

Book 2: The Elliotts/Seldons/Prouse/Wilsons of Devon

Mary Elizabeth Elliott and Thomas Prouse and Family

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IRC Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Con – township road or concession

Preface: Mary was the oldest daughter of John and Mary Elliott. To review their lives, refer to Book 1
The Devonshire Elliott/Seldon/Prouse/Hamlyn/Wilson Families of 1843 Ingersoll and surrounding townships

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Mary Elizabeth Elliott and Thomas Prouse and Family

(Daughter of John Elliott and Mary Elliott)



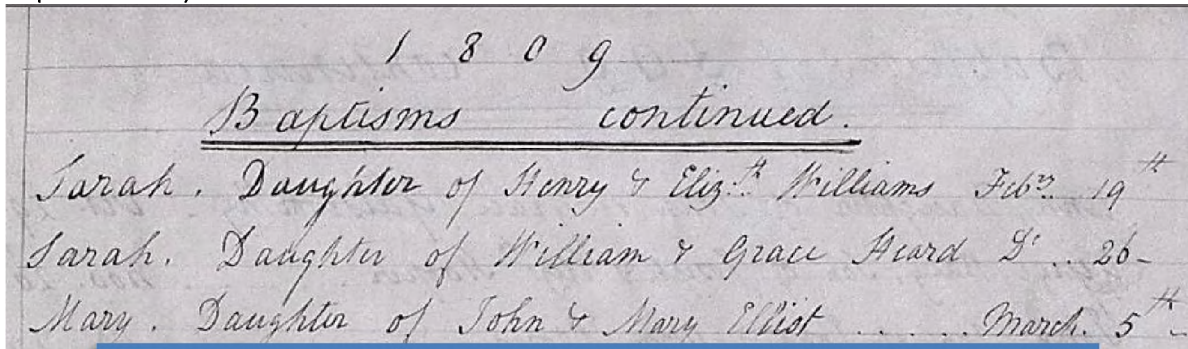
Mary Elizabeth Elliott

B 17 Feb 1809 in Hartland Parish, Devonshire
 D 11 Jan 1892 at Lot 22 Con 1 Dereham Township. Buried IRC
 Baptized 05 Mar 1809 Hartland, Devon
 M 02 Mar 1834 Hartland, Devon

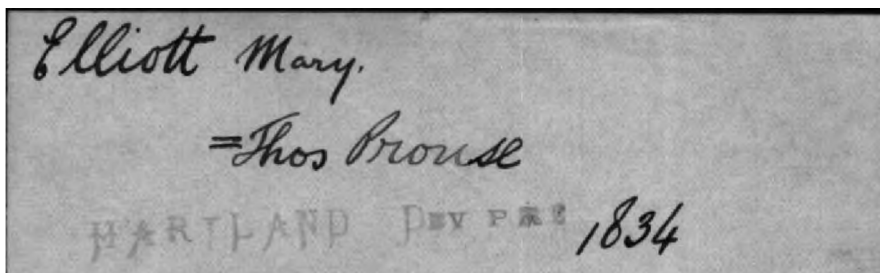
Spouse: Thomas Prouse

B 27 Sept 1807 Hartland, Devon
 D 03 Sept 1881 West Oxford Township Buried IRC

Baptism – Mary Elliott



The Prouse Family were from the Hartland Parish area of Devon.



Marriage record Thomas and Mary Elizabeth: Hartland Parish Devon

As has been speculated, the Elliott family members, spouses and children did not come over to Canada en mass in 1843. Son John Jr. appears to have arrived much earlier. Older daughters Maria Seldon and Mary Prouse appeared at a later date.

Born 1809 in Devon (likely Bradworthy, Hartland), Mary Elliott married Thomas Prouse of the Hartland area in 1834. In the 1841 Devon census he was listed as a yeoman (small farm owner) at Sowden Farm.

Sowden Farm	Thomas	Prouse	30	yeoman
	Mary	Prouse	30	not given
	Ann	Prouse	6	not given
	Mary	Prouse	4	not given
	Maria	Prouse	2	not given
	Eliza	Prouse	½ (sic)	not given
	Ann	Trick	30	fs (female servant)
	John	Exter	15	apprentice
	Elizabeth	Davy	15	apprentice
	William	Jeffery	15	ms (male servant)

According to the website "Survey of English Names", the farm was located about 3 kilometers north of the village of Hartland, Devonshire. The farm buildings no longer exist. As a yeoman, he was the lessee of the property from a wealthy estate owner. He worked the property and had some wealth.

He kept his own profits and had Courtesy: Genuki tenant labourers. Mary's father, John Elliott, was also a yeoman therefore Mary was marrying into another family with some wealth. When married, Thomas was 30 years old or thereabouts (the 1841 English census tended to round out some ages), and was doing well in his endeavours. They had four young daughters according to the 1841 census. There were a number of Prouses in the local Hartford parish region in 1840 according to the census of the time. Although I have not followed Thomas' direct lineage, Pat Adam, a Prouse cousin living in Ingersoll, has supplied a more in depth look at the Devon Prouses. To the best of her knowledge and research the Thomas Prouse lineage is:

Thomas Prouse (1807-1881) was the son of John Prouse (1772-1864) and Ann Hortop (1784-1865)

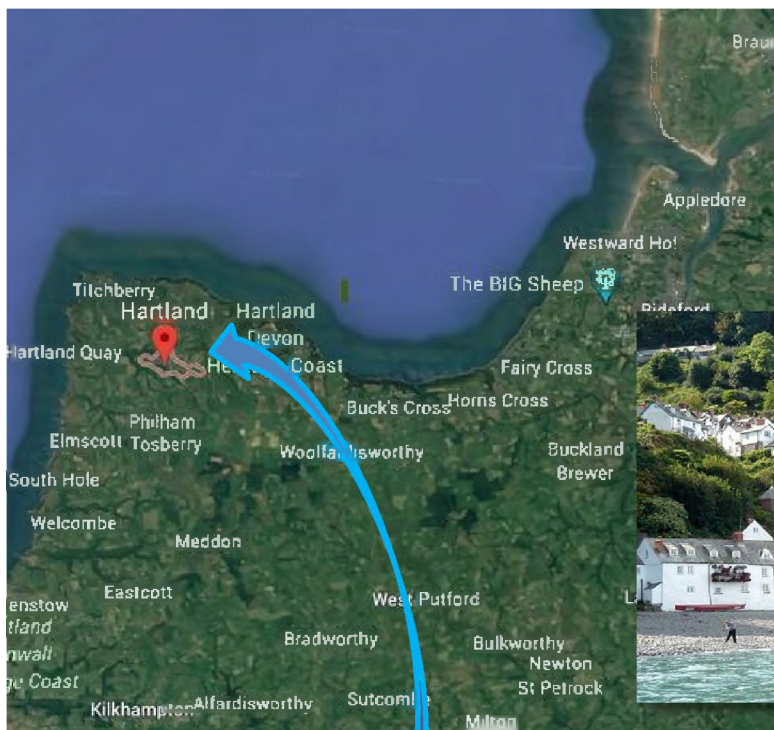
John Prouse (1772-1864) was the son of James Prouse (1738-1820) and Ann Crocker (1747-1817)

James Prouse (1738-1820) was the son of James Prouse (1701-1756) and Jane Souch (B. abt 1700)

James Prouse (1701-1756) was the son of Hugh Prouse (1669-1702) and Martha Rudd (B. 1670)

Hugh Prouse (1669- 1702) was the son of Hugh Prouse (1650-1712) and Prudence? (1650-1720).

Thomas Prouse's father, John Prouse, lived close to the nearby village of Clovelly and had 400 acres and two labourers employed. Clovelly was also the home of Mary Elliott's sister Elizabeth's deceased husband James Hamlyn.

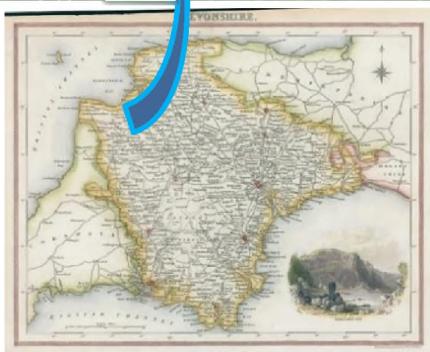


Hartland, Devon



Clovelly, Devonshire

Devonshire



1841 Thomas and Mary Elliott Prouse census. Son Thomas was born after the 1841 census of Devon.

Various claims have been made that Mary Elizabeth Elliott and Thomas Prouse came over to Canada in April 1846. The family consisted of 5 children. It is believed that Thomas' grandfather, Thomas and Thomas' family travelled on the ship Arab, landing first in Trinity, Newfoundland.

Elizabeth Jones	30	14
Thomas Prouse	30	14
Mary- do	28	14
John do	6	14
Mary do	4	14
Maria do	2	14
Eliza	1	14
John Prouse	15	14
Elizabeth Davy	15	14

A daughter, Mary Trinity was born at sea and given the name Trinity as recognition of the families first landing spot in North America. The family then made their way directly to the Oxford County area. An inscription on Mary Trinity's grave marker supports the claim of "arriving on the Arab". The trip is noted in a Prouse family history book "One Hundred and Forty Years in Canada: One Half the Story."

The Trip

Thomas and Mary Prouse and five children set sail on the "Arab" from the south coast of England early in 1846. Their ship was shipwrecked and had to put back to port for repairs. Some of the passengers left after this unfortunate beginning but not Thomas and Mary. This delay meant a later than anticipated arrival in Canada and indeed their 6th child a daughter, was born in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland and was named Maria Trinity, for her birthplace.

Where the Prouse family lived after their Oxford arrival and between 1846 and 1851 is unknown. However, the Ingersoll Chronicle of May 23, 1856 listed him as having unclaimed mail in the Ingersoll post office. Suspicion is they were living on and renting the Dereham property they would later purchase. The 1851 census supports this as it has them living in a log house adjacent the Wilson holdings on the Culloden town line road in Dereham. This is the location of the first Prouse farm. The Wilson family were Mary Prouse's sister Eliza Wilson's family group (Book 5) and lived close by.



The Tremaine Map of 1857 (below) and The Oxford County Atlas of 1857 also indicate that Thomas Prouse was indeed a landowner in Dereham Township (Oxford Co) at Concession 1 Lot 22. Onland.ca indicated he purchased the property in 1854. Property records of Onland.ca also have the Prouse family purchasing 50 acres in December of 1855 (Con 2 Lot 24 west quarter) in West Oxford township from Mary's brother, James Elliott, who had come over as a young man with the family core in 1843. The Onland.ca property site also indicates the Elliott, Wilson and Prouse families interchanged properties throughout the years. The 1861 census confirms again the families lived across the road from each other with the purchase of the Lot 22 Con 1 Dereham township property. Over time, the family home became a two-story brick farmhouse similar to those being built throughout the area. In 1870, Thomas Prouse also purchased another 62 acres on Lot 25 Con 2 W Oxford from Richard Wilson, who was the father of his brother-in-law Charles Wilson – the husband of Mary's sister Eliza Elliott. The property would eventually fall to son Thomas Prouse Jr. The Wilson family, James Elliott family, the Prouse family and the various families' children also purchased farms in the area in the following

decades. The Elliott/Prouse/Wilson family was close knit and the sibling's farmed as a group. Throughout the decades, as the number of descendants increased, there was a proliferation of Prouse sons and daughters purchasing farm property throughout Dereham, West Oxford and Dorchester townships. Place names such as Prouses Corners and Prouse Road sprung up in the township. A map on page 169 illustrates Dereham township and some of the family farms.

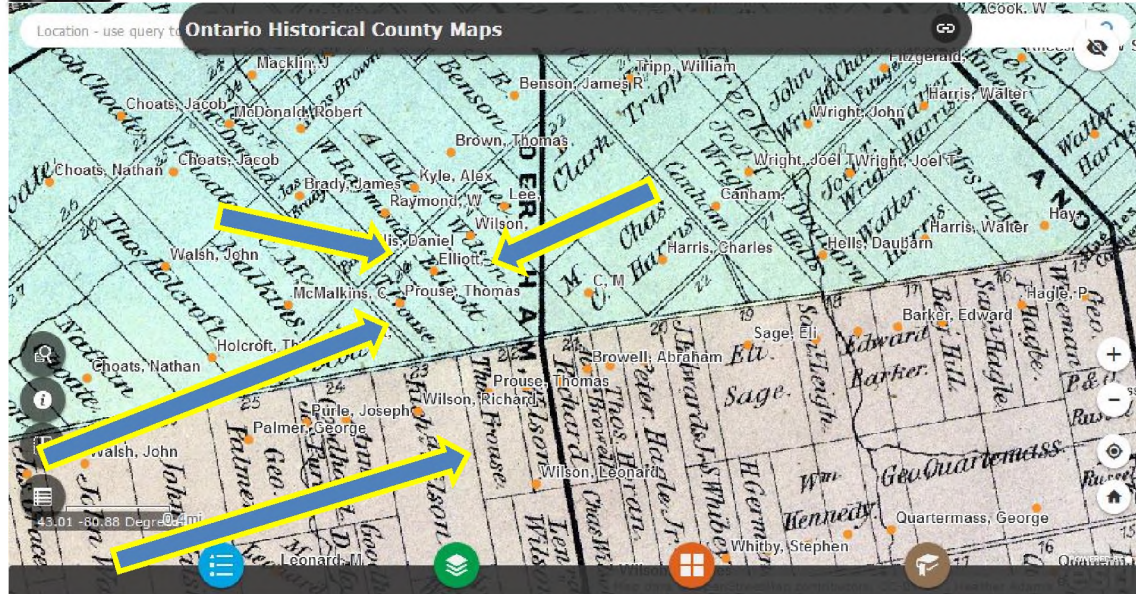
The Prouse family was in the cheesemaking business. The Elliott family was known to have been involved in the business in Devon. In fact, upon arrival in West Oxford, Mary's sister Eliza Wilson was the instigator of the Wilson Cheese factory south west of Ingersoll in the 1850s. Thomas and Mary Prouse soon followed by starting a factory of their own that was run by their son Thomas Jr.

The following is an article (edited for brevity) from page 35 of the book entitled When Cheese Was King by Edward Moore, published by The Alymer Express Ltd, Alymer, Ont. in June 1987 and accessed through Ingersoll Library.

Thomas Sr purchased the Lot 22 property 09 Aug, 1854.

“The Atlas of 1875 shows a cheese factory on the farm of Thomas Prouse Sr., on Lot 22 of Concession 1 (Dereham Township). Thomas and Mary Elliott Prouse with five children emigrated from Devonshire, England in 1846 and settled in Dereham. Thomas died in 1881 but son William stayed on the farm. Thomas Prouse Jr., second son of Thomas Sr., moved to Dereham Lot 10 Con 6 in 1878 and the women of the Prouse family made cheese and a Prouse Cheese Factory was built. Sometime after 1910, according to grandson Wray Prouse, a new factory was built on Lot 9 Concession 7 and was operated for many years as the Prouse Cheese Factory. The Norwich Gazette of 1893 reported the factory made 147 tons of cheese. After Thomas Jr. died in 1912, the factory was sold. Thomas Prouse Sr. properties purchased – McGill maps.

Light blue township: – West Oxford farm 1855. Pink township: Dereham farm 1854 located SW of Ingersoll



Through the years, Thomas Prouse and his children's families purchased several farms in the immediate vicinity and prospered on the excellent land base. The original adjacent Elliott, Prouse and Wilson farms (see above map) were partially expropriated in the late 1950s for the passage of the MacDonald Cartier freeway (Highway #401) that passed through the middle of the properties on the road's path from Detroit to Toronto. The encroachment from the north by the town of Ingersoll led to the rest of the properties being sold to General Motors of Canada in 1985. The CAMI automotive assembly site now occupies part of the former farm sites.

The Prouse farm location now the Cami automotive plant.



“PROUSE'S CORNERS: Prouse's Corners, named after sons JOHN and WILLIAM PROUSE, was located one mile south of Clark's Corners on the Culloden Road, where this road intersects the town line which divides the townships of West Oxford and Dereham. JOHN PROUSE owned farms on the north side of the town line, while [son] WILLIAM's farms were on the south side. On the WILLIAM PROUSE farm was a brick-making plant. The clay holes filled with water during the winter and became outdoor skating rinks. There was a building moved on to the JOHN PROUSE farm and used as a community hall.”

Excerpt from the *Axe and the Wheel: The History of West Oxford Township*.

The Prouse family name still has a strong presence in the local area to this day. Mary and Thomas lived their entire lives on the farms and are buried in the Elliott section H of Ingersoll Rural Cemetery (IRC).

Children of Thomas Prouse and Mary Elliott

Ann	B May 1835 Hartland Parish, Devon	D 08 Feb 1849 (age 14) W Oxford
Mary	B 21 Mar 1837 Hartland	D 07 July 1920 Ingersoll
Maria	B fall of 1838 Hartland	D? buried 26 Feb 1842 (age 4) Hartland
Eliza (Elizabeth)	B 09 Nov 1840 Hartland	D 28 Sept 1921 Canterbury St. Ingersoll
Thomas	B 26 Dec 1844 Hartland	D 02 May 1912 Dereham township
Mariah Trinity	B 1846 at sea	D 27 Jan 1911 Ingersoll

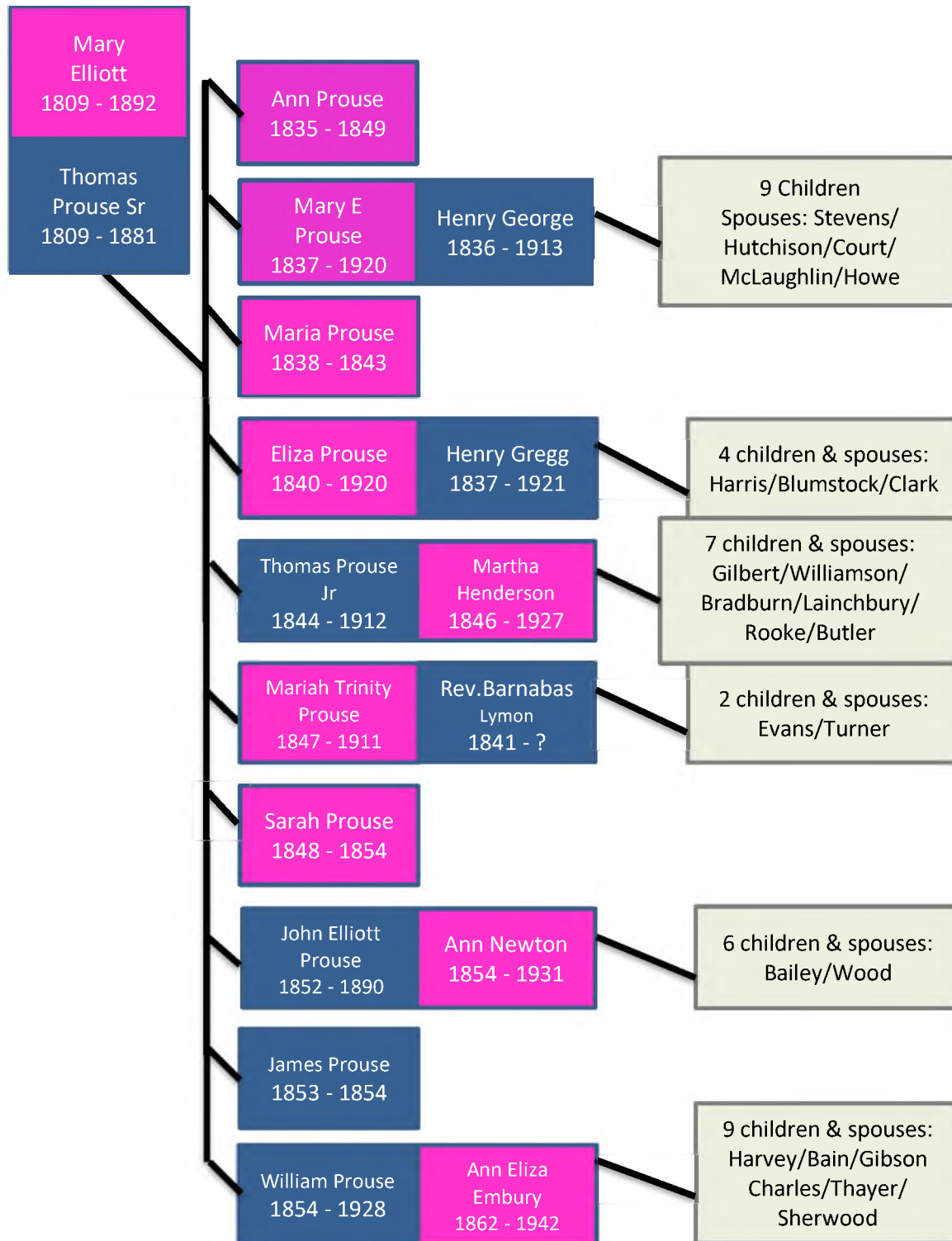
Grave marker inscription for Mariah Trinity:

“In 1846, the ship "Arab" left the south coast of England for Canada. Thomas and Mary (Elliott) Prouse sailed with 5 children and Thomas' granafather. They settled on concession 1 lot 22 Dereham Township. Maria as born aboard the Arab in Trinity Bay Newfoundland - hence her middle name”

Sarah Ann	B 1848 Dereham Township	D 29 Jun 1854 (age 6) Dereham
John Elliott	B 09 Oct 1852 W Oxford	D 04 Jun 1930 Ingersoll
James	B 26 Nov 1853 W Oxford	D 13 July 1854 (7 months) Ingersoll
William	B 28 Nov 1854 W Oxford	D 09 July 1928 Medicine Hat, Alberta

As was common for the era, child survival rates were significantly lower than present day. Virus and diseases we treat successfully today were responsible for waves of childhood deaths though out the vicinity. The Prouse family was no exception.

**Children and Spouses of Mary Elliott (daughter of John Elliott and Mary Elliott)
and Thomas Prouse**



Great Grandchildren of John and Mary Elliott

Children of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Oldest child of Thomas Prouse and Mary Elliott

First Child: Ann

B May 1835 Hartland Parish, Devon

D 08 Feb 1849 (14 Yrs.) W Oxford Buried IRC

Ann and her siblings Sarah and James were 'removed' to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery (IRC) in 1867 from the Elliott family farm cemetery. The location of the farm cemetery is unknown, however a large contingent of older family members (including the patriarch and matriarch John and Mary Elliott) and a group of young family members were buried in the family cemetery. With the establishment of the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery in 1864, the family cemetery dead were transferred to plots purchased by the family group in what is now section H of IRC. A total of 13 family members (Elliott, Seldon, Wilson and Prouse) were placed into IRC on the same April morning in 1867. Among the nuclear family group were the three Prouse children. It should be noted that young Sarah and James Prouse died within days of each other, (June 29th and July 13th, 1854) likely from the same disease.

177	William Elliott	6	England	2 April July 17/58	Removal
173	John Seldon	7	England	2 April Mar 19/48	
174	John Seldon	2	North Oxford	2 April July 15/54	
175	Ann Prouse	14	England	Bereham July 3/49	
176	Sarah Prouse	6	Bereham	Bereham June 29/54	
177	James Prouse	8	Bereham	Bereham July 13/54	
178	John Wilson	11	Bereham	Bereham July 13/54	
179	Mary Wilson	2	Bereham	Bereham July 26/54	

Burial registry IRC showing removed bodies to the Cemetery.

There is confusion regarding Ann's birth date.

Baptism records show she was baptised in May 1835

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Chapelry</u>					
in the County of <u>Devon</u> in the Year 18 <u>35</u>					
May	Anne Thomas				Chapelry
24	Daugh & Prouse	Sutton	James		Hector
No. 698.	of Mary				



The family tombstone reflects her age at death that would indicate an early July birth

The Mary Prouse and Henry George Family

Children of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott:

Second Child: Mary

B 21 Mar 1837 Hartland

D 07 July 1920 N Oxford

Spouse: Henry George

B 22 Sept 1836 Buckinghamshire, England

D 29 Nov 1913 Ingersoll

Mary came over with her parents in 1846. She would have been 9 years old at the time of the journey. She grew up on the family farm just southwest of Ingersoll. With the Wilson and Elliott families adjacent to the farm, there were likely many cousins to play with. By the 1851 census, Mary was the oldest child still living with the family on the farm. She was 16 years old and likely had a good friend in her cousin Mary Hamlyn, who was 18 years old, and was visiting/living with the family at that time. Mary Hamlyn was Mary Prouse's cousin who came over in 1843 with her mother, grandfather John Elliott and her two fatherless siblings. Mary Hamlyn's mother was living in Ingersoll by 1850 and would eventually be remarried to a Joseph Hempswell of Ingersoll. See Book #3.

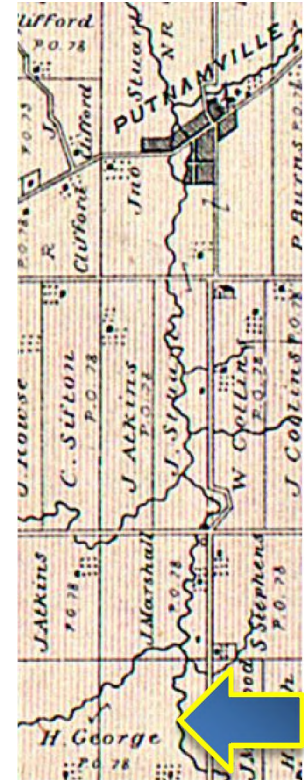
April 1888 Ingersoll Chronicle

TWO FINE HORSES.—Mr. Henry George had his two horses, Bon Derra and Honest Tom, in town on Saturday, and they attracted considerable attention and favorable comment. The thoroughbred weighed 1,060 lbs. and the shire 1,200, both two years old this spring.



Mary Prouse would marry Henry George, a farmer at Lot 4 Con 2 of North Dorchester township (SRT – south river Thames) in Middlesex County, which was a few kilometers south west of the Prouse homestead. Henry was an emigrant from Buckinghamshire, England who arrived in Canada in 1854 as an eighteen-year-old emigrating with his nuclear family. By 1869 Henry had purchased S ½ Lot 4 Con 1 of N Dorchester about a mile

north of the village of Crampton. In later years he purchased sections of other nearby lots (S1/2 Lot 5 Con 2 and N1/2 Lot 4 Con 2), adding over 75 acres to the 100 acres he already owned. The couple had 10 children over a twenty-year span. They retired to Ingersoll around 1905 and lived at 209 Oxford St.

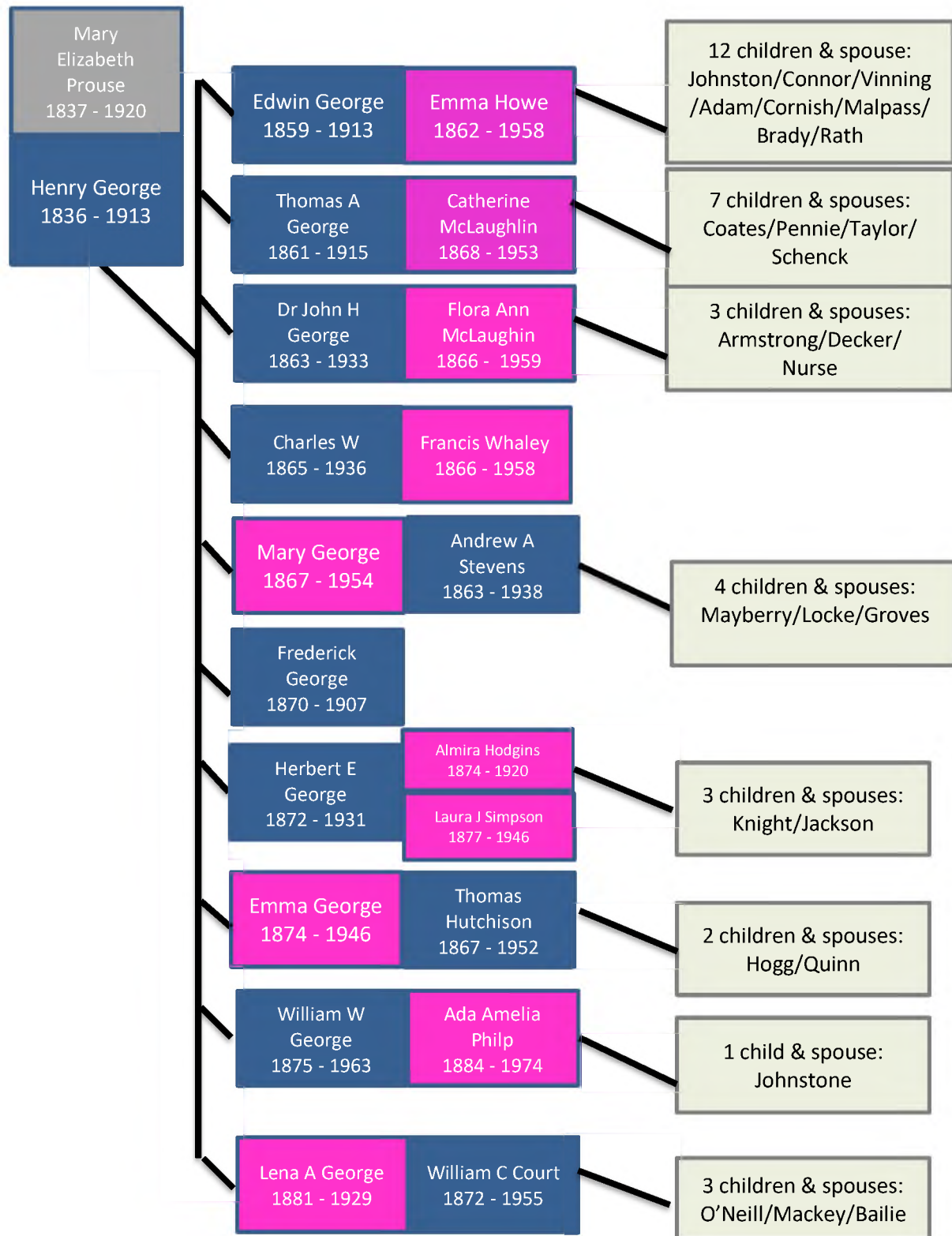


Henry George, for several years a highly respected resident of Ingersoll, died today at his home, Oxford Street. He had been in ill health for several months and recently his condition became critical. He was in his 78th year, and his death was due to a general breaking up of the system. Previous to coming to Ingersoll, to reside eight years ago, the late Mr. George was engaged in farming near Crampton, for forty years. He was also widely known as an importer and breeder of thoroughbred cattle and horses. For many years he was one of the leading exhibitors at the principal shows in Canada. He was born in England and came to Canada when 18 years of age, settling in Toronto. He later came to Oxford County and afterwards settled at Crampton where he was successfully engaged in farming.

Death Notice Source Newspaper: Ingersoll Chronicle & Canadian Dairyman Thursday, December 04, 1913 Pg: 7, Col: 3 Text of Notice: DEATH OF HENRY GEORGE—

As fate would deem it, Henry died only 6 days after his oldest son and Henry's farm co-worker, Edwin died of cancer. In deteriorating health, Mary was moved to her daughter Emma Hutchison's farm home in North Oxford township for a few weeks before her death of a stroke in 1920.

Children and Spouses of Mary E Prouse (daughter of Thomas Prouse and Mary E Elliott) and Henry George



Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Oldest child: Edwin D

B 25 May 1859 N Dorchester Lot 4 Con 2
D 21 Nov 1913 N Dorchester (bladder cancer)
M 09 Feb 1882

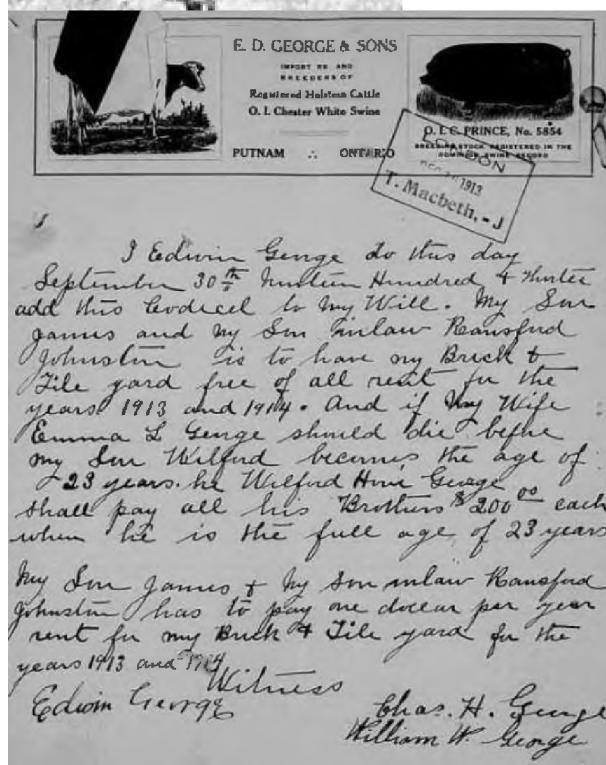
Spouse: Emma Louisa Howe

B 16 July 1862 Dorchester Township. Lot 2 Con 2
D 18 Nov 1958 N Dorchester

Emma Howe George (courtesy Sarah Johnston)



In 1882, twenty-year-old Emma married Edwin and moved to Edwin's farm which was half his father's farm split between sons and a short distance from her step father John Williams and mother Mary Clifford Howe at S1/2 Lot 2 Con 2 SRT (SRT – South of River Thames) N Dorchester. Edwin was twenty-four years old at the time. He was a farmer living at N ½ Lot 4 Con 2 N. Dorchester township on his father's farm. Edwin received the farm in 1893 from his father and then followed with land purchases in 1907 and 1908 of all of Lot 4 Con 1 SRT. By 1916 he held over 300 acres of farm land. Edwin had a tile and brick company on the farm. His 1912 will decreed that his son James and son in law Rainsford Johnston were to operate the business for two years before son Wilford took over.



John Henry George	Son	\$ 500.00
Arthur G. George	Son	1/12 remainder \$ 500.00
James H. George	Son	share in tile yard for years \$1500.00
Charles George	Son	1/12 remainder \$1500.00
Frank George	Son	1/12 remainder \$1500.00
Mary Johnston	Daughter	\$ 500.00
Ethel Mae George	Daughter	1/12 remainder \$ 500.00
Allen George	Son	1/12 remainder \$1500.00
Emma L. George	Widow	\$1000.00 \$200 annually Brick house & furniture for life
Wilford George	Son	1/12 remainder
Alberta George	Daughter	\$ 500.00
Ralph George		1/12 remainder \$2500.00
Stanley Johnston	Grand son	1/2 interests 1/12 remainder
Herbert Johnston	Grandson	1/2 interests 1/12 remainder
Rainsford Johnston	Son-in-law	share in tile yard for year

1912 will of Edwin George (ancestry source).

Son Wilfred was willed the farm when Edwin became ill with cancer. He was to pay some of his sibling's money as their share of Edwin's estate

when he reached 23 years of age. Edwin died in his 54th year and had 9 children still at a home when he passed. After Edwin's death, wife Emma and his two-executor brothers, sold half of the property. Her son's helped her farm the remaining property until her death at home. Edwin and Emma had 12 children. The family had interest in the land until son Wilfred and Mable George's name were the last to

appear in records in 1966. (onland.ca). Edwin was choir leader at the Crampton United Church for several years.). Several Georges are buried in Putnam.

The Edwin George/Emma Howe house was made of yellow brick. The bricks came from the brickyard on the George's family N1/2 Lot 2 Con 2 farm. It is believed that some of these bricks were used in the construction of Putnam United Church. (photo)



MRS. E. L. GEORGE PASSES IN 97TH YEAR

One of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of North Dorchester [township], in the person of Mrs. Emma Louise George, passed away on Saturday evening at the residence of her son, Wilfred George, Lot 4, Concession 2. She had been in failing health for 2 weeks and seriously ill for only 2 days. Mrs. George who was in her 97th year, was born in Crampton, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Howe, and had been a lifelong resident. She had won for herself scores of friends and had endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. She was a member of Putnam United Church and the Women's Association and while health permitted had taken an active part in these organizations. Her husband predeceased her in 1913.
Ingersoll Tribune 1958

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

First child: Mary Elizabeth

B 24 Jan 1883 N Dorchester township

D 22 Mar 1965 Dorchester

M 20 Jun 1905 Putnam

Spouse: Rainsford G Johnston Sr

B 26 Jan 1880 Lot 7 Con 5 N Dorchester township

D 28 July 1955 London

Rainsford was the son of Charles Johnston and Jane Longfield and was born on the family farm at lot 7 Con 5 N Dorchester Township. The farm location had been in the Johnston name for multiple generations. In 1914 purchased 50 acres of the west side of the lot for \$5000 and granted another adjacent 50 acres from his Johnston family. Various census had him working as a bricklayer, partial owner of his father in laws brick business and primarily a general farmer at Lot 4 Con 2 N Dorchester and sometime before the 1921, at Lot 8 Con 5 of N Dorchester. After Rainsford's death, Mary lived on the farm with son Rainsford Jr and his wife Mary Rossiter until moving to son Herbert's home in Dereham Center prior to her death.

Onland.ca paperwork 1914

Nov 3-1914	Edward Johnston's wife	Rainsford Johnston	50	\$3,000	W 1/2 of W 1/2
Nov 3-1914	Jane Johnston's widow	Rainsford Johnston	50		W 1/2 of W 1/2

Lot 7 Con 5 N Dorchester near Avon
The south half of the farm is now part of the Lake Whitaker Conservation Area. No family house or barns remain



R. JOHNSTON DIES AT LONDON

In failing health for the past four months, Rainsford Johnston, Lot 7, Concession 5, North Dorchester [township], passed away on Monday, July 25th in Victoria Hospital, London. Mr. Johnston, who was in his 76th year, was born at Lot 7, Concession 5, and had spent his entire life there where he was well known and held in the highest esteem. He was a member of the Star Lodge, No. 304, IOOF, Crampton and of Crampton United Church. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, the former Mary E. George; three sons, Stanley and Rainsford, Crampton; Herbert of Dereham Centre; three daughters, Mrs. Albert Fleming [Myrtle], Crampton; Mrs. Neil Muterer [Ethel] and Mrs. Stanley Brown [Bertha], of North Oxford [township]



Rainsford Sr. and spouse Mary George

MARY JOHNSTON DIES IN HOSPITAL

In ailing health for the past month Mrs. Mary Johnston, R. R. 1, Mt. Elgin, passed away at Alexandra Hospital, Friday, March 19th, 1965, in her 82nd year. Mrs. Johnson (sic) was born in North Dorchester Township, daughter of the late Mr. And Mrs. Edwin George. She spent her entire life there, except for the past year which she spent in Dereham Centre. Sixty years ago, she married Rainsford Johnston who predeceased her in July 1955. A member of Crampton United Church, she had made for herself a large number of friends. Left to mourn the passing of a dearly loved mother are three sons, Stanley of R. R. 2 Mossley; Herbert, R. R. 1, Mt. Elgin; Rainsford of Ingersoll and three daughters, Mrs. Neil Muterer (Ethel) R. R. 2, Ingersoll; Mrs. Albert Fleming (Myrtle) R. R. 2, Mossley, and Mrs. Stanley Brown (Bertha) of R. R. 2, Ingersoll

After his death, the 150 acres still in Rainford's name was willed by his estate to shared ownership by all his children and wife Mary. The last appearance of the Johnston name associated with the property is 1963 when son Rainford G Johnston sold the 100-acre W1/2 Lot 7 farm for \$10,335.



Sons of Rainford Johnston Sr. and Mary George
L-R: Herb George and wife Jannigje Elizabeth (Beth) VanDerMeyden, Stanley George and wife Irene Marr and Rainsford Jr and wife Mary Rossiter

Left to Right: Herb & Beth, Stanley & Irene, Rainsford & Mary

Grand Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston Sr

Oldest: William Stanley

B 20 Apr 1906 lived at N Dorchester Lot 4 Con 2, 100-acre dairy farm.

D 09 Jul 1980 London Hospital

M 12 Sept 1928

Spouse: Ethel Irene Marr

B 04 Sept 1909 N Dorchester Lot 11 Con 2

D Jul 1983 Dorchester

Stanley and wife Irene Marr

Courtesy Sarah Johnston



Stanley was listed as a farmer on his marriage certificate. He farmed his entire life on the family farm with his father and in 1928 acquired 50 acres of the property for \$3000 from his father of which \$1200 was with a third-party mortgage. He was noted for his unique hairline from a young age.

Mrs. Johnston was predeceased by her husband, the late Stanley Johnston, who died in 1980. She is survived by her sons Bruce of Dorchester, and Ralph of R.R. 1, Putnam. Also

surviving are her daughters Mrs. Leonard (Lois) Martin of Thamesford, and Mrs. Charles (Muriel) Pavey of Dorchester; her brother Stanley Marr of R.R. 2, Mossley;

sisters Mrs. Edna Milligan of St. Thomas, and

Mrs. Frank (Mildred) Fernandes of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mrs. Johnston is

also survived by eight grandchildren. Rev. David Staples officiated the Monday, May 9, 1983, funeral service at McBeath Funeral Home. Interment Dorchester Cemetery.



Son: William Ralph

B 1935 Con 5 N Dorchester moved to Con 2 Lot 4 N Dorchester to live with his in laws

D June 2019 Putnam (Ingersoll hospital)

Spouse: Shirley West

B 1933 Dereham township

D 26 Jan 2005 N Dorchester RR#1 Putnam

Ralph was a transport truck driver/dispatcher for Oakwood Transport in Ingersoll. He and his wife enjoyed camping. He was a member of the Lions club of Thamesford.



Son: Stanley Bruce

B 1937 Con 5 North Dorchester

D 02 Jan 2019 London

Partner: Donna Aiken

Bruce owned and drove his own truck until he retired and lived in Dorchester.



Stanley Bruce Johnston: Peacefully at London Health Sciences Centre, University Hospital, London on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Stanley Bruce Johnston of London (formerly of Dorchester) in his 82nd year. Long term partner of Donna Aiken. Dear father of Steve (wife Yelena) of London and Jelf of Brampton. Loving granafather of Liana, Braden, Whitney and Quinn. Brother of Ralph Johnston of London and Muriel Wye (Bill) of Ingersoll. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by a sister Lois Martin. Cremation has taken place. A private family inurnment service will be conducted at the Dorchester Union Cemetery Columbarium.

Daughter: Mary Lois

B 11 Jul 1944 N Dorchester
D 21 Jan 2014 Thamesford (Victoria hospital – London)

Spouse: Leonard Martin

B 19 Sept 1935
D 01 Nov 2022 Thamesford

Mary Lois worked for Bell Canada for a number of years before moving on to Douglas Plastics in Ingersoll.

Martin, Mary Lois - Peacefully at Victoria Hospital on Tuesday January 21, 2014 after a courageous battle with Crohn's disease, Lois Mary (Johnston) Martin of Thamesford, in her 70th year.

MARTIN, Leonard James – “Len” Passed away suddenly on Tuesday, November 1st, 2022, in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Lois Martin (2014). Cherished father of Kim Zwikirsch, Dave (Tara) Martin, and Nicole (Steve) Dykxhoorn.

Daughter: Muriel Pavey – Wye

B N Dorchester
D living

Spouse: Charles Pavey

B 1937 Ingersoll
D 09 Apr 2001 Dorchester

Spouse: William “Bill” Wye

B 03 May 1940
D 09 Oct 2022 Sakura House Woodstock

Muriel married Bill in 2004. She describes both husbands as kind and happy go lucky. Both liked to camp. Charles preferred Bayfield and Verschoyle. Charles tinkered with classic cars. He worked in trailer sales and manufacturing. Bill was a farm labourer at the Adjala Acres (Snell Farms) outside Aylmer Ont.

Grand Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston Sr

Second: Mary Ethel

B 27 Nov 1907 N Dorchester at Lot 4 Con 2
D 2010 Woodstock age 104

M 17 Jun 1950 Crampton United Church

Spouse: Neil James Mutterer

B 17 Oct 1892 N Oxford township Lot 12 Con 1
D 25 Dec 1975

Neil James “Jim” was from a North Oxford farming family. The Mutterer family first appeared in N Oxford in 1854 and had a “Centennial” farm, a farm that had been owned by the same family for over 100 years as celebrated during the 1967 Canadian centennial.

LOCATION	YEAR ACQUIRED	FIRST OWNER	GENERATION	INTERIM OWNERS	PRESENT OWNERS
S. ½ Lot 12 Con. 1	1854	Alexander Mutterer	Grandfather	Neil	James Mutterer



He was 34 years old and Mary Ethel was 18 when they married. The couple were farmers at RR#2 Ingersoll N Oxford at lot 12 Con 1 S1/2— east of what was Rayside (31st line and highway 2). The original farmhouse would have been located on road 66 very near Dunn's school. The house may still be there hidden by trees and the barn and old silo still stands. He was appointed N Oxford township auditor in 1934 for a term of three years and was also involved with the Dunns Community club in 1967. He was retired by 1972 and continued to live on the family farm that son James would inherit. Mary outlived Neil by 35 years passing away at 104 years of age.

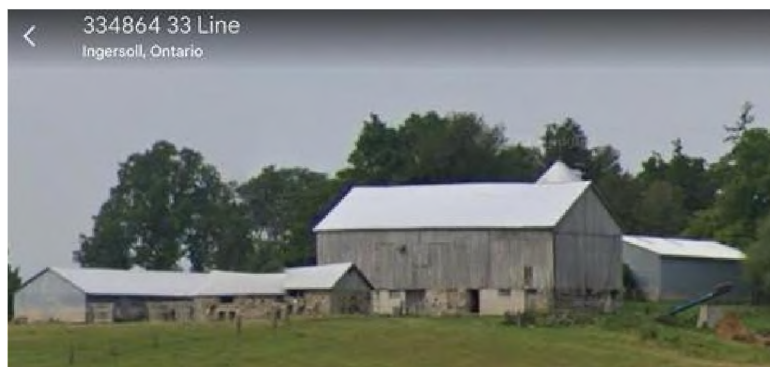


MUTERER, Mary Ethel (Johnston) -

Peacefully at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock on Wednesday, December 8th, in her 104th year. Predeceased by her beloved husband Neil (1975). Dear Mother to James (Elizabeth) and Marjorie of Ingersoll, Elizabeth MacCallum (John) St. George. Cherished grandmother to Mary Ellen, Jane (Mark Ellah), Donald (Lena) and Joanne Muterer; Owen (Janna), Darin (Janyce), Linda Baigent, Fred, Rob and Brenda (Michael Kingsbury) and Great grandmother to Sarah, Heather, Andrew, Alexander, Christine Baigent, Andrea MacCallum, Laura Lennon, Mac, Phillip and Juno MacCallum. Ethel will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her two daughters Frances (1928) and Joyce and son-in-law Hartwell Baigent (1979). Ethel was also predeceased by her parents Rainsford and Mary Johnston, her three brothers Stanley, Herbert and Rainsford Johnston and her two sisters, Myrtle Fleming and Bertha Brown. She is survived by her sister-in-law Elizabeth Johnston (Herbert). Ethel was a member of the Admiral MacDougall IODE for many years. Ethel was a kind, caring and selfless woman who loved her Family and her home. She enjoyed gardening and travelling and needlework and making rugs

Ingersoll Tribune 2010

Photos Courtesy: Debbie Everett and Sarah Johnston

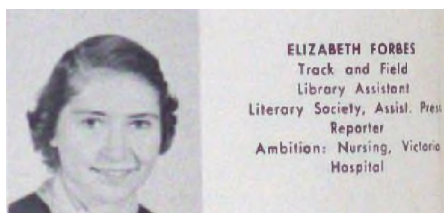


The newspaper obituary for Mary Ethel Muterer mentions **Daughter Frances** who was born in 1928 and died 17 hours later. She is listed on the rear of her parent's tombstone.

Muterer son: James B 03 Oct 1929 D 27 Feb 2013



James Neil Muterer - It is with great sadness we announce the passing of James Neil Muterer on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at Victoria Hospital in his 84th year. Jim leaves behind his wife Elizabeth (Forbes) of 49 years. Predeceased by his father Neil (1975), mother Ethel (2010), sister and brother-in-law Joyce and Hartwell Baigent (1979). Jim also served his community as both mayor and councillor for the township of Zorra. He also served on many committees and boards throughout Oxford County and continued to serve on the Ingersoll Rural cemetery board and North Oxford history book committee. Jim also received many recognitions for his service throughout the county. Jim was a long-time farmer, farming for well over 60 years. He also enjoyed his many trips and parades with the Ingersoll pipe band, which included three trips to Taiwan. Jim loved nature, was an avid reader and loved a good "discussion".



Wife: Elizabeth Ann Forbes B 13 Aug 1932 D 08 Mar, 2017. *Elizabeth graduated as a registered nurse and fully enjoyed her career until she became a devoted full-time mom. Elizabeth was very involved at Trinity United Church and was a life time member of the UCW with whom she spent countless hours*

helping with various fundraising activities and making pies and jams. Mom enjoyed living on the farm and gardening. She was well known for her baking and really enjoyed her hobby of stained glass.

Muterer daughter: Mary Joyce "Joy" B 11 Nov 1931 N Oxford
D 06 Apr 1979
Spouse: Hartwell Baigent B 30 Jun 1930 N Oxford
D 06 Apr 1979

All births and death took place in N Oxford.

Hartwell was a farmer from a large contingent of Baigent farmers that lived in N Oxford near Thamesford. Joyce was schooled at Dunns and ICI in Ingersoll where she was an alto in the glee club. and the literary editor on the Volt school yearbook staff in 1951. He and wife Joyce were enthusiastic bowlers who enjoyed bowling competitions and were regulars in Woodstock bowling tournaments. The evening of April 6, 1979, while returning home to Thamesford from bowling in Woodstock, became a tragic date for the family.



JOYCE MUTERER
Dominion-Provincial Student
Normal School Bursary
London Normal School

Joyce Muterer—Literary editor, is on the Volt staff. She was the leading lady in the play in this year's Blue and White Revue. She is

one of Miss Carney's Latin pupils. Her plan is to enter London Normal School next year.



JOYCE M. MUTERER
'JOY' INGERSOLL
Ambition: None.
Past Life: Service on a Year Book Executive.
Interest Group: Dramatics.
Hobbies: Sports and Music.



By PEGGIE GRAHAM
and JANICE MIDDLETON
Sentinel-Review staff writer

Six persons died, including a former Reeve of North Oxford Township, and three were in hospital following a head-on collision early today as winter weather returned with a vengeance to Oxford County.

The accident occurred on Highway 2, formerly Governor's Road, near the intersection of County Road 7 just after midnight.

Provincial police constable Roland Haley said the six fatality victims were passengers in a westbound car struck head on by an eastbound vehicle that lost control on the icy road and slid into the opposite lane.

Dead are: William Peter Luyben, 23, of RR 4, Thamesford; Hartwell Baigent, 48, North Oxford reeve in 1973 and 1974, his wife, Mary Joyce Baigent, 47, both of RR 3, Ingersoll; James Culvert Forbes, 45, his wife, Doris Olivene Forbes, 43, and daughter, Margaret Maureen Forbes, 20, all of RR 3, Ingersoll.

Two passengers of the other vehicle, James Harcourt, 28, and Don Lambe, 18, were in Woodstock General Hospital. Lambe was reported in satisfactory condition and Harcourt's injuries were still being assessed. A third passenger, Danny Walters, 22, also of Woodstock, was listed in critical condition in London's Victoria Hospital.

OFP Constable John Hill was investigating the accident. It is not yet known who the drivers of the vehicles were.



The accident occurred

during a violent snow storm that evening. The weather was recorded as the worst for that date on record at the time, closing schools and highway 401 for several hours.

"Hartwell Baigent was described as a hardworking dedicated man by two county politicians who worked with him. The former North Oxford reeve and his wife, Mary, 47, of RR 3 Ingersoll, were among six persons killed early Friday in a head-on collision on Highway 2. Baigent and his wife, a former school teacher, are survived by their three children. Baigent, 48, at the time of his death, was the last reeve of North Oxford Township before restructuring. He was first elected to North Oxford council in 1965 and served continuously until 1972. That year, he ran for and was

The Daily Sentinel-Review

OUR 125TH YEAR WOODSTOCK/INGERSOLL, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1979 13 CENTS

Six die in Governor's road crash three others injured in mishap

The Baigent children, Linda, 7 and her brothers Darwin, 12 and Owen, 14, were staying with relatives when the collision occurred. They are staying with their aunt and uncle, Margaret and Edwin Baigent of R.R. 3 Ingersoll, who live on a nearby farm. The Forbes have a son Ron, 23, who also lives on a nearby farm, and a daughter Brenda, at home.

The Baigents and Forbes farmed the area for generations and many of the villagers were related to them. Mr. Baigent was a former reeve of North Oxford Township and a county council member in 1973-74.

William Luyben attended school in Zorra Township and had recently graduated from college in Centralia with a diploma in agriculture.

The death toll was the worst in recent memory in Western Ontario.



Hartwell Baigent
...one of victims

Church, also died in the mishap.

Monday's service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Ross Crosby, retired pastor of St. Mary's United Church, he was assisted by Rev. J.P. Cooke, pastor of Westminster United Church and by Rev. Wells Robinson, who was minister of the church until last August and a long-time acquaintance of the deceased.

Rev. Robinson stated that Mr. Baigent was known in the community as a hard-working farmer who "was determined to make his chosen vocation a satisfying success". In addition, Mr. Baigent was regarded as "a leader in the community", a man who "people looked up to ...

for guidance and wisdom".

Mr. Baigent was active in both the church and municipal politics. At the time of his death, he was chairman of the board of management of the church and he had been an elder of the church for a number of years.

Charles Ward, Sunday School Superintendent at the church, describes the deaths simply as "shocking and a great tragedy for the community". Mr. Ward, who worked closely with Mr. Baigent on a number of occasions in both church and community affairs, said that Mr. Baigent, in his capacity as Reeve of North Oxford Township was "instrumental in advancing the community centre project in 1972."

"If it were not for his assistance at that time," said Mr. Ward, "the community centre would probably not exist today". Mr. Baigent's leadership and guidance was deeply appreciated in the community, said Mr. Ward.

Rev. Robinson praised the efforts of Mary Joyce Baigent, both in her capacity as superintendent of the Sunday school kindergarten classes and also for her active involvement with the United Church Women.

Mr. and Mrs. Baigent are survived by two sons, Owen, 14 and Darwin, 12, and a daughter, Linda, 7.

Like the Baigents, the Forbes family has farmed in the area for several

elected reeve of the township. He served in that capacity in 1973 and 1974, leading up to county restructuring in 1975. Oxford MPP and provincial environment minister Harry Parrott said Friday he had known Baigent quite well. He and the former reeve had worked together during the period before restructuring. Baigent, Parrott said, always came into any discussions on restructuring with an open mind. "He was a very intelligent, open-minded, dedicated person," the MPP added. Woodstock Ald. Charles Tatham said Baigent was a strong voice in the county and province for maintaining agricultural land. As well as being a county councillor, Baigent also served on the land division committee for several years." Find a Grave inscription.

And from the book "The History of North Oxford Township";

"The middle branch of the Thames River crosses the township, requiring three bridges. The First Concession never has been bridged. The Second Concession did not have a bridge until 1922. When plans were made to place a bridge there, it created a great deal of controversy as it was thought that far by the number it would serve; it would be a great expense. Under the persistent efforts of **Reeve Herbert Baigent**, the majority of the council voted in favour. The cost was approximately \$7,000.00".

Three Baigent children were left as orphans as noted in the news clippings. They were taken in by Hartwell's brother Edwin and wife Margaret. Son Owen was farming just south of Thamesford in 2024. Darin lived in Woodstock as of 2021 (see obit below). Daughter Margaret is unknown.

Photo: Daughter in law of Hartwell and Joyce Baigent – wife of son Darin.



Baigent, Janyce Joan (nee Ferguson) – Went home to be with the Lord after a lengthy battle with cancer on Friday, September 17th, 2021, at the Woodstock Hospital, in her 58th year. Loving and devoted wife of Darin Baigent for 30 years. Beloved mother of Sarah, Heather, and Andrew. Dear sister of Denyse Ferguson and Mark Ferguson. Cherished daughter of Max (2018) and Evelyn Ferguson. Survived by her Parents-in-law Edwin and Margaret Baigent and brother-in-law Owen (Janna) Baigent and their children, Alex, and Christine, and sister-in-law Linda Baigent. Predeceased by parents-in-law Hartwell (1979) and Joyce (1979) Baigent. Janyce was in the accounting field as a chartered accountant both in the corporate and private sector for 30 years. She completed her career as a Financial Manager at Compassion Canada, a position which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston Sr

Third Child: Herbert Edwin

B 1909 N Dorchester Lot 4 Con 2

D 07 Jan 1982 Mt. Elgin (died Victoria Hospital London)

M 26 June 1948

Spouse: Jannigje Elizabeth VanDerMeyden (Meidjen)

B 15 Feb 1917 Veenendaal Netherlands

D 19 May 2014 Ingersoll

Herbert and Elizabeth (Beth)

Courtesy: Sarah Johnston



JOHNSTON - Herbert E. Johnston, R.R. 1, Mt. Elgin, died Thursday, January 7, 1982 at Victoria Hospital, London. He was 72 years old.

Officiating clergy was Audrey Whitney. The funeral service was held at McBeath Funeral Home Saturday, January 9, 1982 and interment is in Mt. Elgin Cemetery.

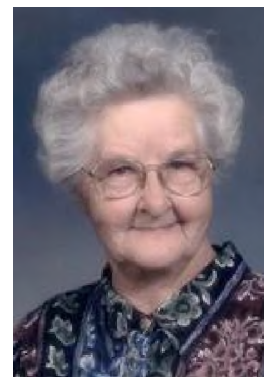
Born in North Dorchester Township, he served overseas in World War II, with the Cameron Highlands of Ottawa. He saw service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.



Herbert stayed at home after graduating school to assist as a farm labourer as per the 1931 census. Herbert and brother Rainford both served in WWII. Herbert met Elizabeth in Holland while serving in WWII and Elizabeth became a war bride. At least a dozen war brides from England arrived in Ingersoll and area after WWII. Elizabeth was the only one I could locate that was from Holland. He later drove an oil truck for a local firm and enjoyed woodworking. Elizabeth's Dutch family trail cannot be located.

Elizabeth (nee VanDerMeyden) Johnston - With heavy hearts, the family wishes to announce the passing of their beloved mother,

grandmother, and great-grandmother Jannigje Elizabeth Johnston (nee VanDerMeyden), formerly of Dereham Center, passed away on Monday, May 19, 2014, at Caressant Care Nursing Home, Courtland at the age of 97 years. Beloved wife and best friend of the late Herbert Johnston (1982). Loving mother of Alexander Johnston and his wife Gretta of Australia; Judith Havens and her husband Tom of Kamloops, B.C.; Gwendolyn Johnston-Ceika of Tillsonburg. Cherished grandmother to Sean Johnston; Robert and Stephanie Havens; Cameron and Kyle Ceika. Wonderful Great grandmother to all of her great-grandchildren. Predeceased by 8 sisters and 3 brothers. Beth was a very active member of the Mt. Elgin U.C.W., she also loved to make quilts for as many people as she could. She was a 4-H teacher for a few years in Verschoyle.



The couple had four children. The two daughters mentioned in Elizabeth's obit were adopted.

Son: Cameron

B 1958 - D 1982

Adopted Daughter: Judith Ingrid Havens

B 1951 - D 2022 Kamloops BC

Judith was working in Vancouver as a waitress when she met her husband. They retired to Kamloops BC.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston Sr

Fourth: Myrtle Ellen

B 21 Jun 1911 N Dorchester at Lot 4 Con 2
D 1992

Spouse: Albert Herbert Fleming

B 07 July 1908 at Lot 4 Con 3 in Crampton village.
D 29 June 1978

Albert's father was a storekeeper in Crampton. Albert was listed as an auto mechanic and living in the Mossley area in the 1963 voters list. Myrtle and Albert had two sons Henry B 1941 D 1957 and Brian.

ALBERT HENRY FLEMING AND MYRTLE E. JOHNSTON MARRIED AT PORT RYERSE

Crampton – The old historic church at Port Ryerse, Ontario was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding at 4 o'clock on Saturday, August 26th, when Myrtle Ellen Johnston, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Johnston, became the bride of Albert Henry Fleming, elder son of Mrs. Fleming and the late H.E. Fleming, also of Crampton.

WWII. Rainsford enlisted In Dec 1941 and was posted overseas in January 1943. He returned to Canada in October 1945. He was an Aero Engine Mechanic for the RCAF. His brother Herbert was in the army. I have Rainsford's service record which my father applied for several years ago. He and my grandmother had 6 sons Wayne, Chris, Alan, Norman, Patrick and Dan, all but my father Pat are still alive. For many years they had a farm out near Avon, ON. They moved into Ingersoll and lived on Cherry Street when Rainsford retired from farming. I am including a picture of the farm house which I took several years ago when out for a drive with my father.” Notes from Granddaughter Sarah Johnston.
 Mary is still alive and living in a retirement /nursing home in Woodstock as of 2024.

Rainsford Jr and Mary Rossiter wedding



Mary Rossiter Johnston with granddaughter Sarah Johnston



Rainsford and Mary



Ingersoll retirement home



Avon farm home

He served with the RCAF Squadron 15 during WWII.

After the war he and Mary Rossiter farmed at RR#1 Mossley (Avon) and then retired to 134 Cherry St. Ingersoll. They had 6 children.
Son Patrick B 1959 D 2021.



"Rainsford Johnston, 134 Cherry Street, Ingersoll, died at Alexandra Hospital Tuesday, September 9, 1980. He was 59 years old. Born in North Dorchester, he is survived by his wife, the former Mary Rossiter; his sons Wayne of Calgary, Chris of Centreville; Alan of Ingersoll; Norman, Patrick and Danny, all at home. Also surviving is his brother, Herb Johnston, of Dereham Centre and two sisters, Mrs. Neil (Ethel) Muterer of R.R. 2 Ingersoll and Mrs. Albert (Myrtle) Fleming of Crampton. Mr. Johnston is also survived by five grandchildren." Ingersoll Tribune

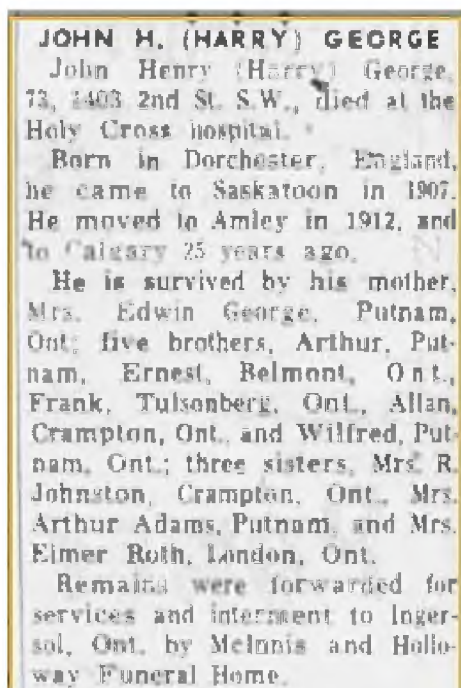
Rainford and brother Herbert

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Second child: John Henry "Harry" B 26 May 1884 N Dorchester
D 11 Oct 1957 Calgary buried
Putnam



Tribune Sept 24 1953
Little can be found

about Harry. His obit indicates he lived in Saskatoon from 1907 – 1911. He did travel to the western US in his youth in 1923 to 1925 as indicated by border paperwork where he was listed as a lumberman before turning to the western prairies to farm. He finally settled in Kaity, AB in 1912 before retiring to Calgary in 1932. There is no indication of a wife or children. His obituary noted that he was from Dorchester, England as opposed to Dorchester, Ontario. His obit mentions "Amley" Alberta. It cannot be located and may be a spelling error. "Manly" Corners Alberta is located just west of Edmonton. His large gravestone indicates he had wealth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank George of
Tillsonburg, visited Mr. and Mrs.
Arthur George on Saturday and
Mr. Harry George from Alberta
who has been visiting here re-
turned with them to spend some-
time there.



Harry's 1403 2nd St. S
W Calgary Home



Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Third child: Arthur "Art" Orland (Arlin) B 03 May 1886 N Dorchester
D 1974 Putnam

Spouse: Gertrude "Gertie" Connor B 15 Feb 1885 N Dorchester
D 1974 Putnam



(Photo: Gertrude Connor)
Ancestry.ca contributor

Gertie was the daughter of Frank Connor and N Oxford native Elizabeth Fenton. After their marriage Art and Gertie lived at Lot 4 Con B in N Dorchester but they mostly lived at and farmed E ½ Lot 2 Con 1 in N Dorchester for most of their lives where they were dairy farmers.

They had 4 daughters.

*"The George children attended the two-room, red brick Putnam Public School, SS 7. Being academically gifted, Daughter **Emma** represented her school and won the 1921 rural school academic competition at the Dorchester Fair. She was also the only one of her siblings to make the daily horse and buggy, then train trip to Ingersoll to complete grade 12. In 1953, an east/ west right of way across the middle of the long 100-acre George farm property was granted to the Ministry of Highways, eliminating direct access to lands south of the soon to be constructed Highway 401. **Arthur**, then 67, continued to travel the more than two miles of rural roads to work the land south of the 401. In consideration of the burden imposed by this time-consuming task to access this remote part of the farm, it was soon relegated to cash crops only. In 1968, the farm was sold to William C. Rath, with a conditional agreement granting use of the house by the Georges as long as either Art or Gertie was alive. It eventually was taken over by Cold Springs Farms of Thamesford. In 1974, both Art and Gertie died within a few weeks of each other. Gertie died during the winter. In early spring. Art died, with daughter Emma at his side".*

N Dorchester Township: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph

Grand Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Arthur Orland George and Gertrude Connor

Oldest: Hazel Irene B 11 Aug 1908 N Dorchester Lot 2 Con 1
D 08 Feb 1991 She lived in Ingersoll
M 27 May 1931 Ingersoll

Spouse: James Arthur Wilson B 29 Oct 1906 N Lot 24 Con 1 Dereham
D 29 May 1974 Harris Rd. Cemetery

He was one the large Wilson family of W Oxford and was a farmer at RR 4 Ingersoll and was related via Eliza Elliott (Book 5). Much onland.ca paperwork shows the Wilson clan occupying several lots in the lot 2 -26 area of Con 1 Dereham, no record can be read to link James to ownership of any land. Prouse and Nancekivell names figure prominently in the paperwork as well. The 1931 census indicates he farmed surrounded by Wilson clan farms. They had five children

Kenneth	B 1932 – D 1953
Gordon	unknown
Robert	unknown D prior 2012
Ivah Glenda (MacDonald)	B 1940 – D 2012 Sault Saint Marie
Roger	unknown

WILSON
At Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll on Friday, February 8, 1991, Hazel (George) Wilson in her 83rd year, formerly of RR 4, Ingersoll. Wife of the late James A. Wilson (1974); dear mother of Gordon of Lucan, Robert of Ingersoll, Glenda MacDonald of London, Roger of RR 2, Embro. Dear sister of Emma Longfield of Cramplan and Margaret Scott of Ingersoll. Dear grandmother of Lori Connolly, Heather, Jamie and Rob MacDonald, Lisa Sutherland, Darren and Gordon Wilson and 5 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by one son Kenneth, one sister Mildred Martin and one grandson Kenneth. Friends will be received at the

Grand Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Arthur Orland George and Gertrude Connor

Second: Mildred Louise B 01 Oct 1910 Lot 2 Con 1
D Oct 1971
M 11 Aug 1934 Putnam

Spouse: Harley Everett Martin B 09 Oct 1908 Alymer Ont.
D 15 Jun 1979 St Thomas



She lived near Lyons in S Dorchester Township
The couple were farmers at RR#2 Springfield and raised three daughters.

Photo courtesy Kathleen Elliott 1922 Putnam Public school photo
Jan 16 1941 Tribune

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Martin and little daughter Lois of Lyons, and Miss Eleanor Couch of Dorchester, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur George.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Martin and children, Donna, Lois and Kathryn of Lyons, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur George.

Mrs. Arthur George spent Saturday with Mrs. Harley Martin of Lyons. Miss Donna Martin returned with her to spend the week-end.

Daughters of Mildred Gerge and Harley Martin

Donna Jean (Frost) B 1935 Springfield – D 2010 Harrietsville



Obituary of Donna Frost

Frost, with her family by her side at London Health Science Centre-Westminster Campus on Friday, July 9, 2010. Donna Jean Frost of Harrietsville in her 76th year. Beloved wife of Max Frost. Dear mother of Pamela Hall of London, Mark Frost of London and Patti Frost of Harrietsville. Sister of the late Lois Orr and the late Kathryn Bugg. Born in Springfield on February 25, 1935 daughter of the late Harley and Mildred (George) Martin.



Lois Margaret (Orr) B 1940 Springfield D 2002 Alymer
Buried with parents.

Mildred Kathryn (Bugg) B 1942 Springfield D 1992 London.

Grand Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of Arthur Orland George and Gertrude Connor

Third: Emma Elizabeth B 08 Jul 1912 N Dorchester
D 06 Feb 2012 London at age 100.
Spouse: Lloyd Longfield B 17 Feb 1912 N Dorchester
D 1986 N 1/2 Lot 4 Con 3 SRT.

They were farmers. He later worked as a custodian in Mossley

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur George,
Mr. and Mrs. James Scott and
Garry, spent New Years with
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Longfield at
Crampton.

in his later years
Tribune Jan 1 1953



Photo courtesy
Kathleen Elliott 1922 Putnam Public School



LONGFIELD, Emma Elizabeth - At Chateau Gardens, London on Monday, February 6, 2012 in her 100th year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Longfield. Dear mother of the late Larry Longfield and Anne Longfield-Beaton and her husband Wayne. Loving grandmother of Michael, Kim, Wendy, Sandra, Stephen, Barbara, Sam and Tammy. Interment Dorchester Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be gratefully acknowledged.

Son: Robert "Larry" Longfield B 1936 D 1998

Robert and Gordon Wilson spent
some holidays with Mr. and Mrs.
Lloyd Longfield and family.
Miss Ann Longfield spent a few
days with Miss Glenda Wilson.

Grand Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of Arthur Orland George and Gertrude Connor

Last child: Margaret Mae B 10 Sept 1916 Dorchester township
D 2004 Ingersoll buried Putnam
Spouse: James "Jimmie" Scott B 1908 Scotland
D 1980 Ingersoll buried Putnam



They lived in a part of her parent's E1/2 Lot 2 Con 1 SRT farmhouse when they married.

"Jimmie worked as a machine operator at Ingersoll Machine and Tool in Ingersoll. Following the death of her parents in 1974, Margaret and Jimmie moved to Ingersoll. Margaret had been stricken with polio at the young age of three, resulting in an under developed leg, but she never let it interfere with what she wanted to do.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Scott and
Garry, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
George spent New Year's Day with
Mr. and Mrs. L. Longfield, Crampton.

Tribune Jan 8 1948

She never complained about her disability, and always had a droll sense of humour. She was a long-time member of Putnam United Church, where she sang in the choir for many years. She was active in church groups prior to moving to Ingersoll. Margaret worked at a Dorchester restaurant, then studied to become a Nursing Assistant. Eventually, she became supervisor at Faith Haven Nursing Home, before nursing at Alexandra Hospital in Ingersoll. Margaret and Jimmie Scott are interred at the Putnam Cemetery, with their names inscribed on the reverse of her parents' monument." They had a son James Gary who lives in Ingersoll.

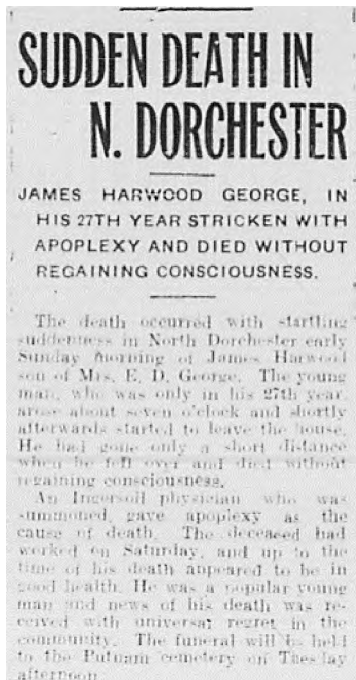
From N Dorchester Township book: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Fourth child: James Harwood B 22 Oct 1887 N Dorchester
D 19 July 1914 N Dorchester



James was a single man and living on the family farm when he suddenly died of apoplexy at the age of 26. His occupation was listed as a bricklayer in the 1911 census as well as a labourer on his father's farm.

Transcribed:

"Death occurred with startling suddenness in North Dorchester early Sunday morning of James Harwood, son of Mrs. E.D. George. The young man who was only in his 27th year, arose about seven o'clock and shortly after started to leave the house. He had gone only a short distance when he fell over and died without regaining consciousness. An Ingersoll physician who was summoned gave apoplexy as the cause of death. The deceased had worked on Saturday and up to the time of his death appeared to be in good health. He was a popular young man and news of his death was received with universal regret in the community."

Front page Ingersoll Chronicle July 20, 1918

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

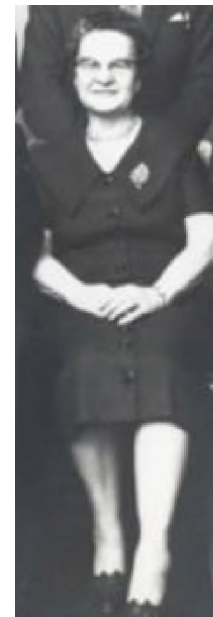
Fifth Child: Ernest Edwin B 17 Jun 1889 N Dorchester
D Aug 1970 Belmont, Ont.
M Nov 20 1918 Belmont, Ont.
Spouse: Nellie Venning B 27 Jun 1897 Belmont, Ont.
D 04 Nov 1972 Buried Dorchester



Ernie continued the family tradition of farming in the Dorchester region. He moved to Belmont, Ontario which was his wife's hometown and ran his father in laws farm. Wife Nellie was the daughter of Andrew Venning and Loretta Watson. The farm had a cooperative running on site that produced maple sap buckets. After Ernie's death, son Charles George (1920 -2004) in Belmont. Nellie wrote of the Venning/Wesley family in Belmont in 1961. Link below.

<https://www.elgincounty.ca/ElginCounty/CulturalServices/Archives/tweedsmuir/Belmont/page%200073-0076.pdf>

Photo: Nellie Venning George, son Charles Edwin George, her father Andrew Venning and grandfather Wesley Venning circa 1921 Courtesy: Elgin County Archives



Nellie Venning George

In 1921, his son-in-law Ernest George of Putnam, husband of daughter Nellie took over operation of the farm and so it continued until Wesley's death.

The farm was then willed to Daughter, Nellie, and so remains as a family farm at this date, 1961. Hydro was installed in all buildings in 1932. First radio was acquired in 1937. A furnace was placed in basement in 1939, and plumbing and a bath room in 1941.

Ernest and Nellie George had one son, Charles, and a daughter Marion. Charles remained on the farm and married Elizabeth Glover of Fingal who with their three children Karen, Garvey and Melanie live in the farm house. Marion married a research chemist, D. R. Christie and resides in Toronto.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Ernest George and Nellie Venning

Child: Charles Edwin B 1920 N Dorchester
 D 2004 London

Spouse: Florence Elizabeth Glover B 1926 Fingal
 D 25 Jan 2019 London

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"Florence Elizabeth (née Glover) George passed away surrounded by love and family, at St. Joseph's Hospice in London, Ontario, on Friday, January 25, 2019. Loving wife for 58 years of the late Charles George. Devoted mother of Garvey (Diane) George of Pickering, and Melanie George (Paul) of London. Predeceased by her daughter Karen George Michel.

A farmer's daughter who became a farmer's wife, Beth enjoyed many rural challenges and adventures both in Fingal and Belmont, Ontario. Her legendary quilting and knitting skills are providing many lasting memories for friends and family, and will ensure that her memory will live on."

Westview Funeral Home website obituary London

Three children: Garvey, George

photo: Melanie Karen Elizabeth (Michel) 1949 – 2017

And now in 1961, Garvey Ernest George is ten years old and fifth of his line on the same farm and already helping with farm chores, and expressing his firm intention of carrying on with the land his ancestors settled on nearly one hundred years ago.

As per Nellie George 1961.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Ernest George and Nellie Venning

Child: Grace Marion B 1925 Belmont
 D unknown

Spouse: Douglas Christie B 1921 Madawaska NB
 D 2007



D. R. Christie, director, industrial research services, Ontario Research Foundation.



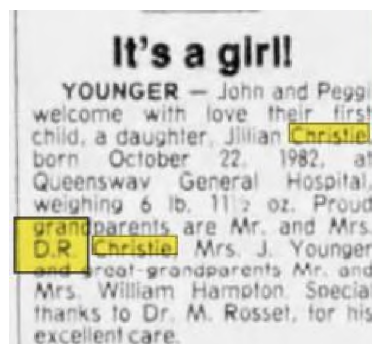
"The Eureka Gas-O-Miser . . . has been found to produce improved gasoline economy when installed on a car that is in good operating order," reports D. R. Christie of the Ontario Research Foundation after tests. In addition, its in-

The Toronto Star
 Thu, Jan 14, 1954 -Page 3



A RESEARCH CHEMIST took time off from his duties in the laboratories to paint this scene, which Margaret Whitty is exhibiting. The artist's name is D. R. Christie. A deep-sea diver, tire vulcanizer, aircraft engineer and an embalmer are some of the exhibitors

Very little has been found about Marion George and her children. One daughter, Peggy (Younger) is noted. Marion appears to have not been buried with her husband in Dorchester as of 2024.



Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Sixth Child: Ethel May

B 1891 N Dorchester

D 1986 Ingersoll

M 01 Jun 1914 Ingersoll

Spouse: James "Arthur" Adam

B 13 Jun 1887 W Oxford

D 17 Jun 1968 Ingersoll

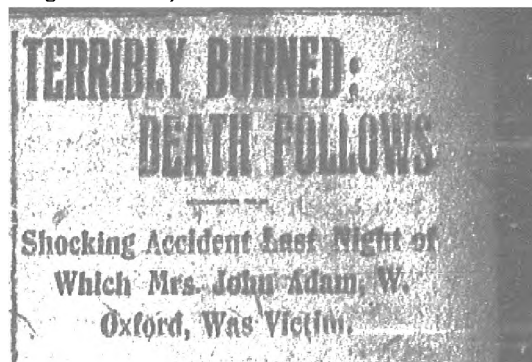
The couple lived at Lot 2 Con 1 N Dorchester on the same dairy farm as brother George as per the 1921 census and by the 1931 census they were living next door to Ethel's brother Arthur and family. They raised and bred a Holstein herd.



Daughter in law Betty Fenton, Shirley Adam and her mother Ethel May George
Photo: Michelle Anstee



Ingersoll Dairyman Headline



Arthur Adam witnessed a horrible accident involving his mother Sarah in 1907. While her family was working in the barn, she tripped and fell in the house, having recently suffered dizzy spells and dropped an oil lamp she was carrying. The lamp lit her clothes on fire. Her screams attracted her family and they found the woman sitting in a chair. Her clothes were completely burned and "parts of her body burned to a crisp". Doctors were summoned and their prognosis was that she would not recover. She succumbed a few hours later.

Putnam --- Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Adam celebrated their 50th anniversary with open house on January 29th, 1966. Mr. James Arthur Adam, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Adam, R. R. 4, Ingersoll and Ethel M. George daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. E. D. George, R. R. 2, Mossley, were united in marriage at the bride's home. They were unattended. The happy young couple left for a honeymoon in Marlette, Mich. All their lives have been spent in the Putnam vicinity. They farmed before retiring in 1960 to live in the village.

Photo: Jame's and Ethel's farm Lot 2 Con 1 N Dorchester



Mr. & Mrs. Adam are members of the Putnam United Church. Mrs. Adam has always been active in the Women's organizations, being a member of the Ladies Aid, The W. M. S. and now the U. C. W. Their quiet and unassuming manner has won many many friends and wishes for future happiness.

J. Arthur Adam of Putnam, Ontario, passed away at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, On Monday June 17th in his 81st year. He was born in West Oxford Township on Hamilton Road a son of the late John & Sarah (Russell) Adam where he spent his younger days and received his education. As a young man he became engaged in farming which he continued until his retirement. He and his wife farmed for many years after their marriage in North Dorchester Township in the vicinity of Putnam where they were well and widely known. Retiring to Putnam where they have since resided. He was a member of Putnam United Church where he and his family attended for many years. He was also a member of Holstein Friesian Association and a breeder of purebred Holstein cattle while engaged in farming.
Ingersoll Tribune 1968

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of James "Arthur" Adam and Ethel George

First: Russell Edwin

B 16 Mar 1916

D 01 Sept 1943

M 03 Jan 1942 Ailsa Craig

Spouse: Betty Jane Fenton

B 1921 Putnam

D unknown



There are several questions surrounding Russell and Betty. Right after the marriage, Russell enlisted in February of 1942 and was stationed in Windsor. A child was born to the couple July of 1942. Tragically the child was premature and did not survive birth. The child was born in Toronto at Burnside Hospital and there is a likelihood Russell was there as he was stationed in Toronto at the time. The death certificate indicates that the couple married in



Betty Jane Fenton Bride of Russell Adam

A quiet wedding took place in the Ailsa Craig United Church, parsonage, on Saturday, January 3rd, 1942, at four o'clock, when the Rev. J. L. Blair united in marriage Betty Jane Fenton, only daughter of Mrs. M. Fenton and the late W. G. Fenton of Putnam, and Russell Adam of Windsor, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adam, also of Wind-

January of that year. He was presented with a gold watch by the community of Putnam in February of 1943. He fought in WWII with the RCAF Bomber Squadron. He earned his Navigator wings at Malton base, Toronto. He was 27 when he shipped out. On his sixth bomber run

Mrs. Russell Adam of Toronto, has received a cable that her husband, Sgt. Russell E. Adam, navigator of the R.C.A.F., has arrived safely overseas. Sgt. Adam is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adam of Putnam.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
(ATTESTATION PAPER)
(Pages one and two, only, are to be completed by Applicant's own Handwriting)

1. Surname: **ADAM** Full Christian Name: **RUSSELL EDWIN**

2. Present Address: **R.R. No. 1, Putnam, Ontario** Telephone: **201 3 4**

3. Permanent Address: **R.R. No. 1, Putnam, Ontario**

4. Place of Birth: **West Oxford, Ontario** Citizenship: **Canadian**

5. Date of Birth: **March 16th, 1916** Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced, **Married**

6. Particulars of Children

Name	Date of birth	Name	Date of birth
R.A.			

7. Occupation: **Clerk in Feed Store** Religion: **United Church**

8. Language: **English**

10. Next of Kin (Full Name): **Mrs. Betty Jane Adam** Relationship: **Wife**
Address: **R.R. No. 1, Putnam, Ontario**

11. Father (Full Name): **James Arthur Adam** Birthplace: **Oxford County, Ontario**
Address: **Putnam, Ontario** Citizenship: **Canadian**
Occupation: **Farmer**

12. Mother (Full Maiden Name): **Ethel Mae George** Birthplace: **Putnam, Ontario**
Address: **Putnam, Ontario** Citizenship: **Canadian**

"At 2017 hours on the night of 31 August 1943 Stirling EE946 took off from Lakenheath detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take-off and it failed to return to base. A Missing Research and Enquiry team

Sgt. Russell Adam Reported Missing

Mrs. Russell Adam of Toronto, (nee Betty Penton of Putnam), has received word that her husband, Sgt. Russell E. Adam, navigator in the R.C.A.F., is missing after operational tours. He joined the air force in February, 1942, and trained at Manning Pool, Toronto, No. 1, I. T.S., and Malton, where he received his wings February 19th, 1943. He arrived overseas on his birthday, March 16th. Sgt. Adam is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adam of Putnam.

reported: "the aircraft was attacked by a night fighter and crashed at Schlalch, 35 miles south west of Berlin." All the crew members had been killed." Canada Forces record

Betty's life was chaos at that time. She disappeared from the Adam records at that point.

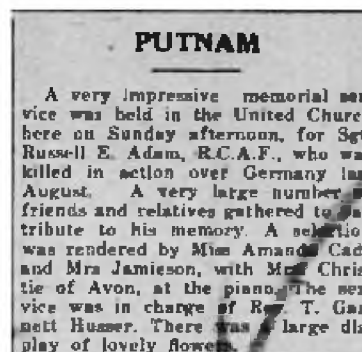
SGT. RUSSELL E. ADAM BURIED IN GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adam of Putnam, have been notified that their eldest son, Sgt. Russell Edwin Adam, navigator of the RCAF, who has been missing since September 1st, 1943, lost his life and was buried in Sharlach Cemetery, district of Sauch, Belzig, Germany. Since this information came through International Red Cross, quoting German information, he is officially presumed to have died. He enlisted in the RCAF in February 1942, won his navigator's wing a year later and went overseas in March 1943. He is survived by his wife, Betty of Toronto; his parents, two sisters, Dorothy of London; Shirley, at home; and three brothers, Dvr. Ralph Adam in the Army Corps, overseas and Donald and Ross at home. A memorial service will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, June 11th at Putnam United Church

The crew members of EE946 were:

Flight Sergeant Russell Edwin Adam (R/161411) (RCAF) (Navigator)
Sergeant William Arthur Crawford (1795797) (RAFVR) (Flight Engineer)
Flight Sergeant Allan John Davey (413357) (Pilot)
Sergeant Brian James Kennell (1449867) (RAFVR) (Air Bomber)
Sergeant David Scott (R/165175) (RCAF) (Mid Upper Gunner)
Flight Sergeant Leslie Edwin Short (1290625) (RAFVR) (Wireless Air Gunner)
Flight Sergeant Kevin John Wilkes (425253) (Rear Gunner)
All are buried in the Berlin War Cemetery.

Tribune June 1944



Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of James "Arthur" Adam and Ethel George

Second: Dorothy Emma

B 12 Nov 1917 N Dorchester Lot 2 Con 1
D 10 Mar 2003 London
M 01 Jul 1944 Putnam United Church.
B 25 Nov 1911 Lot 7 Con 8 E Nissouri
D 09 Dec 1991 London

Spouse: George Keys





daughters and one granddaughter that they raised as their own. Dorothy was perceived as a quiet and capable woman. Dorothy Adam photo: courtesy: Patricia Adam
Family photo: Michelle Anstee
Foreground: Ethel George Adam and Dorothy Adam Key

Russell Adam, George Keys, and Jimmy Scott, spent Saturday in Toronto.
August 1938
Tribune
Misses Dorothy Adam, Marjorie Meatherall, Jean Clendenning, Betty Fenton and Erno Erwin, returned home on Sunday after spending a few holidays at Port Burwell.

Born on a farm in E Nissouri, the family moved to Woodstock by the time he was 10 years old and living at 375 Simcoe St. 10 years later, his father was farming in N Dorchester, where George met Dorothy. George worked as an employee of the London PUC and later a foreman for Ontario Hydro.

Dorothy and George lived in London and had 2

KEYS
At St. Joseph's Hospital on Monday, December 9, 1991, Mr. George W. Keys of London in his 81st year. Beloved husband of Dorothy (Adam) Keys. Dear father of Mrs. Margaret Ann Douglas of Calgary, Sheila and her husband Don Stevens and Dawn and her husband Steven Prentice all of London. Loving grandfather of David Douglas. Brother of Betty and her husband Ray Springett of London. Predeceased by his brother Harry. Visitation in the Needham Funeral Chapel, 520 Dundas Street (Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 PM) where the funeral service will be conducted on Thursday, December 12th at 11 AM. Canon Douglas Parker of Church of the Resurrection (Anglican) officiating. Interment Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to charity of your choice would be appreciated.

KEYS
Dorothy Keys (nee Adam) passed away peacefully on Wednesday March 19, 2003 at London Health Sciences Centre, University Campus in her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late George Keys (1991). Loving mother of Margaret Ann Douglas, Sheila (Don) Stevens, Dawn Prentice. Cherished Gram of Dave (Bev) McRorie, David Douglas, Drake Prentice and Stephanie Prentice. Dear sister of Shirley (Corry) Trevors, Don (Marjorie) Adam, Ralph (Ruth) Adam and the late Russell and Ross Adam. Loved sister-in-law of Betty Springett. The family will receive friends and relatives at **Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel**, 1997 Dundas Street East (at Wavell), London, for visitation on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service will be on Friday March 21, 2003 at 2 pm. Followed by a reception in the Talbot Lounge at Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel. Interment at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Donations to the Lung Association or Children's Hospital of Western Ontario would be gratefully acknowledged.

London Free Press
March 20, 2003

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of James "Arthur" Adam and Ethel George

Third: Ralph Gordon

B 19 Nov 1919 N Dorchester

D 18 Jan 2006 Ingersoll

M 14 Apr 1947 Ingersoll

Spouse: Ruth Isabella Berdan

B 24 Dec 1925 Woodstock

D 15 Mar 2017 Woodingford Lodge Woodstock



Ralph was born in North Dorchester township attended Putnam SS#7 school. Ruth was from Woodstock. He enlisted in 1941, trained at Camp Borden and in the Maritimes before arriving in Aldershot England. He arrived in Europe with the 4th Division and fought through Belgium, France and Germany. On his return, they married, settled in Ingersoll where he worked at the William Stone Fertilizer (later CIL) plant until retirement. He was head of the local union and was a member of the Ingersoll lawn bowling club.



Pte. Ralph Adam, of Camp Borden, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adam. Tribune July 1942

https://webresources.oxfordcounty.ca/umbraco/OxfordCountyLibrary/documents/Adam_Ralph_Gordon_1919-2006.pdf



He lived most of his adult life at his 266 Centre Street house in Ingersoll. He and his wife, Ruth Berdan, bought the property around 1953. Ruth was the youngest child of W Oxford farmer Frank Berdan and Scottish immigrant Anetta Hughes. They had three children: Gordon, Bonita and Donna. A twin of Donna's did not survive.

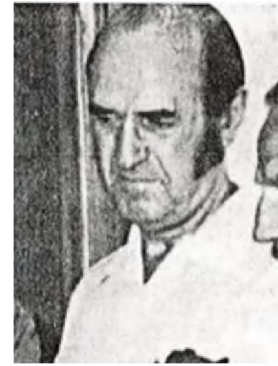
Just two nights more and all the ghosts and goblins, witches and other eerie characters will be knocking on your door. Butch and Bonnie Adam, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adam, all done up as a fearsome devil and a cunning bunny respectively, have been practising for the big event.

Tribune Oct 29 1953

Photo of Ralph (left) and brother Russell 1943 at Aldershot, England.



Courtesy Pat Adam



Ralph Adam and Ruth Berdan 1997.

ADAM, Ruth Isabella (Berdan) - Peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family, on Wednesday, 15 March 2017, Ruth Isabella Adam at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, Ontario. She was predeceased by her parents, Frank and Annette (Hughes) Berdan; her siblings, Jim (Isabell) Berdan, sisters Edna (Norval) Foster and Martha (Roy) Hoover; her beloved husband Ralph Adam; and her cherished daughter Diana Lynn Holbrook. Ruth is survived by her son Gordon (Pat) of Ingersoll, daughter Bonita (Robert) Magill of London, and daughter Donna (Jerry) McGinnis of Ingersoll, many nieces and nephews and cousin Patricia (Roy) Jennings of St. Thomas. She was a life-long member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Ingersoll and will be fondly remembered by many friends there.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of James "Arthur" Adam and Ethel George

Fourth: Donald Arthur

B 25 Mar 1922

D 11 Feb 2007 London (lived in Putnam) Putnam Cemetery
M 1950

Spouse: Catherine Harriet Winlaw

B 1928 Banffshire, Scotland

D 1955 car accident

M 19 Jul 1958

Catherine was a switchboard operator in Ingersoll for Bell. Photo 06/28 51 Tribune



Spouse Marjorie Jean MacDonald Wade B 05 Sept 1924 Nairn, Williams West, Middlesex Co.

D 25 Mar 2013 London (lived in Putnam)

Donald and Marjorie worked a farm outside Putnam.

ADAM
At London Health Sciences Centre, Victoria Hospital, London on Saturday, February 10, 2007 Donald Arthur Adam in his 85th year, passed away peacefully with his family at his side. Beloved husband of Marjorie McDonald. Predeceased by his first wife Catherine Winlaw (1955). Loving father of Janis Dale (husband Peter) of Belmont and Nancy of London. Dear grandfather of Brad, Tim and Abbie Dale. Dear brother of Shirley Trevors (husband Cerry) of London and predeceased by his brothers Flight Sgt. Russell over Germany. 1943, Ralph 2006, Ross 1997 and sister Dorothy 2003. Dear brother-in-law of John McDonald (wife Grace), Windsor; Don McDonald (wife Marion), Kincardine; Bob McDonald (wife Iris), Bracebridge; Doug Morgan (wife Pat), Clinton; Ruth Adam, Ingersoll; Margaret Furtney, Strathroy and Ruth Schram Parkhill. Missed by many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received at the Bleman Funeral Home, Dorchester

ADAM, Marjorie Jean (McDonald) - Passed away



peacefully on March 25, 2013 in the her 89th year with her family at her side. Beloved wife of the late Donald Adam (2007) predeceased by her first husband Robert Wade (1951). Loving mother of Janice, Dale, and Peter of Belmont and Nancy Adam of London. Dear grandmother of Brad, Tim, and Abbie Dale. Dear sister of Bob McDonald (Iris) Bracebridge. Predeceased by

beloved sisters June Furtney and Ellen Morgan and brothers John and Don McDonald. Remembered by dear sister in laws Grace McDonald (Windsor) Marion McDonald (Kincardine), Margaret Furtney (Strathroy), Pat Morgan (Bayfield), Ruth Adam (Ingersoll), Ruth Schram (Parkhill) and dear brother-in-law Cerry Trevors. Remembered by her dear sister in laws Marie, McDonald, Shirley Trevors, and Dorothy Keep. And by dear brother in laws Bill Furtney, Doug Morgan, Russell, Ralph, and Ross Adam and George Keys. Missed by many nieces and nephews. Marjorie

was a grade 1 teacher at Indian Road School, Sarnia from 1953-1958. After her marriage to Don, they lived in Putnam for 43 years and she was a member of Putman VCW and Women's Institute. Marjorie was a kind and generous person who loved to show hospitality to family, friends, and neighbours.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of James "Arthur" Adam and Ethel George

Fifth: John Ross

B 20 Jul 1927 N Dorchester township

D 24 Aug 1997 Forest Lawn Cemetery, London, Ont.

M 19 Oct 1949

Spouse: Gloria Margaret Moulton

B Oct 30 1929 Dereham

D 27 Jan 2011 Woodstock

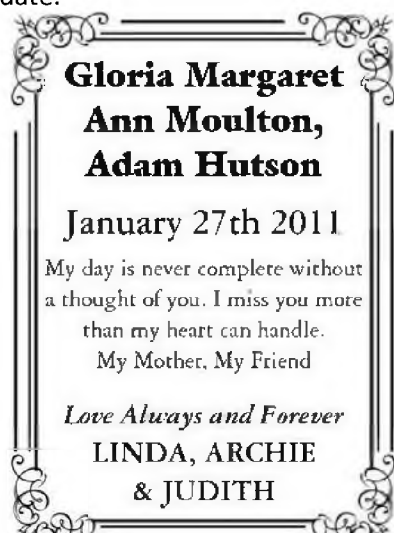


Photos Courtesy Michelle Anstee



Gloria was daughter of Morris Erwin Moulton of the large Moulton clan in Dereham Township. Morris was a farmer and WWI vet who was honoured with a medal of bravery.

It appears the couple divorced and Gloria went on to raise a family with WWII war veteran Donald Hutson. John Ross moved to Ingersoll where he retired and was living at 156 Oxford St with the Gardhouse family on the 1965 voters list. I have not been able to confirm his whereabouts after this date.



They had two daughters, Linda and Judith that were raised by their mother and her second husband Adam Hutson.

Linda (spouse: Archie Spietaels) B 1950 – 2015



It is with profound sadness, that we announce the passing on December 11, 2015, of Linda Anstee (Adam) of Ingersoll in her 66th year. Born on September 25, 1950 in Ingersoll to Gloria Margaret Ann Hutson and John Ross Adam. She was raised by Gloria and her husband Donald Cecil Hutson. Linda spent her years at home raising her four children. She fondly remembered her employment with Bruce at the Esso station and her night shifts at MACS

with Bert before she finished her employment career with a position at Collins and Aikmen. She retired from C & A many years ago. She is lovingly remembered for her impulsivity, her generosity and her creativity. She

enjoyed many hours with ceramics, crochet and many other crafts and activities. Marina Shores, Long Point will miss her smiling face each season where she vacationed at her trailer with Archie. Linda is survived by her husband Archie Spietaels, of Ingersoll and her 4 children



ADAM, Judith Catherine (1953 – 2015) - Passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at VON Sakura House with her sisters at her side. Judith will be sorely missed by her siblings, Linda (Archie), John (Connie), Wendy (Brad) and Toni. Fondly remembered by her Uncle Harold (Violet) Moulton of Oshawa and many cousins. Dear friend to Janet and Nelson Crane. Predeceased by her parents, Donald Hutson (1986) Gloria (Moulton) Hutson (2011), Judith was a bright, loving sister with a calm disposition and genuine heart. She was an avid reader who enjoyed her almost daily walks to the library and local stores in Ingersoll. Judith found delight in flowers, photography, day tripping, theatrical shows and dining out at her favourite restaurants. Despite her cancer diagnosis and many setbacks that followed, Judith's will to live was evident by her valiant battle with this relentless disease. She enriched many lives in her sixty-two (62) short years.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of James "Arthur" Adam and Ethel George

Sixth: Shirley Mae

B 26 May 1929 Putnam

D 05 Nov 2010 London

M 29 Jan 1950

Spouse: Delbert Henderson

B 1925 Guelph

D 2018 St. Catherines

Spouse: Stewart Wilkie

B 1919

D 1988 London

M 06 Jun 1997

Spouse: Gerry Trevors

unknown



Shirley and her mother



Photo left Delbert Henderson
Photo right:
Stewart Wilkie and Shirley Adam



It is believed Delbert Henderson was a truck driver in London when he married Shirley. Stewart was a maintenance engineer and electrician and they lived at 343 Fairview Ave, in London.

HENDERSON-ADAM--A wedding of interest was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adam, Putnam, when their youngest daughter, Shirley Mae, was united in marriage to Delbert E. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Henderson, Guelph. *Ingersoll Tribune* 1950

TREVORS, Shirley (Adam) (Wilkie) - Passed away peacefully at Parkwood Hospital, London on Friday November 5, 2010 in her 82nd year. Devoted wife of James Cerry Trevors. Beloved mother of Paul and Mary Ellen Wilkie, step-mother of Rod and Patricia Trevors, James Jr. and Marrienne Trevors, Julie and Craig Partridge, and Patrick and Beth Trevors. Cherished grandma of Paula Mason and Andrea Gilker, and also missed by many step-grandchildren, and step-great- grandchildren. Also survived by sisters-in- law; Bertha Trevors, and Margaret Woodworth. Shirley will be fondly remembered by her sisters-in-law; Majorie Adam, and Ruth Adam, and niece, Sheila Stevens.

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Seventh Child: Charles Newton "Charlie"

B 01 Mar 1893 (Birth schedule) 04 Mar (1911 census)
D 1918 or 1919 Three Hills AB.

The 1911 census has him living at his family's home at age 18. He struck out for Alberta in 1916. He was only 26 years old when he died in 1918 (tombstone date). He is buried in Putnam. Charles Newton George was located living in Three Hills Alberta at the time of his death. Although his death is listed as influenza, suspicion arises that it may have been caused by the first wave of the Spanish Flu that arrived with the returning soldiers in 1918. What his occupation was at that time is unknown. Three Hills is about half way between Red Deer and Calgary on highway #21. An article in July 1919 of the Morning Albertan newspaper describes Three Hills.

FACTS ABOUT THREE HILLS

Three Hills was incorporated as a village in 1913, with a population of 100. Population today is approximately 500, and growing.

Three Hills has one excellent school, with a school attendance of 75 pupils. This summer an addition will be built on the school, and another 25 pupils will be in attendance.

There are two school teachers employed at present, and another teacher will be engaged this fall.

There are at present two churches in Three Hills.

There is a live brass band, with L. F. Orist leader.

There is one weekly paper, the Three Hills Capital.

CHARLES L. GEORGE--The death occurred at Three Hills, Alberta, on Thursday of last week of a former well-known resident of this district in the person of Charles L. George, formerly of Putnam. On Wednesday a telegram was received by relatives announcing his serious illness with pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, and on Thursday this was followed by another message announcing his death. Deceased has been in the west about a year and a half and was in his 26th year. He is a son of Mrs. Edward George, of Putnam. A brother, Harry George, is accompanying the remains to Putnam where interment will be made

Ingersoll Dairyman

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Eighth Child: Frank Ivan

B 22 Feb 1895 N Dorchester

D 22 Jun 1961 Dorchester

M 06 Mar 1918 Ingersoll

Spouse: Edith Meryl Cornish

B 28 Aug 1896 Forest, Lambton Co

D 04 Aug 1980 London

Meryl's parent's, farmers Martin Cornish and Alice Clement moved to N Dorchester soon after Edith's birth. Frank George and Meryl Cornish grew up within a stone's through of each other. The 1901 census had them enumerated on the same page – just two farms apart. Frank stayed close to the



George family. They initially farmed near Crampton on the George family farm at S ½ Lot 4 Con 2 SRT. Frank had purchased this farm jointly with brother Ernest from their uncle William 'Bill' George. Frank was drafted into service in June 1918 for WWI but it does not appear to have served overseas. Later in life he moved to Tillsonburg and ran the feed mill there for 23 years.

Eventually the mill was converted to a restaurant, known as Mill Tales. Recently a change in ownership has resulted in the establishment being renamed The Mill Inn and Eatery.

From The Mill Website:

“The Mill Inn + Eatery is over 138 years of Tillsonburg’s history restored from an old Pea & Barley Mill. Many renovations were done over the years, including just recently, to transform this historical landmark into the gorgeous restaurant & inn it is today.

The Mill was originally built in 1878 by the Tillson family. There were originally three mills – one here and two on the other side of Big Otter Creek, including a large, three-storey flour mill (4 times the size of this mill). There were two or three train lines that came down right in front of the mill to transport grain and finished flour”.

After some rather fragmented sale transactions involving the family farm, initially purchased by the family patriarch Henry some eight decades earlier, the farm appears to have finally passed out of George family in 1950.

After Franks' 1961 death, Meryl moved to London and lived at 60 Ridout St. with her sister.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of Frank Ivan Prouse and Edith Cornish

First Child: Mary "Alice"

B 15 Apr 1918 Crampton, N Dorchester

D 12 Aug 2012 Ingersoll

M06 July 1942 Tillsonburg

Spouse: Norman Greer

B 07 May 1918 Tillsonburg

D 15 Aug 1999 Ingersoll



Mary "Alice" was a teacher in Ingersoll. When they married, Norm was working making aircrafts in Ft Erie for the war effort. Norm was in the retail jewellery

business and a well-known Ingersoll resident. His store at 146 Thames St S was the first location with a move to King St. east at a later date. Norm appears to have been born in Abby, Saskatchewan according to his marriage license and 1921/31 census. Find a Grave indicates he was born in Tillsonburg. A mystery.



King St E store 1980s

NEW JEWELLERY STORE OPENS ON SATURDAY

A new jewellery store is to be opened at 103 Thames street, opposite the Post Office by two well known Tillsonburg young men, Norman Greer and Blake Coyle, both members of the G. W. Lashbrook's store in Tillsonburg for several years are planning on opening for business in Ingersoll. Mr. Greer is an experienced watch maker and repairer and was manager of the G. W. Lashbrook store in Aylmer for the past year. Mr. Coyle worked for two years in the Henry Birks & Son, (Western) Limited in Calgary and for six years with the Lashbrook store in Tillsonburg.

With this experience behind them, Messrs. Coyle and Greer plan on giving the people of Ingersoll and district a complete repair service in both the watch and jewellery departments. They will also carry a complete line of jewellery and nationally advertised watches in their store.

Mary Alice (nee George) Greer - Sadly the family of Mary Alice Greer, announces her passing at Leisureworld, August 12, 2012, at age 93. Beloved wife of the late Norman Greer (1999), Watchmaker, Merchant of Ingersoll. Predeceased by her parents, Meryl and Frank George, brother Henry and sister Edith. Alice enjoyed a lengthy and successful career as an elementary teacher in Ingersoll. She was an avid bridge player and had a large circle of friends in Ingersoll. She was an avid bridge player and had a large circle of friends – web obit

Norm Greer from Ancestry.ca

Norman Greer went into business with David Coyle in Nov. 1947 when Norm was 29 and they established a long running jewelry store in Ingersoll. The business expanded into the United States in the following years as noted by the ad posted in the Ingersoll Tribune 1993 Bicentennial Edition. Coyle and Greer designed trophies and pen sets and have items on display at the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa including the Canadian Olympic Pen Holder set. Photo right.



He was president of the Kiwanis in Ingersoll in 1978 and chaired the Grand Opening event for the Ingersoll Cheese Museum in 1977.

The business of 25 employees is still open as of 2024 in Ingersoll.



"St. Thomas Times-Journal article published December 1, 1970 with caption: "Best Municipal Representation - St. Thomas received the award for the best civic representation at the Ingersoll



Cheese and Wine Festival recently and was officially awarded the Coyle and Greer Trophy"

Courtesy Elgin Co. archives:

Mary Alice and Norm had 3 children;
Robert, James and Mary.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Frank Ivan Prouse and Edith Cornish

Second: Edith Alberta

B 08 Jan 1921 N Dorchester

D 16 Sept 2005 St. Albert, AB. Buried Qualicum Beach, BC

M 1948 Prince Rupert, BC

Spouse: James Hadden Jr.

B 02 May 1923 Prince Rupert, BC

D 23 Sept 2004 St Albert, AB. Buried Qualicum Beach, BC

How Edith got from N Dorchester township to Prince Rupert is one of the great unknowns in the Prouse family.

The couple lived in Prince Rupert, BC through most of their marriage. She was a nurse by profession in the Prince Rupert Hospital (photo next page). He was an elder with the Presbyterian Church and a proficient sailor.



daughter. Son Terrance died 18 days after his birth in 1954.

Photo: James Hadden Jr Fonds

They retired and moved to Qualicum Beach, BC and later, as health issues struck, were living in a retirement home near their son in St. Albert, AB. They both died in St Albert.

They had 3 sons and a

Prince Rupert Flyer Missing In Action



P.O. William Anderson Hadden, of Prince Rupert, has been reported missing on active service in air operations overseas. It is announced by R.C.A.F., Ottawa.

He is the son of Mrs. James Hadden, 1161 Ambrose avenue, Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert City &
Regional ARCHIVES



"History/Biography of James Hadden Jr. James Hadden Jr., born May 2 1923, and his brother William A. Hadden were the sons of James Hadden and Margaret Silver Anderson. William (Billy) A. Hadden was shot down over Germany on September 24, 1943. Billy worked for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage plant and was a skilled violin player. James Jr. retired in 1981 and moved to Qualicum Beach and then to St. Albert, Alberta."

James Hadden - Courtesy Prince Rupert Archives: James Haddon Jr Fonds.

HADDEN, Alberta Edith

January 8, 1921 – September 16, 2005: Passed away peacefully September 16, 2005 at the Youville Home in St. Albert, Alberta. Predeceased by her husband Jim (October 2004) and infant son Terrance (1954). Lovingly remembered by her children Bill (Violet) of Victoria BC, Meryl Tryon (Peter) of Grande Prairie, Tim (Connie) St. Albert. AB Edith is also survived by her sister Alice of Ingersoll, Ontario, Edith and Jim were long-time residents of Prince Rupert before retiring to Qualicum Beach and later moving to St Albert, Alberta. A private, family interment of both Edith and Jim's remains will take place at Qualicum Beach Municipal Cemetery, on Nov 11, 2005, which would have been their 57th wedding anniversary.



Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of Frank Ivan Prouse and Edith Cornish

Last Child: James Henry

B 08 Jun 1925 N Dorchester

D 24 Jan 1927 N Dorchester

He was one year and seven months old when he died at the family home Lot 4 Con 2 N. Dorchester. Cause of death was listed as phenomena and rickets. He is buried with his parents in Putnam. The attending physician was his uncle Dr. C. C. Cornish. Dr. Cornish was an Ingersoll physician for many decades.

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Ninth Child: Allan Herbert B 17 Dec 1896 in N Dorchester
D 24 Dec 1966 N Dorchester
M 12 Jul 1921 in N Dorchester - Putnam
Spouse: Luella Malpass B 20 Aug 1899 in S Dorchester, Elgin Co.
D 05 Jul 1977 N Dorchester.

Allan Herbert was drafted in 1917 and was a WWI veteran. After the war he was the oldest son running the farm for his widowed mother, Emma (Howe) George at Lot 4 Con 2 N Dorchester. The couple eventually purchased a farm at S1/2 Lot 5 Con 2 N Dorchester SRT in 1950.

Luella Malpass was born in S Dorchester. Prior to her 1921 marriage, the Ontario 1921 census had her listed as living with her parents at Lot 14 Con 2 of N Dorchester and that she was employed as a teacher. A month later, her marriage certificate indicates she had no occupation. They retired to RR2 Springfield (Alymer) in 1964. They had three children.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Allan George and Luella Malpass

First: Edwin Murray B 11 Jan 1923 N Dorchester
D 30 Jan 1992 Ingersoll
M 1945
Spouse: Mable J Flagg B 1924
D 21 Apr 1984 London
M 1985
Spouse: Mabel Kathleen Rath B 05 Mar 1918 Putnam
D 09 Jul 2003 Woodstock



Edwin and first wife Mable Flagg farmed in the Salford/Mt Elgin area. While he farmed, the 1974 voters list noted she was a teacher. They had one daughter. **Jeanne** B 1954 Ingersoll – D April 1977 London
Edwin's second wife, Mabel Kathleen Rath, was the widow of Wilfred George. Wilfred was Edwin Murray George's uncle.

Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Allan George and Luella Malpass

Second: Herbert "Herb" B 1926 N Dorchester
D Dec 2006
Spouse: Dorothy Patricia Hinge B 1927 N Dorchester
D 1998 Ingersoll

Dorothy was born to English immigrant Cyril Hinge and Irish wife Margaret Parkinson. Cyril emigrated in 1907 and was months old at the time. Cyril lived in Ingersoll while growing up then moved to Lot 1 Con 3 of N Dorchester township to farm. After Herb and Dorothy married, "They took up residence in Dorchester, in a newly built house on the north side of Hamilton Road, just west of the Brook's subdivision. In 1963 they moved to Nilestown for one year. Herb worked in sales at Beaver Lumber in Ingersoll, stopping off each morning and evening, going to and from work, at the family farm to help his father with the twice daily milking and other farm chores. His parents, Allan and Luella George, retired

from farming in 1964 and relocated to the town of Aylmer, some 15 miles to the south. Herb and Dorothy took over operation of the family farm S ½ Lot 5 Con2 SRT, and there continued to raise their three children”

Children: Dale Gordon B 1953 – Darrel Herbert B 1957 – Dawn B 1960 (McQuiggen). In turn, Herb and Dorothy built a retirement home in 1980 on a parcel of the farm property and son Darrel took over the operation of the farm.

From N Dorchester Township book: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph



Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Children of Allan George and Luella Malpass

Third and last: Philip D “Lloyd”

B 30 Nov 1927 Mossley

D 30 May 2010 Alymer

Spouse: Margaret “Peggy” Franklin

B 27 Nov 1927 S Dorchester

D 26 Jun 2003



Lloyd and Peggy were born three days apart. Peggy was born into the Lloyd Franklin farming family in S Dorchester township. Philip “Lloyd” was an elementary school teacher at Crampton SS 15 as well as a farmer. The couple had two children and lived on a farm east of Lyons. Ill health forced Lloyd to abandon teaching. Dorothy thus returned to school teaching. They continued to live on their farm, leasing out the land. Both Lloyd and older brother Herb were known for their baseball prowess. Herb broke his leg playing ball just a week prior to his wedding and participated in his own wedding on with a cast and crutches.”

From N Dorchester Township book: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Tenth child: Ralph Frederick B 26 May 1900 N Dorchester

D 21 Aug 1955 Dorchester

M 28 Mar 1940

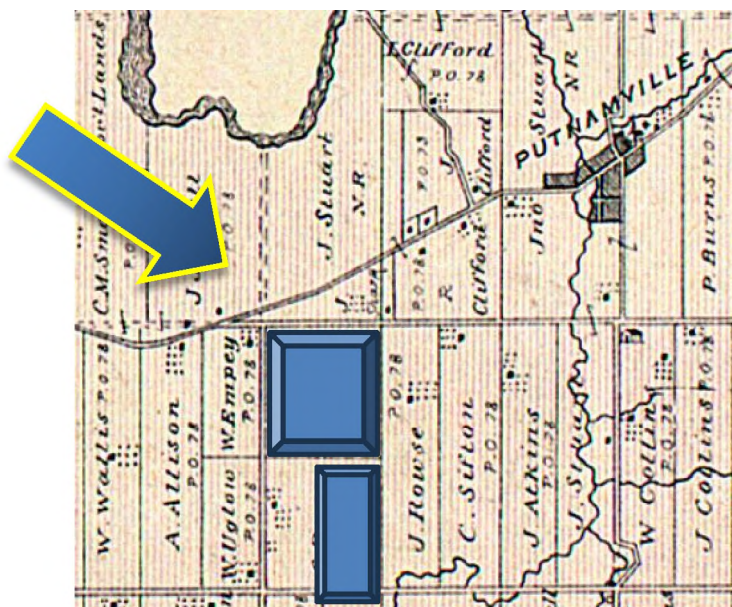
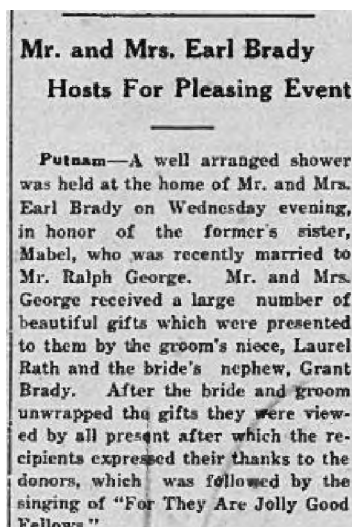
Spouse: Mabel Estelle Brady B 05 July 1903 Oxford Co.

D 25 July 1997 London Hospital

Ralph also was found in the 1921 census working at the family farm. He and his brothers Alfred and Wilfred were running the Lot 2 Con 4 farm for their widowed mother Emma. The census also noted that he was a two-wage earner so that meant he worked at another job as well. Mabel was the youngest child of N Oxford farmer Norman Brady. The Brady’s moved to Lot 5 Con 4 of N Dorchester thus depositing Mabel into the neighbourhood of the George family. Ralph was almost 40 years old before he married Mabel Brady. Mabel was found living with brother Earl and family on a N Dorchester farm in the 1931 census but by 1935 she was living alone in the village of Dorchester. She was a 37 years old spinster that worked as a nurse at the time of her Dorchester marriage in 1940. In 1944, Ralph and Mabel purchased from James Rath, an 'L' shaped 75-acre farm with buildings, accessed from the side road between Lots 6 and 7 (now Irwin Rd.). The property was composed of two, adjoining parcels: the N ½ of Lot 6 Con 1 and the southeast half of S ½ Lot 6 Con 1 SRT N Dorchester township. On this farm, their main focus was the growing of feed crops and the care of a herd of Holstein dairy cattle. They had no children. Mabel was a member of the choir, a choir leader and organist at Crampton United Church

from a very young age. After Ralph had died at 56 years, Mabel married Carl Jackson of Harrietsville. Ralph and Mabel are both interred at Dorchester Union Cemetery.

From N Dorchester Township book: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph



RALPH F. GEORGE WEDS MABEL E. BRADY

Putnam – A quiet wedding was solemnized at the United Church parsonage, Dorchester, on Wednesday, March 28th, when Miss Mabel E. Brady, daughter of Mrs. Brady and the late Mr. Norman Brady of Dorchester, was united in marriage to Mr. Ralph F. George of Putnam, son of Mrs. E.D. George and the late Mr. George. Rev. W.J. Taylor officiated. The bride was lovely in a gown of blue crepe with a grey coat, and carried a bouquet of roses and lily-of-the-valley. The bride's niece, Miss Ethel Oliver of Woodstock, wearing a gown of light blue crepe, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Russell Adam, of Putnam, nephew of the groom, was groomsman. The couple left by train for Toronto, and other points east, and upon their return will reside on the groom's farm here.

Ingersoll Tribune Apr 4, 1940

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Eleventh child: Wilfred "Jeff" Howe

B 02 Dec 1901 Putnam

D 01 Feb 1984 St. Thomas, Ont. lived in Aylmer, Ont.

M 19 Feb 1948

Spouse: Mabel Kathleen Rath

B 05 Mar 1918 Putnam

D 09 July 2003 Woodstock



Mabel was the youngest of eight Rath children. The Rath children were raised at Lot 4 Con B in N Dorchester. There was a large discrepancy in age between the couple when they married. Wilfred was 47 when he married while Mabel was just 30-years-old. Wilfred continued to live on the family farm with his new wife and widowed mother Emma. Wilfred later farmed with brother Ralph, the N 1/2 Lot 4 Con 2 SRT on property that had had been granted to him in 1935, along with 50 acres of the

south half of S ½ Lot 4 Con 1 SRT, in accordance with the will of his father Edwin in exchange for a legacy in the amount of \$350 per annum in favour of his mother, Emma Louise (Howe) George. Wilfred and Mabel also had no children. Mabel is on record as being active in the Sunday School program at Putnam United Church. By the 1974 voters list, Wilfred and Mabel had retired to 26 York. St. in Aylmer Ontario. He died in the hospital in nearby St. Thomas in 1984. In 1985, Mabel married Wilfred's nephew Edwin who was Wilfred's older brother Allan's son (Page 37). Edwin died in 1992 and Mabel then moved to a retirement home in Woodstock.



A 1938 visit to Maple Leaf Gardens would have been a memorable experience for the Rath farm girls. Toronto beat the Rangers 3-2 Sat. Nov 08, 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenzie Longfield accompanied by Miss Luella Rath of Corinth, and Miss Mabel Rath of Putnam, spent the week-end with relatives in Toronto, attending the hockey match held there on Saturday evening.

13 Jan 1938 Tribune

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

Twelfth and youngest child: Alberta Ellen

B 04 Mar 1904 N Dorchester

D 15 Nov 2002 London

M 01 Sept 1928 Putnam

Spouse: Elmer Rath

B 31 Jan 1904 NE Lot 2 Con 2 N Dorchester

D 29 Nov 1984 London Hospital



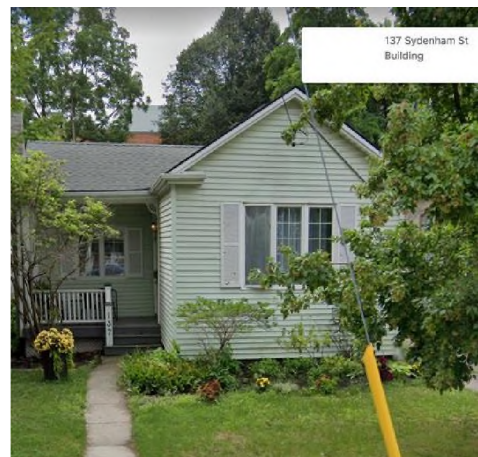
Ellen was the youngest of the Edwin George and Emma Howe family. She married Elmer Rath who is of interest in that he was Mabel Rath's oldest brother. Mabel was married to Alberta's brother Wilfred George. Elmer was 14 years older than sister Mabel and both married into the George family.

Elmer farmed at RR2 Mossley in 1935 according to the voters list and was still farming in 1945. Sometime later he sold the farm and moved the couple to a

house at 137 Sydenham St. London. While there, he worked as a warehouse man while wife Ellen was a nurse. By 1972 he had retired and they lived out their lives at their house in London. They had at least one son, **William James** B 1925 D 2013 London and daughters **Doris** B 1920 and **Audrey**.

(Photo courtesy: Elmer Rath – Ancestry contributor)

Elmer Rath who married Alberta George and Mabel Rath who married Wilfred George are classic rural relationships. A brother and a sister marry another local family brother and sister.



Son of Alberta Ellen George and Elmer Rath

James Harley

B 30 May 1931 N Dorchester Township

D 01 Dec 2022 London

Spouse: Margaret Thomson

B unknown

D unknown



Age 91, of London, Ontario, peacefully passed away on December 1, 2022, at London Health Sciences Hospital. Harley was born May 30, 1931 to Alberta and Elmer Rath at Ingersoll General Hospital. He attended on scholarship to Guelph University taking agricultural studies. Harley, while teaching, received his Master's Degree and later became a principal in the London Elementary School System. Harley was married to Margaret (Thomson) on August 16, 1958 and they had three children, Craig, Jennifer and Warren. Harley enjoyed playing golf. He shared his love for fishing with his family. During the winter months he enjoyed his retirement with Margaret in Destin Florida. Harley's passion in life was farming. Harley will be lovingly remembered by his wife Margaret, his sister Laurel Martin and his children Craig, (Marilyn), Warren and son-in-law Gary

Umphrey. Also survived by his grandchildren Katie, (Trevor), Jonathan, (Natasha) and William and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his loving daughter Jennifer Umphrey and parents Alberta and Elmer Rath.

The Thomas Albert Prouse and Cassie McLaughlin Family

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Henry George and Mary Prouse

Second child: Thomas Albert

B 1861 N Dorchester

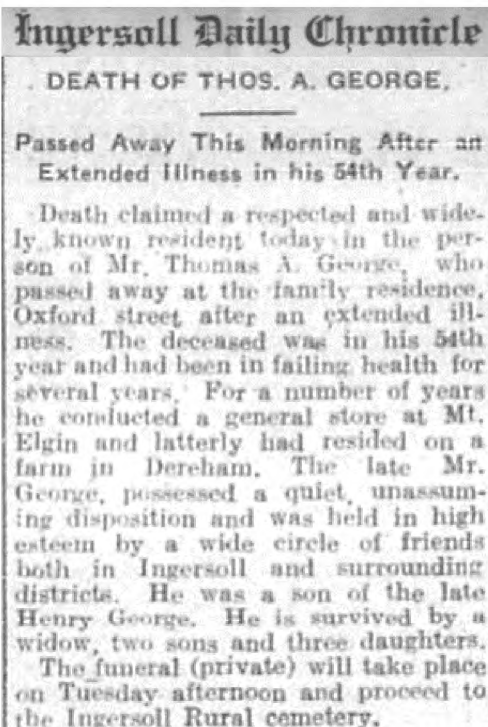
D 08 Mar 1915 Ingersoll

M 29 May 1888 N Dorchester

Spouse: Catherine "Cassie" Ellen McLaughlin

B May 1868 Crampton Ont.

D 14 Sept 1953 Toronto



Thomas first worked on his father's farm in N Dorchester township. It was there he met his wife "Cassie". He was 27 and she 19 when they married 09 May 1888. She was the daughter of Martin McLaughlin whose parents arrived in 1839 to N Dorchester. There they were surrounded by Rath and George neighbours. They stayed on Cassie's father's farm until at least 1891. Thomas would later be a Mt Elgin merchant that owned a general store. Thomas would return to farming as he was listed in the 1911 census as a 50-year-old Dereham farmer with 4 children at home. The farm he had was purchased in 1893 was located at Lot 13 Con 5 Dereham (N1/2 100 acres) on #18 Norwich Rd. across the road from what is now Prouse Transport. Sometime after 1912, the couple moved to Ingersoll and the farm fell into the hands of youngest daughter Catherine George and husband Bruce Taylor in 1911.

Thomas would die of 15-year battle with heart disease in 1915 while living on Oxford St. in Ingersoll. Catherine (Cassie) would move to London to live with daughter Edith and Catherine's young student son Jack until daughter Edith

suddenly died in 1926. In the 1931 census, Catherine was found living in Ingersoll at 150 Ann St. with her elderly 86-year-old mother Catherine and 92-year-old father Duncan. She was listed as a widow and was 65 years old. Duncan would die in 1934 and his wife, Cassie's mother, would move in with another daughter in Weston, Ontario, until that daughter's 1942 death. Eventually, it appears Cassie also moved closer to another daughter, Annie, who was living in Toronto. By 1947 she suffered from severe arthritis and could not write her own signature. Cassie died in Toronto and lived to age 86. Once again, the theme of multiple marriages happening between two families can be noted again. This time it is the Prouses and the McLaughlins as is noted later in this chapter.

MRS. C. GEORGE TO BE BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine E. George, who passed away at her home in Toronto, on Monday, will be held this [Thursday] afternoon at the Keeler and Guthrie Funeral Home, Rev. J. V. Neely of Central United Church, Woodstock, will conduct the service and interment will be made at the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Mrs. George, who was the widow of Thomas A. George, was a former resident of this community. For sometime she has been residing in Toronto and her death occurred at her home, 3017 Queen St. E. She was in her 86th year. Mrs. George leaves two daughters and two sons; Mrs. A. Pennie [Annie], Toronto; Mrs. Bruce Taylor [Mae], Waterloo; William M., Woodstock and Jack K., Stratford. - Ingersoll Tribune, Sep 17, 1953

Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

Oldest child: William McLaughlin

B 12 Jun 1883 Dereham Center.

D 1967 buried in Woodstock

M 12 Sep 1929 Toronto

Spouse: Mavis Ernesteen Coates

B 1902 Uxbridge, Ontario

D 1983 N. Vancouver, BC Buried in Woodstock



Woodstock home 85 Riddell St.



Ancestry members photos

William was a banker with the Royal Bank in Toronto. He married Mavis at age 36 and she was 25. Being a banker, it was ironic that he married her one month before the October stock market crash of 1929. He later moved to Dunnville to work in a bank branch and had two daughters before moving to Woodstock in the 1940s. The 1950 Vernon Directory listed him as a Bank Manager in Woodstock. The voters list of 1960 had his



occupation as a real estate salesman for Cole Bros. of Woodstock and was living at 85 Riddell St. in Woodstock. (Vernon Directories 1960).

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George, Wm M (Ernestine), Mgr Royal
Bank of Canada, h 85 Riddell,



After William's death, Ernesteen moved to West Vancouver to be closer to her daughter Lyla "Cathy" Jackson.

Daughters of William George and Mavis Coates:

L-R Lyla Cathy (Jackson)

B 28 July 1937 Dunnville

D 09 Apr 2011 North Vancouver

Willo Baker Dinovo

B 07 Jan 1935 Dunnville

D 28 Jun 2023 Burlington

Willo DiNovo (nee George) passed away peacefully with her family by her side on June 28, 2023 at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital in her 89th year. Beloved wife of Paul DiNovo. Loving mother of Jeff (Cathy) Baker and Tracey Baker. Nannie to Russell (Stefanie), Hannah (Aaron), Clara, Angela and Susannah. Great grandmother to Oliver and Israel. Pre-deceased by her sister Lyla Catherine Jackson and her parents William McLachlan George and Mavis Ernesteen Coates.

Willo was born in Dunnville Ontario on January 7, 1935, grew up in Woodstock, and graduated from the MacDonald Institute at the University of Guelph, and the University of Toronto School of Dental Hygiene.

Following her marriage in 1956 to her Woodstock sweetheart, Elgin Norcliffe Baker, Willo became a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker. Some of her happiest years were those spent in the small community of Fonthill in the 1960's when Elgin worked as an engineer at the Ford Glass Plant in Niagara Falls during the golden years of the automotive industry. While in Fonthill, Willo was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary and Fonthill United Church.

When Elgin was transferred in 1969 to the Ford head office in Oakville, he and Willo chose to make their home in Burlington with Port Nelson United Church becoming their new place of worship. Willo enjoyed making many friends through the Burlington Newcomers Club, and eventually became president of the Newcomers Alumni Club.

Suddenly widowed in 1974 at age 39 with 2 teenage children, Willo set out to support her family by entering the retail fashion world and successfully managed the ladies fine clothing department at the Burlington Eaton's store for 17 years including modelling in their semi-annual fashion show.

In 1985 Willo married Paul DiNovo who introduced her to tennis and golf. Willo and Paul enjoyed many happy retirement years vacationing in Florida and travelling to various parts of the world.

Willo was a devoted grandmother who enjoyed being actively involved in her grandchildren's lives including going on outings and trips. She will be fondly remembered as the grand lady of the Swiss Chalet as it gave her great joy to take her whole family out for a meal at their favourite venue. Her wisdom, contagious laugh, and selfless devotion to her family will never be forgotten.

GEORGE — M. Ernesteen of West Vancouver, B.C., formerly of Woodstock, Ontario, passed away on October 15, 1983, in her 81st year. Predeceased by her husband, William. Survived by her loving daughter, Catherine and son-in-law, Clarke Jackson of West Vancouver, and daughter, Willo Baker of Burlington, Ontario, and 6 grandchildren, Elizabeth, Susan, Brock and Todd Jackson and Jeffrey and Tracey Baker. In lieu of flowers dona-

JACKSON, Lyla Catherine (Cathy)

Of North Vancouver, BC, passed away Saturday, April 9th, 2011, at Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver. She is survived by her four children: Elizabeth (Mac), Susan (Sung), Brock (Geraldine) and Todd (Emily), her three grandchildren: George, Charlie and William, her sister Willo DiNovo (Paul), her husband Clarke, and her large circle of friends especially her dear friend Joan Barler. Cathy was a loving and supportive wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend who maintained her amazing sense of humour and dignity to the end.

She was born July 28th, 1937 in Dunnville, Ontario, educated in Woodstock, and graduated from the Toronto General Hospital Nursing Program in 1958. Cathy worked as an RN in Toronto before moving to West Vancouver, BC in 1965 where she became an active volunteer in the community. Most recently she was a driving force in the founding of the Women's Probosc Club of North Shore Vancouver and served as the 2010 President. She was a well loved member at Capilano Golf and Country Club, where she was twice the Club's Ladies Captain and served in numerous other roles.

While her family was always her number one passion, she loved the arts, music, playing golf and bridge, spending time with her friends and cheering on the Vancouver Canucks.

A special thanks goes to Dr. Paul Sugar, the medical and support team on 7 West at Lions Gate Hospital, the Home Care Nurses and the North Shore Hospice.

A reception to honour Cathy will take place Wednesday, April 20th at 4pm, at Capilano Golf and Country Club, 420 Southborough Drive, West Vancouver, BC. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honour Cathy's memory are invited to contribute to the L. Catherine Jackson Memorial Fund for students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at BCIT, BCIT Foundation, 3700

Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

Second child: Annie Helena

B 02 Nov 1888 N Dorchester

D 06 Nov 1980 Toronto

Spouse: Charles Keir Pennie

B 16 Mar 1891 Lonmay Aberdeen Scotland

D 18 Mar 1973 Ottawa

Charles arrived in Canada with his parents in 1892 at age four and lived in London Ont.

He was a clerk in London. He served in WW I as a Private in 135 Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Forces. After the war, it appears that the couple married and lived in Michigan as early as 1920. In 1929 they returned from living in Detroit where he was a grocery store manager before moving to Toronto

PENNIE, Charles Keir — In hospital, Sunday, March 18, 1973, **Charles Pennie**, of the Rideau Veterans' Home, in his 83rd year, **Charles** was a veteran of the First World War.

with the 1931 census having them living as lodgers at 422 Markham St. They had a young daughter, Shirley who was born in Detroit. Voters records show that Annie was living in Toronto in 1947 with her daughter and mother. The 1957 voters list had her working as a clerk and still living with daughter Shirley on Danforth St. in Toronto. Charles was still alive in 1957, so it can be speculated the couple were divorced at that time.

He lived in Ottawa and is buried in the National Military Cemetery in Ottawa and Annie is buried in Toronto. Daughter Shirley (1920-1997) is buried with Annie and her aunt Florence.

Toronto Star 26 Nov 1997



Charles Pennie husband of Annie George. Ancestry.ca shared photo

Daughter of Charles Pennie and Annie George
Shirley B 1920 Detroit Michigan
D 1997 Scarborough

PENNIE, Shirley - Peacefully at the Extendicare Nursing Home in Scarborough, Ontario, on Thursday, November 20, 1997. Beloved daughter of the late Annie George Pennie. Devoted member of Kingston Road United Church. Funeral Service



Shirley was located on a 1957 voters list as living with her mother and working as a stenographer and living at #37 2404 Queen St E. which is across the street from the old Harris water treatment plant in Scarborough. It appears she never married and died of Alzheimer's in a nursing home.

Photo – 2404 Queen St E

Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

Third child: Mary "Mae" Catherine B 31 Aug 1890 N Dorchester
D 31 Oct 1974 Kitchener Waterloo
M 01 Mar 1911 Mt Elgin
Spouse: Henry Bruce Taylor B 25 Apr 1887 Norfolk County
D 1983 Kitchener



Born to farmers Henry and Alice Taylor, the Taylor family moved to Dereham on the first day of January 1905 (wedding certificate). Bruce was a farmer living in Mr. Elgin when he married Mae and worked his father in law's, Thomas George's, farm at Lot 13 Con 5 Dereham as of 1911. By 1931, the large Taylor family were living near Grimsby where he continued to farm until bankruptcy occurred. As of 1941, Catherine Mae's name was still attached to the Dereham farm as per Onland.ca. No record can be found of when the couple sold and moved 249 Albert St Waterloo before moving to RR 1 Preston - Waterloo as per her mother's 1953 obituary. The 1953 voters list had her, husband Bruce and two children listed. He was a building contractor in the Preston/Waterloo area. They ended up with 10 children spread over 19 years.

34	242	Steckenreiter, Mrs. Dorothy —	92
35	249	Taylor, Bruce, contractor	93
36	249	Taylor, Mrs. Mary —	94
37	249	Taylor, William, carpenter	95
37	249	Taylor, Miss Helen, teacher	98

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Henry Bruce Taylor, township of South Grimsby farmer, also filed bankruptcy papers to-day. Mark McLeod Tew was appointed custodian and the creditors are slated to meet on February 10,

TAYLOR, Mrs. Bruce
Cf River Road, Route 1, Cambridge (Preston), at St. Raphael's
Nursing Home, Kitchener, Thursday, Oct. 31, 1974, Mary George. Beloved wife of Bruce Taylor; dear mother of
Maxwell of Dundas, Jack of Burlington, Thomas of Florida, Joseph and Peter of Kitchener, William of Cambridge,
Margaret (Mrs. Hugh Lounsbury) of Beamsville, Mrs. Elizabeth Cuthbertson of Toronto, Glenis (Mrs. Jack Patterson)
of Antigua, British West Indies, Helen (Mrs. Jack Smith) of Kitchener; also, one sister, Mrs. Annie Pennie of Toronto;

37 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; in her 85th year. Mrs. Taylor had resided in the Cambridge and Kitchener area, for 30 years, a member of the United Church. Resting at the Barthel-Stager Funeral Home, corner Queen and Argyle St. Cambridge (Preston), where the family will receive friends, Friday afternoon and evening. Private family funeral services will be conducted Friday, at 3 p.m. Interment Parklawn cemetery. Kitchener-Waterloo Record 1 Nov 1974 pg. 33

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Thu, Dec 29, 1983 Page 31

TAYLOR, H. Bruce — At Freeport Hospital, formerly of R.R.1, Preston, Riverbank Drive, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1983, in his 97th year.

Husband of the late Mary George; father of Maxwell of Dundas, Jack of Burlington, Thomas of Florida, Joseph of Kitchener, William of Cambridge, Peter of Kitchener, Margaret (Mrs. Hugh Lounsbury) of Beamsville, Mrs. Elizabeth Cuthbertson of Toronto, Glenis (Mrs. Jack Paterson) of Antigua, British West Indies, Helen (Mrs. Jack Smith) of Kitchener. Also survived by 37 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by two brothers.

Mr. Taylor was born in Simcoe, Norfolk county, a resident of Cambridge and Kitchener area since 1939; owned and operated the H.B. Taylor Construction of Waterloo for 20 years, retiring 25 years ago.

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Tue, Feb 28, 1961 Page 7

Family of 10 To Honor Jubilee Pair

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruce Taylor of Freeport, who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary tomorrow, will mark the occasion with a dinner Friday at the Plainsman restaurant, Waterdown.

Their six sons and four daughters will be hosts for the evening. Many of their 34 grandchildren will be present.

One son, Thomas, and his wife, will motor from their home in Florida to attend. Other sons are Max of Dundas, John and Joseph, both of Burlington; Peter, 235 Hemlock St., Waterloo, and William, at home.

WED AT HOME

The daughters are Mrs. Hugh (Margaret) Lounsbury of Beamsville, Mrs. Donald (Betty) Cuthbertson of Trenton, Mrs. John (Glenis) Paterson of Morrisburg and Mrs. John (Helen) Smith, 72 Gatewood Rd., Kitchener.

Mrs. Taylor, the former Mary George, was born at Mount Elgin. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George. Mr. Taylor, born near Simcoe, is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peter Taylor.

They were married at the home of the bride's parents. Three sets of grandparents were among the guests.

They farmed near Elgin for three years when Mr. Taylor and his brother, Lorne, became partners in a house building company there.

RETURNS TO FARMING

During the depression, Mr. Taylor returned to farming, first at Smithville and later at Woodstock.

In 1939 he came to Waterloo to start the H. B. Taylor and Sons Construction Company. He retired three years ago.

Both attend Freeport United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will entertain friends at their home Sunday afternoon and evening.

Children of Mary George and Henry Taylor

Jack Howard B 03 Feb 1914 Lot 13 Con 5 Dereham

D 09 July 2008 Milton

TAYLOR, Jack Howard-

Jack Taylor passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the Milton District Hospital on Wednesday July 9, 2008, in his 95th year. Beloved husband for 71 years of Ruth (High) Taylor. Loved father of Donald Taylor (Elizabeth) of Kenora, Mary Lou Taylor-Hawley (Robert) of Brookville, Eleanor Taylor Hepburn (Alexander) of Georgetown and Janet Walker (Peter) of Milton. Dear brother of Peter Taylor and Helen Smith. Predeceased by seven brothers and sisters. Jack was a farmer in Halton County for his entire life, raising and showing Holstein cattle. He was actively involved with 4H clubs and Jr. Farmers, competing and winning several national and international awards. His interest in sports led him to playing, umpiring and coaching baseball in Halton County. In his later years, he raised and trained standard bred horses, participating in the Ontario Sires Stakes when it was first originated. He was a Master Plowman and was President and Director of Halton County Plowmans Association and the Ontario Plowman's Association. He plowed and judged many county plowing matches as well as coaching the Ontario Plowmen Team in international competitions.

children:

Maxwell George B 1912
D 1987

Thomas Donald B 1917

Joseph Henry B 1924

Peter Bruce B 1930

William McLaughlin B 1926

Margaret Catherine B 1915
(Hugh Lounsbury)

Mary Elizabeth (Cuthbertson) B 1921

Glenis Jean (Jack Patterson) B 1923

Helen Ann (Jack Smith) B 1928

Name	Residence Place	Owned or Value of Home	Class of Cons	Number	Has a Ra	Relation to Head	Gender	Marital S	Age
James, Mary	"	0 15-00	1 W	3	20	Head	W	W	44
Henry, Robert	"					Daughter	F	W	41
Mary Catherine	"					Daughter	F	W	14
James, George	"					Daughter	F	W	14
John, Harold	"					Daughter	F	W	14
Thomas, Catherine	"					Daughter	F	W	14
Thomas, Donald	"					Daughter	F	W	14
Thomas, Elizabeth	"					Daughter	F	W	14
Thomas, James	"					Daughter	F	W	14
Thomas, Joseph	"					Daughter	F	W	14
Thomas, William	"					Daughter	F	W	14
Thomas, Helen	"					Daughter	F	W	14
Thomas, Robert	"					Daughter	F	W	14

Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

Fourth child: Edith Ellen B 19 Sep 1899 N Dorchester
D 05 Jun 1926 London

In the 1921 census Edith was a stenographer. She was living in a 4 plex at 518 Waterloo St. London (across the street from London Central High School) with her mother Catherine (age 50) after her father Thomas McLaughlin's death in 1915. Edith died of phthisis (pulmonary tuberculosis) at age 27. Edith never married and is buried in IRC with her parents.

After Edith's death, her mother moved to Ingersoll and lived with her McLaughlin parents and later moved to Toronto.

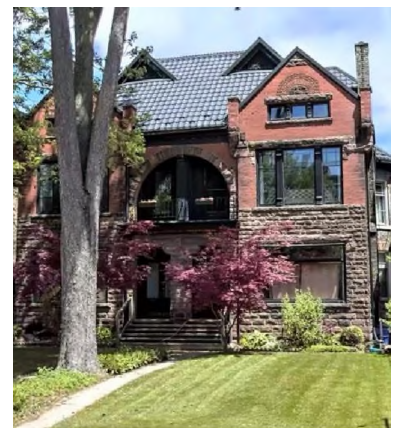


Photo: 518 Waterloo St. London

Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

Fifth child: Florence Letta B 17 May 1904 Dereham
D 21 Feb 1905 Dereham

Lettie was born with a deformity of the skull. She died of complications. She is buried with aunt Annie Pennie and Annie's daughter (tomb photo page 47).

Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

Sixth child: Jack Kenneth B 11 Oct 1906 Dereham
D 1973 Kingston buried Stratford, Ont.
M 04 Nov 1939 Stratford

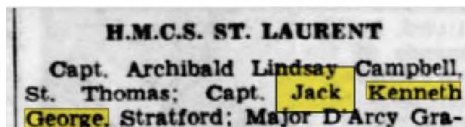
Spouse: Nora (Moore) Schenck B 28 Feb 1909 Brussels, Huron Co.
D 22 Feb 2002 Stratford



Jack lived with his mom and sister Edith in London after his father's death. In 1923, he was only 16 years old and was off to Detroit. He gave his brother William, a Royal Bank employee in Toronto, as his contact. What he did or where he lived in the US in the next decade is unknown. But it is known he was living in Detroit in 1929 as per his brother's wedding announcement. At some point he returned to Canada and made his way to Stratford where he married Brussels, Ontario native and Stratford resident and clerk Nora Moore in 1939 where the marriage certificate list his occupation as merchant living in

London. The same year he joined the Royal Engineers of Canada for war service. He worked as a "Serviceman" on the 1945 Voters list, perhaps indicating he was in the armed forces.

The Windsor Star
Sat, Sep 08, 1945 · Page 11



Returning from Europe.
Windsor Star

George, Jack K. (Nora), and ckl Dept
of Hwy, h 176 Albert, apt 3

1950 Stratford Directory

GEORGE, Jack Kenneth — At Kingston, Ontario on Wednesday, October 24, 1973, Jack Kenneth George, beloved husband of Nora Moore; dear father of Peter; beloved grandfather of Kellie; brother of Mrs. Bruce Taylor (Mae) Waterloo; Mrs. Pennie (Anne) Toronto; and the late William George of Woodstock; son of the late Thomas and Catherine (MacLachlin) George of Mount Elgin. Memorial service to be held in the Chapel of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kingston, Ontario on Saturday, October 27, 1973 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

He later was an employee of the Department of Highways in 1949 and later still an accountant in 1957. The accounting business must have been lucrative as he and wife Nora had a large home in Stratford. Of note: he was living in Kingston at his death, probably with a child. He donated his body to science at Queens University (as per Ancestry tree owner: Peter George) Nora remarried.

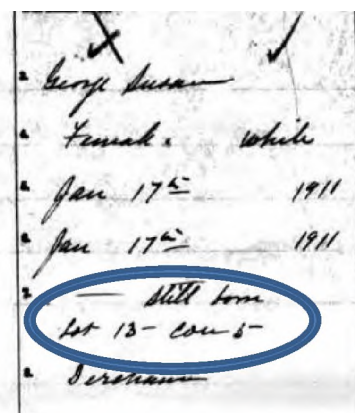
Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

Seventh child: Susan

B 17 Jan 1911 Dereham Lot 13/Con5

D 17 Jan 1911 Still born



Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Third child: Dr. John Harwood

B 18 Mar 1863 N

Dorchester

D 07 Jul 1933 Toronto buried at Beaches Cemetery

M 01 Jan 1889 N Dorchester

Spouse: Florence "Flora" Alma McLaughlin

B 20 May 1866 N Dorchester

D 12 July 1959 Toronto buried at Beaches

ARMSTRONG—GEORGE.—Dr. and Mrs. J. H. George announce the engagement of their only daughter, Alma Alberta, to Herbert D. Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Armstrong, of 18 Dalton road, the marriage to take place September 9, 1914. Both of Toronto.

ARMSTRONG—GEORGE.—At the residence of the bride's parents, 60 Tiverton avenue, on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1914, by Rev. R. Corrigan, Alma Alberta, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John H. George, to Herbert Duncan Armstrong, both of this city.



GEORGE—At St. Michael's Hospital, on Friday, July 7th, 1933, Dr. John Harwood, beloved husband of Flora George, 131 Wineva Avenue, aged 70 years. Funeral service at Washington & Johnston's Funeral Parlors, 717 Queen Street East, on Monday, at 3 p.m. Interment in St. John's Cemetery, Norway. 66

Family home 1914:60 Tiverton Ave Toronto

George John H. Veterinary Surgeon, 111 King w 9 w Oxford, h same

John H. George,
Veterinary Surgeon.
Dominion Veterinary Inspector.
Office and Residence, King Street west, nearly opposite Duke Street.
Calls promptly attended to Night or Day.
Phone 116.
Richard Broad, carp, h on Charles

The Toronto Star
13 Jul 1959, Mon Page 33

GEORGE, Flora Ann—Suddenly, at St. Michael's hospital, on Sunday, July 12, 1959, Flora Ann MacLachlan of 131 Wineva Ave., beloved wife of the late Dr. John H. George, dear mother of Alma (Mrs. Herbert D. Armstrong), and the late Brock and Archie, sister of Tess (Mrs. George Court), loving grandmother of Margaret (Mrs. M. H. Barry) and Jack Armstrong, great-grandmother of Philip and David.

OBITUARY

DR. J. H. GEORGE

Word has been received here of the death of a former widely known and respected resident in the person of Dr. J. H. George at Toronto, Saturday, July 12th, aged 70 years. Dr. George resided in Ingersoll for a period of about 15 years, during which time he took a deep interest in community affairs. He served a term on the Municipal Council here. Deceased had also practised as a veterinarian in Salford, before coming to Ingersoll. He left here about 20 years ago for Hamilton, where he remained for a short time before going to Toronto, where he had since made his home. Besides his widow he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Herbert Armstrong, and one son, Archibald, both of Toronto; two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Hutchinson, Ingersoll, and Mrs. Andrew Stevens, Salford; also two brothers, Charles and William George, Ingersoll. The funeral was held at Toronto on Monday afternoon.

Dr. John and his younger sister Mary were almost involved in a double wedding. He married on January 01, 1889 and sister Mary married January 09, 1889. To complicate matters, John married a McLaughlin daughter, as did his older brother Thomas. By 1900 he had a veterinary practice in Ingersoll. In 1907 he was living in Hamilton (Ingersoll Chronicle Dec 5, 1907) and working as a vet. By 1911 he and his family are living in Toronto after the short spell in Hamilton. He was now working for the government as some type of veterinary medical inspector, perhaps at an abattoir as may be hinted at in the 1931 census. Dr. John George died of hemophilia in his 70th year.

After his death, wife Flora moved with son Archie and his wife Reita into an apartment at 131 Wineva Ave. off of Queen St in E Toronto.

Dr John George and Flora McLaughlin had three children:

Alma Alberta

B 06 Feb 1890 Ingersoll

D Dec 1975 Toronto

M 09 Sept 1914 Toronto

Spouse: Herbert Duncan Armstrong

B 17 Jun 1888 Toronto

D 05 Oct 1972 Toronto

The Toronto Star
20 Feb 1935, Wed -Page 35

The executive of Morse Street Old Boys' association elected officers last night. They include: President, S. B. Herbert; first vice-president, George L. Minty; second vice-president, Harold Tarlton; secretary, George L. Minty; treasurer, Herbert D. Armstrong.

Herbert was a career long accountant for the Consumers Gas Company of Toronto.

Two children are accounted for:

Margaret Hazel (Jewell) B 13 Apr 1916 D 1975 - Toronto

John R (Jack) B 1920 Toronto

The Toronto Star
24 Mar 1972, Fri -Page 19

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG, Herbert Duncan (Former Employee of Consumers' Gas for over 45 years)—At St. Michael's Hospital on Thursday, March 23, 1972. Herbert Duncan Armstrong of 38 Wheeler Ave., beloved husband of Alma George, dear father of Mrs. John Jewell (Peggy) and Jack, both of Toronto, brother of Miss Hazel Armstrong and the late Frank and Harold; loving grandfather of Philip, David and Mark. Resting at the funeral chapel of Austin J. Mack Ltd., 1986 Queen St. E. (at Waverley Rd.) until Saturday for service at 10 a.m. Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery. (Parking on premises).

The Toronto Star
06 Oct 1975, Mon -Page 23

ARMSTRONG, Alma Alberta—At the Toronto East General Hospital on Sunday, October 5, 1975. Alma Alberta Armstrong, beloved wife of the late Herbert Duncan Armstrong. Dear mother of Jack Armstrong of Scarborough, and the late Mrs. J. Jewell (Margaret). Dear grandmother of Philip Barry, Mark Jewell and David Armstrong. Great-grandmother of Douglas Barry. Friends will be received at the Austin J. Mack Funeral Home, 1986 Queen St. East at

The Toronto Star
21 Jun 1975, Sat -Page 7

JEWELL, Margaret H. "Peg"—At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Friday, June 20, 1975. "Peg" Armstrong Jewell, beloved wife of John Jewell; dear mother of Mark Jewell and Philip Barry; dearly loved daughter of Mrs. Alma and the late Herbert D. Armstrong, sadly missed by grandson Douglas. Friends will be received at the Austin J. Mack Funeral Home, 1986 Queen St. East (at Waverley Rd.). Service in the Chapel Monday afternoon 2:30 o'clock. Cremation.



Armstrong home: 30-Wheeler Ave

Daughter Margaret died two and a half months before her mother.

Archibald Gordon (Art)

B 06 Sept 1893 Ingersoll

D 25 Dec 1954 Toronto

M 03 Jul 1923 Detroit

Spouse Reita Decker

B 1900 Saskatchewan

D 1996 Toronto

Son Art was a steam fitter by trade. The 5' 5" man fought in WWI. After the war, in the spring of 1922, a still single Art travelled to Japan for business purposes. He returned in August of that year and by February of 1923, he emigrated to Detroit and married Reita Decker. He moved back to Toronto as he appeared on the 1931 census living with wife at his parent's home and working as a foreman for a metal products firm making sprinklers. At that point he had been laid off due to the depression. At his father's death in 1933, the family was living in an apartment in Scarborough. He was listed as a "traveler" on the 1935 voters list. The term was defined on government forms to be "A Traveller, was aka *Commercial Traveller*, who sold goods, or took orders for goods, on production of samples". Other voters list had him with the same occupation. He continued to move up in the metal company until he was provincial sales manager. Reita and Art's mother Flora were still sharing the apartment on Winova Ave in Scarborough in 1957 after his death. They had no children.

Son of Dr John George and Flora Mclaughlin

Son: Brock Kelso

B 15 Dec 1897 Ingersoll

D 15 Jun 1922 Humber Bay, Toronto

M 22 Mar 1920

Spouse: Myrtle Nurse

B 1898 Toronto

D 1950 Scarborough (age 52)

The Toronto Star
28 Dec 1954, Tue -Page 4

**ARCHIBALD GEORGE
BURIAL WEDNESDAY**

Funeral service for Archibald Gordon (Art) George, 62, Ontario sales manager for Fox Brothers Company, Montreal, will be held at Wear funeral home, Queen St. E., Wednesday at 1.30 p.m. with interment in St. John's cemetery. He died Christmas morning.

Born in Salford, Ont., Mr. George served with the Black Watch regiment in World War I. He rose to the position of provincial sales manager for the metal products firm with which he was associated many years.

He was a member of Bellefleur

United church, Stevenson lodge, A.F. and A.M., United Commercial Travellers of America, Fischer Men's club, Hamilton, Friday Pedlars club, and Commercial Travellers' association.

Surviving besides his widow, the former Reita Decker, of Wineva Ave., is his mother, Mrs. J. H. George, and a sister, Mrs. Bert Armstrong.

UNION OFFICIAL ILL

Pittsburgh, Dec. 28 — (AP) — The United Steelworkers (CIO) said Monday that international vice-president James G. Thimmes is a patient in Kaiser Foundation hospital, Los Angeles, after suffering a brain hemorrhage.

[illegible]

It appears that Brock was a student while at home in Toronto. Like his older brother he went to war, serving as a Private

returning to Canada in 1919 after WWI (ship passenger list).

228204 Pte. George Brock Kelso LORR 19Bn. 198Bn.

His education continued when he returned and he got a job as a contractor. In 1920, he married school teacher Myrtle Nurse.

He died in 1922 at age 25 by accidental drowning in Lake Ontario.

From coroner's report


Brock Helso
In the Bay of Humbler River
If in a Hospital or Institution give name

to
Accidental Drowning

The Toronto Star
16 Jun 1922, Fri - Page 3

**FAMILY ON SUPPLY TUG.
OVERBOARD, DROWNED**

Seized with a fainting spell while he was standing on the deck of a supply tug at Sunnyside at 10.30 yesterday morning, one of the hands, Brock George, aged 24, of 35 Wheeler avenue, toppled off the stern of the tug, and was drowned.



LATE BROCK GEORGE.
who while on a tug at Sunnyside yesterday fainted, fell into the water, and was drowned.

After Brock's death, his new wife Myrtle (Nurse) George stayed in Toronto. She remarried in 1928 to Irishman Frederick Tyrrell. The union did not last as there was a Myrtle Nurse still living in Toronto on the 1949 voters list and she was listed as a teacher and living with a man named Reggie. She did have a brother named Reggie and she is buried with her parents in Scarborough.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Fourth Child: Charles H George

B 9 July 1865 Crampton

D 1936 St Petersburg, Florida

M 16 Mar 1892 Avon

Spouse: Francis Whaley

B 27 Mar 1866 Lot 7 Con 3 S Dorchester

D 1958 Ingersoll

On the same day, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Lyman Whaley, his youngest daughter, Frankie E., was united in marriage to Mr. Charles George, of Crampton. Many costly and useful presents to the bride testified to the high esteem in which her many friends and relatives held her. After a bountiful wedding repast to which nearly seventy sat down, the newly married couple took the night train at Putnam (where they were met by the other bridal couple) for St. Thomas. Rev. R. J. Garbutt officiated in both cases. The young couples have our congratulations.

He was raised and worked on his family's farm but by the 1921 census the couple had moved to Ingersoll to 299 Oxford St 1921 living in Ingersoll where he was an International Harvester farm equipment sales agent. He still had this occupation up to his 1936 death.

Francis was the daughter of Lymon and Sarah Waley of S Dorchester township





No children were located

INGERSOLL RESIDENT SUCCUMBS IN FLORIDA It was learned in Ingersoll with sincere regret last week of the death of a well known and highly esteemed resident of Ingersoll, in the person of Charles George, whose death occurred in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. George, accompanied by Mrs. George, left Ingersoll, last November, and had gone to Florida where they were spending the winter months. Mr. George had been in failing health, but his condition of late had indicated that he was improving. The late Mr. George was born near Crampton, and had farmed in the Avon district previous to moving to Ingersoll some 26 years ago. Of a very cheerful and kindly manner, he made countless friends for himself in Avon as well as in Ingersoll, where for a considerable time he was connected with the implement business in Ingersoll, being associated with S. E. Brady under the firm of Brady & George. He was also a member of Trinity United Church. Left to mourn his passing are his widow, also one brother, William George of Ingersoll; and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Hutchison of Ingersoll; and Mrs. Andrew Stevens of Salford, to all of whom sincere sympathy is extended in their sad hour. Buried IRC.

Oct 19 1939 Tribune

**Mrs. Charles George
Hostess For Tea**

Members of Group 5 of the Women's Association of Trinity United Church were entertained at a tea at the home of Mrs. Charles George, Oxford street, on Wednesday afternoon, October 11th. There was a splendid turnout and a very enjoyable program.

Apr 13 1950 Tribune

4 Sisters' Ages Total 348 Years Attend Birthday

Four daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Whaley of Avon, gathered on Sunday for a birthday party—and their combined ages totaled 348 years. Hostess—and guest of honor—was Mrs. Angus McIntyre, of Avon who was marking her 88th anniversary. Helping her celebrate were Mrs. J. A. Charlton of Avon who is 90; Mrs. Archie McIntyre of Toronto, 88; and Mrs. Charles George of Ingersoll, 84. Mrs. McIntyre's five children also visited their mother on the happy occasion.



International Harvester tractor and truck 1931.

It was learned in Ingersoll last week of the death of Charles George in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. George had gone to Florida last November for the winter. Mr. George was born near Crampton. For a considerable time, while a resident of Ingersoll, he was connected with the implement business, being associated with S. E. Brady. He is survived by his widow, one brother, William George, Ingersoll and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Hutchison, Ingersoll, and Mrs. Andrew Stevens, Salford.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Fourth child: Mary Jane B 1867 Crampton, Middlesex
 D 29 Jul 1954 Woodstock
 M 09 Jan 1889 Salford

Spouse: Andrew Stevens B 27 Nov 1863 Dereham
 D 27 May 1938 Salford

Andrew Stevens and Mary Jane were married a week after her brother Herbert married. The Stevens spent their working lives in Salford. The Stevens attended Ingersoll United Church where he was the organist for many years. He ran Salford general store for several decades and was the village's postmaster from 1924 up until his death in 1938. He inherited the position when his father died. They combined to be Postmasters in Salford from 1886 to 1938, a total 52 consecutive years. Prior to their run as Postmasters, distant cousin William Wilkinson was Postmaster. After his death, his Wilson/Nancekivell (Book 5) relatives continued to fill the Postmasters position.

Salford Postmasters – Government of Canada website:

Name of Postmaster	Military status	Date of birth	Date of appointment	Date of vacancy	Cause of vacancy
Rev. Hy. Robinson (declined)					-
A.S. Harris			1855-11-01	1856-06-14	Resignation
Robert Nicholson			1856-11-01	1861-06-24	Resignation
William Boon			1861-10-01	1874-01-05	Resignation
John F. Snider			1874-07-01	1880-10-08	Resignation
James Dunphy			1881-01-01	1884	-
William Wilkinson			1885-03-01	1886-02-13	Resignation
Alfred Stevens			1886-04-01	1924-08-07	Death
Andrew A. Stevens			1924-09-19	1938-05-27	Death
Mrs. Margaret Nancekivell			1938-06-06	Acting	-
Reuben Richard Nancekivell			1938-07-07	1956-03-08	Death
Mrs. Edith Eloise Nancekivell		1888-05-04	1956-03-09	Acting	-

1927 Ingersoll phone directory:

3 5 3X Stevens, A. Postmaster Salford

Mrs. Andrew Stevens returned home last week after spending the winter at the home of her son, Ross in Woodstock.

1952 Tribune – she moved in with son Ross at that time

Mrs. Andrew Stevens' place has been sold to Russell Harvey of Ostrander.

Tribune 1939 – after her husband's death.

Postmaster Of Salford Dies

**Andrew Albert Stevens III
Only Week: Was 74
Years Old**

INGERSOLL, May 28.—The death of Andrew Albert Stevens, Salford postmaster, occurred yesterday at his residence after one week's illness. In his 75th year, Mr. Stevens was born in Norwich but had lived in the Salford district for over 50 years. He was store-keeper at Salford for a number of years and latterly postmaster there. He was a member of the United Church and organist there for many years. His wife was Miss Mary George and they would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary next January.

He is survived by his widow, one son, Ross, of Woodstock; three daughters, Mrs. William Groves, Hamilton; Mrs. Edna Mayberry, Ingersoll; and Miss Blanche Stevens, Woodstock.

The funeral will be held from the late residence on Sunday afternoon with service at two o'clock to the Harris Street Cemetery.

**SALFORD POSTMASTER CALLED BY DEATH
RESIDENT OF VILLAGE FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, A. A. STEVENS,
DIES FROM PNEUMONIA FOLLOWING WEEK'S ILLNESS.**

Salford—The community was shocked on Friday, when it was learned that Mr. A. A. Stevens had passed away that morning, after being ill only one week with pneumonia. He was in his 75th year. The late Mr. Stevens had been a highly respected resident of Salford for more than fifty years, having operated a general store for many years and had also been the postmaster for some time. The deceased was a member of the United Church and had been the organist for many years. Left to mourn his loss are his widow, one son Ross of Woodstock, and three daughters, Mrs. William Groves of Hamilton; Mrs. Edna Mayberry of Ingersoll, and Miss Blanche Stevens of Woodstock
Ingersoll Tribune

SALFORD RESIDENT, MRS. STEVENS, DIES AT HOME OF SON
Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Jane Stevens, widow of Andrew Stevens was held from the Keeler and Guthrie Funeral Home, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Davis, rector of Old St. Paul's Anglican Church, Woodstock, officiated and interment was at the Harris Street Cemetery. Mrs. Stevens, passed away at the home of her son, Ross Stevens, 889 Dundas Street, Woodstock, July 28, in her 88th year. A well known and respected resident of Salford during her entire married life, Mrs. Stevens will be missed by her many friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were very active in

community life. The late Mr. Stevens was postmaster and merchant at Salford for many years. He also played the organ in the former Methodist Church here. Mrs. Stevens was born in Crampton, daughter of the late Harry and Mary George. She had been in failing health for the past year. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Edna Mayberry, Ingersoll; Miss Blanche Stevens, Woodstock; a son, Ross of Woodstock; one granddaughter, Mrs. Jean Dawson; four grandsons, Loch and Andy Groves, Jack Mayberry and George Stevens and six great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. William Groves [Mildred] predeceased her.

Ingersoll Tribune

Grand children of Mary Prouse and Henry George Mary Jane George and Andrew Stevens children

First child: Clara Mildred

B 15 Dec 1889 Dereham

D 17 Feb 1946 Hamilton

M 10 Mar 1909 Salford

Spouse: William Gordon Groves

B 27 Jun 1887 Dereham

D 13 Oct 1965 Hamilton

The Groves started their married lives as farmers in Cooks Corners Dereham at Lot 18 Con 3. This farm

The board members voted to write a letter of appreciation to W. G. Groves for the splendid work he has done in connection with the Locke street branch library. Mr. Groves has acted in a public-spirited manner in providing flowering hedges, and offering his advice as to how grading and planting operations should be carried on, said W. A. Child. The staff at the Locke street

was directly across the road from the Harris Rd Cemetery. In 1917 they moved to Hamilton and lived at 36 Argyle Ave. William worked for the Cannon Floral Company and was known for his work in landscape design. Clara had a stroke in 1943 and lived over two years before passing.

The Hamilton Spectator
04 Jun 1926, Fri Page 11

The Hamilton Spectator
18 Feb 1946, Mon -Page 14

GROVES — At the residence, on Saturday, February 16, 1946, Mildred Clara Stevens, dearly beloved wife of William George Groves, 26 Argyll avenue, aged 56 years. Resting at the L. G. Wallace Funeral Home, Ltd., 151 Ottawa street north. Funeral service on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Interment in Harris Street Cemetery, Ingersoll. Visiting hours: 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

The Hamilton Spectator
15 Oct 1965, Fri -Page 31

GROVES, William George — At the Henderson General Hospital on Wednesday October 13, 1965, William George Groves of 95 Cardinal Drive, beloved husband of the late Clara Mildred Stevens, in his 79th year. Dear father of Andrew of Hamilton, Lachlan of Welland, Mrs. V. Dawson (Jean) of Montreal. Also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. Brother of Charles Groves and Mrs. Fred McClurkin of Hamilton. Honorary member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union. Resting at the L. G. Wallace Funeral Home.

The Hamilton Spectator
10 Feb 1927, Thu -Page 18

Dundas, Feb. 10.—That the Dundas Horticultural society enjoyed a very successful year was shown by the reports submitted to members at the annual meeting held last evening.

The meeting decided to hold an open night in the first week of April, when, it was hoped, it would be possible to have W. G. Groves, of the Cannon Floral company, Hamilton, deliver an address.

Clara Stevens and William Groves children:
Doris Jean (Vincent Dawson) of Montreal
B 12 Apr 1911 Lot 18 Con 3 Dereham—
D possibly 2004 – buried at Harris Rd cemetery)

Second child: Donald Laughlin "Loch" Groves
B 31 Mar 1916 Ingersoll Alexandria Hospital
D 05 Nov 2000 Welland Ont.

Third Child: Andrew Albert Groves of Hamilton (1923-1998)

married Winnifred June Bigley B 1924 D 2019. He served in the WWII as a leading aircraftman (LAC) and married Winnifred while stationed at Camp Borden in Sept 1945. His obit indicates that he remarried. He worked in Hamilton as a draftsman and machine operator while Winnifred was a sales clerk. Son Andrew had a son Robert who tragically died at age nine in May of 1957 in Hamilton



Andrew and Clara Groves

9-year-old Dies Under CN Freight

A nine-year-old boy was killed today after 25 cars of a freight train passed over him on the CNR main line east of Parkdale Avenue.

Bobby Groves, of 283 Parkdale Avenue North, was pronounced dead on arrival at General Hospital.

Police said the lad was playing with his younger brother, Billy, around the tracks, when he was in collision with an east-bound freight, hauling 87 cars.

GROVES, Andy - It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Andy Groves, in his 75th year. He was the loving husband of June. Dear father and hero of Jayne and her husband, Ron. Best friend and father of William and his wife, Myrna. Andy is predeceased by his son, Bobby. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren, Robert, his "Pal" Jesse and "Dolly" Taylor. He is also survived by his sister, Jean Dawson of Lennoxville, brother, Lachlan Groves of Welland, sister-in-law, Doris Cooke and brother-in-law, John Bigley and wife, Cathy of Mapleridge, B.C.

Grand children of Mary Prouse and Henry George Mary Jane George and Andrew Stevens children

Second child: Edna Irene B 06 Apr 1892 Dereham
D 10 Jan 1956 Hamilton
M 23 May 1912

Spouse: Percy Lloyd Mayberry B 04 May 1887
D 14 Dec 1921 Ingersoll of Tuberculosis age 35

Married—On Thursday, May 23rd, at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stevens by the Rev W. J. Ellis, Miss Edna Stevens to Mr. Percy Mayberry. We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry both being popular young people of our community. They will reside in Ingersoll.

Percy was born to Ontario blacksmith George Mayberry of Dereham. Percy and Edna lived on Thames St. In Ingersoll. According to his death certificate, he worked as a mechanic at both The Milk Condensing Factory and Morrow Screw. He was ill for two years before succumbing to TB. He and Edna had one son Jack, born in Alexandria hospital in Ingersoll Nov. 4th, 1916. After Percy's death, Edna lived in Ingersoll at 32 King St E and

worked as a labourer making \$500/year at an ice cream factory in Ingersoll (1931 census). In April of 1955, she moved to Hamilton to live with her only son, Jack. She suddenly died at his home in 1956.

Christmas 1919

Christmas visitors at the home of A.A. Stevens were: Mr and Mrs Will Groves and Children and Miss Blanche Stevens of Hamilton. Mr and Mrs Percy Mayberry and son Jack of Ingersoll and Ross Stevens of Woodstock.

Mrs. Percy Mayberry, formerly of Ingersoll, died suddenly on Tuesday at the residence of her son, Jack P. Mayberry, of 21 Ratcliffe Court, at the age of 63. The former Edna Stevens, she was a daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Stevens and was born at Salford. She had spent most of her lifetime in Ingersoll, moving to Hamilton just last April. She was a member of Avalon Chapter, OES, in Ingersoll and an adherent of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Her husband died in 1920. She is survived by one son, Jack P. Mayberry of Hamilton, with whom she made her home; one brother, Ross Stevens; a sister, Miss Blanche Stevens, both of Woodstock, and a number of nephews and nieces. The body is at the Fred W. Keeler Funeral

Hamilton Spectator Jan 11, 1956

Son of Percy Mayberry and Edna Stevens

Son: John "Jack" Percival B 04 Nov 1916 Ingersoll
D unknown

Jack was found living with his Stevens grandparents at age 4 in the 1921 census. His mother was not living with them at the time and was perhaps working in Ingersoll, however as noted previously, he was with her at the 1931 census. He attended Ingersoll Collegiate in 1934 and was involved with the Literary Society along side distance cousin Richard Seldon and was a member of the collegiate "Volt" staff. He was president of the Literary Club at the London Normal School 1936. He joined the RCAF in 1943. He served from 1943-1945. The Ingersoll voters list had him living with his widowed mother at 32 King st and his occupation was school principal, an occupation that many Mayberrys had. In 1959 he travelled via Sebina Airlines from New York to Manchester. He spend two months in England, returning on the SS Rotterdam to New York. At that time, he was living in Hamilton and was a school principal at Tweedsmuir Senior Public School.. By then his trail disappears.

JACK MAYBERRY
32 King St. E., Ingersoll



FORMER INGERSOLL MAN IS WITH THE DRAMA FESTIVAL WINNERS

Friends in town will be interested to learn that Mr. Jack Mayberry is a member of the Hamilton Players' Guild, which won first honors at the 1946 Western Ontario Drama Festival in London last week. Mr. Mayberry was an active member of Ingersoll's Little Theatre when he was attached to the staff of the Ingersoll Public School. At that time he displayed considerable histrionic ability and it is interesting to know that it is developing.

"Best production, best all-round performance", was the pronouncement of the adjudicator, in presenting the Hanna Shield to the winning players, whose presentation of the comedy "Helena's Husband", was enthusiastically received.

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Mrs. Edna Mayberry and son, J. P. Mayberry, are holidaying in New York City.

Tribune 1946

John P. Mayberry spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Edna Mayberry, King street east. Mr. Mayberry who has been on the staff of the Hamilton Public School, reported on Monday to the R.C.A. F.

The 1938 photo below shows Jack on the staff of Princess Elizabeth Public School on Alma St.
 Memories of Princess Elizabeth School – Ken Moyer/Mary Kekes - Ingersoll Library.



In the spring of 1938, students, staff, town and board officials posed for pictures commemorating the dedication of Princess Elizabeth Public School. From left to right: Mr. Daniels, Larnie Pickard, Miss Jean Borland, Dr. MacKay, John J. MacLeod, Miss Ruth Cuthbertson, Sam Zurbrigg, Mrs. J. W. Counter, Ferris David, Harry Cornell, Tommy Jackson, , Miss Jean Beattie, Jack Mayberry, Howard Esseltine.

In Hamilton, Jack became deeply involved and highly recognized as a director and actor in the Players Guild in Hamilton from 1953 and into the 60s. His productions won may regional and province wide awards. He was also active in many clubs in Hamilton and was an adjudicator for theatre completions. His death date and location are unknown.



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It should be noted that Jack continued his teaching occupation, becoming principal at Highview School in Hamilton in 1962. He was also the head of the Kiwanis Club in Hamilton in 1963. In 1964 he made a trip to Greece and Russia and gave talks regarding communism in Russia.

By ED HOCURA

When the McMaster Dramatic Society presents their production of Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard" next Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Teacher's College Auditorium, director **Jack Mayberry** will find himself competing for audience attention with a host of old friends. Also on these same nights, the Players' Guild of Hamilton, of which Mr. Mayberry is a former president, will be presenting their production of Gore Vidal's "A Visit To A Small Planet".

JACK MAYBERRY first joined the Players' Guild in 1941, maintaining interest in the drama group's activities while he was serving with the RCAF from 1942-45, and was elected as president in 1949. He only held this office for a few months when he had to leave Hamilton, but in 1953 he was returned to the same post.

My, **Mayberry** is also an actor of distinction having won the

Jordan Award as the best actor in a recent Western Ontario Drama Festival.

DIRECTOR Mayberry can't help but lend a helping hand to these aspiring actors and actresses with his vast experience in dramatics. And, the performances of the McMaster students can't help but be all the better with no small thanks due to his guiding them through their paces in what should be an entertaining evening of live drama.

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Hamiltonian In Drama Post

A former president of the Hamilton Players' Guild, Jack Mayberry, was elected second vice-president of the Western Ontario Drama League during the annual meeting held at Woodstock yesterday.

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JACK MAYBERRY

Jack P. Mayberry was elected president of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton Inc., at its annual election meeting.



Hazel Kompass, left, with costars **Jack Mayberry** and Elizabeth Murley in a 1946 production of Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit, was a mainstay of Hamilton theatre.

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Mary Jane George and Andrew Stevens children

Third child: Blanche Grace B 14 Jul 1895 Dereham
D 1991 Ingersoll? Woodstock?

Blanche was raised in Salford. She was unmarried her entire life. She lived with her parents in Salford and likely helped with the postal work that father was employed at. She lived with her mother until at least when her father died at which point voter lists show her working as a housekeeper in Woodstock for her brother Ross after his wife Eva died in 1935. Like her father, Blanche was a pianist. She is buried with her parents at Harris St. Cemetery, Ingersoll

1950 voters list Woodstock

889 Stevens, Ross, machinist	83
889 Stevens, Miss Blanche, housekeeper	84
889 Stevens, Mrs. Blanche, widow	85

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Mary Jane George and Andrew Stevens children

Fourth child: Eldred Ross B 05 Sept 1898 Dereham
D 1986 Woodstock
M 21 May 1926 Salford
Spouse: Eva Jessica Locke B 15 July 1902 Woodstock
D 24 Nov 1934 Woodstock

The 1921 census of Woodstock has Ross living as a lodger at 82 Metcalf St. in Woodstock. His occupation is that of an auto mechanic. Interestingly his co-lodger Stanley Fletcher, was also an auto mechanic and eventual a founder of Fletcher and Jewett Auto Sales in Woodstock. In 1926, Eldred married Eva Locke. She was the daughter of machinist and Englishman George Locke of Woodstock. Ross' listed occupation was "machinist" at Wm Baird & Son and she was a stenographer according to the marriage license. Eva died of pneumonia at age 33. The couple had a son George B 1928.

Stevens, Ross E, btrymn Wm Baird &
Son, h 899 Dundas

1940 Vernon's Directory Woodstock

William Baird and Sons are still in existence. When Ross was there from the 1920s to the 1940s, they repaired autos and industrial equipment. Later the company turned to welding and fabricating parts. It appears that Ross worked for Baird and Sons all his life. In the 1950's he could still be found living at 592 Dundas St. in Woodstock. They lived in the upstairs apartment and as of 2024, the building is a Pawnbrokers shop.

He and wife Eva are buried at the Anglican cemetery in Woodstock. His mother's obituary points out that she was living with him and his sister Blanche when she died in 1954.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George:

Fifth child: Frederick B 15 Jan 1870 N Dorchester
D 04 Dec 1907 N Dorchester

**Knocked Down by His own Team
at Burnside Cheese Fac-
tory Yesterday.**

At one o'clock yesterday afternoon Frederick George of Cranston, a widely known and highly respected farmer, succumbed to injuries which he received while at the Barnside cheese factory in the morning.

A number of teams were lined up waiting for loads of hay.

Mr. Donnan McNamara's team took fright and started to run away. The unfortunate man endeavored to catch them and in the excitement his own team became frightened and dashed into him from behind. He was rendered unconscious as from which state he never rallied.

It was not now due to the bone of his brother, Mr. E. D. George, and then, because of Harpersville and McKay of Ingersoll were summoned, who found that his skull had been fractured in the base. It is thought that the injury was caused by the woman's tongue striking him.

Deceased was aged 38 and unmarried. He was very popular with a wide circle of friends and his untimely end has cast a gloom over the entire community. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry George Oxford street and a brother of Dr. J. H. George of Hamilton.

Transcription below:

"At one o'clock yesterday afternoon Frederick George of Crampton, a widely known and highly respected farmer succumbed to injuries which he received while at the Burnside Cheese Factory in the morning.

A number of teams were lined up waiting for loads of whey. Mr. Duncan McVicar's team took fright and started to run away. The unfortunate man endeavoured to catch them and, in the excitement, his own team became frightened and dashed into him from behind. He was rendered unconscious from which he never rallied.

He was removed to the home of his brother Mr. E D George and Dr. Deane of Harrietteville and McKay of Ingersoll were summoned and found that his skull had been fractured at the base. It is thought that the injury was caused by wagon bottom striking him.

Deceased was aged 38 and unmarried. He was very popular with a wide circle of friends and his untimely end has cast a gloom over the entire community. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry George Oxford St. and brother of Dr. J H George of Hamilton."

Frederick was buried at IRC with his parents.

Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Sixth child: Herbert Edward B 08 Feb 1872 N Dorchester
D 20 Nov 1931 Clandeboye, Middlesex
M 21 Mar 1905 Middlesex

Spouse: Almira "Allie" Hetty
Hodgins

B 1874 Clandeboye
D 08 Jan 1920 of Tuberculosis
M 27 Apr 1921 Middlesex

Spouse: Laura Jane Simpson B 24 Oct 1877 Middlesex
D 31 Oc,1946 Clandeboye



Laura Simpson

Herbert Edward George died at his home in Clandeboye in his 60th year after an illness extending over ten years. He is survived by his widow, whose maiden name was Miss Laura Simpson. Clandeboye and two children, Clayton attending Toronto University and Miss Mary of Detroit. He is also survived by three brothers and two sisters.

Herbert was raised on the N Dorchester family farm. It appears that he lived for awhile in Clandeboye, Middlesex (north of London). While there, he married Almira Hodgins in 1905 and by 1911 had moved to Township 17/ Section 28/Meridian 4/ Lot 159 in Alberta. This was just south of High River, Alberta. The farm was large enough to have a handy man and his family live on it as well. Herbert had 2 children at the time and another would follow a year later. By 1919, wife Almira was suffering from

Tuberculosis and the family moved back to Clandeboy so that she could be near to her family. Herbert

lost his wife in January of 1920. The children at the time were twins age 14 and an 8-year-old son. Herbert immediately remarried in April of 1921. His second wife Laura Simpson was also from Clandeboye. They all moved back to Ingersoll in time for the June 1921 census and were living in a house on Albert St W. He went back to farming – probably helping with one of the family farms while he re-established himself. Not much later he and his second wife, Laura Simpson, moved back to Clandeboye for the rest of their lives.

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Herbert Edward George and Hetty Hodgins

First child: Capt. Dr. Clayton Henry

B 18 Mar 1906 Clandeboye, Middlesex Ont.

D 25 Oct 1998

M 27 Apr 1938 China

Spouse: Elsie Olding Knight

B 09 Jul 1909 Georgetown Prince Edward Island

" April 24th 1906
Twin 1

D 01 Oct 2002 Ailsa Craig, Ont.

Clayton had an interesting life beside being a twin. He went to school in Lucan

and in Alberta when his family moved to High River AB. He moved on to the University of Toronto where he graduated summa cum laude

Married in China.

A cable from China received by friends in Montreal announces the marriage to have taken place in Shanghai yesterday of Miss Elsie Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Knight, of Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, to Dr. Clayton George, a graduate of Varsity. The bride is a graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital, class '34, and has been attached to the Alexandra Hospital for several years. Dr. George is well known in Montreal having been at one time an interne at the Royal Victoria Hospital. He is at present attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps in Shanghai. The bride left Montreal in March for China.

from the Faculty of Medicine in 1932.

He met future wife, Royal Victoria Hospital graduate, Elsie Knight in Montreal.

Prior to WWII, he enlisted in the British Army and was posted to Shanghai. In March of 1938 Elsie travelled to Shanghai where they were married.



—Photo by Van Dyck.
Miss Elsie Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Knight, of Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, who is leaving Montreal tonight for Vancouver, whence she sails on March 19, by the Empress of Asia for Shanghai, China, where her marriage to Dr. Clayton George, a graduate of Varsity, will take place shortly after her arrival. The bride-elect is a graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital and has been attached to the Alexandra Hospital for several years. Her fiancé is well-known in Montreal having been an interne at the Royal Victoria Hospital for a few years. He is at present attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps in Shanghai.



He was later stationed in England where he was on the beach for the evacuation of Allied soldiers at Dunkirk. He was next posted to field-hospitals in Italy, Sicily and El Alamein, he saved hundreds of lives and briefly was taken prisoner in North Africa. Back in Canada, he was a family physician, and team doctor for the Lucan Irish Six hockey team. In the 1960s he was Medical Officer of Health for the Biddulph (Lucan) area. Over the years he lived in Crampton Ontario, Cayley Alberta, Ingersoll, Toronto,

Vancouver, Montreal, Shanghai, Windsor, Lucan, London Ontario and other locations. Canadian Med Assoc.
 Obit
 Elsie moved back to her native PEI at Clayton's death.

The couple had three children:



Gary George, Laverne George



Ann (George) and Gary Revington (1946-2021) and family.

Dr. Clayton also attended the Royal Army Medical School in 1934 and returned from England to Canada in 1935. He served with the British 8th Army in WWII in North Africa and winning the Military Cross medal for gallant and distinguished service.

Recommendation for Award for George, Clayton Henry

Reference:	WO 373/23/51	
Description:	Name	George, Clayton Henry
	Rank:	Captain
	Service No:	65888
	Regiment:	Royal Army Medical Corps
	Theatre of Combat or Operation:	Middle East (Egypt and Libya)
	Award:	Military Cross
	Date of announcement in London Gazette:	18 February 1943
Date:	1943	



Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Herbert Edward George and Hetty Hodgins

Second child: Mary Olive

B 18 Mar 1906 Clandeboye, Middlesex
 D 05 Dec 1979 Kitchener Buried Clandeboye
 M 25 July 1939

Spouse Robert Webster Jackson

B 09 Mar 1892 He was born in Ilderton
 D 19 Oct 1962 Clandeboye

Grace Hospital 1928 Detroit



Photo - Mary George

*April 24th 1906
Twin 2*

Mary Olive was the other twin. She too went into medicine, leaving the High River Alberta home. She was trained as a registered nurse. Border crossing records show that on Sept 5th of 1925, 19-year-old Mary and was set to start training

crossed into the US. She had \$50 in her pocket at Grace Hospital in Detroit. As a note: Harry Houdini died in the hospital on Halloween night of 1926

Robert W. Jackson

Robert Webster Jackson, 547 Courtland Ave. East, died today at his home after a lengthy illness.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson, he was born in London Township.

He graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, in 1933. He came to Kitchener and started his practice here in 1937. He served overseas with the 135th Battalion in the First World War.

Mr. Jackson was a member of Trinity United Church, Twin City Masonic Lodge, Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton; and Mocha Temple, London, Ont.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary George, and three sons, William M. of Montreal, Harold A. of Newmarket, and G. Clarence of Ilderton.

JACKSON, Mary Olive —

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1979, at K-W Hospital, Mary Olive Jackson, of 188 Margaret Ave., Kitchener.

Born in Crampton, Ont., she was a member of Trinity United Church and the K-W Granite Club.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Putman, Ont. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Robert W. Jackson; twin sister of Dr. Clayton George of London, Ont. Lovingly remembered by nieces and nephews and many friends. Predeceased by one brother, Lloyd.

Resting at the Edward R. Good Funeral Home, 171 King St. S., Waterloo, after noon on

while Grace was a nursing student there.

By 1930, the 24-year-old Mary was working in Detroit as a nurse in the "private duty" industry. She was lodging in the Philip Manor Apartment building with three other Canadian born nurses. By 1931 Robert was a chiropractor living with his brother in London. Eventually Mary returned to Canada. She married Robert Jackson who was 13 years her senior in 1939 when he was 45 and she 33 years old. He was 6'1" tall according to his military papers. Her records show she was 5'3". He served in WWI with 26th Middlesex Light Infantry before transferring to the Royal Flying

Corps. where he reached the rank of Lieutenant. He was wounded on 18 Aug 1918 and was invalided out of the Air Force and sent home 07 Sept 1918 (Royal Flying Corps Ledgers). Once recovered, he returned to home to help work the family farm in Ilderton at lot 21 Con 9 London township. At the point his obituary picks up the story.

They had three children: William M, Harold A, and G Clarence.

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Herbert Edward George and Hetty Hodgins

Third child: Lloyd Arnold

B 28 Feb 1912 Clandeboye

D 01 Sep 1922 Clandeboye Died in a Diabetic coma. Buried IRC with with his grandparents Section C Lot 29. His grandmother predeceased him by 18 months.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George:

Sixth child: Emma Mariah

B 08 Apr 1874 North Dorchester

D 11 Mar 1946 Ingersoll

M 05 Apr 1894 North Dorchester

Spouse: Thomas Hutchison

B 14 May 1867 N Oxford

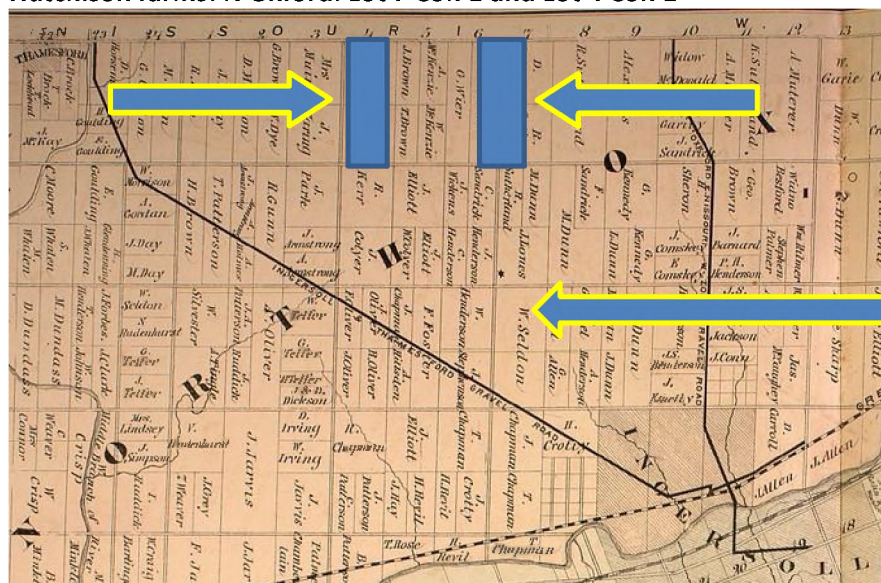
D 10 Mar 1952 Ingersoll

The Hutchisons of N Oxford were residents who arrived from Scotland as far back as the 1830s. Thomas' father Donald was raised by his father, Thomas Hutchison, on a 200-acre farm in N Oxford township at Con 1 Lot 7 on present day Highway #2. The farm was on the south side of the Woodstock to Thamesford road and about a kilometer west of Rayside. Thomas and son Wilfred were known for raising turkeys and chickens as opposed to the neighbouring dairy farms. (see graphic)

Donald, being a younger son, had to find his own farm. With his father's help, he purchased the S ½ of Lot 4 Con 1, just to the west of his family's home. Donald, in turn, had a son named Thomas who in 1894 at age 26 married 20-year-old Emma George of Crampton. They lived on his father's farm as hired help. In 1910, Donald willed his 100 acres to son Thomas. Thomas also purchased the N ½ 100 acres of Lot 4 in 1908 for \$5000 from Isaac Cooper. By the end of 1910 Thomas owned all 200 acres of Lot 4 Con 1. He was a N Oxford township councillor in 1916.

How Thomas Hutchison and Emma George meet is unknown but the Henderson arm of the Prouse family were predominantly found near the Hutchison's property so maybe introductions were made through them. As an alternate, the Seldons of N Oxford (Book # 4) were not only cousins of the Prouses but were neighbours of the Hutchisons. By 1933, Thomas retired and moved to Ingersoll. He granted, at the cost of \$3000 each, the N ½ of Lot 4 Con 1 to son Wilfred and the S ½ to son Walter.

Hutchison farms: N Oxford: Lot 7 Con 1 and Lot 4 Con 1



Seldon farm



The Hutchisons were recognizing for continuous family ownership of the Lot 7 Con 1 property for over 100 years in 1967 during Canada's centennial. The family was given an Ontario Century Sign that was to be placed at the driveway leading into the property in recognition of the feat. According to the book "History of North Oxford" by Miss E A Seldon, a cousin found in Book 4, Thomas Hutchison's home had one of the first crank telephones in North Oxford.

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North Oxford Township Council was elected by acclamation as follows:—Reeve, Richard S. Elliott; Councilors, Herbert Baigent, Thomas Hutchison, Andrew Dunn and Ernest Sandick.

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"The first rural telephone line in the township was one constructed by Dr. John McWilliams of Thamesford. He owned a tamarack swamp in North Dorchester and he had poles cut and used them as telephone poles. The unique feature of this line was that it operated on onewire: the calls were made by turning a crank on the telephone which rang a bell on the phone of the party called. Phones were installed in the homes of **Thomas Hutchison**, Donald Sutherland, Andrew Brown and Putnam Store." History of North Oxford" by Miss E A Seldon, a cousin found in Book 4.

THOMAS HUTCHISON
Thomas Hutchison, 84 formerly of 60 Canterbury street, Ingersoll, died March 10, at the home of a son Wilfrid, Lot 4, Concession 1, North Oxford Township.
Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hutchison, he farmed many years in North Oxford Township, retiring in 1925. He was a member of Trinity United Church.
His wife, the former Emma George, predeceased him six years.
Survivors are two sons, Walter, Thamesford, and Wilfrid, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.
The funeral took place Wednesday, at the Keeler and Johnston Funeral Home, Rev. C. J. Daniel officiating. Entombment was at the Ingersoll Mausoleum.



60 Canterbury St home where Thomas and Emma George Hutchison retired to in 1925.



Emma George, Thomas Hutchison and sons Wilfred and Walter



Family in front of original homestead house Lot 4 Con 1 N Oxford. (approx. 1908)

MRS. THOMAS HUTCHISON CALLED BY DEATH

An esteemed and widely known resident of Ingersoll in the person of Mrs. Thomas Hutchison, passed away on Monday afternoon at the family residence, 60 Canterbury St., following an illness of long duration. Mrs. Hutchison, whose maiden name was Emma George, was in her 72nd year, and was born in North Dorchester

[township], and before coming to Ingersoll to reside 21 years ago had for many years resided in North Oxford [township], where she was also highly esteemed by a very large circle of friends.

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Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Thomas Hutchison and Emma George

First Child: Walter George

B 05 Jan 1895 N Oxford

D Aug 1978 Thamesford

M 09 Apr 1924

Spouse: Ethel Bernice Quinn

B 17 Sept 1896 E Nissouri (Kintore)

D 1986 Ingersoll

5'6" WWI veteran Walter farmed the Con 1 Lot 4 N1/2 N Oxford for many years. Ethel Quinn was the daughter of Daniel Quinn and Ada Macleod who were farmers living near Kintore. He went to Dickson Corners school with his brother Wilfred. He sold his 100 acres in 1958 to son Morley Hutchison for \$17,500.00. Walter and Bernice had 3 children: Elizabeth Fern (Albert Lawson), Morley Quinn (Betty McLeod) and Donald McLeod (Bernice Rock)



children Don, Betty and Morley

Photos of Walter Hutchison and Ethel Quinn and children Morley and Betty and spouses

Daughter of Walter Hutchison and Ethel Bernice Quinn

Elizabeth Fern "Betty"

B 14 May, 1925 N Oxford/Thamesford

D 11 Jan, 2023 London Buried Bostwick Cemetery

Spouse: Albert George Lawson

B 1924 Westminster Township, Middlesex

D 1986 London

Betty moved to the Lawson family farm after her marriage. The farm was located at Lot 6 Con 1 of Westminster Township in Middlesex County. The 200-acre farm was west of Nilestown and stretched from the Thames River to south across Highway 29 (Hamilton Rd). The site is now the east side of the corner of Hamilton Rd and Commissioner Rd. Husband Albert worked the farm with his father Walter and brother Peter. Whether any of the farm is in the family's possession today is unknown. A series and barns and a house stand at the present-day location and is a horse stable facility.



LAWSON, Betty

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at the Dearness Home in London. Beloved wife of the late Albert Lawson (1986) and dear mother of Liz and Jim Patience and Tom and Vlasta Lawson.

Loving grandmother/Mimi to Brad and Tanya, Allison and Steve, Quinn, Tori and Curtis and great grandmother to Blake, Caden and Noah.

Predeceased by her parents Walter and Bernice Hutchison as well as her brothers Morley Hutchison and Don Hutchison. Survived by her sister-in-law Bernice Hutchison, many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Betty was a lifetime member of the Salem Nilestown and Harrietsville Women's Institute.

First son of Walter Hutchison and Ethel Bernice Quinn

Morley "Mike" Quinn

B 17 May 1927 N Oxford Buried Zion Hill Cemetery

D 27 Oct 2004 Ingersoll

Spouse: Betty Jean MacLeod

B 12 June 1929 London

D 06 August 1985 London Victoria hospital – lived Ingersoll



Morley attended Dickson Corners school and IDCI.

Morley was an athletic boy. He played during the late 1940s and early 50's and was a member of the Dickson Corners softball team that won the Ingersoll and District Championship in 1951.

The couple married 02 Sept 1950 in Ingersoll Trinity United.

He continued in the turkey business that his family ran.

Morley's name was still attached to the Con Lot 4 100-acre family property until April 1976 when it was granted to Antonis VanKampen.



Second son of Walter Hutchison and Ethel Bernice Quinn

Donald MacLeod

B 1929 N Oxford

D 26 Dec, 2022 Mitchell Ont.

Spouse: Bernice Rock

B Monkton, Perth Co.

D living 2025

In Mitchell, what was once James Dougherty's meat market in 1899, then Stedman's 5-cent store, now since 1960 it has been Don Hutchison's Western Tire outlet.

Bernice worked as a secretary when Donald ran his tire store.



Obituary for Donald "Hutch" Hutchison



Don Hutchison, 93, of Mitchell passed away peacefully at his residence on Monday, December 26, 2022.

Beloved husband of Bernice Hutchison. Dear father of Janice Ryan (Jeff). Loving "Poppa" of Campbell, Zac and Bo. Dear brother of Betty Lawson. Dear brother-in-law Elvey Rock, Lila Ruth Bullock and Janet Rock. Also surviving are his nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by his parents Walter and Bernice Hutchison, brother Morley "Mike" Hutchison (Betty), brothers-in-law Albert Lawson and Bruce Rock and sister-in-law Edythe Rock.

"Hutch" owned and operated Western Tire in Mitchell for 60 years. He was very interested in history, especially WW2 and aviation. Don coached women's slow pitch, was active in Scouting and was an "arm chair" manager of the Toronto Blue Jays from his favourite Lazy Boy chair.

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George Children of Thomas Hutchison and Emma George

Second Child: Wilfred B10 Jun 1896 N Oxford
D 15 Dec 1987
M 04 Mar 1925
Spouse: Mabel Jean Hogg B 17 Oct 1902 Thamesford
D 18 Jan 1990

Wilfred also served in the Armed Forces in WWI and was 5' 11' thus towering over his older brother. His army records indicate he had an appendectomy scar from a previous surgery and he joined up two months before his older brother. Jean Hogg was born to farmers William Hogg and Fannie Calvert of E Nissouri. They married in 1925. Wilfred sold his 100 acres in 1959 to son Charlie Hutchison for \$16,000.00 and moved to 131 Church St in Thamesford. Brothers Walter and Wilbur were very close. They were born a year apart, were the best man at each others weddings and their spouses were maids of honour for each other. They had adjacent farms and worked together bringing in the crops and even share the same headstone in the Zion cemetery in Thamesford.



Tribune Aug 6 1953

Tribune Aug 1949



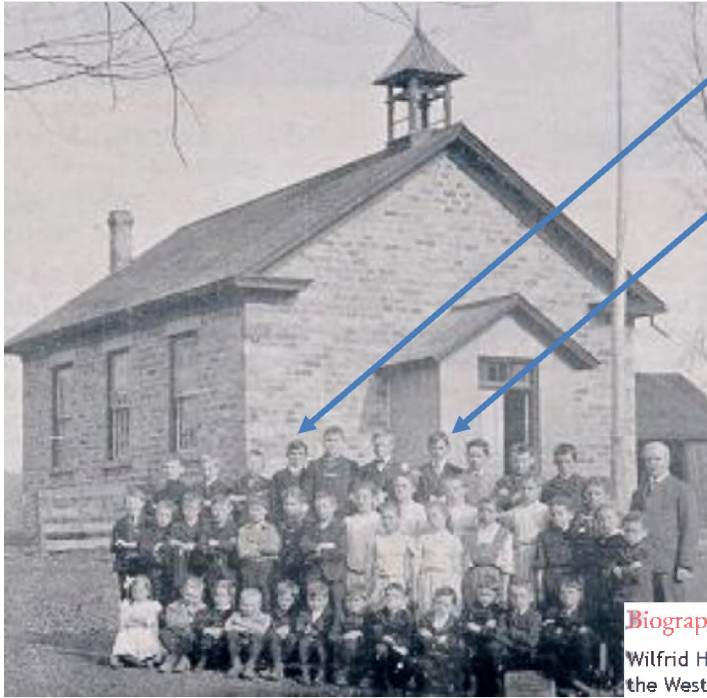
Photo: corn harvest on the Hutchison farms courtesy: From Forest to Farm

St. Columba Meeting

Mrs. W. J. Patience was hostess for the August meeting of the St. Columba Auxiliary of the W.M.S. The president, Mrs. Wilfred Hutchison, presided. Arrangements were made for a joint meeting with Westminster Aux.

Mrs. W. Hutchison Is Picnic Hostess

Mrs. Wilfred Hutchison was hostess to the annual picnic of the ladies and children of the St. Columba W.M.S. where 62 were present.



Wilfred Hutchison

Walter Hutchison

HUTCHISON: Wilfrid Hutchison, 131 Church St., Thamesford, died at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, December 15, 1987 in his 92nd year. Born in North Oxford Township, he was a retired farmer.

Beloved husband of the former Jean Hogg, and dear father of Lloyd of R.R. 3, Ingersoll, and Marion (Mrs. Ken Payne) of Thamesford. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by one brother, Walter, in 1978.

Biography

Wilfrid Hutchinson attended Dickson's School, and was in the Western Ontario Regiment of the Army.

DICKSON'S CORNERS SCHOOL-1908

Photo: History of North Oxford

June 18 1918 *Wilfrid Hutchison* (Signature of Recruit)

DESCRIPTION ON CALLING UP			
Apparent age	22	yrs.	mths.
Height	5	ft.	10 1/2 ins.
Chest measurement	fully expanded	33	ins.
	range of expansion	35 1/2	ins.
Complexion	Hazel Dark		
Eyes	Dk Brown Hazel		
Hair	Dk Brown		

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

Appendectomy scar.
This man claims appendix adhesions.
No operative signs.

Children of Wilfred Hutchison and Mabel Hogg:

Daughter Marion (Spouse: Ken Payne) – 3 children: Nancy, Debbie and Linda

Payne, Kenneth Leroy - Peacefully at home in Thamesford on Monday, February 1st, 2021, surrounded by his immediate family. Beloved husband for 70 years of Marion (nee Hutchison). Dear father of Allan (Karen), Donna Adams, and Neil (Alice). Proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by parents Roy and Verna Payne; sisters, Wilma McMartin (Edwin), Elsie Duncanson (Archie), and brother-in-law Lloyd Hutchison. For Ken's whole life, farming was his passion. He lived in the Thamesford community and was a member of the Westminster United Church and a life member of the Lions Club.



Son of Wilfred Hutchison and Mabel Hogg

Charles "Lloyd"

B 10 Aug, 1929 N Oxford

D 14 July 2012 Ingersoll Buried Zion Cemetery

Spouse: Janet Gay Dresser

B 1931 Leamington Ont.

D 24 Apr 2021 Woodstock

As per the 1953 voters list, Janet was living in London and was a drug store clerk living at a woman's boarding house on Princess St when she met Lloyd. They were married on the 25th of February 1956 in Leamington. The couple moved to the family farm.

Hutchison Charles "Lloyd" After a long life filled with love and laughter, Lloyd Hutchison passed away at Leisureworld Caregiving Centre, Ingersoll, on Saturday July 14, 2012, in his 83rd year. Loving husband for 56 years of Janet Dresser. Dear father of Sharon Watson of London, Ann (Paul) Hutcheson of Dorchester, Mark (Karen) of Ingersoll and Eric (Michelle) of Thamesford. Cherished Grandpa of Daniel, Nicole, Derek, Alex, Brennan, Ryan, Jason, Laurie, Jacqui and Colin. Brother of Marion (Ken) Payne of Thamesford. Predeceased by his parents, Wilfrid and Jean Hutchison. Lloyd was a proud member of King Solomon Masonic Lodge #394, Thamesford, Thamesford Lions Club and Westminster United Church Choir. Friends will be received at the Harland B. Betzner Funeral Home 177 Dundas Street Thamesford on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM, where Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday July 18, 2012 at 11 AM. Interment Zion 7th line Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy memorial donations may be given to the Westminster United Church Choir Fund or the Oxford Alzheimer Society. Special thanks to the exceptional staff of Leisureworld for their contribution to Lloyd's comfort and care over the last two years.

Her Wedding Set for March 17



HUTCHISON, Janet Gay

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, in her 90th year. Cherished wife of the late Lloyd Hutchison (2012). Beloved mother of Sharon Watson, Ann (Paul) Hutcheson, Mark (Karen) Hutchison, and Eric (Michelle) Hutchison. Very proud grandmother of Daniel, Nicole (Josh); Derek, Alex; Brennan (Alex), Ryan (Shauna); Jason, Laura, Jacqui, Colin. Predeceased by parents Albert and Gladys Dresser, brother Stan Dresser, sister-in-law Betty Dresser, brother-in-law Ken Payne, and son-in-law Stephen Watson. Survived by sister-in-law Marion Payne and several nieces and nephews. Janet's greatest joy has always been family and farm life. Her grandchildren have always been the source of immeasurable happiness and love in her life. Janet has rejoined Lloyd, her life-long love, whom she has missed so much these past few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. R. Dresser of Baird Ave., Leamington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Mr. Charles Lloyd Hutchison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hutchison of Thamesford. The marriage will be solemnized March 17, at 4 p.m., at Leamington United Church.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Seventh child: William Walter

B 30 Aug 1876 N Dorchester

D 19 Sept 1953 Ingersoll

M 24 Feb 1910 Maryborough Township, Middlesex

B 04 Feb 1884 Maryborough Township, Middlesex

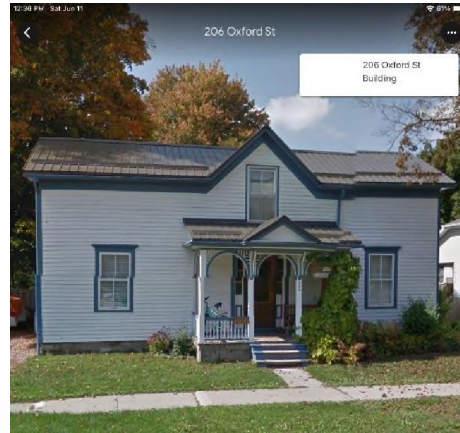
D 24 Aug 1974 Ingersoll

Spouse: Ada Amelia Philips

There is a real discrepancy in William's recorded birth. His cemetery stone shows 1875, the 1911 census says 1877 and the 1901 census gives a clear date of 30 Aug, 1876. I am leaning to the 1901 census as fact. He operated the family farm at Lot 4 Con 2 N. Dorchester and the 1921 census had his age as 44 and living at 206 Oxford St. Ingersoll. The house was the same one his father retired to around 1906. After his father Henry's death, his son William moved from the farm to his father's Ingersoll house and lived in it until his death.

Bill and Ada (Philips) George

In 1910, William 'Bill' Walter George, son of Henry and Mary, married Ada Amelia, daughter of John F. and Annie M. (Tucker) Philips. By then, according to postal information, Henry and Mary had relocated to Ingersoll, and Bill and Ada established residence at the George family farm, S ½ Lot 4 Con 2 SRT. There, a son Frederick 'Fred' John (1911-1997) was born. Living directly, to the south, across the Third Concession Road (now Mossley Drive) on N ½ Lot 4 Con 3 SRT was the Walter Longfield family. A son of Walter, Lloyd, born in 1912, later in life spoke fondly of 'Freddie George', suggesting that their relationship had started as pre-school neighbours, and then as classmates at Crampton Public School SS 15, walking the mile plus to and from school each day together. In 1918, Bill (then only 43 years old) sold the farm to his nephews, Ernest Edwin and Frank Ivan George, sons of Edwin D. George, Bill's eldest brother. Bill then moved his family to Ingersoll, where son, Fred later married Hilda E. Johnstone.



George Henry, h w s Oxford 2 s
Francis

Ingersoll Directory

Courtesy of Dorchester book N Dorchester: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph

Information below from Wellington County Museum:

"Ada Amelia Philp was born 4 February 1884, the daughter of John F. Philp and his wife Annie M. Tucker of Maryborough, Township. On 24 February 1910, she married William Walter George of North Dorchester Township, Middlesex County, where they made their home until Ada's death in 1974."

*Ada residence – the obituary for Ada states she lived at the family farm until her death. Very likely she was still living at 206 Oxford St.

WILLIAM W. GEORGE DIES AT RESIDENCE

William W. George, beloved husband of Ada M. Philips, died at his late residence, 206 Oxford Street, Saturday, September 19. He was in his 78th year and had been in failing health for the past 12 years. Mr. George was born in North Dorchester [township], the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry George. He farmed in Crampton for many years and retired to live in Ingersoll, 35 years ago. He was noted as being one of the first Holstein breeders in the district. A member of Trinity United Church, Mr. George was well known in the community and belonged to several local organizations, including the Ingersoll Curling Club of which he was one of the last members. He was a staunch Liberal and was chairman of the local Liberal Association for over 20 years.

Ingersoll Tribune

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George Children of William George and Ada Philip

Only Child: Frederick John "Fred"

B 08 Jul 1911 N Dorchester

D 24 Nov 1997 Woodstock

Spouse: Hilda Elizabeth Johnstone

B 07 Mar 1910 London

D 1995

The biography of Bill and Ada above has information on Fred.

The 206 Oxford St residence where Fred's grandparents lived in was still in the family as late as the 1948 voters list had Fred and Hilda were living there.

George, William	M.....	206	Oxford
George, Ada	M W.....	206	Oxford
George, Fred	M.....	206	Oxford
George, Hilda	M W.....	206	Oxford

1948 Ingersoll Voters list

Once removed from the farm and living on Oxford St, Fred started a cold locker business in Ingersoll that opened April of 1947 (Tribune ad below) and thrived for a number of years.

Photo: Fred's cold storage building on Oxford St. – family lived above.
storage building



photo: Ingersoll Library: cold storage building

The evolution of the technology of refrigeration, air conditioning and freezing, first invented in the early 1800s, had been gradually perfected for commercial use. One of the general commercial applications was the concept of 'cold storage lockers'. Fred owned and operated in Ingersoll one such enterprise for several decades, providing rental cold and frozen storage service for local residents, including farmers and others in the eastern part of North Dorchester Township, relatives and former farm neighbours of his father, and their descendants. In those years, farmers slaughtered farm animals, for

their own use and sometimes for sale to others or purchased the butchering service from a local abattoir. Quantities of meat animals such as cattle, pigs, sheep and fowl were divided into family sized cuts and wrapped in a special, coated brown paper that prevented moisture evaporation and freezer burn. The meat was kept frozen in a rented cold storage locker, to be retrieved as needed for family use. In the decades following WW II, the concept of a chest style appliance, called a deep freeze or freezer, was gradually adopted by residents, both urban and rural. This eventually rendered redundant centralized cold storage locker facilities, such as the one owned by Fred George in Ingersoll. Bill, Ada and Fred are buried in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery, while it appears Hilda is buried in a London cemetery.

Courtesy of Dorchester book N Dorchester: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph

Congratulations to
Fred George
On the Opening of his New
LOCKER STORAGE PLANT

The peculiar structure of cork which gives it the unequalled supremacy of the insulation world was used to insulate Mr. George's plant

The use of cork for insulation fulfills the absolute requirements for all refrigeration work with unrivalled completeness.

Armstrong Cork & Insulation Co. Limited
Montreal, Que., Toronto, Winnipeg

COLD STORAGE PLANT WITH MODERN FACILITIES OPENED ON SATURDAY

Approximately 500 citizens from Ingersoll and district visited the new cold storage plant owned and operated by Fred George on Saturday. The building which was started about a year ago was completed last week and on Monday was in operation.

The chill room is spacious and well proportioned, while the meat freeze

unit is up-to-date in every particular. There are 475 lockers in the locker room and these will accommodate from 175 lbs to 400 lbs. each.

The building, situated on Oxford street, just north of the Oxford apartments, is an imposing two-story structure of cement blocks. The cold storage plant occupies the main floor and the second story is fitted up for an up-to-date living apartment.

Mr. George has been highly commended for his enterprise and the completeness of the service which this new plant will provide to Ingersoll and district residents.

J. B. JACKSON LIMITED, SIMCOE
Congratulates
FRED GEORGE
on the opening of his
NEW LOCKER PLANT

and takes pleasure in announcing that Mr. Fred George has been selected as
Ingersoll's representative for the coming year.

D 1956 unknown buried in Dorchester

SHEET NO. 115
 LOT NO. 19
 PLAN NO. 19
 CONCESSION 2. South River Thames.
 from lot 89-A

NUMBER	INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	DATE OF	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	AREA	CONSIDERATION	REMARKS
17622	Mortgage	Oct 12-1922	Oct 12-1922	William Chas Court	John Walsh	200 -	\$10,000 =	Lat 19
20489	Wid. & Heir	May 10-1922	May 10-1922	John Walsh	John Walsh	200 -		Lat 19
21178	Mort	April 1-1943	April 1-1943	The Canada Trust Co.	Homer & Irving Judge	20000	\$7000 =	Lat 19. Re mtge dated Oct 12-1922

On Sept 24, 1927 border records show that Lena, then age 46 and all 5'2' of her, travelled with her husband and four children (Charles - 14, Edwin - 12, Lloyd (Elmer) - 9 and Alma - 4) to visit oldest son George who lived in Maywood, Ill. which is a suburb of Chicago about 8 kilometers due west of the Chicago downtown core. George, at age 20, had already crossed the border on January 10th of 1927 and had applied for residency. The Court's oldest child Eva and her husband at the time, Harry Holmes, crossed the border and moved to Chicago previously in June of 1924. Father William's border papers indicate that he was 5'9" of ruddy complexion and greying hair. The family applied for permanent residence status. Lena (George) Court died in Maywood, Illinois in 1929. No cause of death has been found but her body was transported back to Dorchester Union Cemetery for burial. William Court now

had 4 children living at home to deal with after his wife's death. The two youngest children returned to N Dorchester to live with their older sister Edna (O'Neil) who was married and living in N Dorchester. William Court never remarried. He died in 1956 but his death location cannot be confirmed. He may have died in Chicago or less likely returned to Canada while his family remained in Chicago.

[illegible]

Border crossing papers – Ancestry for William Court

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Lena George and William Court

First Child: Eva Mary B 17 Apr 1904 Dorchester Township.
D 29 May 1999 Melbourne, Florida
M 18 Apr 1922 She turned 18 the day before her marriage and her husband was 20 years old.

Spouse: Harry Holmes B 1902 London
D possibly 1964 London
M 1935

Spouse: Harry Springer B 05 Jun 1910 Missouri
D Feb 1975 Missouri

Spouse: Warren MacFarland B unknown
D unknown

Eva was the oldest child of Lena George and William Court. She was the first to arrive in the Chicago area at age 20 with her Canadian husband Harry Holmes. The marriage did not last long. However, a Dorothy Court Holmes, daughter of Harry Holmes and Eva Court, was born in Illinois July 26, 1922. This would have been 2 months after their marriage. Did they move to Illinois to hide the pregnancy? Dorothy (Miller) died in 1996 in Shelbyville Ill. Eva later had two other children. The 1940 US census had Eva and Harry Springer living in Chicago and both were working in a candy factory. They had 2 children with them, Francis (B 1927) and Harry (B 1929). By 1950, with all the children gone, they were living in Sullivan County, Missouri where he was a farmer. After he died, Eva married a gentleman named Warren MacFarland and retired to Florida. At her death she was buried with second husband Harry Springer.



Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Lena George and William Court

Second: Edna Alberta B 20 Jun 1905 N Dorchester Township.
D 12 Sept 2006 Dorchester She was 101 years old at her death.
M 14, Oct 1925 London

Spouse: Matthew Herbert "Herb" O'Neil B 08 Feb 1900 Dorchester
D 05 Apr 1977 Dorchester

In March of 1927 Matthew and Edna made the trip to Maywood Ill. The border paperwork indicates their desire to permanently immigrate. Edna was 21 years old and according to the papers, 5'2" with red hair and green eyes. For some unknown reason the move did not work out and by the 1931 census the couple moved back to Dorchester where the O'Neil family farmed for many years on his father's Lot 14 Con 3 N Dorchester farm. With them in the 1931 census were two of Edna's youngest siblings, Lloyd and Alma.

Edna Court and Matthew O'Neil's four children:

Eunice (Wilson)

B 21 Jan 1930 N Dorchester

D 20 Apr 2007 Woodstock

WILSON Peacefully at Woodstock General Hospital on Friday, April 20, 2007 Eunice Edna Wilson (nee O'Neil) of R.R.# 1, Dorchester in her 78th year. Predeceased by her husband Jack P. Wilson (1995).

Obituary - London Free Press - April 21, 2007

Ray Herbert

B 24 Dec 1928 Ontario

D 03 Sept 2009 Tillsonburg



Ray was a former employee of Maple Leaf Mills, likely as a truck driver, and a cash crop farmer all of his life. He lived in the Springford area until his retirement where he enjoyed 11 years in Florida, and 7 years in Long Point.

He was married to Harriet Johnson for 57 years and fathered four children.

Robert George

B 29 Mar 1927 Dorchester township

D 05 May 2014 Listowel Ont.



Robert married Hazel Young and Velma Powers and had 5 children. He lived in the N Dorchester region near his parents and was a farmer. He moved to a child's home in Listowel in his later years.

March 29, 1927 to May 5, 2014

Robert O'Neil – formerly of Monkton, passed away peacefully at Caressant Care Nursing Home, Listowel on Monday May 5, 2014 at the age of 87. Robert was a member of Knox

Presbyterian Church, Monkton. Beloved husband of Hazel (Young) O'Neil whom he married in 1994.

Father of David and Nancy, Rick and Liz, Paul and Joanne and Todd. Step-father of Doug and Sharon Ward, Neil Ward and Brenda and Lyle Ruby. Granafather of 16 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 2 great-great children. Fondly remembered by his brother Neil and Barb and sister-in-law Harriet O'Neil.

Predeceased by his parents Herb and Edna (Court) O'Neil, his first wife Velma, a daughter in infancy, his brother Ray, sister Eunice Wilson and her husband Jack and sister-in-law Wava O'Neil. Interment in Dorchester Union Cemetery

Neil Franklin

B 1931 Dorchester Township

D 30 Apr 2016



He is remembered by many nieces and nephews and friends from the Dorchester/ St. Thomas area. Neil retired from Canada Post in 1986 after 35 years while living in London and Putnam.

He married Wawa Fenton and had six children and is buried with his mother and father in Dorchester Union Cemetery.

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George Children of Lena George and William Court

Third: George William

B 27 Apr 1907 Dorchester

D 15 Jun 1977 St Petersburg, Florida

M 29 Sept 1928 Maywood Ill

Spouse: Lily Maude Mitchell

B 27 Apr 1907 Dungarven, Ireland

D 30 Sept 1953 Berwyn Ill.

SERIAL NUMBER 1622		I. NAME (Print) GEORGE WILLIAM COURT		ORDER NUMBER 842
2. ADDRESS (Print) 723 ARLINGTON ROAD RIVERSIDE COOK ILL				
3. TELEPHONE 6668	4. AGE IN YEARS 33	5. PLACE OF BIRTH CANADA	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.	
7. DATE OF BIRTH APRIL 27 1907				
8. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MRS LILY COURT				
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 723 ARLINGTON ROAD RIVERSIDE COOK ILL				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME MYSELF TUCK POINTER CONTRACTOR				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 723 ARLINGTON ROAD RIVERSIDE ILL				
I declare that I have furnished ABOVE ADDRESS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE, <i>George Court</i> REGISTRATION CARD D. & S. FORM 1 7-165				

George Court was unmarried when he arrived in Chicago months before his parents in 1927. By the 1930 census, George and Lily Mitchell were married and living in Oak Park Village in Chicago. Living with them was his younger brother Edwin. George was a tuckpointer – which was a brick mortar specialist using two shades of mortar to make architectural highlights with the mortar. This trade likely laid the foundation for his tuckpointing and masonry contracting company. Chicago would be a prime location for such as business as the

downtown is famous for its gothic architecture. The masonry on these buildings often needed repair.



Chicago 1930 – Courtesy Fredrico Italiano



Wife Lily was born in Dungarven, Ireland. She arrived in New York in April 1925 on the SS Carmania. The circumstances of her arrival in Dorchester, Ontario and meeting George Court are unknown. She married George Court in Maywood Illinois in 1928 and they had a daughter Betty 4 years later. A record has been found of a trip Lily took to Ireland. Lily "Mitchell" was 31 when she returned to New York on the SS Washington from Ireland. She had 2-year-old daughter Betty in tow. The ship's manifest shows daughter Betty as being born

in Oak Park Ill. Oct 19, 1931. It appears that Lily took Betty back to her home country for a visit.

In September of 1936, George obtained his US citizenship. George and Lily lived in the upscale Riverside neighbourhood of Chicago. He was drafted into the Navy from April 1944 to January 1946. Being in the Navy took its toll on his marriage.

The 1950 census took a turn for George as he no longer was with Lily and daughter Betty. He had a new wife named Mary. Mary Campbell was born in S. Dakota in 1910 and they were married 09 Jan 1947. She was an assistance chief operator for Northern Western Bell Telephone as was first wife Lily. His obituary lists as a "survivor his wife Thelma", possibly wife number three. The Court Company was still in business in 1985. Lily married James Havlik prior to 1950 and daughter Betty lived with them in Berwyn Ill. 1950 census. In August of 1950 James Havlick met a tragic death. Lily died in 1953 leaving 21-year-old daughter Betty. A Betty Havlik married George Jadlovec and a woman of that name was a realtor in the St Petersburg area in 1988.



Body of Foreman Missing After Party Recovered

The body of James Havlik, 40, of 6843 W. 31st st., Berwyn, machine shop foreman missing since Friday night, was recovered yesterday in the Lake Michigan pilings at the foot of Monroe st. He and other employees of the Daily Machine Specialty company, 2100 S. Laramie av., Cicero, attended a party Friday night in the yacht club on the lake front near Monroe st. Havlik disappeared after he left the club to summon a taxicab. Police said a bruise on his head indicated he may have been injured in a fall.

Chicago Tribune
Thu, Oct 01, 1953 Page 11

HAVLIK—Lily Havlik of 6845 W. 31st street, beloved mother of Betty Court. Funeral Saturday, 2 p. m., at chapel, 3419 Ridgeland avenue, Berwyn. Interment Woodlawn.

As noted, George Court came to Chicago before most of his siblings and parents. He used his grade eight education to run his own building contractor and development company, and in retirement was a member of the "Riverside Ill.

Lodge 62 of the AF&AM", the Bath club and the St. Petersburg, Florida Yacht Club. His retirement home was a gated community on the water in St Petersburg. He had one daughter and a number of stepchildren.

New York Times article:

New York Times

BOSTON — What do the bas-relief pilgrims on the Batterymarch Building and the griffin on the Brenton National Bank building in Grinnell, Iowa, have in common? They are both terra cotta, and like many other fired-clay architectural details on buildings, they both needed repair.

Tindall and nine employees work closely with the George Court Co. of Chicago, which does structural repair and installations on historic buildings. "He's the orthopedic surgeon who removes the rot," said Tindall, whose concern grossed \$600 in 1980 and \$600,000 in 1984.

COURT — George William Court, 70, husband of Thelma Court, passed away Wednesday. He resided at 317 Boca Ciega Point, coming here 22 years ago from Chicago. He is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. Betty Jedlovec, Pasadena; stepson, Harris Stevenson, Tampa; stepdaughter, Mrs. Cynthia Overstreet, Brandon; grandson, David Jedlovec, Pasadena; two brothers, Charles, Phoenix, Ariz., Edwin, Chicago; three sisters, Mrs. Eva Springer, Browning, Mo., Mrs. Edna O'Neill, Dorchester, Ontario, Mrs. Alma Bailie, Scarborough, Ontario. Friends may call

Tampa newspaper

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Lena George and William Court

Fourth: Charles Frederick

B 11 Jul 1912 Dorchester Township Lot 19 Con 2

D 09 Mar 2001 Phoenix, Arizona

M 03 Aug 1940 Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Spouse: Jessica Mary (Cook) Mackay

B 17 May 1908 Somerset, Illinois

D 01 Jun 1997 Phoenix

The 1940 census indicates that Charles F was a tuckpointer and building cleaner. I suspect that he worked for his brother's business at this time. He also spent time in the Navy during WWII in San Francisco and Hawaii as well as Luzon, Phillipines. By 1952 the couple were living in Phoenix. He was a cement worker, tuck worker and building restorer in the Phoenix market. It is likely he and his wife were involved in horse show competitions as well in the 1970s

TRIPPLICATE
(To be given to
declarant)

No. 91857

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA In the DISTRICT Court
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS THE UNITED STATES OF CHICAGO, ILL.

I, CHARLES FRED RICK COURT,
now residing at 3035 South Elm Avenue,
occupation Auto Mechanic, aged 30 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
Sex Male, color White, complexion Fair, color of eyes Blue,
color of hair Light Brown, height 5 feet 7 inches; weight 137 pounds; visible distinctive marks
None
race English, nationality British
I was born in Dorchester, Ontario, Canada, on July 11th, 1918.
I am married. The name of my wife or husband is Mae.
we were married on Sept. 19th, 1931 at Chicago, Ill. also or he was
born at London, Ontario, Canada on May 24, 1907 for permanent residence therein, and now
resides at Chicago, Ill. I have no children, and the name, date and place of birth,
and place of residence of each of said children are as follows:
I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number _____, on _____ (date)
at _____ (place of birth)
my last foreign residence was Dorchester, Ontario, Canada
I emigrated to the United States of America from London, Ontario, Canada
my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at Port Huron, Michigan
under the name of Charles Frederick Court, on Sept. 24, 1937
on the vessel A. G. N. 815
I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I solemnly swear that the foregoing entries in this declaration and certificate hereof is a statement of fact: so help me God.

Charles Frederick Court
Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court,
at Chicago, Illinois, this 3rd day of May,
anno Domini 1938. Certification No. 11-70000 from the Comma-
ndant of Naturalization showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent
residence on the date stated above, has been received by me. The photograph
affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

CHARLES M. BATES
Clerk of the DISTRICT Court.
Deputy Clerk.
18-3000
EX-101-1-A
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Contractors—Building Cleaning

Anderson O A 398 W Vermont
Court C F 4623 N 31st St
Home Serves Unlimited 4209 N 12th St
1958 Phoenix Republic newspaper

Tuck Pointing

COURT CHAS 4623 N 31st St AM 6-2119

1960 Phoenix Republic newspaper

The Arizona Republic
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Charles F. Court, 88, of Sun City Az,
died March 10, 2001. Military service:
U.S. Navy WWII Veteran. Services
are private. Arrangements Sunland
Mortuary.

Berwyn Life
Wed, Mar 12, 1947 -Page 1

Report Car Theft

Charles Court, 2144 Gundersen
ave., reported to Berwyn po-
lice Sunday morning that his car
was stolen from in front of his
home.

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

Children of Lena George and William Court

Fifth: Edwin

B 20 Aug 1914 Lot 19 Con 2 N Dorchester

D 30 Aug 1998 Dayton, Ohio

Spouse: Marie Francis Sterle

B 22 Apr 1918 Cleveland, Ohio

D 01 Nov 2005 Indianapolis, Ind.

Born in Canada, he received his 1938 US citizenship. Ed served in the US Armed Forces just like his older brothers. He was 5'9" with brown hair and blue eyes. He enlisted in February 1942, fought in Europe and was cited for bravery on the battlefield.

TRIPPLICATE
(To be given to declarant)

No. 135911

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } In the _____ DISTRICT } Court
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS } OF THE UNITED STATES OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS }

I, EDWIN COURT
now residing at 223 ARLINGTON STREET, RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS.
occupation Librarian, aged 25 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
Sex Male, color White, complexion Fair, color of eyes Gray
color of hair Light Brown, height 5 feet, 92 inches; weight 140 pounds; visible distinctive marks
None
race English, nationality British
I was born in Dorchester, Ont. Canada on Aug. 30th, 1914
I am NOT married. The name of my wife or husband is _____
we were married on _____ at _____; she or he was
born at _____ entered the United States
at _____ for permanent residence therein, and now
resides at _____ I have no children, and the name, date and place of birth,
and place of residence of each of said children are as follows:

I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number _____
at _____
my last foreign residence was Dorchester, Ont. Canada
I emigrated to the United States of America from London, Ont. Canada
my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at Port Huron, Mich. 1934
under the name of Edwin Court on Sept. 24th, 1927
on the vessel O. N. R.R.
I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me: So help me God.

Edwin Court
Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court,
at Chicago, Illinois this 31st day of March
since Decided 19 38 Certification No. 11-192191 from the Commis-
sioner of Immigration and Naturalization showing the lawful entry of the
declarant for permanent residence on the date stated above, has been received
by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a like-
ness of the declarant.

HENRY W. FREEMAN
U. S. DISTRICT Court,
Deputy Clerk.

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After the war, Edwin continued to work for his brother George's Tuck-Pointing company.

He lived with his brother George at his Arlington Rd. Chicago residence for

several years. Edwin married Marie Sterle around 1948. He continued to work as a Tuckpointer right into the 1950 census. Wife was business manager for the families Chicago company for many years. He retired in 1982 and he and his wife moved to winters in Sun City, Az. They lived there from 1983 to at least 1993. He moved to Beavercreek, Ohio in 1993 to live with his son, so it is likely that at this point the couple had divorced as his wife was still alive.

COURT, Edwin

Of Beavercreek and of Sun City, AZ., died on his 84th birthday, August 30th, after a long illness. Ed was born near Dorchester, Ontario, Canada. He became a naturalized US Citizen and served with distinction as a Medic with the 3rd Army in WWII. He received the Bronze Star for heroism on the battlefield. After the war, Ed became a Building Sub-contractor in the Chicago area until his retirement in 1982. Ed was a member of the Tuckpointing and Building Cleaning Union and the 32nd Degree Mason. He is survived by his sisters, Eva, Edna & Alma; his brother, Charles; his son, Charles; his daughter, Barbara, and his granddaughter, Kara. Interment will be in Canada. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tecumseh Council Boys Scouts of America. Friends may call at the Court residence, 2652 Lantz Rd., Beavercreek from 1 until 4 P.M. Sunday, Sept. 6.

Wife Marie and Edwin were in their early 30s when they married. Marie's parents were of Yugoslavian descent and Marie moved to and lived in Chicago with her married sister's family. She was a receptionist for a dentist before she married Edwin in Cleveland in 1948. She was heavily involved in the George Court Tuck Pointer Company raising to the position of business manager even after the divorce from Edwin.

They had two children noted below.



Barbara Anne B Jan 1953 Cicero Ill. Both she and her brother attended Morton West High School. She later married a Jon Robert Findley and moved to Addison, Texas in 1985. They were then located over the years in Indianapolis from 1993-2000, again in Texas and later Sun City, Arizona.



Charles M Court B 05 Mar 1949 He spent several years living in Alexandria, Virginia before moving to Beaver Creek Ohio.

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CAP Cadet Court Attends Encampment

Cadet Charles Court, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Court of 4425 Harlem ave., recently participated in the Civil Air Patrol's annual Cadet Flying Encampment in Chester, S.C., to qualify for the internationally-recognized Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) "C" Award and a Federal Aviation Administration glider pilot certificate.

Cadet Court was one of 88 cadets representing the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia at the two-week course.

He is a member of the Pershing Composite Squadron of the Illinois CAP Wing.

The 18-year-old cadet is a graduate of Morton West High School.

As noted, in their senior years, Ed lived with his son Charles

Wife Marie lived with her daughter Barbara Anne Findley at the time of her death from heart failure in 2005.

Marie F. Court, nee Sterle, 87, of Indianapolis, passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at St. Vincent Hospital. She was a Business Manager for George Court & Co. in Stickney, IL. She was a member of Karnak Court Chapter #17 Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, where she was the High Priestess in 1975 in Berwyn, IL, Eastern Star Chapter #529 in Berwyn, IL, and Chicago Chapter of Women on Construction. Memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 2005 at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center Washington Park North, with calling there 10:30 a.m. until time of service. Inurnment will be in Washington Park North Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Court. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Jon) Findley, nee Court and son Charles M. Court; grandmother of Kara Marie Fildley; aunt of Rosemary Strona.
Newspapers.com

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George:

Children of Lena George and William Court:

Sixth: Lloyd Elmer

B 30 Jun 1916 N Dorchester Lot 19 Con 2

D 15 Jul 1976 Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois.

M 02 Sept 1949

Spouse: Eva Thorburn

B 1903 Missouri

D 29 May 1980 Berwyn, Chicago, Illinois

There is some strangeness involving the Court family and their move to Chicago. The 1931 census had youngest son Lloyd living in N Dorchester, at age 14, with his older sister's Edna and Matthew O'Neil's family. This was due to his mother's 1929 death. Lloyd was the youngest to make the trip to Chicago and he joined the family Tuck Pointer business once he had finished school in Canada while living with the O'Neil family. In Chicago, he lived with his older brother George, the head of the company, as his mother had died and his father possibly had returned to London, Ontario. In October of 1940, he registered with the US Forces at age 24 and was still waiting for his US citizenship to be approved. He received his 1944 approval when he was serving in the forces and was based in California. This approval was through a special-order Section 701 of the Nationality Act of 1940 instigated by the Armed Forces of the US. He served in California. Why it says he emigrated from Tijuana Mexico is a mystery. Every Court brother served in the US forces in WWII. He returned to Chicago after the war and married Eva Thorburn. She was 13 years his senior. Eventually Lloyd opened his own contracting company in Chicago in Berwyn Illinois and operated until his death. He and Eva had no children.

ORIGINAL
(To be retained by
Clerk of Court)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 33897

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION
(Filed under Section 701 of the Nationality Act of 1940)

To the Honorable the DISTRICT Court of THE UNITED STATES, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

This petition for naturalization, hereto made and filed, respectfully shews:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is LOYD ELMER COURT

(2) My place of residence at the time of my enlistment or inclusion into the military or naval service of the United States was Berwyn, Cook, Illinois

(3) I was born on June 30, 1918 at Dorchester, Mass., Canada

(4) My personal description: sex male, age 23, color white, height 5, weight 155, eyes blue, hair brown, present nationality Great Britain

(5) I am not married; the name of my wife or husband is _____ (6) I have no children.

(7) I emigrated to the United States, its Territories, or its possessions, from San Ysidro, Calif.

(8) My formal admission to the United States, its Territories, or its possessions, was at San Ysidro, Calif. on July 15, 1944 under the name of Lloyd E. Court on the afloat

(9) I entered the U. S. Army on Oct. 16, 41 under Serial No. 36302404

(10) I am not, and have not been for the period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition, nor a believer in the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage, nor a disbeliever in or opponent of organized government, nor a member of or affiliated with any organization of body of persons seeking the overthrow of our government. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and will support the same to the last.

(11) Submitted herewith as a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are the affidavits of at least two verifying citizens witnesses required by law.

(12) Whereas, I, your petitioner for naturalization, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to no change

(13) I, your petitioner, do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, that the same are true and correct, except in so far as therein stated to be untrue, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true and correct.

Lloyd Elmer Court

mda

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

The following witnesses, each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, depose and say:

My name is Richard B. Linahan I reside at 214 Chapman St. Greenfield

My name is Ernest R. Briones I reside at 623 25th St. Corpus

I am a citizen of the United States of America; I personally know the petitioner named in this petition for naturalization to be a person entitled to the privileges of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and law-abiding, in the military or naval service of the United States, as private in Cavalry under Serial No. 36302404, as shown by official service records.

I do swear (affirm) that the statements of fact I have made in this affidavit of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Richard B. Linahan Ernest R. Briones

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the respective forms or each shown in said petition and of the Clerk of said Court at Los Angeles, Calif. this 17th day of July A.D. 1944

I hereby certify that Certificate of Arrival No. 23 N 11503 from the Immigration and Naturalization Service showing the heard above named has been by me filed with, and made a part of this petition on this date.

(CLERK) EDWARD L. JAMES (DEPUTY CLERK) John Deane

I certify that the petitioner and witnesses named herein appeared before and were examined by me on July 17 the date of this petition.

U. S. NOTARY

OATH OF RENUNCIATION AND ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have previously been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God. In acknowledgment whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

Given to be open court, this 17th day of JULY 1944 A. D. 1944

(CLERK) EDWARD L. JAMES (DEPUTY CLERK) John Deane

Verdict: granted

Petition granted (entered) Line No. _____ of List No. _____ and Certificate No. 6178645

Lloyd E. Court

Lloyd E. Court, 60, owner of the Lloyd E. Court Contracting Co., 3101 Wesley ave., and a 19-year resident of Berwyn, was pronounced dead on arrival at MacNeal Memorial Hospital Thursday.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Abram and Son Home for Funerals with interment in Chapel Hills Gardens West.

He is survived by his wife Eva; stepdaughter, Mrs. Maxine Dillon; three brothers; three sisters, and three grandchildren.

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print)

2167 LOYD ELMER COURT ORDER NUMBER 1047

2. ADDRESS (Print)

906 So Mayfield Chicago Ill

3. TISSUES

Columbus 4. AGE AT DEATH 24 5. PLACE OF BIRTH CANADA 6. OCCUPATION taken out first papers

6.54 Date of Birth June 30 1918

7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAY KNOW YOUR ADDRESS

MR GEORGE COURT RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Brother

8. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON

723 Arlington Road River Side Ill

9. EMPLOYER'S NAME

Mr George Court

10. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

723 Arlington Road River Side Ill

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ADDRESS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. Form 1

Lloyd Court (Signature of applicant)

BOY, 2, HURT AS CAR HITS TRICYCLE

David Johnson, 2 of 1003 Stanley ave., suffered a bruised forehead Thursday when his tricycle was struck by a car coming out of an alley.

The driver of the car, Lloyd Court, 32, of 1208 Wesley ave., was driving through the alley between Home ave. and Kenilworth ave. heading south toward Stanley ave, police said.

The boy was riding his tricycle west on the sidewalk on the north side of Stanley ave. He was taken to MacNeal Memorial Hospital.

TUCK POINTING

Lloyd Court Tuck Pointing
Factories-Public Buildings-Churches-Offices
3101 Wesley Ave. PT 8-1580

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Eva Court, 69, of 3101 Wesley ave. was taken to MacNeal Memorial Hospital after she fainted outside of a restaurant at 3011 Harlem ave. Berwyn police said.

Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George Children of Lena George and William Court:

Seventh and last: Alma Jean B 1923 N Dorchester
D 07 Oct 2014 Orillia, Lived in London

Spouse: William Robert Bailie B 1928 Lancashire, England
D 06 June, 2017 Scarborough

Alma travelled with the family to Chicago when they emigrated, but after her mother's 1929 death, she ended up back in Canada living with older married sister Edna O'Neil. She married William Bailie who had emigrated from Scotland in 1928. They lived in Toronto where he was a printer as noted by the 1963 voters list and they were living with his parents at that time. She was convalescing at one of her children's homes in Orillia when she died.

Both Alma and William are buried in Dorchester however there appears to be no markers on the plot.

Alma J. (nee Court) Bailie - Peacefully at Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Orillia on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. Of London, in her 91st year. Beloved wife of William (Bill). Dear mother of John Bailie (wife Barbara) of Ajax, Caryl Winn (husband Rudy) of Oro-Medonte, Candace Bailie of Scarborough and Pat McKinley (husband Bev) of St. John, New Brunswick. Grandmother of 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Survived by a nephew Neil O'Neil of St. Thomas. Predeceased by 2 sisters and 4 brothers. Friends will be received at the BIEMAN FUNERAL HOME, 3970 Hamilton Road, Dorchester (Friday 7-9 p.m).

The George family tree is very substantial in numbers and multiple generations populated N Dorchester Township. As an old saying might have gone:

"Kick over any rock in Dorchester township and you will likely find a George family member under it".

Child of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Third Child: Maria

B possible Oct 1838 Hartland Parish, Devon

D possibly Mar 1843 Hartland Parish Devon

Maria was born and died in Hartland Devon. No stone has been located in my research.

Child of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse Family

Child of Thomas Prouse and Mary Elliott

Fourth Child: Eliza Elizabeth

B Nov 9 1840 Hartland, Devon

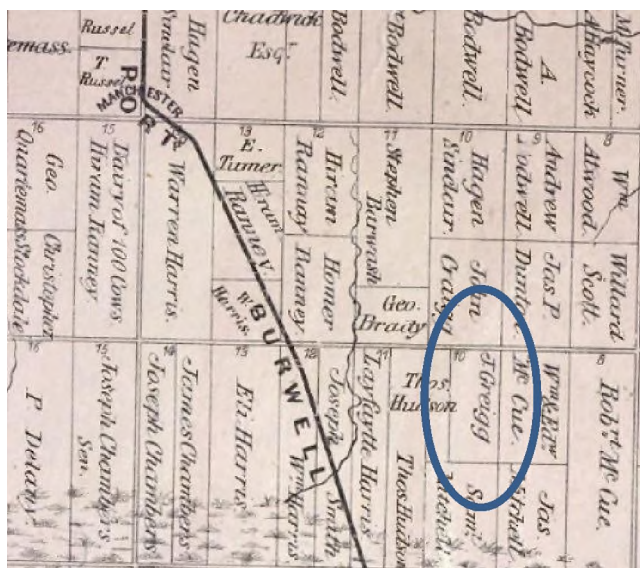
D 28 Sept 1921 Canterbury St. Ingersoll Buried IRC

M July 7 1864 Ingersoll

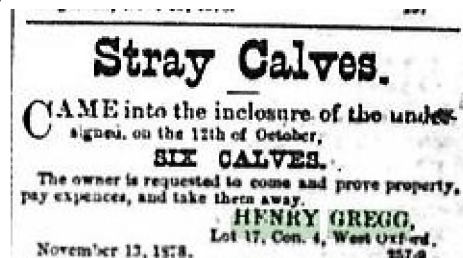
Spouse: Henry Gregg

B 03 Dec 1837 Ancaster, Ont.

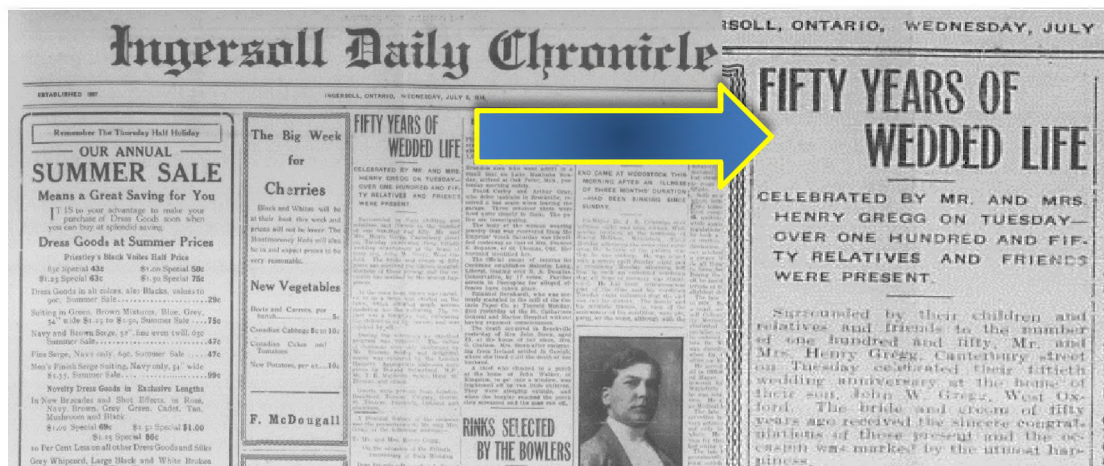
D 08. Sept 1923 Ingersoll Buried IRC



The stray calves add below seemed to indicate a relationship between Henry and Lot 17 Con 4 Dereham in the 1878 Chronicle (below). Onland.ca shows no ownership of this land by Henry and was in the Moulton family for decades. Later the couple were in the Salford/Mt Elgin Area at Con 5 Lot 10 Dereham as per the 1900 Union Directory for Oxford County.



His father and brother were farming nearby. Father John, owned Lot 10 on both Con 2 and 3, just south east of Salford (then called Manchester) in the 1871 census. The sons likely worked on these farms. Around 1898, Henry and Eliza moved to W Oxford township. A landmark day for the couple was celebrated on the weekend of July 7, 1914. It was their 50th wedding anniversary and the gathering made the front page of the Ingersoll Chronicle.



Transcribed for clarity and brevity:

“Surrounded by their children and relatives and friends to the number of one hundred and fifty, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregg, Canterbury Street on Tuesday celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the home of their son John W Gregg, West Oxford. The bride and groom of fifty years ago received the sincere congratulations of those present and the occasion was marked by the utmost happiness. The noon hour dinner was partaken of in a large tent erected on the lawn for the gathering. The repast was a tempting one embracing the delicacies of the season and was enjoyed by all. During the afternoon an excellent program was rendered. The duties of chairman (editor’s note: master of ceremonies) was ably discharged by Mr. Thomas Seldon and delightful music was rendered by the London Harpers. Appropriate addresses were given by Donald Sutherland M.P., Mr. T R Mayberry, Squire Hunt of St Thomas and others. Guests were present from Brantford, Toronto, Calgary, Gorrie, St. Thomas, Ingersoll, Listowel and elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg were married 7th of July 1864. Mrs. Gregg’s maiden name was Eliza Prouse, being a daughter of the late Thomas Prouse who settled the farm now occupied by Mr. Fred Quinn. For five years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg resided in Dereham. They then removed to West Oxford where they resided up to ten years ago before they came to Ingersoll.”

TWO ARE DEAD FROM COAL GAS

J. B. McARTHUR AND GEORGE GREGG FOUND DEAD IN HOME AT CLIFFORD—MRS. McARTHUR WAS VISITING AT PUTNAM.

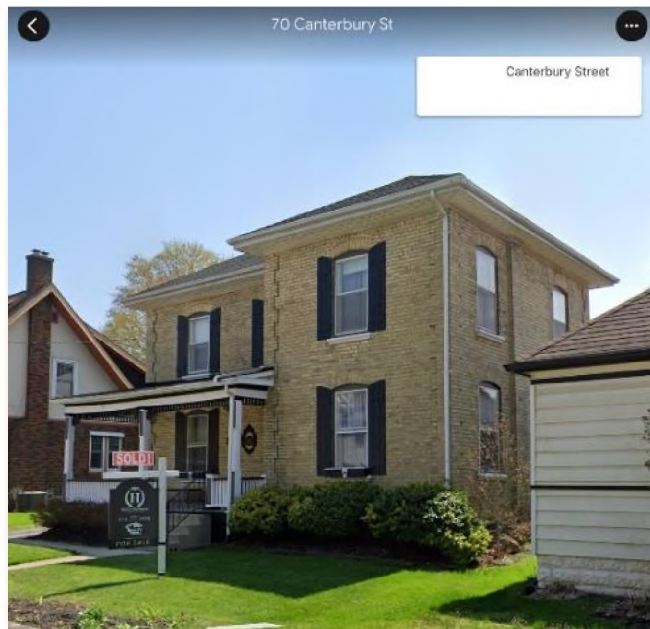
News of the death by asphyxiation of Mr. J. B. McArthur and Mr. Geo. Gregg, at Clifford, was received by relatives in Ingersoll Monday evening. Mr. McArthur was the father of Jos. McArthur, clerk at the Grand Trunk freight sheds, and Mr. Gregg was the brother of Mrs. Ransom Harris, King street west, and Mr. Henry Gregg, Canterbury street. Mrs. J. B. McArthur was visiting at Putnam when apprised of her husband's death.

A Clifford dispatch says:

Mr. J. B. McArthur and Mr. George Gregg were found this afternoon in the latter's home both dead, apparently from inhalation of gas, as the stove doors were found open. Mr. Gregg, being an elderly man and in failing health of late, was being looked after by his daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. McArthur has been absent for a few days on a visit. No stir was noticed around the home today, and when the neighbors called and could get no response the door was forced in. The ghastly sight which they witnessed was Mr. and Mrs. Gregg in bed, the former dead and the latter almost beyond medical aid. Upstairs McArthur was found in his room partly lying on his bed with the mattress burning. His face and breast were badly blackened from the smoke, while his hands were also burned. It was quite evident from the position of McArthur that he had awakened, and being in a dazed condition, attempted to light a lamp, as it was found broken in his room, and not being able to do so, he fell on his

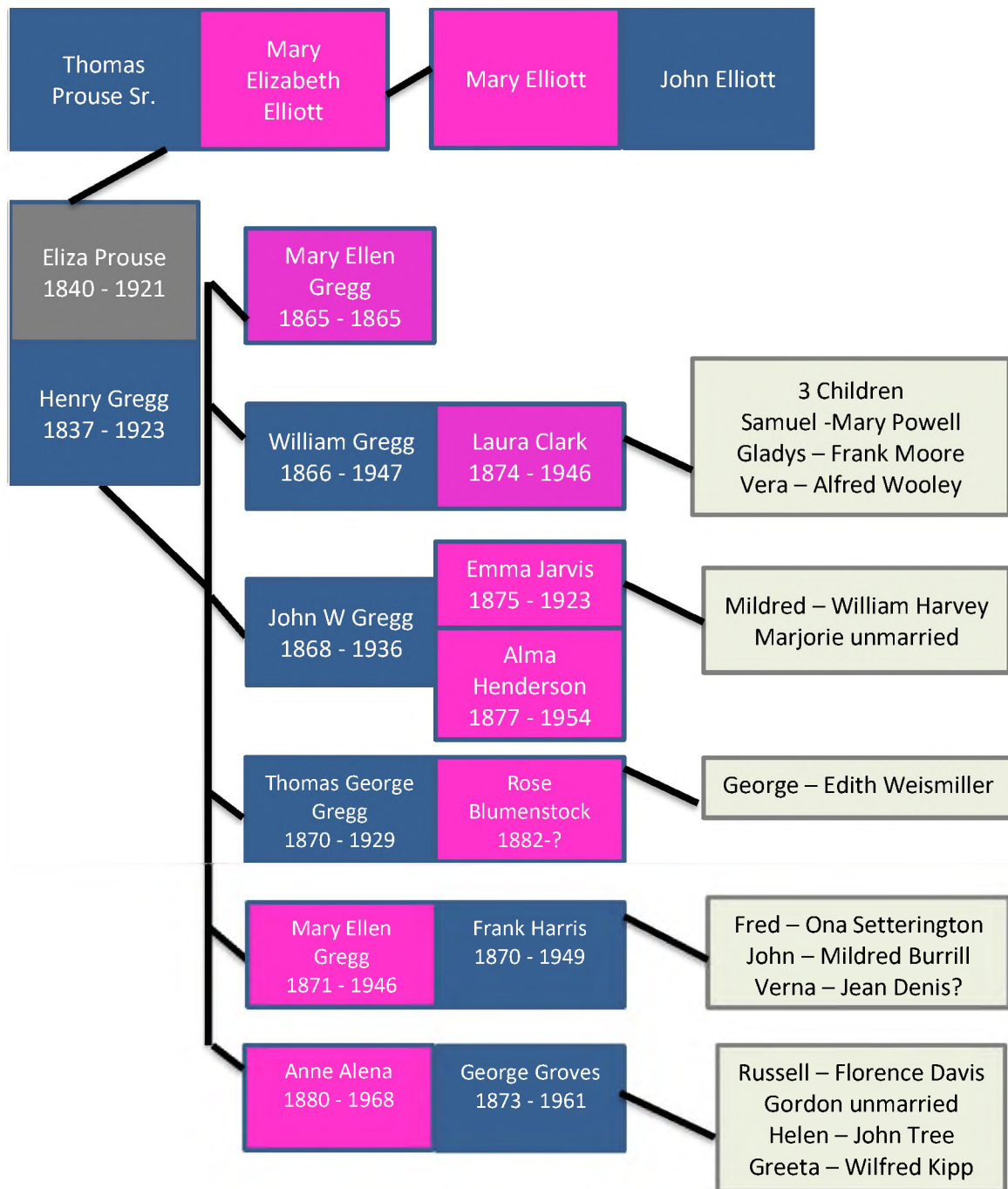
Mention was also made of their time and efforts with the community of Salford and the church in Salford. Their children were listed as W. H., John and George all of West Oxford: Mrs. Frank Harris of Dereham and Mrs. George Groves of West Oxford. Mr. Thomas Seldon, chairman of duties was a second cousin from the Seldon/Elliott family line.

Sadly, only 6 months after the wedding celebration Henry's brother, his brother's wife and their son-in-law were asphyxiated when a gas stove oven door was left open and the fumes consumed the inside of the home. Only the youngest, Mrs. Gregg, barely survived as neighbours became aware of a lack of movement about the house and mounted a rescue.



As early as 1908, Henry and Eliza retired to this Canterbury St. house in Ingersoll and were living in Ingersoll when they died.

**Children and Spouses of Eliza Elizabeth Prouse and Henry Gregg
Daughter of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary E Elliott**



Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse:

First Child: Mary Ellen

B 19 Jun 1865 Dereham

D 15 Aug 1865 Dereham township – 2 months – “Indigestion”

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse:

Second Child: William Henry

B 28 Nov 1867 Salford

D 26 May 1947 Highland Park, Mi

M 14 Oct 1890 Ingersoll

Spouse: Laura Clark

B 24 Apr 1874 in Somerset, England

D 21 Nov 1946 Dereham township



57 Wellington Ave Ingersoll



Highland Park Mi home

Mr. and Mrs. John Battan and Miss Phyllis Lee, Mr. F. H. Harris and Mrs. Denoe attended the funeral of the late Mrs. William Gregg held on Friday afternoon of last week at the Ostrander Funeral Home, Tillsonburg. The late Mrs. Gregg was a resident of this village a number of years ago.

Detroit Evening Times
Tue, Jun 03, 1941 - Page 24

MEN'S WEAR--EVERY OCCASION
GEORGE M. BEEBE, Tailors, Haberdashers, Complete outfitting 1500 Woodward, Townsend 6-4172

Raised on the farm and the first son, expectations were that William would take over the farm near Salford. However, he seemed to have different plans and when he married at age 23, he was already making a living as a tailor as per the 1921 Ingersoll census. He lived at 57 Wellington Ave Ingersoll with wife Laura who arrived from England in 1873. By his 60th year, in June 1926, William and Laura moved to Detroit. William continued to work as a tailor with David Cone in a tailor shop on Henry St. in Detroit and later for the George Beebe Co of Detroit. The 1940 US census had them living in Highland Park with daughter Vera and her husband Alfred Wooley. Oddly Laura's death records indicated she died while in Dereham in 1946. William died in Highland Park six months later at a daughter's home.

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of William Henry Gregg and Laura Clark

First Child: Samuel “Harley”

B 07 Mar 1892 Mt Elgin/Salford

D 09 Jul 1961 Toronto

M 08 Nov 1916 Toronto

Spouse: Mary Powell

B 16 July 1888 Toronto

D 17 Mar 1972 Toronto



In 1916, at the time of his marriage, he was a government auditor boarding in Toronto at the same residence as his new bride. When his parents left for Detroit, Samuel stayed in Canada and was found living on Con 5 Lot 11 Dereham with his wife. He was a bank manager at the time. The family was found in Grimsby Ont. in the 1931 census where he was a bank manager. At this point he moved to the Toronto area. He retired to 25 Carey Rd. Toronto where he died in 1961. Harley's tombstone is located in Mt Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto. They had two children.

Daughter of Harley Gregg and Mary Powell:

Betty Jean (B 1923 Grimsby, Ontario D 2014 Etobicoke, Ont.)

GREGG, Betty Jean - Passed away peacefully, on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at the age of 91.

Predeceased by parents Samuel Harley Gregg and Mary Christina Gregg (nee Powell), brother William Gregg, sister-in-law Reta Gregg. Cherished aunt of Sharlene Page (nee Gregg) and husband Christopher Page and Christine Schauer (nee Gregg) and husband Robert Schauer.

The Toronto Star
12 Sep 2003, Fri -Page 34

GREGG, William Harley "Bill" — (Retired, 48 years with the Royal Bank of Canada) Suddenly, on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at the age of 75. Beloved husband of the late Reta (1993). Dearest father of Sharlene Page and her husband Christopher of Alberta, and Christine Schauer and her husband Robert of Ohio. Cherished grandfather of Joanna, Michael, David, Ryan, Jennifer and Elyse. Bill is survived by his sister Betty Gregg of Toronto, and his sister-in-law Lavina Ruppel of Waterloo. Friends may call at the Turner & Porter

Son of Harley Gregg and Mary Powell William Harley "Bill" B
1929 Grimsby - D 2003 Etobicoke

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of William Henry Gregg and Laura Clark

Second child: Gladys Viola

B 17 Dec 1894 Ingersoll

D 04 Oct 1988 Detroit

M 09 Oct 1912

Spouse: Frank Aubrey Moore

B 1883 Ingersoll

D unknown

M 05 Oct 1942 Henry County, Ohio

Spouse: Paul Pequengat

B 06 Oct 1897 Berlin (Kitchener), Ont.

D 1969 Highland Park, Mi.

MOORE-GREGG--A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gregg, Hagle's Corners, when their daughter, Gladys, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank A. Moore, of Ingersoll. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Ellis of Saiford, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Moore who will have the well wishes of many friends, left this morning for Orillia, where they will reside, Mr. Moore having accepted a position there.

Ingersoll Chronicle 10 Oct 1913

PEQUEGNAT
GLADYS V., Oct. 2, 1988. Dear
mother of Sherla Campbell, Wil-
liam F. Moore and the late
Nathella Deeley and Clayton G.
Moore; four grandchildren and
four great-grandchildren; sister
of Vera Woolley. Funeral from

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

COUNTY, WAYNE DOCKET No. 162299

DIVORCE RECORD

Name of each *Gladys Moore* Age *—*
Frankis Moore Age *—*

State or Country in which married *Ingersoll, Ont.* Date *Oct 9, 1923*

Date of Filing Petition *Sept 8, 1928* Who was Libellant *Wife*

Was Case Contested *no* Date of Decree or Judgment *Jan 4, 1929*

Cause for Which Divorced *Extreme Cruelty*
Non Support

Was Divorce Granted, Refused or Withdrawn *Granted*

Whether Absolute or Conditioned *Absolute*

Was Alimony Granted *yes*

Number of Children in Family *4* (see reverse side)

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the records of this Court.

THOMAS F. FARRILL
Clerk of Circuit Court, County of Wayne

Date JAN 31 1929

Gladys and Frank Moore first moved to Orillia where their first child was prematurely born. The child was not given a first name on the birth schedule and later census does not indicate the child lived. Another child, Clayton Gregg Moore, was born 4th of October 1914 in Brownsville where Frank was a barber. Frank and family moved many times. By 1921, the Ingersoll census had Frank working as a barber and the family living in Ingersoll with two children. They emigrated to the US in 1926 at the same time as Gladys's parents did. Later the couple divorced in 1929 while living in Detroit. Frank would remarry in 1931 to Scottish immigrant and nurse Rose Burns. With the 1929 divorce, if not sooner, Gladys was living with her parents and 4 children in Highland Park, Mi. in the 1930 US census. She worked in a department store and by 1940 three oldest children were all working to support the family. Also living with the family was Canadian born lodger Paul Pequengat. He had been previously married in Berlin (Kitchener) and had a son. Later he would become her second husband after he divorced his first wife in 1940. As noted by the 1940 census

Gladys was living in a house at 103 Church St in Highland Park Mi. Paul Pequengat was still listed as a lodger but my expectation is he was living common law. Gladys would have been 46 years old when they finally married in 1942. They both worked in retail sales. It was noted she had four children with her in the 1940 census, **Clayton Gregg** (B 1914 D 1976), **Sherla** (Campbell, Marshall) (B 1916 Brownsville D 1990 Royal Oak Michigan), **William Francis** (B 1922 Ingersoll D 2001 Maryland) and **Vera Nethella** (Deeley) (B 1925 Highland Park D unknown). Nethella may have been Paul Pequengat's child.

Detroit Free Press
Sat, Mar 10, 1990 -Page 8

CAMPBELL
SHERLA March 8, 1990. Beloved wife of the late Albert. Dear sister of William F. Moore, the late Nathella Deeley and Clayton G. Moore. Three nephews and one niece. Funeral from Lynch & Sons (Lynch-Howell Chapel) 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (betw. 14-15 Mile), Clawson Monday 2:30 p.m. Visitation Sunday 2-4 p.m.

Miss Knowles Becomes Bride in Washington

HELEN ELIZABETH KNOWLES, daughter of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Miles H. Knowles, of Washington and Detroit, became the bride of William Francis Moore on Saturday, June 18. The marriage was solemnized in the St. Joseph Chapel of the Washington Cathedral at 7 o'clock in the evening. Canon W. Curtis Draper, Jr., officiated. Mr. Moore is the son of Mrs. Gladys Moore, of Highland Park.

1943 Detroit Free Press

Clayton would become a camera repair technician before joining the US Army on 1941 reaching the rank of Sergeant. He married Violet Krasutsky in 1941 and by 1950 had one son. William was also in the military during WWII and worked for the Bureau of Standards in the 1950s.

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of William Henry Gregg and Laura Clark

Third Child: Vera May

B 10 Mar 1896 Salford

D 1988 Highland Park, Michigan

M 21 Feb 1917 W Oxford.

Spouse: Alfred Lewis Woolley

B 06 Dec 1893 Lapeer, Michigan

D 20 July 1973 Highland Park, Michigan

At 2 p.m., on Wednesday February 21st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gregg. West Oxford, their youngest daughter, Miss Vera May, was united in marriage to Alfred L. Woolley, of Brownsville, Ontario by Rev. J. A. Neill of Salford. (Ingersoll Tribune 1917)

Vera and her husband, Michigan born Alfred Woolley. Alfred was three years old when the family moved to moved back to Dereham after a few years in the US. Alfred and Vera returned to the US in 1926 at the same time as her family did and he worked as a driver for the Detroit Creamery Co. Alfred died in 1973 and Vera lived in Michigan until her death at age 92. Their son, Ontario born, Paul (B 1926 D 2009 – Farmington Mi.) was also a milk delivery driver. His obit below shows a substantial career change by becoming a Podiatrist.



Paul F. Woolley, DPM age 83 of Farmington Hills, passed away on Monday, August 3, 2009 with his loving family at his side. Dr. Woolley followed his wife, Helen, into eternal glory, one month after her death. Dr. Woolley was born in Brownsville, Ontario Canada on March 29, 1926. He was the son of Alfred and Vera Woolley. He married Helen Bury in Farmington on June 24, 1950.

He was a podiatrist practicing in Utica, Michigan retiring in 2005 with 45 years of service. Surviving his daughter Janice Marie (Robert J.) King of Ferndale; son-in-law, Hank W. Burgess of Farmington Hills; grandsons, Ryan Michael (Kimmi) King, and Christopher Robert King; and a great-grandson Colton. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Helen, and a daughter, Laura Lee Burgess.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse:

Third Child: John Wesley

B 05 May 1868 Dereham
D 01 Apr 1936 Woodstock
M 04 Oct 1900 W Oxford

Spouse: Emma Jarvis

B 11 Oct 1875 N. Oxford
D 29 Jan 1923 Lot 14 Con 4 W Oxford (encephalitis)
M 26 Jan 1927 Ingersoll

Spouse: Alma Henderson

B 28 Jan 1877 Ingersoll
D 11 July 1954 Sparta, Elgin Co.

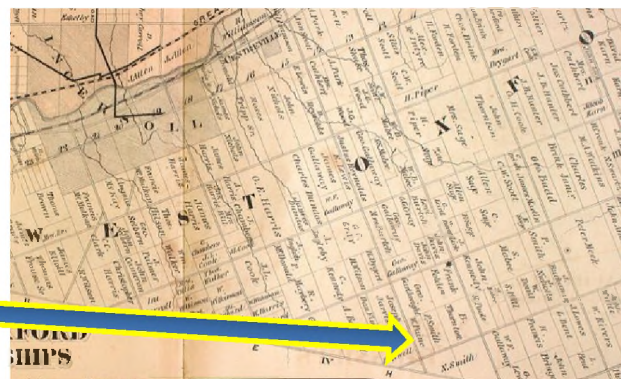


Alma Henderson

John was a prominent native of Dereham. He was president of the Prouse Cheese Factory for a time and a member of Harris Road Cemetery Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Gregg entertained the directors, secretary and cheesemakers of the Salford Cheese Co. with their ladies on Friday evening, the 2nd inst.

Chronicle 05 Feb 1906



Lot 14 Con 4 W Oxford farm location
In 1905

John W. Gregg

INGERSOLL, April 2.—John W. Gregg, widely-known West Oxford farmer, died at his home yesterday, after an extended illness, in his 68th year. He was a native of Dereham Township and had spent his entire life there and in West Oxford, taking an active part in community affairs for many years. He was a member of the Folden's United Church and of the official board. He was a director of the Harris Street Cemetery Board, and also had served as president of the Folden's cheese factory and was widely known among the Holstein breeders of Oxford County. At one time he had been a member of the Mount Elgin Band, a musical organization that was prominent throughout the district.

It was Mr. Gregg's intention to move to Ingersoll at once and a clearing auction sale at his farm, advertised for some time, was held yesterday afternoon and largely attended. Many who attended were not aware of his death until they reached the premises.

He is survived by the widow, two daughters, Mrs. William Harvey, Sparta; Miss Marjorie, R.N., New York City; one brother, William of Detroit, and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Harris, Mount Elgin, and Mrs. George Groves, West Oxford.

The funeral will be held from the family residence, Lot 14, Concession 4, West Oxford, tomorrow afternoon, to the Harris Street Cemetery, with service at the house at 2:30 o'clock.

John and Emma were farmers in W. Oxford at Lot 14 Con 2. He purchased the farm in 1905 for \$7000. Onland.ca records showed the property had been in his wife's family as far back as 1855. It was also three lots east of his father's homestead at Lot 17 of Con 4. It appears he sold the farm just prior to his death and as noted in his obit, when the farm auction was held, several who arrived at the site did not know of his death the previous day. John's second wife Alma, in her final years, moved to Sparta to be with her daughter Mildred. John and both wives are buried together in the Harris St. Cemetery in Ingersoll.

ANNUAL PICNIC

GREGG FAMILY REUNION HELD
YESTERDAY AT HOME OF
JOHN GREGG, Jr.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The Gregg family held their annual reunion picnic yesterday, at the beautiful home of Mr. John Gregg, Jr., near Folden's. The day being favorable, it was as usual a great success, and was attended by about one hundred and forty relatives. The afternoon was spent in music, games and other amusements. After tea the gathering dispersed, with the pleasing prospect of next year's reunion at the home of Mr. George Wilson.

Chronicle Sept 8, 1908



As noted in his obituary, daughter Marjorie was a nurse in New York City at the time.

FORMER RESIDENT, MRS. JOHN GREGG, DIES AT SPARTA Mrs. John W. Gregg died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Harvey, Sparta. She was in her 78th year. Mrs. Gregg was the former Alma Savilla Henderson and had many friends in this district. She was born in North Oxford [township] and spent most of her life in Ingersoll and Foldens Corners before going to her home with her daughter. She was member of the Trinity United Church and an active member of the Women's Association of that church and the WCTU while health permitted. Mrs. Gregg had been in failing health for the past 4 years and seriously ill for 3 days before her death. Her husband predeceased her 18 years ago. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. William Harvey [Mildred], of Sparta; and Miss Marjorie Gregg, of Whittier, California; two grandchildren, Bill Harvey of Sparta; and Louise Harvey of London

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Daughters of John Wesley Gregg and Emma Jarvis

First Child: Mildred Louisa

B 26 Apr 1904 Dereham

D 07 Mar 1988 Sparta

M 16 Aug 1930 London

Spouse: William Lonzo Harvey

B 11 Jun 1902 St Thomas

D 1996 Sparta, Ont.

Mildred was a nurse working in St Thomas Ont. and her husband was a farmer.

Miss Mildred Gregg, of Ingersoll, was one of the nurses to receive her diploma at the graduation exercises of the St. Thomas Memorial Hospital.

Tillsonburg News 11 Oct 1928

They lived in Sparta for most of their lives having inherited his father's Con 5 Lot 16/17 S Yarmouth township farm where, in 1931, Mildred lived with her husband and his mother and two siblings. The Quaker Harvey family arrived in 1815 from Pennsylvania (see link below). The couple had three children, William, Louisa and son Donald who died of pneumonia when he was 11 months old in 1935.

<https://www.elgincounty.ca/ElginCounty/CulturalServices/Archives/tweedsmuir/Sparta%20Sorososis%20Vol%202/page%200008%20-%2000014.pdf>

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse Daughters of John Wesley Gregg and Emma Jarvis

Second Child: Marjorie Eliza

B 28 Jun 1910 Dereham

D 23 Feb, 1959 Whittier, California Buried Harris St. Cemetery

Memorial Service Today For Dean Marjorie Gregg

Memorial service for Miss Marjorie E. Gregg, dean of women at Whittier College, who passed away Monday, will be held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in First Friends Church. The service will be conducted by Whittier College Chaplain Robert Boblin, and President Paul Smith will speak. Classes will be dismissed during the sixth hour.

Interment will be in Sparta, Ontario, Canada, where Miss Gregg's sister, Mrs. Will Harvey, Jr., and other relatives reside.

In lieu of other gifts, contributions to the college will be used for the new College Memorial Chapel.

Miss Gregg's body was found by a houseworker in her home at 15213 Anaconda. She was pronounced dead upon arrival at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital at 8:35 a. m., Monday.

A hospital physician said Mrs. Gregg died of "natural causes." Acquaintances said the college official had suffered from hypertension — a heart condition — for some time, but it could not be learned immediately if this was the cause of her death. Miss Gregg had been dean of

women at the local school since 1950.

The funeral arrangements are in charge of White-Emerson Co.

Miss Gregg was born June 28, 1910, in Ontario, Canada, and was a naturalized citizen of the United States. She had a master's degree from Columbia University, and studied at Whittier College before she was appointed dean of women. She was a registered nurse, having trained in Canada, and was a lieutenant in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps in World War II.

She belonged to many professional societies, including the national society of deans, and taught sociology in addition to her activities as dean. She supervised various campus groups.

Dean Harold F. Spencer of Whittier College said, "The faculty and students of Whittier College are deeply shocked by the sudden passing of Dean Gregg. Her many years of service endeared her to the hearts of all of us. Her sympathetic understanding of the problems of college students will be sorely missed."

The Whittier News
22 Aug 1950, Tue -Page 5

Miss Marjorie E. Gregg will resume duties as Dean of Women, a post she held in 1948. She will succeed Miss Lucille Verhulst, who leaves for a position at Syracuse University. Miss Gregg recently concluded work for a master's degree in counseling and guidance at Columbia University. A graduate of Whittier College, she was a member of Cap and Gown. In addition to her administrative duties, Miss Gregg will instruct in sociology.

Fresno, Calif. — Marjorie E. Gregg, daughter of the late John Gregg, of Falden's, Ontario, Canada, was recently promoted to rank of 1st Lieutenant by order of Colonel John O. Neal, Commanding Officer of Hammer Field, a Fourth Air Force training base. Lt. Gregg received her appointment in August of 1944 and reported to Hammer Field in November of 1944 where she is serving as General Duty Nurse.

Marjorie was an ambitious young woman. Like her sister, she trained as a nurse before moving to the States and attained a masters degree at Columbia. She enlisted in the US Army Nursing Corp in WWII reaching the level of lieutenant. After the war, she joined Whittier College



in Whittier Ca. where she became the Dean of Women. She was active in many organizations in the local region and was involved in many educational conferences. She was a popular guest speaker at many functions. Whittier college benefitted from her organizing and fund-raising skills. She died of a heart attack at age 48 and had never married.

Dean Memorial To Get Assist

The newly-formed Whittier College Cap and Gown Alumnae Assn. will assist Cap and Gown Alumnae members on campus in establishing and maintaining a memorial to the late dean of women, Miss Marjorie E. Gregg.

The memorial is in the form of a fund to be used to help students in financial emergencies and is entitled the Marjorie E. Gregg Student Assistance Fund.

Ingersoll Tribune May 1945

The Whittier News
20 Mar 1956, Tue -Page 6

Dean of Whittier College Women Marjorie Gregg is attending a national convention of College Deans of Women at Cincinnati, O., this week. The convention is from Mar. 21-24.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse:

Fourth child: Thomas "George":

B 17 Oct 1870 Dereham

D 01 Jun 1929 N Oxford IRC mosuleum

M 23 Mar 1904 (he was 33 and Rose 19) Tillsonburg

Spouse: Rose Blumenstock

B 1882

D 1949 Woodstock



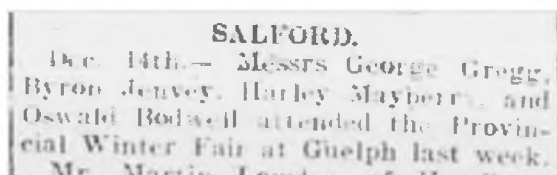
GEORGE GREGG

Announcement of the sudden passing of George Gregg, beloved husband of Rose Blumenstock, at the family residence, North Oxford [township], on Saturday evening, June 1st, about 7 o'clock, came as a great shock to member of the family as well as a host of friends and acquaintances. The deceased had been enjoying the best of health and had never complained of any illness whatsoever until Thursday. Saturday afternoon he came to Ingersoll and visited a doctor and on returning home laid down to rest, death following shortly after. The deceased was in his 59th year and was born in Dereham [township]. Before coming to Ingersoll about 10 years ago he had farmed successfully in West Oxford [township], on the town line between Dereham and West Oxford where he was well as known as a breeder of purebred Holsteins. While in Ingersoll he resided in the beautiful new home which he built on Wellington Street. On the first of March this year he reengaged in farming, purchasing the farm of Lorne P. Cook, on Lot 12, Concession 2, North Oxford [township]. The late Mr. Gregg was a partner in the firm of Harris & Gregg, operating an implement business, part of the time he was in Ingersoll Citizen's Band Court Oxford No. 12, Canadian Order of Foresters and Trinity United Church. He was very highly esteemed by all with whom he ever came in contact and his many friends will join in extending their heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing widow and only son, G. Hilton Gregg.

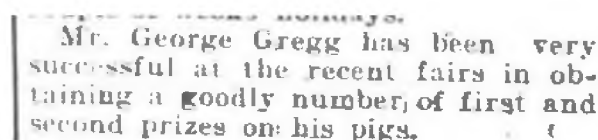
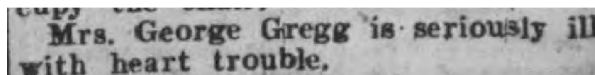
Ingersoll Tribune

The two farms owned by George Gregg

Chronicle Feb 1906



Dec 16 1909 Chronicle



Oct 10, 1901 Chronicle MRS. GEORGE GREGG

Funeral services for Mrs. George Gregg, the former Rose Blumenstock, were held Saturday from the Keeler and Johnstone Funeral Home, with temporary entombment in the Ingersoll Mausoleum. Mrs. Gregg, 67, was the widow

**MRS. FRANK HARRIS
PASSES AT MT. ELGIN**

Mount Elgin community lost a highly-esteemed resident in the passing on Monday of Mary E. Gregg, beloved wife of Frank H. Harris. Deceased who was in her 75th year, had been in failing health for over a year. Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregg she was connected with one of the oldest families in Dereham Township, where she had spent her entire life. While health permitted she was active in the work of the Mount Elgin United Church and the Women's Institute, giving freely of her time and talent.

Surviving beside her husband is one daughter, Mrs. M. Denis, Toronto; a sister, Mrs. George Groves, Ingersoll; a son, John C. Harris, Mount Elgin, and a brother, W. H. Gregg of Detroit. A son, Fred, died seven years ago.

The funeral will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at two o'clock, from the family home, with interment at the Harris Street Cemetery.

FRANK HARRIS, 79, DIES AT THAMESFORD

The death occurred on Sunday, at his Thamesford residence of Frank Harris in his 80th year. He had lived in Thamesford for 2 ½ years coming from the Saiford area where he had lived all his life. Very prominent in community affairs, the late Mr. Harris spent 30 years in the Dereham and West Oxford Fire Insurance Co., of which he was a director and was financial secretary of the IOOF. He was president of the Dereham Liberal Association and had been a member of both the Dereham Town Council and a school trustee. A well known and outstanding breeder of Ayrshire cattle, the late Mr. Harris was for many years a director of the Ayrshire Breeders Association

Ingersoll Tribune

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of Mary Ellen Gregg and Frank Harris

First Child: John Corser

B 14 Nov 1893 North Norwich township
D 1972 Ingersoll buried Harris Rd Ingersoll
M 27 Mar, 1918 Ingersoll
B 20 Dec 1897 Norwich
D 1980

Spouse: Mildred Burrill

Harris

John C. Harris died on January 14, 1972 in Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll. He was 78 years old.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Cyrus (Ruth) Poyntz of R.R. 2 Ingersoll and Mrs. Wallace (Ellen) Meadows of Woodstock, a sister Mrs. Vera Dennis of St. Thomas. A son Howard predeceased him in 1945.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 17, from the W.E. Carruthers Funeral Home, Thamesford with temporary entombment in Ingersoll Mausoleum. Burial will be made later in Harris Street Cemetery, Ingersoll.

John farmed N ½ Lot 7 Con 7 Dereham according to 1921 census. He purchased (granted) the property in 1918 for \$5600. The farm was 100 acres halfway between Ostrander and Mt Elgin and on the east side of highway #19. The farm was then sold in 1949 to William Reid.

They had at least three children

Coral Ruth B 1919 D 2005 – married Cyrus Poyntz and farmed in N Oxford for 46 years. She delivered the mail to the RR#2 Ingersoll rural residents for 32 years. They moved to Tavistock in 1989. Daughter Marilyn died in 2023 in Kitchener.

Howard Roger B 1923 D 1945 (see below)

Ellen B 1927 D 2022 - married Wallace Meadows

It is with great sadness the family of Ellen Meadows (nee Harris) announces her peaceful passing on Saturday February 12, 2022 at the Maples Home for Seniors, Tavistock, in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Wallace Meadows (2015). Cherished mother of Rosemary (Don) and Stephen. Much loved grandmother of Julie, Scott (Lindsey), and Carolyn. Predeceased by her parents John and Mildred Harris, sister Ruth Poyntz, brother Howard Harris, and granddaughter Beth MacDonald. Ellen was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and a member of St. David's United Church.



Pilot Officer Howard Roger Harris

BIRTH	12 Jun 1923 Mount Elgin, Oxford County Municipality, Ontario, Canada
DEATH	5 Mar 1945 (aged 21) Germany
BURIAL	Hanover War Cemetery Seelze, Region Hannover, Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen), Germany
PLOT	Coll. grave 4. J. 8-10.
MEMORIAL ID	18584560 - View Source



Son Howard enlisted in November of 1943 in Toronto. He was a pilot officer in WWII with the Squadron 431 of the RCAF— he died over Hanover, Germany and is buried in the Hanover War Cemetery.

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of Mary Ellen Gregg and Frank Harris

Second Child: Verna M

B Mar 1895 Dereham

D unknown

M 1918

Spouse: Jean Denis

B 1895 Quebec

D prior 1949 unknown



She was living at home at age 16 but worked in a millinery shop. Husband, Quebec born, Jean Denis was an auto mechanic living in Ingersoll with wife Verna and daughter Doreen B 1920 as per the 1931 census. At that time, they lived at 217 Oxford St Ingersoll. There was a Verna M Denis – widowed in Thamesford as per the 1949 voters list and likewise in 1972 in St Thomas. (as noted in her brother's obit).

Daughter Winifred Doreen was born in 1920 in Tillsonburg. She married Gordon Howard Pratt (B 1914 Barrie), on the 3rd of June, 1939 in London where she lived. He was stationed at Camp Borden and was a soldier. The trail becomes murky at

this point.

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of Mary Ellen Gregg and Frank Harris

Third child: Frederick Roger

B 04 Feb 1902 Mt. Elgin Lot 2 Con 2 Dereham

D 13 Jan 1939 Leamington

M 1927

Spouse: Ona Adele Setterington

B 1900 Leamington

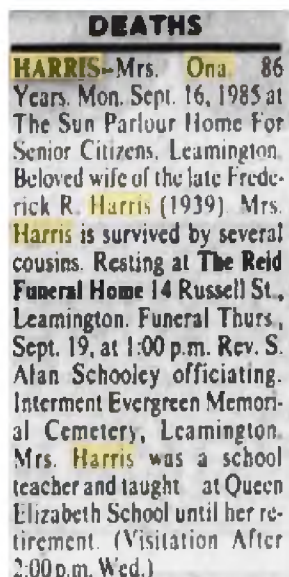
D 16 Sept 1985 Leamington

Fred was a dairy farmer in the Leamington area. He suffered from asthma that contributed to his early death. Ona was from the multi generation Settrington family of Leamington, founders of the Settrington Fertilizer Co.



Windsor Star 25 May 1933

MOUNT ELGIN NATIVE PASSES AT LEAMINGTON



Fred Harris, 36, Succumbed Following Short Illness.

Mt. Elgin- The many Mount Elgin friends of Mr. Fred Harris of Leamington, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris of this place, were shocked when it became known that he had suddenly passed away at his home on Friday evening, January 13th. Deceased was born here and spent the whole of his life here until about 12 years ago when he married Miss Ana Settrington, a former teacher at the public school here and they have resided in Mersia Township, near Leamington, ever since.

After Fred's death, Ona Harris was located 28th of August, 1951, in the Windsor Star, as school principal at Colonel Bishop Public School in Lasalle Ont. She left her post and moved to Leamington to live with her aging parents. An article in the May 30, 1968 Windsor Star indicated that Ona Harris had returned to the Leamington area and was teaching at Queen Elizabeth Public School in Leamington, likely after her parent's deaths. The couple had no children.

1921 Census of Canada for Frank H Harris		
Ontario > Oxford South > Sub-District 03 - Dereham (Township)		
Harris Frank H	5m 5 1/2 1100p	Dereham
Mary Ellen		
Frederick Prouse		
Flossie		

Children of Frank Harris and Mary Gregg

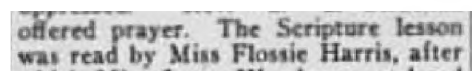
Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of Mary Ellen Gregg and Frank Harris

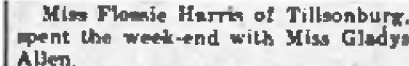
Adopted child: Florence "Flossie"

B 1913/14

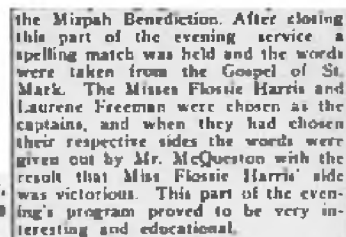
D prior 1946?



Nov 7 1919 Tillsonburg news



1933 Aug Ingersoll Tribune



Flossie was found in the 1921 and 1931 census and was listed as an adopted daughter of Frank Harris and Mary Ellen Gregg. I suspected that Flossie married Ross Prouse (Page 111) as noted in Reta Yvonne Prouse's obit of 2015 (Page 112). However, further investigation proved that this was not the case.

"Yvonne was predeceased by her loving parents Ross & Florence (Harris) Prouse". Martha Florence Harris was born to Hebert Harris and Lydia Haycock in 1907. Mary Gregg's 1946 obit did not mention Flossie. Flossie remains a mystery.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Sixth and Youngest Child: Anne Alena B 04 Apr 1880 Dereham
D 10 Dec 1968 Woodstock
M 09 Mar 1904

Spouse George Medford Groves B 14 Feb 1873 Dereham
D 05 Jan 1961 Lot 20 Con 2 W Oxford township



The Toronto Star
09 Sep 1931, Wed - Page 7

SAVAGE DOG ROAMING IN OXFORD TOWNSHIP

Attacks Cow and Then Eludes
Farmer Who Makes
Search

Special to The Star

Ingersoll, Sept. 8.—A killer dog is again stalking through West Oxford township, south of here.

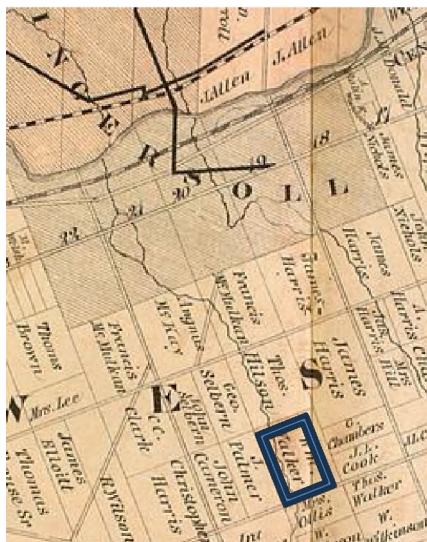
A cow on the farm of George Nanckivell was found so badly torn and with such gaping wounds that she was mercifully killed on Friday afternoon last. It was learned today that despite numerous searches, Mr. Nanckivell has been unable to locate the dog.

When he found the dying cow, he saw a black police dog skulking nearby. The dog growled when approached, but finally got out of sight.

This farm is next to that of George Groves where a number of sheep were attacked this summer.

Anne arrived on this earth 9 years after her closest sibling. Most of the children would have been grown up by the time she turned 10. She married George Groves, her senior by 7 years, when she was 24. After living at his father's farm from 1904 until 1910, the Groves

purchased S½ Lot 20 Con 2 W Oxford 100 acres in May of 1910 for \$7000 and raised dairy cattle and sheep. During the war, Anne heped organize Salford Red Cross sewing bees for soldiers at the war front. In 1952, they leased the property out as it appears George retired. A few years later some of Lot 20 was purchased by the Ministry of Highways for the Highway 401 right of way. They farmed all their lives at Lot 20 Con 2 W. Oxford. They had four children.



McGill Map: Lot 20 Con 2 W Oxford

Annual Meeting of Salford Red Cross

Mrs. George Groves, submitted the following report of work finished for the year: Pneumonia jackets, 12; mattress pads, 24; Hampton pads, 16; sling bandages, 36; hospital gowns, 9; sheets, 15; pyjamas, 15; quilts; towels, 72; gauze handkerchiefs, 60; khaki handkerchiefs, 227; pillow slips, 36; slips, 19; dresses, 19; skirt, 1; night dresses, 14; bloomers, 23 pair; boys pants, 3 pairs; quilts, pieced and quilted, 2; quilt donated by W. A., 1, making total of 550 articles. It was decided

GEORGE M. GROVES DIES IN 88TH YEAR

In failing health for the past 18 months, and seriously ill for the past four months, George M. Groves of Lot 20, Concession 2, West Oxford [township], passed away in Alexandra Hospital, on Thursday, January 5th. Mr. Groves in his 88th year was born in Dereham [township], son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Groves, early settlers there, and his entire life had been spent in the district. For 15 years he was actively engaged in farming in West Oxford [township], retiring in 1942. In 1954 Mr. and Mrs. Groves celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Possessing a very genial and kindly nature. Mr. Groves was well known and very highly esteemed. He was a member of Trinity United Church. Ingersoll Chronicle

MRS. ANNIE A. GROVES

Mrs. Annie A. Groves of Lot 20, Concession 2, East Oxford [township], died at Woodstock yesterday, where she has been a patient for the past two years. She was 88. Widow of George M. Groves, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregg. She was born and raised in Dereham [township], where she received her education and spent her younger years. After her marriage she came to West Oxford [township], where she and her husband farmed. She has been a resident of the township of the past 60 years. Her husband predeceased her in 1961. She was a member of the West Oxford Women's Institute, Trinity United Church in Ingersoll, and the Ladies organization of the church while health permitted. During World War II, she was active in the Red Cross work. She is the last surviving member of her parent's family. Ingersoll Chronicle *West Oxford township not E Oxford.*

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of Anna Gregg and George Groves

Oldest: Russell Laverne

B 24 Feb 1906 E Nissouri.

D 05 May 2003 Ingersoll

M 17 Jun 1931 village of Walsh, Norfolk County

Spouse: Florence Davis

B 22 Dec 1903 Walsh, Norfolk County

D 26 Nov 1987 Ingersoll

Mr. and Mrs. George Groves and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Groves and Lorne of West Oxford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen and family.

SOCIAL EVENING ENJOYED BY DEAF PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. D. Crosby, Mossley, entertained 31 deaf people from Toronto, London, St. Thomas, Brantford, Woodstock and Ingersoll, at an enjoyable social gathering on Saturday, May 22nd, in the I.O.O.F. hall, Ingersoll. Flinch and euchre were played during the evening, prizes being won by the following: Flinch, Mr. and Mrs. Cornford, London; euchre, Miss Sophie Fishbein, London; Lorne Groves, Ingersoll. Russell Groves won the door prize. Plans were made for a picnic for deaf people, to be held on Labor Day at Springbank Park.

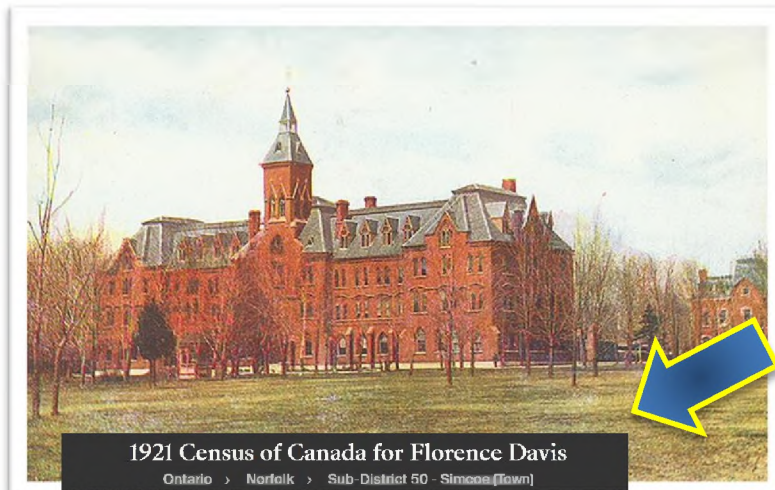
Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Crosby. This marked the close of the gatherings which have taken place monthly during the winter. They will be resumed in the autumn.

Like his distant cousins, Cora Maude and Wilbur Elliott (Book 7), Russell was deaf and mute. Like cousin Cora Elliott of Book 7, he attended the Belleville College for the Deaf. He was there for the 1921 census at age 15 and returned home after his schooling.

The 1931 census indicates that he was a non paid labourer on his father's farm. He farmed in the RR#4 Ingersoll region his entire life.

Florence Davis was also deaf and the couple met at the school. They raised two sons, Lorne and Glenn. He and his wife share a tombstone with his parents

Tribune May 14 1948



1921 Census of Canada for Florence Davis

Ontario > Norfolk > Sub-District 50 - Simcoe (Town)

Handwritten text from the 1921 Census: "Davis John", "Davis Florence", "Davis Alexander".

Handwritten text: "Groves Russell".

Handwritten text: "August".

Handwritten text: "Deaf".

Handwritten text: "A deaf 71 yrs old".

The Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf was founded in 1870 in Belleville, Ontario, known then as The Ontario Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb. It was renamed in 1913 as the Ontario School for the Deaf. It has been known as the Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf since 1974. YouTube video – 1925 tour of the school:

<https://youtu.be/AqKnUSPF8KQ>

Censuses indicating Florence and Russell were deaf and mute

“Deaf and mute”

GROVES
Russell Laverne Groves passes away during his sleep on Monday, May 5, 2003 at Oxford Regional Nursing Home, Ingersoll, in his 98th year. Son of the late George and Annie Groves. Husband of the late Florence (Davis) Groves (1987). Dear father of Lorne and his wife Joyce of London and Glenn and his wife Donna of Ingersoll. Dear grandfather of Paul (Jennifer) Groves of Melbourne, Australia, Barbara Lindberg of London, Ruth Ann (Rod) Morley of London, Blair Groves of Ingersoll and Darcy (Jackie) Groves of Ingersoll. Great-grandfather of Benjamin, Daniel, Jordan, Marlow, Codi and Amber. Predeceased by one brother Gordon (1910), two sisters Greta Kipp (1987) and Helen Tree (1994) and one daughter Rachel (1943). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Russell was a lifelong resident on the family farm R.R.#4, Ingersoll until January 2003. Friends

GROVES — Al Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, on Thursday November 26, 1987, Florence (Davis) Groves, age 83, RR4 Ingersoll. Loved wife of Russell Groves. Dear mother of Lorne and his wife Joyce, London, Glenn and his wife Donna, RR4 Ingersoll. Dear grandmother of Paul, Australia, Barbara and Ruth Ann, London, Blair and Darcy, RR4 Ingersoll, one great grandson, Benjamin, Australia. Dear sister of Frank

WEDDINGS

GROVES—DAVIS.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, June 17th, at the home of the bride's parents, in Simcoe, when Miss Florence Davis of that city was united in marriage to Russell L. Groves of West Oxford, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Groves. The Rev. J. A. Suggitt performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Groves will reside in West Oxford.

They had two sons:



Lorne R Groves B 1935 D 2020

Lorne was born on the family farm. He went to IDCI in Ingersoll where he was a prominent academic and record setting track sprinter, U of Western Ontario, U of T and U of London UK. He became a school

teacher and later school principal. He loved animals, especially his faithful dog and was a volunteer member of London Dog Owners Association and the Red Cross



LORNE GROVES
Dominion-Provincial Student-
Grade 13 Bursary
I.D.C.I. Grade 13

June 12 1952
Tribune clipping

Spencer McConnell Is Kiwanis Speaker

The Kiwanis Club held their regular meeting at Hillcrest, June 8. President George Lockhart called for guests to be introduced and they included Collegiate students, Helen Heeney and Lorne Groves, introduced by Principal J. C. Herbert.

Club medals for citizenship had been awarded to Miss Heeney and Lorne. Principal J. C. Herbert explained how the students were judged and their many accomplishments of the past year. J. J. McLeod congratulated the students on behalf of the club. President Geo. Lockhart added that they were leaders in their field. Helen is the daughter of Elmer Heeney and the late Mrs. Heeney, and Lorne, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Groves.

School buildings were much different back then. Lorne Groves recalled how his role as teacher at SS #3 Salford also doubled as caretaker. He started there in 1950. "I could shovel 17 to 20 shovels of coal to keep the fire going overnight, (but) I'd get there at 8 o'clock the next morning, and the fire was out. Had to start over," said Groves, now a London resident. But he remembers the fun of the job, too. "We had a lot of good times. It was the hub of the community," he said.

From Woodstock Sentinel Review Aug 2016 – Salford school reunion

In his 86th year, passed away suddenly at home Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Predeceased by beloved wife, Joyce (McCorquodale) Groves of 55 years. Much loved father of Paul Groves (Jenny) of Melbourne, Australia, Barbara Lindberg and Ruth Ann Morley of London. Adored by grandchildren Ben (Shannon) and Daniel (Brittany) of Australia and Amber and Codie of London. Big Pa to



Glenn Groves B 1944 D 2023

Peacefully surrounded by his family at the farm on Saturday May 6, 2023, in his 79th year. Beloved husband of the late Donna Groves (November 29, 2022) for 57 years. Loving father to Blair Groves and Darcy (Jackie) Groves.

Glenn and Donna farmed on Curry Road, just south of Ingersoll and Highway 401.

Wife Donna was diagnosed with hereditary Huntington Disease and needed assistance for several years. They built a new house on the property to make care easier. As Glenn aged, he could not manage the disease without help and Donna moved to Sakura House in Woodstock. After Donna's death in November of 2022, he sold the farm and was able to parcel off a piece for a son to build a house on the farm property. He never had time to enjoy his new found wealth from the farm sale as he died six months after Donna. Having to deal with deaf and mute parents and an incapacitated wife, I am told he was a kind, polite and patient man that had a tough circumstantial ride in life.

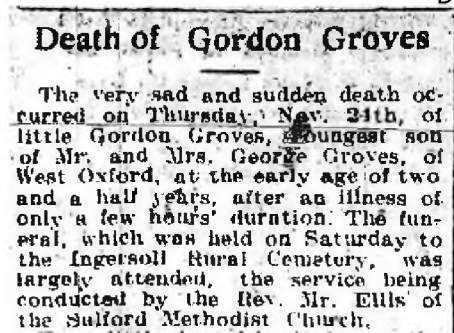
Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of Anna Gregg and George Groves

Second Child: Gordon Henry

B 24 May 1908 West Oxford Lot 20 Con 2

D 24 Nov 1910 death by renal failure – kidney disease.



His death was a tragic tragedy for the family.

Four little boy friends bore the tiny little white casket to its last resting place, amid a profusion of floral tributes from sympathetic friends. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of Anna Gregg and George Groves

Third Child: Helen Pauline

B 15 Nov 1911 W Oxford Lot 20 Con 2

D 11 Oct 1994 Woodstock

M 12 Apr 1935 Salford

Spouse: John Morgan Tree

B 12 Jun 1916 Burford Township

D 01 Apr 1983 Brantford

Mr. Tree, now of Cathcart, was operating his own dairy farm near Burford when he suffered his first "heart spell" during the 1950s. His second "spell" came in 1972 while he was smelt fishing and resulted in a one-week stay in a Woodstock hospital.

HYMENEAL TREE-GROVES

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Salford United parsonage, on Friday afternoon, April 12th, at two o'clock, when Rev. George I. Van Loon united in marriage Helen Pauline Groves, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Groves, of West Oxford, to John Morgan Tree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Tree of Harley, Ont.

The bride was becomingly gowned in rose colored crepe with hat of the same shade, and her only sister, Miss Greta Kathleen Groves, who was her attendant, was attired in a smart model of navy blue and wore the very popular new sailor hat. The groom was supported by Mr. Floyd Wade of Cathcart.

Following the ceremony they motored to the bride's home where luncheon was served and later left for Hamilton and points east. On their return they will reside at Harley.

TREE — John Morgan Tree of Cathcart passed away suddenly at the Brantford General Hospital on Friday, April 1, 1983 in his 67th year. Born June 12, 1916 on the 8th Concession of Burford Township. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Tree. He farmed on the family farm until his retirement in 1974, then moved to Cathcart. Surviving, besides his wife Helen, are two daughters, Mrs. Steven (Marion) Peter of Woodstock and Mrs. Randy (Shirley) Wilson of Cathcart, one son James of Burford,

TREE — Helen Pauline Peacefully at the Woodstock General Hospital on Tuesday, October 11, 1994. Helen Pauline Groves of Cathcart in her 83rd year. Beloved wife of the late John Tree (1983). Loving mother Marion and Steve Peter of Woodstock, Jim and Linda Tree of Brantford, Shirley and Randy Wilson of Cathcart. Loving grandmother of seven grandchildren, Rick, Scott, Vicki, Susan, Tom, Linda and Karen and three great grandchildren, Leslie, Sheena and Alexandra. Also survived by one brother Russell Groves.

Helen was four years older than 19-year-old John when they married in Salford in 1935. He was living in Burford and working as a farm hand on his uncle's farm. John Tree would eventually farm in Harley, Ontario on the farm that had been in

the family for 98 years when sold in 1974 (see article below). The couple were euchre fans and John often was master of ceremonies and dance caller at functions.

The Brantford Expositor

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Auction nostalgia: family farm sold

Expositor photo-story by Jim Sanjimon

The family farm has been sold, but, until the day of the auction sale, the members of the family do not realize how different it will be to stand by and watch a part of their lives disappear.

Long before the auctioneer begins to sell the many crates, neighbors and strangers (many of them antique dealers) gather to look over the collection set out to be sold. Tables and other household articles are picked up, examined curiously, and set down again.

Mattresses are piled, chairs are sat on, implements are looked at.

Portraits in beautiful gilt frames to be sold are stacked on a wagon until members of the family decide that the pictures of their parents and grandparents should be removed and kept. The frames however, are returned to the wagon and sold for \$20 each.

An antique apple peeler in good condition is sold for \$20, and a butter bowl for \$15. Two metal chairs bring \$12 each and a heater for \$12. An ice cream freezer brings \$5 and a dove-filled condenser goes for \$12.

Kneepads are bought by strangers; antiques are bought by dealers for resale to city folk. Around the farm, standing in small groups, are neighbors visiting. It's a nice spring day—a good day for a sale—even if there isn't anything they really need.

The auction sale is being held at the farm of John Tree, 31 Harley. The farm has been in the Tree family for 98 years.

In 1876, the farm was owned by Richard Fawcett John Tree's grandfather came from East Zorra and bought the farm. He died in 1910, but the farm continued in his wife's name, Jeanne Jane Tree, until 1938. It was then owned jointly by her sons, James, Wallace and Herbert.

After the death of Wallace Tree in 1929, his wife bought the shares owned by James and Herbert. She owned the farm from 1938 until 1969 when it was purchased by John Tree.

On the farm next door lived John's brother, Reuben. That farm had been in the Tree family for 100 years, being sold just two years ago.



Large bring good prices at auction sales, especially when the auctioneer holds high a crochery bag for collectors to bid on.



Frame with picture of Alice Tree is held by Mrs. Frank Cooper. John Tree, Reuben Tree and Mrs. Orval Hall; old gilt frames fetch about \$20 apiece.

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SOLD THE FARM CLEARING SALE

of 10 Reg. and 21 Grade Holstein cattle; Implements; Feed some Furniture on the 8th Con. of Burford Twp., 2 mi. north of New Durham or 4 mi. south of Muir on

THURS. APRIL 11 at 11 a.m.

LIVESTOCK: 8 cows due or fresh sale time; Reg. heifer due sale time, 3 cows fresh and open; 2 cows due in spring and 3 cows in full flow of milk and rebred for fall calving, 3 Reg. open heifers, 3 Holst. steers 600 lbs., 1 white face steer 600 lbs., 2 white face heifers, 7 calves. These cattle have all been bred by the Owner and are in very good condition.

PIGS: 1 York and Hamp. sow with pigs at side; 1 Lacombe sow bred.

TERMS CASH SALE DAY

Decision of Auctioneer final Prop-Auct. not responsible for accidents.

LUNCH BOOTH
JOHN TREE — Prop.
484-8843

WALLIE GOSS — Auctioneer
539-5077

IMPLEMENTS AND TRUCK:
1969 GMC 502-V-8 1/2 ton truck w-29,000 mi. to be sold safety checked, in A-1 cond.; M.F. 65 high arch diesel tractor w-new Agritree loader, power bucket, all in excellent cond.; M.H. 44 special standard gas tractor, also in good cond.; M.F. 3PH 3 furrow plow w-12" trip bottoms; Int. 3 furrow ace bottom trail plow; Konaslide 10' cult. like new; Roby cult; M.H. 13 run seed drill, horse drawn; F.B. tandem disc; 5 sec. harrow; set of tandem land packers; M.F. 35 self propelled combine w-8 grain head; M.F. semi-mounted 7' mower; N.I. hay crusher; M.H. 4 bar hay rake; Smoker 30' elevator w-1 HP motor; hay tedder; rubber tire wagon and flat rack; Int. 37 baler; 21' grain auger; 2 1/2 h.p. motors; set of sleighs; set of tractor chains; Geo. White 3PH snow blower; Case 14" hammermill; 75' endless hammermill belt; N.H. flail harvester; N.I. manure spreader; good fence stretcher; 250 gal oil tank; 150 gal oil tank; 100' cable w-pulley; circular saw; quantity of — wire, fence posts, lumber; electric brooder.

They had three children:

Son of Helen and John Tree

James Kenneth B 1932 Burford D 2019 Alliston Ont. But lived in Bellwood near Fergus.

Spouse: Barbara Marilyn Raper B 1933 D 2013



TREE, James Kenneth Inspector Ontario Provincial Police (retired) Passed away on January 23, 2019, peacefully with family by his side at the Good Samaritan Retirement Home in Alliston, Ontario. Predeceased and now reunited with his loving wife Barbara of 60 years to whom he dedicated more than 10 years of his life providing her care, comfort and dignity in their home while Barbara's health progressively declined due to Alzheimer's disease. Loving father of Jim Jr. (Deborah Dol) and daughter Lynne Marie (Theo Lange). Jim came into the world on March 1, 1932 and led a long and productive life, he enjoyed many years of good health throughout retirement and was known for his compassion in helping neighbours and friends and his deep love for his family, Jim was a jack of all trades, woodworking being his specialty and he has

left behind many beautiful creations that will be treasured always

Daughter of Helen and John Tree

Shirley (Wilson)

Daughter of Helen and John Tree

Marion Tree (Lange)

Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

Children of Anna Gregg and George Groves

Fourth child: Greta Kathleen

B 19 Dec 1915 Dereham Center

D 15 Oct 1987 London

M 09 Dec 1935 Dereham Center

Spouse: Wilfred Stanley Kipp

B 21 Aug 1914 Burford

D 1989 London buried Princeton.

She married Wilfred Kipp, a son of William Kipp, who was a miller living on College Ave in Woodstock. After the couple's marriage they lived at RR #4 Woodstock before moving to London prior to 1945 where he became a tinsmith. They spent the rest of their lives in London. They had 4 children.

Kipp-Groves Wedding

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Dereham Centre United parsonage, on Thursday, December 12, at 4:30pm, when Rev. C. C. Strachan united in marriage, Greta Kathleen Groves, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Groves of West Oxford [township], to Wilfred Stanley Kipp, son of W. H. and the late Mrs.

Friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Groves, West Oxford, to honor their daughter, Mrs. Wilfred S. Kipp and Mr. Kipp of East Zorra, who were recently married. Frank Way acted as chairman and following a short program, he called upon little Mary and Joseph Duffy, (twins), who were dressed as bride and groom to present Mr. and Mrs. Kipp with some lovely gifts.

Kipp of East Zorra [township]. The bride was becomingly gowned in brown silk crepe with white silk trimmings, was unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Kipp will reside near Woodstock, where the best wishes of their many friends follow them for a happily wedded life

KIPP — At Victoria Hospital, South St. Campus, London, on Thursday October 15, 1987, Greta Kathleen (Groves) Kipp, of London, in her 71st year. Beloved wife of Wilfred S. Kipp of London. Dear mother of Gerald and his wife Beverly of Courtney, Vancouver, B.C., Carol Anne (Mrs. James McNutt) of Springhill, Nova Scotia, Kathleen Clipperton and Linda (Mrs. Philip Devine) both of London. Dear sister of Russell Groves of Ingersoll and Helen Tree of Cathcart. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The couple had four children:

Carol Ann (McNutt)(James) B/D unknown

Gerald B/D Unknown

Kathleen Louise B 1945 D 1995 Married/Divorce 1982 Douglas Clipperton B 1943-D 2008



Linda

B 1949 D 2016 London Married 1971 Philip Devine B 1946-D 2012

Linda worked for many years for various dental supply companies in London.

DEVINE, Linda - September 24, 1949 - July 4, 2016 Every day in some small way memories of you come our way Though absent you are ever near. Still missed, still loved and ever dear. With love Tara & Mike, Braden, Carter, Tina & Mike, and family.

Fifth Child of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Child: Thomas Jr.

B 26 Dec 1844 Hartland, Devon

D 02 May 1912 Dereham township

M 27 Feb 1871 Martha Henderson's farm in Kent County

Spouse: Martha Elizabeth Henderson

B 26 Feb 1846 Nova Scotia

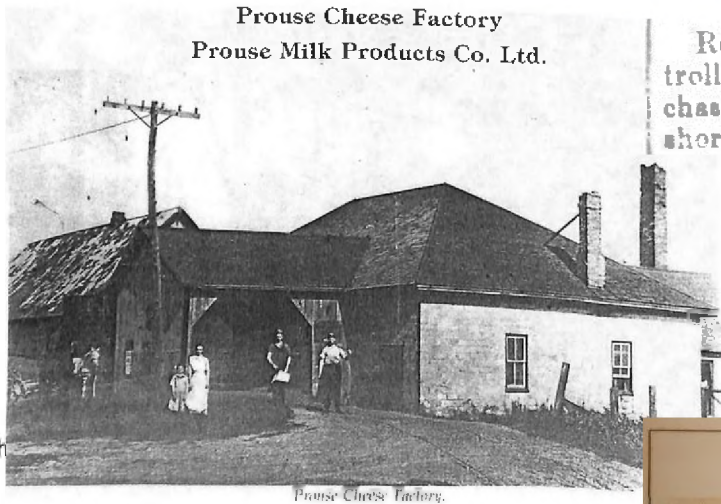
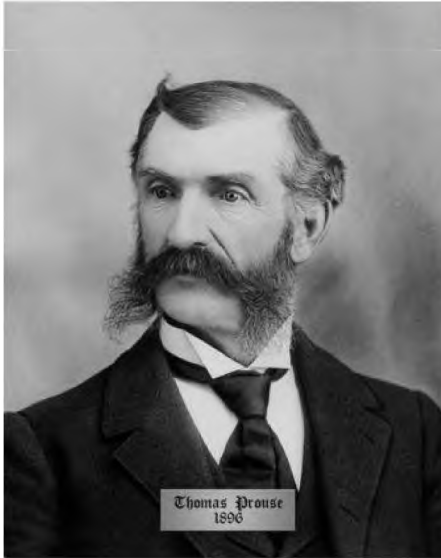
D 18 Oct 1927 Mt. Elgin

Thomas Jr. was the youngest child to make the Atlantic crossing with his mother, father and older siblings in 1846.

From One Hundred and Forty Years in Canada: One Half the Story.

Thomas Jr., was said to be the second son of Thomas and Mary and it is said that he learned to walk going from keg to keg on the deck of the "Arab".

He grew up on his father's farm just to the southwest of Ingersoll and had many Elliott and Wilson cousins living on adjacent farms. His first farm was 62 acres at Lot 25 Con 2 W Oxford. It was purchased in 1872 from William Scott and was adjacent to his father's Lot 24 property. In 1878 it was sold to brother John Prouse for \$2300 (mortgage held by uncle Charles Wilson). Thomas Sr. had also purchased the a Lot 22 Con 1 Dereham property in 1854. This lot was just a short walk south on Culloden Rd from the family homestead. Thomas Jr. would be granted this 100 acre property by his father. He later held land near Mt Elgin at Con 6 Lot 12 Dereham. He grew up helping on the farm and would be a farmer until he died. He was involved in many of the Mt Elgin community affairs and was a prominent citizen of the area and had his fingers in many organizations and political issues in Dereham and Oxford County. He served as Reeve, Councillor and Warden for Dereham during his life. He was President of the Tillsonburg and Dereham Fall Fair's for many years. Grandson, Grant Prouse, followed in his footsteps as he also was President of the Fair for many years. Many of Thomas Jr's future generations of children went on to own productive farms of their own.



Report say the cheese factory long controlled by Thos. Prouse has been purchased by Edward Hunter who will shortly enter in possession.

1896 – Prouse Cheese Factory

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Thomas Prouse Jr. ran the cheese factory at the corner of concession 6 and Highway 19, possibly called the Ingersoll Plank and Gravel road at that time. In 1888, Thomas Prouse Jr. bought cheese boxes from

“Thomas Butler:

May 17 - 300 cheese boxes,

Aug 3 – 454 cheese boxes,

June 6 – 150,

Sept. 18 – 454,

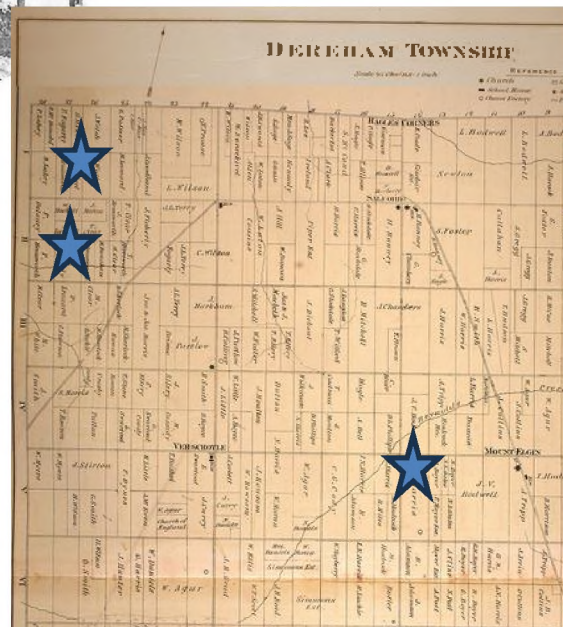
June 14 – 300

Oct. 2 - 397

July 5 – 400,

Oct. 24 – 455

Total – 2910 cheese boxes @ 9 cents = \$261.90. Paid”



Following is an article on page 35 of the book entitled When Cheese was King by Edward Moore published by The Aylmer Express Ltd, Aylmer, Ontario in June 1987 and accessed through the Ingersoll Public Library.

The Atlas of 1876 shows a cheese factory on the farm of Thomas Prouse Sr, on Lot 22, Concession 1. Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Elliott Prouse with five children emigrated from Devonshire, England in 1846, and settled here in Dereham Township. Thomas Prouse Sr. died in 1881 but his son William stayed on the farm.

Thomas Prouse Jr., second son of Thomas Sr., moved to Dereham, Lot 10, Concession 6 in 1878. Here the women of the Prouse Family made cheese and a factory was built.

In the 1881 Assessment roll for Dereham, Robert Cornfoot is listed as cheesemaker for Thomas Prouse Jr., so presumably a factory was in operation, since Thomas' herd of cattle numbered 27. Maps of 1896 and 1908 show the factory at this location. However, sometime after 1910, according to Wray Prouse, a new factory was built on Lot 9, Concession 7. This factory continued in operation for many years, known as the Prouse Cheese Factory.

The *Norwich Gazette* of April 1893 reported that the Prouse Cheese Factory had in the previous year made almost 147 tons of cheese. After a period under the ownership of Thomas Prouse, who died in 1912 at the age of 67, this factory was purchased by Mr. LaChapelle. This enterprising business man was very active in buying, selling, building and operating cheese factories in the area. In 1907 Osborn Cuckoo bought the factory farm from LaChapelle and in turn sold it to Bordens in 1918. Mr. Cuckoo worked for Bordens for a time, after selling the factory to them, but later made cheese in the Zenda factory. In 1921 Bordens sold the Prouse factory to the patrons who supplied the milk. The business then operated under the name "Prouse Milk Products Company Ltd." At this time Osborne Cuckoo came back to work for the new Company.

The following March, in 1922, Wm. Pickard took over here as cheese maker, but some time later went to Newark factory and Charles Pickard became the maker at the Prouse factory.

One hundred and fifty shares of capital stock at par value of \$25.00 were offered for sale. However, only 99 were sold at that time. So it would appear the farmers must have purchased the plant for approximately \$2,000.00.

MOUNT ELGIN--The funeral of the late Thomas Prouse took place on Thursday afternoon May 9th from the family residence where a private service was held for the relatives and friends of the deceased thence to the Mount Elgin Methodist Church where a large congregation assemble to pay a last tribute of respect to the departed who was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Rev. J. Peer, his pastor, conducted the service according to the usages of the Methodist church, of which he had been a trusted member for 40 years, a class leader and member of the board for 23 years a former superintendent at the Sunday school for many years and a general contributor to all benefits of the same. The Dereham [township] council attended in a body and carried the floral tributes of their departed brother who had served the county as Warden, the township as reeve and councillor at different periods for many years. The sermon preached by Rev. J. Peters was an eloquent tribute to many endearing qualities of the deceased and deplored his loss to the public the church and his family. Besides a widow he leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Mrs. H. Gilbert, and Miss Mary, at home; five sons, William, George, Fred, Edward and Wilburne, all of Dereham [township]. His sons acted as bearers assisted by his son-in-law, Horace Gilbert. The following floral tributes were received: cross from Dereham and West Oxford Fire Insurance Co. of which until a late date, he has been president

Obit: May 16, 1912 Ingersoll Chronicle



Photo circa 1859. Thanks to MPlum89 on Ancestry.ca

Inquest 026026

Martha Elizabeth
Lot 10. Con 6 Dereham
 If in a Hospital or Institution give name

Female *Scottish* *Widow*

51 yrs. *7 mos.* *20 days* *hrs.* *min.*

Nova Scotia *Feb. 26-1844*

House duties

from *48 yrs.* at place of death to *75 yrs.* in Ontario *Life* in Canada

William Henderson
Nova Scotia
Kesiah MacLennan
Nova Scotia

The Thomas Prouse Jr. Family - Back row: Mary Alberta Prouse 21, George Thomas Prouse 16, Minnie Beatrice (nee Prouse) Gilbert 23.

Middle row: (L-R) (seated) Thomas Prouse 50, Frederick John Prouse 13, Martha Elizabeth "Libby" (nee Henderson) 49, James Edward Prouse 12, William Henry Prouse 19.

Front row: Wilbur Charles Prouse 9

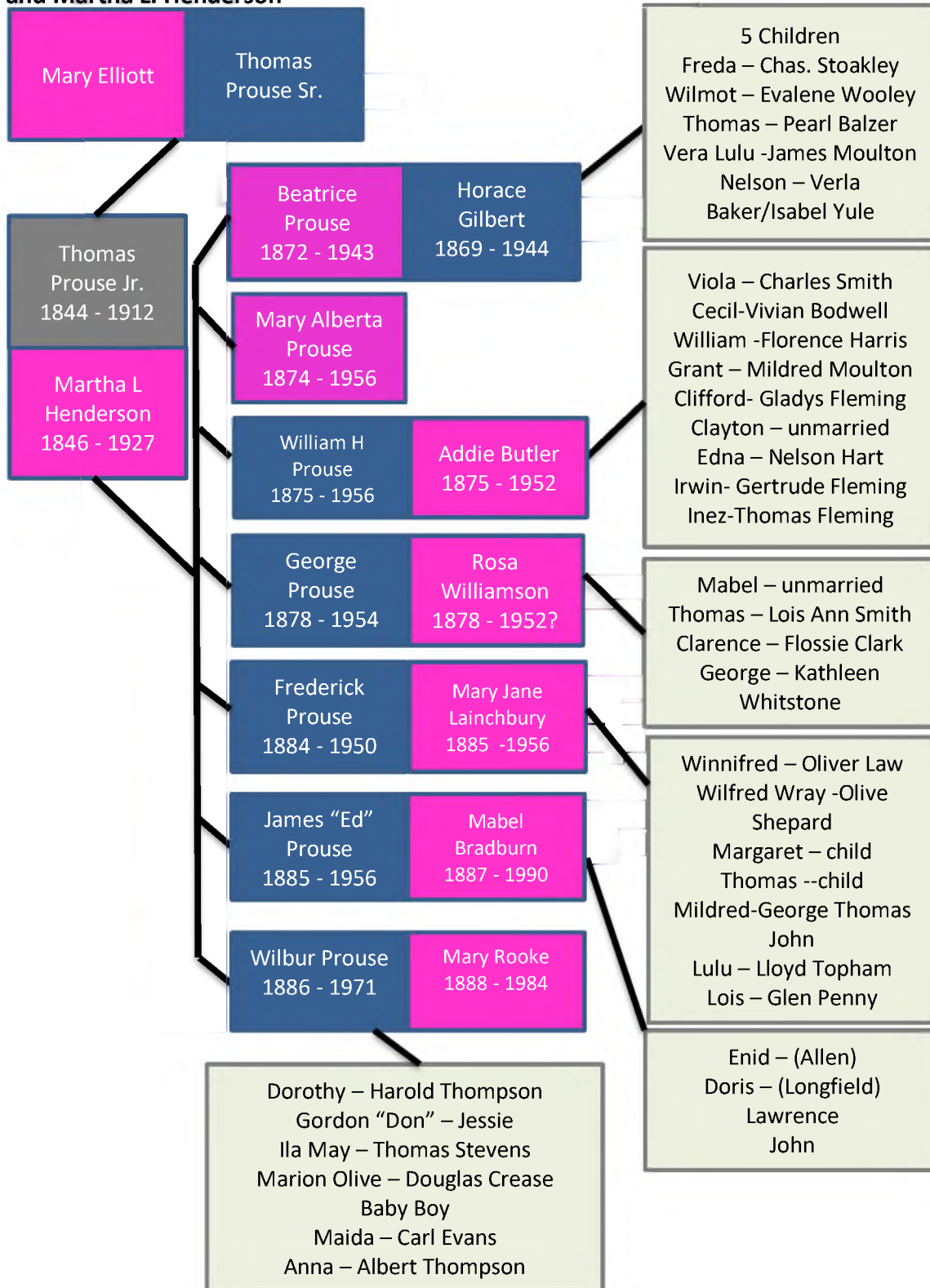
Mother Martha Henderson was the oldest child born in Nova Scotia to William Henderson and Kesiah MacLennan. The family moved to a E Nissouri township farm from Nova Scotia in 1851 when she was five years old.

After her husband Thomas' death in 1912, Martha stayed on the farm, then run by son Frederick, at Lot 10 Con 6 Dereham according to the 1921 census. She would live at that location until her death in 1927.

Death schedule for Martha Henderson Prouse

Children and Spouses of ...

Thomas Prouse Jr. (son of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary E Elliott)
and Martha L. Henderson



Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson

Oldest child: "Minnie" Beatrice

B 11 Jun 1872 Dereham
D 18 Jan 1943 Lot 13 Con 6 Dereham
M 26 Feb 1896

Spouse: Horace Gilbert

B 30 Jun 1869 Dereham
D 4 Jan 1944 Lot 17 Con 4 Dereham

The Gilbert's are another multigeneration family in south Dereham area.

The family can be found in the following link.

<https://robertflewelling.tripod.com/id21.htm>



Family of HORACE JOHN AND MINNIE BEATRICE GILBERT
Front Row: Horace and Minnie
Behind Left to Right: Thomas Leighton, Wilmet Earl,
Verna Lulu, Freda Marguerite and Nelson Orwell.

Photo Ancestry.ca

Oldest daughter Minnie was raised on her father's farm. Minnie and Horace were married in Thomas Prouse's home on a snowy late February afternoon. Over forty guests unexpectedly had to stay overnight. Not surprisingly, Horace Gilbert was also a farmer. His farm was southwest of Mt Elgin at Lot 13 Con 7. Onland records are missing a number of years and transactions during the Gibert's time at that farm location. His Gilbert relatives worked many farms in the local area. He was a tax collector in Dereham for many years. Horace was also involved with the Ontario Fair Association. Fall fairs were a highlight for most communities in the early 1900s. Horace assisted in the Ingersoll fair as well as other fairs. The Canadian National Exhibition was a fall highlight. Train excursions ran from Ingersoll on the Grand Trunk Railway throughout the duration of the fair. Many farmers and their families would attend as noted by the local interest columns in the local newspapers. He



also likely attended the Chicago Worlds Exposition. Ingersoll and vicinity sent an inordinately large number of the population to marvel at the new inventions being presented. Fair Express trains to Chicago ran through Ingersoll with great regularity.

WEDDING—Dereham
Warden Prouse's beautiful home in Dereham was the scene of a happy gathering on Wednesday, when his eldest daughter, Minnie Prouse, was given in marriage to Horace J. Gilbert, a highly esteemed young man of that locality. Nearly ninety guests assembled during the afternoon and witnessed the ceremony performed by Rev. Chas. Deacon, Methodist pastor of Dereham Centre. Miss Martha Gilbert, a sister of the groom, made a pretty bridesmaid, and Wm. Prouse, brother of the bride, successfully performed the duties of groomsmen. The maids of honor were Veda and Vida Hockey, the little twin daughters of Mr. Havelock Hockey and cousins of the bride. The bride's costume was of cream material with pearl trimmings and orange blossoms. Miss Maud Paddon, of Woodstock, performed the wedding march while the party were entering the room. The proverbial wedding repeat was partaken of and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert left on a wedding tour east. The young couple are highly thought of in the neighborhood, as evidenced by the beautiful gifts of which they were the recipients. Among the guests present were the following: Mrs. Lyman and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sellen, Ingersoll; Mr. and Mrs. Maddock, Tilsonburg; Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prouse, Mr. and Mrs. George, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg, Salford. Owing to the snow storm about forty of the party were compelled to enjoy the warden's hospitality over night.

Ingersoll Tribune Sept 1911

A gentleman who has been at the World's Fair, Chicago, on business several times, informs us that Ingersoll and surrounding districts have sent more people to the fair than any other town of its size in Ontario.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
Return Limit Sept. 12, 1911

Special Train Service
Special train leaves Ingersoll 11:30 a.m. Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7. Arrive Toronto 4:15 p.m. Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7. Arrive Ingersoll 7:10 p.m. Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7. Also Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7. Arrive Ingersoll 1:25 a.m.



Mr. Horace Gilbert attended the annual convention of the Ontario Fair Association in Toronto, last Thursday.

MRS. HORACE J. GILBERT TAKEN BY DEATH

Mount Elgin — The death occurred on Monday afternoon, January 18th at Mount Elgin, of Minnie Prouse, dearly beloved wife of H. J. Gilbert. The deceased was in her usual health until Saturday morning when she was stricken with a paralytic stroke and passed peacefully away on Monday afternoon never having regained consciousness. The late Mrs. Gilbert was the oldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prouse and had been a resident of Dereham [township] practically all her life and had lived on the 6th Concession all her married life

Ingersoll Tribune Jan 21 1943

Ingersoll Tribune May 24, 1934

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Horace Gilbert on Wednesday April 20th, at 2.30.

on Thursday afternoon last
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gilbert of Dereham Centre, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmet Gilbert and daughters Marion and Norma of Brownsville, were visitors of Mrs. Mary Prouse and Miss Bertha Gilbert on Saturday.

Horace J. Gilbert, widely known Dereham Township resident, died on Tuesday at the residence of his son-in-law, James Moulton, lot 17, concession seven. He was in his 75th year. He was born in Dereham and had been a lifelong resident, having served for years as tax collector, for 18 years as a school board trustee at Dereham Centre, and for 35 years as a member of the board of management of the United Church at Dereham Centre. The death of his wife (Minnie Prouse) occurred a year ago.

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson
Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse



Oldest Child: Freda Marguerita

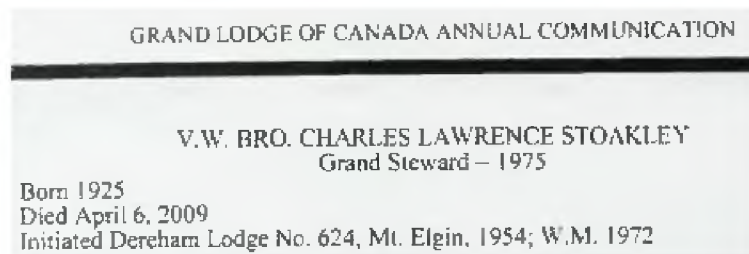
B 20 Aug 1897 Dereham
 D 20 Feb 1947 lived at Lot 12 Con 5 Dereham
 died of Gangerine while in Victoria Hospital London
 B 21 Dec 1893 Dereham
 D 09 Sept 1978 Mt Elgin Buried Mt Elgin

Spouse: Charles William Stoakley

Charles as a farmer in the Mt. Elgin area when he married Freda in 1917. His father purchased Lot 12 S1/2 of Con 5 in Dereham in 1914 for what appears to be around \$1200 as per Onland. The property was originally part of the Bodwell property granted to them in 1860 from the Crown. The farm After Minnies 1947 death, Charles married Phillis Pile in 1949. He continued to live at the Lot 12 Concession 5 Dereham township farm near his nuclear family in the Mt Elgin area for the rest of his life. Onland indicates he granted the 50 acre farm to son Charles L Stoakley and grandson Keith in 1964.

Children include:

Ariel (Oliver)(McClintock) B 1921 D 2014
Gordon B 1924 D 1980
Charles Lawrence B 1925 D 2009



Charles Lawrence was heavily involved in the Masons. He death was noted in the 2009 annual national meeting.

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson
Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse

Child: Wilmot Earl

B 26 Feb 1899 Dereham Lot 13 Con 6
 D 05 Feb 1991 Ingersoll
 M 11 Nov 1925 Dereham
 B 29 Nov 1902 Brownsville
 D 30 Oct 1974 Brownsville
 Buried Mt Elgin.



Spouse: Evelene Mabel Woolley

The couple were dairy farmers in Dereham at Lot 20 Con 11 south east of Brownsville and retired there. Evelene was a third generation of the Wooley family in Dereham. Children include:

Marion Eileen B 1930 D unknown Tillsonburg. Spouse: (Harold Lloyd Sandham) B 1927 Goshen, Norfolk Co. D 2018 Tillsonburg residence.
Lorene B /D Unknown

Nov 29, 1929 Tillsonburg News

Miss Mary Prouse is visiting her nephew Mr. Wilmot Gilbert of Brownville and Mrs. Gilbert.

1934 Ingersoll Tribune

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Gilbert and Miss Lorene Woolley attended the play held at Mount Elgin on Wednesday evening.

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson
Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse**

Child: Thomas Leighton

B 1902 Dereham Lot 13 Con 6
D 1986 Ingersoll
M 12 Dec, 1930 Dereham Centre
B 17 Jan 1907 Wellesley, Ontario.
D 20 July 1985 Thamesford

Spouse: Pearl Elvira Balzer



Thomas Leighton Gilbert and wife Pearl Balzer.

Courtesy: Ronald Smith via Ancestry.

The couple lived in Dereham Township as per the 1931 census before moving to Con 12 E Nissouri near Thamesford prior to 1935. They lived RR#3 Thamesford and he was a known cheesemaker in Dereham. He drove tractor trailers for Husband Transport Co. of

London until he retired and in retirement enjoyed his rose garden.

The couple had 2 children die in infancy, **Betty** B 1933 D 1935 and baby **Gilbert** B/D 1942. Son **Glen Wayne** B 15 Nov 1936 D 29 Aug 2004 (spouse Pauline Jones B 1940 D 2019).

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson
Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse**

Child: Verna Lulu

B 20 Feb 1905 Dereham Lot 13 Con 6
D 20 Jan 1990 Mt Elgin
M 02 Dec 1926 Mt Elgin
B 06 Apr 1903 Dereham
D 08 Apr 1962 Mt Elgin
Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll

Spouse: James Harris Moulton



The couple operated a greenhouse in Mt. Elgin as well as farm.

The Moulton/Prouse/Harris families were found in close proximity to each other in the Mt Elgin census area. The original 1860s Moulton family had two farms on the north side of present day Highway 19 between Mt Elgin and Verschoyle.

The 1931 Dereham census has the many families enumeration information on the same page indicating the families were neighbours or living very close to each other.

Moulton James Harris	Mrs. Blifford
" Verna Julia	" Gladys
Moulton Harry Gordon	" Emma
" Blanche	Morrison Malcolm
" John Leslie	" Violet
" Elizabeth Louise	" Mary
Moulton Samuel John	Flather Isabella
" Emma Eva	" Joseph
Hyden Mary	McKilton Henry
Harris Varrell Laekie	McKilton Edith
" Marie Evelyn	" Margaret
" Evelyn Shirley	" M. Mc
" Ruth Marie	" Francis
Moulton Vernon Henry	" Rose
" E. Emma	Gilbert Edward A
" Philips	" Kate
Prouse Grant	" Arthur
Fitchet Abigail	" Belma
" Betty Lucille	" Irene
Conkey James William	" Robert
" Abbie Amelia	Gilbert Nelson
" George James	" Verla
" Charles Henry	
" Eva May	
Harris Ira Moulton	
" Mary Alice	

James' mother, Emma Harris' family were immigrants from Wales that settled in the New England in 1680. A portion of the Harris family moved to Canada and established the Massey/Harris Implement Co.

<https://www.farmcollector.com/company-history/massey-harris-history/>

Census list illustration the proximity of the families.

JAMES MOULTON DIES IN HOSPITAL

Following a short illness, Mr. James Moulton, a very well known and highly esteemed resident of Mount Elgin, passed away in Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, on Sunday, April 8th, most unexpectedly. Mr. Moulton who was in his 60th year was born on the fourth concession of Dereham [township], a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moulton. Following his marriage to the former Verna Gilbert of Dereham Centre, in 1926, he farmed across the road from his home until 1950 when he moved to Mount Elgin and operated a green house. A member of the Mount Elgin United Church and clerk of the Session, Mr. Moulton was also lay delegate to the Presbytery and Conference and had at all times taken a very keen interest in all matters pertaining to the church and community and his ever kind manner had won for him many friends throughout the district

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse

Last Child: Nelson Orwell	B 28 Oct 1909 Dereham Lot 13 Con 6 D 21 Apr 1980 Mt Elgin M 31 Dec 1930 St Thomas
Spouse: Verla Marie Baker	B 15 Feb 1907 Malahide Township, Elgin Co. D 09 Jul, 1945 Lot 13 Con 6 Dereham.
Spouse: Isabella Mae Yule	B 05 Apr 1914 town of Goderich D 20 Nov 1989 Oxford County



Nelson worked as a grader operator according to the 1972 voters list. He lived on the family farm with his wife. First wife Verla was the daughter of George Baker of Con 3 Lot 20 Malahide Elgin Co.

She went to London Normal School after grade school and taught at Dereham Center school.

Nelson and Vera had four sons. Verla committed suicide with a straight razor while at the Lot 13 Con 6 Dereham family farm. Her sons were between the ages of 1 to 14 years at the time of her death. No mention of cause of death was made in the local paper.



Verla Marie Baker Gilbert

**Mrs. Nelson Gilbert
Called By Death**

The death occurred suddenly, on Monday morning of Mrs. Nelson Gilbert, at her home, Lot 13, Concession 6, Dereham Township, following a long period of ill health. Mrs. Gilbert who was in her 38th year, was born in Melanville Township and had resided in Dereham for the past 16 years. At one time she had taught in the Dereham Centre school. She was a member of Dereham Centre United Church.

16 yrs (Age)
Lot 13 Con 6 (Residence)
Dereham (Township)
Ont (Province)

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED
VERLA MARIE GILBERT

4. SEX Female
5. NATIONALITY Canadian
6. ETHNIC ORIGIN English
7. STATUS Married

8. BIRTHPLACE Melanville Ont.
9. DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 15 1904
10. AGE 38 Months 4 Days

11. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK Spinner, teacher, office clerk, etc.
12. KIND OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS Sewer, Dress
13. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED Nelson Gilbert
14. TOTAL YEARS SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION George H. Baker

24. DATE OF DEATH July 9 1942
25. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from June 1942 to July 9 1942 and last saw him alive on July 9 1942

CAUSE OF DEATH
1. 164-4
Immediate cause: Give disease, injury or complication which caused death, and the mode of dying, such as heart failure, apoplexy, pneumonia, etc.
Medial conditions, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order proceeding backwards from immediate cause).
11. Other medial conditions (if important) contributing to death's but not causally related to immediate cause.

CAUSE OF DEATH
(a) due to Potent throat razor
(b) due to throat razor
(c) due to throat razor

Horace remarried in 1947 to Isabella Yule, the daughter of George Yule, a labourer from Goderich. GILBERT

At the Cambridge Memorial Hospital on Monday, April 21, 1980, Mr. Nelson Gilbert of RR 3 Tillsonburg in his 71st year. Dear husband of Isabelle (Yule) Gilbert. Dear father of Donald Gilbert of Woodbridge, David Gilbert of Brantford, Wayne Gilbert of Peterborough, John Gilbert of Woodstock, William Gilbert of London, Mrs. Douglas (Margaret) Smith of West Hill and Miss Wendy Gilbert of Edmonton, Alberta. Dear brother of Wilmot Gilbert of Brownsville and Leighton Gilbert of Thamesford, and Mrs. Verna Moulton of Mount Elgin

Son: Donald Glenn Gilbert B 1931 Dereham Center – D 2002
Son: David Hugh Gilbert B 1936 Dereham Center – D 2012 Brantford

David Gilbert: After a courageous ten-year battle with cancer, surrounded by love and family, it is with heartfelt sorrow that we say goodbye to our hero that we adored as our dad and Papa. Dave passed away at the Stedman Community Hospice on Monday November 12, 2012, at the age of 75. Dave is now reunited with the love of his life, Donna (Humphrey), to whom he was married for over 54 years, was predeceased last December 2011. Loving Dad to Susan Nicholson (John) of Mississauga and Nancy Jack (Todd) of Paris. Proud Papa of Jennifer and John Nicholson and Meghan, David, Randy and Benjamin Jack. Dave was the second child of the late parents, Nelson and Verla (Baker) and stepson to Isabelle (Yule) of Tillsonburg, Ontario. Brother of Don (predeceased) and his wife Elsie, Wayne and his wife Shirley, John (predeceased), Margaret and her husband Doug Smith, Wendy, and Bill and his wife Janet. Dave enjoyed a career with Bell Canada over 36 years, retiring in 1992 as a Brantford Construction Manager. Dave lived for a busy calendar and he filled his retirement with pleasure in curling, bridge, coffee groups with Bell retirees and the men's church group. He was constantly busy with numerous grandchildren events, many

wonderful travels with Donna and good times with friends and family. He was a dedicated member of Fairview United Church, Men's Probus Club of Brant, Bell Pensioners, and served as the President on the condo Board. Dave delighted in many years of volunteering at the Bell Homestead with school tours, barn sales and other duties. He managed the Canadian Guide Dog donations in the local and surrounding area.

Son: John Laverne Gilbert B 1939 Dereham Center– D 2005

Son: William George Gilbert B 1944 Dereham Center– D 2021



William (Bill) Gilbert precious husband and best friend of Janet M (Harris) Gilbert of London. Dearly loved, respected and proud father of Scott and wife Sandra of London and David and wife Jaime of Montreal. Proud and loving granafather of his girlie girls Isabella, Autumn and Frances. Son of the late Nelson Gilbert 1980 and Verla Gilbert 1945 and Isabelle Gilbert 1989. Bill worked for many years at C.B.S. Equipment and Ampro Electric of London. He started the Cleardale and White Oaks boys' minor baseball teams in early 1970's. He also coached hockey for South London Minor Hockey Association for many years and was admired by his players. Bill was a man with quick wit and loved his family greatly, especially his granddaughters.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Second Child: Mary Alberta B 18 May 1874 Dereham
D 20 Feb 1956 Dereham

Mary lived in the Mt Elgin area her whole life. She never married. She lived with her parents, then after her father's death, she lived with her brother Frederick and family who had moved into the family house on the Prouse farmstead Lot 10 Con 6 Dereham after Thomas Jr's death. She lived with them until her death.



Three eldest Thomas Prouse Jr. Children: William (1), Minnie (4), Mary (2) Photo Ancestry circa 1876



Mary Prouse about 1950



Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Third child: William "Will" Henry

B 25 Mar 1875 Dereham or Ingersoll

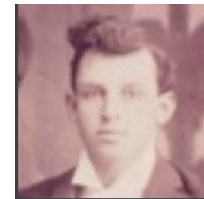
D 12 Nov 1955 Ingersoll

M 07 Mar 1911

Spouse: Addie Rosalie Butler

B 18 Jan 1875 Dereham Center

D 15 Apr 1952 Ingersoll



William was also a farmer. He grew up on his father's farm before securing his father in law's farm at Lot 15 Con 7 in Dereham in 1920 via a grant from his father in law after working with the Butlers as farm help after his 1911 wedding. The Butler name had been attached to the farm lot as far back as the 1860s. Addie's grandfather, John Butler, arrived in Dereham with the family in tow prior to 1850. He was a Gloucester born cheesemaker. The Butlers would go on to own several hundreds of acres of farmland on three corners of what is now Dereham Center (Prouse Rd and Dereham Line). William Prouse was a breeder of Holstein's and was listed often for his sale of registered animals.

38782. Annie Calamity Veeman.
William Prouse (o), Mt. Elgin,
Ont.; R. J. Kelly (b), Culloden,
Ont.; March 1, 1915; Korndyke
Veeman Pontiac 12561—Annie Cal-
amity Alfaretta 17226.

Above: breeding Holstein bull purchase

Jan. 17th.—The week-end blizzard blocked the roads here badly. South of Dereham Centre the drifts were ten and twelve feet deep, and it was impossible to shovel a road through, so a temporary road has been made through the school grounds and across Wm. Prouse's field. The church services were abandoned Sunday.

Daily Chronicle 1918

By the 1930's his farm was in debt.

Children's Economic Contributions

Changes in patterns of youth employment and education were well under way by the Great Depression. By the 1920s most children were enrolled in school for a longer and more regular period of time than ever before. School enrollment even rose marginally in the Depression years, probably because of the high youth unemployment rates, and many parents were concerned with giving their children the opportunity to stay in school.³⁶ Some families struggled to keep their children in school despite a difficult financial situation. In Mount Elgin, William Prouse's farm was verging on bankruptcy in 1935 not only because of low crop prices, but also from the debts accumulated from educating his eight children. Only one child remained at home to work on the farm. In St Mary's, farmer Henry Gill went into debt to

Book: "Respectable Citizens: Gender, Family and Unemployment"

Ingersoll Tribune May 1, 1952

Funeral services for Mrs. William Prouse, who died suddenly at her home Monday morning, were held Thursday from the Ostrander Funeral Home, Tillsonburg. Rev. C. C. Strachan, Richmond, and Rev. J. B. Townend had charge of the service. Pallbearers were grandsons, Thomas Waite, Ross Leaper, James Dawson, James Prouse, Hugh Prouse and Keith Prouse. Interment was in Mount Elgin Cemetery

Ingersoll Tribune Nov 17, 1955

Wm. H. Prouse Dies in 80th Year

The death occurred in Alexandra Hospital on Saturday November 12th, 1955, of William H. Prouse, in his 80th year. In failing health for several months, he had been seriously ill for the past two weeks. Born in Dereham, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prouse, he had farmed in Dereham Centre all his life, and was well known and esteemed in Ingersoll and district. He was a member of Mount Elgin United Church. His wife predeceased him in 1952. Left to mourn his passing are two daughters and five sons; Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Harold Fleming, Cecil, Grant, Clifford and Irvin, all of Dereham and Ross of Brantford. Also surviving is one sister, Miss Mary Prouse, Mt. Elgin; two brothers, Edward of Dereham, and Wilbur of Toronto.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

First child: Viola "Ollie" Florisis

B 17 Aug 1897 Dereham

D 03 Apr 1973 Mt Elgin

M 15 Nov 1917 York, Toronto

Spouse: Charles Smith

B 21 Jun 1893 Mt. Elgin

D 24 Mar 1978 London



Charles was the son of Reuben Smith. The couple were married 2 months after his war attestation papers were signed in 1917. The

VISITORS AT AVALON CHAPTER MEETING

Avalon Chapter, O.E.S., entertained members of Silver Jubilee Chapter, of Delaware and St. Marys Chapter of St. Marys, at the regular meeting on Thursday evening, May 13th. Worthy Matron Lena Pettit and Worthy Patron Byron Pettit conducted the business period. Silver Jubilee Chapter performed the opening ceremonies and St. Marys, the closing. Considerable fun was contributed by a penny sale. Mrs. Viola Smith was convener of refreshments.

1953 Tribune

family lived in Mt Elgin at the Con 4 Lot 10/11 - Smith family farm. Viola and Charles had 10 children according to a son's obituary and the 1921 census shows they had a servant much to Viola's delight and were living in Ingersoll at 170 Francis Street. Charles was dealing with Depression era work and was doing odd jobs for the city. He owned the house but room must have been scarce for him, his wife and three children still at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith and family attended the anniversary services of St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg, on Sunday, October 22.

1939 Tribune

Charles Smith family home --Ingersoll

Children include:

Jean Violet 1926 Mt Elgin – 1954 Ingersoll



Madeline (Mally) Pearl

B 1918 Mt Elgin - D 2003 Ingersoll

(spouse Thomas Waite)

B 14 Oct 1911 Yorkshire, Eng.– D 01 May 1984 Ingersoll

Shoplifter pleads guilty

A man pleaded guilty yesterday to stealing items valued at \$5.32 from Allied Towers store on March 28. Thomas George Waite, 58, of 49 North Townline, Ingersoll was fined \$50 by Judge R. G. Groom.



Helen Edna (Mennill) 1920 Mt Elgin -2015 London, Ont.

Peacefully surrounded by her family at Glendale Crossing, Helen (Smith) Mennill passed away peacefully in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Russell Mennill (1977). Loving mother of Jim Mennill (Pauline), Bill Mennill (Cheryl) all of London, and Tom Mennill (Jocelyn) of Waterloo. Survived by her siblings Norman Smith, Bill Smith, Michael Smith, Joyce Gates and Laurene Thompson. Dearly missed by her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her siblings Jean Smith, Max Smith and Madeline Waite.



Laurene (Thompson) 1921 Mt Elgin-2022 Windsor

THOMPSON, Laurene Patricia (nee Smith) June 19, 1921 - March 17, 2022 It is with great love and sadness that we say goodbye to our dear Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother Laurene Patricia Thompson (nee Smith) who passed away in Windsor on March 17, 2022 in her 101st year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Thompson. (1982). Dear Mother of Patricia Edwards, (Dave) Owen Scund, Jeanne Hays Windsor, Kathryn Thompson (Ken Slemko) Ottawa, Robert Thompson (Beverly) Windsor. Proud Grandma of Geoff (Rory),

Jennifer (Mike), Mark (Laura), Rob (Anita), Laura (Mike), Heather (Ryan), Sarah (Trevor), Kris, John (Shari), Elizabeth (Jason) and also dearly loved by 15 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Bill Smith Ingersoll, Norman Smith (Sharon) Mississauga, Michael Smith (Lynn) Kelowna, B.C. and predeceased by siblings Madeline Waite, Helen Mennill, Joyce Gates, Maxwell Smith and Jean Smith. Laurene is also survived and will be missed by several nieces and nephews. Laurene worked for many years for both the Onions and Tuckey Home Hardware in London.



Maxwell Charles 1924 Mt Elgin-2007 Chatham – Kent Spouse: Winnifred Miller

“Maxwell served in the RCAF during WWII and on his return to Canada studied accounting at McGill University. After obtaining his degree, he moved to Windsor, set up his own practice as a Chartered Accountant, married Wyn and raised his family with steadfast and loving care. Active in community service, Max was a committed volunteer for a number of agencies including Meals on Wheels, Council on Aging and the former Breakfast Club Program. A dedicated squash, golf and bridge player, he enjoyed the like-minded friendships it brought” Windsor edited obituary



Joyce Margaret (Gates) 1922 - 2020

Quietly at her home on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 in her 98th year. Beloved wife of the late Clair Gates (1998). Lovingly remembered by Clair's daughter Joan Avram (Lee) of Belle River. Dear sister of Laurene Thompson of Windsor, Norman Smith (Sharon) of Mississauga, Bill Smith of Woodstock and Michael Smith (Lynn) of Arizona and Kelowna, BC. Joyce will be sadly missed by nieces, nephews & extended family. Predeceased by her parents Charles & Viola Smith (formerly of Mt. Elgin), and by siblings Madeline Waite, Jean Smith, Helen Mennill and Maxwell Smith. Joyce was an elementary school teacher at the Delhi Public School for many years; active in the Girl Guides from her childhood to adult life, and was the Commissioner of the Otter Creek Region Girls Guides for many years. Joyce was a historian; she wrote, completed and published the history of the Smith family. Joyce was

an antique collector and a very accomplished artist. She was a successful real estate investor and business lady; Joyce donated to many local charities including our local hospital. She was a member of the University Women's Club, the Lynnwood Arts Centre, the Norfolk Historical Society and the Norfolk Art League.

Husband Claire Gates (1908-1998) was a police constable in Port Rowan, farmer and livestock dealer, auto salesman, award winning rose grower and like Joyce an avid antique dealer.



William Taylor 1928 Mt Elgin – 2022 Alexandria Hospital Ingersoll
SMITH, William Taylor – Passed away peacefully with Deb and Brenda by his side on Friday December 2nd, 2022, at Alexander Hospital in Ingersoll. William was in his 94th year. Much loved husband of the late Mary Smith. Cherished father of Brian Smith, Deborah (John) Griffioen, Brenda (Bill) Kent, remembered by Lenore, Greg, Carl and Tammy. Cherished Grandfather of Michelle, Johnny and Melissa. William will be remembered by his brothers Norman and Michael Smith along with many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased parents Charles and Viola Smith, and by his brother Max, and his sisters Helen, Rene, Joyce, Madilyn and Jean. William was a member of the Probus Club and the CNIB.
Micheal unknown living in Mississauga 2022

Norman unknown living in Arizona 2022

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

Second Child: Cecil Mackenzie B 05 Feb 1899 Dereham

D April, 1990

M 25 Oct 1924 Ostrander

Spouse: Ellen Vivian Bodwell B 15 Sept 1897 Mt. Elgin

D 01 Aug 1981 Ingersoll buried Mt Elgin Cemetery



Misses Vivian and Gretta Bodwell of Mount Elgin, spent the past week at Port Dover.

Chronicle 1917

Vivian and her sister were living with her mother and step father H P Shuttleworth at Con 5 Lot 11 in Deereham when she married. Cecil was a farmer and Vivian a nurse according their marriage certificate. In 1932 they family was living at Lot 15 Con 7 on Dereham and he was working as a butcher/farmer. The 1949 voters list had the couple living at RR#2 Mt Elgin. They owned and lived in Elgin Hall in Mt Elgin from 1947 to 1965. This was the ostentatious family home of the original pioneering Bodwell family. The house

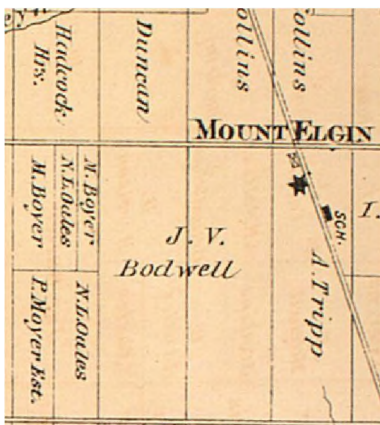
would be handed over to niece Reta Prouse Cooper (pg 113). By 1968 Cecil had retired from farming and was still living in the Mt Elgin area. One known child died in infancy in 1932. Four survived; **Jim, Hugh, Bob and Rhea.**

Mt. Elgin Women's Institute Marks 50th Anniversary

Baskets of pink and white peonies, iris and roses adorned the Mount Elgin Community Hall on Wednesday afternoon and made a perfect setting for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Mount Elgin Women's Institute.

Mrs. Cecil Prouse, president of the local society, and Mrs. Charles

Smith graciously welcomed the guests representing the senior institutes of Tillsonburg, Coluden, Salford, Zenda and Ostrander. The ushers were Mrs. Nelson Corbett, Mrs. Aubrey Swain and Mrs. Kiah Clark. The guest book was in charge of Miss Bertha Gilbert; 166 having registered. Miss Ruth



A book has been written on the Bodwell family and the tragic destruction of the house in 2023.

<https://www.oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca/new-publication-bodwells-of-elgin-hall/>

The CBC and CTV ran features on the house and it's family history prior to the destruction.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/pre-confederation-home-saved-from-the-chopping-block-by-politicians-in-oxford-county-1.6546923>

<https://london.ctvnews.ca/172-year-old-home-spared-from-demolition-in-oxford-county-1.6020082>

Child of Cecil Prouse and Vivian Bodwell



Rhea June B 1927 Mt Elgin D 22 June 2023
W Vancouver

"On Thursday, June 22, 2023, Rhea June Boynton died at the age of 95, the one and only time in her life when she broke the hearts of her family and friends. Rhea was born in Mount Elgin, Ontario, the daughter of Cecil and Vivian Prouse, adored sister of three brothers, Jim, Hugh and Bob

Prouse. Rhea attended U. of London Nursing School, then worked as a stewardess for Air Canada. While based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, she was introduced to the love of her life, Harry, who proposed on their second date. They were married in 1954 and moved to the Okanagan where they raised their family. Rhea was always active and always happy in everything she was doing, whether it be her work as an RN, volunteering for various causes, quilting, reading, watching Jeopardy ... and the 'grand slam' of all, playing bridge (she was a Life Master). In her later years, she was asked "What is it like to grow older?" She answered, "I never noticed, dear, I was always too busy enjoying life. Legacy.com obit

The couple retired to Ladysmith BC on Vancouver Island.



Miss Rhea June Prouse has completed her three years of training in the Victoria Hospital, London and is spending a few days at her home.

Tribune 02/09/1950

Tribune
08/09/1951

mutual friends . . . Recently a former Ingersoll man was travelling by air between Montreal and Ottawa. He noted the stewardess' name and asked her if she came from Mount Elgin. "I certainly do," answered Rhea Prouse, "but how do you know?" "Oh, I read the Ingersoll Tribune and know all the news," our friend replied, (and we DO mean "friend.")



Tribune
19 March
1951

Child of Cecil Prouse and Vivian Bodwell

Douglas Eugene

B 14 Sept 1932 Mt Elgin Lot 15 Con 7

D 03 Nov 1932 Mt Elgin

Douglas was only a month and a half old when he died of pneumonia.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson:

Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

Third child: William "Ross" B 10 Sept 1900 Dereham

D 17 Oct 1965 Brantford

M 18 July 1928 Toronto

Spouse: Florence Harris B 06 Mar 1907 Dereham

D 17 Oct 1965 Brantford

Ross was listed as a contractor when he married Florence in 1928. She worked as a telephone operator and came from the large Harris clan that lived throughout the area south of Ingersoll. Ross was also a partner in the formation of Prouse Transport and was living in Mt Elgin. The company was in the road building industry and he was listed as a trucker in the 1931 census. He left the company around 1937 and moved to Brantford. By 1949 they lived at 133 Marver St. in Brantford while he continued to drive a truck. He was a prodigious collector of clocks. He and his wife both died the same day.

Brantford Pair Die in Car Crash

Mr. and Mrs. William Ross Prouse of 133 Marlborough Street were killed Sunday night when their car hit a culvert being installed on a road, five miles west of Norwich.

The driver of the car apparently did not see a warning sign on the road and crashed through a barricade before hitting the culvert, according to a witness at the accident scene.

Bodies of the Brantford couple were taken to Woodstock General Hospital.

Mr. Prouse was a truck driver for Mordue Transport of Brantford.

Mrs. Prouse is the former Florence Martha Harris.

The couple is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ross (Shirley) Lehman of Brantford and Mrs. Reg (Yvonne) Cooper of Byron.

The bodies are at the Beckett Funeral Home for service at Farringdon Independent Church at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. Interment will be at the Farringdon Burial Grounds.

PROUSE—Suddenly, as a result of a motor accident on Sunday, October 17, 1965, William Ross Prouse of 133 Marver St., Brantford. Husband of Florence Martha Harris. Father of Mrs. Ross (Shirley) Lehman of Brantford and Mrs. Reg (Yvonne) Cooper of London. Resting at the Beckett Funeral Home, 88 Brant Avenue, Brantford with funeral service at Farringdon Independent Church at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 20. Interment Farringdon Burial Grounds, Brantford.

PROUSE—Suddenly, as a result of a motor accident on Sunday, October 17, 1965, Florence Martha Harris, of 133 Marver St., Brantford. Wife of William Ross Prouse and mother of Mrs. Ross (Shirley) Lehman of Brantford and Mrs. Reg (Yvonne) Cooper of London. Resting at the Beckett Funeral Home, 88 Brant Avenue, Brantford with funeral service at Farringdon Independent Church at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 20. Interment Farringdon Burial Grounds, Brantford.

Couple's Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral service will be held at Farringdon Independent Church Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. for Mr. and Mrs. William Ross Prouse, who died Sunday as a result of a car accident, five miles west of Norwich.

Mr. Prouse was born in Durham Township 64 years ago, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Prouse, and had been a resident of Brantford since 1938, and farmed in the Tutela Heights area. He had been a truck driver with Mordue Transport and was a member of Farringdon Independent Church.

Mrs. Prouse, the former Florence Martha Harris, was born in Durham Township, 58 years ago, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harris, and had also resided in Brantford since 1938. She was a member of Farringdon Independent Church where she was a member of the choir. She was a telephone operator with the Ingersoll Telephone Company and the Bell Telephone Company for 26 years. Mrs. Prouse was a member of the Charles Fleetwood Sise Chapter Telephone Pioneers of America.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ross (Shirley) Lehman of Brantford, Mrs. Reg (Yvonne) Cooper of London; six grandchildren.

PROUSE — In loving memory of a lovely lady our mother, Florence Prouse, and a gentle happy man our father, William Ross Prouse, who passed away October 17, 1965. We miss you because we love you. More precious than wealth untold. No treasure on earth could replace you. Your memory will never grow old. We leave you in God's keeping. The rough roads safely over. You are not lost to our loving hearts. But only gone before. Sadly missed by their daughter Shirley, son-in-law Ross and grandchildren Larry, Susan, Anne and Barbara.

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They were survived by two daughters:
Shirley (Lehman) 1930 – 2022 Brantford



Ross Morton Lehman was a star hockey player in the OHA in Ontario and went to be an engineering executive at Mott Manufacturing. The couple were leading square dancers in Brantford. They attended international square-dancing conferences and toured Europe with a square-dancing group in 1992.



Photo by Zee
MR. MORTON ROSS LEHMAN AND HIS BRIDE, the former Miss Shirley Alberta Prouse, are pictured after their marriage in Farringdon Independent Church. Mrs. Lehman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ross Prouse, 133 Marlboro Street, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lehman, Farringdon Hill.



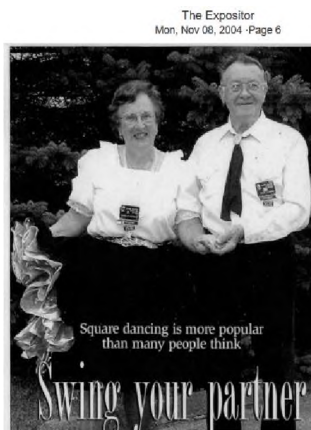
50th Anniversary

The gift of your presence is requested to honour the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **Ross and Shirley Lehman** (nee Prouse) by their children, Larry **Lehman**, Susan and Barry McMaster, Anne and Michael Brown, and Barbara and Curtis Langford. Their 11 grandchildren have been blessed to have them as a part of all their lives. We extend a warm invitation to all who have enriched our parents' life together, to an Open House on Sunday, February 6, 2000 at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre between 2 and 4 p.m. Please join us with only your congratulations.

Ross Lehman, who plays with the Mount Pleasant Hockey Club, celebrated last night, at Cayuga, by scoring five goals as the Mounties won, 12-5. **Ross** is to be married, Saturday. The Cayuga were to have played here Friday. The game has been postponed until Monday night.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a loving wife and mother, Shirley Alberta Lehman after a brief illness with COVID on Thursday, April 28th at the age of 92. Shirley was the devoted wife of Ross for over 72 years and daughter of Ross and Florence Prouse (1965) and sister of Yvonne Cooper (2015). She was the dear mother to Larry (Leanne), Susan (Barry), Anne (Michael), and Barbara (Curtis). Shirley was the cherished Grandmother to Kevin (Shannon), Sarah (Eric), Jamie (Amanda), Joshua (Katie), Rachael (Mike), Veronica (Scott), Alexander (Annick), Ashley (Isa), Lauren (Chad), Marley (Joshua), and Mackenzie (Rachel). Shirley loved and lived life to the fullest! She was the oldest active member at Farrington Independent Church, attendance beginning when she was 8 years old. Shirley sang in the choir for and sat on many boards. renowned for her pie baking

many for both family enjoyment as well as church fund-raising loved Pike Bay, their cottage life and her many dear friends. years, she was an active member of many square-dancing South Western Ontario. In 1992 she and Ross danced their Europe! Shirley loved to golf and curl, play euchre and bridge, sweaters and mittens! Mom enjoyed watching anything the great grandchildren were involved in. Shirley's life was on her family, her faith and her love of others.



most of her life, Shirley was and produced efforts. Shirley For the past 31 clubs throughout way throughout knit baby grandchildren or centered entirely

Yvonne (Cooper) B 05 Jan 1933 D 31 Jan 2015 COOPER, Reta Gracefully passed away in Ingersoll, surrounded by her family January 31, 2015. Cherished wife of the late Reginald Cooper who predeceased her July 29, 1999. She will be missed by her loving daughters Lynne & husband Wayne Smith and Marilyn & husband Carlos Romano all of Ingersoll. Missed by her beloved grandchildren Sherri & Dwayne, Scott & Jayne, Jodi & Graeme, Kara & Arshad, Tyler & Jade.

Husband: Reg Cooper (1928 – 1999) He was a clerk for the city of Brantford and like his father-in-law Ross Prouse, was a clock collector (see article Brantford Expositor Sept 20, 1997)

It's the auction of a lifetime Reg Cooper's clocks go on the block today

By MICHAEL ALLAN MARION
EXPOSITOR STAFF
Brantford

I didn't matter where he was — in Brantford's political arena, his education system, his administration or his halls of justice — Reg Cooper was a name that collected positions.

Among them were mayor, alderman, school board trustee, school board chairman, city clerk, chief magistrate, justice of the peace.

Maybe that's why he collected so many clocks. And all those tools. And all that Brantford memorabilia.

His sons, Reg Jr. and Ray, couldn't supply any better motive as they spent all day Friday at the civic centre helping the auctioneer erect nearly 100 timepieces belonging to one of the city's most celebrated fathers for today's big auction.

While dad, 88, was sitting with their 87-year-old mother, Frances, in Versa Care Nursing Home, the two sons were helping lay out literally hundreds of tools, from antique implements to a host of screwdrivers, files and wood planes; and innumerable boxes of postcards, pen stands and buttons all bearing the Brantford name.

The parents collected so much in their home on Grand Street over 69 years that the sons had to use the civic centre to hold a suitable auction.

"There's so much here, I don't know where it all came from," said Reg Jr.

"He just kept collecting it all."

His brother Ray said of all that dry memorabilia: "Dad was always a Brantford booster. (Mayor) Chris Fried certainly doesn't have a monopoly on I Love Brantford (Fried's campaign slogan in this year's municipal election)."

Before Cooper Sr. and Frances went to Versa Care, he successfully collected the positions of nearly all the city's major posts. He spent six years as a trustee on the Brant County Board of Education in the 1930s and early 1940s and served one term as chairman in 1941. He was an alderman from 1946 to 1954, then spent two terms as mayor. He stepped down to do a stint as city clerk and finished off as a justice of the peace.

His collection of clocks seemed to come just as easily. Reg Jr. said the obsession began when his father-in-law **Ross Prouse** died in an automobile accident in the 1930s.

Brant had been a clock collector, so Reg Sr. bought a few. Then he bought some more, and soon began making the rounds of auctions. Often people who knew him just gave him timepieces as gifts to help his collection.

"I used to kid room next to house a flat surface around or Dad will leave a clock on it," Ray chuckled.

At one point, in the past year an inventory revealed he had 195 antique timepieces of all sizes and descriptions covering more than 100 years. The family sold a bunch until the auctioneer was called in. On Friday, about one dozen alarm clocks were arranged on a couple of tables, while more than 70 larger pieces adorned the walls or display tables.

The auctioneer said he had received enquiries from all over southern Ontario and some as far away as New York City.

How many will find their way into new hands today and how much money the Coopers will fetch for them only time will tell.



Ray Cooper adjusts the hands of one of the clocks collected by his father, former city clerk Reg Cooper. Dozens of Reg Cooper's clocks will be auctioned today at the civic centre.

Expositor Photo by Wayne Roper

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

Fourth child: Grant

B 15 Dec 1902 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7

D 05 Dec 1965 Dereham Lot 13, Con 5

M 07 Mar 1928 Ingersoll

Spouse: Mildred Edith Abigail Moulton B 12 July 1904 Dereham Lot 19 Con 6

D 13 Dec 1974 Alexandria Hospital Ingersoll, Buried Mt Elgin.

Grant continued the Prouse farming tradition. As noted, Grant followed in his grandfather's footsteps as he was President of the Tillsonburg fair. Mildred was a daughter of Dereham farmer Herman Moulton of the huge Moulton clan that lived at Lot 19/20 on Con 6 between Mt Elgin and Verchoyle on highway 18.

GRANT PROUSE PASSES AWAY IN 64TH YEAR

Following a long period of ill health, Mr. Grant Prouse passed away at the family residence, Lot 13, Concession 5, Dereham [township], on Sunday, December 5th, 1965. Mr. Prouse, who was in his 64th year, was born in Dereham Centre, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Prouse. He spent his early life there and was married to the former Mildred Moulton in 1928. They lived at Verschoyle until 1940, then moving to Lot 13, where they have since resided. He was a member of Mt. Elgin United church and had served on the Board of Stewards for many years. He was also president of the Tillsonburg Tri-County Agricultural Society. Possessing a cheerful and kindly nature, he had made for himself scores of friends throughout the community.

After Grant's 1965 death, Mildred married Harry Allison.

Grant and Mildred had two daughters: **Betty Lucille (Leaper) B 1929**

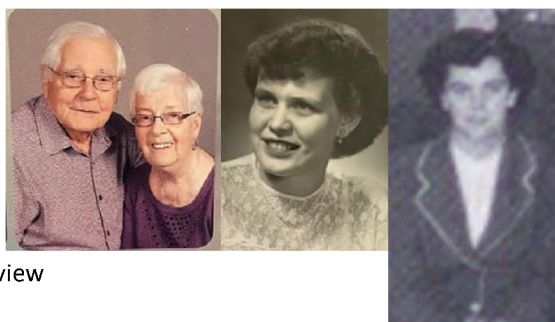
Bernice (George Rooke) B 1933.

ROOKE: George Edward – passed away peacefully on Wednesday September 9, 2015 at the Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, George Rooke of Ingersoll and formerly of Mt. Elgin in his 86th year. Beloved husband of Bernice (Prouse) Rooke with whom he shared 62 years of marriage. Dear father of Joanne & husband Marvin Patience of Thamesford, Paul & wife Mary of Ingersoll and the late Brent (2001) & Janet Hughes of Mt. Elgin. George was a lifetime farmer in the Mt. Elgin area until retiring to Ingersoll in 1990. He was a member of the Mt. Elgin United Church and was a 20 year volunteer member of the Mt. Elgin Fire Department.

"90th Birthday Open House In honour of Bernice, family and friends are invited to join us to celebrate her milestone birthday.

Sunday, October 22, 2023

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ingersoll Golf Club - Woodstock Sentinel Review



Bernice was literary editor on the IDCi Volt in 1951.

Bernice and George Rooke

LEAPER- PROUSE Elgin View Farm at Mount Elgin, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Prouse, was the setting for a lovely wedding on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8th, at 2 o'clock, when their daughter, Betty Lucille, became the bride of Walter Ross Leaper of Paris, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leaper of Ingersoll. Miss Bernice Prouse was her sister's bridesmaid. The couple left by motor for Grand Rapids, Detroit, and Chicago. For travelling, the bride chose a loganberry crepe dress with matching shoes, gloves, and bag. Her coat and hat were of mouton fur. On their return, they will reside in Paris. Ingersoll Tribune

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

Fifth child: Clifford Murray B 08 Aug 1904 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7

D 11 Jan 1990

M 10 Mar, 1928 Tillsonburg

Spouse: Gladys Fleming

B 08 Aug 1906 Dereham

D 13 Feb 1985

Clifford grew up surrounded by his Prouse brothers at his mom and dad's farm that his dad took over from his in law Butler family. Although voters lists indicate that he and Gladys were farmers, his name does not appear on any ownership records of the farm in the following years. They had at least one



found child, **Donna Marie Prouse** B 1928 D 1990.

Donna married **James Dawson** B 1924 D 2014. The Dawson were know to have had an infant child that died in 1946.

Peacefully at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg on Friday, September 19, 2014, James G. Dawson, formerly of Mt. Elgin passed away in his 90th year. Beloved husband of the late Donna (Prouse) Dawson (1990). Loving father of Judy Atkins (Dennis) of Tillsonburg, Larry Dawson (Harriet) of Simcoe, Murry Dawson (Linda) of Culloden, Douglas Dawson (Olga) of London, Bill Dawson (Susan) of Mt. Elgin and Gary Dawson (Deb) of Mt. Elgin.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

Sixth child: Clayton Maurice B 08 Aug 1904 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7

D 1927 Tillsonburg

Clayton and Clifford were twin brothers. When the were 22 years old, they were driving together when there was an accident. Clifford went on to farm in the Mr. Elgin with the rest of Prouse clan but he

Fatal Crossing Accident

Clayton Prouse Fatally Injured and His Twin Brother, Clifford, Seriously Injured at the M.C.R. Crossing. North Broadway—Drove in Front of a Westbound Freight After an East-bound Freight Had Just Passed.

At 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon a lamentable accident occurred at the M.C.R. level crossing, Broadway north, by which Clayton Prouse, aged 22 years, was fatally injured, and his twin brother, Clifford, received serious injuries. The young men, who were sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Prouse, Dereham Centre, were coming to Tillsonburg, and had topped a few yards from the crossing for an eastbound freight. They were at the rear of a car driven by R. William Quigley, and as soon as the freight had cleared the crossing pulled out and proceeded on their way. A truck that had been approaching from Tillsonburg crossed the track ahead of them and for a moment it obscured the vision of the Prouse boys, who gently did not see the approaching truck from the east until it was too late to stop their car.

They were partly on the track when they were struck, the car being hurled forty feet, and smashed to pieces. Clayton was found about sixty feet from the crossing in a dying condition, with a fractured neck, fractured right leg, a bad cut on the head, and other severe bruises. Clifford was thrown about thirty feet, and sustained a broken right ankle, broken right arm, broken left collar bone, and other serious injuries. Dr. R. E. Weston was called to the scene and had the young men removed to the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, where Clayton passed away half an hour after admission.

Clifford is progressing favorably and hopes are entertained that he will recover.

The train was brought to a standstill in a very short time, and the train crew rendered all the assistance in their power.

The body was removed by Keilam & Ostrander's undertaking firm, and Coroner Weston empaneled a jury, comprising Wm. Sutch, Fred Norman, Ed. Friend, Roy Darrow, J. Ellis, S. E. Barrett and Chas. Gale. After viewing the remains an inquest was made until Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon at the family residence, Dereham Centre, and was private. The service was conducted by Rev. William Quigley, interment being made in the Delmer cemetery.

suffered from the physical effects of the crash throughout his life.

Verdict of Accidental Death

The Coroner's Jury Places No Blame on the Railway Company in Connection with the Recent Fatal Accident at the M.C.R. Crossing—Protection Recommended at This Point.

The adjourned inquest into the death of Clayton Prouse met at the council chamber on Tuesday evening, the following jury answering to their names: William Sutch (foreman), Ed. Friend, Dan Ellis, Roy Darrow, C. Gamble, F. Norman, S. E. Barrett, Coroner Dr. R. E. Weston, presiding.

Engineer A. Alexander was the first witness called. He blew the whistle for the crossing at the usual point. The eastbound freight had cleared the crossing at a speed of about thirty-five miles, which was the rate his train was travelling. A northbound truck had crossed the track after the eastbound freight had passed, and noticing a car coming from the north he blew the whistle continuously. As that did not seem to stop the car he applied the emergency brakes, but the distance was too short to stop the train in time to avoid the accident. The train was brought to a standstill within twenty-five car lengths. The engine bell was ringing also.

Fireman Thomas also gave evidence. He heard the whistle blowing continuously and knew something was wrong. He got to the window just as the crash occurred.

Dr. Bennett gave evidence as to the injuries about the body, as revealed in the post mortem examination. The neck was broken, right leg broken, severe cuts about the head and other bruises.

Rev. William Quigley was next called. He met the boys at the top of the hill coming south. About a hundred feet from the track he stopped for an eastbound freight that was passing. He saw the westbound train approaching. A truck on the south side of the track came north after the first train had passed, and about forty feet north of the track met the Prouse boys. The truck apparently took up the attention of the boys and they did not notice the westbound train approaching until they were close to the crossing, when he saw them both looking towards the coming train. Clifford was driving, and Clayton made an effort to get out when the crash came, their car being only partially over the track, and it seemed to all go to pieces the boys being hurled through the air. Clifford was found about thirty feet from the roadway, and Clayton about sixty feet from the road lying on his right side, his head in a pool of blood. The train stopped in a very short time and the conductor hastening over, witness proceeded to

town and summoned Dr. Weston and an ambulance to the scene. The accident occurred at 2.30, and Clayton passed away at the hospital an hour later. The boys were driving a Ford coupe. Could not say whether the windows were open or closed.



PROUSE - AT his residence on Thursday, January 11, 1990, Clifford M. Prouse of Mt. Elgin in his 86th year. Beloved husband of the late Gladys (Fleming) Prouse (1985). Dear father of Donna Dawson and her husband James of R.R. 1, Mt. Elgin. Dear grandfather of Larry Dawson of Langton, Judy Atkins and Murray Dawson both of Tillsonburg, Douglas Dawson of Woodstock, William Dawson of Mt. Elgin and Gary Dawson of Ingersoll. Also survived by seven great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Cecil Prouse of Tillsonburg, Ivine Prouse and his wife Margaret of Mt. Elgin. Predeceased by one grandson (1946) and by three sisters Olla, Fay and Edna and by three brothers Clayton, Grant and Ross. Funeral was held at the Ostrander's Funeral Home on Monday, January 15, 1990 at 1:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. James Vanslyke. Interment Mt. Elgin Cemetery. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice gratefully appreciated.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

Seventh Child: Edna Mae B 05 Oct 1906 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7
D 10 May 1950 Pt Huron
M 06 Aug 1927 New Haven, Michigan
Spouse: David Nelson Hart B 08 Feb 1889 Saginaw, Michigan
D 15 Nov 1963 Fort Gratiot township St Clair County, Michigan.

David Hart began working at a young age and only managed a grade 4 education. Edna had completed one year of high school. Edna married him in 1927. He was 35 and this was his second marriage. How the couple met is not known. In June 1928, she emigrated to the US. with \$40 in her pocket and an infant child with her. The child was named Lethea Edna and was listed as 2 years old which meant that she was born before Edna was married. Edna would have been 18 years old when the child was born. The 1930 US census confirms the fact. Two years later, 20 year old Edna was living in Pt Huron with husband David. He was a long time resident of the area and had worked for the Peerless Cement Co. in Port Huron. He served in the US Army in the Philippines in 1910 after the Philippines/American War..

MANIFEST		Port Huron, Mich.		Date	Serial No.
Family name		HART		JUN 1 1928	6
Given name		EDNA MAE		Accompanied by	DAVID N. HART
EDNA PROUSE					
Age	21 Yrs.	Sex	F	Occupation	NONE
Nationality	CANADA	Race	ENGLISH	Place of birth	MOUNT ELGIN ONT
Language or exemption	ENGLISH	Read	YES	Write	ENGLISH
Money shown	\$4.00				
Country of origin	CANADA	Town	MT. ELGIN	State	ONT.
Passage paid by	S.	From	YALE	State	MICH.
Going to join	YES	Name	DAVID N. HART	Address	PT. HURON MICH
Relative or friend	HUSB. DAVID N. HART	Address	YALE, MICH. R.F.D. #4		
Purpose in coming and	RESID.	Height	5'7"	Weight	132 lbs
Time remaining in U.S.	TERM. 13249	Complexion	Med	Hair	Brn
Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country	WILLIAM PROUSE, MOUNT ELGIN ONT	Address	YALE, MICH. R.F.D. #4		
Whereof after entry	NON QUOTA	Place of issue	LONDON ONT	Section and subdivision of Act of 1924, under which issued	4(C) JUNE 1, 1928
Support of landing		Date of landing	JUNE 1, 1928		
Records by		Previously examined at			

MANIFEST		Port Huron, Mich.		Date	Serial No.
Family name		PROUSE		JUN 1 1928	11
Given name		LETHEA EDNA		Accompanied by	DAVID N. HART
EDNA MAY HART					
Age	2 Yrs.	Sex	F	Occupation	NONE
Nationality	CANADA	Race	ENG	Place of birth	LONDON ONT
Language or exemption	NO	Read	NO	Write	NO
Money shown					
Country of origin	CANADA	Town	LONDON	State	ONT.
Passage paid by	MT. HUR	From	YALE	State	MICH.
Going to join	YES	Name	DAVID N. HART	Address	PT. HURON MICH
Relative or friend	HUSB. DAVID N. HART	Address	YALE, MICH. R.F.D. #4		
Purpose in coming and	RESID.	Height	3'7"	Weight	32 lbs
Time remaining in U.S.	TERM. 13249	Complexion	Med	Hair	Brn
Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country	WILLIAM PROUSE, MOUNT ELGIN ONT	Address	YALE, MICH. R.F.D. #4		
Whereof after entry	NON QUOTA	Place of issue	LONDON ONT	Section and subdivision of Act of 1924, under which issued	4(C) JUNE 1, 1928
Support of landing		Date of landing	JUNE 1, 1928		
Records by		Previously examined at			

Mrs. David N. Hart

Edna Mae Hart, 42, wife of David N. Hart, 276 Pickford road, died today in Port Huron Hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Hart, born Oct. 4, 1907, in Mt. Elgin, Ont., has been a resident of the Port Huron vicinity 24 years. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Harold Robinson, Port Huron; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Prouse, Mt. Elgin; five brothers, Cecil M., Grant, Clifford and Irvin Prouse, all of Mt. Elgin, and William Ross Prouse, Brantford, Ont.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. Harold Fleming, both of Mt. Elgin; two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The remains are in the Kipp funeral home.

David N. Hart

David N. Hart, 74, of 276 Pickford Road, Kimball Township, former employee of the Peerless Cement Company, died Friday in Mercy Hospital after an illness of one month.

Mr. Hart lived in Port Huron and vicinity for 40 years.

He retired from Peerless in 1956.

Mr. Hart was born Feb. 8, 1889, in Saginaw.

His wife, Mrs. Edna Hart, died May 10, 1950.

He served with the U.S. Army in the Philippines in 1910 and was a member of the May-O'Brien Post No. 8465, VFW.

Mr. Hart is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Katherine Simmons, Buffalo, N.Y.; two sons, Elgie D. Hart and Roland A. Hart, both of Owosso; a step-daughter, Mrs. Leatha McNary, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle

Port Huron border papers June 1, 1928 – Edna and daughter Lethea with a permanent move to be

with Edna's husband David Hart. There is some mystery as to daughter Lethea as she is listed as David Hart's step daughter.

A search for Lethea has proven difficult. Her mother's 1950 obit states she was married to Harold Robinson and her father's 1960 obit had her listed as Mrs McNary of Texas.

Neither has been locatable.

Daughter of David Hart and Edna Mae Prouse

Lethea

B 1926 Ontario

D unknown

Spouse: Harold Robinson

B unknown D unknown

Spouse: McNary

B unknown D unknown

The Times Herald
29 Jan 1943, Fri Page 7

Second Group Of Girls Leave Today For War Training

A second group of young women enrolled in a War Manpower commission program sponsored here by Port Huron unit Blue Star Mothers, left this morning for a National Youth administration resident training center in Saginaw, where they will be trained for work in war industries.

Miss **Leatha Hart** was leader of the first group composed of Miss Charlotte Routhaux, Miss Shirley

AVENUE SAID.

Women are trained in the trade of their choice, including machine shop, blueprint reading, precision instrument reading, foundry work, secretarial work, inspection and aircraft metal work. In addition to the training, the government provides transportation for the trainees, lodging, well-balanced meals and a small cash wage during the training period.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

Eighth child: Irvin Charles

B 02 June 1909 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7

D 23 May 1994 Mt Elgin

M 30 Mar 1929 Chatham

Spouse: Gertrude Mae Fleming

B 1910 Lot 5 Con 10 Dereham

D 1958 Mt Elgin

Spouse: Margaret Phillips

B 25 July 1923 Mt Elgin

D 18 Dec 2012 Ingersoll

The Dereham Hunt Club, 38 strong, met at Dereham Centre on Saturday morning and started for the northwest corner of the county in two trucks, driven by Arden Fewster and Harry Carnham. Reeves Harry Little and Harold Butler acted as guides, and five captains selected for the hunt were: Len Hewer, Bernice McAllister, George Butler, Earl Hewer and Bill Goodhand.

In the first two blocks driven, only one fox was seen, and it was shot by "Dead-eye Dick", Gus Prouse. This fox came directly to him, to about 60 yards, met down on its tail and looked around to give Gus time to see that his gun was loaded, cocked and ready, and after looking around, thought he was the most gentle looking man in the crowd, then sauntered past, while Gus was waiting on a low straw stack, and that was the last of that fox, which makes four to this lucky hunter this season.

Fox Chooses "Gentlest Man", Makes Slight Error, is Shot

Irvin were also a Mt Elgin resident and he worked in a car repair shop as a youth. He was a competent repair man and he started his own trucking company in Mt Elgin. Irvin brought his four sons into the business. This evolved into the four-generation run Prouse Transport Co. of Mt Elgin. Gertrude grew up in Dereham as a daughter of John Fleming and Eva Parent. They lived at Lot 10 Con 4 on the NE border of the village of Mt Elgin when she was born but the 1921 census shows they had moved to Lot 10 Con 5. This may have been an error by an enumerator or birth registrar. Unlike the farmers that surrounded them, John Fleming was a section foreman for a railroad company. Which railroad is unknown but most likely the Tillsonburg, Lake Erie & Pacific that ran a spur line from Port Burwell to Ingersoll. (1949 Ingersoll Tribune article)

History of Prouse Transport

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFkuwUmYKas>

A history of Prouse Transport was written by son John Prouse in 2011.

History of Prouse Transport Ltd.

Written By John Prouse 1933 – 2023 – son of Irvin Prouse

In the 1930's, Irvin C. Prouse, my father, lived in Dereham Centre, in the first farm South on West side. He had several teams of horses. The large farm is still there today. He used special wagons to gravel roads to help pay their taxes. He used two teams of three horses set up on each wagon.

In 1934 or 1935, father and his brother, Ross, purchase their first Sterling dump truck and drew gravel for the township and local farmers. Sometime in this period, Dad married and moved to Mount Elgin and lived in the Pow House across the concession West from Old Shuttleworth farm. Sometime in this period, 1936 or 1937, he bought his first Diamond T from dealer in London. This I believe was fitted with a Stake and Rack and may have been used on our first milk route. It brought milk in cans to Mount Elgin Cheese Factory run by John Basket. During this time, Dad split with Uncle Ross who married and moved to Brantford with Aunt Florence.

Moving on to 1939 and 1940, he bought another Diamond T from London and the 1937 was traded in on it. Now, we move into the Second World War Era and trucks were scarce to find, although we had a dump truck of some kind because dad drew gravel for firms that were building concrete silos on area farms. I believe he had local drivers help in busy times because he was still doing a couple of milk routes each day. Sometime during this time, he built a Dual Wheeled Single Axle Trailer with eight by ten foot body and Mother drew milk with a seven passenger Packard Car with the older boys helping when needed. All canned milk was to be on a platform when she arrived at farm for pickup. This brings us to the early 1943 or 1944 when Dad bought a used GMC truck in Granton and put a rack on it. This had an open top on it so had a local cabinet maker set out to build a van type body all enclosed to draw milk to a couple of dairies in Toronto about 100 miles away. Loading needed to be done as early as possible because it would be an all-day trip to Toronto. There was also no 401 Highway, only 2 lane roads but they were all paved. Sometime during this period, the local school board hired father to use the seven passenger cars as school buses to pickup students for the Local Continuation School. During this time there had been no mention of P.C.V. (Public Commercial Vehicle) Authority that was needed to truck at the time. The F & C and P.C.V. licenses were obtained from a board in Toronto.

Now the need for a bigger straight truck came up so father made an application to buy a new truck; being war years an application was necessary with signatures from local customers and farmers. When this was approved, a new 1944 K7 International was purchased. This was fitted with a 16' Stake and Rack Body to pickup livestock of all kinds. On Tuesdays, hogs went to Burns in Kitchener for a farmer in Ingersoll, Lew Quinn. Then on Thursdays, he would pickup hogs for Mr. Downing to local rail yards to load trains for the Toronto trip - sometimes loading two or three train cars with about 100 hogs each. This had to be completed by 4:00 pm because the train came to pick up the cars. At this time, we had a couple of steady drivers from local farms, which were free on these days to work. As well, all licenses required a chauffeur. The local butcher also had a small truck to help out on busy days which was driven by my father-in-law.

It was during this period that the need for a bigger bus arose and Dad and the cabinet maker, Harold Tindale, set out to make a bigger one. The first attempt was to put the rear half of the old milk van on an old Cadillac Ambulance with all the body removed behind the front doors, then assembled the old milk van behind and put in car seats and windows after. The interior was covered with plywood and Masonite. I believe it would carry 12 or 15 students. After a couple of school terms, this body was transferred to a 2 ½ or 3-ton truck chassis with no sheet metal. The fenders, hood, cab and doors were removed. The cabinet maker and Dad then installed the smaller body on to this unit and continued

building a bus body over the whole frame front to rear from the other chassis. This bus carried 30 to 32 students. This unit was soon nicknamed the "Shoebox" but it served for three or four years until a factory-built Wayne Body on a 1946 Fargo Classic Imported from the USA. It was only a year or two later when a second bus was needed and Superior Bus was bought. It also came from the United States on a 1947 KB6 International Chassis. These were both considered safety bus chassis due to the rounded style roofs.

It was about now when the cattle trucking moved to the US Export of Purebred and Grade cattle to the United States. Having a good straight truck for the long haul, we found the need for a unit to haul here in Ontario for slaughter cattle. While working with a couple local drivers the need for a bigger unit arose. At this time, father set about to build one. On an Old Single Axle Trailer frame, he took the body from the "Old Shoebox" bus and mounted it on the trailer after cutting in half and filling the space left. The trailer was about 28 or 30 feet long with some reinforcing cross members and up rights. Therefore, we were able to have a suitable cattle trailer with the rear having suitable gates to load and unload cattle. This was set up with vacuum breaks on the trailer, the standard at that time. The landing gear was just a set of stands and some handy blocks. This was satisfactory as long as the trailer was blocked front and rear when unhooking or over went the blocks creating a problem to of hooking later on. This "homemade trailer", as was on the Ownership Card, lasted two or three years until a new King Stake and Rack 30-foot Single Axle trailer with vacuum brakes was purchased from King Trailer in Woodstock. King was building all types of trailers at this time (flat beds, hydraulic dump trailers and low bays). Another line of work coming along at this time was drawing coal from Port Burwell for Valley Camp and Empire Hanna to plants and hospitals within fifty miles of Mount Elgin.

This takes us in to Mid-50's to Early 60's when a new Diamond T straight truck replaced the Old International as we were hauling several lots of cattle and horses to the United States. The 30-foot King trailer was pulled by a heavier Diamond T 509 Model driven by my older brother, Keith. Horses went to New Jersey for export to Belgium. While still drawing coal, the cattle export dried up and more equipment concentrated on drawing coal and gravel. Another concept was opening up with grain from Goderich and Sarnia elevators to local co-ops and mills all through the district. Several days a week, these trucks were drawing two loads a day beginning at 4:00am and working to 6:00pm or later at night. A new era was beginning in Ontario with the appearance of "A" Style Trains so bigger tractors were needed with the start of Diesel Highway Tractors. The first were small compared to today but the cost then for fuel was minimal compared to gasoline which used more and was more expensive than diesel. Sometime in 1960 or 1961, Dad had an idea about the birth of "B" Style Trains. He took his idea to King Trailer who built the first "B" Train Hydraulic Dump Trains – 21 feet and 17 feet respectively giving 48 feet of carrying capacity or a load of 40 to 42 tons.

It was during this period that United Co-operatives of Ontario had built a fertilizer plant in nearby Tillsonburg and being nearby proved a lucrative fill for the dwindling coal hauls. These bulk fertilizer loads came from Lakeport sites where bulk fertilizer was offloaded from lake boats on docks to be drawn away by trucks to area co-ops and other plants to be blended and mixed for area farmers or co-op stores. At this point in time, we had three or four trains, comprising of two dump trailers and a converter dolly and one "B" trailer used exclusively for fertilizer and grain from Lakeport Elevators to area feed and fertilizer plants.

It was in this interim that we had obtained and worked a sand and gravel operation over in North Norwich. We worked this for three or four years and bought a used crusher and two large power shovels to feed the crusher and load trucks. In about the fourth or fifth year this was sold to Cayuga Construction and Materials of Woodstock who continued working the operation for a few years. This brought an end to our quarrying operation that was overseen by my younger brother, Irvin Jr. During this period, other concepts of general trucking were carried out. We had and used three Triple Decker Hogs Pots or Possum Bellies. Trailers that drew hogs from an O.P.M.B. Assembly yard at our

village and Burford to all Ontario Meat Plants whenever a load was sold through to O.P.M.B. Board in Toronto to all processing plants in United States in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and other states where processors were located. These trailers could be converted to draw cattle to Kitchener, Burlington and Toronto. Other types of trailers used were flat beds and vans were used to draw loads of bagged fertilizer from U.C.O. Plant in Tillsonburg and Delhi to Co-op Facilities Stores all over Southern Ontario. One special Low Boy type trailer was used exclusively for U.C.O. Tillsonburg where they handled, sold and serviced bulk fertilizer application equipment such as spreaders, aqua-ammonia applicators and bulk carriers used by district plants or stores to customers' farms. This special trailer could draw or carry three of these on one load and had special hydraulics for ease of loading or unloading assisted only by a farm tractor.

Also at this time, we hauled boxes, 4' by 4' crates, from local cucumbers grading stations to Bicks Pickles in Scarborough. In the harvest season, usually, we ran three units daily carrying 40 to 42 tons of cucumbers from station to processor. There was also a plant in Dunnville and it was not unlikely to do an Inter-Plant load to Scarborough. This was quite seasonal and lasted only six to eight weeks in the fall harvest season each year.

As some of these operations ceased to exist, we had to find work elsewhere. Case in point, Co-op at Tillsonburg closed and was no longer. U.C.O. was sold to Farm Services Stores and quit this type of fertilizer operation and we were no longer needed but about this time. We started to draw asphalt and gravel for Huron Construction in Chatham through a haulage broker in London named Jack Hewitt who was requested to get extra trucks for these jobs. Several summers found us as far away as Windsor working for construction in those areas. Although, we were drawing gravel, we still kept on drawing grain and feed for local mills in the area such as Milling and feed Production. We still hauled some bulk fertilizer to different Co-ops still in operation such as Delhi, Norwich, Woodstock and several Southern Ontario Farm Service Operations. There was also a growing trend for Liquid Fertilizer which utilized tanker type equipment to Farm Service Operations from Lakeside Storage Areas such as Sarnia and Port Stanley, an Old Coal Dock now switched to tank storage of 28% aqua-ammonia. One day you might have hauled dry bulk and the next it would be liquid 28% picked up at the same source and delivered to same store only using different trailers.

As this bulk hauling went along some of our work began to disappear because of Conglomerate Farms at the time. These farmers began to buy their own equipment and draw their own grain and fertilizer. Due to the size of harvesting equipment these same farmers were doing custom work as Deregulation and the commercial plates came in to play. These custom people took over the grain and feed business and there was no longer a need for dump trailers as these were phased out by the eventful use of Hopper Bottom Equipment which were much lighter and easier to maintain as no hydraulics were needed. As this phase carried on, some big custom farmers turned to full-fledged trucking companies in bulk grain and fertilizers.

This being the case, we started looking elsewhere for work and were for a period of time were able to go to a sand and gravel operation with about four sets of Hopper Trains for highway shouldering after fresh paving was completed. We even went as far to build a couple sets of trains with air gates a major improvement over the old mechanical operated types.

This brings us to the late 1980's and early nineties when we were slowly switching to international freight as requested by a couple of plants in Tillsonburg. These loads required a lot of paper work and were a problem at the border crossings as people were unfamiliar with these types of loads going to their shippers US counterpart and sometimes these drivers spent two or three hours at the border before being cleared. As time went on and more US traffic increased new regulations were brought in and border crossings eventually became routine and one could be cleared in less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. We eventually picked up a couple of auto parts shipper customers and they did most of the paperwork. Having this type of load on, sealed trailers eliminated a lot of hold ups at border crossings. The next

problem with freight hauling was traffic at the border crossings. As more and more people were getting into this kind of work. The biggest problems for the trucks were the line ups at the bridge. This brought about the "Fast" labeled carriers and special driver cards for certain types of loads. These "Fast" labeled carriers used a special lane and trucks went along much quicker.

In the mid to late nineties, we worked under Verspeeten and got some experience there in freight forwarding. In the late nineties, we picked up an account with a freight broker, Transfreight, and moved into hauling automotive parts to the United States and we are still with them today. The fleet now comprises of two historic tractors of the 1974 Model year —one, Dodge Conventional 950 Tandem with 350 Cummins Power 13 speed transmission and forty-four-thousand-pound rear suspension with Eaton axles 3:67 ratio. Respectively, the second is a Diamond Reo 1974 Cab-over with the same running year set-up. They both have 12.5-pound front axles and Ross power steering. These trucks were taken to the American Historic Truck Show in Hutchinson, Kansas May 23 to 26, 2008.

The operating equipment consists of about twelve highway tractors and three or four owner-operators. We own 18 or 20 trailers as well as interchange with 12 or 15 Transfreight Trailers hauling loads from Toyota in Cambridge and other plants in the district to the USA.

Another of father's accomplishments was the construction of the present Prouse Transport Ltd building on the corner of Plank Line and Mount Elgin Road West. We had moved from the old house east of the present store to the old house or Roadhouse on the corner that was the former home of Dr. Morris, our local doctor. The house was complete with a woodshed on the north end which served as a place to store wood for the house which was heated by a kitchen stove and a Quebec heater in the front room. The kitchen, dining room and living room were along the front of the house. At the rear of the house were four rooms that served as bedrooms. A small centre room contained a bathtub. The water was heated in a high cooper vessel on the kitchen stove. This occurred usually once or twice a week to fill the tub for our twice weekly baths. With the growth of Irvin C. Prouse and Sons, a garage next door to the north was bought from Henry Greason and was used to service and store the fleet. It was a two-story affair with two apartments upstairs.

This building was demolished to be replaced by the present building. It was to be huge compared to current standards at that time. It was to be sixty by ninety feet and twelve feet high. The first floor was poured concrete mixed in an old ¼ yard cement mixer fed. The forms were two by twelve planks ten to twelve feet long. How the concrete got in the form eludes me at this time as we were a young family going to school at the time.

I do remember the floor for the second story was held up by four ten-inch round steel wall casings twelve feet long filled with concrete. The mixed cement was placed in five-gallon cans manually and placed on a platform affixed to a dump truck body. This was raised up to be dumped into the upright steel columns. These are still there to this day. Six ten by eight inch I beams were used to create the second floor. Today there are two two-bedroom apartments and the company office upstairs.

One interesting point is that it has been 75 years since Dad began the haulage business. First, horses were used and then he switched to motorized vehicles. He accomplished all of this and I do not think he had anymore than a grade eight education and a short apprenticeship on Internal Construction and Gas Engines by Harry Greason.

Until the 1950's, trucking was regulated by the Public Commercial Vehicle Act or P.C.V. and was all done on a system of different letters for different commodities. "C" was general freight and "F" was different farm needs such as feed, livestock, hay or straw. Another class "FS" was gravel and other remaining commodities used on farms. Class "D" was used for milk and other bulk commodities that were usually drawn from one shipper to one consignee. Of course, this was deregulated and thrown wide open in 1953 or 1955. At this time, all that was needed were commercial plates and equipment had to carry current safety stickers. Drivers must also have AZ authority and this of course meant air brake knowledge.

The year that the company was incorporated as Prouse Transport Limited from Irvin C. Prouse and Sons was in 1955 or 1957.



Some interesting times that stand out in my mind has to do with layout of the whole corner (Plank Line and Mount Elgin Road) which at one time consisted of the present two story blue sided building joined to our house which was 25 or 30 feet south of the present building. This house at one time was a Roadhouse constructed of clay and straw bricks or blocks and they were at least 24 inches

thick. The house was a full two stories although we never lived upstairs. A verandah enclosed the east and south sides. Directly to the east, Dad had a contractor build "the booth", a lath and plaster affair which was approximately 20 by 30 feet with a man door in the centre between two large three pane windows on each side. South east of the booth was a set of Shell gas pumps that dispensed gas from a glass cylinder by gravity into the customers' cars. After the sales were completed, by memory, you had to pump the cylinder ten gallons again with a tall cast iron pump handle on the side of the pump. All three of these buildings were joined by a system of tunnels from the garage and heated by a steam boiler located partially under the ground at the north end corner of the garage. A system of piping came from the boiler to east of the three units. Heating in the garage was called radiant because of piping in the floor much the same as new homes today. These pipes were blocked up from the sub or base gravel and enclosed in the concrete floor. The piping for the house came in the garage and was hung by brackets from the ceiling from north to south then down through the tunnel into the other two units. The house had a system of radiators. They were big cast iron affairs and there were usually one in each room then on into the booth. In the booth, there were a couple of radiators under each front window. This system was later replaced by a new hot water boiler fired by a coal stove that was all enclosed in a fire-proof room. In the garage, this system is still in use today.

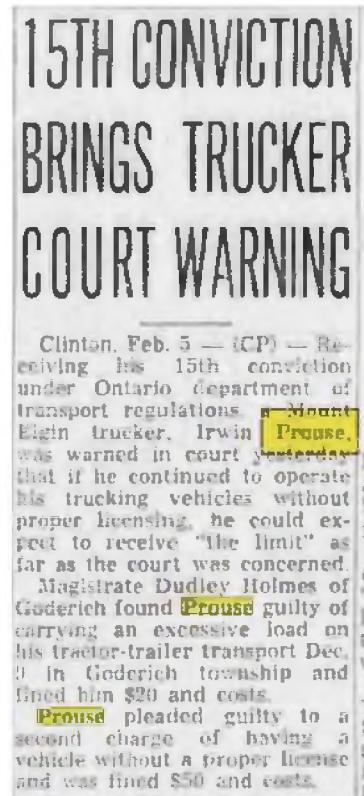
The reason I bring this to mind is when we brought the larger trailers in the garage you had to be careful you cleared the pipes that connected to radiators in the apartments upstairs. One day I put a big trailer in to replace all the rear tires on it with new recaps. This was ok until I went to take it outside and as I went to remove the trailer the extra height of the tires caused the trailer to rub along the heat pipes upstairs. This caused some panic with my wife Jean, who was in our apartment upstairs, as she thought it was tearing the heating system apart. The radiators were actually moving up and down as the trailer moved along. Then as the trailer passed it was all over and everything returned to normal.

Another of father's accomplishments was the construction of our own cattle trailer. The US export had picked up and we needed something bigger to haul cattle to US and locally as well. This trailer was 40 feet overall. Because of the size, the trailer had to be built outside. He used an old truck chassis with running gear removed and cutoff. We had straight frame rails. We went about to add new frame rails to extend these to forty feet. The rails were welded together. We next added the cross members to the frame every six to eight feet. Then we added the King pin plate and attached the frame with extra bearing added. It was now time to hold the two by four-foot steel channel cross-members every thirty inches across the main frame. This was reinforced by a six finch by 1 ¼ inch by 1 ¼ inch angle on the closed side of the channel and to the frame rail. These completed, we then added a four inch by six-inch inverted angle the complete length of the body. There were all welded at each cross-member. Then, we added on an eight by forty-foot ¼ inch steel checker plate floor. The sheets were welded on the cross-members systematically all along the cross-members. The eight-foot sheets of floor were reinforced by a two-inch bend on each end of each sheet to hold the plywood siding to be used as the side walls with

uprights at each cross-member set in to the outside angle and welded in to place. Next came the angle at the top cap of the side walls. Dropped four inches to allow for the hardwood cross bows for the roof which was to be heavy metal the nose cap I think was formed by King Trailer in Woodstock. It was the only thing done off the premises. All the upright sides were braced diagonally top and bottom splitting in the centre where a deck rail of four inches by four inches of hardwood would eventually be added. On the inside wall, six inches of plywood went along the floor and were spaced three inches by three inches by $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. It had a three-inch opening to deck rail and then another foot of plywood and more three by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch hardwood slates to the roof. The front had eighteen-inch sloped corners and a solid steel nose section. The rear was affixed with a pair of plywood covered steel angle frame doors. The right side was bolted solid but was hinged as well on the left. The left door closed by a system of rods offset by a handle raised and lowered and inserting heavy pins in the lower cross-members and upper bracket. There was a buffer gate that slid across when loading was complete. The trailer suspension was a pair of truck axle pots removed and reinforced for overall strength. All lighting was then completed and the hydraulic brakes were operated by a vacuum pot system and a frame work with a pair of hydraulic master cylinders worked from a framework mounted between the trailer frame which activated the brakes on each axle. This system served a few years until eventually it was replaced by an all new Reyco suspension and air brake trailer axles. This greatly improved braking and therefore you had to be careful with cattle or you could throw the cattle to their feet. My brother Keith did all the welding on this trailer.

These insights are some years ago now and livestock in only a second line of work not as the company has shifted almost completely to international freight with 15 to 18 units on the road daily. If my father could only see the company now, I am sure he would be very pleased by what his sons have accomplished.

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Not everything was hunky dory with Irvin's business as the Front Page of the Toronto Star points out.



PROUSE, Margaret (nee Phillips) -

Peacefully on December 18, 2012 Margaret Prouse (nee Phillips) in her 90th year joined husband Irvin C., parents Frank and Florence Phillips, brother and sister-in-law David and Mabel Phillips, stepsons and daughters-in-law Irvin Prouse Jr., Garnett Prouse, Gloria Prouse, Emma Jean Prouse in heaven. She leaves behind daughter and son-in-law Valerie and Andy Van Ryswyck, step sons and daughters and their spouses Marge and Earle Moulton, Keith and Shirley A. Prouse, K. Shirley Prouse, Janet and Arnold Belore, John Prouse, Pat Prouse, Carole and Gord Moulton, 19 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 12 great, great-grandchildren and many whose lives she has touched with her kindness.

Children included:

Margery (Moulton)	1929-2016
Gordon "Keith"	1931-2023
Garnett Francis	1932-2008
Robert "John"	1933-2023
Shirley	
Janet (Beloire)	living
Irvin Jr. "Bun"	1936-2000
Carole (Gord Moulton)	Unknown - 2024
Valerie (Andy VanRyswyck)	living
David Lorne	1937-1937 - died 3 months/Pneumonia and malnutrition



Unidentified children of Irvin
Prouse and Gertrude Fleming

Courtesy Ancestry Family Tree

Gordon Keith Prouse Sr



OBITUARY Garnett Prouse 1932 - 2008

Passed away at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll on Sunday, June 15, 2008, Garnett Francis Prouse, of Ingersoll, in his 76th year. Garnett was the devoted husband of Shirley (Benson) whom he married September 27, 1958. Loving father of his two children, Connie Margerum (Robert) and Tom Prouse and wife Shauna all of Ingersoll, and his four beautiful granddaughters, whom he was so proud of and loved dearly, Victoria and Alisha Prouse, Katrina and Samantha Margerum. Survived by his stepmother Margaret Prouse and his brothers Keith and his wife Shirley, John and his wife Jean and his sisters Marjorie and her husband Earl Moulton and Janet and her husband Arnold Belore, Carole and her husband Gordon Moulton all of Mt. Elgin and Valerie and her husband Andy VanRyswyck of Milton and his sister-in-law Patricia Prouse of Ingersoll. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Irvin and Gertrude Prouse and his brother Irvin, Junior (Bun). Garnett and his brothers Keith and John are owners of Prouse Transport, Mt. Elgin. He was a devoted member of St. James Anglican Church, Ingersoll, the B.A.C. and choir member until November 2007. In keeping with Garnett's wishes there will be no funeral home visitation. Please join his family and friends for a joyful celebration for this kind, gentle and dedicated man who enjoyed music and his church family, to be celebrated by Rev. James Carr at St. James Anglican Church, Oxford St., Ingersoll on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Interment Harris Street Cemetery.

MOULTON, Marjorie "Marge" Eleanor (nee Prouse) – IDCI Valedictorian in 1950. Passed away at the Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll on Tuesday October 11, 2016 in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late Reuben Earle Moulton (2015). Loving mother of Jennifer (Bobby) Crigger, Elizabeth "Liz" (Ryan) Mercer, Earleen (Scott Moody) Moulton, Charles "Chuck" Moulton. Mother-in-law of Tracy Moulton. Cherished grandmother of Brenden and Ethan Mercer, Donovan Moody and Sam and Abby Moulton. Dear sister of Keith (Shirley) Prouse, John (late Emma Jean) Prouse, Janet (Arnold) Belore, Carole (Gordon) Moulton, Valerie (Andy) VanRyswyck and sister-in-law of Shirley Prouse, as well as several nieces, nephews and in laws. Marge received her Masters Degree in Biology from the University of Western Ontario. She then worked in the Zoology Dept. at the University of Western Ontario for over 30 years.



PROUSE, Robert John

On September 30, 2023 John joined Jean for coffee and treats around the heavenly table. Also at the table are Irvin, Gertrude, Margaret, Marge, Earle, Keith, Garnett, Arnold, Bun, Bonnie, Doreen, Merv, Marie, Bill, and Larry. He worked with his father and brothers Garnet, Keith and Bun with the Prouse Transport Co.



Prouse, **Gordon "Keith"** – Passed away peacefully at Maple Manor, Tillsonburg, ON, on Friday, January 14, 2023 at the age of 92. The family would like to thank the Maple Manor Nursing Home for the excellent care over the last year and a half. Beloved husband of Shirley Prouse (nee Garnham) for 71 years. Loving father of Cindy (Steve) Seward, Sue Knott, Keith (Chris) Prouse Jr., and Kelly (Rob) Vader.

Dear brother of Marjorie (Earl) Moulton [predeceased], Garnet [predeceased] Shirley Prouse, John Prouse (Jean predeceased), Janet Belore (Arnold predeceased), Irvin Jr "Bun" (Bonnie) Prouse [predeceased], Lorne Prouse [predeceased], Carole (Gord) Moulton, and Valerie (Andy) VanRyswk.



Robert John Prouse - On September 30, 2023, John joined Jean for coffee and treats around the heavenly table. Also at the table are Irvin, Gertrude, Margaret, Marge, Earle, Keith, Garnett, Arnold, Bun, Bonnie, Doreen, Merv, Marie, Bill, and Larry. Missing Dad are Dan, Carol, Tim, Becky, and Al. His grandchildren Melanie, Matt (George), Katie, and Brittany. Great grandchildren Emma Grace, Aidan, Noah, and Curtis. In November John would have celebrated his 90th birthday.

In honour of the legacy that John helped build please wear a little blue.
"Your shift is over driver, we got it from here."



Moulton, Carole Ann Prouse

On Saturday, November 16th, 2024,

Carole Ann Moulton joined her soulmate of 67 years, Gordon Samuel Moulton in heaven. She had been missing him dearly since January 2024.

Auntie will be forever loved by her great nieces, Michelle (Pete) Paterson and Jayne (Kirk) Martin and great-great nieces and nephew, Alyssa, Ashton, Alexis, Olivia and Sofia.

Carole will be missed by her siblings, Janet Belore and Valerie Van Ryswyck (Andy) She will also be missed by Shirley A, Shirley K, Louise, Marge (Hez), Ruth Anne and Gord.

Predeceased by her parents, Gertrude and Irvin Prouse as well as other family members -

Margaret, Marge and Earle, Keith, Garnet, Larry, Arnold, Bun and Bonnie, Jack and Doreen, Merv, Marie and Bill, John and Jean.

Carole was a beautiful lady, who was always fashionably dressed in the perfect accessories for every outfit. She always had her makeup, hair and nails done to perfection.

Carole spent 67 years with the love of her life.

Gord and Carole purchased the Moulton family farm in 1965 and they owned G & C Stables. They travelled the countryside together going to harness races and in later years, they had a horse carriage wedding business with their Belgian horses, Bonnie and Clyde.

Carole was the head secretary of Ingersoll Fasteners for most of her career. All of her bosses and coworkers loved her. She made work fun! She would decorate the office for Christmas and she would decorate coworker's offices at night for their birthdays so they would be surprised when they came into work in the morning.

She loved her animals. She will be happy to be reunited with Tinkerbelle, Lucky, Oscar, Felix and many barn cats that became house cats over the years due to her big heart.

Carole loved going to the Prouse, Moulton and Nancekivell picnics.

She was an active member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and she loved the Christmas program for the church ladies. For several years, she helped with the program or provided the craft for the evening.

But most of all, Carole was the most amazing Auntie.

We will miss her sweet grin and the sparkle in her eyes. We will miss our birthday celebrations and our Christmas's together. She always had stockings for all of us and she would even fill her own stocking until we figured it out and filled her stocking for her. We played Christmas bingo and she had so many prizes, because secretly, I think she wanted the game to last as long as possible. She was the queen of making cordon bleu, corn pudding and carrot cake and she had a secret ingredient to making the best chocolate cake...mayonnaise.

We will miss our annual shopping day in Stratford in November when we would always go to her favourite store, Cosyn's. She always bought a paperwhite.

We will miss our Christmas bake day tradition where we would play loud Christmas music and make hello dollies, haystacks, shortbreads, and lemon squares. Easter won't be the same without auntie. She would always have one dozen eggs per person already boiled and waiting for each of us to paint.

Auntie was the ultimate seasonal decorator of her house, inside and outside and she was one crafty lady.

Alfred Irwin "Bun" 1936 – 2000

The Expositor

Fri, Jan 20, 1956 · Page 3

Five Cows Die In Road Crash

Five purebred Jersey cows, valued at \$1,125, were killed at 6.15 a.m. today in an accident on the Harley road, two miles south of No. 53 Highway.

Provincial Constable Roy Anderson said the cattle were part of a herd of 27 owned by Irvin Prouse, Mount Elgin. One other cow was so badly injured that it may have to be killed. The other animals received cuts or bruises.

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Constable Anderson said the animals were riding in the back of a tractor-trailer transport truck driven by Alfred I. Prouse, 19, son of the herd's owner. It was going south.

As the vehicle rounded a curve to the right, it went into a skid on the slippery, snow-covered road and plunged into a five-foot ditch.

Police said the vehicle travelled 125 feet along the ditch and struck and broke off a hydro pole. The truck then flipped over on its right side and slid 100 feet more along the ditch before coming to rest.

Both Alfred and his 17-year-old brother, Keith, escaped injury.

When police arrived, they found the dead cows jammed in the front of the trailer. The other animals had clambered over the open top of the trailer and were milling around in frightened confusion on the highway.

Valerie - family photo near left
Spouse: Andy VanRysywck



Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

Ninth Child: Inez Faye

B 1916 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7 Ingersoll Alexandria hospital
D 1978

M 12 Jun 1937 Bayham Elgin Co.

Spouse: Thomas Harold Fleming B 13 Jan 1913 Mt Elgin Lot 5 Con 10

D 09 Jun 1990 Tillsonburg Ont.



Inez early life has little information to be found. She married Thomas Fleming. He was the youngest brother of Gertrude Mae Fleming. Again, as was common, they both married other families siblings. In this case, the children of William Prouse. As per the 1931 census, Tom was the hired man for the William Prouse family and lived at the dairy farm with the family as Inez was growing up. It is known they had a stillborn child, Kenneth Bruce born March 5th 1940. Inez Faye was under care at the Roselwan Nursing Home in Ingersoll at the time. Another son, David Harold B 1942 D 2006 is buried with the couple in Tillsonburg.

Three sons are known of:

David Harold

B 1942 Tillsonburg

D 2006 Bobcaygeon, Ont.

Allan Ross - spouse Maria Hewitt

B 1943 Tillsonburg

D 1998 Mt Elgin (London Hospital)

Kenneth Bruce

B 1940 Mt Elgin

D 1940 Mt Elgin

MR. AND MRS. H. FLEMING HONORED BY FRIENDS

Mt. Elgin—A pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming, on Thursday evening of last week, when a number of friends met in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fleming, whose marriage took place on June 12th.

The evening was spent in social intercourse and games, after which the guests of honor were presented with a miscellaneous shower of lovely and useful gifts. The recipients thanked their friends for these many expressions of good wishes, in appropriate words, after which enjoyable refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming will reside in Ingersoll.

06/24/1937 Tribune

Tribune 10/02/1947

Mr. Harold Fleming will be the mail courier on R. R. No. 2 as a successor to Mr. John Osborne.

Tribune 04/11/1946

The Women's Institute met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harold Fleming with Miss Laurene Foster as guest speaker.

The large majority of William Prouse and Addie Butlers children stay closed to the Mt. Elgin area. Only son William who moved to Brantford and Edna who lived in Pt. Huron had left the Dereham township area.

Voters list.

255 Prouse, Fred J., farmer, R.R. 1, Mount Elgin
 256 Prouse, Mrs. Fred — R.R. 1, Mount Elgin
 257 Prouse, Miss Mary, spinster, Mount Elgin
 258 Prouse, William, labourer, Mount Elgin
 259 Prouse, Mrs. Addie — Mount Elgin
 260 Prouse, Clifford, farmer, R.R. 1, Mount Elgin
 261 Prouse, Mrs. Clifford — R.R. 1, Mount Elgin
 262 Prouse, Irvin, garageman, Mount Elgin
 263 Prouse, Mrs. Irvin — Mount Elgin
 264 Prouse, Grant, farmer, R.R. 2, Mount Elgin
 265 Prouse, Mrs. Grant — R.R. 2, Mount Elgin
 266 Prouse, Wray, farmer, R.R. 1, Mount Elgin
 267 Prouse, Mrs. Wray — R.R. 1, Mount Elgin
 268 Prouse, Cecil, farmer, R.R. 2, Mount Elgin
 269 Prouse, Mrs. Cecil — R.R. 2, Mount Elgin

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Fourth Child: George Thomas

B 23 Sept 1878 Dereham

D 03 Mar 1954 Tillsonburg

M 17 Dec 1902 Dereham

Spouse: Rosa Williamson

B 05 Oct 1878 Brownsville, Ont

D 08 Sept 1952 Tillsonburg

July 6, 1906 Chronicle

Several from here attended a barn raising at Mr. George Prouse's on Friday.

George grew up on the Dereham township homestead at Lot 10 Con 6 Dereham. He was born the same year as his parents moved to a new farm location and set up the Cheese

Factory at that site. George would become the factory auditor. He married Rosa Williamson of Brownsville. Eventually he owned his own farm at Lot 6 Con 8 just east of Ostrander in 1921 and was an executive/president of the Tillsonburg and Dereham Agriculture Society. By 1921 he had 4

children:

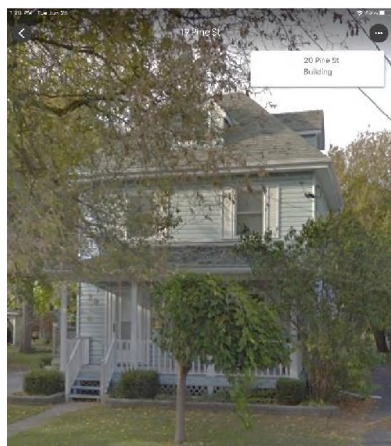
Mabel,

Thomas,

Clarence and George, who were between the ages of 7 and 16. He retired from farming and moved into Tillsonburg where he resided until his death.

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20 Pine St. Tillsonburg home

Rosa goes to Seattle in 1941.

1927 ANNUAL REPORT OF PROUSE MILK PRODUCTS COMPANY, LIMITED

H. J. Gilbert	President
M. Campbell, D. Ellis, W. Crawford, C. J. Pearce, Geo. T. Prouse	Directors
C. J. Pearce	Secretary-Treasurer
Geo. T. Prouse	Auditor
W. H. Prouse	Manager and Salesman

Miss Lurene M. Prouse will leave with her mother, Mrs. George Prouse, for Seattle, Monday. Her mother will probably return to her Ontario home by train while Miss Prouse will meet Dr. Rachel Uhlits in San Francisco and the two will come home together.

Tillsonburg and Dereham Agricultural Society

The elections of officers and directors then took place, and resulted as follows:
Hon. presidents—C. H. Denton, M. E. Scott, M.P.P., T. M. Cayley, M.P., Hon. Donald Sutherland, and the warden of Oxford county.
President H. F. Johnston.
First vice-president, A. H. Turk.
Second vice-pres.—George Prouse.

Tillsonburg News 1928

courtesy Tillsonburg Genealogy

The minister presented the silver trophy from the three centres to Ross Hargreaves, Ingersoll, the grand champion of Oxford. H. F. Johnston presented the Tillsonburg News cup to Wm. Scott, of Dereham Township, as owner of the best calf. George Prouse, first vice-president of the

1940 09/05 Tribune

PROUSE—At his home, 20 Pine St., Tillsonburg, on Wednesday, March 4, 1954, George T. Prouse, in his 77th year.
Resting at the G. A. Barrie Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements yet incomplete.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of George Thomas Prouse and Rosa Williamson

First Child: Mabel Lurene

B 12 Aug 1905 Ostrander, Ont. Lot 6 Con 8 Dereham

D 28 Apr 1993 Ann Arbor, Michigan

Mabel went by the name Lurene her entire life. She was educated at Alma College in Brantford in 1933. On 21 Aug 1925, at age 20, she crossed the border at Detroit to study at university. She received her degree in medicine at the University of Michigan. She settled in Ypsilanti, Michigan by 1933 and began her teaching career. During the 1940s she had a run of misfortune having been in a car accident in Toledo and hit by a car as a pedestrian in Ann Arbor in Sept, of 1944.

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Brantford Expositor July 4 1922

Miss Lurene Prouse of Alma College, St. Thomas, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Prouse. She has been

successful in getting her diploma for Mistress of English Literature (M.E.L.) with honors for thesis, choral, religious, knowledge, vocal, physical culture, first-class honors in theory and English composition, certificate in junior physical culture, honors in junior physical culture, honors in junior expression, pantomime, junior vocal, first-class honors in primary rudiments, and also a prize for contributions for the Alma-Alum.

"She was a health education Associate Professor at the Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti (now referred to as Eastern Michigan University). Michigan State Normal College (1899-1955) was established under Richard Gause Boone, the principal who lobbied to establish Normal as a four-year college. In 1899, the school became the

Michigan State Normal College when it created the first four-year curriculum for a normal college in the nation. Normal began the twentieth century as Michigan's premier teacher-preparatory school and had become the first teacher training school in the United States to have a four-year degree program."

Courtesy Eastern Michigan University Alumni Records

Friends of Miss Lurene Prouse, who is a member of the physical education department of the Michigan State Normal College, have received word that she was in an automobile accident in Toledo, Friday. Miss Prouse is now in Toledo General Hospital and is in a critical condition, with skull and jaw fractures.

Miss Lurene Prouse, teacher in the physical education department at Michigan State Normal College, who has been in the Toledo University Hospital since suffering a very serious auto accident Aug. 14, is much improved and was moved by ambulance Saturday to the University Hospital, Ann Arbor. There she is to have a check-up by a specialist and will remain about three weeks for treatment. Her mother, Mrs. George Prouse, who has been with her continually since the accident, is with her in Ann Arbor.

After retiring, the spinster Lurene Prouse lived alone in Tillsonburg for several years in the 1960s. The address was 20 Pine St. in Tillsonburg which was also the same house that her father was living in when he died in 1954. She either inherited or bought the property. Although no obituary has been located it is likely she died in Tillsonburg although Michigan death records state she died in Ann Arbor Michigan.. Find a Grave locates her grave in Ann Arbor, Mi. Mabel Lurene died in 1993.

Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division } ss: In the District Court of the United States.

I, Lurene Mable Prouse, aged 21 years, occupation health educational teacher, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion fair, height 5 feet 2 inches, weight 110 pounds, color of hair blonde, color of eyes gray-blue, other visible distinctive marks none.

I was born in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada on the 12th day of August, anno Domini 1904; I now reside at 347 Alexandrine, East Detroit, Michigan.

(Give number, street, and city or town)

I emigrated to the United States of America from Windsor, Ontario, Canada on the vessel MOPE; my last foreign residence was Tillsonburg, Ont. Canada; I am not married; the name of my wife is _____; she was born at _____ and now resides at _____.

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to George V, King of Great Britain and Ireland, of whom I am now a subject;

I arrived at the port of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, on or about the 21st day of August, anno Domini 1925; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein: SO HELP ME GOD.

Lurene Mable Prouse
(Original signature of declarant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Detroit, Mich., this 21st day of August.

[SEAL]

Citizenship papers: 1925.



LURENE M. PROUSE A.M.
Instructor in Physical Education
B.S., M. S. N. C.
A.M., University of Michigan
Graduate Student, School of Medicine,
University of Michigan



Lurene Prouse

Tillsonburg, Ontario
Sigma Sigma Sigma
Laonian
Physical Education Club
Physical Education



Gymnasium where Lurene worked at Michigan Normal school as a Physical Education instructor.

Miss Lorene Prouse of Pontiac, Michigan, and Mr. Thomas Prouse of Texas, were visitors with their aunt, Miss Mary Prouse one evening last week.

1934 Ingersoll Tribune

Being a physical education instructor, she also competed in sports herself. She was a member of the Ann Arbor woman's field hockey in Great Lakes tournaments. The 1936 tournament was held in Ann Arbor and she was the tournament organizer as well as a player.

In 1945, Lurene was hired by her brother's Texas Christian University in the woman's department in 1945. It does not appear that she was happy there and returned to Michigan.

The Ypsilanti Daily Press
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To Assume Duties
Miss Lurena M. Prouse, formerly of the Health and Physical Education department of the Normal College, will leave by plane the first of next week for Fort Worth, Tex. to take up her duties as acting head of the Women's Department at the Texas Christian University, beginning Nov. 1.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of George Thomas and Rosa Williamson

Second Child: Thomas William

B 19 Jan 1907 Dereham Lot 6 Con 8
D 29 Apr 1986 Fort Worth, Texas
M May 1940 Rotan, Texas
B 21 Sept 1908 Rotan, Texas
D 06 Apr 2005 Fort Worth, Texas

Spouse: Lois Ann Smith


Thomas, like his sister Mabel Lurene, became a higher education instructor. Coincidentally they were both physical education teachers. Thomas went to the Normal School in Ypsilanti while his older sister

was studying there when she eventually became an associate professor. There was a good chance that he was staying at his sister's home when studying at the school.

He graduated with his first degree in 1931 at age 24. He graduated with his second degree from U of Michigan in 1933 and was immediately hired by Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth in 1934. Ironically, the habitual cigar smoker was the director of the TCU physical education department. He worked his entire career at TCU and was personally in charge of the golf and tennis teams as they competed for NCAA titles. He was honoured a number of times by the university, including the TCU 1980 Founders award.

He was also heavily involved in the Red Cross in Fort Worth and Dallas area and was Chairman of the Red Cross Trainer Department—honoured in 1953 for his volunteer efforts. He was also Chairman of the Red Cross Safety service in Dallas/Fort Worth in 1951. Wife Lois was an elementary school teacher and was involved with the music club at TCU. After her marriage, she obtained a degree at TCU in 1946 and continued to teach after her husband's death.

THOMAS WILLIAM PROUSE . A.B.
Ypsilanti, Michigan
Delta Sigma Phi; Phi Epsilon
Kappa; Sigma Delta Psi; Physical
Education Club; "M" Manager's
Club; Intramural Athletics.



Tom Prouse Scores Ace on No. 17 at Worth Hills

Tom Prouse, physical education director at TCU, scored a hole-in-one at Worth Hills Friday. The ace came on No. 17 and he used an eight iron.



Thomas W. Prouse

Thomas W. **Prouse**, 78, retired chairman of the health and physical education department at Texas Christian University, died Saturday at a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Greenwood Funeral Chapel. Entombment will be in Greenwood Mausoleum.

A native of Tillsonburg, Canada, **Prouse** had lived in Fort Worth since 1934. He taught health and physical education at TCU from 1934 to 1979 and in 1959 led the TCU golf team to the Southwest Conference golf championship. **Prouse** received the TCU Special Award from the university's alumni association in 1979.

Star-Telegram Sports Writer.

When Tom **Prouse** took refuge in a golf teaching job at Texas Christian University he was convinced that he found the least hazardous of all vocations.



Prouse reasoned that he wouldn't be heckled by grandstand quarterbacks, a near-blind official couldn't wipe out an eagle with one of those sordid offside rulings, nor could his athletes be banished from the premises with too many personal fouls.

What a racket this! **Prouse** told himself naively. Why even the swimming coaches sometimes get their feet wet.

But then **Prouse** hadn't figured on Pat Garner.

The winsome miss from Midland curdled the milk of human kindness for **Prouse** this week by announcing her determination to qualify for the Frog golf team.

Lois Smith Prouse



FORT WORTH — **Lois Smith Prouse**, 96, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

Cryptside service: 1 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Mausoleum.

Memorials: charity of choice.

Lois was born Sept. 21, 1908. She was an outstanding teacher in Fort Worth for 40 years and had a positive impact on many students over the years. **Lois** was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Woman's Club and Texas Christian University Alumni Groups.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas **Prouse**, a longtime golf coach and professor of physical education at TCU.

University Place Music Club will meet at 1:30 p. m. Monday with Mrs. Nelson Scurlock, 2422 Wabash, for a program on folk music directed by Mrs. Thomas Prouse.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of George Thomas Prouse and Rosa Williamson

Third Child: Clarence

B 11 Jun 1911 Dereham Lot 6 Con 8

D 21 Apr 1968 London Hospital. Buried Delmer Cemetery Tillsonburg

M 15 Nov 1941 Springfield

Spouse: Flossie May Clark

B 10 Jun 1915 Brownsville Lot 23 Con 11 Dereham Township

D 10 Sept 2004 Toronto Buried Delmer Cemetery Tillsonburg

Clarence continued the Prouse tradition of farming. His farm was located near Ostrander according to the 1949 voters list. In 1950 he witnessed a fatal plane crash. His cousins Glen and Earl Prouse were the first to the crash scene and found the boy's bodies.



Toronto Star Front Page 02 June 1950

Ingersoll Tribune Jan 1948

It appears that in the mid 1950s he had an spinal injury from a farm accident and ended up at the Lyndhurst Lodge in Toronto to relearn how to walk.

<https://sci-can.ca/lyndhurst-lodge>

The Ostrander Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Prouse last Monday evening with an attendance of 40. As this was both the Christmas evening and Review Night, the children were present. After listening to the program on the radio, Gordon Nelson led the discussion. The main item on the discussion list was plans for the skating rink, that is now being built. Following this were games and contests. Harry Rohrer played Christmas carols on his record player which were much enjoyed by everyone. A tasty lunch was served by Mrs. Prouse assisted by Mrs. Herron and Mrs. G. Christo.

Lyndhurst Lodge



Clarence, evidently known as “Bus”, returned home to his farm outside Mt. Elgin after his hospital stay. He was confined to a wheelchair. The community gave him a TV set, one of the first in the region, to help him through his disability. Apparently, with the novelty of television, cousins and friends used to drop by to watch wrestling on the tube with Clarence. Eventually he ended up in London at Parkwood Hospital. The hospital was a long term facility that served those with mobility issues. He was there until his 1968 death.

In 1963, his wife Flossie had been living and working in Tillsonburg. Sometime prior to his death, Flossie moved to London to be near him and where she lived in an apartment on Ridout St. and worked as a clerk. Later in life and after Clarence’s death, she moved to Toronto to be closer to her daughter Connie.

Clarence W. Prouse

Clarence William Prouse of London formerly of Ostrander, passed away at Parkwood Hospital, London, on Sunday, April 21, 1968, following a lengthy illness, in his 57th year.

Born at Ostrander, June 11, 1911, he was a son of the late George Prouse and Rosa Williamson. He was an ex-dairy farmer. He was a member of the Orange Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, the former Flossie M. Clarke; one daughter, Mrs. Frederick (Connie) VanParys of Scarborough; one brother, Professor Tom Prouse of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Miss Lurene Prouse of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and two grandchildren.

Resting at the G. A. Barrie Funeral Home where service will be held Wednesday, April 24, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Bruce Hisey.

Interment in Delmer Cemetery.

Obituary for Flossie Prouse (Clarke)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Flossie M. Prouse (nee Clarke) on Friday, September 10, 2004, peacefully at Central Park Lodge in Toronto in her 90th year. Predeceased by parents George and Etta Clarke and brother Meaford of Brownsville, wife of the late Clarence Prouse, loving mother of Connie Van Parys of Unionville, dear sister of Elsie Williamson of Tillsonburg, grandmother to Drew Van Parys and his wife Chantal of Peterborough, and Todd Van Parys and his wife Suzanne of Toronto. She will be lovingly remembered by her great grandchildren Maxwell, Claire, Kate and Graydon and many nieces and nephews. Her generosity, warmth and loving nature will not be forgotten. Special thanks to the staff at Central Park Lodge for their kindness and care. The family will receive friends at the Ostranderson Funeral Home 43 Bidwell St. Tillsonburg

Flossie was the daughter of George Clark and Etta May Burks and had an older brother Medford and sister Elsie. Etta was my Grandfather Burks sister. Survived by one daughter Connie Van Parys (Scarborough).



L to R: Flossie, Elsie and Medford Clark foreground. Photo courtesy: Connie Van Parys

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse and Rosa Williamson
Child of Clarence Prouse and Flossie Clark**

Only child: Constance "Connie" B unknown

D after 2022

Spouse: Frederick Van Parys B 22 Mar 1941 Oxford County

D 25 Oct 2001 Markham

Connie and husband Fred started life in Tillsonburg but he quickly used his business acumen to succeed in business across Canada. In 1994, he was the highest paid civil servant in Saskatchewan.

"Mr. Van Parys' decision to leave SaskTel was motivated by his desire to return to eastern Canada where his family resides and where he will pursue other business interests," Teichrob said.

"Mr. Van Parys has done an excellent job in steering this corporation through some challenging times the past three years. The strong financial performance recorded during this period is a testament to his ability and contribution. He leaves behind a strong company, with competent leadership and employees, able to face the future with confidence."

"I am looking forward to returning to Ontario in order to be closer to my family," Van Parys said. "I have enjoyed my experience with SaskTel and would like to thank all the employees for their co-operation and contribution. As well, my wife Connie and I are grateful for the



Mr. Fred Van Parys

Former SaskTel president Fred Van Parys will be get two whopping salaries for the next six months — one, courtesy of the Saskatchewan taxpayer.

He has just become president of Toronto-based Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd.

friendship and kindness extended to us by the people of Saskatchewan during our time in the province."

Sasktel Press release 1996

VAN PARYS, Frederick Charles

On October 25, 2001, many of us lost a valued friend. Dearly loved by wife Connie, his sons Drew and Todd, his daughters-in-law Chantal and Suzanne, and his grandchildren Maxwell and Claire. He is predeceased by his father Herman, and survived by his beloved mother Jean and stepfather Duncan McMurchy, his brothers Robert and Charles, his sisters-in-law Elinore and Joan, and their families. Fred has passed on a legacy of his joy of people and his love of family. Fred was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd. and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Markham Energy Corporation. He is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskTel, Granada Canada Ltd., Laura Secord Ltd., and The UCS Group Ltd. His passion for excellence in business is surpassed only by his devotion to his family and friends.

Globe and Mail

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson:

Children of Thomas Prouse and Rosa Williamson

Fourth and Last child: George W

B 17 May 1919 Tillsonburg hospital

D 12 Oct 1951 Brantford

M unknown

Spouse: Kathleen Whitstone

B 07 July 1920 Alymer

D 15 Dec 2018 Brantford

George operated a machine shop in Brantford and raced midget race cars. Dirt track midget auto racing was very popular in the 1940s in southern Ontario.

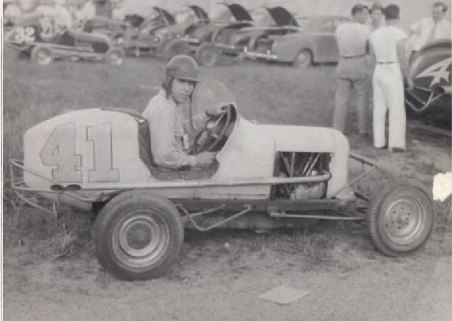
The Depression of the 1930s and then the Second World War curtailed progress of racing in Ontario, but this changed in the late 1940s. Oval tracks in Brantford, Ancaster, Sarnia, Nilestown (London), Orillia, Norwich and Windsor offered regular racing. George was also a founder of the Brantford Motorcycle Club. He was badly injured with a skull fracture and spinal injuries in a racing accident in October of 1949 and was forced to retire. He suffered with the injuries for a few year and died at age 38 in 1951, leaving three children at home and his parents to mourn. It is most likely his race accident injuries were a leading cause of his death.

Midget race car circa 1950.

George Prouse Badly Hurt At Norwich Races

NORWICH — George Prouse, Brantford's entry in the midget auto races held here Monday afternoon, was seriously hurt in an auto smash. He was rushed to the hospital at Tillsonburg. After an examination it was learned he had fractured a hand, wrist, and a concussion and possibly a fractured skull.

The accident took place when Prouse, driving No. 20, came out of the fourth bend at terrific speed and tangled with John Borden's No. 23. No. 20 climbed over Borden's front wheel and went completely out of control, leaping high and crashed into a parked car owned by Pat Isherwood, Brantford. Both cars were badly cracked up.



compete. George is still in Sunnysbrook Hospital, near Toronto. It is feared the injuries he sustained will mean he will be taking treatments for some two years. George met with a serious accident at the Norwich races last year. Spinal injuries and other hurts combined to put George back for some time.

WON AT OSHAWA

George Prouse, President of the Brant Roamers, Brantford's newly-formed motorcycle club, won two firsts and a second, including the Dominion five-mile championship, in races held at Oshawa Monday. In the parade

George also appeared in court over a fight in his machine shop over non payment of an outstanding bill.

Brantford Expositor Mar 1946

Kay remarried after George's death to Doug Sitzer.

The Prouse couple had three children including:

Donald D 2000 (while vacationing in Florida)

Larry George B 1942 - D 2017 and Brenda (Jacklin).

SITZER, Kathleen - Passed away at the Brantford General Hospital on Saturday December 15, 2018, in her 98th year. Beloved wife of Doug Sitzer for 49 years. Loving mother of Brenda Jacklin (Mike). Predeceased by her two precious sons Donald (2000) and Larry (Sandy) Prouse (2017) and first husband George Prouse (1951). Kathleen was a hair dresser for many years and enjoyed being a member of the Eagle Place Internet obituary

ASSAULT CHARGE AILED: A BROKEN JAW ON EXHIBIT

George Prouse, who conducts the Eagle Machine and Tool Co. 124 Cayuga Street, was in the City Police Court today fined \$25 including costs, on being convicted of assaulting William James Smith, Glanville Avenue. The complainant had a fractured jaw, now wired up, and according to Dr. W. I. Waite, will be in the hospital for another ten days and off work at least another week following that. The defendant was brought into the Court room on a stretcher, but was able to sit up on a chair to give evidence. The blows that fractured Smith's jaw were admitted by Prouse, who claimed he had great provocation and had to defend himself. The argu-

GEORGE W. PROUSE

The death of George W. Prouse, 65 Baldwin Avenue, occurred Friday in the Brantford General Hospital, in his 38th year. Born in Tillsonburg, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Prouse Sr., and had resided in Brantford for the past 12 years. Mr. Prouse was a machinist by trade and owned and operated a machine shop on Eagle Avenue until two years ago, when he was forced to retire due to injuries caused by an accident while racing midget cars at Norwich. He was a member of Chapter 42, American Society of Tool Engineers, and was an adherent of Wesley United Church. Surviving besides his parents are his widow, the former Kathleen Whelstone, two sons, Larry and Donald and a daughter, Brenda Prouse, all at home; two brothers, Professor Thomas Prouse, of the Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, and Clarence Prouse, Ostrander; one sister, Miss Lurene Prouse, Ypsilanti, Mich. Mr. Prouse is

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Fifth Child: Frederick John

B 28 Jan 1882 Dereham

D 1950 Dereham Lot 10 Con 6

M 28 Mar 1906 Dereham Center at bride's father's home

Honeymoon in Port Huron.

Spouse: Mary Jane (Maimie) Lainchbury B 22 Jul 1885 Dereham

D 1956 Dereham

The wedding of Mr. Fred Prouse and Miss Maimie Lainchbury of this place is announced to take place on Wednesday, March 28th. Congratulations.

Fred purchased Lot 10 Con 6 in 1910 from his father. He paid \$16,000 for an unnoted acreage as per Onland.ca. At his death, the property was granted to sons Wray and John.

"Fred and Maimie farmed on the SW corner of the 5th

concession and Dereham Town Line (County Rd 27). Son Wray and daughter Winnifred were born there. (That house, at one point, had belonged to Maimie's parents, Albert and Maria Lainchbury, as we have photos of Maria and her 3 sisters - Lizzie, Annie and Mary- there at about the time of WWI). Fred and Maimie then moved to the Prouse farm (N side of concession 6, the large red brick house, the first farm W of Hwy 19). The barn was on the S side of the road, but is no longer there. All the children were born on that farm, except Eileen, who was born in Tillsonburg Hospital. Wray ran the farm after Fred, then built a house on the SW corner of the 6th concession and Hwy 19. Three houses were built there, the other 2 by Wray's sons, Glen and Earl." Fred was still farming at RR#1 Mt. Elgin up to his death in 1950.

Conversation with Mildred Thomas 2006 with Larry Jeffery, Thanks to Mary Lois Cooper

Fred suffered a serious farm accident in March of 1949. The accident may have contributed to his death the following year.



Lot 10 Con 6 Dereham Map



Prouse farmhouse N side Con. 6

Fred Prouse, well-known farmer on the 6th concession Dereham, was critically injured while working in his woods with a son. A falling tree pinned him to the ground. With the assistance of neighbors, he was released and first aid was rendered by Dr. Barrett of Mount Elgin. Examination made later in Tillsonburg, revealed Mr. Prouse had a broken back and other injuries.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane (Maimie) Lainchbury

First child: Winnifred "Winnie" Mae

B 28 Jul 1909 Lot 15 Con 6 Dereham

D 16 Oct, 2003 Caressant Care Home, Woodstock. She lived in Mossley

M 10 Apr 1935 Dereham Center Parsonage

Spouse: George Orville Law

B 13 Oct 1905 N Dorchester Township, Middlesex

D 16 Feb 1982

DEREHAM CENTRE

Law—Prouse

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at Dereham Centre parsonage, by Rev. C. C. Strachan, on Wednesday afternoon, April 10th, 1935, when Winnifred May Prouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prouse, Dereham Centre, was united in marriage to Mr. Orville Law of Crampton. The young couple were unattended. The bride was becomingly gowned in a frock of hyacinth bloom crepe. They will reside near Crampton, where the best wishes of their many friends will follow them for a happily wedded life.

Mrs. Thos. Hicks of Ingersoll, was the guest of Mrs. Russell Hicks on Friday.

On Friday evening the Centreville Young People put on a minstrel show at the Dereham Centre Literary Society meeting which was much enjoyed.

A number from this community attended the shower for Mr. and Mrs. Orville Law, (nee Miss Winnie Prouse), at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prouse, on Friday evening of last week.

Orville was born on Lot 10 Con 5 N Dorchester to William and Lili Law. When they married, they lived with his parents until at least 1936 when they moved to a rural property at RR 1 Brownsville. They are buried in Putnam. They had 2 children – Ron B 1940-D 2003 and Lois

THE INGERSOLL TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1942

Orville Law's Barn Destroyed By Wind

Crampton — During the severe electrical storm which swept this community Friday night, much damage was done by wind. A tornado coming from the south west, tore across country uprooting trees and tearing off shingles as its way. At about 11.30 p.m. it struck the barn on the farm of Orville Law, one mile south and half mile east of Crampton, completely destroying it. Parts of the roof, a few steel one, were found over half a mile away, the rest of the barn was blown to the ground. Three horses were pinned in

their stalls, also ten pigs and five calves. The barn floor with a mow of hay came down upon the horse stall but was held off the horses by strong oak stall partitions. Neighbors gathered as soon as the storm abated and removed the straw and putting ropes about the horses pulled them to safety, none being injured. The 10 pigs and all but one calf were safely gotten out in the morning.

On Saturday some 50 men gathered to help clear up the debris. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Longfield.
Mr. and Mrs. Orville Law and son
Ronald, have moved back to our
community after spending the win-
ter months in Dereham Centre,
where Mr. Law was employed at the
new airport.

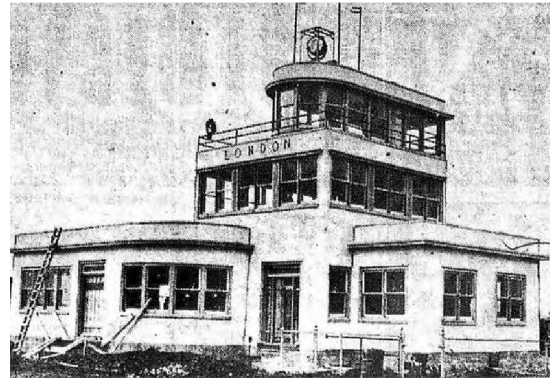
April 1943 Tribune

In all likelihood, Orville was employed by the newly
open Crumlin (now London Airport) during the war.

Crumlin Airport building soon to open
Nov 1, 1940

The soon to be completed airport administration
building is shown here near the Crumlin Airforce
Training School, east of London. The nearly completed building was built to house Government and
commercial offices related to the operations of the airport. The ground floor housed passenger
accommodations with the control tower in the upper part.

Photo: London Room, London Public Library



Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

Second child: Wilfred Wray

B 10 Sept 1910 Lot 15 Con 2 Dereham

D 30 Apr 2001 Buried Mt Elgin

M 20 Jan 1932, Tillsonburg

Spouse: Olive Shepard

B 1913

D 07 Dec 1989 She was living in Dereham but died in hospital in
London.

They lived and farmed at Lot 10 Con 6 in Dereham before building a
house on the corner of Highway 19 and Concession 6 (Prouse Rd).
They had 4 children but sadly, an 18 month son died due to choking
in 1935. An infant daughter passed in 1938. Wray outlived a third
child.

The remains of the young son,
Earl Eugene Prouse, of Mr. and
Mrs. Wray Prouse, whose death oc-
curred on Wednesday morning of
last week, were interred in the Mt.
Elgin Cemetery, on Friday after-
noon of this week, following a service
at the home conducted by Rev. C. C.
Strachan. Much sympathy is ex-
tended to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott and
Mr. and Mrs. Wray Prouse left
Wednesday for six weeks in Florida.

Mrs. Wray Prouse of the sixth
concession, had the misfortune to
break her arm recently. We hope it
will soon be better again.

Jan 1951 Tribune

Oct 1947 Tribune



St. Thomas Times-Journal article published October 16, 1974, with
caption:

"Pheasants open game - The pheasant season opened today and
townships in Oxford and Elgin Counties were stocking their hunting areas.
Wray and Earl Prouse, RR 1, Mount Elgin raise pheasants for a living and
this year will furnish 4,500 birds for both hunting and domestic use.
Shown here in the holding pen, Earl, at right with the net, catches a
pheasant while Rick Hodgkinson, RR 2, Ingersoll waits to take it to a crate.
Bayham and Malahide Townships were two of the 12 townships involved
in the stocking program."

During retirement Wray (photo below) crafted some miniatures of family farm buildings and the Prouse Cheese Factory. They are on display at the Beachville Museum.



Wray and Olive had four children:

Glen	B 1932	D 1998
Carl	B 1934	D 1935
Earl	B 1935	D 2017
Marion	B 1938	D 1938

Sons Glen and Earl were in their teens when they witnessed a small plane crash near the Tillsonburg airport. They were the first on the scene.



Toronto Star Front Page June 02, 1950

Glen and Earl Prouse, who live on the farm a mile from the airport where the plane crashed, said they could not hear if the engine was running when the plane flew over their farm, rapidly losing altitude.

"The plane was very low," Glen commented to his brother just before the plane plunged to the ground.

Murr's body was thrown clear of the wreckage, and the brothers who were the first on the scene, thought he was the only passenger. Later they found Laur's body in the badly wrecked plane. Both were instantly killed.

Sons of Wray Prouse and Olive Shepard:
Glen Prouse B 1932 Dereham D 1998 Tillsonburg
 Married October 1952 to Helen Stoakley 1935 – 2007
 Tillsonburg



Glen lived in Mount Elgin where he was a postal clerk as per 1968 voters list. Wife Helen was the county clerk for SW Oxford.



Helen Prouse, clerk of Southwest Oxford Township in Oxford County, stumbled into clerking the way most rural clerks do.

"The township needed some help and I had some time on my hands. I started out as a helper in the office. When the clerk's job came open, I got it."

Always in the van where rural hockey enthusiasm and ability is concerned, Salford has been hockey-minded for years, having one of the first teams in the South Oxford Rural Hockey League.

They dropped out for a while, but hockey was too much in Salford blood, and the team came back in in 1933. On one occasion they reached the Ontario finals, and reached the district finals many times, usually against Kintore.



GLEN PROUSE—5 ft. 6 in., 19, 140 lbs., centre left, farmer.

Mrs. prouse runs a municipality today that has more than 8,000 people and an annual budget exceeding \$2 million. She knows almost as much about financing a new \$82,000 grader as she does about problems of laying tile drainage across farm property.

As township clerk she is the first person most residents call when it comes to sorting out a problem. "A lot of people don't know which level of government they should be in contact with. I can soon see them straight on things like

Brantford Expositor Mar 1978

Ingersoll Tribune Nov 1952

HONOR NEWLYWEDS AT MOUNT ELGIN

Mt. Elgin—Complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Prouse (nee Helen Steakley), on their recent marriage, friends gathered in the community hall, and presented them with a shower of miscellaneous gifts. Misses Betty Dodgson, Janet Prouse and Marjorie Scott, assisted in the unwrapping of the gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Prouse expressed their appreciation after which "For They are Jolly Good Fellows", was sung. A short programme was enjoyed, presided over by 'Kiah Clark, when Fred Jull played piano selection, Mrs. Charles Scott gave a reading and Mrs. Clarence Dodgson had charge of a contest, the prize for which went to Gladys Stroud, Bernice Rooke and Bertha Gilbert. An enjoyable lunch was served including wedding cake and a treat from the bride and groom. Dancing was enjoyed, the music being furnished by Fred Jull at the piano; Oliver Lemmon, violin; Max Scott, drum, and Norman Moyer to call off.

Sports was a big part of the Prouse boy's lives. They were on several hockey and baseball teams in the early 1950s.

Earl Prouse B 1935 Dereham D 2017 Tillsonburg. Married: January 1, 1955

Spouse: Leone Wilkins

Earl was an electrician

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Couple shares secrets of long marriage

By Keri Schram
Sun Media

With 50 per cent of marriages ending in divorce these days it's refreshing to hear that there are still a few couples who make it to their 50th anniversary with a happy and healthy marriage.

In fact, just recently, Earl and Leone Prouse of Mount Elgin celebrated their 50th anniversary.

These high school sweethearts met when Leone was just 16. Earl was dating a girlfriend of Leone's at the time, but the couple was on the verge of breaking up. After the pair split, Earl went to Leone's house and asked her out. From there, the romance quickly blossomed. "The Prouses were married on Jan. 1, 1955 when Leone was just 17."

"We were sitting out in the car when we came home from the show and he just asked me (to marry him)," remembers Leone. "And that was that."

Earl pursued a career as an electrician and Leone stayed at home to raise their three children (two of whom are still living).

After the kids were grown, Leone went to work at a pharmacy and then later at two jewelry stores. Now she's retired and her husband, who passed the electrical business on to their son, is semi-retired. Earl still does the book work for the family business.

The Prouses are also the proud grandparents of five grandchildren. "Grandchildren bring new life to older people," says Leone. "Your kids get older and move away from you, but when they have kids, it brings new meaning to life."

Leone says the secret to a long marriage is "accepting the good with the bad. There's lots of struggles in life, lots of ups and downs but you just have to keep on being there for each other," she says. She also advises newlyweds to remember that marriage "is not all roses. There's good times and bad times. You're got to work through the bad to get to the good," she says.

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Earl and Leone Prouse of Mount Elgin on their wedding day January 1, 1955 and the Prouses today after 50 years of marriage. The Prouses held their 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Jan. 9 at the Mount Elgin Community Centre.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

PROUSE, Earl - 1935 - 2017 Peacefully surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren at his bedside, Earl Albert Prouse, passed away June 29th, 2017 at 6:45am in his 82nd year at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital. Earl is survived by his wife and best friend of 62 years Leone. **Predeceased by his parents Wray and Olive (Sheperd) Prouse** and brothers Carl and Glen. Earl was born August 15, 1935 and grew up on a dairy farm and lived most of his life in Southwest Oxford Township of Oxford County. As a younger man Earl enjoyed getting cars ready for Saturday night racing at local racetracks in Tillsonburg, Nilestown and Delaware. Earl was self-taught in his vocations and his many hobbies, which included woodworking and photography that he undertook with perfection being the final result.

Earl was also seriously injured in an industrial accident in Burlington, Ont.

Electrical explosion injures Mount Elgin district man

BURLINGTON — A 42-year-old electrician is in satisfactory condition in hospital here after coming in contact with 600 volts of electricity in an electrical explosion at a manufacturing plant.

Earl Prouse, an employee of J. B.

Carroll Electrical Limited, of Tillsonburg, was alone in the I.B.L. Industries Limited plant when the mishap occurred.

Prouse, a resident of the Mount Elgin district, suffered burns to his face, neck, arms and shoulders.

The plant manager said Prouse was installing a new panelling system for a future building expansion.

John McGee, electrical inspection superintendent for Ontario Hydro, said the accident probably occurred after the main secondary breaker in the power house failed.

McGee said the plant, which manufactures heavy material and handling equipment, probably will be closed until some time next week because of damage done by a fire which resulted from the explosion.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

Third child; Margaret (Marguerite)

B 24 Aug 1912

D 24 Aug 1912 she lived a few hours

Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

Fourth; Thomas Albert

B 28 June, 1914 Dereham

D 12 Feb, 1915 Dereham

Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

Fifth Child: Mildred Irene

B 07 Feb 1918 Dereham Con 6 Lot 10

D 30 Nov 2013 Woodstock Hospital

M 11 Jun 1938

Spouse: George Manzer Thomas

B 20 Jul 1912 village of Zenda, Dereham

D 12 Apr 1988 Woodstock Hospital

George was born on his father's farm at Lot 2 Con 3 (halfway between Mt Elgin and Burgessville) Dereham. He ran the 50 acre farm in 1941 when granted to him by father Arthur. George was t a third generation owner. George was a veneer finisher according to the 1935 voters list.

When growing up in Mt Elgin, Mildred visited her spinster aunt Mary very often as a teenager. Mildred was George's second wife. The 1968 voters list had them living on the farm

He was a farmer and she a sales clerk. The farm stayed in their names until 1974 when it was granted to Sylbrand Horting (sp?).

Prouse
August 24th 1912
Died 10 am 6 Dereham
If in a hospital give the name.
Female
yes
Frederick John Prouse
Farmer
Mary Jane Lainchbury
Died few hours





THOMAS, Mildred Irene (nee Prouse) - Peacefully with family by her side at Woodstock Hospital on Saturday, November 30, 2013 in her 96th year. Beloved wife of the late George Thomas (1988). Loving mother of Marilyn Fraser (late Moran) of Embro. Cherished grandma of David (Sherry), Jeff (Michelle) and great grandma Thomas of Cody, Kyle and Cheyenne. Dear sister of Lu Topham. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her son Keith, her brothers Wray and Jack and her sisters Winnifred and Eilene. Mildred was a member of Zenda United Church, Dundas Street United Church and active in the U.C.W. and institute; Woodstock Fair Board; Woodstock Horticultural Society. She volunteered at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock and Caressant Care Nursing Home Woodstock. Friends

The couple moved to Woodstock and lived on Dufferin St. An item of interest was that George was born at the same time as wife Mildred's mother gave birth to what would be Mildred's older sister. Unfortunately the child, Margaret,

died at birth. They had two children Marilyn (spouse: George Fraser- Embro) and Keith Eugene (B Aug 31, 1942 – D Sept 5,

1942). Keith died of underdeveloped lungs and respiratory issues.

Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

Sixth child: John "Jack" Frederick

B 10 Feb 1920 Dereham

D 19 Jun 1987 Woodstock

Jack was developmentally challenged. He could drive a tractor but only under close supervision. When his father died, he went to a facility in Woodstock.



Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

Seventh child: Lula Marie

B 13 Mar 1922 Dereham Center

D 18 Sept 2023 Woodstock at age 101

Spouse: Lloyd Topham

B 27 Dec 1918 Zenda Lot 18/19 Con 2, N Norwich township

D 24 May 2003 Woodstock Hospital

Lloyd was a longtime member of Chalmer's United Church, a Charter member of Woodingford Lodge Auxiliary, Past President of Woodstock Agricultural Society, a member of the Horticultural Society and was a Provincial Meat Inspector for many years. Lloyd has bequeathed his body to medical science
Obituary for Lloyd Mitchell TOPHAM - At the Woodstock General Hospital on Saturday May 24, 2003. Lloyd Mitchell Topham of Perry St., Woodstock in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Lula Marie Topham (nee Prouse). Dear father of Linda Faulkner and her husband Ronald of Woodstock. Lloyd was a long-time member of Chalmer's United Church, a Charter member of Woodingford Lodge Auxiliary, Past President of Woodstock Agricultural Society, a member of the Horticultural Society and was a Provincial Meat Inspector for many years. Lloyd has bequeathed his body to medical science. Internet Obituary



(photo from Barbara Graham – Lula Prouse left with June Jeffery)

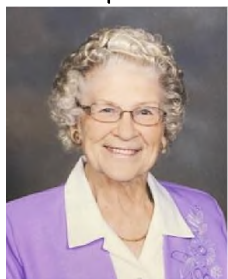
Lloyd was the oldest child of farmer Linwood Topham and Chicago born wife Bessie Mitchell. He was born at Lot 18/19 Con 2 of N Norwich Township. He and

name near.
Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gilbert and Miss Mary Prouse were: Mr. Fred Prouse, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Topham of Ingersoll; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gilbert and Miss Velma.

Lula lived in Ingersoll in 1943 before moving to Woodstock prior to 1948.

Like husband Lloyd, Lula was passionate about flowers and plants. Lula was a well-known horticulturalist in the area and was a judge at many fairs. She was a past

president of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (1966). The OAAS is the provincial association representing over 210 Agricultural Societies from across the province. Its mission is a resource for its members, providing leadership through communication and education, and encouraging the promotion of a rural way of life in Ontario. This included teaching the property methods of agricultural judging and promoting country fairs. Ontario Agricultural Societies are governed by the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act. Their purpose is seen as being a community organization mandated with preserving and celebrating the rural way of life in Ontario. She and husband Lloyd had one child, daughter Linda B 18 Feb 1957. She was adopted in 1960.



Lula Topham obituary: Lula was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Linda Faulkner (Ronald), cherished grandchildren Mary (Donald) and Fred, and adored great-grandchildren Dorian and Adrian. She was predeceased by her siblings Mildred Thomas, Winnifred Law, Wray Prouse, Eileen Penny, and Jack Prouse and infants Marguerite and Thomas. Lula's family was her pride and joy, and she cherished every moment spent with them. Lula was a woman of faith and a longtime member of Chalmers United Church. Her faith was a guiding force in her life, providing her with strength and comfort. She was also a Charter Member of Woodingford Lodge Auxiliary, where she made many lifelong friends and contributed significantly to the community.

Lula's passion for agriculture and horticulture was evident in her involvement with the Agricultural and Horticultural Society, where she served as Past President. Her leadership and dedication to these societies were instrumental in their growth and success. She was also a Past President of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (O.A.A.S.) of Ontario, where she worked tirelessly to promote and support the agricultural community.
Internet source



Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

Last child: Lois (E)llene

B 1925 Dereham
D 11 Nov 1999 Woodstock hospital
M 1946

Spouse: Glenwood "Glen" Penny

B 1920 Dereham
D 2015 Woodstock 95th year



Ilene was her common name. Glen served in WWII with the RCAF and the couple married after he returned.

The couple lived in Norwich for a decade before moving to RR#3 Woodstock (SW of Woodstock) and by 1972 were living at 435 Athlone Ave which appears to be a townhouse development in 2024. Glen was an electrician and welder and longtime employee of Standard Tube. As of 2013 he was living in London.

They had five children: Berry, Brian, Gregory, Cheryl Penny (1955-2015) suddenly in Woodstock and Kimberley (1959 – 1959).



Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Sixth Child: James "Ed" Edward

B 25 Mar 1885 Dereham

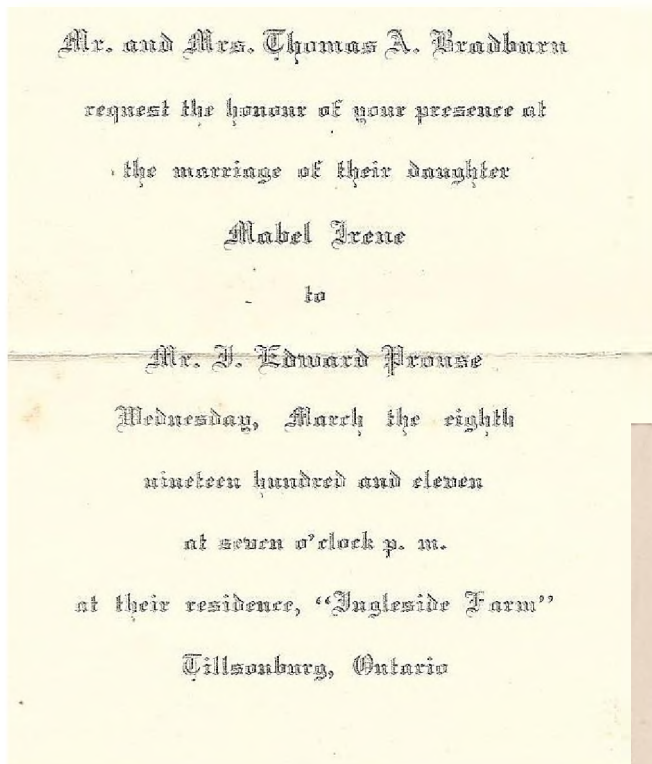
D 28 July 1956 Tillsonburg

M 08 Mar 1911 Tillsonburg

Spouse: Mabel Irene Bradburn

B 09 Sept 1887 Tillsonburg

D 1990 Tillsonburg (age 103)



James and Mabel lived a very short distance apart in their youth.

James was a farmer living outside of Tillsonburg working Lot 10 Con 3 of Dereham and wife Mabel was a local schoolteacher.

They had 4 children.

Doris Gwendoline (Longfield) B 1912 D 1980

Enid Kathleen (Allen) B 1915 D 1991

John "Jack" Alexander B 1920 D 1999

Lawrence Maxwell B 1923 D 2014

Children of Ed Prouse and Mabel Bradburn

Obituary for Lawrence "Max" Maxwell Prouse



Lawrence "Max" Prouse
1923 – 2014

Peacefully, on Monday, January 6, 2014 at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, Lawrence (Max) Prouse passed away in his 91st year. Son of the late James Edward and Mabel Irene Prouse. Loving husband of 51 years of the late Frances Irene Prouse (2001). Loving father of two daughters: Wendy Prouse and Ann Ladosz (Eugene). Grandfather of 5 grandchildren, (Ciba, Brianna and Elijah, Amanda and Steven) and 11 great-grandchildren.

Predeceased by his 2 sisters Doris Longfield and Enid Allen and by his brother John (Jack) Prouse. Max was a farmer in

South West Oxford Township and an avid fisherman during his retirement years. A private family funeral was held at Ostrander's Funeral Home, 43 Bidwell Street, Tillsonburg (519-842-5221). Interment in the Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations in Max's memory (payable by cheque) may be made to the Canadian Cancer, Heart & Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Personal condolence may be made at www.ostrandersonline.com





PROUSE: Jack Alexander, (in his 80th year) of British Columbia, formerly of Tillsonburg. Ostrander Funeral Home, Tillsonburg.



12 Victoria St Tillsonburg

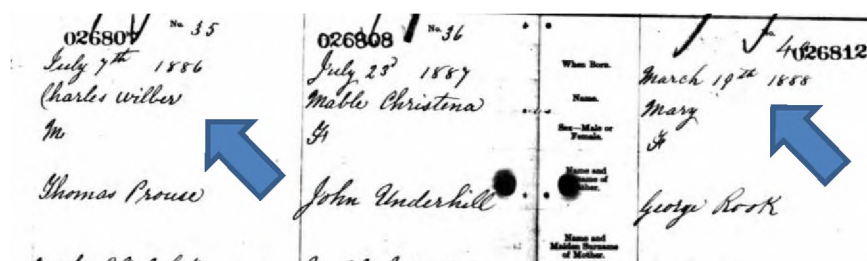
Doris was a teacher in Belmont, Ontario in 1949.

Jack probably worked his father's farm with brother Larry according to
12 Prouse, Mrs. Mabel, Widow the 1962 voters list
12 Prouse, Jack, Farmer while living with his widow mother at 12 Victoria St. in Tillsonburg. Although there are sightings of a Jack Prouse in Ft. William, I do not believe it is him as this man's mother's obit does not match. Jack married Olive Mary Lee in 1945. She died in 1966 in Woodstock. Jack moved to Nanaimo, reason unknown, and married Edna Mary 1913 – 1995 (last name unknown) Jack died in Nanaimo in October of 1999 and is buried in Tillsonburg.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Seventh child: Wilbur Charles Prouse B 07 July 1886 Dereham
 D 27 Jan 1971 Scarborough
 M 16 Dec 1908 Dereham
 Spouse: Mary (Maime) Rooke B 19 Mar 1888 Dereham
 D 27 Dec 1984 Scarborough



Both appeared on the same birth registration schedule for Dereham.



M. L. Prouse

Mary "Maime" Rooke

Wilbur was the youngest son of Dereham township warden and respected citizen Thomas Prouse Jr. and his wife Martha Henderson. Wilbur married Mary "Maime" Rooke at noon on Christmas Eve in 1908. Maime was the daughter of English born farmer George Rooke who emigrated in 1876 and Ann Butler of Dereham township.

They lived at Con 6 Lot 13 just southwest of Mt. Elgin. After working for the Tilson family as a barn manager, Wilbur secured his own farm in the 1920s and was a breeder of Holsteins. He was a force to be reckoned with at local fairs and the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto in the 1920's, always in the top finishers in Holstein breeding. He opened his own Tillsonburg dairy and serviced the area. For reasons unknown, the farm was sold and the herd dispersed. Wilbur started over again in Scarborough with a new farm and the rebuild of his Holstein herd.



Leslie Brown, a great grandchild of the couple and the grandchild of Gordon "Donald" Prouse takes up the story of Wilbur and Maime in Tillsonburg and their mid 1920 move to Scarborough.

Wilbur was born in 1886 and reared on the family farm. After completing high school, he worked for his father until May 19, 1918. He assumed the manager's position at Annandale Farm on the outskirts of Tillsonburg. The farm of 482 acres was owned and operated by E.D. Tillson whose family founded the town of Tillsonburg. On the farm, a herd of one hundred Holsteins was maintained. Wilbur was employed by Tillson for five years.

Around 1923, Wilbur's employment ended with Tillson, and Wilbur established a dairy farm in Tillsonburg and resided in a home on Bidwell Street. Wilbur named his dairy Wilbur W.C. Prouse Dairy and milk was delivered door-to-door by horse drawn wagon. He would use a quart ladle to fill the housewives containers from eight gallon milk cans from the back of the wagon.

Wilbur and his family moved to Scarboro where he set up a dairy called Prouse's Dairy on a farm located on Birchmount Road and St. Clair Avenue, East. This farm eventually became Pinehill Cemetery where Wilbur and Mary are buried. My grandfather Don was taken out of grade school at the age of 11 to help work on the farm. He ploughed the fields with a horse for crops, baled the hay and looked after the dairy cows. The dairy was later renamed Prouse & Son Dairy and my grandfather Don began delivering milk by horse and wagon to their customers' homes. As more land was needed for his dairy cows, Wilbur rented a second farm on Birchmount Road. The wagon had Prouse and Son Dairy painted on its side. Wilbur's herd of dairy cows were pure breed Holsteins. These cows were of a high pedigree and sought after by many dairy farmers. Over the years, Wilbur maintained his interest in breeding, raising, and selling pure breed Holsteins.

When Wilbur could not disperse with all the milk produced, he purchased a small dairy on Dawes Road called Silvercrest Dairy. The dairy was run out of a small building and had pasteurizing equipment. The name of the dairy was changed to Prouse's Silvercrest Dairy. A standup truck was bought for delivery of the milk.

Wilbur purchased land at 2960 Danforth Avenue. A building was built with a two bedroom apartment upstairs for Wilbur and Mamie to live. The dairy was on the main floor, with a basement for storage and a dairy ice cream bar across the front at street level. There was a man named Harry who pasteurized the milk, Wilbur tended to the ice cream bar and my grandfather Don was in charge of the milk production and maintenance of the dairy operation. My grandfather Don and a hired man delivered the milk. They had two standup trucks as they had two milk routes. Once homes had iceboxes, if no one was home, Don would enter the home and leave the bottles of milk in the customer's icebox.

In 1955 Don and Jessie who lived in Scarboro, decided to buy a 100 acre farm at Concession 2, Uxbridge, on the outskirts of town of Stouffville and have their own dairy farm. His father Wilbur decided to retire and sold Prouse's Silvercrest dairy to Donlands Dairy with part of the sale including my grandfather Don receiving a milk contract with Donlands Dairy.

The Stouville farm had a traditional two-story brick farmhouse built in the early 1900s, a barn built in 1896 and some other out-buildings.

Wilbur had been boarding a few of his prized pure breed Holsteins at a hobby farm and decided to move these Holsteins to my grandparents' farm for the start-up of their dairy farm. My grandfather's head of cattle were pure breed Holsteins. My grandfather retired from dairy farming in his late-70s. The town of Uxbridge named the road to my grandparents' farm Prouse Road. Both my grandparents lived out their lives on the Stouffville farm with Jessie passing away at age 84 in 1997 and Don at age 92 in 2004.

Wilbur's second farm was at Concession C Lot 3 in Scarboro township. Voters lists in 1935 indicate they owned the land and that son Gordon and daughter Dorothy lived at home.

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The farm was located in Scarborough Township where present day St Clair St E/Birchmount Rd Road interchange exists. The farm is now part of present day Pine Hills Cemetery. Wilbur and Mary are buried in Park Hills Cemetery.

Courtesy: Publication,

When Milk Came in Bottles and the Chosen Breed

PROUSE'S SILVERCREST DAIRY

2960 Danforth Ave., East York

Tel.: Howard 6168

Operating years: 1946-55

Owner/mgr.: Wilbur C. Prouse

Other names: The original name was W.C. Prouse Dairy (1930-44). The Prouse farm was located at Birchmount Rd. and St. Clair Ave. E.

Bought out: Boyd's Silvercrest Dairy

Sold to: Donlands Dairy (1956)

The original address was on Dawes Rd. (1930-44),

phone 542. When Prouse

bought out Boyd, he

also bought the

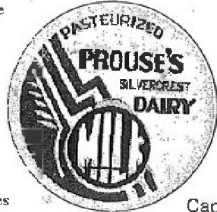
Silvercrest name

and his pasteuriz-

ing equipment.

Bottle com-

ments: It is known that Prouse's Silvercrest Dairy used red ACL bottles but none have been found to date. No embossed bottles have been found with the Prouse name, only those with the Silvercrest Dairy name.

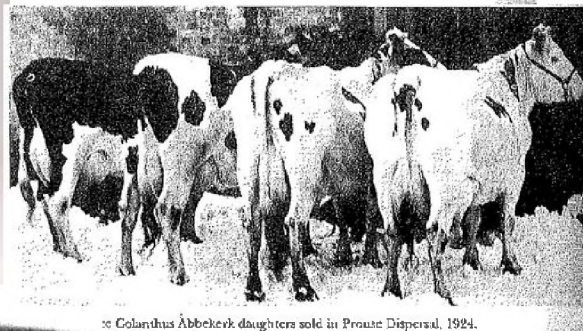


Caps like this are rare finds.

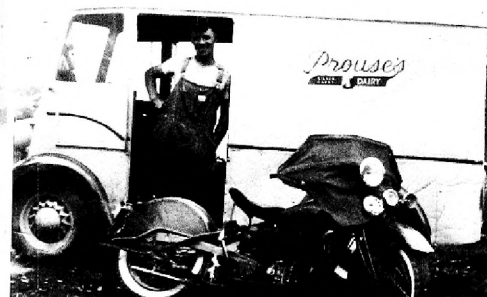


THE MILK AND BUTTER KING

His daughter, bred by Albert Brockway, Syracuse, New York, and born in the Prouse herd in 1911, was granddam of Oakhurst Colantha Abbecker.



Colanthus Abbecker daughters sold in Prouse Dispersal, 1944.



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SHOP-BREAKING CHARGED

Noticing a light in the rear of Prouse's Dairy, Danforth Ave., early Sunday morning, East York Officers Cecil Caskie and John Aitken arrested Joseph E. Horton, 25, Silverbirch Ave., on a charge of shop-breaking.



PROUSE, Wilber Charles—On Wednesday, January 27, 1971, at the Scarborough General Hospital, Wilber Charles, beloved husband of Mary Prouse, dear father of Dorothy (Mrs. H. H. Thompson), Don, Ila (Mrs. J. Steven), Marion (Mrs. J. D. Crease), Maida (Mrs. J. Evans), and Betty (Mrs. A. Thompson). A private service was held from the Giffen-Mack Chapel, 2570 Danforth Ave. at Main St. with interment in Pine Hills Cemetery.

SCARBORO.
SCALE, 60 CHAINS TO ONE INCH.

PROUSE, Mary — At the Allamont Nursing Home, Scarborough on Thursday, December 27, 1984, in her 97th year, Mary Prouse, wife of the late Wilber Prouse and loving mother of Dorothy (Mrs. Harold Thompson), Gordon (Don), Ila (Mrs. John Steven), Marion (Mrs. Doug Crease), Maida (Mrs. Carl Evans) and Betty (Mrs. Bert Thompson). Also survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral service private on Saturday at 2 p.m. Interment private on Monday, Pine Hills Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.



Prouse's farm: St Clair St / Birchmount Rd Scarborough

They had 7 children including 5 girls:

Children of Wilbur Prouse and Maime Rooke

Back row L-R: Ila Mae, Marion, Dorothy Front row L-R: Ann Elizabeth (Betty), Maida

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

First Child: Dorothy Minearva

B 01 May 1910 Dereham

D 17 Sept 1992 Markham

M April 1945 Toronto

Spouse Sgt. Harold Hogarth Thompson

B 18 Mar 1916 Windsor

D 05 Nov 1991 Kingston, Ont.



Her family moved to 96 Tilson Ave, Tillsonburg prior to the 1921 census. After the family moved to Scarborough Junction, Dorothy attended the University of Toronto and after graduation in 1932 from Ontario Teachers College. She lived at 98 Withrow Ave in Toronto while going to school. She taught school at Regent Park in Scarboro and Oakridge for several years. She lived with her parents until, in 1945, she married Harold Hogarth Thompson upon his return from his overseas war service. Harold and his brother-in-law, Tom Long, were in the first group of Canadian men to enlist in September of 1939. He served with the Royal Canadian Engineers. He received two mentions in dispatches award in Italy in WWII. The couple lived at #26 Markham Road as per the 1963 voters list. He was a carpenter at that time but she was not listed as having an

occupation. Harold died Nov 5, 1991 and Dorothy on Sept 17, 1992. They had two children, Eleanor and Richard.

Photo: Dorothy 1932 U of Toronto.

The Toronto Star
Tue, May 01, 1945 -Page 17

<p>THOMPSON, Dorothy Minerva — Peacefully in her 83rd year, on Thursday, September 17, 1992, beloved wife of the late Harold Thompson. Dear mother of Eleanor Marion and her husband Raff Lynch, and Harold Richard and his wife Debbie. Loving grandmother of Brenda and her husband Ron, Brett, Paige, Brock, Janna, Mike, Karen, and Terri. Beloved sister of Don Prouse and his wife Jessie, Ila Steven and her husband John, Marion Crease and her husband Doug, Maida Evans and her husband Carl, and the late Betty Thompson and her husband Bert. Friends may</p>	<p>THOMPSON—PROUSE Miss Dorothy Minerva Prouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur C. Prouse, was united in marriage to Sgt. Harold Hogarth Thompson, R.C.E., April 27, in Scarboro Junction United church. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Thompson. Rev. S. H. Pickup performed the ceremony. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white silk jersey gown, fingertip veil caught to a halo of white roses. Mrs. John Steven attended her sister as matron of honor, wearing pink champagne crepe, with cascade bouquet of yellow roses. Best man was John Steven. Ushers were Thomas Long and Bert Thompson. Afterwards,</p>
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Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

Second Child: Gordon "Don" Thomas

B 1912 Dereham

D 2004 Stouffville Ont.

Spouse: Bertha Emma "Jessie" Bennett

B 03 Nov 1913 Scarborough

D 26 Oct 1997 Uxbridge

Gordon, referred to as Don through his life, worked on his father's farm and helped with the establishment and running of the Prouse Dairy industry both with his father and on his own. He married local girl Jessie Bennett in 1935. He later moved to Stouffville and was a farmer there in the mid 1950s. He retired in the mid 1970s. They had two children, Donna and Beverly Elizabeth Tustin -Sheffield (1940-2018).



Left - Photo Bertha "Jessie" Bennett Prouse (1913 – 1997) with her sister Dorothy at her brother Fred's wedding. Gordon "Don's" Stouffville farm

"PROUSE, Gordon(Don)

passed away at home Monday March 22, in his 92nd year. Predeceased by his wife Jessie"

Internet Obituary

Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

Third Child: Ila May

Dereham

Spouse: John Stevens
Scotland

Ontario

B 09 Feb 1914 Ostrander,

D 27 Sept 2007 Whitby

B 1908 Stempster – Bower,

D 02 July 1994 Simcoe County



Ila grew up in Scarboro and was a member to the Scarboro Junction Junior Woman's Institute as were sisters Marion and Dorothy. Ila was employed as the secretary to the president of Canadian Line Materials for several years. She married Scotsman John Stevens in 1936. Husband John was a Toronto Transit Inspector. He had emigrated in 1930. They lived in the Birchcliff Heights area of Scarborough. Later in life she was a legal secretary. Husband John died the 2nd of July, 1994. They had four kids, Lynn, Lorraine, John (JM) and Joan.

Toronto Star 28 June 1930

**Burk prize, donated by
Miss C. A. Burk for proficiency in penman-
ship, Ila Prouse, IIC.**

Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

Fourth Child: Marion Olive

Spouse: James Douglas Crease

B 1916 Tillsonburg

D 25 Apr 2014 London, Ont.

B 1914 Halifax

D 2005 Toronto

Marion took her nursing training at Toronto General Hospital and upon graduation, was supervisor of the Dunlap Wing of the hospital. She joined the Royal Canadian Navy as a nursing sister in 1943 and was stationed in Halifax. While there, she met Douglas Crease. He was a lawyer with the Eastern Trust Co. and had enlisted into the Royal Canadian Artillery rising to the rank of Captain. They married in 1944. When Doug returned from overseas, they resided in Lunenburg N S for six years before moving to Toronto.

They had 4 children, including Jane and David.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA
MARRIAGE REGISTER
REGISTERED No. 124901

PLACE OF MARRIAGE: County of Halifax Municipality of Halifax

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**CAPT. JAMES DOUGLAS
WEDS NURSING SISTER**

Halifax, March 26—A wedding of much interest took place in St. Andrew's United church here Saturday afternoon, when Rev. J. A. MacKeigan united in marriage Nursing Sister Marion Olive Prouse, R.C.N.V.R. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur C. Prouse, Toronto, and Capt. James Douglas Crease, R.C.A. son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Crease of Halifax. The church was decorated with spring flowers. Dean E. A. Collins played the wedding music and during the signing of the register Miss Betty Hart sang. Surgeon-Com. Keith Welsh of the R.C.N.V.R. gave the bride in marriage. She was attired in her navy nurse's uniform and carried a spray of white roses. Nursing Sister Isabel Martin, R.C.N., Toronto, was bridesmaid and also wore naval



Photo: Graduated 1938 Toronto Gen. Hospital Nursing School.



CREASE, Marion Olive (nee Prouse)

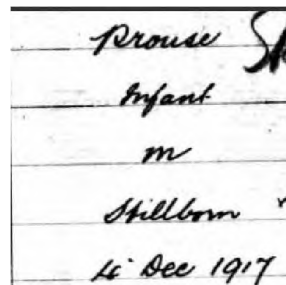
Passed away peacefully in her 99th year, surrounded by family at Victoria Hospital in London on April 25th. Marion was the daughter of Wilbur and Mary Prouse of Tillsonburg. Predeceased by her brother Don and her sisters, Dorothy, Ila, Maida and Betty. Beloved wife of the late James Douglas Crease, her husband of 61 years. (Jim).

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CREASE, Doug — Passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Friday, March 18th, 2005 his 61st wedding anniversary. Doug Crease, in his 92nd year, was the beloved husband of Marion Crease (nee Prouse), father of Jane Falconer (John) of Sydney, Australia; David Crease of Burlington, Ontario; Robert Crease (Joanne) of Caledon Village, Ontario; and Linda Horne (Jim) of London, Ontario. He was the grandfather of Peter Falconer, Katherine Horne and Maggie Horne. Doug was predeceased by his brother Ted Crease and his sisters Barbara Wilson, Helen Pickford, and Jamesie Stead. Doug was a graduate of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia (BA '34, LLB '37) and a Veteran of W.W. II having served overseas in Holland. Cremation has taken

Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

Fifth Child: Baby Boy B 04 Dec 1917 Stillborn Tillsonburg (hospital?)



Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

Sixth Child: Maida Lorraine B 1918 Dereham
D 2014 Midland, Ont.
M 10 July 1943 Toronto

Spouse: Joseph Carrol Evans B 02 Jun 1910 Victoria
Harbour, Simcoe Co.
D 2004 Victoria Harbour,



Maida attended Toronto Normal School and after graduation and taught school at S S #10 Scarboro and at Birchcliff Heights. In 1942, she joined the staff at William Burgess School in E York where she met Carl Evans. He was an Industrial Arts teacher at the school. They married in 1943 at a



SISTERS TO BE BRIDES IN DOUBLE CEREMONY
Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur C. Prouse, the young women pictured here, will be brides in a double wedding ceremony, July 18, in Dentonia Park United church. LEFT, Miss Maida Lorraine Prouse, who will become the bride of Joseph Carroll Evans, son of Mrs. Evans, Victoria Harbor, and the late W. Evans. RIGHT, her sister, Miss Anna Elizabeth Prouse, Reg.N. whose fiance is Albert Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Thompson, Scarboro.

double wedding marriage with her younger sister Betty. The couple lived in the Riverdale neighbourhood of Toronto where Carl continued teaching his entire life. When he retired in 1972, they moved to Victoria Harbour, near Sturgeon Bay, and into Carl's family home that his father built in 1906. Maida and Joe had five children, Garth, Carol, Anne, Neil and Ronald. Both were living in Victoria Harbour when they died.



"In 1906, Carl's father built a home for his bride in Victoria Harbour, then a busy lumbering town. His mother was left with a family of 3 boys and 1 girl to raise on the death of his father when Carl was 8. Carl attended school in Orillia weekly commuting the 25 miles by train until grade 13 when he went to HS in Midland in his older brother's car. He graduated at Peterborough Normal School and began teaching manual training in E

York where he met Maida on staff. In 1942 he was hired to teach in Toronto schools. Maida attended Scarborough schools, interested in sports, scholarship on graduation, Toronto Normal teaching, marriage. Summer cottage built in 1955 in Victoria Harbour where they moved to a permanent residence when Carl retired in 1972 after 29 1/2 years. Four children also moved. Ron and wife Sue became next door neighbours, Mary and husband Paul live in converted boathouse, Neil and wife Angela in converted cottage." Ancestry.ca public story

MAIDA EVANS (nee PROUSE) Of Victoria Harbour, passed away peacefully at Hillcrest Village, Midland, on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in her 96th year. "I remember Maida as a wonderful kindergarten teacher and a staff member loved by all at Bennington Heights school, East York, from 1959 -61. It was always so nice to keep in touch over the years at Christmas time. When I talked with Maida on her birthday two years ago Maida sounded as bright and cheery as she did when we were on staff together".
 "Remembrances of former student David Thomas".



Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

Seventh Child: Anna Elizabeth "Betty" B 14 July 1920 Dereham
 D 23 May 1986 Scarborough
 M 10 July 1943 Toronto
 Spouse: Albert "Bert" Thompson B 05 Sept 1919 Toronto
 D 02 Sept 2009 Cannington, Ont.

Gowned alike in traditional white satin, Maida Lorraine Prouse and Anna Elizabeth Prouse, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Prouse, became brides in a double ceremony in Dentonia Park United church, July 10. Maida was united in marriage with Joseph Carol Evans, son of Mrs. W. Evans and the late Mr. Evans, and Elizabeth became the bride of Albert Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Thompson, Scar-

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Prouse Sisters Become Brides In Double Wedding Ceremony



graduation She married Bert Thompson in 1943 in a double wedding with sister Maida. He was a salesman at Adams

Furniture in Toronto. The couple lived in Toronto for some time before moving to Scarborough where Betty was employed at the National Baby Formula Co. The couple had two daughters, Susan (Brian Ross) and Ellen (David Clark)



Bert Thompson

On Wednesday September 2, 2009, 3 days shy of his 90th birthday, Bert passed away peacefully. Beloved husband of the late Betty (1986.) Dad to Susan Ross of Cannington and Ellen (David) Clark of Toronto. Grampa Bert to Robyn, Erin, Allison, Andrew, Jim and Rob.

Betty went into

nursing, training at Toronto General Hospital. She worked there in the Premature Baby Ward for a short time after

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 Sun, May 25, 1986 -Page 15

THOMPSON, Anna Elizabeth (Betty) (nee Prouse) — Peacefully on Friday, May 23, 1986. Betty, in her 66th year. Beloved wife of Bert of Scarborough. Cherished mother of Susan and her husband Brian Ross of Cannington and Ellen and her husband David Clark of Toronto. "Daddy" to Robyn, Erin and Allison Ross and Andrew, Jim and Robbie Clark. Loving sister of Dorothy (Mrs. Harold Thompson), Dawn Prouse, Ila (Mrs. John Steven), Marion (Mrs. Doug Craese) and Maida (Mrs. Carl Evans). Residing at the Jerrett "Scarborough" Chapel, 666 Kennedy Rd. (between Eglinton and St. Clair Aves. E.) on Sunday 2-5 p.m. Funeral service and committal complete in the Chapel on Monday at 11:30 a.m. followed by cremation. In lieu of flowers donations in Betty's name made to the Hospital for Sick Children would be appreciated by the family.

Sixth Child of Patrairch and Matriarch: Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Daughter: Mariah Trinity

B 13 Aug 1847 Trinity Bay, Newfoundland (born at sea)
 D 22 Jan 1911 Atlanta, Georgia
 M 09 Apr 1868 Ingersoll

Spouse: Reverend Barnabas Lyman

B 1841 Canborough Township, Haldimand, Ont. or Kitley, Ont.
 D US unknown

Mariah has the distinction in the family of being born on the trip to Upper Canada from England in 1847. She was either born on the ship "Arab" or in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland when the ship docked. There are conflicting records to support each. Although I have no copy of it, her marriage certificate and other documents indicated "born at sea". The fact that her mother Mary Elliott survived the voyage while pregnant and perhaps delivered a baby on board or at landing was considered a blessed sign of the Lord in that era. Mariah grew up on the family farms in West Oxford and Dereham.

First a carpenter in his family's business in Oil Spring Ont., Barnabas Lymon changed careers and was a Methodist minister when he married Mariah. She was his second marriage. There is a good chance he was a young minister in Ingersoll or in a church in Dereham township when they met. He was found in Baby Point (now Pt. Lambton), Lambton county the year prior to the marriage. Later, he also was minister in nearby Florence in Euphoria township, Lambton. Mariah was with him at that time.

Marriage Certificate Ancestry

<p>254 VILLAGE OF BABY'S POINT.</p> <p>Kupplenberger, Henry, harness maker Langel, M. J., tailor & clothier LEARN, BENJAMIN, general merchant Locke, Rev. Wm. (Episcopal) Lyman, Rev. B. (Eps. Methodist) McAuslin, William, weaver</p> <p>Showler, R., blacksmith SMITH, THOMAS, innkeeper Sienson, John, laborer Stephenson, G. B., J.P. and general agent Trumble, T., waggon maker Uter, Henry, farmer</p>	Name: Mariah Prouse
	Age: 21
	Birth Year: abt 1847
	Birth Place: At sea
	Residence: Dereham Township
	Marriage Date: 9 Apr 1868
	Marriage Place: Oxford, Ontario, Canada
	Spouse: Barnabas Lyman

Sometime after 1875, the couple were no longer living together. There are two paths this could have taken. Either Barnabas was dead or he was no longer married to Mariah. The 1908 Ingersoll Directory indicates she was the widow to Barnaby. This appears to be in doubt aupon further research.

Lyman Maria T. (wid Barney), h s s
Francis 2 w Oxford 1908 Directory



Regardless, the 1891 census had Mariah with two small children where she was seen again living in Ingersoll. The 1908 Ingersoll Directory had her operating a boarding house near the corner of Oxford and Francis St. in Ingersoll.

Ancestry.com algorithms point to a Rev.

Barnabus Lymons marrying a third time. Records indicate he remarried in Illinois and fathered another

three children. His widowed wife and children were later found living in Texas.

Ingersoll home and boarding house of Mariah Trinity Prouse

The Rev. Barnabas Lyman was also received as a member from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Prouse

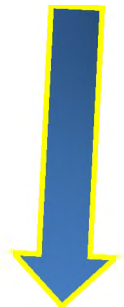
His death date is unknown. Mariah was buried in IRC.



Although buried in IRC, the cemetery burial Index indicates she died in "Atlanta, Ga". Her son lived there at the time and that does lead credence to the likelihood of this being true.



Barnaby



IRC Burial Index



Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott Children of Barnabus Lyman and Mariah Trinity Prouse

First child: Florence Alberta

B 20 Feb 1870 Florence, Lambton Co.

D 11 Mar 1952 Toronto

M 15 May 1890 Ingersoll

Spouse: Walter Evans

B 18 Nov 1863 Wisconsin

D 14 Jan 1918 Toronto



THE EVANS BROTHERS PIANO FACTORY

boarding house.

EVANS, Robert Stanley - Formerly of Islington, died September 22, 1908, aged 93 years in St. Cloud, Florida. Husband of Emily Georgina and brother of Myrtle B. both deceased. Loving father of Marguerite Wilch and Robert George Evans.

Florence was named after the location on her birth. Husband Walter was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Irish immigrant Richard Evans and moved to Ingersoll. He was a piano maker at the Evans Piano Co.. Father Richard Evans had several children born in Canada when he first came over from Ireland. I suspect that Richard was one of the Evan's brothers that owned the piano company and son Walter went back to Ingersoll to work for his uncles. The couple moved to Toronto after their wedding and then to London Ont. They had one child in each location. By 1901, Florence was living back in Ingersoll with her mother at her mother's

EVANS, Florence Alberta - On Tuesday, March 11, 1952, at her residence, 63 Cordova Ave., Islington, Ont., Florence Alberta Lyman, wife of the late Walter Evans and dear mother of Myrtle B. and Robert Stanley Evans, in her 83rd year. Resting at the Butler funeral home, 4933 Dundas St. W. (at Burnhamthorpe Rd.).

She was listed as married but there was no indication Walter was still around. Perhaps she was helping her mother run the boarding house because by the 1911 census she and her children were back living with Walter in Etobicoke, Ont. where he appeared to have owned a garden plot and sold produce as well as still in the business of piano making (death register). He died prematurely in 1918 and they are buried together in Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto. She never remarried in the 34 years she lived after his death. They had two children: Myrtle and Robert Stanley.

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Myrtle B	74	"	S	14 Aug	1892	8	"	u	-
Robert S	74	Son	S	15 Feb	1895	6	"	u	-
Chase John E	74	Boarder	W	19 Oct	1858	42	Imm	u	1899
Knight Alfred	74	"	S	13 Mar	1874	27	Imm	u	-
Holmes Edward	74	"	S	10 Nov	1864	52	"	u	-
Seldon Fredrick	74	"	S	8 Oct	1871	29	England	1895	-

1901 census Ingersoll

Children of Florence Alberta Lyman and Walter Evans

Child: Myrtle B

B:14 Aug 1892 London, Ont.

D unknown

The 1972 voters list for Lakeshore district Toronto showed an unmarried Myrtle B Evans living 304 Islington Ave. She was retired and living alone. The trail runs cold at that point.

Child: Robert Stanley

B 15 Feb 1895 Toronto

D 22 Sept 1988 St Cloud, Florida

M 09 Sept 1922 Islington, Toronto

Spouse: Emily Laver

B 1895 Islington, Toronto

D 1987 St Cloud, Florida

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname?..... **EVANS**

1a. What are your Christian names?..... **Robert Stanley**

1b. What is your present address?..... **Lambton Mills, Toronto**

2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?..... **Toronto, Ontario.**

3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... **Florence Alberta Evans.**

4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... **Lambton Mills, Toronto.**

4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?..... **Mother**

5. What is the date of your birth?..... **Feb. 15, 1895**

6. What is your Trade or Calling?..... **Clerk**

7. Are you married?..... **No**

8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... **Yes**

9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?..... **No**

10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?..... **Yes, R.C.D. 8 mos**
If so, state particulars of Service.

His father died in 16th of January 1918 and two weeks later, 23 year old Robert was filling out paperwork to serve in WWI.

He was working as a clerk at the time. And eventually owned his own general store.

He and wife
Emily retired to

The Orlando Sentinel
Sun, Sep 16, 2012 · Page B6

EMILY GEORGINA EVANS, 92, 4300 Oak Court, St. Cloud, died Sunday. Born in Canada, she moved to St. Cloud from Kissimmee in 1982. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church, Kissimmee. She was a member of the Kissimmee Woman's Club. Survivors: husband, Robert Stanley; daughter, Marguerite Wilch, Canada; son, Robert George, Orlando; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Grissom Funeral Home, Kissimmee.

ROBERT STANLEY EVANS, 93, 4300 Oak Court, St. Cloud, died Thursday. Born in Toronto, he moved to St. Cloud from Kissimmee in 1982. He was a retired general store owner. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Kissimmee. Survivors: daughter, Marguerite Wilch, Ontario, Canada; son, Robert G., Orlando; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Grissom Funeral Home, Kissimmee.

Kissimmee, Florida in 1982 and then moved St. Cloud, Florida (near Orlando). They had one daughter Marguerite and a son Robert George. 1925 - 2012

EVANS, ROBERT GEORGE, age 87 of Hickory Lane, Amelia Island Plantation, FL died Thursday, September 7 after a long battle with cancer. Mr. Evans was a retired manufacturers' sales representative. Born in Islington, Ontario, Canada, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. He married Ruth Constance Gordon in 1949, and they had two sons and a daughter. In 1959 the family moved to the Orlando, FL area. Ruth Evans died in 2000. Mr. Evans married Jayne O'Connor in June, 2005, and the couple maintained residences in Orlando, FL and in Canada. In 2010 they relocated to the family's vacation home in Amelia Island Plantation, FL where Mr. Evans was residing at the time of his death. Mr. Evans is survived by his wife Jayne, sons Wayne Evans of Tallahassee, FL, and Dr. Stephen Evans of McLean, VA; and a daughter Constance Giovanini of Gainesville, VA. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott Children of Barnabus Lyman and Mariah Trinity Prouse

Second Child: Osman Prouse Sr

B 16 July 1873 London

D 27 Jan 1943 Columbia, S. Carolina

M 07 Jun 1909 Fulton County, Georgia

B 01 Jan 1878 West Point, Georgia

D 31 May 1975 Columbia, S. Carolina



Spouse: Julie Turner

Julie had two children from a previous marriage. Together they had two sons, Osman Prouse Jr. and Julian Turner. Osman Sr. was a manager of an optical company in Columbia, S Carolina.

He was college educated and lived for a number of years in Atlanta, Georgia before moving to Columbia. He died in Columbia after he and Julie had two boys. While

living in Atlanta, mother Mariah Trinity came to live with him and she died there. Julie Turner remarried to Claude Henderson of Columbia. That couple had three children together.

Children of Osman Prouse Lyman Sr and Julie Turner

Child: Osman Prouse Jr

B 1910 Atlanta

D 16 Apr 1979 Columbia

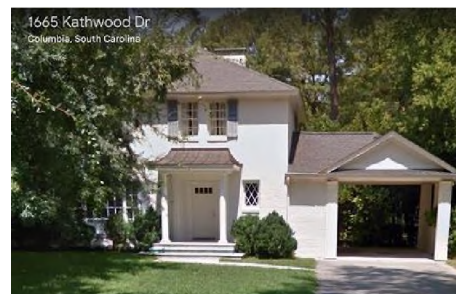
M 1935 Columbia, S. Carolina

Spouse: Mary Anne Wesley

B 1916 Atlanta

D 02 Nov 1960 Columbia, S Carolina

After meeting and marrying in Atlanta, the couple moved to Columbia in 1937. They lived in an upscale section of the city. Like his father, he was a manager of an Optical Co.



Wife Mary Anne died of a heart attack age 44.

"Husband of Mary Ann (Wesley) Lyman and son of Osman Prouse Lyman, Sr and Julia (Turner) Lyman.

Osman P. "Pete" Lyman, Jr., 69, of 1665 Kathwood Road, died Monday in Baptist Hospital.

Born in Atlanta, GA., he was a son of the late Osman P. and Julia Turner Lyman.

He was a retired employee of the Columbia Optical Supply Co., a member of Trinity Cathedral and a graduate of George Tech University. He was a former member of the board of directors of Optical Laboratories Association, former president of the Southeastern Optical Laboratories Association and a former member of the Columbia Rotary Club."

Internet Obituary

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Janet L. Simon Heinhold of North Augusta B 1941 - D 2023; a son, Stephen W. Lyman of Columbia B 1946; two sisters, Mrs. Claude H. Caston and Mrs. Sue H. Bazemore of Columbia; a brother, Julian T. Lyman of Orangeburg; and four grandchildren. Son Stephen carried on the optical business as president of the Columbia Optical Supply Ltd.

Children of Osman Prouse Lyman Sr and Julie Turner

Child: Julian Turner "JT"

B 18 Sept 1911 Atlanta

D 04 Apr 2008 Orangeburg, S Carolina

Spouse: Elizabeth Casey

B 24 May 1913 Anderson S Carolina

D 10 June 1998 Orangeburg S Carolina

This man never stood still.

*Orangeburg - Funeral services for **Julian Turner Lyman Sr.**, 96, of 1000 Methodist Oaks Drive, Orangeburg, will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Nancy Freeman Stringer Chapel with the Rev. James McGee officiating. Burial will be held in Crestlawn Memorial Gardens, Orangeburg. Mr. Lyman died Friday, April 4. He was born September 18, 1911. "J.T." as everybody knew Julian Turner Lyman, Sr., was all his life one of those people just about everyone liked. People trusted J.T. to be fair. And it did not matter what color you were or whether you had a lot of education or money - they all sought him out. But technology made him tick. If something ran on electricity J. T. could figure it out, maintain it, and make it work better. And people also came to J.T. for someone who could solve technical problems which baffled most folks. And he did not disappoint. About what you might expect for a 1934 Cum Laude Graduate from the University of South Carolina, one of a small number with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, when the whole field was an unfolding experiment; before satellites, computers and the Internet. In his home his workshop was his "happy place," with soldering irons and half assembled devices and projects everywhere - like a day in the 1950s when he showed his three sons one of the first-generation photoelectric cells that could absorb sunlight and turn it into electricity. He lit up a small bulb! And a patriot. In 1937 J. T. joined the Naval Reserve as an ordinary Seaman. With war clouds gathering, the Navy realized what they had, and in 1940 Mr. Lyman was appointed an Ensign, entered active duty in early 1941 and soon served as Officer in Charge of the Navy Radio School, Charleston Navy Yard. He oversaw the training of hundreds of radiomen for our Naval forces. In 1943, Mr. Lyman was assigned to the Panama Canal Zone where he served as second in command over the Navy's second largest transmitting station, facilitating communications between the Pentagon, Fleet Atlantic and Fleet Pacific. He was demobilized in September 1945, continued in the Naval Reserve, and in 1971 retired as a Lieutenant Commander. He was always proud he joined up BEFORE Pearl Harbor. In 1935, when she finished USC in fine Arts, Dad married the love of his life, Elizabeth Casey Lyman of Anderson, South Carolina. After the War J.T. came home to South Carolina, but engineering work was scarce so for a time he took a job in a whiskey distribution business, which as he said, almost resulted in his mother "disowning me"! As the post-war boom arose in South Carolina, J.T. found work in power line engineering, then years of telephone engineering including original design work for Hilton Head Island, and later still in mechanical engineering with propane-air mixing equipment. Starting in the 1960s and he part-owned radio station WORG, often trouble-shooting broadcast issues. J. T. and Elizabeth Casey Lyman had three children, Turner, born during World War II at the U.S. Naval Hospital in 1943 in Charleston, and two "baby boomers" Phillip, born in 1947 and Joseph (Jody) born in 1951, both in Orangeburg. Elizabeth passed in mid-1998, and cancer took Jody in 2004. Throughout his retirement years Mr. Lyman was a devoted HAM radio Operator, call sign W4FMZ, and member of the Edisto Amateur Radio Society, and the*

Palmetto State Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. Natural disaster readiness melded naturally into years of assistance preparing tax returns at no charge for elderly and low-income wage earners through the Methodist Home. For this service Mr. Lyman was honored by the Internal Revenue Service as well as the AARP, which in 1994 awarded J. T. a National Community Service Award. In late 1999 J. T. married Mary Hargrove originally of Batesburg. Until Mary's death in early 2006 Mr. Lyman spent a further seven happy years in his new family connection. J. T. formed deep attachments to Mary's daughter, Judy, her daughter, Elizabeth Hodapp and her children, all of whom were blessings in his later life. J. T. was a member of the Elks Club, VFW Post 2779, and a quiet but intensely devoted member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.
Orangeburg Gazette obituary

Seventh child of Patriarch and Matriarch Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott

Child: Sarah Prouse B 1848 Dereham Township
 D 29 Jun 1854 (age 6) Dereham

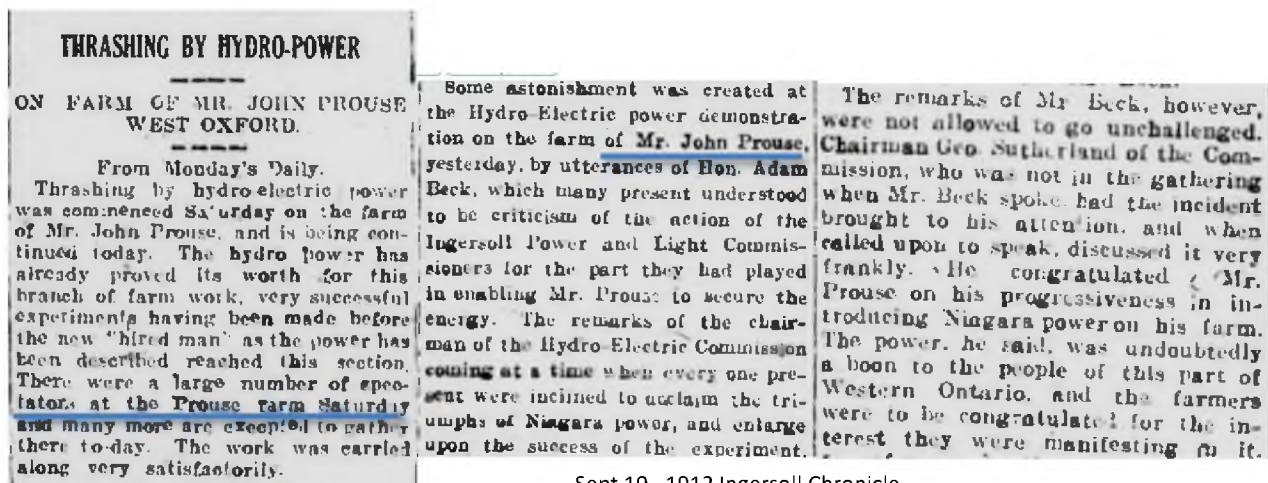
Sarah was buried in the family farm cemetery until removed to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery with several other family members in April of 1867. Cause of death is unknown. She shares her marker with her child siblings that also died young.

Eighth child of Patriarch and Matriarch Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott

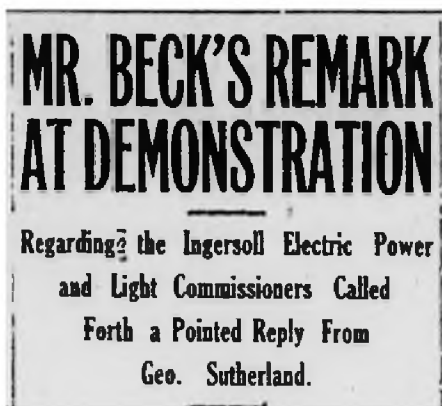
John Elliott Prouse B 09 Oct 1852 West Oxford
 D 14 Jun 1930 Ingersoll
 M 01 Feb 1877 W Oxford
Spouse: Ann Newton B 22 Apr 1854 Oxford Co.
 D 18 Mar 1931 Ingersoll

John took over his father's farm at Lot 24 Con 2 W Oxford according to onland .ca. His brother William farmed the lot next door. He served for a time as commissioner of the West Oxford school board and it appears he was the teacher at SS #6 W Oxford public school. He was paid \$314.64 according to the 1884 township auditors account. In 1911, Adam Beck of the Niagara Power Co. gave a demonstration of the use of electricity on the farm of John Elliott Prouse. The local Ingersoll Power Co. at the time was not amused by the fact Beck had been courting favour with local farmers . By the fall of 1912, Thomas was harvesting his crops with the use of electricity. Farmers from the region came to witness the effectiveness of hydro power.

1911 Chronicle



Sept 10, 1912 Ingersoll Chronicle

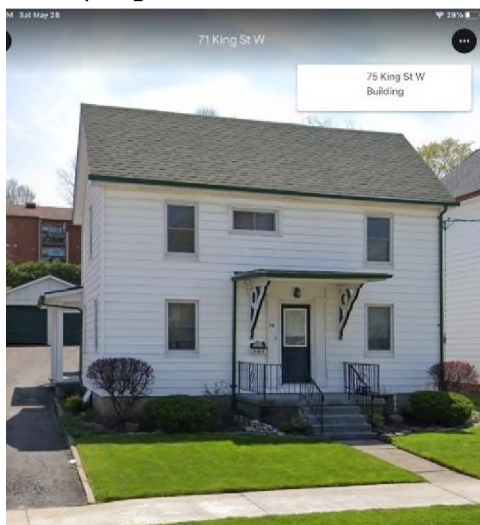


To-night the bicycle club will be entertained by Mrs. John Prouse, West Oxford, and leave the residence of Miss Dundass, corner of Thames and Ann streets at 7 o'clock.

June 1900 Chronicle

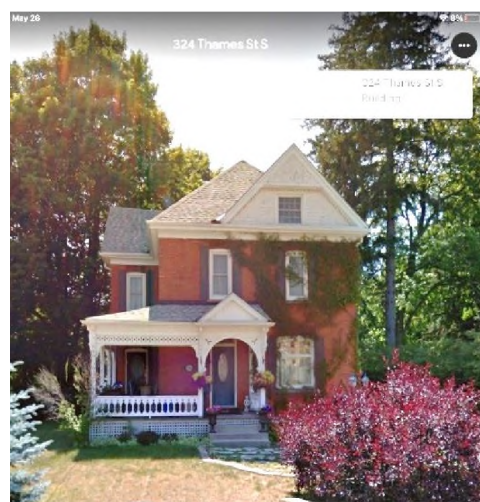
The Township election passed off very quietly and resulted in the return of R. Peers as Deputy Reeve, and as councillors, John Prouse, John Cuthbert, and John Kern. West Oxford is to be con-

In the spring of 1930, John and Ann retired and moved to Ingersoll. They settled at 75 Kings St. W



75 King St. W

according to the 1921 census. Their youngest daughter, unmarried 27 year old Lottie came with them. Unfortunately, 8 weeks after moving into the house, John took ill with Myocarditis. He moved in with his daughter Maude and her husband so she could care for him. He died of a heart attack soon after.



324 Thames St.

Wife Ann and daughter Lottie did not wish to live in the King St. retirement home after John's death. Immediately they moved in with Ann's daughter Maude and her husband Oscar Bailey. They all lived at 324 Thames St in Ingersoll. Tragically, Ann died 10 months after John's death. She died of Pleurisy.

Both are buried at IRC.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse, two highly respected citizens of West Oxford, who have earned the regard of all with whom they came in contact, had the great privilege of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at the home of their son-in-law, Mr. George W. Wood, Ingersoll, on Tuesday, February first. Miss Helen Wood, their granddaughter, had made her home very attractive with a color scheme emblematic of the golden anniversary. Beautiful flowers, bearing the good wishes of many friends, were placed throughout the large rooms, making a pretty setting for the reception which was held from three to ten o'clock. Miss Wood, the charming young hostess, welcomed the many callers who came to honor her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Prouse were assisted in receiving by their daughters, Mrs. Oscar Bailey and Miss Alberta Prouse. Mrs. Prouse was wearing a handsome navy blue georgette gown with gold embroideries, and a corsage of deep yellow roses and lilies. Mrs. A. C. Bailey presided at the tea table which was very lovely with lace cloth, centered with cut glass bowl filled with daffodils. Yellow streamers were suspended from the electric fixtures to the corners of the table. Miss Cora Newton, of Orillia; Misses Agnes and Margaret Chambers, nieces of Mrs. Prouse, and Miss Hattie Wood of Tillsonburg, served the guests with delicious refreshments. At six o'clock, dinner was served in the dining room, which was festive in its appointments appropriate to the day. Rev. Dr. R. G. Perver, pastor of Trinity United Church, proposed the toast to the bride and groom, to which Mr. Prouse responded with a witty little speech. Mr. Wood read the telegrams and letters of congratulation, all of which were heard with much pleasure by all present, and especially by the bride and groom.

Tribune 10 Feb 1927

FORM 6 PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH 027863 265

1. PLACE OF DEATH: County of Darford Township of Thames St. S. House No. 334
 If in City, Town or Village: Ingersoll (Name) Street: Thames St. S. (Name)

2. NAME OF DECEASED: Prouse (Surname) John (Given name or names)
 Residence: Ingersoll (Usual place of abode)

3. Sex: Male 4. Racial origin: English 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced: Married

6. BIRTHPLACE: Dereham Township (Province or country)

7. DATE OF BIRTH: Oct 9th (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE OF DECEASED: 77 Years Months Days If less than one day old hrs. or min.

9. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED: Retired Farmer (Trade or occupation or kind of work)

10. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (in years and months): 8 weeks (a) At place of death (b) In province (c) In Canada (if an immigrant)

11. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH: 15. DATE OF DEATH: June 14th (Month) (Day) (Year) 1930
 17. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from April 19th 1930 to June 13th 1930 and last saw h. live alive on June 13th 1930
 The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Myocarditis
 (duration of) yrs. 6 mos. 6 days
 CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE: Arteriosclerosis and hypertension
 (duration of) yrs. 2 mos. 2 days
 18. Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH 026536

1. PLACE OF DEATH: County of Darford Township of Thames St. S. House No. 334
 If in City, Town or Village: Ingersoll (Name) Street: Thames St. S. (Name)

2. NAME OF DECEASED: Prouse (Surname) Ann (Given name or names)
 Residence: Ingersoll (Usual place of abode)

3. Sex: F. 4. Racial origin: English 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced: Widowed

6. BIRTHPLACE: Ontario (Province or country)

7. DATE OF BIRTH: April 22nd (Month) (Day) (Year) 1931

8. AGE OF DECEASED: 76 Years Months Days If less than one day old hrs. or min.

9. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED: House duties (Trade or occupation or kind of work)

11. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH: 15. DATE OF DEATH: March 18th (Month) (Day) (Year) 1931
 17. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from February 28 1931 to March 17th 1931 and last saw h. ex alive on March 17th 1931
 The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Pleurisy with effusion 102
 (duration of) yrs. 3 mos. 18 days
 CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE: agg

John and Ann's registration of death. John lived 8 weeks at his retirement address of 75 Kings St W

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton

Oldest child: Mary Elizabeth

B 17 Nov 1878 Dereham

D 02 Oct 1918 Ingersoll

M 02 Jul 1901 Ingersoll

Spouse: Rev. George Watson Wood

B 31 Mar 1880 Scotland

D 07 Jan 1953 Toronto

Thursday, July 4, 1901
 A happy union took place at the home of Mr. John Prouse, West Oxford, when his eldest daughter, May, was united in marriage to Mr. George Wood. Rev. John G. Scott officiated. Miss Ernestine Dutton was maid of honor, Miss Ethel Prouse, the bridesmaid and Stanley Evans the page.

Reverend George Wood was from the Wood family of Ingersoll who owned a book store at 134 Thames St. S. He and daughter Helen were living there

It was during the next minister's ministry, the Rev. G. Wood that the question of church union between the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches was considered. By an overwhelming majority St. Paul's decided to remain Presbyterian. Mr. Wood went to be assistant minister of Trinity church and 127 members from St. Paul's went with him.

above the store in the 1931 census. He worked in the family store until he turned to a life in the church. According to the history of St Paul's, he was minister in 1919 when the Methodist congregation and Presbyterian churches mulled over amalgamation. Although the decision was rejected, Rev Wood and 127 members moved to Trinity Presbyterian. When the troops returned from WWI that brought a deadly surprise

with them. According to her death record, Mary Elizabeth succumbed to Spanish Flu at that age of 39 in 1918. At the time, the Spanish Flu had newly arrived with returning soldiers and was beginning to run rampant through Ingersoll. Her sudden death was the first of many as doctors became aware of the flu. She and cousin Frederick Elliott (son of Samuel Elliott) both died within a month of each other from the Spanish Flu. At least three other Elliott relatives or spouses also died of the flu. A substantial write up in the October 3, 1918 Dairyman Chronicle expressed the circumstances and shock of the community.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. WOOD

**PASSED AWAY AT HER HOME
WEDNESDAY EVENING AFTER
A COMPARATIVELY SHORT ILL-
NESS—WAS PROMINENT IN ALL
PATRIOTIC WORK.**

Countless scores of sincerest friends were shocked this morning to learn of the untimely death of Mary Elizabeth Wood, beloved wife of George W. Wood, Thames street, after an illness of but a few days' duration. Even last evening the word was extensively circulated, and came as a shock to many who had not even been aware of her illness. On Thursday of last

week deceased had felt poorly, but was about all day as usual. On Friday she remained in bed suffering, as were hundreds of others, from influenza, so prevalent here for the past week. Until Tuesday last her condition was such as not to give alarm, although she was very ill. About that time, however, pneumonia developed, and her condition became critical. Even then, however, every hope was held out for her recovery among the members of the family and the more intimate friends who were aware of her condition.

Last evening, her condition suddenly became very critical, and in an incredibly short time the end had come—in the neighborhood of eight o'clock.

The late Mrs. Wood was widely known and highly respected by countless friends in Ingersoll and vicinity. Because of her many charitable, patriotic and other activities, she had endeared herself to the many brought into contact with her because of her energies. She was a member of the Methodist Ladies' Guild; Treasurer of the Missionary Circle of Kings Daughters for about ten years; Secretary of the City Union of King's Daughters and Convener of the cutting committee of the Red Cross. Mrs. Wood was a regular attendant at all meetings of these societies, and lent an unstinted energy and zeal to every cause. Her kind and willing services will be greatly missed in all those spheres.

Deceased was in her 39th year, and was born in West Oxford, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse of that township. She had resided in Ingersoll for about 20 years. Left to mourn her loss besides her husband are one daughter, Miss Helen, at home; two sisters, Mrs. O. C. Badley, Ingersoll, and Miss Alberta Prouse, in West Oxford, also the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse, West Oxford.

The funeral will be held from her late residence, Thames street on Saturday afternoon to the Ingersoll Rural cemetery. Services at the house at 2:30.

Old Timer George Wood dropped into the office Saturday to tell us of another Geodetic Survey Mark in town. He'd read the little yarn we had about the one on the public library. Says George, "There's another one on the post office, you know. It is just by the side of the steps going up to the mailbox outside the building and the number of it is B.M. 2003 and the number of the one you wrote about on the library is 2202." Apparently, he told us, there used to be a mark there before the post office was remodelled but when the mason erected the steps they put them smack dab over the mark.

Woods Book Store, George W prop, books stationery wall Papers mouldings &c w s Thames 10 n King h same

Ingersoll Tribune Nov 17 1949

REV. GEORGE W. WOOD

Friends here were saddened by the death of Rev. George W. Wood, who passed away at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto on Sunday. He was in his 77th year. Mr. Wood was a former minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and later of Trinity United Church in Ingersoll. He was born in Scotland, but came to Canada as a boy. He was ordained in 1901, and had charges in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick before coming to Ingersoll.

Ingersoll Tribune

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott

Grandchild of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton

Child of Mary Prouse and Rev. Geo Wood

Only Child Helen Esther

B 1903 Ingersoll

D 01 Mar 1965 Ingersoll Buried IRC

M 04 Sept, 1931 Whitby, Ont.

Spouse: Joseph Eugene Daly

B 03 Sept 1905 Lindsay, Ont.

D after 1965

May 22 1952 Tribune

Helen grew up in Ingersoll and was only 15 years old when her mother died. How she met Joseph Daly is unknown. She hosted her grandparents 50th wedding anniversary in 1927. When Joe and Helen

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daly of Oakawa, visited Mrs. Daly's father, George Wood, and other relatives over the week-end.



married, he was working as a clerk in the auto industry in Oshawa. He worked for GMC his entire career. The voters list of 1963 seems to indicate the couple was still together and living in Pickering, Ontario. Why Helen was buried with her parents two years later and not with Joseph is unknown.

Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse and Mary Elliott

Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton

Second child: Ethel Maude

B 28 July 1881 Dereham

D 23 Aug 1977 Ingersoll

M 03 Jun 1908 Ingersoll

Spouse: Oscar Cameron Bailey

B 31 Aug 1884 Ingersoll

D 07 Apr 1962 Ingersoll

A PRETTY JUNE WEDDING

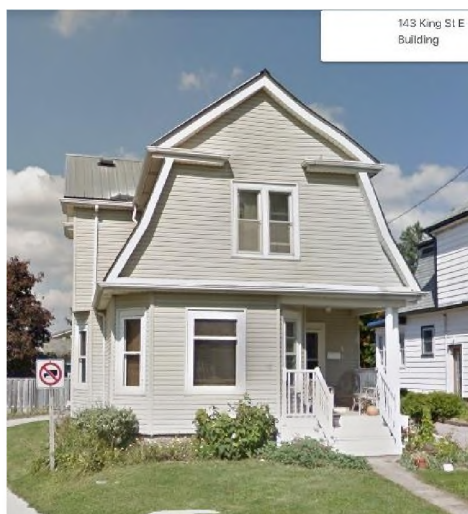
At twelve o'clock, noon on Wednesday a pretty, June wedding was solemnized at "Fairview Farm", West Oxford [township], when Miss Ethel Maude, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse, was married to Mr. Oscar Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bailey, Ingersoll. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. Hughson, pastor of King Street Methodist church in the presence of about sixty guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey left in the evening for a bridal trip to Toronto, the bride travelling in a smart tailored suit of navy sedan cloth. The Tribune joins with the happy couple's many friends in wishing them an exceedingly happy and prosperous wedded life. On returning, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey will take up their residence on King Street East.

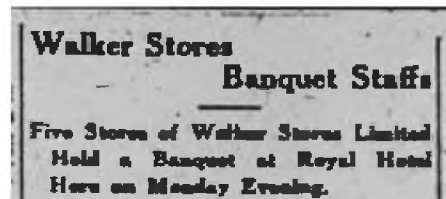
Ingersoll Tribune



Tribune Oct 10 1929



Oscar and Edith 143 King St. E residence 1908

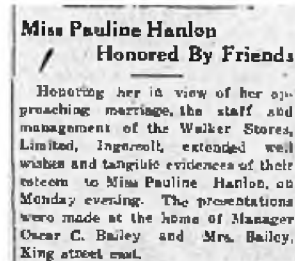


Following a banquet given by the directors of the Walker group of Ontario stores to their 42 managers in the Royal York, Toronto, last month, and at which Sir James Woods, their president, was the principal speaker, the management and staffs of the stores in Simcoe, Aylmer, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll and Woodstock united in a joint banquet Monday evening in the dining hall of the Royal Hotel, Tillsonburg.

After a sing-song, led by Oscar Bailey, Grant Andison, Woodstock, and Mr. Bailey of the St. Thomas store, a program of instrumental and vocal numbers followed. Those taking part were, the Tillsonburg store orchestra; the Misses Kyle, Haffey, Bailey and Ford, Miss Luella Sitts being the accompanist.

Oscar was a clerk in Ingersoll for the Geo. Naylor Co. according to the 1911 Ingersoll directory and the family lived near the corner of King and Carroll streets in Ingersoll. His obit indicated he worked for 21 years at Naylor's. He also spent time with P T Walkers in St Thomas and Ingersoll as manager. Once again another cousin to cousin marriage.

Oscar's grandfather on his mother's side was John Elliott. That John was also Ethel's grandmother's brother. Both their great grandparents were patriarch and matriarch John and Mary Elliott.



Grandchildren of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton Children of Oscar and Edith Bailey

Sargeant John Cameron Bailey

B 10 June 1910 Ingersoll

D 1999 unknown

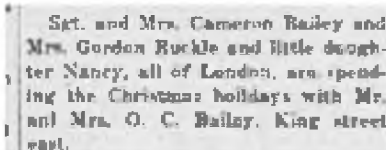
M 12 Aug 1944 Ingersoll

Spouse Erma Madeline Lamoure

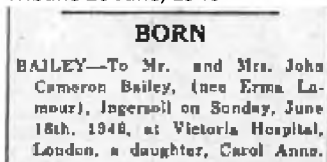
B 22 Mar 1922 St Thomas

D 1988 London

He served in WWII and moved to London after their wedding where he worked as a dispatcher and she worked as a salesgirl .
as per the 1965 voters list.



Tribune 20 June, 1946



In 1952, the had a son John Cameron born in Ingersoll

Grandchildren of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton Children of Oscar and Edith Bailey

Marjorie Mae

B 25 Jun 1913 Ingersoll

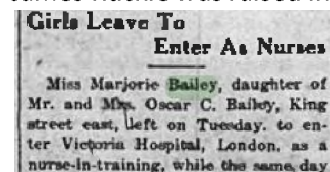
D 12 Sept 1960 London

M 30 July 1940 Ingersoll

Spouse James G Ruckle B 1912 Thamesville

D 1999 London University Hospital

James Ruckle was raised in Thamesville, Ontario. His father was part owner



of the Watson and Ruckle Thamesville drug store. The store was severely flooded during the 1937 great flood of the Thames River. James and Marjorie lived in London after he went to school in Toronto to become a pharmacist. He was a druggist by profession

and she was a registered nurse as was living in living inn London in 1939.



They lived at 193 Cromwell St in London and he owned a drug store. They had 4 daughter's, including Gail, Nancy. Three were still living at home when Marjorie died at age 47. He remarried in 1965.



GORDON RUCKLE Thamesville, Ont.

Spent his early days in Thamesville. Was a handy man around the store of Watson and Ruckle where he learned the early essentials of Pharmacy. Gordon is a neat pianist and played in the school orchestra.

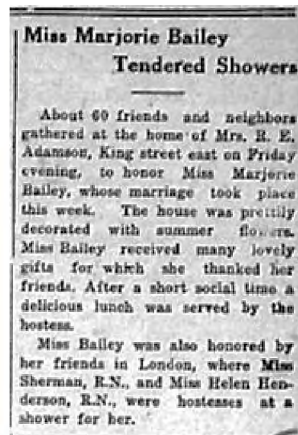
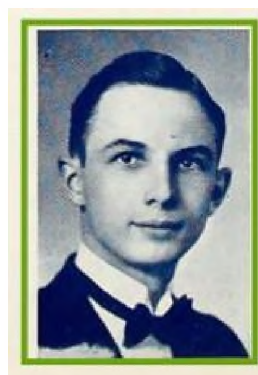


photo: University of Toronto Pharmacy 1938.

Marjorie Bailey Becomes Bride of James Ruckle in Ceremony

INGERSOLL, July 31.—Trinity United Church here was the scene of an exceptionally attractive and interesting midsummer wedding yesterday afternoon when Marjorie Mae Bailey, R.N., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bailey, Ingersoll, became the bride of James Gordon Ruckle, son of Mrs. Mina Ruckle and the late Matthew Ruckle, Thamesville. The pastor, Rev. Charles D. Daniel officiated.



A portion of the Dereham township Ruckle family moved to Washington state then to Saltspring Island BC. They were the original settlers and their farm is now a provincial park and historic site as noted in the links below.

http://friendsruckleparkheritage.ca/uploads/9/1/8/1/91812234/meet_the_ruckles-pp1-19.pdf

<http://rucklefarmssaltspringisland.com/about-ruckle-heritage-farm/>

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton

Third child: Letitia

B 10 Aug, 1884 Dereham

D 31 Jan, 1885 Dereham Interned IRC

According to IRC records, she died of consumption.

Grandchildren of Thomas

Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

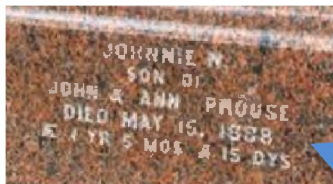
Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton

Fourth child: John Newton

B 31 Dec, 1886

D 15 May, 1888

"Johnnie" died of inflammation of the brain according to IRC records. He shares a plot with his aunt, Maria Trinity Lyman.



Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton

D 23 Aug, 1891 Dereham

"Arthur E., son of William & Annie Prouse, died August 23, 1891, aged 2 years, 4 months and 10 days"

Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton

D 18 Dec 1967 Ingersoll

1943 Tribune



Miss Alberta Prouse of Ingersoll, and L.A.C. Archie Bain of Vancouver, but stationed at Clinton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith on Sunday.

Child: James Prouse

D 13 July 1854

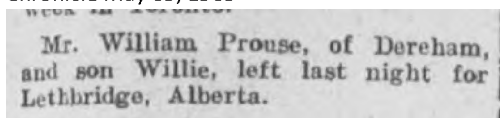
Last child of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott

Buried Forest Lawn Glendale Ca. mausoleum with 2 daughters and perhaps one son.

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William surveyed the potential of a life out west. Once they decided it was a go, the rest of the family arrived.

Chronicle May 09, 1909



At this time, the province of Alberta was just opening up and William likely saw the chance to farm a large cheap tract of land and for his sons to continue the family tradition of farming. His application for a tract of land was applied for on 08 Sept, 1909 (see next page). It entailed a grant for "SE Quarter Section of 31 in Township 8, Range 14 and 4th Meridian". According to the document, the family consisted of: William age 54, Anne age 46 and two sons age 26 and 10 and three daughters aged 20, 18 and 16. Two children not named but under the age of 12 were also included in the Alberta census. That would account for all the living children. The farm was relatively remote with the closest town being Taber, about 30 kilometers distant (photo). The family got off to a rough start in the first year in Alberta as the family disintegrated as seen by his daughter's biographies.

Form A. No. 16226 1686968

Application for Entry for a Homestead, a Pre-emption or a Purchased Homestead

I, William Prouse do hereby apply for an Entry for a Homestead under the provisions of Section 31 in Township 8 Range 14 of the 4 Meridian.

(2.) I am a British subject, that it is my intention to become a British subject under the laws of Canada.

Signature: William Prouse District: Lethbridge

Notes: -Officer not necessary if applicant is not a British subject. -British and foreign-born if applicant is not a British subject.

Notes: -The statistical information called for below will be obtained and filed in by Agent when granting entry.

Number in Family including entrance, leaving land and age				COUNTRY OF BIRTH	SUBDIVISION OF COUNTRY OF BIRTH	LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE	PREVIOUS OCCUPATION
Male	Female	Total	Age				
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26	20						
10	18						
	16						
	16						

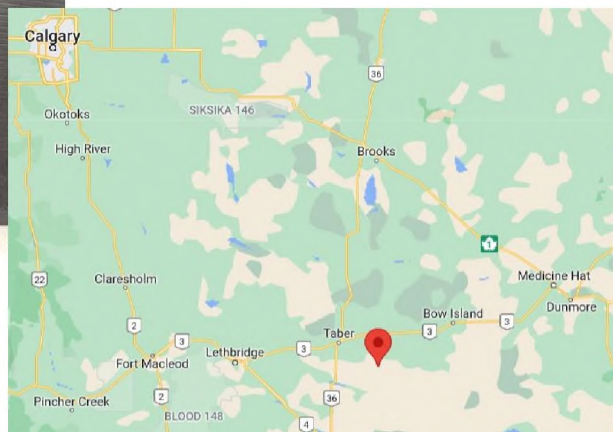
For information on the history of the settlement of the western prairies go to....

<https://www.electricscotland.com/history/canada/alberta/vol1chap12.htm>



Taber — 1907-1908.

Taber Alberta 1908



Pin: Farm location outside Taber

**William Prouse (last child of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary E Elliott)
and Ann Eliza Embury**



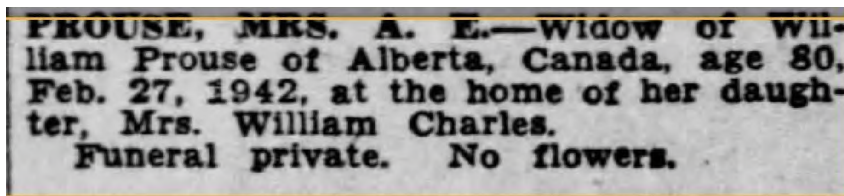
There is some confusion within the 1911 census. It appears that Ann and daughter Lois were living in Medicine Hat. William was not to be found but Ann still was listed as married. Was William away at that time? The 1916 Alberta census showed a return of William and the expansion of the family. William, wife Anne and daughter Lois (age 27) were on the homestead. William was now 62 and still working his property on "8-9-4" as the property was referred to. Oldest son Thomas was now farming his own property also in the same section and adjacent to his father. Thomas was now married to a Helen Harvey and had two children, Jean R and Thomas H (age 5 and 3).



William Prouse died in 1928 at age 75 in the Medicine Hat Census Division. After husband William's death, Ann next appears in the 1930 census of Glendale, Ca. where she is boarding with bookkeeper son William Jr. The census shows that both William Jr. and mother Ann emigrated from Canada in 1928. She moved after her husband's death to be near her youngest son and daughters William Jr., Grace and Trinity. There may have been some conflict with William Jr's new wife as a few years later, Ann had moved out and was on her way to Vancouver.

The paper trail finds Ann back in Canada and in Vancouver in 1937, possibly living with another daughter, Florence Bains. Sometime after that she moved to grand daughter Edith Charles home in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ann died in St. Louis in Feb of 1942. Her death preceded son Thomas' by 6 months.



St. Louis Post Dispatch Feb 28, 1942

She was removed to Glendale, California to be buried with her California based children.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

First child: Thomas Hortup

B 28 Dec 1881 Dereham

D 27 Oct 1942 Medicine Hat

M 29 Sept 1908 Ingersoll

Spouse: Helen Russell Harvey Smeed

B 1885 Kilcaldy, Scotland

D 11 July 1978 Vancouver

Application for a Homestead Entry by an Agent.

Homestead Agreement signed by William Prouse for son Thomas.

William Prouse do hereby apply on behalf of Thomas Hortup Prouse of the Ingersoll Township in the County of _____ for Homestead Entry, under the provisions of sub-clause _____ of clause 38 of "The Dominion Lands Act," for the _____ Quarter-Section of Section Number _____ of the _____ Township, in the _____ Range west of the _____ Meridian.

Wm Prouse

DIED
PROUSE—In the city on Tuesday, October 27th, Thomas Prouse, aged 18 years of Diamond City, brother of Mrs. Grace Thayer of St. Louis, Mo. Services will be held in Martin Bros. Chapel on Saturday at 2 p.m., the Rev. R. Magowan officiating. Interment in the City cemetery. Martin Bros. directors of funeral service. 661

Thomas Hortup Prouaw grew up on the family farm. A decision must have been made to take advantage of free land in Alberta because Thomas and family went to Alberta with his father in Sept. 1908. He would have been 27. Just before they left Ingersoll, he married Helen Harvey. His father applied for a Homestead Agreement for him as well as one for himself. Thomas and new wife Helen and their family stayed in the Alberta area working his farm until his death in 1942.

Thomas' spouse, Helen Harvey is a brick wall as no clear information can be located about her. The 1916 census indicates she arrived in Canada in 1908, the same year they married, and her nationality was Scottish. For a few years the family was still on the Alberta farm after Thomas' death. Later, the family was living in Medicine Hat at 1239 5th Ave., having likely given up the farm. There are some algorithm hits on Ancestry that shows two children named Jean and Thomas with correct personal information were living in Regina Sask. in the 1921 census. They are listed as housekeeper's children but there is no sign of their mother. These children appear again living in British Columbia with Helen and new husband Percy Ralph Smeed (1931 census). The coincidences add up to a family link. I am taking a leapt of faith and assuming the children listed are the children of Thomas and Helen Harvey Prouse.

Smeed	Percy Ralph	3349 W. 1915
"	Helen	" " "
Prouse	Jean	" " "
Prouse	Thomas	" " "

Great Grandchildren of Thpmas Prouse Sr.and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury:

Children of Thomas Hortup Prouse and Helen Harvey

First Child: Jean Mercilla

B 20 May 1911 Medicine Hat Census District (family farm)

D 20 Oct 1998 Vancouver, BC Buried Ocean View Burial Park

M 06 Apr 1939 Vancouver, BC.

Spouse: George Stanley Claridge

B 09 Jun 1907 Perry Sound, Ont.

D 07 May 1972 Vancouver, BC.



—Hors Have
TO BE MARRIED—Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Smeed of Winnipeg, formerly of Regina, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Jean Mercilla Prowse,

Jean married George in 1939. The family name Smeed comes up in the paperwork as well as the Prowse link. I am at a loss to explain but I believe this is Jean. Perhaps mother Helen Harvey married George Claridge and moved to Winnipeg. Jean was given away by her uncle Alfred Bain at her marriage. Husband George was a salesman in Vancouver.

CLARIDGE — G. Stanley, passed away in hospital after a lengthy illness, May 7, 1972, in his 65th year, of 3850 W. 3rd. Ave. Predeceased by a daughter, Valerie. Survived by his loving wife, Jean; son, Russell; 5 sisters, Mrs. Gladys Brynjoisson and Mrs. Grace Boyd, Vancouver; Mrs. Jessie Baldwin, Mission City, B.C.; Mrs. Myrtle Spero, Wallaceburg, Ont.; Miss Rita Claridge, Lindsay, Ont.; nieces and nephews and 2 grandchildren. Funeral service, Thursday, May 11, at 3 p.m. in Simmons & McBride, 1995 W. Broadway, Rev. G. W. Payne officiating. Interment, Ocean View burial park. Flowers gratefully declined.

Claridge—Prowse
Bouquets of spring flowers and tall cathedral tapers adorned the altar of Canadian Memorial Chapel on April 6 for the wedding of Jean Mercilla Prowse, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Smeed of Winnipeg, who was united in marriage to Mr. George Stanley Claridge, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Claridge of Powell River. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Harrison Villett.

Vancouver Sun 1972

There is an interesting element in the Claridge trail. George and Jean Prowse Claridge had a son Russell. That Russell appears to have had his own son, Alan Russell Claridge, who suffered a tragic end on Sept 15, 1998.

CLARIDGE — Alan Russell Robert; late of Langley, B.C. taken suddenly from those he loved on September 15, 1998 at the age of 28 years. Alan is survived by his loving family; wife Shelly (nee Ford); their 2 sons; Robert Alan Anton & Alexander James Claridge, all of Langley, B.C. Paternal Grandmother Gene; Mother Anne Claridge; brother Russell and sister Anne; niece Simone; his Father and Mother-in-law; Vance and Sheila Ford; and numerous family and friends. Alan was pre-deceased by his father Russell and his brother-in-law James Ford. A funeral service

Articles from Vancouver Sun Sept 1998

The police were investigating the possibility of border drug running. I could not locate a definitive answer as to what the investigation concluded.

Cause of air crash remains a mystery

By Lora Grindlay
Staff Reporter

Police in Washington state and U.S. aviation officials are continuing their probe into the crash of a light plane that killed two B.C. men.

Whatcom county Det.-Sgt. Larry Flynn said it's not known what caused Tuesday's crash of the Cessna 172, eight kilometres southwest of the peak of Mount Baker.

Pilot David Debeeson, 24, of Surrey and his passenger, Alan Russell Robert Claridge, 27, of Langley died.

Police are trying to determine why the plane crossed the border when

the pair had planned a flight from the Langley airport, where they rented the plane, to Chilliwack and back.

He said any number of things may have led the men off their flight path. Navigation equipment may have failed or they could have flown south to view Mount Baker.

No drugs were found, but Flynn said police will investigate whether the men were running drugs: "It's one of the possible explanations for how they got down there."

The wreckage, in the bottom of a deep canyon, will be pulled out by helicopter this week.

**Great Grandchildren of Thpmas Prouse Sr.and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury
Children of Thomas Hortup Prouse and Helen Harvey**

Second child: Thomas Hortup Jr.

B 29 Jun 1913 Medicine Hat Census Division

D 01 Mar 1989 Gibson, BC

Div 1970 Los Angeles

Spouse: Margaret Reid

B 30 July 1915 Saskatchewan

D 17 Feb 2007 Seal Beach, Orange Co. California

Application for
ALIEN'S BORDER
CROSSING IDENTIFICATION CARD

I, **Thomas Hortup Prouse**
a lawful permanent resident of the United States at **1121 1/2 Pacific Ave.
Tacoma, Wash.**

hereby make application for a Border Crossing Identification Card and furnish the following information: Alien Registration No. **not received**
Born on **June 29, 1913** at **Bow Island, Alta. Canada**
Sex **M** Marital status **married** Occupation **salesman**
Read **yes** Write **yes** Nationality **Canadian** Height: **5 ft. 11 in.**
Weight **185 lb.** Complexion **med** Hair **brown** Eyes **bl**
Visible distinctive marks or peculiarities **None**
Lawfully entered the United States for permanent residence at **Blaine, Wash.**
under the name of **Thomas Hortup Prouse**
on **Oct. 7, 1951**, on the **train**
I have **not** been arrested, indicted, or convicted of any offense.

Thomas H Jr. was a travelling salesman who was often living in the United States during his work. He lived in Eugene Ore, Tacoma and California. He divorced Margaret Reid in June of 1970 in Los Angeles. They had two children. He eventually returned to Canada and lived in Gibsons BC.

Province of British Columbia Ministry of Health
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

REGISTRATION OF DEATH

1. Surname (Print or Type) **Prouse,** ALL GIVEN NAMES **Thomas Hortup** SEX **M**

2. DATE OF DEATH **03 | 01 | 89** 3. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (Indicate full exact location where death occurred) **St. Mary's Hosp.** OFFICE USE ONLY

4. PLACE OF DEATH **Sechelt, B.C.** POSTAL CODE **VON 3A0** STATE ☐ YES ☒ NO

5. COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS (Indicate full exact location and post office or Rural Route address) **613 Seaview Rd.**

6. CITY (Town or other place) (Print or Type) **Gibsons** POSTAL CODE **VON 1V0** STATE ☒ YES ☐ NO PROVINCE (or country) **B.C.**

7. USUAL RESIDENCE **Gibsons** POSTAL CODE **VON 1V0** STATE ☒ YES ☐ NO PROVINCE (or country) **B.C.**

8. MARITAL STATUS ☐ SINGLE ☒ MARRIED ☐ DIVORCED ☐ WIDOWED **not known** 9. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED GIVE FULL NAME OF HUSBAND OR FULL MAIDEN NAME OF WIFE

10. OCCUPATION **salesman** 11. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY IN WHICH WORKED **sales**

12. BIRTHDATE **June 29, 1913** 13. AGE (YEARS) **75** 14. UNDER 1 YEAR **MONTHS** **DAYS** **HOURS** **MINUTES**

15. BIRTHPLACE **Alberta** 16. PROVINCE (or country) OF BIRTH **Alberta** 17. NATIVE (Indian) ☐ YES ☒ NO

18. FATHER **Prouse, Thomas Hortup** BIRTHPLACE - CITY OR PLACE, PROVINCE OR COUNTRY **Ingersoll, Ont.**

19. MOTHER **Harvey, Helen Russell** BIRTHPLACE - CITY OR PLACE, PROVINCE OR COUNTRY **Kirkcaldy, Scotland**

20. SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT **X** DATE SIGNED **Mar. 2/89** RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED **friend**

21. ADDRESS OF INFORMANT **613 Seaview Rd., Gibsons, B.C.** POSTAL CODE **VON 1V0**



Thomas Hortup Prouse Jr. and Margaret Reid

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott
Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury**

Second Child: Margaret Newton (Maggie)

B 08 Oct 1883

D 15 Apr 1886 Buried IRC

The IRC records indicate she died of "brain fever".

Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury:

B 18 Nov 1886 Dereham

M 23 April 1913

B 1883 Roxburgh, Scotland – he immigrated in 1905.

D 25 Sept 1954 Vancouver

1998	3rd	1998	4th	1998	5th	1998	6th	1998	7th	1998	8th	1998	9th	1998	10th	1998	11th	1998	12th	1998	13th	1998	14th	1998	15th	1998	16th	1998	17th	1998	18th	1998	19th	1998	20th	1998	21st	1998	22nd	1998	23rd	1998	24th	1998	25th	1998	26th	1998	27th	1998	28th	1998	29th	1998	30th	1998	31st	1998	32nd	1998	33rd	1998	34th	1998	35th	1998	36th	1998	37th	1998	38th	1998	39th	1998	40th	1998	41st	1998	42nd	1998	43rd	1998	44th	1998	45th	1998	46th	1998	47th	1998	48th	1998	49th	1998	50th	1998	51st	1998	52nd	1998	53rd	1998	54th	1998	55th	1998	56th	1998	57th	1998	58th	1998	59th	1998	60th	1998	61st	1998	62nd	1998	63rd	1998	64th	1998	65th	1998	66th	1998	67th	1998	68th	1998	69th	1998	70th	1998	71st	1998	72nd	1998	73rd	1998	74th	1998	75th	1998	76th	1998	77th	1998	78th	1998	79th	1998	80th	1998	81st	1998	82nd	1998	83rd	1998	84th	1998	85th	1998	86th	1998	87th	1998	88th	1998	89th	1998	90th	1998	91st	1998	92nd	1998	93rd	1998	94th	1998	95th	1998	96th	1998	97th	1998	98th	1998	99th	1998	100th	1998	101st	1998	102nd	1998	103rd	1998	104th	1998	105th	1998	106th	1998	107th	1998	108th	1998	109th	1998	110th	1998	111st	1998	112nd	1998	113th	1998	114th	1998	115th	1998	116th	1998	117th	1998	118th	1998	119th	1998	120th	1998	121st	1998	122nd	1998	123rd	1998	124th	1998	125th	1998	126th	1998	127th	1998	128th	1998	129th	1998	130th	1998	131st	1998	132nd	1998	133rd	1998	134th	1998	135th	1998	136th	1998	137th	1998	138th	1998	139th	1998	140th	1998	141st	1998	142nd	1998	143rd	1998	144th	1998	145th	1998	146th	1998	147th	1998	148th	1998	149th	1998	150th	1998	151st	1998	152nd	1998	153rd	1998	154th	1998	155th	1998	156th	1998	157th	1998	158th	1998	159th	1998	160th	1998	161st	1998	162nd	1998	163rd	1998	164th	1998	165th	1998	166th	1998	167th	1998	168th	1998	169th	1998	170th	1998	171st	1998	172nd	1998	173rd	1998	174th	1998	175th	1998	176th	1998	177th	1998	178th	1998	179th	1998	180th	1998	181st	1998	182nd	1998	183rd	1998	184th	1998	185th	1998	186th	1998	187th	1998	188th	1998	189th	1998	190th	1998	191st	1998	192nd	1998	193rd	1998	194th	1998	195th	1998	196th	1998	197th	1998	198th	1998	199th	1998	200th	1998	201st	1998	202nd	1998	203rd	1998	204th	1998	205th	1998	206th	1998	207th	1998	208th	1998	209th	1998	210th	1998	211st	1998
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Photo: Vancouver Hastings St. 1910
Vancouver City Archives

1910 in Vancouver. This was a large step for these young ladies to have struck out on their own. Father William was likely not pleased.



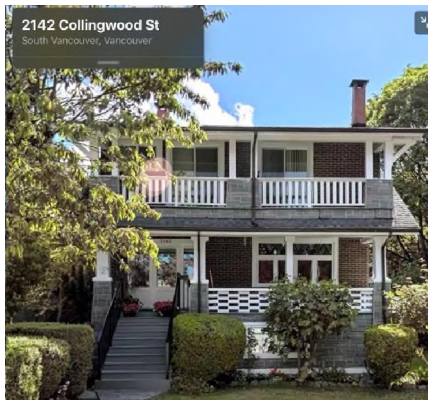
It was not long before Florence Irene married Alfred Bains in the 13th of April 1913.



St Andrews – Nelson St. Vancouver.

Bain-Prouse.
The marriage of Mr. Alfred Hazeldean Bain and Miss Florence Irene Prouse, both of Vancouver, B.C., was quietly solemnized in St. Andrew's church on Wednesday last. Rev. A. C. Cameron officiating.

Vancouver Sun



2142 Collingwood St
South Vancouver, Vancouver

The Bains family was well off according to the 1921 census. Alfred was a barrister and the family lived at 2142 Collingwood St. in the the affluent Kitsilano area of Vancouver about three blocks from English Bay. Once his law office thrived, they moved to the more affluent Point Grey area near UBC. Alfred was involved in many organizations through the years including legal representative for the Worker's Compension Board. He enjoyed the outdoor activities afforded him in Vancouver as well as enjoying career success.

Alfred Bains died in 1954, Florence died the 25th of May, 1970.

Rites Today For Point Grey Bowler

A private funeral service was held at Mountain View Crematorium today for Alfred H. Bain, 71, of 2144 West Sixteenth.

Born in Leith, Scotland, Mr. Bain emigrated to Canada and Vancouver 43 years ago.

An executive member of the Vancouver Natural History Society and the St. Andrew and Caledonian Society, he was also active in the B.C. Mountaineering Club and more recently in the West Point Grey Bowling Club.

For many years Mr. Bain was solicitor for the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association in this city and later was associated with the Workmen's Compensation Board.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; two sons, Roger, of Vancouver and Archie of Royal Oak, B.C., and a daughter, Hazel, now resident in Tripoli.

1. PLACE OF DEATH									
Name of city, village, town, district municipality or place <u>VANCOUVER, B.C.</u>									
Street or road <u>VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL</u> (If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")									
House No. <u>3544</u>									
2. LENGTH OF STAY									
In Municipality where death occurred <u>57 years</u> In Province <u>57 years</u> In Canada (if immigrant)									
3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED									
<u>BAIN</u> <u>FLORENCE, IRENE</u>									
4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:									
Name of city, village, town, district municipality or place <u>VANCOUVER, B.C.</u>									
Street or road <u>WEST 16th AVENUE</u> (If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")									
House No. <u>3544</u>									
5. SEX		6. CITIZENSHIP		7. RACIAL ORIGIN		8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced		9. BIRTHPLACE	
FEMALE		CANADIAN		WHITE		WIDOWED		INGERSOLL, ONTARIO	
10. Date of Birth				11. AGE (Last Birthday)				14. Total years spent in this occupation	
Month <u>NOVEMBER</u> Day <u>15th</u> Year <u>1886</u>				YEARS <u>83</u> MONTHS <u>03</u> DAYS <u>31</u> HOURS <u>37</u> MIN.				14. Total years spent in this occupation	
12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as logger, fisherman, office clerk, etc.									
(b) Kind of industry or business, as logging, fishing, bank, etc.									
AT HOME									
13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation									
15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased									
BAIN ALFRED HAZELDE									
16. Name of father									
PROUSE (Summa) WILLIAM (All given or Christian names)									
17. Maiden name of mother									
EMBURY (Summa) ANN (All given or Christian names)									
18. Birthplace -									
Father <u>INGERSOLL, ONTARIO</u> Mother <u>BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO</u>									
(City or Place and Province or Country)									
19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.									
Given under my hand at <u>NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.</u> this <u>29th</u> day of <u>MAY</u> 1970									
Signature of informant <u>[Signature]</u> Relationship to deceased <u>Son</u>									
(Married women set to use Husband's initials or given names)									
Address of informant <u>3544 West 16th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.</u>									
(House No.) (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province)									
20. Burial, Cremation or Removal									
Place of Burial or Cremation <u>NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.</u> Date <u>MAY 27</u> 1970									
Name of Cemetery <u>NORTH SHORE CREMATORIUM</u>									
21. Undertaker:									
Name <u>FIRST MEMORIAL SERVICES LTD.</u> Address <u>NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.</u>									
(Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province)									

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

They had 3 children.

Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury: Children of Florence Prouse and Archie Bain

First child: Roger Mann

B 1914 Vancouver

D 13 Dec 1987 Vancouver

Roger graduated in 1936 from UBC. He held many accounting positions in Vancouver and spent three years under contract to the Brazilian Telephone Co. During WWII, he was hired by the Canadian government tax department in Vancouver. The following paper clippings sum up his career.

The Province

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O'Brien Names Bain Controller

Appointment of Roger M. Bain, Chartered Accountant, as Controller of O'Brien Advertising Limited of Vancouver, is announced by President M. J. O'Brien.

"Mr. Bain's appointment constitutes an important organizational phase of the Company's present expansion program, which includes the construction of a new headquarters building and widening of the services provided by all divisions of the Agency," reports Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. Bain resumes a distinguished career in Canada after completing a three-year assignment in South America for Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Company Limited. This is the holding company for the largest group of public utilities in South America, providing the major cities of Brazil with light, power, telephone and gas service, and employing more than 40,000 persons.

Upon completion of his South American contract, Mr. Bain returned to British Columbia to see for himself the expansion that long had been echoing in Brazil, and quickly decided to play a part in it.

Going to South America in 1950, Mr. Bain directed audit staff in the majority of the operating companies. Later, when Brazilian Telephone Company, a subsidiary of Brazilian Traction, embarked on a program of financial expansion and decentralization, Mr. Bain was



ROGER M. BAIN
... back from Brazil

appointed a special assistant to the controller of the company.

He played a key role in laying the foundation for financial phases of the program that has resulted in substantial strengthening of the company's position

in the fast-growing South American Republic.

A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Mr. Bain's career prior to joining Brazilian Traction encompassed a broad, significant field.

Initially, he joined Foster & Barrett-Lennard, Chartered Accountants, of Vancouver, where he completed his professional training.

During the Second World War, Mr. Bain was appointed to the Income Tax Division of the Department of National Revenue, where he held successively more responsible posts in the Vancouver District Office.

From 1948 to 1949 he was a member of the Independent Audit Review Board of the Vancouver District Taxation Office, and in 1950 he went to head office at Ottawa on loan to the Appeal Section of the Legal Branch. In this latter position he was one of the group of officers which exercises the authority of the Minister of National Revenue in the consideration of contested income tax assessments.

From the latter position he moved to his special assignment in South America with Brazilian Traction.

Mr. Bain is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia, and has assisted the Council of this body on its membership committee.

● The Metro Theatre Society has placed the management of its temporary Kitsilano Theatre operations in the hands of a management committee consisting of treasurer Roger Bain, executive secretary Gordon Allan and general secretary Ruth Cunningham.

BAIN — Roger Mann passed away at home on December 13, 1987, aged 73 years. He is survived by his sister Hazel of Vancouver and brother Archie of Victoria; sister-in-law, Jean; and nieces, Lynne, Jill, Lesley and husband Rod. Roger was a graduate of UBC, a chartered accountant and a member of the Unitarian Church. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, December 17, at the Unitarian Church, 949 West 49th Ave. at Oak St. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made to the Unitarian Service Committee.

The Vancouver Sun
Thu, Jan 21, 1954 -Page 19

FROM BRAZIL . . . Mr. Roger M. Bain, internal auditor with Brazilian Traction Company, Sao Paulo, Brazil, is here for a holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bain, 3544 West Sixteenth.

Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury Children of Florence Prouse and Archie Bain

Second child: Archie Cockburne

B 31 Oct 1919 Vancouver

D 04 Jun 2010 Victoria (see UBC Obit)

Spouse: Violet Jean Anderson

B 1920 Vancouver 2521 Kitchener St.

D unknown

Archie led an interesting life. Wife Jean was a social worker in Victoria. He had three daughters, Lynne, Lesley Jean and Jill.

Archibald Cockburne Bain, BA'42

Archie was born in Vancouver on October 31, 1919, and passed away on June 4, 2010. After receiving his BA and subsequent teacher training in 1942, Archie enlisted in the RCAF. During a short Christmas break, he married fellow student Jean Anderson, BA'40, Dip (Soc WK)'41 on December 24, 1942. Specialized



radar training followed immediately at MIT Barton and Corpus Christie, Texas. He was then posted with one other Canadian radar technician to a remote RAF station at Cruden Bay in Scotland.

Archie's five years at UBC were rewarding ones because of the many activities he enjoyed, including the Players Club, Debating Society, History Club, Social Problems Club, Student Christian Movement, and student politics. In first year, he took the lead in Playboy of the Western World, then several other roles such as Lord Bingley in Pride and Prejudice, followed by some directing – Trojan Women, for one. In his graduate year, the Players Club alumni had Archie do an evening of Shakespeare readings with the visiting young Leonard Bernstein, this memorable event was in honour of Leonard, friend of the prominent Buckerfield family. Leonard and Archie made a handsome pair indeed. These extra-curricular activities earned Archie a Literary and Scientific Executive Honorary Award. At war's end, after teaching for a year in Vancouver schools, Arch made a complete career change.

Remarkably, with no farming experience, he decided to apply under the Veteran's Farm Act to purchase an ocean front acreage in Greater Victoria, an area later becoming Central Saanich. This was a bulb-growing area at the time, and Archie became acquainted with the Saanich Peninsula Bulb Growers Association, who employed him as secretary-manager and encouraged him to try to make a go as a bulb grower. This led to building greenhouses and starting the first tropical plant business on Vancouver Island. Archie Bain tropical plants soon began to appear in government and business offices, florist shops throughout the Island, supermarkets and in shipments to the western provinces.

Throughout, Arch continued a lifelong interest in acting, singing and music, and playing guitar and piano. He took several roles in the Victoria Theatre Guild such as The Heiress, and Chekhov's Marriage Proposal – both plays winning Drama Festival Awards. There were also singing roles in the Victoria Operatic Society, such as Annie Get



"THE HEIRESS," presented by Victoria Theatre Guild, won B.C. Drama Festival and Hamper Cup Saturday. Mrs. Helen Smith (left) received best-actress award. Archie Bain played leading man, with Noel Cusack also taking part in prize play.



PROPOSAL in the old-fashioned manner-creates touching scene between Noel Cusack and Archie Bain in "The Heiress", Victoria Theatre Guild's entry in B.C. Regional Drama Festival, January 16-19, at York Theatre. Vancouver Little Theatre Association, Vancouver Repertory Theatre and White Rock players will also be vying for honor of representing B.C. in the Dominion Festival.

student, entrepreneur, actor, musician and much-loved family man. He will be missed forever.

The Vancouver Sun
Thu, Nov 16, 1950 Page 30

Island Bulb Demand Still At High Mark

VICTORIA, Nov. 16.—(CP)—Vancouver Island Bulb Growers' Association saw the end of a successful 1950 shipping season this week. Secretary-manager Archie Bain reports that although prices have been lower than during the war, demand for locally-produced bulbs has continued strong.

Your Gun, Oklahoma and South Pacific. Music played a big part in Jean and Archie's home life with their three daughters, Lynne, Lesley and Jill who graduated from the University of Victoria. Lesley and Jill later attended UBC for graduate studies in social work and art history. With a strong belief in the value of any kind of education, they established a scholarship at UVic in social work with a child welfare specialty. Because the UBC auditorium holds so many memories, a donation was made for its refurbishment, thus putting Archie's name on one of the beautiful new seats in 2010. There had been time for travel, often with family, to the UK, Europe, Turkey, Buenos Aires, the United States and Mexico. Truly, Archie found a remarkable and rich balance in life, as

Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

Children of Florence Prouse and Archie Bain

Last child and daughter: Hazel Doreen

B 09 Jul 1916 Vancouver

D unknown – after 1987

Hazel was a secretary in Vancouver. She went to work for the League of Nations after WWII to assist in the refugee recovery plans in Europe. This was later reorganized with the formation of the United Nations into the Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. She was in Poland working for the UNRRA at the same time as Seldon cousin Thomas Brook Seldon was there. I wonder if they crossed paths.



Women representing the UNRRA and other organizations embark at Newport News, Va., 1944.
Courtesy National Archives.

Headquarters, Washington

Of the initial eighty UNRRAIDS appointed, twenty left Canada to serve as secretaries within Washington headquarters. There, they gained valuable experience resulting in their subsequent promotions and appointments abroad when UNRRA's missions opened, most notably to China. Nonetheless, despite UNRRA's avowed gender equality, there were definite gender barriers to women's upward mobility within the Administration, as the experiences of many of them – Hazel Doreen Bain, Ruth Winona Buckler, Vivian Yvette Clarke, Virginia Mae Fenwick, Freda Whitely Graham, Frances Wilkinson Hall, Eva May Heath, Kathleen Jane Robinson House, Pearl Lischinsky Mandel, Nancy Josephine Robb, Stella Marie Smith, Vivian Doris Stack, and Margot Olive Thoms – illustrate. The following were also among the Canadians at Washington headquarters.

Old Home Week

Up and down the corridors of government buildings now, it's more than likely you'll bump into someone from Vancouver. Dottie passes along gossip from a few of the lassies in her latest letter. In the same office are HAZEL BAIN, who with her roommate, OLIVE FREEMAN, threw a party for WENDY HAYES when she came to Washington from her job at Dayton, Ohio, BETTY PRENTICE and ETHEL NIELSON.

Her primary residence was Washington, DC. Throughout her career she had many overseas postings. She remained single her entire life and is believed to have retired to Vancouver.

Vancouver Sun 26 Jan, 1944

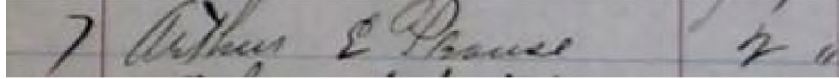
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

Fourth child: Arthur Embury

B 13 Apr 1889 Dereham

D 23 Aug 1891 Dereham

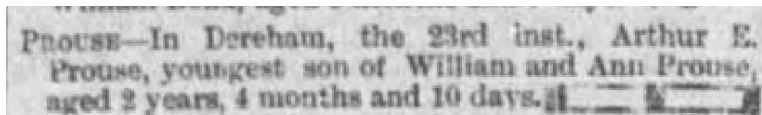
He was scalded to death when a pot of boiling water drenched him. Death: "effect of scald"



IRC records

Arthur was buried with uncle and aunt John Prouse and Ann Newton- his marker notes:

"Arthur E., son of William & Annie Prouse, died August 23, 1891, aged 2 years, 4 months and 10 days"



Ingersoll Chronicle Aug 27, 1891

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

Fifth child: Lois Gertrude

B 13 Jan 1891 Dereham

D unknown

M 1916 Calgary

Spouse: Thomas Mordon Gibson

B 15 Jun 1894 Toronto

D 03 July 1976 White Rock, BC

After her three sisters abandoned the Alberta family farm for life in Vancouver, Lois was the only daughter left at home. Why did she not go with them? She was not the oldest and knew better nor was she the youngest and could not go. Was there a young man courting her? Apparently not as by the 1916 census, 7 years after her sisters left, Lois was still single and at home at age 27. However, almost immediately after the census was taken, Lois married Ontario born Thomas Gibson who was a single man living alone as a farmer in the local Alberta region. He had applied for a homesteading grant as a minor at Bow Island Alberta, about 25 km SW of Medicine Hat. Sometime in the late 1910s the family also lived in Saskatoon as three children were born there. By the 1931 census the family had given up farming and were living in the town of Peace River Alberta 350 km NW of Edmonton and where Thomas was an electrician supporting three teenage children.

APPLICATION BY A MINOR FOR THE RESERVATION OF A HOMESTEAD

I, Thomas Morden Gibson
of Bow Island do hereby
under the provisions of Sub-Section 3 of Section 9 of the Dominion Lands Act, for the reservation
the N.E. Quarter-Section of Section Number 20 in Township 7
Range 13 of the 4 Meridian, until 15
Jan 12 1916, which does not exceed 12 months from this date; with a view to my obtaining
therefor as a homestead as soon as I attain the age of eighteen years.

I am in permanent residence on the N.E. Quarter-Section of
Number 28 in Township 8 Range 10 of the 4
Meridian, now held under entry (or, as the case may be), owned and occupied by James M. Gibson
Gibson father
I am a British subject.

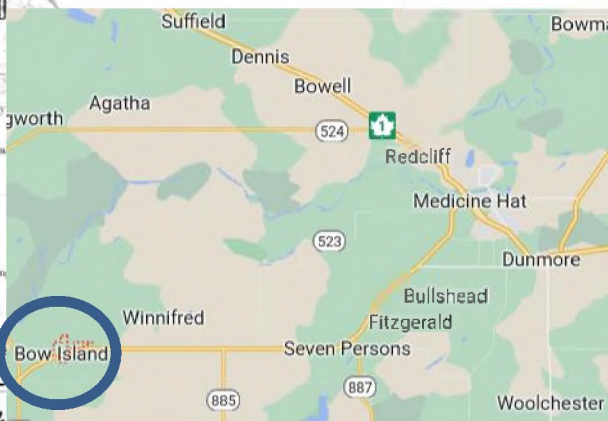
DOM. LANDS OFFICE District.

AUG 23 9 25 AM '16

NOTE: The original application called for below will be obtained and filed in by Agent when granting entry.

MEDICINE HAT

COUNTRY OF BIRTH	SUBDIVISION OF COUNTRY OF BIRTH	LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE	PREVIOUS OCCUPATION
17	Canada Ontario	Alberta	Farmer



GIBSON — July 3rd, 1976,
Thomas Morden Gibson of 864
Stayle Road, Surrey. Aged 82
years. Survived by his loving
wife, Beryl; one son, Earl,
Surrey; two daughters, Evelyn
Hurst, Slocan; Shelly Huban,
Chilliwack; one brother, Eugene
Gibson, Bow Island, Alberta; one
sister, Mrs. Fay Rudd, Medicine
Hat; also seven grandchildren;

The Lethbridge Telegram

23 Nov 1916, Thu - Page 5

An interesting marriage ceremony took place at Bow Island on Wednesday, November 15th, between Miss Lois Gertrude Prouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prouse, and Mr. Thomas Morden Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Gibson, of Maleb.

We know they had at least three children and Thomas remarried after Lois death or after they parted ways.

Evelyn (Hurst) B 1919 Saskatchewan
D 2001 Slocan Valley, BC
Earl Mordon B 1918 Saskatchewan
D 2000 Surrey, BC
Gertrude Joan B 1913 Saskatchewan
D 2002 unknown



Evelyn Gibson and Victor Hurst 1936 Slocan BC

Widow of Victor Hurst

Daughter of Thomas & Lois Gibson

BC Archives Marriage Reg # 1937-09-446995

Groom: Victor Alexander Hurst, Age 24, Bachelor

Son of Alexander Hurst & Maria Borga

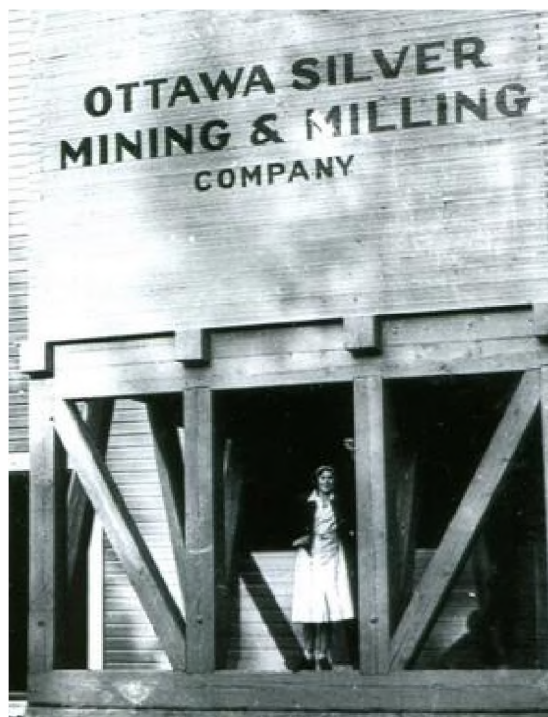
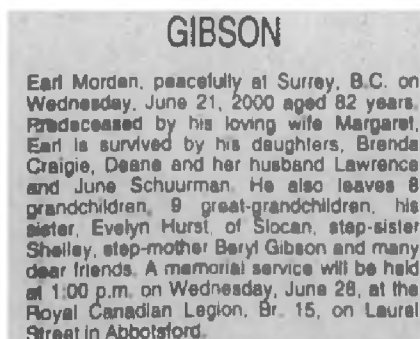
Bride: Evelyn Matilda Gibson, Age 19, Spinster

Daughter of Thomas Morden Gibson &

Beryl Harriet Reynolds (Stepmother since 1932)

Date of Marriage: 2 June 1957

Place of Marriage: Trail, BC



Evelyn Gibson at the Ottawa Silver Mine, Slocan BC 1942. The mill was later used as an interment camp for Japanese Canadians

Victor Hurst and two daughters Evelyn and Joan

Photos Courtesy: Slocan Valley Historical Society

Children of Evelyn Gibson and Victor Hurst

Evelyn B 24 Sept 1943 Slocan Valley BC

D 29 Aug 2021 Slocan Valley BC



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Evelyn Joan Bridge on August 29th, 2021, at the age of 77 in Winlaw BC where she was living with her friend/partner John Minnaert. She is survived by sons Leroy, Charles, Stanley and Dean Bridge, daughters Rosemarie Roger (partner Robert Bett), Marilyn Bridge (partner Cory Smith), 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, cousins, and her sister-in-law Inez Root. Evelyn was predeceased by her husband

Harold Bridge, father Victor Hurst, mother Evelyn Hurst, sister Joan Scholz, brother Victor (Sonny) Hurst and grandson Derrick Smith

Evelyn was born September 24th, 1943. She grew up in Slocan BC on the Hurst family farm. There, she worked in the family store/gas station where they sold fresh baked bread, ice cream, among many other things. Evelyn and Harold were married August 22nd, 1964, in Slocan BC. A few years later they bought property in East Arrow Park. Soon after that, they opened Bridge's Greenhouse where they spent 20 years producing beautiful flowers, vegetables, and fruit for sale in the greenhouse. They also travelled to many markets; one of their favorites was Hill's Garlic Festival. Evelyn enjoyed spending time with family and friends, crafting, playing bingo, working on word puzzle books, and listening to music, especially live bands. Evelyn always had a smile that was very infectious.

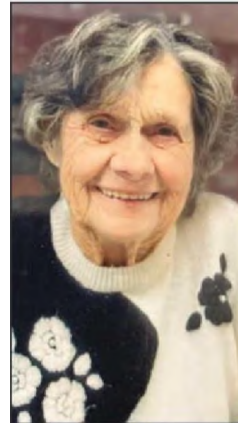


Children of Evelyn Gibson and Victor Hurst

Victor "Sonny" 27 Feb 1959 Slocan BC
 22 Sept 2013 Slocan BC

It is with deep sadness we announce the sudden passing of Victor (Sonny) Hurst of Slocan, BC on September 22, 2013. Sonny was born on February 27, 1959 in Nelson, British Columbia to Victor and Evelyn Hurst. He will be dearly missed by the members of the Slocan community and will live on in the hearts of his friends and family. Sonny is survived by his two beloved sisters, Joan Scholz and Evelyn Bridge, his close friend Mimi Gillis and his two loyal dog companions.

Joan B 1938 Slocan BC
 D 2021 Perry Siding Slocan BC



**Joan Scholz
(nee Hurst)
1938-2021**

I would like to announce the passing of Mom. She was born in New Denver, raised in Slocan and resided in Perry Siding where she raised 3 daughters with Rudy Scholz. She leaves behind Betty-Ann Thompson, Linda Jennings and Shelly Scholz as well as 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She loved gardening and looking after her flowers. She will be missed. There will be no celebration of life.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury:

Sixth child: Edith Alwilda B 25 Oct 1892 Dereham
 D 17 Oct 1969 St. Louis, Missouri
 M 20 Apr 1916 Vancouver
Spouse: William Charles B 05 Mar 1887 Edinburgh, Scotland emigrated 1911 to Halifax on the
 Canadian ship "Scotian".
 D 12 Jan 1974 St. Louis

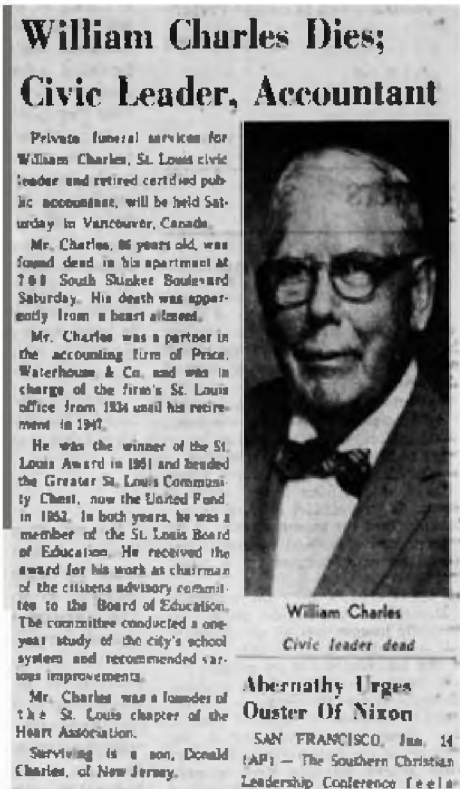
Courtesy Vancouver World April 1916

A quiet but very pretty military wedding took place on Thursday morning at St. John's Presbyterian church when Miss Edith Prowse, formerly of Lethbridge, was married to Captain William Charles of the 11th C.M.R.

ist, Mr. Milne, and as the bridal couple left the church for their automobile, members of the 11th C.M.R. formed a guard of honor. Capt. and Mrs. Charles will reside in Victoria until the groom leaves for overseas. The bride is well known in the city, having resided with Mr. E. P. Miller for some time.—Vancouver World.

Mrs. William Charles and small son of Lethbridge are visiting with the former's sister, Mrs. Balus of this city. Mrs. Charles resided in Vancouver until last year, when Captain Charles went overseas, and she has since been with her parents in Alberta.

Courtesy: Vancouver Sun June 1917



St Louis Post Dispatch Jan 1974

Edith was noted in paperwork as having finished 4 grades of high school. She was a 5'4" blonde with blue eyes. Husband William Charles participated in WWI. In June 1917, Edith and son William Ian were living with her parents in Lethbridge while her husband William Charles was overseas in WW1. After the war, William was a tax auditor. The family moved to the US in 1920 as he worked for the accounting firm Price Waterhouse in Seattle. He transferred with the company in 1923 to Chicago where their second son was born and he and Edith obtained their US citizenship. The family was on the move again, transferred by the accounting firm to St. Louis in the later 1920s. In 1937 she travelled to visit her husband's family in Scotland on the SS Saratoga. He retired at age 61 according to 1950 census and lived out his life in the St. Louis area. Edith died of breast cancer, after eight years of having been diagnosed, in October of 1969 in St. Louis. She was 76.

Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

Children of Edith Prouse and William Charles

Oldest: William Ian B 11 Feb 1917 Medicine Hat
 D 16 Apr 1961 St Louis WWII
 Staff Sargent unmarried vet.

William worked for the Fuller Brush Co. up until WWII. After the war, the 1950 Census of St. Louis listed William as a lodger at the downtown YMCA and he was working as a file clerk for the US Army at the age of 33. He died at age 44.



Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

Children of Edith Prouse and William Charles

Second: Donald Embury B 18 May, 1924 Evanston, Ill.
 D 21 Mar, 2000 Eatonville Ill.

DONALD E. CHARLES, 75, of EATONTOWN, died Tuesday, March 21, at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. He was self-employed in the printing business before retiring. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a graduate of the University of Missouri. Born in Illinois, he lived in Fair Haven, moving to Eatontown 25 years ago.

He was predeceased by his parents, William and Edith Prouse Charles and one brother. Surviving are a son, William Gordon Charles of Jackson, Wyo.; a daughter, Katherine Charles-Robb, Burlington, Vt. and two grandchildren, Maxx and Zoe Robb.

In 1942, Donald was a strapping 6' 1" 18 year old at Lawrenceville Prep School in Lawrenceville, NJ. The school is still considered today as one of the elite private schools in the United States. He withdrew from the school in his final year to enlist in the US Army. After the war, he went back to school. He attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri and the Saeta Beta Tan Fraternity house. He was a 26 year old college student when he graduated before running a printing business in New Jersey.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

Seventh child: Grace Elizabeth B 01 Apr 1895 Dereham

D 26 Jan 1981 Whittier, Ca. Buried Forest Lawn, Glendale Ca.

M 1914

Spouse: James G Carson

B 1881. Emmigrated from Ireland 1905

D 1919 Killiam, Alberta - buried in Ireland

M 23 Sept 1922 St. Louis

Spouse: Benjamin Thayer

B abt 1887 Iowa

D before 1940

The 1916 census had Grace married to James Carson and living in Calgary. James Carson was a bank inspector.

Grace was 21 years old and her husband was 35 when they married. A daughter Grace (age 1) was with them. Daughter Grace's life history is unknown. James Carson was dead by 1919 for reasons unknown.

Grace is next seen in East St. Louis, Illinois in 1922. She married Benjamin Thayer from the same city. Grace had crossed the Mississippi River and was living in St Louis, Missouri in the 1940 census and was a widowed 52 year old stenographer. There is some confusion in the census as she is listed as French Canadian. At some point Grace moved to the Los Angeles area. She lived alone in Whittier, Ca. under the Thayer name. Her death was in 1981 and she is buried near or beside her mother Ann Embury (even though a St. Louis newspaper listed Grace as passing at her daughter Edith's home in St. Louis).

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

☒ Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

United States of America,
Southern District of California,
County of Los Angeles ss: In the District Court of the United States.

I, William Jettor Prouse, aged 47 years,
occupation salesman, do declare on oath that my personal
description is: Color white, complexion Fair, height 5 feet 8 inches,
weight 153 pounds, color of hair Light Brown, color of eyes Gray,
other visible distinctive marks None.

I was born in Ingersoll, Canada
on the 7th day of August, anno Domini 1877; I now reside
at 317 W. 6th St., Glendale, California.
(Give name, street, and city or town.)

I emigrated to the United States of America from Vancouver, Canada
on the vessel Great Northern Ry.; my last
foreign residence was Montreal, Canada; I am Not married; the name
of my wife is _____; she was born at _____
and now resides at _____

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to _____
of whom I am now a subject;

I arrived at the port of Albany, Washington in the _____ day
State of _____ on or about the 19th day
of March, anno Domini 1900; I am not an anarchist; I am not a
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
SO HELP ME GOD.

William Jettor Prouse
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court
at Los Angeles, Cal., this 18th day of Dec.

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

Eighth child: William Detler

B 07 Aug 1896 Alberta
D unknown likely Glendale, Ca.
M 1932 Glendale
B unknown
D unknown

Spouse: Grace Brickenoff

Youngest son William left the farm around 1916 and moved to Vancouver where three of his sisters lived. He have been about 20 years old. In 1923, he was a salesman and he crossed into the US from Vancouver. He was headed to California to make his fame and fortune.

It appears that after father William Prouse died in 1923, William's mother Anna Embury made her way to live with son William in LA. The 1930 census listed that she arrived in LA in 1928. The Los Angeles phone books of 1932 indicated that Ann Embury (Prouse) lived with her son William and they rented at 216 S Central Ave. Glendale, now the Glendale Galleria shopping complex. LA county records show that William married Grace Brickenoff in 1933. It looks like new wife and mother-in-law could not co-exist as mother Ann was no longer living with William by the time of the 1933 phone directory. In fact, she was now living back in Vancouver. I suspect William's new wife had a say in the matter.

His mother lived with him from 1923 – 1932.

Prowse Anna E Mrs r 216 S Central av
" Wm D agt Prudential h 216 S Central

1932 LA directory

Prowse Wm D (Grace) agt Prudential Ins
Co h 1038 Spazier

1933 LA directory

William became an American citizen. He worked as an insurance agent. Another trail goes dry on this family as William cannot be located past this point. My expectations are he is buried near his mother and sisters in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, Ca..

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott

Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury:

Ninth and Last child: Mildred Trinity

B 14 Mar 1900 Alberta
D 15 Aug 1966 Orange Co.
M 02 July 1927
B unknown born in Conneticut.
D unknown

Spouse: Alfred Sherwood

The Trinity name lived on in Mildred. She was too young to accompany her sisters to Vancouver in 1910 when they left en masse and she stayed on the family grain farm. She was eleven years old when she lived with her mother and siblings in the 1911 census in Lethbridge.

There are lots of interesting questions found in a ship manifest noted on the next page about a trip from Vancouver to San Francisco in 1921. The manifest indicated that 21 year old Mildred was travelling with her niece, 5 year old Grace Carson to visit Grace's mother and Mildred's sister Grace Carson in San Francisco.

FIRST ANNUAL REUNION PICNIC

Of the Prouse Family—Held Yesterday at Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse

From Friday's Daily.

An event of unusual interest to a large number took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse, West Oxford yesterday, the occasion being the first annual re-union picnic of the Prouse family. Members of the family to the number of about one hundred were in attendance from Mt. Elgin, Avon, Salford, Foldens, Putnam, Dereham Centre, Dickson's Corners, Dorchester, Rayside, Ingersoll and Atlanta, Ga.

The first Prouse family reunion Aug 1910
Ingersoll Chronicle

PROUSE FAMILY

Mount Elgin—The annual Prouse family picnic was held on Saturday, June 23rd, at the Memorial Park, Ingersoll. Beautiful weather conditions helped to make the day an enjoyable one to the 50 relatives gathered for the occasion. Those attending from this community were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and family, Miss Mary Prouse, Mrs. Irvine Prouse and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fleming and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stonkley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Prouse and family.

Miss Mary Prouse received a gift for being the oldest member present and Baby Alan Fleming was remembered for being the youngest present.

By noon all the guests had arrived and the party sat down to tables groaning under the weight of delicious viands. When all had done ample justice to the good things provided the balance of the day was most pleasantly spent in music, races, games, baseball, football, and speech-making.

Following are the prize-winners in the various racing events:—

Girls' race under six years—1st, C. Henderson; 2nd, E. Court; 3rd, A. George.

Boys' race, under eight—1st, W. George; 2nd, T. Connor.

Girls under eight—1st, S. Henderson; 2nd, M. Gregg; 3rd, E. Court.

Boys' race, under twelve—1st, W. Gilbert; 2nd, R. George.

Boys under sixteen—1st, A. George; 2nd, J. Harris; 3rd, E. George.

Ladies' race, free for all—1st, Mrs. Geo. Gregg; 2nd, Miss Alberta Prouse; 3rd, Mrs. Wm. Court.

Mens' race, free for all—1st, Wilbur Prouse; 2nd, Geo. Wood; 3rd, W. George.

The host, Mr. John Prouse, very ably occupied the chair and the following responded to the call for speeches; Chas. George, Henry George, Henry Gregg, Osmond Lyman, and S. J. Prouse.

It was decided to hold the picnic on the third Thursday of August in each year, and an invitation was extended by Mr. S. J. Prouse, to hold next year's gathering at his farm, the old Prouse homestead in Dereham.

Prouse reunion 1945 Ingersoll Tribune

Take Trophy Second Year in a Row



The ball season is pretty well over for the year, but the glory still lingers on, and these boys really earned their share. They are the Mount Elgin Juveniles who won the South Oxford juvenile softball title again this year for the second time in a row. Here they are, back row, left to right: Garnett Prouse, Bill

Layton, Jack Tindale, Harry Long, Carl Harrison, Bob Crown, Glen Prouse, Jacques Anderson; front row, Bob Prouse, Bob Layton, Carl Mohr, Michael Smith, John Prouse, Don Hewitt, Harold Groves, manager. Not in the picture are Murray Long, Earl Prouse and Ronald Daniels.



B. Row-

Laurence Rook. George Butler Clarence Smith.
 Jean McDonald. Velma Cadman.
 Teacher Marjorie Bodkin. Nellie Cadman.
 Francis Barker. Joe Esseltine. Walter Butler.
 Centre - Doug Barker. Jim Clarke. — Barker.
 Charles Harris. Faye Prouse. Mildred Prouse.
 Flossie Rook. Edith Cadman. Isabelle Butler.
 Front - Jack Prouse. Muriel Planders.
 Cecil Hyatt. Mervin Stenoff. Murray
 Crawford. Arthur Planders. Bessie Cadman.
 Marion Rook. Jack Hyatt.
 1926 Dereham Centre S. S. NO 7

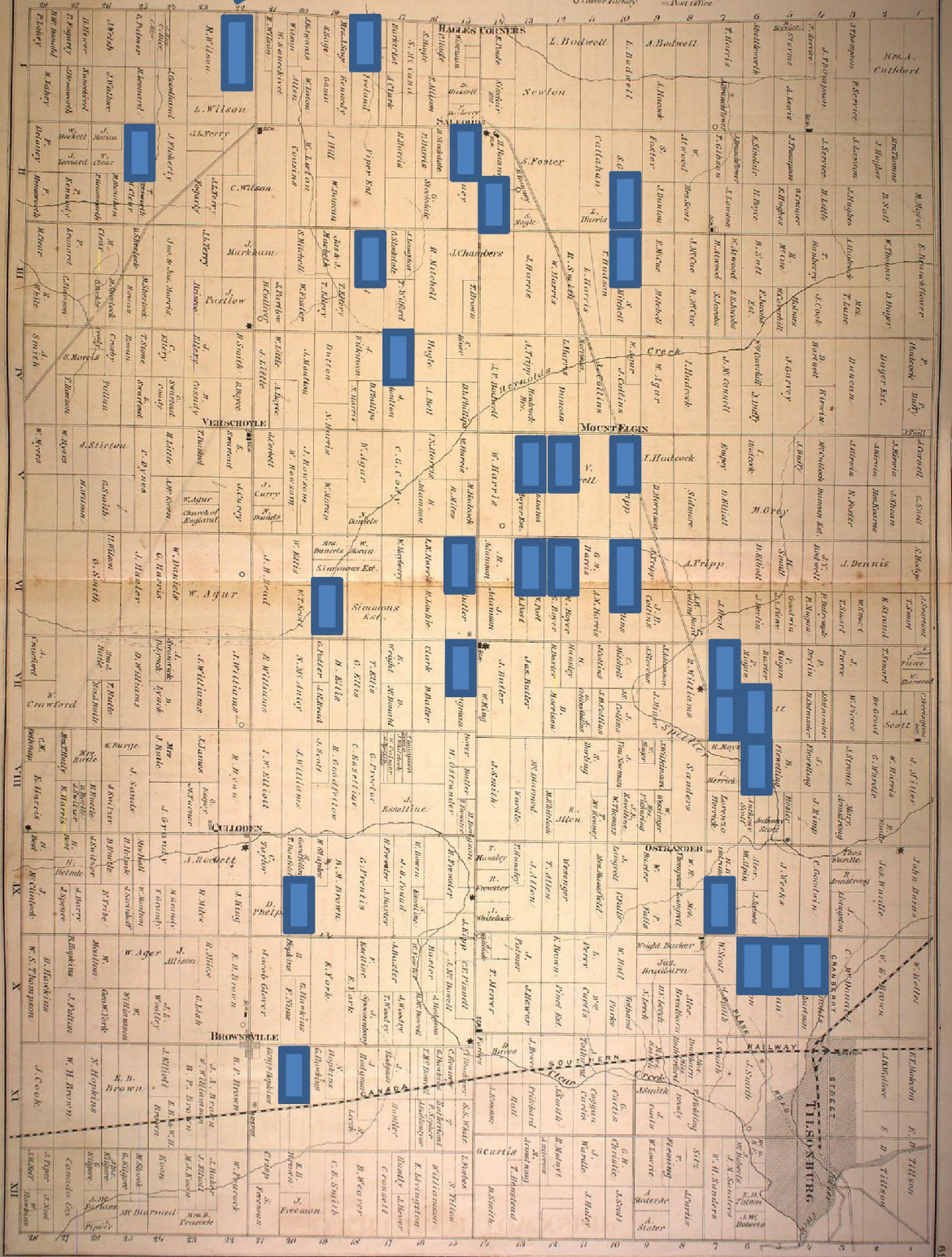
The following page has a map of Dereham Township indicating some of the location of farms associated with the Prouse family. This map is a depiction of the various family properties in Dereham County over a number of decades. No attempt has been made to judge scale or size of the properties. Some farms may have been the full two hundred acre concession lots, others less. I have decided on an average 100 acre size. This map does not represent present day ownership by Prouse descendants

DEREHAM TOWNSHIP

Scale 40 Ch./in. = 1 mi.

REFERENCE

- Church
- School House
- Cheese Factory
- Gravel Mill
- Saw Mill
- Post Office



Brother of Patriarch John Prouse arrives in Oxford County

Richard

B 1822 Torridge District Hartland
D 16 May 1890 N Oxford Buried IRC
M early 1860 Bideford Civil Registration District
B 1820 Kilkhampton, Cornwall
D 05 Jun 1905 Ingersoll

Spouse: Elizabeth Metherell



Richard's parents were

John Prouse B 1770 Clovelly
D 1864 Hartland)

Ann Hortop B 1784 Parkham Torridge
D 1865 Torridge)

In 1851 they lived at **Gorvin Farm Woolsery Bideford** (now a Grade II historical site). Father John was very well off. He owned 440 acres, had two farm labourers, an apprentice and six servants. At this point, in 1851, Richard's brother John Prouse and wife Mary Elliott of this Prouse history book had arrived in Oxford County in 1846. Richard was a butcher according to the 1871 Devon Census and lived on Venn St. in Woolsfardworthy, Devon.

The reason that this was brought up was that Richard Prouse would join his brother in W Oxford in 1881 as per the 1921 census of son Samuel. He arrived with his wife and two sons. His parents and two other siblings stayed in Torridge, Devon. He lived in Ingersoll or W Oxford after his arrival and was listed in the 1881 census as a farmer. In 1887 he purchased a 100-acre farm at S ½ Lot 11 Con 2 in North Oxford, north of Ingersoll on highway #7 and close to Rayside. The farm was sold by Ed Henderson. At his death three years later, there is some repurposing of mortgages before son Samuel John possessed the 100 acres. IRC cemetery records indicate Richard lived in N Oxford when he died in 1890.

Children of Richard Prouse and Elizabeth Metherell

Son: Samuel John

B 11 July 1861 Welcombe, Torridge, Devon
D 02 Mar 1927 Victoria BC
M Oct 1884 Ingersoll

Spouse: Sarah Hannah Williamson

B 13 Oct 1859 W Oxford
D 06 Dec 1938 Ingersoll

Welcombe is close in the Cornwall border and near the village of Morwenstow and Bradworthy, locations that are common with the Elliott and Seldon arms of the family.

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Samuel (S J) Prouse was a dealer in horses. Various newspaper articles indicated he travelled extensively in support of his business. He shipped horses throughout the western provinces and was highly regarded as a breeder of horses. He also dealt with shipping cattle as well. Likewise, his wife often travelled to the western provinces. I believe that he was able to set up this business with his portion of the money from the sale of the 440 acres of family farm in Devon.

He also raced horses at Exhibition race course in Toronto in the 1900s.

It appears he was in Victoria BC either on business or leisure when he died in 1927. He was 66 years old at the time. He was in the city for only two months before he died there and his body was transferred to IRC a month later. Wife Sarah's obit seems to indicate that Samuel may have been in Victoria on his own. According to the Onland records noted above, his estate was dealt with in 1929. The bankruptcy notation of the 23rd of Oct, 1930 is a mystery. Was S J's estate bankrupt?

There is no proof that he had any children and if so, none were found in the Ingersoll area. His body was later removed to IRC. Probate filed in BC showed that he had a \$13,300 estate. The 1921 N Oxford census is a curiosity as S J Prouse was the enumerator. His penmanship was certainly lacking on the census sheets.

Enumeration Sub-District
Sous-district de recensement

by J. Brown

East Nissouri Fair Oct 1897

Chronicle Sept 01, 1901

Feb 4 1902 Chronicle

S. J. Prouse shipped two carloads of heavy horses on Wednesday from Chatham for Manitoba.

S. J. Prouse, of Ingersoll, Ont., joined his wife in Trout Lake on Wednesday last. He left today for Kamloops.— Trout Lake, (B.C.) Topic.

Tue, Feb 13, 1906 · Page 3

Mr. Wm. Dundas, of Banner, has rented the farm of Mr. S. J. Prouse, north of Ingersoll, for a term of years, and will take possession the first of April. Mr. Prouse will spend the season in the Alberta District where he intends handling stockers for ranching purposes.

Chronicle Nov 14 1900

Mrs. S. J. Prouse left yesterday to spend the summer in British Columbia and Washington State.

Chronicle June 3 1901

Calgary Herald

Tue, Jul 24, 1900 · Page 6

S. J. Prouse of Ingersoll, Ont., is in the city with several car loads of heifers and steers for stocking purposes. See ad.

Have For Sale, Imported Clydesdale Stallions.

All Ages. If you are wanting any this Spring, it will pay you to write or come and see me.

I can sell you Good Thick Horses, suitable for Range, at from

\$300 to \$600.

Will ship them to your Station

S. J. PROUSE,
INGERSOLL, - ONT.

15 Feb.

PROUSE—On January 4, there passed away, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Samuel John Prouse, aged 66 years, a native of Devonshire, England, and a resident of this city for the past two months; late residence 2931 Earl Grey Street, Saanich, but formerly of Ingersoll, Ontario, where he had resided for many years. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow.

The remains are resting at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, from where the funeral will take place on Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, after which the remains will be laid to rest at the Royal Oak Burial Park.

MRS. S. J. PROUSE PASSES AWAY IN HER 81ST YEAR

The death occurred in Ingersoll, on Tuesday afternoon, December 6th, 1938, of Annie Williamson, widow of the late S. J. Prouse.

Deceased, who was in her 81st year, was one of Ingersoll's oldest and best-known residents and her death followed an extended illness (stroke). The greater part of her life had been spent in this district. Prior to coming to Ingersoll, Mrs. Prouse resided for some time in North Oxford [township]. She was a member of Trinity United Church. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Preston T. Walker Funeral Home, King St. W. to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. - Ingersoll Tribune, Dec 8, 1938

Children of Richard Prouse and Elizabeth Metherell

Son: Francis "Frank" Richard

B 1865 Welcombe, Torridge, Devon

D 15 Nov 1893 N Oxford.

Francis had been sick for three years with "consumption" or Tuberculosis before dying at age 29. His cousin Richard Seldon signed off on the death certificate. Francis was unmarried. However, the 1891 census showed he lived on the N Oxford farm after his father's death with a single woman named Kate Connelly (Sp). At this time, brother S J was travelling out west.

PROUSE--In North Oxford [township], on Wednesday, November 15th, Francis Richard Prouse, aged 29 years, 11 months

Acknowledgments

It has been thirty-four months since Covid led me to this journey of connection to my family. Traipsing through the past has enriched me with knowledge of where I was born and raised in Oxford County. I also understand more about my extended ancestral family and the lives they led. I wish to thank the following people and organizations that put up with what may have seemed as unending requests and constant badgering. I apologize to those I have missed. This project is as much your as mine. Take a bow.

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Glenn Elliott

Great, Great Grandson of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers.

January 2023.

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