) is the same as Thomas Lumley who married Mary Elsom (shown below.) The dates “fit” and people are from the same general neighbourhood. Although Thomas and Mary (below) were married in Kirton about 50 miles south of Winterton, it would appear they had a connection with Winterton. Their son George Lumley married Rebecca Gell of Winterton; George and Rebecca’s children were all born in Winterton.

**Generation Five**

**Thomas Lumley**

Thomas married in 1790 at Kirton, Lincolnshire to Mary Elsom. Kirton is located in the southern part of Lincolnshire, about 4 miles south of Boston immediately west of the A16. Thomas and Mary had the following children:

- Thomas Lumley, baptized on April 12, 1791. Thomas’ great grandchildren include:
  - Mary Lumley whose grandson is:
    - Tony Parsons who researched Generations One to Five in the family tree.
Thomas and George Lumley who emigrated to Saskatchewan, Canada circa 1900. Descendants of Thomas and George are said to be living in Saskatchewan to this day.

- Elizabeth Lumley, baptized on August 2, 1793
- George Lumley, mentioned next.

**Generation Six**

**George Lumley**
Baptized on September 7, 1795.
Died between January and March 1868 at Glanford Brigg, North Lincolnshire, England; Åt. 72. (George’s death was registered during the March Quarter 1868.)

George was a bricklayer. He married on July 6, 1819 at Winterton, Lincolnshire (or at Holy Trinity of Kingston upon Thames) to Rebecca Gell, daughter of Edmund Gell, shown below. Witnesses to the wedding of George Lumley and Rebecca Gell were John Gell and Hannah Gell. Rebecca was baptized on January 11, 1801 at Winterton, Lincolnshire; and died on December 30, 1891 and buried on January 2, 1892; Åt. 91.

George and Rebecca had the following children:

- Mary Lumley was baptized on June 22, 1820 at Winterton, Lincolnshire and died on April 9, 1823.
- Susanna Lumley was baptized on August 15, 1822 at Winterton.
- George Lumley was born January 10, 1825, baptized January 16, 1825 at Winterton and died on June 15, 1828.
- Thomas Gell Lumley was baptized on April 8, 1827 at Winterton.

**Mary Gell Lumley**, mentioned next.
- Ann Lumley was baptized on August 28, 1831 at Winterton and died on January 21, 1832.
- Hannah Lumley, mentioned next.
- Henry John Lumley was baptized on July 3, 1836 at Winterton and died on June 27, 1852.
- George Lumley, mentioned next.
- Edmund Gell Lumley, mentioned next.
- William Lumley was baptized on September 21, 1842 at Winterton.
- Alfred Lumley was baptized on August 10, 1845 at Winterton and died on May 1, 1846.

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**Edmund Gell**, father of Rebecca Gell who married George Lumley, shown above.
Born circa 1765
Died in August 1828, buried on August 26, 1828 Åt. 63.

Edmund Gell married Susanna Wells on May 18, 1790 at Wootton, Lincolnshire, a small village lying some 8 miles north-east of Brigg on the A1077 road to Barton-upon-Humber. St. Andrew Church which is the Parish Church in Wootton is where they were most likely married. Susanna died in November 1841 and was buried on November 27, 1841 at Winterton, North Lincolnshire, Åt. 68. Edmund and Susanna had the following children:

- Ann Gill, a possible first child, was baptized on March 1, 1791 at Healing, Lincolnshire. The parents were said to be “Father: Edmund Gill” and “Mother: Susanna”.
• John Gell was baptized on September 30, 1795 at Winterton, died in October 1837, and was buried on October 31, 1837 at Winterton, Lincolnshire. He may have left a son:
  o John Gell from Crosby who was buried at Winterton, Lincolnshire on August 20, 1871 Æt. 49. John’s wife Ann Gell from Crosby was buried at Winterton, Lincolnshire on October 2, 1872 Æt. 51
• Elizabeth Gell was baptized on March 25, 1798 at Winterton, Lincolnshire.
• Rebecca Gell who married George Lumley, shown above.
• Hannah Gell was baptized on June 1, 1803 at Winterton, Lincolnshire.

A possible relative of Edmund Gell is Edward Gell who had a son Edward Gell who was baptized on December 3, 1780 at Eastrington, Yorkshire.

**Generation Seven**

**Mary Gell Lumley**
Baptized on August 2, 1829 at Winterton, Lincolnshire.
Died June 10, 1910 Æt. 81 and interred at St. James Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
Mary married James Booth, a native of Yorkshire who died on February 16, 1880 Æt. 59.

**Hannah Lumley**
Baptized on July 14, 1833 at Winterton, Lincolnshire.
Died on July 9, 1854 Æt. 21 and interred at St. James Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
Hannah married Joseph Booth who died on June 20, 1869 Æt. 44.

**George Lumley**
Born on May 14, 1838 and baptized on May 20, 1838 at Winterton
Died on December 7, 1906 and interred at Winterton, Lincolnshire.

George married first to Emily Holmes (daughter of John and Ann Holmes), who was born in 1843 and died on September 14, 1880 and was buried on September 17, 1880 at Winterton, Lincolnshire, Æt. 37 or 38. According to the 1881 census, George and his mother Rebecca were living on Low Street, Winterton, Lincolnshire. George Lumley married second to Lucretia Kirman (daughter of James Alfred Kirman and Betsy Cross), who was born circa 1851 Roxby, Lincolnshire. According to the 1901 census, George, Lucretia, their three children, and Lucretia’s parents were all living on Low Street, Winterton, Lincolnshire.

George and Lucretia had the following children:
• Mary Lumley, born circa 1883 at Winterton
• James Alfred Lumley, a Bricklayer was born on April 22, 1884 at Winterton and died on April 21, 1951 at Winterton. James married Lizzie Bennett, who was born on January 31, 1884 and died on November 1, 1973 at Winterton. James and Lizzie lived immediately next door to James’ brother Leonard and his wife Dorothy.
• Leonard Lumley, mentioned next.

**Edmund Gell Lumley**
Baptized on May 28, 1840 at Winterton, Lincolnshire.
Died on July 21, 1896 See the and interred at St. James Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
Edmund Gell Lumley married on August 2, 1869 at St. Bartholomew’s Parish Church, Keelby, Lincolnshire to Elizabeth Markham, daughter of Andrew Markham, labourer; by {Rev} J.M. Holt, Vicar of St. Bartholomew’s. Edmund and Elizabeth emigrated to Canada and were living in Georgetown, Ontario in 1873 at the time of birth of their son Edmund Lumley.

Edmund Gell Lumley was employed with “the railroad”. It is unclear if this was the Grand Trunk Railway or the Northern and Northwestern Railway which was also known as the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway. There was also an electric radial railway that ran through Georgetown at a later date. He is described on his marriage certificate and on the birth record his son James Henry Lumley as a “bricklayer”.

The Lumley Family moved to Toronto and were living at 262 Gerrard Street in 1881 at the time of the birth of their son William Lumley. The family moved to 348 Sackville Street in Toronto; it is unclear if this was before or after Edmund’s death. M.M. Sewell remembers Elizabeth Markham in the early 1930’s as wearing black all the time and lying on the chesterfield most of the time. Elizabeth Markham suffered from some form of dementia, perhaps Alzheimer’s Disease, and she spent her final years in a rest home where she died on June 18, 1940 Æt. 94. Her remains were interred at St. James’ Cemetery, Toronto, Canada.

Edmund and Elizabeth had the following children:

- **Edmund “Ted” Lumley**, mentioned next.
- Charlotte Lumley, born on May 28, 1876 and died on April 27, 1877 Æt. 11 months and interred at Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown in Section E Plot 12 (E-PO12). The cemetery records spell her name “Charlot Lumely” (which is incorrect) and specify: “Charlot Lumely Apr 28 1877 11 months old. Daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth”. However, the tombstone reads “Charlotte dau. of Edmund & Elizabeth Lumley.”
- **James Henry Lumley**, mentioned next.
- William Lumley, born August 18, 1881 at Toronto, Ontario. William disappeared to the U.S.A. and left a son in Toronto:
  - Edward “Eddie” Lumley who was brought up by Elizabeth Markham and Lottie Lumley; i.e., Eddie was raised by his grandmother and his aunt. Eddie was a Justice of the Peace and he married Gert. They lived in an apartment on Carleton Street across from Allen Gardens in Toronto in the 1960’s and 70’s. We lost contact with Eddie and Gert after Aunt Lottie’s death in 1975.
- **Rebecca Markham “Aunt Lottie” Lumley**, mentioned next.
- Mary Lumley who married Dr. Mason.

**Generation Eight**

**Edmund “Ted” Lumley**

Born on September 5, 1873 at Georgetown, Ontario

Ted “retired” young and had a small farm on Eglinton Avenue as well as two small houses that he rented out. The farm was on the radial (electric) railway that ran from Toronto north to Newmarket and beyond; and he planned on shipping vegetables to Toronto. By the 1920’s (or early 1930’s at the latest) the railway service closed and Ted had a difficult time. However, whenever visiting the family of his brother James Henry Lumley Ted and his children always wore their “Sunday best” attire.
Ted married Effie who worked on Ted’s farm and died young. They had the following children:

- Freda Lumley who was Effie’s daughter by a previous relationship. Freda lived with Ted at the farm on Eglington Avenue until they sold the farm circa 1955.

**James Henry “Jim” Lumley**
Born on January 22, 1878 at Georgetown, Ontario
Died on December 12, 1957 A.H. 79 and interred at St. James Cemetery, Toronto, Canada.

James Henry Lumley was a bookbinder, and he worked for the Blackwood Hodge printing and bookbinding company. In 1914, he left Blackwood Hodge and formed the Lumley and Hewitt bookbinding company in partnership with Mr. James Hewitt who died in the late 1940’s leaving James Lumley with sole ownership of the bookbinding company.

James Henry Lumley married Margaretta “Retta” Furse who was born on November 8, 1891 and died on July 16, 1958. (See Furse, Generation Four) The Lumley family resided in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; first on Waverly Road and later at 105 Wineva Avenue. Jim and Retta had the following children:

- James Edmond Lumley, mentioned next.
- Margueretta Mae Lumley, mentioned next.

**Rebecca Markham “Aunt Lottie” Lumley**
Born on March 3, 1884
Died in Spring 1974 and interred at St. James Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The inscription for Aunt Lottie on the cemetery stone clearly indicates that she died in 1975; but this is wrong. Records show that her remains were interred in May 1974.

Rebecca Markham Lumley was known as “Lottie”, in all likelihood in honour of her sister Charlotte Lumley who died an infant. Aunt Lottie lived with her mother at 348 Sackville Street where they brought up Eddie Lumley, a son of Lottie’s brother William who disappeared into the U.S.A. Aunt Lottie inherited the house when her mother died in 1940. Aunt Lottie liked cats and children. Aunt Lottie married George Coyles (1888 - 1966) who had children, adults by that time, by a previous marriage.

**Leonard Lumley**
Born in 1887 at Winterton
Died on March 7, 1931 at Winterton and interred at Winterton, Lincolnshire.

Leonard married Dorothy Holgate Booth who was born circa 1886 and died on December 1, 1962 at Winterton. Leonard and his brother James Alfred built two semi detached houses known as Sherburn Villas in Winterton. Leonard and his wife Dorothy lived in the right hand side house. After the death of Leonard and Dorothy their daughter Doreen continued to live there until her death in June 2000. The one to the left is where James and his wife Lizzie lived in the left hand side of the house which was sold in the 1970’s after the death of Lizzie.

Leonard and Dorothy had three children:

- Doreen Lumley, born on August 8, 1908 and died in 2000. Doreen was a school teacher.
• Barbara Mary Lumley, died in 1987. Barbara married Harry Robinson, a farmer from Swallow (near Caistor) in Lincolnshire. Barbara and Harry had a son:
  o Peter Lumley Robinson who married and had two children.
• George William Henry Lumley, born on April 4, 1925 and died on September 30, 2002 and interred at Winterton, Lincolnshire. George married Patricia Simon who was born on October 29, 1925. George built Durley House, a detached dwelling immediately to the left of Sherburn Villas. The land was given to them as a wedding present. George and Pat had a son:
  o Tim Lumley. Tim, a lawyer and property developer in Lincolnshire, has kindly shared the details of his branch of our family, many of whom live in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. Tim married to Marie Roxanne and they had a daughter:
    ▪ Charlotte Kate Lumley

Generation Nine

James Edmond Lumley
Born on August 11, 1915 at Toronto, Ontario
Died on April 14, 1980 and interred at St. James Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

James (Jim) Lumley married circa 1945 to Elizabeth E. (Betty) McCubbing whose parents came to Canada from Scotland in 1901 and settled in northern Saskatchewan near Unity which is about 100 miles west north west of Saskatoon. Betty was born on June 2, 1917 and died on May 10, 1982.

Jim and Betty had the following children:

  • William James “Bill” Lumley, mentioned next.
  • Lynda Jean Lumley, mentioned next.

Margueretta Mae Lumley
Born on December 24, 1919 at Toronto, Ontario
Died on February 11, 2007 at St. Catharines, Ontario.

Margueretta married on July 3, 1942 to Robert George Sewell. (See: Sewall and Sewell, Generation Twelve.) Margueretta and Robert had the following children:

  • Robert James Sewell, B.Sc. (Chemistry) who compiled this genealogy. (See Sewall and Sewell, Generation Thirteen)
  • Stephen John Sewell, B.A.
  • Bruce David Sewell who married Virginia Sweeney, daughter of Vincent Sweeney and Marian Sweeney (née Hadley) (see Hadley)
  • Donald Henry Sewell

Generation Ten

William James “Bill” Lumley
Bill married first to Ruth Linda and they divorced in 1988. Linda has done much of the research on our both the Lumley and Furse Families. Bill and Linda and they had the following children:

  • Andrew Duncan Lumley
• Aaron James Lumley
• Melanie Ruth Lumley

Bill married secondly and had additional children:

Lynda Jean Lumley
Born June 24, 1950 at Toronto, Ontario

Lynda married to Gord Martin, and they had the following children:
• Janice Karyn Martin
• John Edmund Scott Martin

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