

About the Henderson's from The Ridge in Wollaston Township.

By Liz Johnston

This is a picture of Kilauren Gibb on the steps to the ancestral home of James & Mariah Henderson of The Ridge near Coe Hill. James emigrated from Scotland in the early 1857, married a Canadian girl, Mariah Nugent (at Madoc on December 1873) and they had seven children – six boys and a girl.

These settlers were a hearty bunch as they had to fight their way through the bush to get in far enough to find workable farm land. During the Ice Age, glaciers pushed the top soil up to the peak of The Ridge near Coe Hill.

Also, there is another picture of Kilauren at the headstone and grave site of the Henderson's who are her great-great-great grandparents. The grave marker says: James Henderson (1849 – 1899), Mariah Henderson (1856 – 1940).

As we mark another Canada Day, we reflect and we are grateful to all of our ancestors who worked so hard to prepare heavenly homes for themselves and future generations.

Happy Birthday Canada!



Photos: Above, Kilauren visiting the former home and farmhouse of the Henderson's on the Ridge near Coe Hill.

Below: Kilauren at the grave site of her great-great-great grandparents: James and Mariah Henderson.



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