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YEO, JAMES, merchant, shipbuilder, and ship owner; b. 31 October 1827 in Port Hill, son of Honourable James Yeo and his second wife, Damaris Sargent, of Kilkhampton, England; m. 25 January 1854 Sarah Jane Glover, and they had four sons and two daughters, of whom the only known name is Herbert; Anglican; d. 13 February 1903 in Wellington.

Yeo, a Liberal, was first elected to the House of Assembly in the general election of 1872 for 2nd Prince. He was re-elected in the general election of 1873. Yeo served on Executive Council from 1872 to 1873. Yeo resigned from the Assembly in 1873 to successfully contest, in Prince County, the special federal election held 29 September. He was re-elected to the House of Commons in 1874, 1878, 1882, and 1887.

Yeo came from a family actively involved in politics. His father was a Conservative Member of the House of Assembly, as well as a member of both the Executive and Legislative Councils. Yeo's brother John* was a Member of the House of Assembly from 1859 to 1891, a Member of the House of Commons from 1891 to 1898, and a Member of the Senate from 1898 to 1924.

Yeo was educated at a grammar school in Charlottetown. He was a prominent merchant, shipbuilder, and ship owner on the Island. The Yeo firm of Port Hill was among the largest mercantile establishments in the province. James Yeo died on 6 December 1916.

Sarah Yeo, the daughter of William Glover, was born in 1833 and died on 19 January 1912.

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YEO, HONOURABLE JOHN, farmer and merchant; b. 29 June 1837 in Port Hill, son of Honourable James Yeo and his second wife, Damaris Sargent, of Kilkhampton, England;

Anglican; d. 14 December 1924 in Port Hill.

Yeo, both a Liberal and a Conservative, was first elected to the House of Assembly in the 1858 general election for 2nd Prince as a Conservative. He was re-elected in the general elections of 1859, 1863, 1867, 1870, 1872, 1873, 1876, 1879, 1882, 1886, and 1890. Yeo was appointed to Executive Council in 1870. He was elected Speaker in 1871, a position he held when the Island entered Confederation in 1873. In that year, Yeo was appointed to Executive Council, and was reappointed in 1876 as a member of the Free Schools Party coalition led by L. H. Davies*. He served on Executive Council until 1879. Yeo remained with the Liberals and was for many years Leader of the Opposition.

Upon the retirement of Yeo's brother James* from the House of Commons in 1891, Yeo resigned his seat in the Assembly and was elected to the House of Commons for Prince County. When the riding was divided, in 1896, he was re-elected for East Prince. In 1898 Yeo was appointed to the Senate and served there until his death on 14 December 1924.

Yeo's family was involved in politics. His father was a Conservative Member of the House of Assembly, as well as a member of both the Executive and Legislative Councils. Yeo's brother James*, a Liberal, was returned to the House of Commons from 1876 until his retirement.

Yeo was the fifth child of his father's second marriage. He was educated in England, but returned to the Island while a young man. Upon his return, Yeo was associated with his father in numerous enterprises. After the death of his father in 1868, Yeo assumed management of his various business and agricultural interests. The Yeo firm at Port Hill was among the largest mercantile establishments in the province. Yeo also continued his father's shipbuilding business and was a capable farmer. He was known as one of the most successful stock raisers in the province.

Apart from political and business involvements, Yeo was active in his community. He served as the first Grand Master of the Free Masons in Prince Edward Island, a position he held from 1875 until 1889.

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YOUNG, CHARLES FRANK ROSS "JOHNNY," businessperson; b. 1 September 1931 in Red Point, son of Major Ralph Young and Nellie Mossey; m. 27 July 1955, Helen MacLean of Kingsboro, and they had four children, Bonnie, Lynda, Ross*, and Shelley; Baptist; d. 7 March 1990 in Red Point.

Young, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the general election of 1978 for 1st Kings. He was re-elected in the general elections of 1979, 1982, 1986, and 1989. He served as Deputy Speaker and Party Whip. In 1986 Young was appointed Minister of Fisheries, and served in this Ministry until 1989. The position meant a great deal to Young, as his family had a strong background in the fishery. In 1990 Young served constituents from his bedside, until only hours before his death from cancer. In the by-election held after his death, his seat in the Legislature was filled by his son Ross, who served in the Legislature until 1996.

Young, or "Johnny," as he was called, received his education in Red Point, North Lake, and Montague, following which he spent a few years working in Montague and Toronto. In 1952 he returned to Red Point where he began operating an Esso Service Station. Young was a farm equipment dealer for Massey Ferguson. He also operated a service station in Souris for a number of years. In 1970, Young, along with his wife, and his sister Doris, began operating the Sea Breeze Motel and Restaurant in Kingsboro.

Along with numerous political and business involvements, Young was involved in his community. He served as a trustee of the Red Point School Board from 1956 to 1974. Young was president of the Eastern Kings Community Improvement Committee and a founding director of the Eastern Kings Fire Department. He held the position of president of the Souris Lions Club and was active in both the 1st Kings and Cardigan Liberal Associations. He was a member of the East Point Baptist Church. Johnny Ross Young died 7 March 1990.

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YOUNG, ROSS, sales manager and financial security advisor; b. 20 March 1962 in Souris, son of "Johnny" Ross Young* and Helen Rae MacLean; m. 30 December 1994 Mary Rita Sullivan, and they

had three children, Laura Victoria, John Ross, and Jay Sullivan; Protestant.

Young, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in a by-election held 18 March 1991 for 1st Kings. He was re-elected in the general election of 1993. He was defeated in the general election of 1996 in the new electoral district of Souris-Elmira. The 1991 by-election was called due to the death of Young's father, "Johnny" Ross Young, who represented 1st Kings from 1978 to 1990. In 1994 Young introduced a private member's bill which laid out the current electoral districts first used in the 1996 general election.

Young received his early education at Souris Regional High School. In 1984 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. During his time at Mount Allison, Young played on the football team. He was an AUAA all-star, a CIAU all-star, and served as co-captain and assistant coach of the team. Following university, he managed a Wacky Wheatley's store, one of Atlantic Canada's largest electronic and carpet retailers. In 1989 he joined the Atlantic Television Network as an account executive in Saint John. In 1991 he attended the University of Prince Edward Island. Young is currently a financial advisor with Freedom 55 Financial in Charlottetown.

Young was a member of the Kings County Exhibition Association, the Souris Ski Club, and the Souris Curling Club. He coached the Eastern Kings Wildcat football team and was a board member of the Prince Edward Island Tackle Football Program. He was a board member with Prince Edward Island United Way and with the John Howard Society. From 2000 to 2002, Young co-chaired the annual Canadian Mental Health fundraising golf tournament. He is a board member of Junior Achievement of PEI, president of Mount Allison 5th Quarter Club, and secretary-treasurer of the Former MLAs Association. Young is also chair of the Junior Achievement Tuna Tournament, which was revived in 2000. Ross Young and his family live in Vernon River.

Mary Sullivan Young was born 4 May 1959.

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