

No data has been found verifying that Dora Bell was the wife of Richard Neeley. A family member had, in her possession, the names of her grandfather, William "M" Neeley and her great-grandfather, William Neeley, the latter as being married to Dora Bell. According to this information Dora died when William "M" was 9 years old. There is also no data verifying that a William Neeley was married to a Dora. The 1850-1870 census records do not reflect a William or a Richard as head of household. However, the 1870 census does list a Farr and William Neeley (William "M") as living in the Hopkins District with a black family by the name of Samuel Peters. The census then lists them separately on the next page, so the two boys were apparently without both parents. Farr was 14 and William was 12 when this census was taken. A geneologist, Tony Draine, states that Richard had to have been the husband of Dora since records do not reflect a William Neeley in the Neeley Line or time frame involving said circumstances. Richard had two brothers. See page 3 of the Family Group Record.