

LAVINIA McNEIL SCOTT

Born: 1829 (Nova Scotia) -

Parents: Mathew McNeil and Hannah L. Blois (daughter of Abraham Blois of Essex, England and Sarah Margaret (Kilcup) Blois

Existence of brothers and sisters unknown.

Married: William John Scott, March 18, 1848

Children: (14) William, Hannah, Adaline, Joseph, John and Alice (twins), Sara Jane, Nina Isabel, Ella, Anna L., Roland, 3 Unknown

Died: February 12, 1907 in Elmsdale, Nova Scotia

Lavinia's husband William John Scott owned and operated the main store of Elmsdale which was located across the street from the family three story house. After William John Scott's death the family ran the store for 20 years. After Joseph Scott, their son, drowned in Halifax Harbor Lavinia sold the store and she and Ella converted their home into the Scott Hotel which remained in existence until the 1980s. The building was designated as a historic structure but was torn down anyway. Lavinia and her daughter, Ella, were both good cooks so travelers would stop at the hotel to enjoy the food.

Isabel returned to Elmsdale for her wedding so that her family could be present. Later, Lavinia saw her granddaughter, Dorothy Davidson, only one time. Russell, Dorothy's father, took the 8 year old child to visit. Aunt Ella took care of her mother and ran the Scott Hotel. Lavinia at age 75 was uninterested in life; she sat in her chair and was very unaware of the world around her.

On February 12, 1907 Lavinia Scott died in Elmsdale, Nova Scotia. She is buried beside her husband in the Elmsdale Cemetary which was land which Lavinia had donated after her husband's death.

WILLIAM JOHN SCOTT

Born: 1824

Parents: William and Hannah (McDougall) Scott

Died: March 22, 1872

In Elmsdale East Gore, Nova Scotia

Buried in the White Church on the hill in East Gore, Nova Scotia

(Most likely Presbyterian)