

## **John P Fuller and Mary Webster Married 1848 and their children**

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John P. Fuller and Mary Webster were members of Pickering Monthly Meeting and married in 1848. See the Pickering Monthly Meeting book dated 1842 – 1870 on this site for the two entries. John and Mary do not appear in the minutes after their marriage. The account below includes their marriage certificate and some details about their children and their families.

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The enclosed wedding certificate confirms the marriage of my maternal grand parents – Mary Webster and John Fuller, who were married March 30th 1848 (one hundred years ago) at the Friends' Meeting House, Uxbridge.

Mary Webster, my grandmother, was born on Sunny Acres Farm, on the Kingston Road (now #2 highway) between Pickering and Whitby. This farm was owned by the family for over a hundred years, the descendants celebrated the Centenary in 1920.

John Fuller was born in Holt, Norfolk County, England 1810. In 1833 he came to Canada, bringing his mother, sister and brother with him. He landed in Montreal. There his first piece of work was making shutters for Notre Dame Cathedral (he being a carpenter) He worked his way west stopping at Lachine,

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Bytown (now Ottawa), Prescott, Oshawa and Hog's Hollow (near Toronto). It has been said that most of the houses of that day along the Kingston Road were built by him. He established his home at Duffin's Creek (now Pickering) and there he took his bride in 1848.

In 1856 the home at Pickering was sold and John Fuller and his wife and three small children moved to London. For the first month they stayed at the hotel at the corner of Clarence and Dundas Sts. I think it was called the Carter Hotel then, but is now the Higgin's Block where Cairncross and Lawrence's store is. Then they moved to London West near where Empress Ave. church is now located. He soon bought a farm in London Township – Lot 26 – 8<sup>th</sup> Concession. This was at the time of the Russian War. In 1857 a frost came on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June and the hay, wheat and potatoes were all frozen. Food and all necessities became very expensive and living was hard. The family grew and the children married and established homes of their own.

William Fuller (the eldest) married Ann West and most of their family still live in or near London.

William J. Fuller – market gardener, east of London  
Fred G. Fuller – Riverside Drive, London  
Carling W. Fuller - Riverside Drive, London  
Dr. E.W. Fuller - Windsor Ave. London  
Mrs. Chester West – Lorne Ave. London  
Ernest L. Fuller – deceased, Edmonton

Joseph Fuller, married Charlotte Lord and moved to British Columbia a few years later, three of their children still live in British Columbia, one was buried in Scotland following the first Great War and a daughter died during the flu epidemic.

Mary Fuller (the only daughter) married Thomas Ball and went to live on his farm in Caradoc Township, but in 1903 they moved to London so that they might have a better opportunity to educate their family. Their children are –

Thomas Melville Ball – Saskatoon, Sask.  
John W. Ball – Burlington, Ont.  
Mrs. William Dingwall - Hopeville, Ont.  
Mrs. J.D. Mills – Campbellford, Ont.  
Miss Marie Ball – London, Ont.  
Mrs. C.M. Miners – deceased, formerly of Saskatoon, Sask.

With the death of Mrs. Ball, Apr. 9, 1948, the old home in London will be no more as far as the Ball descendants are concerned.

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Lillian,

I have acknowledged the enclosed document. I think after it is noted in our gift book it should be placed in an envelope and put with the Quaker material in the [T.R.].

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It might be well to note in the accession book that it is going into the Quaker collection.

[Initials]

- (1) John Fuller & Mary Webster – Quaker marriage certificate – 1848.
- (2) Sketch of Fuller family several of whom live in London district
- (3) Letter to Mr. Landon from Miss Marie Ball, a granddaughter

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Campbellford, Ont, May 18, 1948

Dr. Fred Landon,  
University of Western Ontario,  
London, Ont.

Dear Dr. Landon:

Confirming our conversation of a few weeks ago I am now enclosing the original Marriage Certificate of my maternal grandparents – Mary Webster and John Fuller. The Quaker Ceremony and Certificate of that day seems quaint.

As you suggested I am enclosing a few facts about them and their descendants.

We are glad you are going to preserve this document. Some day we hope we will be able to see it in the Library, if that is permissible.

Yours very truly,

On behalf of the descendants of Mary Webster and John Fuller

Marie Ball  
(a granddaughter)

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Marriage Certificate  
[for]  
John P. Fuller & Mary Webster  
recorded in the first book of [records]  
of Pickering Monthly Meeting  
on page 6<sup>th</sup> by  
Hiram Brown

John P. Fuller of the Township of Pickering in the County of York Home District and Province of Canada son of Joseph Fuller and Mary his wife (the former deceased) and Mary Webster daughter of Joseph Webster and Martha his wife of the Township County District and Province aforesaid, having laid their intentions of marriage with each other before a Monthly Meeting of the religious society of friends held at Uxbridge in the Province aforesaid they having consent of surviving parents and nothing appearing to obstruct, their proposal of marriage was allowed by the Meeting. These are to certify that for the accomplishment of their intentions this thirteenth day of third month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight they the said John P. Fuller taking the said Mary Webster by the hand did on this solemn occasion declare that he took her to be his wife, promising through Divine assistance, to be unto her a faithful and loving husband, until separated by death or words to that effect, and these the same Mary Webster did, in like manner declare that she took the said John P. Fuller to be her husband, promising through Divine assistance to be unto him a faithful and loving wife until separated by death or words to that import. And they the said John P. Fuller and Mary Webster she according to the custom of marriage assuming the name of her husband as a further confirmation thereof, did then and there to these presents [set] their hands.

John P. Fuller  
Mary Fuller

Abraham J. [illegible]	Mary [illegible]	Nickolas [illegible]
Sylvanus Brown	Margaret Brown	Charles P. Fuller
Nicholas Brown	Sarah R. Stickney	Moses Webster
[illegible] Brown	Isa Brown	William [illegible] Brown
Silas Orvis	Phebe Ann Fuller	Isaac Brown
Josiah Brown	Martha Barnes	Freeman Brown
Asa Brown	Rebecca F. Stickney	Joseph Webster
Hugh E. Brown	[Gillis] Ann Brown	Joseph Fuller [S.]
Abram Brown	Edith Brown	[illegible]
Isa [illegible]	Mercy Wilson	Mary [illegible]
Wm [illegible]	Harriet Austin	Mary Brown
[Casey] Brown	[Mercy G.] Brown	Margaret Orvis
N.N. Brown	[illegible] Brown	Elizabeth McHenley
	Phebe Orvis	Jane Birchard
		Jemima Brown
		Mercy Wilson
		Sarah Orvis
		Martha Webster