

Book 7: Chapter 6 -1

Revised July 2024

"IRC" abbreviation of Ingersoll Rural Cemetery

"Con" township concession road

Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Children of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Eighth Child: Josephine

B 12 May 1855 Goderich Township, Huron Co.
D 06 Feb 1930 Highland Park, Mi. Buried IRC.
M 17 Sept 1876 Ingersoll, Ont.

Spouse: William Toull

B 17 Mar 1856 E Nissouri
D 18 Apr 1931 Eloise Psychiatric Hospital
Detroit, Mi. Buried IRC

Josephine was born in 1855. She was the oldest surviving daughter as older sisters Mary Jane and Mary Ann did not survive past their 5th year. Canadian Immigration paperwork in 1920 specifies her place of birth as Goderich, Ont. I assume that her place of birth was Lot 27, Bayfield Road in Goderich township as she was listed as living there in the 1861 census of Goderich Township, Huron Co. Her father purchased the property from his father in February of 1855 and Josephine was born in May of that year. By the 1871 census she was not living at home with the family that had by then moved back from Huron Co. (minus her father) to Ingersoll. She now living with her second cousin Maria Seldon and husband William in their big home on the corner of Albert and Francis Sts. in Ingersoll. (see Book 4: Seldon family). Josephine was a 15-year-old servant girl for her cousin. She was not going to school*.



- *1871 Ingersoll had several public schools and a high school was being built. I am surprised that the affluent Seldon arm of the family did not recognize that value of education for a young girl in that time frame.

By Sept 1876, at age 20, Josephine had married William Toull. William was born in Ingersoll to Thomas Toull. William's father was a shoemaker and lay priest known as Father Toull in Ingersoll. William had three sisters. He established a General Store at 41 King St. E Ingersoll by 1890, according to an Ingersoll Business Directory. His family lived upstairs and daughter Millicent ran her millinery and dress making business from the store. The Lifelabs office is now on the store site.

BURGLARS AT WORK.—Thieves paid a visit to Toull's butcher shop on Friday night last and filched from the till a trifle over \$3.00 in cash. Entrance was effected from the rear of the shop. They also visited B. E. Bigcraft's fish market but were detected in the act and made their escape after appropriating some tobacco and cigars. Chief Skirving has the matter in hand.

July 2 1896 Chronicle

Mr. W. Toull is able to be around again, after a couple weeks' illness.

Sept 1899 Chronicle

Wm. Toull,
GROECR AND BUTCHER
Fresh Groceries, Teas, Coffees, Crockery, Etc.
Fresh and Salt Meats of all Kinds, Sausage, and Headcheese on Hand.
Telephone 73.
INGERSOLL, ONT.

DIRECTORY. 61
Toull Wm, Grocer & Engineer
41 King e h stame (see adv)
WM. TOULL,
GROECR,
Provision, Flour and Feed
Merchant.
Crockery and Glassware, Etc.
41 KING STREET EAST.

They had five children:

- Adelia (Ferguson/Winter) 1878 – 1962
- Millicent (Melissa) May (Ives) 1881 – 1958
- William Rogers 1883 – 1883
- Charles Brown 1884 – 1957
- Josephine (Beckett) 1893 – 1968

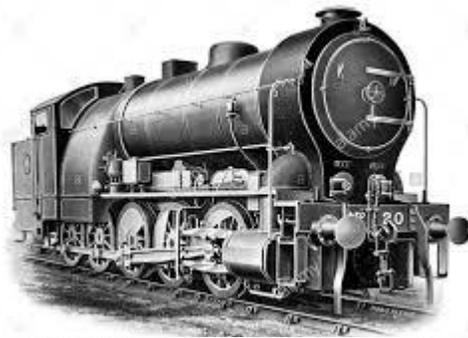
BROKE THE QUORUM.
COUNCILLORS McCARTY AND TOULL LEAVE THE COUNCIL BOARD.

Mr. Toull wishes to ask for new tenders for the Macadam and in the meantime go on with the sewer—his proposition is rejected, and not being satisfied with the tender submitted, prevents its acceptance by retiring.

It was nine o'clock before a quorum was obtained at the council on Monday night, owing to the fact that some four or five of the members are out of town, and some of the remaining ones apparently forgot about the special meeting, until reminded of the fact. The large crowd of spectators in the rear benches demonstrated the interest that is being taken in the road improvement question, particularly by the working men, who principally comprised the onlookers.

The members present were Messrs. W. H. Jones (Mayor), T. H. Nixon, Geo. Christopher, H. D. McCarty, Wm. Hayes, J. T. Couch, Wm. Toull and J. D. Horsman.

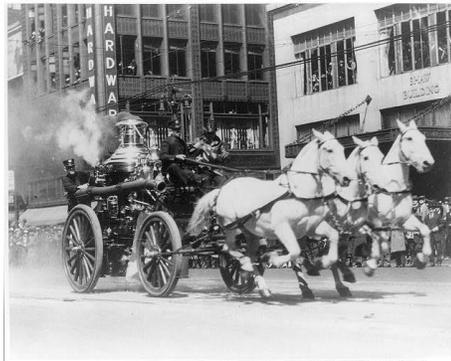
By 1891, the Ingersoll census had Wm Toull's occupation as train engineer and Josephine was the owner of the grocery store at 41 King St E. This would make sense as he would often be gone for stretches at a time while working for the railroad. In fact, when daughter Josephine was born, older daughter Millie (Millicent) was listed as informant as her father was likely away. William



was also involved with the politics of Ingersoll. His resignation when the family moved to Woodstock is noted in the council meeting of 1900.

He also was one of the engineers for the Ingersoll Fire Department. (Wiki photo)

The 1901 Census was revealing. The family was living in Woodstock with son Charles and daughter Josephine with their parents. William was no



W. A. Woolson, Chief.
 STEAMER CO.
 James Livens, captain; Wm. Toull, engineer; F. Sheppard, asst. engineer; Jas. Sherlock, driver; Wm. Robertson, Geo. McCrum, Thos. Cross, Geo. Craig, A. McLeod, Thos. Husband, Wm. Moore, James Noe, John Noe, Charles Mills, Chas. Smith, John Craig, James Badden, Wm. Noe, C. H. Nixon, Fred. Kersley, J. Cornfoot.

longer an engineer. He was now a janitor at the newly opened County Court House and was paid \$2 /day. Josephine was now a "housewife".

Mr. Walter Mills has purchased the Wm. Toull property on King st. east.

It appears the grocery store eventually sold in 1906. It is very probable that Walter Mills bought the business in 1901 and later the property in 1906. In fact, the 1901 census indicated that the family themselves lived in the courthouse/gaol complex. It seemed the families of jailors and the jail matron also lived in the complex. Ironically, Josephine's nephew, Albert James



Elliott's wife, Orpha Withrow's grandfather, was the janitor for the court house before William Toull. When at the courthouse, neither William or Josephine Toull were elderly (William was 56) so why the sudden downturn in career paths? Later in their lives a reason may be provided.

The 1911 Census had only seventeen-year-old daughter Josephine living at home. In 1916, William, Josephine and the now twenty-three-year-old daughter Josephine were seen crossing over to Detroit and visiting Highland Park. It is my belief that son Charles lived in Highland Park, Mi (a Detroit suburb) at that time. It is also my belief that the family emigrated to the USA on the 7th of June, 1916. Josephine accompanied her parents to Highland Park. The record shows they were originally planning on living in Windsor. Daughter Josephine soon was married, in 1918, to Harold Beckett and was living in Highland Park. Harold and Josephine Beckett moved to Windsor in 1920 and Josephine's parents moved with them. Canadian Immigration paperwork showed Josephine and William emigrating back to Canada with \$1000 in cash on the 27th of July, 1920 after having lived in Detroit for 4 years.

18	Toull	William	61	"	Engineer	"	"	English	"	Windsor	no relatives in Windsor, Ont. Canada
14	Toull	Josephine	61	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Windsor, Ont. Canada
15	Toull	Josephine	23	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Windsor, Ontario, Canada

1916 move to Detroit – border papers.

Toull	William	66	in	Engineer	of	English	of	Canada	English	Canada	Windsor	Cousin Edith Wilson Windsor, Ont.
Toull	Josephine	66	f	"None"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Father Joseph B. Walker

Border papers for a later trip to Detroit. Windsor contact was Edith Wilson, a relative via grandmother Eliza Rogers (Book 7 – Chapter 1).

It appears that William and Josephine bounced back and forth between the homes of son Charles in Detroit and daughter Josephine in Windsor. By 1928, the couple were back in Detroit. Their lives took a tragic turn in 1930. Josephine was again back living in Canada with her daughter. However, her death took place on the 6th of February 1930 in the Highland Park, Mi. hospital. She suffered from blood clots, bowel obstructions and an ovarian cyst. She died within weeks of her brother, Edwin Elliott. She is buried in IRC. Unfortunately, her husband could not attend the funeral. In 1930 he was a patient in the Eloise Insane Asylum and Sanitarium in suburban Detroit. It is known he died of a heart attack on the 18th of April 1931, fourteen months after his wife's death. He may have been in the hospital due to mental issues. The facility was also used for those suffering from dementia. He was likely placed there because his family could no longer manage to take care of him.

Mr. William Toull Passes in Detroit

William Toull, 76 years old, the father of Mrs. H. C. Beckett, of 37 Jefferson Boulevard, Riverside, died today at his home in Detroit. Mr. Toull lived most of his life in the vicinity of Ingersoll, Ontario.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Dell T. Ferguson, of Victoria, B. C.; Mrs. W. C. Ives, of Calgary, Alberta; and Mrs. Beckett; and one son, Charles B. Toull, of Detroit.

Funeral services will be held Saturday evening, at 8 p. m., from the Morris Funeral Home, Walkerville. Interment will take place at Ingersoll on Monday. Rev. Dr. MacCrae will officiate.

The newspaper obit indicates that he died at the his "home" in Detroit. His death certificate indicates home was Eloise Hospital.

The Eloise began as the Wayne County Poorhouse, which opened in 1839. The facility had a radium treatment for cancer patients, and the sanitarium was one of the first to use "open air" treatment for tuberculosis patients. Psychiatric patients underwent electroshock and insulin shock therapy. After the Great Depression, the population of the complex started to decrease, as reports of violence, questionable conditions, misconduct, and overall neglect surfaced.

county Wayne **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** 12822 132235
 township Warden Register No. 182
 Village Eloise (No. Eloise Hospital)
 City Eloise (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME (instead of street and number))
 FULL NAME William Toull
 Residence No. 95 Cedarhurst St. Ward _____ (If non-resident give city or town and state)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 3 yrs. 8 mos. 14 ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth 14 yrs. 2 mos. 7 ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX <u>Male</u>	4 Color or Race <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the word) <u>Married</u>		21. DATE OF DEATH month, day, and year <u>April 17, 1931</u>	
6 If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of <u>Josephine Toull</u> or WIFE of _____				22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Oct 1</u> 19 <u>30</u> to <u>April 17</u> 19 <u>31</u>	
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) <u>Mar 17, 1856</u>				I last saw him <u>live</u> on <u>April 17, 1931</u> death is said to have occurred on <u>April 17, 1931</u> at <u>7:30 A.M.</u>	
AGE	Years <u>75</u>	Months <u>1</u>	Days <u>—</u>	The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: <u>Chronic Myocarditis</u> <u>Senile Psychosis</u>	
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Carpenter</u>				DURATION _____	

William Toull's death certificate.



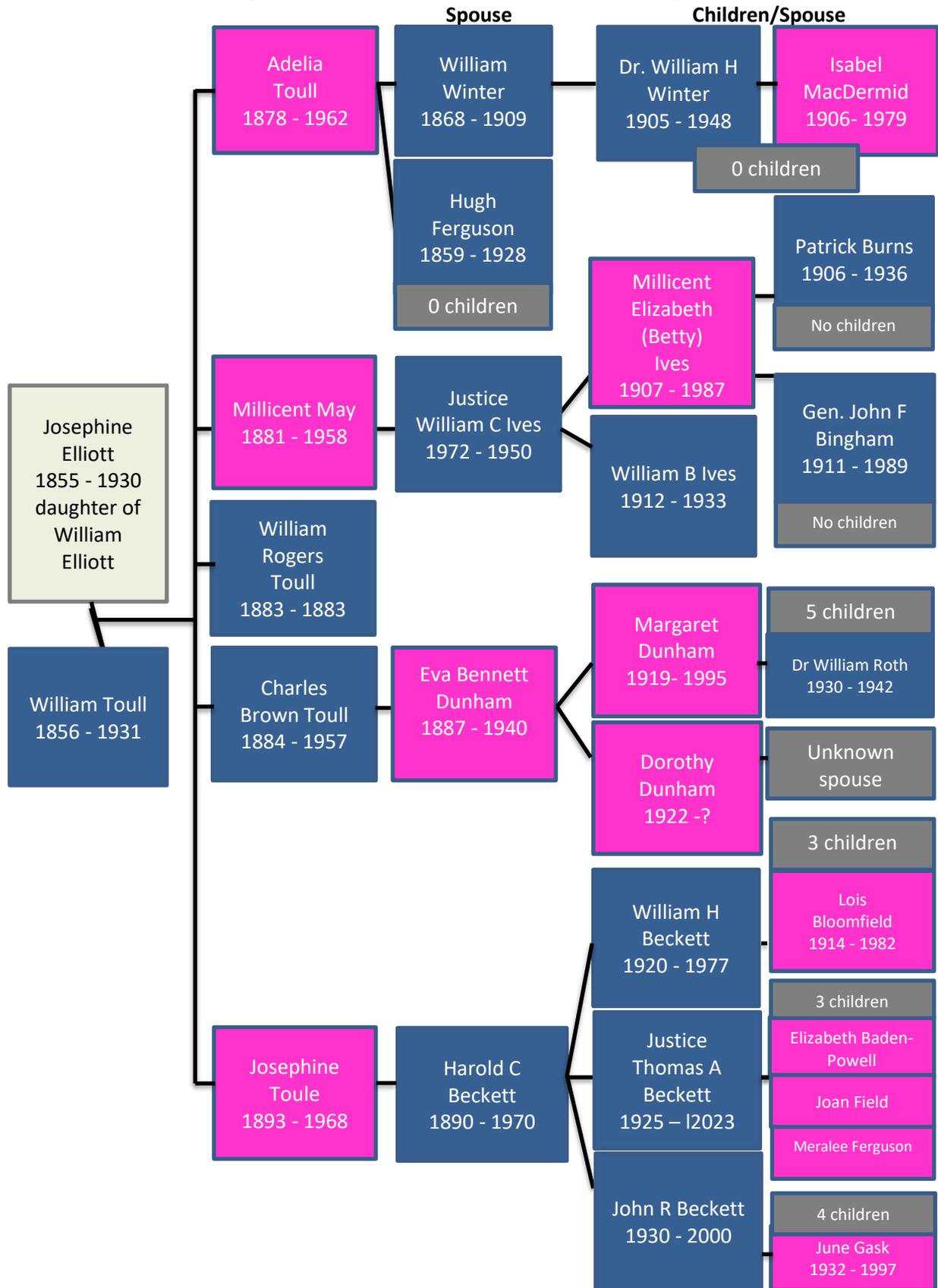
Toull, William, Mrs. ()
 appeared in Daily Sentinel-Review, 7 Feb 1930, p. 5, column 1

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Full Text
 At Walkerville, former resident of Ingersoll and Woodstock

William Toull and Josephine Toull tombstone: Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Elliott section "H"

Josephine Elliott and William Toull Family Tree



**Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers
Children of William Toull and Josephine Elliott**

Oldest Child: Adelia (Adela) B 01 Jan 1878 Ingersoll, Ont.
D 03 Oct 1962 Victoria, BC
M 09 Sept 1904 Willow, Shasta Co. CA

Spouse: William Henry Winter B 12 Jul 1868 Shingleton, CA
D 04 Aug 1909 Red Bluff, CA
M 15 Jan 1920 Vancouver, BC

Spouse: Hugh Ferguson B 02 Dec 1859 Glassary, Scotland
D 17 Oct 1928 Victoria, BC

Birth Index for Adelia

Jan. 1st, 1878
Adelia
Female
William Terill
Josephine Elliott
Laborer
Wm. Terill child's father Ingersoll
Jan. 14th,
R.A. Woodcock
Ingersoll
Since

**WM. TOULL,
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1894 Ingersoll. (Ingersoll Directory)

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, DEC., 1889.

Successful Candidates.

Those whose names are marked with an asterisk, * having failed in one subject or on total, *ers f must

A. Toull,

ment before candidates are admitted to a High School. The percentages of failures in the different subjects are as follows:—History, 37 per cent; Composition, 35; Geography, 30; Arithmetic, 36; Grammar, 15; Literature, 41; Drawing Paper, 24; no failures in the other subjects; percentage of candidates successful, 50. Teachers can obtain the marks made by their pupils on application to the Head Master of the Col- legiate Institute.

A New Years baby, Adelia was raised and schooled in Ingersoll. She was a proficient student with good standing in her classes as seen in many newspaper exam lists.

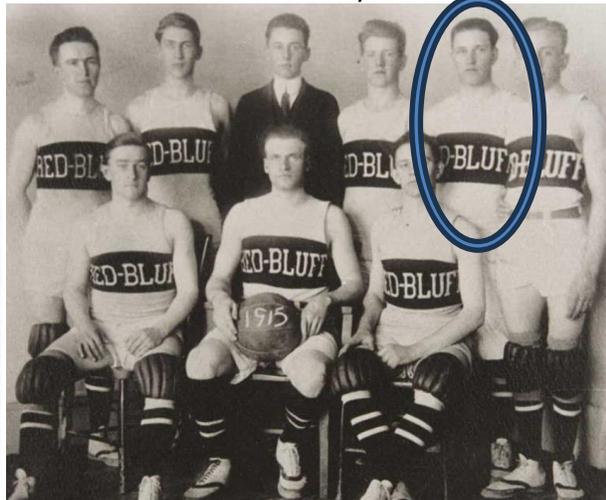
431. Ingersoll Pub. S. Miss Nicol.

Adelia was a milliner in 1894 at age 16 while attending school. She worked in the same building as her father’s business, but for White and Co. At this time, Adelia’s life takes on an energy of its own. From the start as a small-town milliner, her life takes her across the continent.

Adelia (Adele) could not be in found the 1901 family census. She and sister Millicent were not with the family group in Woodstock. The next appearance of Adelia was found in Newspaper.com when she was found living in Willow, CA. She was a high school teacher at Glenn High School in Willow, California in 1904. This reappearance may explain why she was not found in the 1901 family census. She may have been going to Teachers College in 1901. She would have been about 25 years old in 1904. How and why, Adelia ended up in a small town in northern California is a mystery. Her future husband was the local druggist in Willow. They married on the 9th of September, 1904. Adelia gave birth to her only child, a 10 lb. baby boy, while resting at her sister-in-law’s home in nearby Red Bluff. Her son William was born July 01, 1905.

News clippings Red Bluff newspapers.

William Henry Winter



Marriage of Wm. Winter.

William Winter, a druggist formerly of Red Bluff, where he is well known, was married Saturday at Willows to Miss Toole, a teacher in the Glenn County high school.

Adelia stayed at her husband’s relatives in Red Bluff until her baby was born.

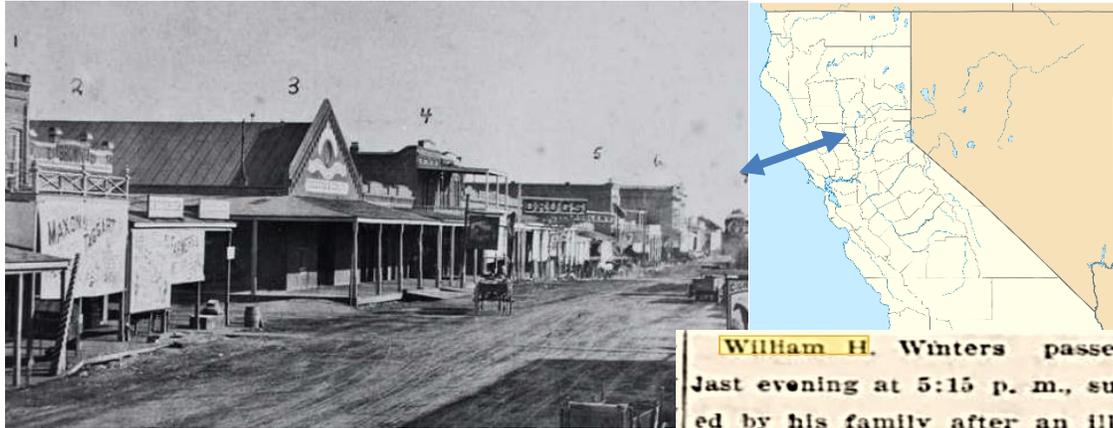
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Winter were arrivals from Redding Thursday night. **Mr. Winter** left for Sacramento Friday noon, and **Mrs. Winter** will visit relatives here during his absence.

BORN—In Red Bluff, Saturday, July 1, to **Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Winter**, a 10 pound son. Mother and child are doing well. They are at the home of **Mrs. Mrs. Mary Winter**, on Johnson street.

—**Mr. and Mrs. William Winter** passed through Red Bluff Wednesday afternoon on their way to Redding, where **Mr. Winter** is engaged in business.

They moved up the road to the larger town of Red Bluff soon after. Her husband's brother lived there. Her husband William, was from a long-standing pioneer family in the Mt Shasta, California region. In 1909, after several months of suffering from kidney disease, he suddenly died. This left Adelia with a small son and a long way away from her relatives back in Oxford County.

Red Bluff, Ca. circa 1905.



William H. Winters passed away last evening at 5:15 p. m., surrounded by his family after an illness of several months.

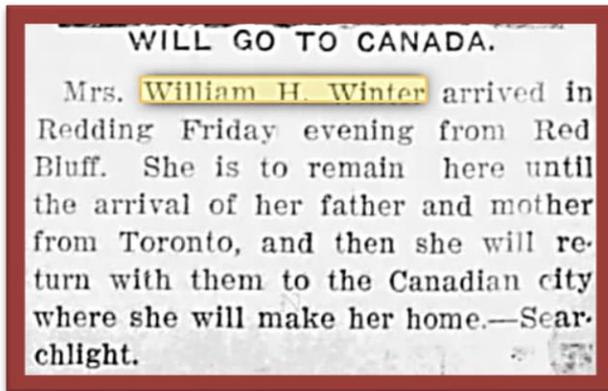
William Henry Winter, son of the late G. G. **Winter** and Mrs. Winter-Tipton, was born at Shingletown, Shasta County, Cal., July 12, 1868.

He was reared and educated in Red Bluff, and after completing his school course took up the profession of pharmacy. He is widely and favorably known in Glenn and Shasta counties, as well as in Tehama county, having been engaged in his profession at Willows, Red Bluff and Redding. Five years prior to his illness he was successfully engaged in the drug business in Redding.

He has been ill for the past seven months, suffering with Bright's Disease. He was compelled to dispose of his business on account of ill health, and later went to Bartlett Springs in the hope of regaining his health. Since his return he has been at the home of his mother, where medical aid and every attention could be given him.

He leaves a wife and one promising child, **William Henry**, besides his mother, Mrs. Winter-Tipton, two brothers, County Assessor Louis **Winter** of this city, John F. **Winter**, of

Adelia's next step was found in the Red Bluff Newspaper



Within days of her husband's death, Adelia and her son were on their way back to Ontario. The newspaper clipping states that she was on her way to Toronto. Her parents never lived in Toronto so I suspect that she generalized to the reporter that she was going back home near Toronto. If she was on her way back to Ontario in 1909, you would expect to find her and her new baby in the 1911 Ontario census. Using the bac-lac.ga.ca search index of Canadian censuses, I was not able to locate her in Ontario. So once again, where did she go? The was no answer to this until the Ancestry records popped out a Marriage Index for Adelia and a Hugh Ferguson in Vancouver, BC. The date was the 15th of January, 1920. I believe this was a low-key civil wedding as there was no announcement in local papers. How did she meet Hugh Ferguson? I believe it was through her sister Millicent. By 1920, Millicent was married to C W Ives of Calgary. Via newspaper clippings it appears that the Ives, or at least Millicent, spent time escaping the cold winters of Calgary by living in Victoria. Adelia's new husband, Hugh Ferguson, appears to be have done the same thing in order to escape the Prairie winters and the Moose Jaw cold as he resided in Victoria over the winter months. The Ives family and Hugh Ferguson were both of substantial means and probably attended social functions and parties of the Victoria elite. I suspect that Adelia was invited to visit her sister in Victoria and that is where she was introduced to Hugh.

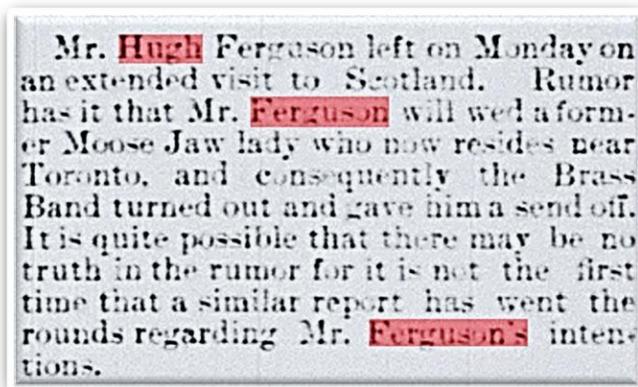
Vancouver Sun Index information:

Name: Adele Toull
Gender: Female
Spouse Name: Hugh Ferguson
Spouse Gender: Male
Marriage Date: 15 Jan 1920
Marriage Location: Vancouver
Registration Number: 1920-09-210516

Hugh was 60 years old at the time of the wedding and Adelia was 42. Adele brought son William into the marriage – he was 15.

Who was Hugh Ferguson?

Hugh came over in to Canada from Scotland in 1886 (1906 Saskatchewan census) and settled in the Moose Jaw area in the early 1890s. It is not known if he came with any siblings. He quickly established himself as an enterprising businessman. He acquired a large ranch in the Saskatchewan River valley outside of Moose Jaw near present day Riverhurst, and developed a large cattle shipping and butchering



Mr. **Hugh Ferguson** left on Monday on an extended visit to Scotland. Rumor has it that Mr. **Ferguson** will wed a former Moose Jaw lady who now resides near Toronto, and consequently the Brass Band turned out and gave him a send off. It is quite possible that there may be no truth in the rumor for it is not the first time that a similar report has went the rounds regarding Mr. **Ferguson's** intentions.

business based in Moose Jaw. His cattle were shipped as far away as England. He acquired many buildings in the downtown core of Moose Jaw. He was a city councillor, school board trustee and church elder. Hugh was also interested in horse racing and curling. He often went to Regina for both. The Moose Jaw Times Herald featured his name prominently in the years he lived in Moose Jaw.

It sounds that Hugh liked to keep the locals guessing as to his intentions.

A humorous story from the Moose Jaw Times Herald 1899.

Mr. Hugh Ferguson Married

Hugh Ferguson, of Moose Jaw, was married on Jan. 11th at 3 p. m., at Glenmorris, Ont., to Miss Jessie Dickie of that place, and sister to Thos. Dickie, M. P. P., of Souris, Man. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have gone on an extended wedding tour through England and Scotland. The bride is well known and highly esteemed in Moose Jaw, having been a member of the Moose Jaw Public School staff for a couple of years. Their many friends here wish them a long life of happiness.

Mr. **Hugh Ferguson** and bride, nee Miss Jessie Dickie, arrived home last Saturday from their wedding trip to Scotland and are now receiving the congratulations of their numerous friends.

He married his first wife, a school teacher named Jessie Dickie in 1899 when living in Moose Jaw. They had at least one child.

An excellent read on the life and times of Hugh Ferguson can be found in the January 1951 edition of the Canadian Cattlemen Magazine. The article is written by J F MacCallum. He was Hugh's nephew and he had come to work for Hugh in 1898. See the link below:

Mr. McCallum arrived last Saturday from Scotland and has entered the employ of Mr. **Hugh Ferguson**.

https://static.canadiancattlemen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/A-territorial-shepherd-part-1-jan-51.pdf?gl=1*tsetj6*_ga*MjA4MzQ1OTewMS4xNjc3ODA0MjU5*_ga_ZHEKTK6KD0*MTY3NzgwNDI1OC4xLjAuMTY3NzgwNDI1OC42MC4wLjA.&_ga=2.175262688.378385460.1677804260-2083459101.1677804259

My mother's brother, Hugh Ferguson, lived in Moose Jaw; had lived there fifteen years previous to my arrival. He had a butcher business in Moose Jaw. He was a cattle dealer as well. In the fall of the year he exported hundreds of cattle to Liverpool and Glasgow. He was in partnership with Arthur Hitchcock in a horse and cattle ranch on the banks of the Saskatchewan River, where the town of Riverhurst now stands.

Excerpt below from A Territorial Shepherd by J MacCallum:

“In the early years of this century, Hugh Ferguson, a local butcher, operated a slaughterhouse in the river valley at The Turn. In 1890, a piggery, probably located in what is now Churchill Park, was responsible for polluting the river. The Moose Jaw Times lamented: “If this matter is not attended to, our beautiful river...will be transformed into a cesspool emitting death dealing malaria germs...”.

The History of Moose Jaw – Leith Knight

On Tuesday of this week our genial townsman and popular butcher, Mr. Hugh Ferguson, had a rather exciting experience while attempting to weigh a young steer and heifer on the weigh scales in the vicinity of Riddell & McDonald's livery stables. He had them secured by means of a long rope—one on each end—and succeeded in getting them on the scales all right. But when the young heifer realized that it was their weight he was after, she grew very indignant and proceeded to raise quite a disturbance. They first made for a substantial carriage belonging to one of our successful ranchers, and turned it bottom side up, and in so doing smashed the ornamental side lamps, fixings, etc. Then they spied a handsome young man coming up High street on his spirited saddle horse and of course made after him. One went to the right side, the other to the left, the ponderous rope catching the horse, very nearly gave it the “Dutch flip,” and sat the haughty rider unceremoniously on the ground. Nothing else being in sight at the time, they very reluctantly consented to let themselves be wrigged, and as they figured up fairly well, Mr. Ferguson thought it was “na sa bad” after all.



Hugh Ferguson: Moose Jaw Times Herald

Mr. **Hugh Ferguson** and Mr. Ross left for the Kootenay district Wednesday morning to see the British Columbia gold fields and to dispose of a car of stock which they took with them. They expect to return in about three weeks' time.

Messrs. **Hugh Ferguson** and G. M. Annable attended the Regina Agricultural Fair on Tuesday. Mr. **Ferguson** helped to judge the cattle.

Articles about Hugh Ferguson Moose Jaw Times Herald



Hugh's house in Moose Jaw



First wife Jessie's tombstone -



Hugh and Adelia's house 78 Linden Ave. Victoria BC

Hugh's wife Jessie died in 1918. He put the family home and some of the businesses up for sale and retired permanently to Victoria where he had been spending most of his winters.

Hugh and Adelia enjoyed their retirement living at 78 Linden St, Victoria. This was a half block from the ocean walk along Dallas Rd near Clover Point Park. The couple travelled extensively. They travelled to Montreal then to Glasgow on the SS Letitia while visiting Hugh's brother, Colin Ferguson at Auchnashalloch Farm, Argyllshire, Scotland. They were on a six-month trip starting in June of 1925.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ferguson of Linden Avenue left yesterday for Montreal en route for Europe, where they will spend the next six months. Before returning to Victoria **Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson** will visit a number of the Eastern cities in the United States and Canada.

NAME	RESIDENCE	DESTINATION	CLASS	FARE	AGENT	REMARKS
Mr. H. Ferguson	Linden Ave. Victoria	Montreal	First
Mrs. A. Ferguson	Linden Ave. Victoria	Montreal	First



Adelia and Hugh not only lived at 78 Linden Ave., but he had a home built for them in the hills surrounding Victoria on Foul Bay Rd. He also helped finance his stepson's medical training at McGill University in Montreal.

He died in 1928, only a few years after his marriage to Adelia. His obituary sums up his gregarious nature and the circumstances of his death.

<p>HUGH FERGUSON, PRAIRIE PIONEER, DIES SUDDENLY</p> <p>Former Moose Jaw Man Collapses at Gate of His Home Here</p> <p>Hugh Ferguson collapsed suddenly and died almost instantly at the gate of his home, 604 Foul Bay Road, at 11.05 o'clock last night.</p> <p>Mr. Ferguson had come out to bid good-night to Dr. Lloyd McNiven, who had been spending the evening with him, when he suddenly fell over. Dr. McNiven gave him aid, but found that he had passed away as a result of an attack of angina pectoris. Mrs. Ferguson, who had been out for the evening, had returned home only a few minutes before.</p> <p>PROMINENT HERE</p> <p>Mr. Ferguson had been prominent in Church, political and club life since he moved here fifteen years ago from Moose Jaw. He had enjoyed perfect health.</p> <p>Mrs. Ferguson at the Foul Bay home, one son, James Ferguson, of Edmonton, a stepson, William Winters, at McGill University, and a brother, Duncan Ferguson, of Victoria, sur-</p>	<p>Mr. Ferguson was born in Leckuary, County Argyllshire, on December 2, 1859. He came to Western Canada in the early days and settled in Moose Jaw in the early 90's. There, as the West grew, he developed large realty holdings. His holdings there are still extensive, comprising a number of blocks in the centre of the city.</p> <p>WIDE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS</p> <p>Before finally moving his home to Victoria, Mr. Ferguson had been coming to this city to spend the Winter for several years, and through these visits built up a wide circle of friends here.</p> <p>One of Mr. Ferguson's pioneer associates on the prairies is now in Victoria in the person of Senator Ross, of Moose Jaw, who is wintering here. At the Angela Hotel, Senator Ross recalled Mr. Ferguson's early activities, his remarkable success in the pioneer community and the confidence he had manifested in the West, even in the darkest days. He said that Mr. Ferguson was held in high esteem everywhere, as a westerner of sterling character.</p> <p>When he came to Victoria Mr. Ferguson became a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, with which he maintained his connection. During the last couple of years, he was prominent in the affairs of the Laurier Club, acting as one of the directing committee with President Stephen Jones.</p> <p>The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. They will be announced on the arrival of his son from Alberta, who is now on his way here.</p> <p>The body is at the B.C. Funeral</p>
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Adelia continued to live in Victoria after Hugh's death. She went by the last name of Winter Ferguson. Her lifestyle was not affected by the depression, as she travelled and hosted parties extensively in the 1930s. Her sister Millicent Ives spent winters in Victoria and eventually moved to Victoria full time from her Calgary home. They partook in various church and garden functions. Bridge was a favourite hobby. Adelia also spent many years overwintering in Honolulu with her son.

suspended from the chandelier to the four corners of the table. Mrs. Hugh Ferguson presided at the luncheon table and was assisted by Miss Mabel Dyson, Miss Muriel Bishop, Miss Dorothy McAdam and Miss Thelma Steels.

The young couple were the recipients of many lovely gifts including a silver tea-service from Mr. and Mrs. Angus Campbell, and a silver casserole from Mrs. Hugh Ferguson. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a string of pearls.

Mrs. Winter Ferguson, Foul Bay Road, has returned home from visiting in Eastern Canada and in Calgary with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Ives.

Mrs. Winter Ferguson, Foul Bay Road, has returned home after spending the last six weeks visiting relatives and friends in Detroit and in Toronto.

Mrs. Winter Ferguson, Foul Bay Road, was hostess at a delightful bridge party on Thursday afternoon. The charmingly appointed tea table was in charge of Mrs. J. J. Shallcross and Mrs. B. W. Paul.

Mrs. Winter Ferguson, Foul Bay Road, sailed this afternoon on the R.M.S. Aorangi for the Hawaiian Islands on a couple of months' visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. Winter of Honolulu.

Mrs. Winter Ferguson entertained on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Foul Bay road with several tables of bridge in honor of Miss Salye Cameron of New York.

VICTORIA, Oct. 22.—Mrs. Winter Ferguson, who has leased her home on Foul Bay road to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler for a year, left on Saturday on the Empress of Japan for Honolulu to visit her son, Dr. William Winter. Mrs. Ferguson's sister, Mrs. Ives of Calgary, wife of Mr. Justice Ives, is expected to join Mrs. Ferguson in Honolulu later in the year.

Hugh built his house on Foul Bay Rd before his 1928 death. It was featured in an article in the 1932 Victorian Times Colonist.

This charming residence of Mrs. Winter Ferguson, on Foul Bay Road, is another very successful example of a home planned to fit the site and harmonize with the local surroundings, emanating from the office of P. Leonard James and Hubert Savage, A.R.I. B.A., local architects. This home, which is of cottage type, has been so placed upon the site as to present the appearance of its having been built and the trees afterwards growing up and encircling it, so well does it nestle among the old oaks.

The exterior is of English cottage stucco with brick base, shingled roof and leaded casement windows.

The entrance porch, so snugly placed, adjoining the large chimney stack, which emits its welcome smoke from the living-room fireplace, gives access to a panelled and beamed hall from which the various living rooms are entered. The living-room has open fireplace and a unique open-timbered ceiling and textured plaster, with wide French doors at one end giving access to the sunroom. The dining-room has panelled walls and arched sideboard recess. The den, with open fireplace, bookcase and writing desk, and panelled dado and beamed ceiling, is placed in a quiet position, and has easy access.

to the garden door. The kitchen is entered from hall or dining-room, and is fitted up with electric range, refrigerator and other modern conveniences. A large bedroom with ample closets and tiled bathroom adjoining, completes the main floor. The upper floor, approached by a well-placed staircase, comprises two spacious bedrooms with closets, a tiled bathroom and linen and trunk storage.

The basement, which is at grade level at the rear of the house, has bedroom and bathroom for domestic help, hot water heating apparatus and oil burning equipment, laundry and storage space.

A House Among The Trees



Adelia died on the 3rd of October, 1962 and is buried in the quaint Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery in rural Saanich, BC adjacent to her son and her sister.



**Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers
Grandchildren of William Toull and Josephine Elliott
Child of Adelia Elliott and William Winter**

Only Child: William H Winter B 01 July 1905 Red Bluff, CA.
D 22 May Honolulu, HI
Spouse: Isabel Claire MacDermid B 16 Nov 1905 Sydney, NS
D 29 Oct 1979 Honolulu

As noted in his parent's history, William's father died when he was 4 years old. His mother brought him back to Canada. From there he went with her to Victoria, where in 1920 his mother married Hugh Ferguson.

William had a comfortable life in Victoria. He attended St Michael's Private School in Victoria in 1921, and in 1922 attended McGill University in Montreal where he obtained his medical degree.



Entire school student population 1924 – St Michael's: Courtesy Wilson Archives

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Mr. William **Winter**, who is attending McGill University, Montreal, is spending his summer vacation in Victoria with his mother, Mrs. **Winter Ferguson**, Foul Bay Road.

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Summer 1931.....

<p>WINTER, WILLIAM H. Born at Red Bluff, Cal., July 1905. Preparatory education at Victoria, B.C. Attended St. Michael's School, Victoria High School and Victoria College. Faculty of Arts McGill 1926-'27. Faculty of Medicine since 1927.</p>	
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William had a long educational career. He received a BA in Arts in 1927 prior to graduating as a Medical Doctor in 1931.

He accepted a job in Honolulu in January of 1934 at Queen's Hospital, Honolulu.

Photo Courtesy Wikimedia



Dr. William Winter, son of Mrs. **Winter Ferguson**, Foul Bay road, sailed Saturday on the Empress of Japan for Honolulu, where he has accepted a position on the staff of the Queen's Hospital.

Mrs. **Winter Ferguson**, Foul Bay Road, sailed this afternoon on the R.M.S. Aorangi for the Hawaiian Islands on a couple of months' visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. **Winter** of Honolulu.

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I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1	William Winter M.D.	

His mother often came to visit in the 1930s.

WWII draft card

Dr. Winter had a number of hobbies. He liked to collect unique ocean shells, was a noted local painter, a local theatre actor and loved a good chess match. His paintings were featured in local galleries and were displayed at American medical conventions. The photo below was taken a year prior to his death.



Painting Is Relaxation for Honolulu's Medical-Artists

By THE GALLERY GOER

When a doctor puts down his scalpel and his stethoscope what does he pick up? It's apt to be a canvas and a paint brush as evidenced by the current show at the Little Gallery this week.

After talking with several doctors who paint, I have found that painting is considered one of the best forms of relaxation from the strain of listening to other people's ills.

The show is varied and shows considerable inconsistency in the work of the various persons exhibiting. I can rather imagine looking at the show that painting for most medics helps express some inner conflict of the moment through the medium of painting.

One of the most finished technicians in the show is Dr. Nils P. Larsen, whose color etching "Heil" and another etching "Hindenburg Harvest" show an expert handling of the medium as well as a nice sense of design combined with dramatic effect.

Dr. W. B. Herter's work in water color has a faint quality of

fairy tale illustration, with his study "Bluff House" easily being the strongest of his three pictures.

In a mixed show of this sort it is hardly possible to pick out a "best" picture, however, an oil study of "Water Hyacinths" by Dr. Rudolf Benz has the striking quality of a first rate impressionist still life.

Dr. Pauline Stitt, the only woman exhibitor in the show, has produced an oil study of the deep south, showing the bright foliage of southern shrubs and the lazy moss on oak trees in an interesting painting.

Dr. William Winter has three subjects done in three different feelings: a palette knife still life of considerable force, an oil entitled "Flower Farm" with an almost primitive approach, and a charcoal study of a country bridge.

The show has apparently been well attended, judging by the guest register at the gallery, and it is possible that a show in future will find several more professional men and women contributors to the field of fine art.

DR. WILLIAM WINTER AS "TIME" tells one of the Blue Children (Arvillie Reed) in the Kingdom of the Future, that must not go through the gates to be born just yet in the Honolulu Community Theatre production of Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Blue Bird" which plays tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p. m. and Saturday and Sunday at 3:30 p. m. in Dillingham Hall. Tickets are on sale at Bergstrom Music Co. or at the door one hour before the performance.—Kroshaw photo.

Marguerite died in 1977, Claire followed on Oct 27, 1979 at age 75. Both were cremated.

MacDERMID, MARGUERITE
Of 1645 Ala Wai Blvd., passed away on oct. 26, 1977, at the Straub Clinic & Hospital. She was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia. She was an industrial nurse, retired, and is survived by sisters, **Claire Winter** & Ruth Nylen; 1 brother, Hawley MacDermid.

Claire Winter
Mrs. Claire M. Winter, 75, of 1645 Ala Wai Blvd., died Thursday in St. Francis Hospital.
A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in the courtyard adjacent to the Atherton Chapel at Central Union Church.
Mrs. Winter was born in Nova Scotia.
She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ruth Nylen.

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Children of William Toull and Josephine Elliott

Second Child: Millicent May (Millie) B 09 July 1880 Ingersoll, Ont.
D 10 July 1958 Victoria, BC.
M 12 Mar 1906 Spokane, Washington.
Spouse: Justice William Carlos Ives B 30 Oct 1872 Compton, PQ
D 10 July 1950 Calgary

Like her sister, as noted in her biography, younger sister Millicent (Millie) also grew up in Ingersoll and lived above the family grocery store. When the Toull family moved to Woodstock, as per the April 1901 census, Millicent age 20, was found boarding with the Hault family in Ingersoll. Her occupation was listed as a clerk. In 1916, her parents and younger sister Josephine moved to Detroit to stay with her younger brother.



While living in Oxford County, Millie often visited her sister in Victoria. It was there that she was introduced to up-and-coming Lethbridge lawyer, William Carlos Ives. He too often made winter trips to Victoria to escape the Alberta winters and mingle in the Victoria society social scene. They were married in Spokane, WA. on the 6th of March 1906. It appears this was a civil ceremony. He was 32 and she was 25 years old. The reason for marrying outside Canada when his family unit was just north across the border in Pincher Creek, AB is a mystery. Perhaps an elopement was what they had planned.

Millie took up residence in Lethbridge with her ambitious lawyer husband. It was not long until he had moved his practice to the city of Calgary. The couple were involved in the high society of Calgary, attending concerts and parties. Millicent had a love for participating in local theatre productions. Both were excellent card players as well. Justice Ives spent many days on his ranch herding cattle, did Millicent join him?

Photo: Millicent in costume for a Calgary theatre production.



The family also spent considerable time at the family retreat at Kilmory Lodge at Waterton Lake. While Judge Ives worked, Millicent and daughter Betty often travelled.

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Mrs. W. C. Ives, with her daughter, Miss Betty Ives, will leave on Tuesday for Windsor, Ont., where they will spend two weeks visiting relatives before proceeding to New York to sail for Italy. They do not expect to return to Canada until August.
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<https://www.kilmoreylodge.com/history.htm>

No. A 2520

Certificate of Marriage

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
COUNTY OF SPOKANE, } SS.

I Hereby Certify that on the 12th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six at Spokane in the County of Spokane and State aforesaid, I the undersigned, a minister by authority of a license bearing date the 12th day of March A. D. 1906, and issued by the County Auditor of Spokane County, did join in lawful wedlock

William Carlos Ives, Hillbridge Alberta
of the County of _____ State of _____, and

Millicent May Foulle, Woodstock Ont.
of the County of _____ State of _____

IN THE PRESENCE OF

Clare Giboney
Rose B. Ives

WITNESSES:
G. W. Giboney

Signed _____ Groom.
Signed Millicent Ives Bride.

The Ives, particularly Millicent, spent the winters in Victoria and summers in Calgary. This appeared to be a common practice for the couple throughout the following decades.



The Empress Hotel was often a residence. In Oct 1916, Millicent rented a home on Linden St. in Victoria for the winter. This was probably the home that older sister Adelia and Hugh Ferguson would eventually purchase, as Adelia was already living in Victoria at the time. Millie had her much younger sister Josephine in tow. Josephine lived in Victoria from 1916-1918. The Ives also travelled often to Europe and Ontario. Sydney, Australia was also a destination. They had two children.

Spouse: Justice William Carlos Ives

There is much information written about Justice Ives. He has his own Wikipedia page. His obituary on the front page of the Calgary Herald (11 July 1950) best sums up his life.

(edited for brevity)

“Hon. Mr. W.C. Ives, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alberta, died in Holy Cross Hospital about 5 a.m. today after a lengthy illness. He was one of the true pioneers of Western Canada, having lived in the foothills country since 1880 although he was born in Compton PQ. in 1873.

Hon. Mr. Ives is survived by his widow and daughter Elizabeth, both of Victoria. His son predeceased him by 18 years.

While he made his mark in the judicial history of the West, both as a barrister and a member of the bench, he was ever proud to recall that he made his debut as a cowboy in the days of the open range.

It was after spending several years on the open range that he decided to study law at McGill University in Montreal and was admitted to the bar of the North West Territories in 1901. He was appointed to the bench of the Supreme Court of Alberta in 1914 and was appointed Chief Justice of the Trial Division in 1942. He retired from that post on Aug 16, 1944.

In Oct. 1944 he set a precedent for a retired judge when he opened an office as an advisory counsel and arbitrator and sat on many wage dispute boards.

Hon Mr. Ives lived the kind of life that almost every boy would have liked to experience. He came west when Indians and buffaloes roamed the prairies, when the huge ranches of the open range were being established and the famous Scarlet Riders of the plains were building the foundations of their traditions (Note: Scarlet Riders were the North West Mounted Police).

He was born in Compton, Quebec in 1873 and came west in 1880 with his mother and sister. They travelled by way of the United States and by boat from Bismarck, North Dakota to Fort Benton. Hon. Ives often recalled how they saw a herd of 1000 buffaloes crossing the Missouri river.

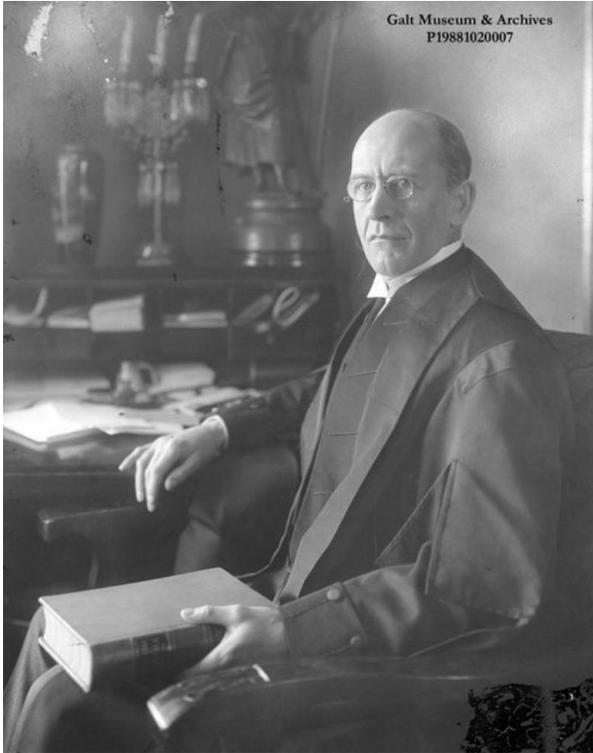
The party went by wagon train from Fort Benton to Macleod where “Billy” Ives, then seven, had his first Sullivan saddle and learned that the NWMP under James Macleod and the I G Baker Co store were the most important institutions in the area.

Hon. Mr. Ives attended public school in Pincher Creek but took more pride from the fact that he received his first pair of chaps at 12 and his first pair of high-heeled riding boots at 14.

That was when he left home to work as a cowhand for \$40 a month and beans. In 1890, he helped to herd 300 head of steers to Calgary in an experiment in which the animals were killed, frozen and shipped directly to England.

In later years he recalled that in 1882, the first big herd of cattle, 6000 head from Montana, came into the country for the Cochrane Ranch and the mishandling resulted in thousands of head dying during the first winter.

At 17, Billy Ives was working for the Cochrane outfit which ran 15,000 head of cattle along the St Mary’s and Belly Rivers and the “c” brand with a dewlap (a slit). He stayed until 1894, then decided to complete his education. He saved his earnings and headed east to McGill. He made his way there while overseeing a train load of Cochrane



cattle on its way to Montreal. During summer vacations he would return to Cochrane to help with the cattle trains.

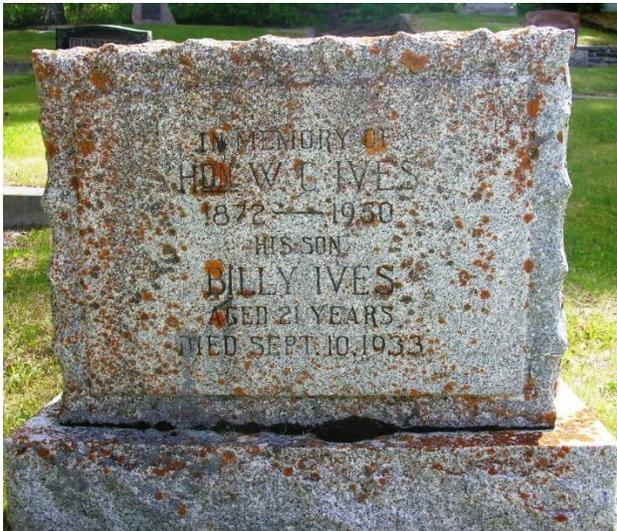
After graduation he was a law student with Foster, Martin and Giroux in Montreal and was called to the Quebec bar in 1897. He practiced law in Montreal for a year but was lured back to the west and admitted to the Northwest Territories bar 1901. He served with the Conybear and Ives firm in Lethbridge till 1906, and with the Ives and Ball firm until 1914 when he was appointed to the Supreme Court.

He presided over many famous western trials and was known as the "Cowboy" judge. He was known for his compassionate approach to the courts and rarely pondered for long on his judgements. He once said that "I am alive to my shortcomings: I know myself pretty well, but I have never convicted a man of a criminal offence until I have been absolutely satisfied on his guilt. On the other hand, some persons who were guilty have been acquitted."

Hon. Mr. Ives never forgot his cowboy experiences. In 1939 he started out alone with two saddle horses and pack equipment to roam the old-time trails of the Pincher Creek district where the foothills merge with the

Rockies southwest of Calgary. Again, in the summer of 1944, accompanied by Justice Shepherd, they rode the range of Maple Creek, Saskatchewan and visited the Lazy 7 Ranch. Here he met Johnny Ferman, a close friend of his cowboy days half a century earlier."

The article runs another column with personal remembrances from important citizens of Calgary and district.



Marker for Justice Ives and his son Billy: Banff, AB.

Justice Ives was a very good orator and he was in demand throughout Alberta as a speaker for various functions and gatherings. His speeches were always well thought out and shone a positive light on the resiliency and courage of the Canadian people and how they had tamed the wild west. At a Kiwanis luncheon meeting in Lethbridge in 1929, he scornfully quoted the influential press in England. The press had, in 1860, called the future Alberta, the soon to be British Columbia and Canada as a whole as not worth the money that England was investing. They added that the wild and worthless territories should be “allowed to go it’s natural way and become property of the United States.”

After his death his ashes were spread over the family Cochrane ranch and a memorial stone can be found in the Banff Cemetery. His son is also buried there.

In Victoria, Millicent was physically closer to her daughter Elizabeth (Betty) Burns and her sister Adelia Winter Ferguson. They often held bridge parties and mingled with the high society folks of Victoria. Millicent and daughter Betty shared adjacent apartments at 370 Richmond Ave. in Victoria in 1940. Millicent likely permanently moved to Victoria after her husband’s 1950 death.

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Millie lived in Apt. #5 at 370 Richmond Rd. until she died in 1958 and was buried beside what I assume was her close friend and sister Adelia and Adelia’s son Dr. William Winter in the St. Anglican cemetery in Saanich, BC.



IVES—Millicent M., widow of the Hon. Chief Justice William Carlos Ives of the Supreme Court of Alberta. She leaves her daughter, Mrs. Michael Burns at Brentwood and her sisters, Mrs. Winter Ferguson, Victoria and Mrs. Harold Champ Beckett, Riverside, Ont. Private services were conducted at Holy Trinity Church, Patricia

The Ives had 2 children
Millicent Elizabeth (Betty) and William “Billy”.

Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Grandchildren of William Toull and Josephine Elliott

Children of Millicent May (Millie) Toull and Justice Carlo Ives

Oldest: Millicent Elizabeth (Betty)

B 1907 Lethbridge, AB

D 1987 Victoria or Vancouver

M 1930 Calgary

Spouse: Patrick Burns

B 14 Aug 1906 Victoria

D 18 Sept 1936 Calgary

M 29 July 1939 Banff, Alberta

Spouse: Brig Gen. John Francis Bingham

B 06 Aug 1911 Winnipeg

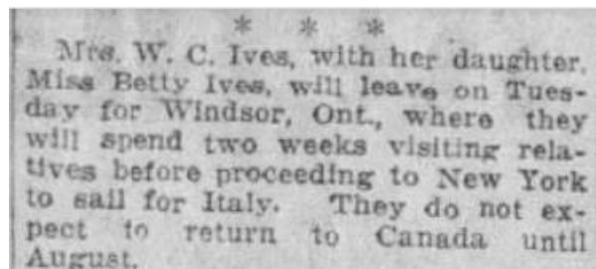
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Millicent's daughter Betty was raised in the high society echelon of Calgary at 836 Royal Ave. She attended Central High School and mastered French. She travelled to many destinations with her mother and aunt in those early years.

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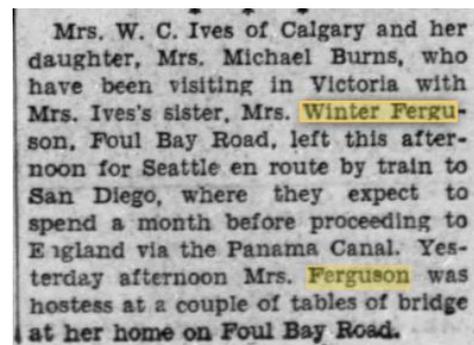
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By the time she was in her early 20s she was working as a journalist for a local Calgary newspaper where she had several by lines.

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Betty married twice. In 1930, she married Patrick Burns. He was the only son of prominent Calgary Senator R. F. Burns. He had been running the P. Burns Company, the large family business, as his father Senator Burns had never fully recovered from a stroke. Although the official cause of his death was listed as a heart attack at age 30, there were several references of an impending autopsy in the days following Patrick's death. The newspapers never his caused of death.

After P T Burn's death in 1936, Betty married Lieut. John Francis Bingham in July of 1939.

Bingham came from a long history of military family members. His father was Lieutenant Col. R F Bingham a distinguished Boer War and World War I officer. The family was well known in the

Patrick burns

P. T. BURNS OF CALGARY DIES

Only Son of Senator Patrick Burns Succumbs to Heart Attack

Canadian Press
Calgary, Sept. 18.—Patrick Thomas Burns, thirty, only son of Senator Patrick Burns, was found dead in bed at the home of his father here today. Death resulted from a heart attack, Dr. D. S. MacNab, the family physician, reported.

Later it was learned from Dr. George R. Johnson, city coroner, an autopsy had been held this morning. Pending a report, which he did not expect for two or three days, Dr. Johnson said no decision regarding an inquest had been made.

A member of the directorate of the P. Burns Company Limited, Mr. Burns, since the senator was stricken with a serious illness more than a year ago, had been actively connected with the firm.

Born at Victoria, B.C., August 14, 1906, he was educated at St. Mary's School, Calgary; Upper Canada College, Toronto, McGill University, Montreal, and the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

In addition to his father, Mr. Burns is survived by his widow, daughter of Mr. Justice W. C. Ives, and Michael Burns of Vancouver, an uncle.



John F. Bingham

Lieutenant in Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.C.)

Mrs. John F. Bingham

At a quiet ceremony early this afternoon in St. George's church, Banff, the marriage was solemnized of Millicent Elizabeth Burns, only daughter of Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. W. C. Ives to Mr. John Francis Bingham, Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.C.), son of Col. and Mrs. R. F. Bingham, of Sidney, Vancouver Island.

Major and Mrs. G. R. Bradbrooke and Captain and Mrs. F. A. Vokes were present at the ceremony, at which Rev. W. E. Herbert officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Bingham will reside at 512 Rideau road.

— Photographs by Frank Halliday.

social circles in Calgary and Victoria. John F grew up in both Victoria and Calgary but was born in Winnipeg. He was involved with the military at a young age as a cadet prior to

WWII and was attached to the Strathcona Horse Corps in Calgary.

CANADA

CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY QUALIFICATION
ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

NATURE OF QUALIFICATION SMALL ARMS

This is to Certify that Mr. J. F. Bingham xxxxx Cadet Instructor
has attended the required Course held at Camp Sarcee, Calgary, Alberta,
from 4th July, 1937, to 23rd July, 1937, and has qualified
in the Rifle.

NOTE—A copy of this Certificate is filed at Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada, under No. 87927

[Signature] Lieut-Colonel,
for Adjutant-General

[Signature] Lieut-Colonel,
Commandant, Canadian Small Arms School.

As a Colonel, had arrived at Juneau Beach on the morning of the D Day invasion as second in command. By 1945, he was in Europe as a Brigadier General in the Canadian Forces. He was 33 years old and by the end of the war, the youngest General in the Canadian Army. In 1945, he was commanding the Royal Armoured Corps, 1st Canadian Army in North West Europe. After the war, he was Commandant of Camp Borden, Director of Royal Canadian Cadets and in 1947 was the Military attaché to the Canadian Embassy in Turkey. He retired in 1949.

Wedding Solemnized At Banff Today



Generals.dk The Generals of WWII

Generals from Canada 



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Bingham, John Francis

Brigadier
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Victoria Man, 32, Becomes Brigadier

OTTAWA, March 11—(CP)—Defense headquarters today announced promotion of Lt-Col. John F. Bingham, 32, of Victoria, to rank of Brigadier in the Canadian Army Overseas.

Brig. Bingham, one of the youngest officers to hold that rank in the Canadian Army, is a son of Lt-Col. R. F. Bingham, a veteran of the South African and First Great War.

Brig. Bingham went overseas with the Canadian Armored Corps.

Service	
1942-06-29 - 1944-02-13	Commanding Officer 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Dragoons
1944-02-14 - 1944-03-23	Commanding Officer 12th Canadian Armoured Regiment
1944-XX-XX	Second in Command 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade [England]
1944-08-09 - 1944-12-08	Commanding Officer 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade [England]
1944-12-09 - 1945-07-30	Brigadier Royal Armoured Corps 1st Canadian Army, North-West Europe
1945-XX-XX - 1946-XX-XX	Commandant of A-33 Canadian Army Cadet Training Establishment at Camp Borden
1946-XX-XX - 1947-XX-XX	Director of Royal Canadian Army Cadets
1947-XX-XX - 1948-XX-XX	Military Attaché to Turkey
1949-XX-XX	Retired

Canuck Attache To Turkey Named

By DICK SANBURN

(From The Herald's Ottawa Bureau)
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OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Col. John P. Bingham, C.B.E., of Winnipeg and formerly of Calgary, has been appointed Canadian military attache at the Canadian embassy in Turkey.

Since 1946, Col. Bingham has been stationed in Ottawa as director of army cadets.

THE 36-YEAR-OLD Winnipegger will join the staff of General Victor Odium, Canadian ambassador to Turkey.

Col. Bingham was educated in Winnipeg, attended St. Andrew's College in Toronto and various schools in England. In 1932 he was commissioned in Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.C.), served in Calgary, and at the outbreak of war was promoted to captain. He attained his majority overseas in 1941, and in 1942 became lieutenant-colonel commanding the 1st Armored Regiment (Royal Canadian Dragoons).

The brigade commander, Brig. R.A. WYMAN, and the alternate brigade commander, Col. J.F. BINGHAM, landed on foot late in the morning from the divisional headquarters ship and the alternate divisional headquarters ship, respectively, and reached the report centre at the EAST end of BERNIERES-SUR-MER at about 1330 hours. Brig. WYMAN and Col. BINGHAM made personal reconnaissances in the areas in which fighting was in progress to gain first-hand information; in the early afternoon they became mounted when the two scout cars came ashore from LST 1740; Brig. WYMAN and Col. BINGHAM then continued to effect personal liaison with divisional and infantry brigade headquarters, and with forward battalions.

Wireless communication became difficult in the late afternoon, and control was taken over by Brig. WYMAN and Col. BINGHAM, using Capt. Macdougall's 5 cwt FFW as the control vehicle. Thereafter the ACV, still afloat, became completely a side-issue in the war. In the early evening Brig. WYMAN and Capt. Macdougall made a reconnaissance of BENEY-SUR-MER, and selected a night harbour area next door to the RHQ of the HLI of C. The vehicle party from LST 1741 joined Brig. WYMAN and Col. BINGHAM at about 2200 hours, and wireless control was transferred to the M14 half-track, which Brig. WYMAN and Col. BINGHAM employed as their command vehicle until the arrival of the vehicle party from LST 1740 the following day.

Courtesy: Google books – events and information D-day Juneau Beach

Millicent (Betty) Ives Bingham was also involved in the military. She was sent to England during the WWII. Betty was in charge of the Ack Ack Girls. This was a female squadron that were trained to operate the ground guns to repel German bombers during the Blitz.



War photo of a female Ack Ack position – Google photos

Bradbrooke, Mrs. John Bingham England With Transport Corps

Sept. 4 (CP)—A group of 14 Canadian women, a number of whom gave up Red Cross activities in Canada to do work in the war zone, have arrived in Britain to join the mechanized transport corps as drivers. They departed for training centres in London immediately they debarked here.

The group include two former Calgary women, Mrs. G. R. Bradbrooke and Mrs. John Bingham, both of whose husbands were sta-

tioned here with Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.C.).

Lieut.-Col. Bradbrooke, M.C., is now the officer commanding the First Battalion, Calgary Regiment, and is serving somewhere in England.

Captain John Bingham (L.S.H.) is attached to the First Armored Brigade and has been stationed this summer at Camp Petawawa. It is not yet known whether he has been transferred overseas.

Mrs. Bingham spent several weeks in Calgary this summer visiting her parents, Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. W. C. Ives.

The government granted special permission for the women to enter Great Britain. They crossed the Atlantic in a convoy which brought additional units of the Canadian 3rd Division and traveled under the charge of Mrs. P. W. Arnoldi, former commandant of the Toronto detachment of Red Cross transport.

Mrs. Arnoldi, who was still wear-

ing her khaki Red Cross uniform, and her companions were greeted aboard their transport by Mrs. W. Bowron, commandant of the M.T.C., and Staff Officer Mrs. Leslie Fenton—Ann Dvorak of film fame.

All but three of the new arrivals are married.

Mrs. Frances Gill of Ottawa said the idea of serving with the volunteer organization was "all right." The party included Mrs. John Bingham of Calgary, Mrs. Donald Meyers, Mrs. Himla Farquharson and Mrs. John Price, of Toronto; Mrs. J. S. Slyter, of Halifax; Mrs. Isobel Prentice, of Montreal; Mrs. G. R. Bradbrooke, of London, Ont.; Mrs. John Rowley and Mrs. J. Wilson, of Ottawa; and Misses Amice Caverley, of Oakville, Ont.; Margaret Newton, of Sherbrooke, Que., and Janet Horteous, of Montreal.

Mrs. Flumerfelt

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Mrs. M. J. Bingham of Calgary, arrived in Montreal Wednesday aboard the cargo-passenger liner Beaverburn from England, and is en route to Ottawa to visit her father, Hon. W. C. Ives, chief justice of the trial division of the Supreme Court of Alberta, who is at present in the Canadian capital. Mrs. Bingham is the former Miss Betty Ives.



VICTORIAN IN ENGLAND—Cadet Officer M. E. Bingham of Calgary, formerly Miss Betty Ives, who attended St. Margaret's school in Victoria, is pictured here in her uniform as an officer in charge of a unit of the Mechanized Transport Corps, operating in Shoreditch in London's East End. She is the daughter of Mr. Justice and Mrs. Ives of Calgary, and the wife of Major John Bingham of Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.C.), who is also serving in England. Cadet Officer Bingham's father-in-law, Lt.-Col. R. F. Bingham, lived in Victoria for a number of years, returning to Winnipeg when his two sons, Major John Bingham and Robert Bingham, went overseas. Her aunt is Mrs. **Winter Ferguson**, Foul Bay Road.

Millicent (Betty) was found in Victoria living in adjacent apartments on the 1949 voters list.

317 Apt. 2, **Bingham, Kathleen**, bookkeeper
 370 Apt. 3, **Bingham, Millicent E.**, housewife
 370 Apt. 5, **Ives, Millicent M.**, housewife

Both were listed as housewives so I suspect they were spending time in their winter homes in Victoria at the time. It appears that the couple were divorced and John was found remarried. It is believed that Betty died in Vancouver in 1987. The listing on John Bingham's service page confirms his death as 1989 (page 29). He lived in Victoria and was remarried in June 27, 1962 to Eleanor Hales. They moved to W Vancouver at that point.

Principals at Army chapel vows Wednesday fly east

The Army chapel at Jericho was the scene of a charming small wedding Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock when Padre J. Alfred read the marriage service for Mrs. Eleanor Rosemary Hales and Col. John Francis Bingham. He is the youngest son of Lt.-Col. R. F. Bingham of Victoria.

A reception for close friends and family was held

later at the B.C. Area Headquarters Mess at Jericho, where Col. F. A. McTavish proposed the toast.

Mr. A. E. Tulk was best man for his sister's groom while Mrs. William Inverarity was her matron of honor. Following the reception the principals flew to Ottawa and will return to reside in West Vancouver.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Director of Vital Statistics for a change of name, pursuant to the provisions of the "Change of Name Act," by me:—Millicent Elizabeth Bingham of 370 Richmond Road in the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, as follows:

To change my name from Millicent Elizabeth Bingham to Millicent Elizabeth Burns.

Dated this 30th day of May, A.D., 1951.

In 1951, after her divorce she changed her name back to Millicent Elizabeth Burns. I suspect this was done to assist her in her upcoming dealings with the Burns family in Calgary.

Betty sued the Senator Patrick Burns estate for \$1,000,000 claiming she was defrauded of funds after being forced to accept a smaller payout after the death of the Senator's son and her husband.

\$1 Million Claim In Supreme Court

A lawsuit involving some \$1,000,000 in claims against the estate of the late Senator Patrick Burns is expected to come before the trial division of the Alberta Supreme Court in the New Year.

Mrs. Millicent (Betty) Burns of Victoria, daughter of the late W. C. Ives, Chief Justice of the Trial Division of the Alberta Supreme Court, and widow of the senator's only son, the late Michael Burns, is the plaintiff.

Mrs. Burns is suing the estate for benefits she would have received under terms of the senator's will had she not accepted a settlement from trustees 33 days before the senator's death. Terms of the settlement were that she relinquish all claims under the will.

In her original statement of claim Mrs. Burns made allega-

tions of fraud against the estate's executors.

In a judgment of Mr. Justice H. C. Farthing in July, 1960, she received permission to amend the wording in her original statement of claim.

Her action was delayed when the estate's trustees appealed Mr. Farthing's decision at a hearing in Calgary last week.

Arthur Pattillo, Q.C., of Toronto and J. H. Laycraft of Calgary appeared for the estate.

Pattillo, regarded as one of Canada's leading lawyers, objected to the amendment because he said he wanted the allegations of fraud "disposed of once and for all."

He maintained that if Mrs. Burns lost her case she could again take action on these grounds.

S. J. Helman, Q.C., and David Wright appeared for Mrs. Burns.

"Certain Adjectives" Left Out

Helman said the amendment was redrafted to leave out "certain adjectives" that might be misunderstood by reporters. He said he changed the form of allegations to avoid this.

The appeal court dismissed the estate's appeal and said in effect that Mr. Justice Farthing had exercised his discretion properly in permitting the amendment. The estate was required to pay court costs.

Mrs. Burns married Michael Burns, Senator Burns' only child, in 1931. In June, 1935, the senator suffered a stroke at the age of 79. A nephew and second cousin of Senator Burns applied for an order appointing themselves guardians of his estate, granted on March 11, 1936, by Mr. Justice Ives, father of the plaintiff.

Mrs. Burns' husband Michael

died the following September. The couple was childless.

After her husband's death Mrs. Burns received an allowance from the senator's assets.

She accepted a settlement of \$350 per month, relinquishing all claims under the will of her father-in-law. This was raised to \$500 per month after his death.

Senator Burns died Feb. 24, 1937, leaving a will dated Jan. 15, 1932.

Under terms of the will Mrs. Burns was to receive an annual income of \$15,000 per year for life, use and occupation of the Burns' family home, costs and charges incidental to upkeep, and all expenses connected with her medical care including all travelling and residing abroad which was undertaken for her health.

She was seeking damages and the terms of the will as first read. She said she was pressured to accept the settlement instead of the original terms.

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"INFLUENCING" ALLEGED

In her original claim, she alleged that improper and undue influence was used by estate trustees to get her to relinquish all claims on the will and insurance policies before Senator Burns died and his will disclosed.

Senator Burns died in 1937 after a long illness, leaving a meat-packing and ranching empire. Millicent Burns' husband, Michael, died in 1936.

Named as defendants in the case are Richard John Burns, Thomas John Farrell, and Kenneth Strang Blair, trustees of the senator's estate; Richard John Burns, trustee of the estate of Michael John Burns; and J. Howard Kelly, Calgary barrister.

RELATIVE GETS \$40,000

\$25,000 YEARLY FOR LIFE

Burns' Estate Battle Ends

On March 25, 1963 a settlement was reached.

A drawn-out battle over the late Senator Pat Burns' estate ended Wednesday as Millicent Burns, 55, of Victoria, the senator's daughter-in-law, was guaranteed an annual income of \$25,000 for life.

The out-of-court settlement also provides her with a \$40,000 cash payment immediately.

Mrs. Burns, widow of the cattle king's only child, first started action against the trustees of the estate in 1960.

She claimed they used "improper and undue" influence to make her relinquish all claims on the estate before Sen. Burns died and his will, guaranteeing her \$15,000 a year for life, was disclosed.

The senator died in 1937, five months after his son, Michael.

Over 60 beneficiaries under the late Senator Patrick Burns' will were contacted for their sanction to the agreement.

In excess of \$600,000 of securities were placed with the Royal Trust company for provision of the stipulated annual income.

The securities will revert to the estate after the death of Mrs. Burns.

Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Grandchildren of William Toull and Josephine Elliott

Children of Millicent May (Millie) Toull and Justice Carlo Ives

Second and last child: William Borden

B 1912 Lethbridge, AB

D 10 Sept 1933 Calgary age 21

Billy to his father, Sammy to his friends, was born in Lethbridge while his father was a circuit judge for the region. He was his father's only son and excelled at sports. Family pressure to overachieve would factor in his life. His self-inflicted death was sudden and tragic as noted in his obituaries.

YOUNG STUDENT IS FOUND DEAD

Bullet Ends Life of William Ives, Popular Calgary Youth

Prominent in university circles and among Calgary's younger set, William B. Ives, 21-year-old son of Mr. Justice W. C. and Mrs. Ives, was found shot to death in the basement of the family home at 836 Royal avenue, early Sunday morning.

An inquest would be unnecessary according to Coroner Dr. George R. Johnson who reported the wound to be self inflicted. Death was caused by a bullet from a .22 rifle which was found lying near the body. According to police reports the young student had been despondent for some time.

About 4 o'clock Sunday morning John Cameron, who was staying at the house for the night, heard the discharge of a rifle and hurried downstairs to find his friend lifeless. He immediately summoned Dr. E. P. Scarlett.

Mr. Justice Ives returned Sunday morning from a holiday trip at the coast. Mrs. Ives who spent the summer in England in company with her son, has been at Windsor, Ontario, for a few weeks visiting friends. The deceased upon returning home had visited friends at Banff, and at the home of his sister, Mrs. Michael Burns, at the 44 Ranch, Claresholm.

The deceased had resided in Calgary since 1914, and recently completed his third year in civil engineering at the University of Alberta. Prior to that he attended Brentwood school, near Victoria, B.C.

William B. Ives Buried at Banff

Friends Pay Last Tribute in Pine-Filled Cemetery

(Special to Edmonton Journal)
CALGARY, Sept. 14. — Funeral service for the late William Borden Ives, 21-year-old son of the Hon. Mr. Justice W. C. Ives and Mrs. Ives, was held in Banff at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. Rev. Tully Montgomery officiated at the graveside service.

About 100 friends of the family gathered in the sunshine in the beautiful pine-filled cemetery for the service and interment was made close to the Hammond plot. Known and beloved by a wide circle of friends in the province as "Sammy" Ives, his pallbearers were Jack Cameron, Harry Cooper, "Friskie" Russell, John McNeill, Don McKenzie and W. Allen. He had resided in Calgary since 1914, attending school here and at Brentwood, Vancouver Island, and had spent three years at the University of Alberta. His enthusiasm for athletics drew him into rugby, tennis, badminton and hockey. He is survived by his parents and a sister Mrs. Michael Burns, of the 44 ranch, near Claresholm.

His close friends had motored for the service in Banff from both Calgary and Edmonton, and many young men, with members of the supreme and district courts of Alberta, and representatives of the legal profession were in attendance. Among the many floral tributes were shields from Brentwood friends, from the University of Alberta group, with a special floral spade from the faculty of engineering.

The probable cause of death was suicide. A shared marker for Willy and his father can be found in Banff. The Bingham couple disappeared at that point. There is reason to believe there is a tie in with a Nigel Maude as a potential step child for John F. Bingham. I did find his brother Robert P Bingham buried in Surrey, BC. I suspect John may have lived in BC as well.

Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Children of William Toull and Josephine Elliott

Child: William Rodgers

B 04 July 1883 Ingersoll

D 23 Jul 1883 Ingersoll

DIED.

TOULL.--In Ingersoll, on the 23rd inst., William
Rodgers, son of Mr. Wm. Toull, aged 19 days.

Type of
Notice

Death Notice

Newspaper Ingersoll Chronicle

Surname Toull

First Name William

Date of
Event July 23, 1883

TOULL--In Ingersoll, on the 23rd inst., William Rodgers, son of Mr.
William Toull, aged 19 days

*Son William Rodgers died 19 days after birth due to lung
congestion. Buried in section H with parents. Misnamed for his
grandmother's family – Eliza Rogers

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Children of William Toull and Josephine Elliott

Fourth Child: Charles Brown B 30 Aug 1884 Ingersoll, Ont.

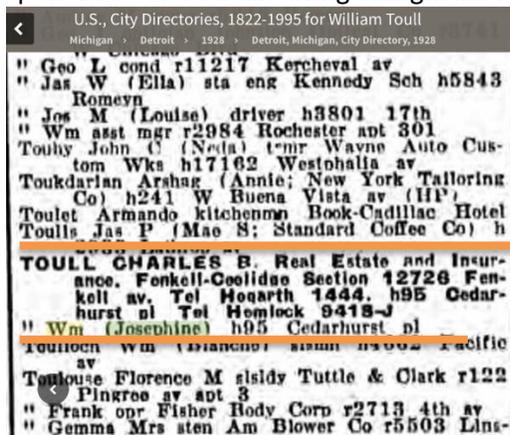
D 12 Dec 1957 Detroit IRC

M 03 Mar 1932 Detroit, Mi.

Spouse: Eva Bennett (Dunham) B 20 July 1887 Chatham, Ont.

D 24 Mar 1940 Pt Huron, Mi. Buried Windsor Grove Cemetery.

Charles lived at home in Woodstock in the 1901 census but was gone by the 1911 census. I suspect that he had moved to Detroit by that time however the 1919 Detroit city directory gave no indication he was there. The 1920 US census had him listed as a lodger in a boarding house and indicated he arrived in Michigan in 1915. Border crossing paperwork of 01 May 1916 had his occupation as a real estate agent and living in a boarding house at 154 Louisa Ave. Highland Park. As a naturalized American citizen, he spent most of adult life living in Highland Park Mi., a suburb of Detroit and living at 95 Cedarhurst Place.



It is a statement on the condition and downfall of the city of Detroit that most of the locations that the Toull families lived in or worked at are in terrible condition or replaced by an overgrown empty lot. 95 Cedarhurst Pl as pictured was the home of William, Josephine, and Charles B Toull according to the 1930 census.

He started a Real Estate and Insurance business (with a grade 5 education) as early as 1919, according to the Detroit City Directory. He ran it for a number of years and the business was located at 3384 Woodward Ave in downtown Detroit.

Detroit Free Press Ads 1916-1919.

NEW 7-ROOM HOUSE
\$400 WILL HANDLE
 3 blocks from Ford's factory. Call Mr. Toull for appointment, Hemlock 2188.

NORTH WOODWARD
 140 ft. Seven-mile road frontage. 1st block, unrestricted. \$89 ft. terms.
FERRY & TOULL
 HEMLOCK 2969-J.

618 ACRE-
 Farm in the Canadian northwest, located about 100 miles south of Calgary. 250 acres under cultivation, fenced and cross-fenced, horses, machinery, tools, etc. Barns, granary, garage and new residence. Household goods, including new Nordheimer piano. 1.3 acres of this land is located in the townsite. General store stock can be purchased. This entire property can be bought for \$17,000 on good terms.

TOULL
 Hemlock 2778. 324 Woodward ave. *

I believe he was a primary care taker of his parents in their later years in the 1930s which would explain his parents moving to Detroit. In 1932, soon after the death of both parents and at the age of 47, Charles married widow Eva (Bennett) Dunham in St Paul's Cathedral, Detroit. She was a resident of Port Huron and Charles moved there after the wedding. Widow Eva had 2 children from a previous marriage. She and Charles had no children.



St. Paul's Cathedral in Detro

Wayne County, Michigan

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage,
Greeting:
 Marriage May Be Solemnized Between

Mr. Charles B. Toull and M. Eva B. Dunham
 affidavit having been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended, by which it appears that said

Charles B. Toull is 47 years of age, color is white, residence is Detroit, Michigan, and birthplace was Canada, occupation is Real estate, father's name William, and mother's maiden name was Josephine Elliott

has been previously married no time s; and that said Eva B. Dunham is 44 years of age, color is white, residence is Detroit, Michigan and birthplace was Canada, occupation is housewife, father's name George H. Bennett, and mother's maiden name was Margaret J. Chlaniok

and who has been previously married one time s, and whose maiden name was Bennett, and whose Parent's or Guardian's consent, in case she has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and the seal of Wayne County, Michigan, this 27th day of February A. D. 1932

L. S. *Shoo J. Farrell*
 County Clerk
Chas. W. Guel
 Deputy Clerk

Certificate of Marriage HP

Rites Tuesday For Woman Stricken At Easter Service

Mrs. Eva B. Toull, 52, 1215 Pine Grove avenue, wife of Charles B. Toull and Port Huron resident six years, died of heart disease Sunday morning in Grace Episcopal church house. She was stricken while attending Easter services in the church.

She was born July 20, 1887, in Chatham, Ont. She was a prominent member of Grace church and was a member of its organ guild. She was a member of the Ladies' Library association, St. Clair County Republican Women and the Port Huron League of Women Voters.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Margaret L. Dunham and Dorothy A. Dunham, all of Port Huron, and three sisters, Mrs. Clare B. Bates, Detroit; Mrs. Dorothy Elmes, Windsor, Ont., and Mrs. Jennie M. McEachren, Toronto.



A reception at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Beckett, on Jefferson boulevard, Riverside, followed the marriage Saturday, at 1 p.m., in St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, of Miss Margaret Louise Dunham, daughter of Mr. Charles Brown Toull of Detroit, to Mr. William David Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Roth of Whitehall, New York. After a wedding trip to Lake George, New York, they will reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Photo: Stepdaughter Margaret Louise Dunham wedding to David Roth.

The 1940 census for Port Huron, Mi. marks a change in careers as he became a builder/contractor and lived in a rented home. Eva died in March of 1940 of sudden cardiac arrest at age 52. She was struck down while attending an Easter church service. A few months later the 1940 Port Huron census had him and his 20-year-old and 18-year-old stepdaughters, Margaret B 1919) and Dorothy Dunham, (B 1921) living with him. It seems Charles spent much of his life either taking care of his parents or his stepdaughters.

Dr William Roth died in the Bahamas.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN
 American Consulate General,
 Nassau, N. P., Bahamas - April 26, 1966
 (Place and date)

Name in full William David ROTH Occupation Physician

Native or naturalized Sept. 24, 1922 New York Last known address
 in the United States 339 W. Brown, Beaverton, Michigan

Date of death April 23, 1966 Age 43
 (Month) (Day) (Hour) (Minute) (Year) (As nearly as can be ascertained)

Place of death Pilot House Club, Nassau, N. P., Bahamas
 (Number and street) or (Hospital or hotel) (City) (Country)

Cause of death Coronary Thrombosis, as certified by Dr. Joan Read, Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas
 (Include authority for statement)

Disposition of the remains Hall Funeral Home Gladwin, Michigan

Local law as to disinterring remains _____

Disposition of the effects in custody of wife



Dr. William David Roth, 43,

Beaverton physician, died suddenly from a heart attack Saturday evening at Nassau, Bahama Islands. Services will be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the

Beaverton Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Aaron Hyde will officiate and burial will be in the Beaverton Cemetery. Dr. and Mrs. Roth had flown their plane to the Bahamas for a brief vacation. he had laid down for a short nap before dinner Saturday evening and died in his sleep.

Born Sept. 24, 1922 in White Hall, N. Y., Dr. Roth was the son of Joseph B. and Lula Mae Roth. He and the former Miss Margaret Dunham were married in Detroit July 6, 1946. After graduating from the University of Michigan, Dr. Roth received a law degree from the Detroit College of Law and practiced several years. He returned to college and graduated from the Kansas City College of Osteopathy & Surgery, Kansas City, Mo., in 1961. He interned at Saginaw and Clare hospitals and moved to Beaverton four years ago to establish his medical practice. Dr. Roth was a veteran of World War II serving in the navy.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; one daughter, Mary Elizabeth; and four sons, Brian D., Joseph C., James William, and Daniel T. Roth

Margaret died in Kalamazoo on Nov 7th 1995.



Photo: Stepdaughter Dorothy Anne Dunham 1939.

Dorothy was born in 1922. She moved to her step father's home with her mother in Port Huron in 1940. The census occurred in the same year as her death and the girls remained with their father in their Pine Grove Ave home. After her mother's death, as per the 1950 census, she was living in an apartment on Euclid Ave. in Detroit with her retired 66-year-old step father. She was his caretaker as she worked as a secretary in downtown Detroit hotel. She married in 1951 to Charles Bustler Claspill Jr. In 1950 he was living with his parents in Detroit where he was a salesman for a plastics firm. When they married, he was 31 and Dorothy 28.

He died in 1978 in Toledo, Ohio. Dorothy's life is a mystery after her wedding in 1951. Are circumstances, death date and location are unconfirmed.

Charles Brown's trail goes quiet until his death in 1957. He was found living with his sister Josephine in Windsor. He is buried in IRC in the same plot as his parents. His inscription is on the opposite side to theirs.

TOWLL—Charles Brown, age 73 years, December 12, 1957 at the residence of his sister, 37 Jefferson Blvd., Riverside. Dear father of Mrs. William Roth (Margaret), Kansas City, Missouri; Miss Dorothy Dunham, Detroit, Mich. Dear brother of Mrs. Harold C. Beckett, Riverside; Mrs. Dell Winter-Ferguson and Mrs. W. C. Ives, both of Victoria, B.C. Services Morris Windsor Chapel, 68 Giles East at Goyeau, Saturday, December 14 at 8:30 p.m. Rev. R. R. Sadleir officiating. Grave-side services Sunday at 1 p.m. at Ingersoll Rural Cemetery, Ingersoll, Ontario.



Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Children of William Toull and Josephine Elliott

Last Child: Josephine (Joe)

B 13 Oct 1893 Ingersoll

D 01 Jan 1968 Hamilton, Ont.

M 23 Oct 1918 Detroit

Spouse: Harold Champ Beckett

B Hamilton

D 1970 Ancaster, Ont.



Photos of Joesphine Toull Beckett courtesy of Meralee Beckett

Like her older sisters, Josephine was born in Ingersoll and lived in King St. above the grocery store. After the move to Woodstock in 1911, she was the only child left at home. There was a considerable age difference between Josephine (Joe) and her siblings. She was 14 years younger than Adelia and 12 years younger than Millicent. She was also 9 years younger than her nearest sibling Charles. Her mother would have been 38 years old at her birth.

When she and her parents made the move to Detroit in June 1916 Josie was 22 years old. It is known that her brother was already in Detroit and her other siblings had moved west

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION		PORT OF ARRIVAL	
No.	Name	Age	Sex
12	O'Brien	James	M
13	Toull	William	M
14	Toull	Josephine	F
15	Toull	Josephine	F

60	"	carpenter	"	"	"	Irish	Canada	Toronto
61	"	engineer	"	"	"	English	"	Woodstock
61	"	woman	"	"	"	"	"	"
22	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	Irish	"	Toronto

Border paperwork 1916

They lived near or stayed with her older brother Charles who was a single man and working as a real estate investor. I believe that at that time the parents were looking for family assistance in their older years and son Charles was the only financially viable child living nearby. This arrangement did not work out well for Josephine, let alone how poorly it worked out for her parents, as noted in their biography. Within six months, Josephine (now aged 22) was spending the winter with her older married sister Millicent in Victoria at the Linden St. residence. This was also convenient as she was introduced to the social scene in Victoria by her other sister Adelia Winter Ferguson.

Mrs. Ives, wife of Judge Ives, of the supreme court of Alberta, and her sister, Miss Josie Toull, have leased "Blixholme," the residence of Mrs. W. H. P. Sweeney, Linden avenue, for the winter months.

November 1916 Victoria Times

Local friends of Miss Josephine Toulle, who spent the past two years in this city as the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Ives, will doubtless be interested to hear of her marriage to Harold Champ Beckett, of Detroit, formerly Lieutenant attached to the 120th Battalion, C. E. F. The marriage took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, on October 30. Mr. and Mrs. Beckett, after a trip to New York, will reside at Sheraton Court Apartments, Second Avenue, Detroit, where the groom is a well-known architect.

Josephine lived in Victoria for 2 years according to the Victoria Times Colonist newspaper article of Nov 1918. It appears she had no job while living in Victoria. Border paperwork indicates she arrived back in Detroit in 1918 at age 24. However, she married Harold Beckett on the 23rd of October, 1918.

As per Immigration records: Josie and Harold would have been an imposing pair, he was well over 6'2" and she was 5'9". The 1920 Detroit census had

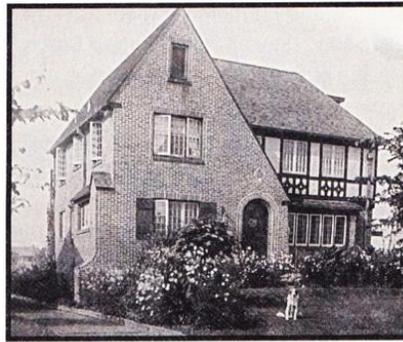
them living in the Sheraton Court Apartments on Second Ave in downtown Detroit.

Sheraton Court Apartments Detroit.



My assumption is that she met Harold Beckett when she arrived in Detroit in 1916. Her brother would have probably had business dealings with him. Harold was a new architect in Detroit and Charles was in the business of developing land. I suspect that Josie went to live with her sister in Victoria as a life experience. She likely travelled from Victoria in the summers to visit her parents in Detroit and the relationship with Harold Beckett grew from there.

Photo: sons John, Thomas and Bill with Joe -Ft Lauderdale – courtesy Meralee Beckett



37 Jefferson Blvd. Windsor Ontario

(Joe) to her family, moved to Riverside, now part of Windsor, after the birth of their first son sometime around 1925. The family first lived in a temporary home awaiting the construction of a Tudor house on Jefferson Ave. in an up-scale

neighbourhood of auto industry and engineering executives. The two younger sons were born there. As per the memoirs of son Thomas Beckett in his book *My Path to the Dundas Valley*, his mother Joe was the joker of the family. She loved practical jokes that she could play on her stern and serious husband. One time she poured water out of an upper story window on the head of a son that was late coming home at night. She was afraid of the water as she could not swim and as Jefferson Ave. ended at the St Clair riverbank, she was always worried about her rambunctious sons' misadventures on the fast flowing and at times dangerous river. Joe suffered terribly from Asthma. As noted in Thomas Beckett's book, even brushing her hair could bring on an attack. Because she was limited in doing strenuous activity, the family had live-in help thorough the years. In 1931, with her husband finding work scarce, they rented out the house and toured in their 1929 Buick that was bought before the stock market crash of 1929. They spent the summer in Ontario, camping and fishing before Joe became restless. The family toured the Gaspé peninsula and east coast of Canada and the US until they stopped at Fort Lauderdale, a small town with an unpaved main street at that time on the Atlantic coast. They discovered that while there, Joe's asthma disappeared. Winter trips to Florida ensued over the following decades.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Path-Dundas-Valley-Thomas-Beckett/dp/1999473809>

Josephine was noted in Thomas Beckett's book as being the family worrier. She was also good natured and tender. During the depression years, it was noted that there was often a homeless strange man sitting at the kitchen table having a meal. She would never turn away anyone that would knock on the door asking for something to eat.

During the war years, the family got creative. After rations ran out, she would make her own butter and established a chicken coup in the family's double garage. The was a source of fresh eggs and also a supply of chicken to eat. Geese, golden pheasants, racing pigeons and a pet crow were added to the menagerie.

Harold Beckett

Harold was raised in Hamilton to a long standing and well-known area family. The Becketts were the original founders of several businesses in Hamilton and all were mostly university educated. The link below is a biography of the family until WWI and is a free download.

<https://beckettpress.com/product/war-letters-ebook>



116 Charlton Ave. Hamilton, Ontario

The family lived in a large house on Charlton St in Hamilton and were a large outdoor loving group. They spent many summers in the Lake Algonquin area.

The Beckett family first had a campsite, then a small cabin on Lac Cache with its picturesque islands and rugged shoreline. A main feature, by 1908, was Highland Inn on the north shore of Cache, built and operated by the successor to OA&PS, the Grand Trunk Railway. Highland Inn, considered by many to be a picturesque firetrap, was as close to “high fashion” as Algonquin has ever seen.

businessman that headed up a large wholesale grocery business in Hamilton. He also owned Imperial



Highland Inn Algonquin Park Lac Cache (Ontario Archives)

Patriarch Henry Beckett was a successful Vinegar, later known as Canada Vinegar. The first electric car in Hamilton was owned by the Becketts. The Beckett’s were not without trouble. Before WWI, Henry invested an immense sum at the time of \$50,000 in a gold mine in N Ontario. The mine faded and so with it the money. The family has to this day an affinity for the lakes in the Algonquin and Muskoka area of Ontario. They have owned several lake front properties through the years.

Harold, as the oldest son, would often lead his younger brothers on extended canoe and camping trips at the lake cottages. He learned how to be self sufficient in the bush. He seemed to have had an eye for drawing and went to work in Hamilton, before his university days, for a local architect. As noted in his biography below he studied Architecture.



Harold was the oldest son.

Photos from Beckett Press. War Letters.
Harold Beckett (far left) 1901



Beckett's seven children – 1904

“**BECKETT, Harold Champ** (1890-1970) was born in Hamilton, Ont. on 24 February 1890. He moved to Toronto and worked as assistant to **Wickson & Gregg** in 1910-12 while at the same time enrolling in extension courses at the University of Toronto. He entered the competition for the Toronto Housing Co. development on Bain Avenue in 1912, and received an Honorable Mention for his design. He then moved to New York City to study architecture at Columbia University and graduated in 1915 after receiving 'four medals in Class A design'. He served in Europe with Canadian Expeditionary Forces during WWI.” Wikipedia notation

He was discharged from the services for medical reasons after 5 months.
Thomas Beckett, Harold’s son explains why....

Form 1
REGISTRATION CARD 3388 No. 2599

1 Name in full *Harold C Beckett* Age, in yrs *27*

2 Home address *42 Watson Detroit Mich*

3 Date of birth *Feb 24 1890*

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *Declared intention*

5 Where were you born? *Hamilton Ontario Canada*

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? *British Empire*

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Architect*

8 By whom employed? *Works for himself*

Where employed? *406 Ellis Temple Bldg*

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? *No*

10 Married or single (which)? *Single* Race (specify which)? *Caucasian*

11 What military service have you had? Rank *Supt* branch *infantry* years *5 mos* location of State

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? *Have been discharged as medically unfit*

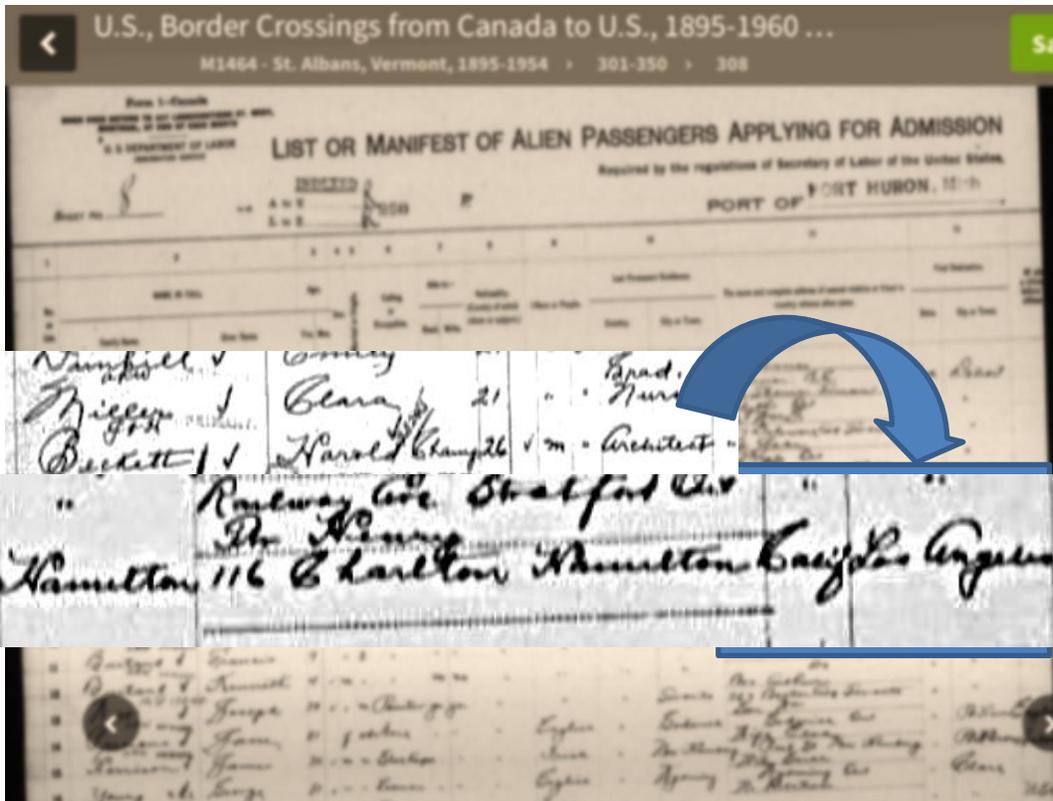
28 Harold C Beckett

In 1917, he enlisted in the Army as a commissioned officer. I assume he was made an officer because he was a university graduate. He served with the 124th Battalion. However, before he was sent to France he became very ill with some respiratory ailment and was eventually mustered out of the Army. Good thing, likely. His younger brother Gerald served in France in 1915 and 1916 in the frontline trenches. He came home physically injured from gas attacks and psychologically affected with “shell shock”. His father arranged a brass band at the train station in Hamilton for his homecoming. From Thomas Beckett’s autobiography “My Path to the Dundas Valley”

Immediately after being discharged, he returned to Canada and married Josie. As a footnote: Harold had to file an American War Registration Card for WWII in 1942. He listed his address as being his brother-in-law’s house, as he was then living in Walkerville (a suburb of Windsor), Ontario at the time but

working in Detroit. I am not sure of the legality of this procedure. Ancestry records showed that Harold declared his intention to become a US citizen multiple times in 1912, when he was on his way to study in New York and again in 1916 when he arrived via Port Huron on his way to Detroit to work. Ironically, he arrived in Michigan months after Josie first arrived, thus supporting the likelihood they first met in Detroit or in Windsor and were introduced through either the Beckett or Toull family connections.

There is an interesting bit of information in Harold’s paperwork for application of admission to the United States in 1916. He has listed is final destination as Los Angeles, CA.



Destination as listed on 1916 Border crossing paperwork at Port Huron

Did he have worked lined up in Los Angeles? Why did he stay in Detroit? Was it because of Josie?

That year, he met and married my mother, Josephine Toull, on the 18th of October. There was a bit of a depression following the war, but for a short time my father earned a good living as a commercial artist. This was before the days when photography took over in advertising. About this time, he was offered a job in Hollywood as a set designer but he turned it down because he didn't think movies had much of a future. I can only speculate as to what my life would have been like had we moved to Hollywood!

Harold's son Thomas leaves a hint in his own autobiography "My Path to the Dundas Valley".

Thomas Beckett – My Path to the Dundas Valley.
The excerpt indicates Josie and Harold met in 1918.

By the October 1923, the Beckett family, including son William were American citizens living in the Highland Park neighbourhood of Detroit. Highland Park is often mentioned as the home of numerous Elliott family generations.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

No. 7573

To the Honorable the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Michigan, at Detroit, Mich.

The petition of Richard Chas. Beckett Higley, Mich.

First. My place of residence is 389 Campbell Ave. Detroit, Mich.

Second. My occupation is architect

Third. I was born on the 14th day of September, anno Domini 1874, at Canada

Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from Canada on or about the 15th day of April, anno Domini 1898, and arrived in the United States, at the port of Grand Rapids, on the 15th day of April, anno Domini 1898.

Fifth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 15th day of April, anno Domini 1900, in the Eastern District of Michigan Court of Marshall, at Grand Rapids.

Sixth. I am married. My wife's name is Josephine; she was born on the 15th day of October, anno Domini 1873, at Canada, and now resides at 389 Campbell Ave. Detroit, Mich.

I have 0 children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows: William, October 3, 1920, Higley, Mich., with me

After working for himself for a few years, he teamed with William Atkitt to form their own architectural firm in Detroit.

The firm of Beckett and Atkitt practiced from 1920 until 1934. The firm primarily specialized in designing large residences in Michigan, including Metro Detroit, and at least six homes in Grosse Pointe. Together they designed many wonderful Tudor Revival inspired projects. This included the grand [H. F Harper mansion in Lansing](https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/videos/news/local/2018/01/29/tour-historic-harper-house/109921968/), 1929. The 35-room home is Lansing's biggest mansion.

<https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/videos/news/local/2018/01/29/tour-historic-harper-house/109921968/>



Around the same time, they completed a huge residence in Jackson, Michigan for C. M. Day, along with completing a substantial parish house, which was added to the Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2411 Iroquois Avenue, Detroit. It is believed to design and build the parish house cost close to \$100,000 (around \$1.4 million today).



1005 Whittier – constructed in 1926. This distinctive 8,271 sq ft Mediterranean inspired home is one of the larger homes Beckett and Atkitt created in the Grosse Pointe communities. The Stucco exterior features a stone trim, and a striking green tile roof.



Interior – 1005 Whittier





930 Lake Shore – constructed in 1928. This 7,130 sq ft is an English manor home. It is situated in a picturesque location, on the shores of Lake St Clair.

During the depression, Harold struggled from 1930 to 1934 to find any clients. He kept his offices open as long as possible so that his staff had employment. By 1935, in effort to put unemployed men to work during the depression, Harold was commissioned by the federal government of Canada to build the administration building and gardens for the Rocky Mountain National Park Headquarters in Banff, AB. The Prime Minister at the time, R B Bennett, knew of the gardens and houses that Harold had built in Detroit and was eager to have a building and gardens of the same style built in Banff. Since he was a certified geologist and landscaper as well as an architect, Harold had full control of the design. He was appointed Dominion Government Architect. The work also included the entrance gates to the park. While he worked in Banff, the family spent time in Fort Lauderdale. He was in Banff for 18 months. To this day, his garden practices are still in use for the landscaping maintenance.



Government of Canada Website:

The Administration Building is a Recognized Federal Heritage Building because of its historical associations, and its architectural and environmental values:

Architectural value:

The Administration Building is a good example of domestic Tudor Gothic Revival. This style was perceived as harmonious with a mountain setting evoking permanence, tradition and authority and deemed appropriate for the building's role. Reflecting the rustic, picturesque aesthetic consistent with parks tradition, local building materials were used whenever possible. A substantial building, it is an example of a structure built to reflect its picturesque setting. It has good functionality, good quality materials and very good craftsmanship.

Environmental value:

The Administration Building remains a prominent landmark within Banff because of its scale, its design and its function. Emphasizing natural building materials, the Administration Building is constructed to be compatible with its environment. - Wikipedia

Entrance to Outdoor Museum in Canadian Rockies



This reflecting pool, with Mt. Cascade in the background, provides a fitting entrance to the Cascades of Time, internationally famous educational and scenic development at Banff, in the Canadian Rockies, in which Harold Champ Beckett, a former Michigan landscape architect, has told the story of evolution in stone. Inspired by his self-

teaching in geology and paleontology, Beckett has created a sixteen-acre outdoor museum that is unique as a travel attraction. A product of depression relief labor, the Cascades of Time represents a nominal investment, since all the materials were at hand, yet it has drawn 60,000 visitors in a tourist center already justly famous.

Evolution Recorded in Rocks of Cascades of Time at Banff
60,000 Tourists Visit Creation of Former Michigan Landscape Architect

By Christy Borth

At Banff, famous tourist-Mecca of the Canadian Rockies, there has been partially completed this year a scenic and educational attraction without parallel anywhere in the world.

A sixteen-acre landscaped park, called "The Cascades of Time," this unique project is the fulfillment of a dream which popped into the mind of its creator, Harold Champ Beckett, 10 years ago, when Beckett, was pursuing a successful career as an architect and landscape gardener in Michigan.

Beckett, who is 46 years old and lives in Riverside, Ont., told of the dream and its fulfillment during his visit to his home last week.

"About 10 years ago, while I was landscaping an estate in Lansing," he said, "it occurred to me that the story of evolution might be entertainingly told by properly arranging the rocks employed in landscaping.

Finds History in Rocks

"I had handled a lot of these rocks both in buildings I had designed and in gardens that I had produced and, largely through my

reading of such books as H. G. Wells' "Outline of History," I had become interested in the fragmentary chapters of ancient history that could be read in the rocks.

"Because I lacked a knowledge of geology and felt that such a knowledge would make the messages of the rocks more intelligible, I studied the subject. And that study developed into an interest in paleontology."

That was the origin of the vision, a vision of a beautifully landscaped park that would be a living story of the heat and the floods, the gigantic upheavals, the relentless weathering processes of wind and rain and sunlight, and the grinding and scouring of glaciers, which, since time began, have shaped and conditioned the planet upon which we live.

Michigan Rocks Tell Story

As he landscaped estates in Michigan, Beckett nursed the vision. "The rocks of this section of the Great Lakes basin," he said, "are so full of chapters of the geologic story that they set my imagination on fire."

In his leisure, he drafted plans for his project. These he checked

again and again with geologists and paleontologists at Chicago's Field Museum.

Early in 1924 opportunity beckoned. The Canadian Government allocated funds for the gainful employment of unemployed men in Western Canada. In the fall of that year, Beckett was summoned to Banff to put men to work at a job of landscaping the national park there. Here, he decided, was the place to translate his vision into reality.

Thereafter the great outdoor museum began to take shape. Still incomplete, it has attracted international attention and won the praise of scientists, government executives and plain sightseers from every civilized country in the world.

On a slope which was formerly densely forested the Cascades of Time were constructed at a cost that was less than the ordinary expenditure of one mile of concrete highway. Eighty per cent of the expenditure went directly into the hands of labor; the material costs of some of the most beautiful of the park's features having been as little as \$4.

At Head of Bow River Bridge

The ground, situated at the head of Bow River Bridge adjoins the Park's Administration and Post-



A change of government meant that the project was not finished to Harolds specifications. While the family returned to Florida in 1936, Harold went to work at Perdue University for the Rockefeller Foundation.

Detroit Free Press Dec 1936

Project to revive Banff cascades

COLETTE DERWORIZ
CALGARY HERALD

A small, but historic garden in the centre of Banff is being rehabilitated to bring back a series of cascading pools.

Work on the Cascades of Time Garden, located behind the national park's administration building at the end of Banff Avenue, started in late June and will be completed by October.

The pools haven't had water in them for about a decade because they had been leaking and causing damage to other parts of the garden.

"It's pretty challenging for us," said Steve Malins, cultural resource management adviser with Banff National Park. "We get that dramatic freeze/thaw.

"Another challenge in this instance is that we are dealing with a historic construction so we do want to retain as much of that design intent and the heritage elements."

The garden and the administration were both designed by architect **Harold C. Beckett** in the mid-1930s as a depression-era relief project.

"You don't usually get an architect doing both," said Malins, noting the two are meant to complement each other.

In 2014, The Alberta and Canadian Governments refurbished the Cascades of Times Garden that Harold had designed in 1933-34.



The family were back in Windsor in 1939 and Harold had just reopened his architectural offices when World War II brought another project into Harold's life. He was approached by either General Motors or the US Federal Government to assist in a secret project commissioned by the US Army. Indication of the secrecy of Harold's work can be found in a Windsor Star article 1941 (next page). He closed his office in December of 1941 and went to work on war projects. He was assigned the rank of Major and over three months designed and oversaw the building of an ordinance plant in Des Moines Iowa that produced

50,000 bullets a day. With the proximity of explosives, the plant had rubber walk ways and floors and a waterfall along one wall to eliminate static electricity in the air.

Harold was involved in the design of the DUKW. The DUKW (called the DUCK by end users) was designed by Rod Stephens, Jr. of Sparkman & Stephens, Inc. yacht designers, Dennis Puleston, a British deep-water sailor resident in the U.S., and Frank W. Speir from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Developed by the National Defense Research Committee and the Office of Scientific Research and Development to solve the problem of resupply to units which had just performed an amphibious landing,

DUKW is a manufacturer's code based on D indicating the model year, 1942; U referring to the body style, utility (amphibious); K for all-wheel drive; and W for dual rear axles. Called a "duck," the vehicle was shaped like a boat. It had a hollow airtight body for buoyancy and used a single propeller for forward momentum. It was designed according to Army criteria and was based on the Army's 2.5-ton truck. The vehicle could carry 25 soldiers and their equipment, an artillery piece, or 5,000 pounds (2,300 kg) of general cargo. At sea the vehicle could maintain a speed of 5 knots (about 6 statute miles, or 9 km per hour), and on land it could go 50 miles (80 km) per hour. The United States produced 20,000 DUKWs during World War II. Through lend-lease the British were provided with 2,000 of the trucks. The vehicle was first used in Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily in 1943. In the Normandy Invasion of 1944, DUKWs were used by the infantry, engineers, rangers, artillery, and service support units. By ferrying weapons, troops, ammunition, and supplies to the beaches, they played a vital role in the overall success of the landing, though several vehicles sank and many lives were lost because of the high seas and the overloading of vehicles. DUKWs were also successfully employed in the Pacific by both the Marine Corps and the Army. Many of the vehicles were later sold as war surplus and used by tourism companies in waterfront cities such as London, Dublin, and Boston. Wikipedia

The irony of his work on the DUKW is that his nephew-in-law, then Col. John F Burnham, (son-in-law to Josie's sister, Millicent) used a DUKW to land on Normandy Juneau Beach during D Day. Harold also designed (over a two-day period) a snorkel system for tanks to allow them to operate for short periods underwater. He had gone from an architect to mechanical engineer almost overnight. As noted, the Depression caught up to the Becketts. It was a rough period for the family as Harold was missing mortgage payments and had a nervous breakdown. This was noted in the following newspaper article regarding a court case.

Foreclosure Case Heard

Evidence on Mortgage Continues Here in Supreme Court

Trial of a mortgage foreclosure action brought by William J. Toomey, sole executor of the estate of Mary Therese Langlois, against Harold C. Beckett and his wife, Josephine, of Riverside, continued today in Supreme Court here before Mr. Justice G. A. Urquhart. The trial began yesterday afternoon with the opening of the March non-jury sittings of the court.

Apparently to calm his nerves, Harold took up painting. A common hobby to the Elliott tree.

BECKETT TESTIFIES

Mr. Beckett on the witness stand testified that he believed he would be able to meet the obligation as it was so reduced and accepted the offer. He contended that he had met the conditions and had paid \$1,000 on account which he had borrowed from the bank on some securities.

He told of his gratitude when the offer was made and said that in 1936 and 1937 he had been without employment for a long time and had had a nervous breakdown. His financial position had consequently been very bad.

DIVORCES UNDEFENDED

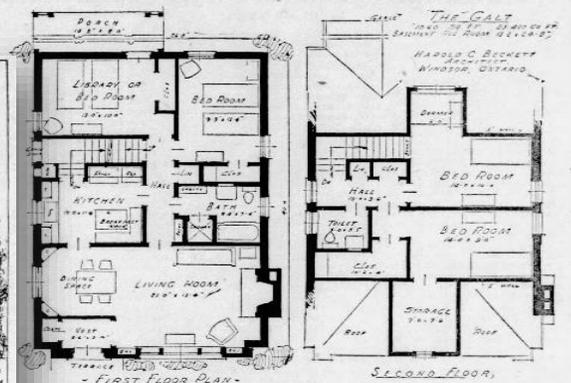
There are 12 divorce actions up for hearing. All are undefended.

One case, an action brought by William J. Toomey, sole executor of the estate of Mary Therese Langlois, of Windsor, against Harold C. Beckett, architect, and Josephine Beckett, was adjourned Friday last on order of Judge A. J. Gordon, local judge of the Supreme Court, because the defendant, Harold Beckett, was engaged on war work in the United States and could not attend. The action involved a mortgage foreclosure. The defence contend that the plaintiffs by their conduct have waived right to recover higher amount set out in renewal of mortgage.

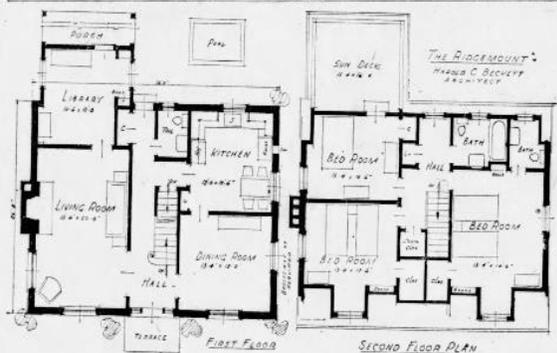
There were other court cases through his career, mostly involving contractor disputes.

During the 1950's Harold published a series of articles and plans in the Windsor Star for modest houses for new home owners. He advocated the belief that everyone should be able to afford a cost friendly home.

Bungalow Designed for Large Family Requirements



This bungalow design is carefully worked out to provide large family requirements for a lot narrow as 40 feet. The gross area of 1,060 square feet provides large rooms, well proportioned with every convenience. By combining the living room and dining room across the front of the house, an effect of spaciousness is obtained. The kitchen contains a large breakfast nook and one of the first floor bedrooms may be used as a library opening onto a porch. The second floor has two large bedrooms, ample storage and a two-piece bath. The exterior is in brick veneer with stone indicated around the lower portion of the front gable, although this might be brick, if desired. This is another in The Star series on practical home planning by Harold C. Beckett.



This is an example of Cape Cod Colonial at its best. The plan is convenient with centre hall and provides three large bedrooms with two baths adjoining. A breezeway connection to the garage may be added to suit width of property. Room widths each side are based upon 14-foot joist spans, without waste. A pleasant feature on the second floor is the large sun deck over the library. This is another in The Star series on homes by Harold C. Beckett, architect, Windsor, Ontario. This is one of the most popular house designs.

Council Vetoes Beckett 'Fee'

Board of Control's \$1,500 offer to **Harold C. Beckett**, Windsor architect, was rejected by City Council but controllers decided Wednesday to submit it again for council approval.

Mr. **Beckett** still claims the city owes him \$2,500 for work he did on the Civic Centre park design which was never used. He appeared before the board again Wednesday but controllers decided to do not more than repeat their first offer.

Some weeks ago, controllers ruled that Mr. **Beckett** had no legal basis for the claim and never had a contract for the design from the city. However, they agreed at that time to pay Mr. **Beckett** \$1,500 in consideration of his time, study and materials.

He was also involved with the planning of a waterfront promenade for the city of Windsor. The money was not allocated by the city and he had to go to court to get paid for services rendered.

He also worked on projects for the city in 1954.



While Harold immersed himself in his work, he and his family had also had time to relax.

AFTER BIG ONES

Mrs. Harold C. Beckett, of Windsor, is in Victoria, B. C., for several weeks of salmon fishing.

Mrs. Harold Beckett of Detroit, accompanied by her small son, is holidaying in Victoria as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, Linden Ave.

Mrs. Winter Ferguson of Victoria, British Columbia, is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Beckett of Jefferson boulevard, Riverside. The Becketts' sons, Tom and John, are home from the University of Toronto for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Beckett have returned to Calgary, Alberta, after visiting Mr. Beckett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Beckett of Jefferson boulevard, Riverside. Mr. and Mrs. Beckett also had as their guest Mr. Don Weinhardt of Toronto.

Mrs. Ives, wife of Mr. Justice Ives, of the supreme court of Alberta, accompanied by her sister, Miss Toull, and two children, passed through the city on her way to Victoria, where she will spend the winter.

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As noted, the family spent many summers in Algonquin Park with their extended families. Other property the family owned was built on and eventually sold.

It is not clear the year that Harold and Josie moved to Hamilton to be closer to his family. I suspect that they moved in with a son who lived in Hamilton.

Harold was remembered his son Thomas' book as "an amazing man (who) was kind, loving, forgiving and tolerant. He did not practice any brand of religion or politics. He would smoke pipes and cigarettes but never inhaled. He loved his scotch but I never saw him drink to excess. He never laid a hand on us or anybody else. His sense of humour was underdeveloped: he never learned how to tell a good joke."

Josie died in 1968 in hospital in Hamilton and Harold died at his home in 1970. (I suspect this was the home of one of his sons).

BECKETT—Josephine, at Chedoke Hospital, Hamilton, on Tuesday morning, January 2, 1968. Josephine Toull. Beloved wife of Harold C. Beckett, 623 Old Dundas Rd., Ancaster. Age 74 years. Dear mother of William H. C., New York; Thomas A., Ancaster; John R., Dundas. Cremation privately at Hamilton Crematory.

Architect H. Beckett dies at age 81

Harold Champ Beckett, who practised his profession as an architect in Detroit and Windsor for many years and prepared a house series and garden culture series which was printed weekly in *The Windsor Star* and syndicated to many other Canadian newspapers, died Sunday in Ancaster at the age of 81.

Born in Hamilton, he was a 1914 architectural graduate from the University of Toronto. He subsequently did post-graduate work at Columbia University, New York and was a lecturer at Purdue University.

During the First World War he served as a lieutenant in the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and following the war came to Detroit where he built a large architectural practice, designing many of the large homes in Grosse Pointe, Lansing and Detroit.

In the architectural field he achieved many honors. As a senior student he won a design competition for a bridge in competition against 9,000 other architects. He was the designer of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto and won five Beau Arts design prizes from the University of Paris as well as many other competitions.

In 1931 and 1932 he served as Dominion Government Architect for the Banff National Park administration buildings, gates, pools and gardens.

When he was at Purdue University he worked under a Rockefeller Foundation grant.

During the Second World

War he designed numerous ordnance plants for the United States Government and designed the amphibious "duck" which proved so successful in U.S. Army operations.

Mr. Beckett was also one of the early proponents of pre-fabricated housing.

Apart from architecture he was also a qualified geologist and landscape architect. He established his practice in Windsor after the Second World War and lived here until eight years ago.

Although physically restricted for the past few years at his home at 623 Old Dundas Rd., Ancaster, Mr. Beckett continued reading and sketching until a week ago when his health failed.

He is survived by two sons, William of Long Island, N.Y. and John of Dundas; three brothers, Clarence (Kay) and Gerald of Hamilton and Jack of North Bay; a sister, Mrs. Muriel Allen of Hamilton and eleven grandchildren. His wife Josephine died several years ago.

Cremation was at the Hamilton Crematorium and Robinson Funeral Home, Hamilton, was in charge of arrangements.

**Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers
 Grandchildren of William Toull and Josephine Elliott
 Children of Josephine Toull and Harold Beckett**

First Child: William Harold Charles B 03 Oct 1920 Detroit
 D 13 June 1977 Danbury, Connecticut
 Spouse: Lois Bloomfield B 06 June 1914 Toronto
 D 1982 Connecticut

They had four children

He was the oldest son and born in Detroit. Their sons' births were evenly spaced at 5 years apart. I have found very little about William Beckett. Like all his brothers, he was university educated at U of T in Toronto. During his schooling, he appears to have joined the RCAF prior to December 1941. After finishing university, he left almost immediately for RCAF training around 15 May, 1942 (age 22). I only have a few mentions of him in the local Windsor Ont. newspaper. He married Toronto born Lois Bloomfield, daughter of James Bloomfield. She and two sons, Christopher B 1946 and Geoffery B 1948 crossed the border in 1949 to join husband William in Ohio with the intentions of permanent residence. The 1950 census for Elyria, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland) listed his employment as an electrical engineer for an electrical supply company. The family were living in a large red brick duplex in Huron street at the time.

They moved often and lived in various states including Kentucky, Ohio, and Connecticut. According to the paper clippings, he and his wife appeared to be in various cities in North America including Louisville, New York, Toronto and perhaps Calgary in the late 1940s and into the 1960s. The family eventually ended up in Connecticut where William commuted to New York for his job with a large department store. While living in Connecticut, he died in 1977 at age 58 and Lois died in 1982.

These were two notifications in the late 1941/early 1942 Windsor Star

Leading Aircraftman **William Beckett**, who has recently completed his studies at the University of Toronto, is spending a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold **Beckett**, at their home on Jefferson boulevard, Riverside, prior to going on to Clinton, there to assume his duties with the R.C.A.F.

MR. and Mrs. Harold C. **Beckett** of Jefferson boulevard, Riverside, had with them for the weekend their sons, Mr. **William Beckett** of Louisville, Kentucky, John, who is a student at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and Mr. Thomas **Beckett** and his wife and small son, John, of Hamilton. The **Becketts** are celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary this week.



Photo: William Beckett 1948



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beckett and their son, Geoffrey, of Toronto are visiting Mr. Beckett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Beckett of Jefferson boulevard, Riverside.

Mr. William Beckett has returned to New York City after spending the holidays with Mrs. Beckett and their sons, Geoffrey and Christopher, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Beckett on Jefferson boulevard, Riverside. Mr. and Mrs. Beckett also had as their guests their sons, Tom and John, from the University of Toronto, and Miss Joan Baden-Powell of Toronto.

The Hamilton Spectator
Thu, Dec 29, 1966 Page 7

Car Hits Toboggan, Man Hurt

A 46-year-old Long Island, N.Y., man received possible head and chest injuries yesterday when a car-towed toboggan on which he was riding was hit by another car.

William Beckett, of 80 Quak-ek Ridge Road, Long Island, is in good condition in Henderson General Hospital.

Mr. Beckett was riding a toboggan being pulled by a car driven by his brother, Dundas lawyer John Beckett, of 61 Robin Hood Drive.

The toboggan was struck by a car driven by Peter William MacKay, 24, of 27 Littlejohn Road, Dundas. The accident occurred on Littlejohn Road.

BECKETT, William H. C. — On Monday, June 13, 1977, at his home in Ridgefield, Conn., after a long illness, in his 57th year. Survived by his wife Lois and four children and brothers Thomas A. of Hamilton and John R. of Dundas.

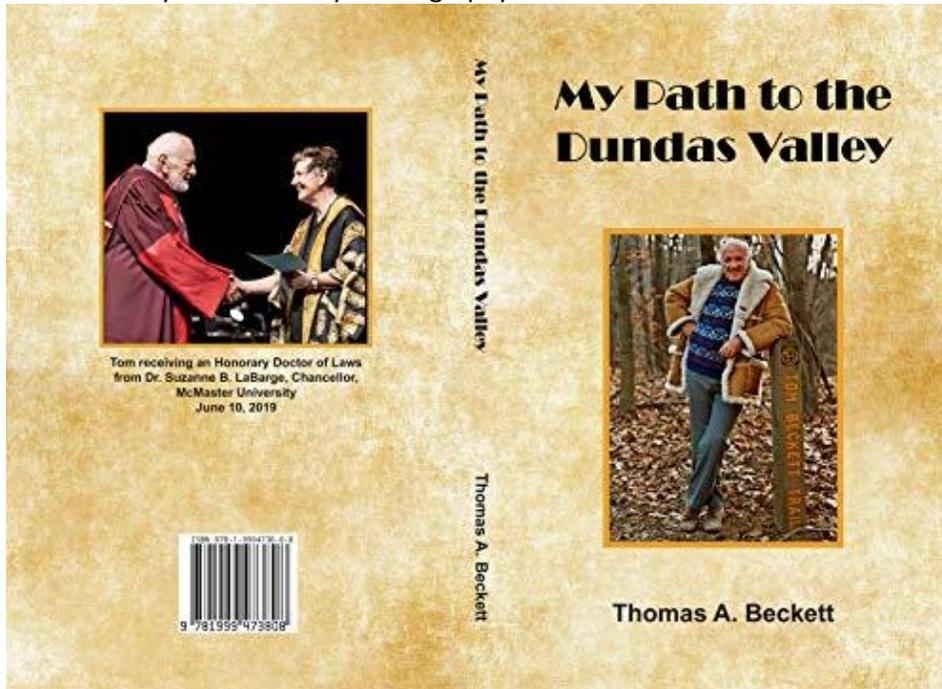
Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers Grandchildren of William Toull and Josephine Elliott Children of Josephine Toull and Harold Beckett

Second Child: Hon. Justice Thomas Arthur	B 1925 Windsor D 2023 Huntsville, Ont.
Spouse: Elizabeth June Baden Powell	B 2024 D alive 2024
Spouse: Joan Field	B unknown D unknown
Spouse: Maralee	B 30 Jan 1940 Winnipeg D alive 2024

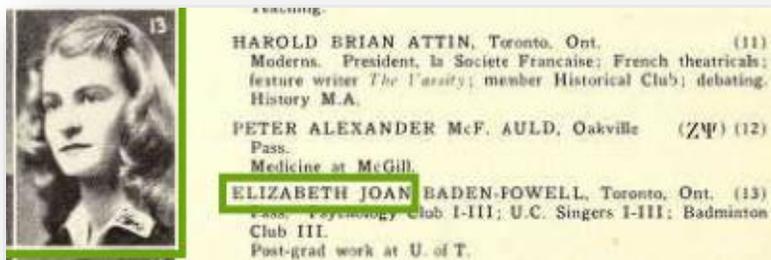


Middle son Thomas Arthur has had a storied history. He was born in the US and moved with the family to Riverside, Ontario. He attended elementary and high school in Walkerville, Ontario. At University of Toronto, Tom equally revelled in the study of law, at Victoria College, where he lived at Burwash Hall and got up to all manner of Animal House style hijinks. He knew how to compensate by cramming and was one of only three "Honours" graduates in 1950, of the 15 who made it out of the original class of 75 students.

Thomas' story is best told by his biography.



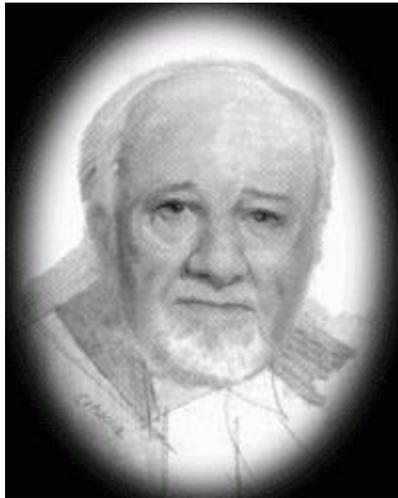
Tom met June Baden Powell of Toronto. It appears the couple met at U of T. Elizabeth was descendant of Lord Robert Baden Powell, the recognized founder of the Boy Scouts organization. Coincidentally, Milo Clark, the stepson of Thomas' cousin Rose Elliott was an executive with the American Boy Scouts in the 1930s.



The couple had three children;
 John – stock broker
 Elizabeth – 1954 – 2023 - see page 57.
 Mary Jo - Psychotherapist



Thomas A. Beckett



"The Honourable Justice Thomas A. Beckett
Inducted: 1999 Hamilton Library Hall of Fame.

The Honourable Thomas A. Beckett, born in Windsor, is a member of an old, respected Hamilton family. He was called to the Bar in Alberta after graduating with an Honours LL.B. from the University of Toronto in 1950. In 1952 he returned to Hamilton to general practice and was appointed Queens Counsel in 1974. In 1984, he was appointed to the District Court of Ontario and assigned to the Unified Family Court. He was appointed to the Superior Court of Justice in 1990. Throughout his years as a lawyer and as a judge, he developed a reputation for integrity and fair-mindedness, and a deep social conscience.

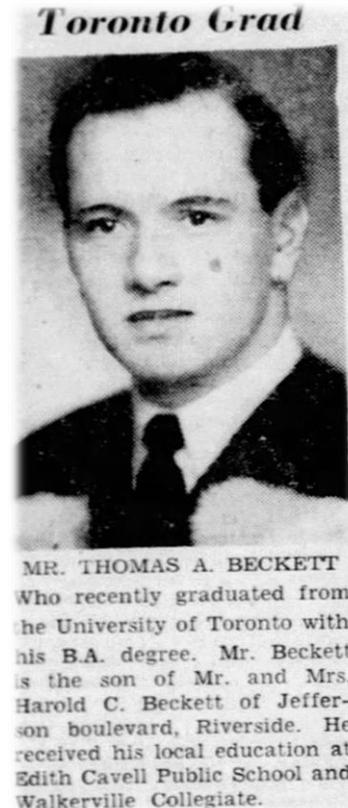
During his professional years, he actively served his community as Deputy Reeve of Ancaster, on Wentworth County Council, as candidate for Parliament and the Legislature, and as a president of the Social Planning Council of Hamilton, as well as holding memberships and directorships in other community organizations.

In 1958, he was instrumental in founding the Spencer Creek Conservation Authority and in 1966, its successor, the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority. He served as its first Chairman until 1971. Most of the areas' major conservation projects were undertaken during his term, most notably the Dundas Valley Conservation Area. He is a past president of the Institute of Ecology, Washington, DC, an honorary life member of the Wildlands League, a former director of the Conservation Council of Ontario, and a recipient of the Niagara Green Space Award. In October 1998, the Conservation Foundation of Hamilton honoured him by creating the Thomas A. Beckett Forest in the Dundas Valley" – Website: Hamilton History

He wrote in his book in 2018 about his life spending summers canoeing in Algonquin Park as his father did. His book includes:

Amazon review:

You could read "My Path to the Dundas Valley" simply for the engaging stories it recounts from the life of Thomas Beckett--- lawyer, family court judge, conservationist, and family man. These stories range from his antics at the University of Toronto where he studied law; to his encounter with the ghost of Tom Thomson as he paddled Canoe Lake while he was working as a counsellor; to the guided tour he took of the Barton Street Jail courtesy of the warden just after the hanging of Harry Lee, the last man hanged in Hamilton, Ontario. You will not easily forget Tom's description of "crashing" a KKK rally in North Carolina in 1965, his young family--and camera---in tow. Or the gangster client who was on the lam from the mob and who sought protection and money in exchange for



providing information about his involvement in the Kennedy assassination. Tom's book is also a call to arms for public service. Fans of conservation will learn of his role as co-founder of the Spencer Creek Conservation Authority, which later became the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, for which he served as the first Chairman. During his tenure, the Authority benefitted from an unprecedented acquisition of land, guaranteeing its protection for the future. He was, as Gordon Bullock called him in the Foreword, "an 'activist' without knowing the word".

Thomas Beckett: environmentalist and community advocate



Thomas Beckett gives his convocation address to the graduates of 2019. Photo by Georgia Kirkos.

BY Sara Laux

June 10, 2019

“In 1973, the Hamilton Spectator wrote, “The name Thomas Beckett is synonymous with conservation...the results of his unqualified drive and dedication have been experienced all over Ontario...thousands of acres of open space have been preserved because of his efforts, and countless individuals have become concerned with the environment through his example.”

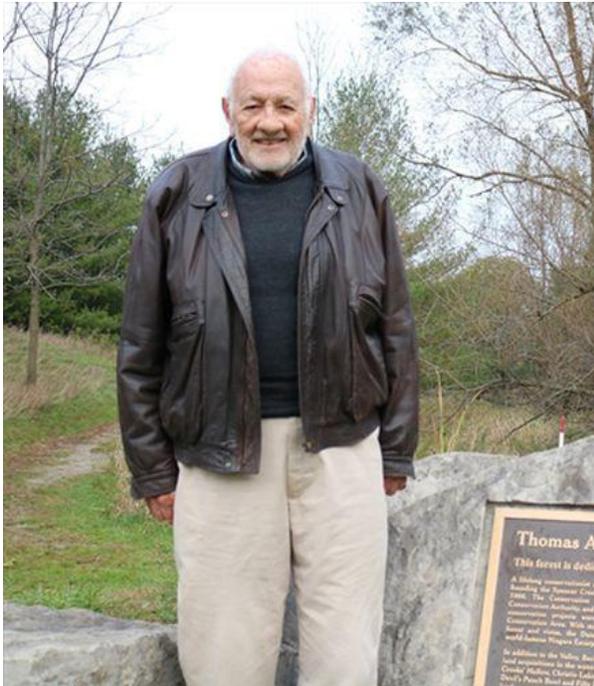
The Superior Court of Ontario justice, who retired in 2000, was a founding member of the Spencer Creek Conservation Authority in 1958, and first chair of the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority from 1966 to 1971.

During his tenure with both organizations, many of the significant conservation areas in and around Hamilton came into being, including Dundas Valley, Tews Falls, Valens, Beverly Swamp, Crooks Hollow, Christie Lake, Borer's Falls, Devil's Punch Bowl and Fifty Point.

In a time when Hamilton was better known for steel mills, air pollution, heavy industry and exploitation of land for development, Beckett oversaw efforts to acquire thousands of acres of environmentally significant land, and was instrumental in securing funding and persuading property owners to sell or donate property.”

Thomas Beckett received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree at the Humanities/Arts and Science convocation on Monday, June 10, 2019

Thomas Beckett



Cartoon by Blaine

Mr. Beckett is the second Provincial Supreme Court Judge in the Elliott family. His aunt Millicent, via his mother Josephine's side of his family, also married a Supreme Court Judge, John Carlos Ives QC of Alberta.

Daughter of Justice Thomas Beckett

PLASHKES, ELIZABETH ANN (nee BECKETT) November 6, 1954 - June 2, 2023

She is survived by her husband, Ron; sons, Simon (Mikale), and Jonathan (Kelsey); and daughter, Tova (Grant); and grandchildren, Ephraim, Silas, Flora and Apollo. She will be greatly missed by her parents, her brother and sister-in-law, her sister and brother-in-law, and her many nieces and nephews. Elizabeth dedicated her life to her family, her friends, and her community. Generous and warm, with an open heart and open home - she was a mother to many. She enthralled all of us with her discerning curiosity and magnetic personality. Her contributions to conservation, preservation, arts and culture in Markham and Stouffville will be felt for generations to come. She was a member of Heritage Markham



Elizabeth continued the family trait of community involvement.

2004- Ontario Heritage Trust – Heritage Recognition Awards - Elizabeth was awarded the Heritage Markham Committee
- Elizabeth was a member of the Heritage Markham Committee for 3 years (1989 to 1991), serving as Vice Chair in 1991.
- Elizabeth returned to Heritage Markham for 4 years (2003 to 2006).
- During her second term, she was Heritage Markham’s rep on the Main Street Markham Committee and the Committee’s rep on Doors Open. She also was on the Heritage Awards Sub-Committee

Other Heritage Related Volunteer Work/Awards

1995 - Elizabeth helped revitalize Markham Village Festival, working to reimagine, rebrand and expand it.

1998 - Founding member of the Markham Village Conservancy, an organization focused on advancing the preservation of the Markham Village Train Station.

2000 - Elizabeth led fundraising efforts to save the Markham Village Train Station from demolition, and restore it to its 1910 appearance.

2003 - Elizabeth was the founding Chair of Doors Open Markham. Ontario Heritage Trust’s Heritage Community Recognition Award in 2004 for her outstanding volunteer work in preserving Built Heritage in Markham

2006 – Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence - Elizabeth received a Heritage Markham Award of Excellence for her "Noteworthy contributions to heritage conservation initiatives in the Town of Markham, particularly in Markham Village.

2010 – Protecting Stiver Mill - Bob Stiver and Jan Kerr Hornell were instrumental in beginning the Stiver Mill Farmers Market to draw attention to the importance of this historical site. Bob and Jan together with Elizabeth Plashkes and others in the community created the Unionville Village Conservancy with the express purpose of restoring the Stiver Mill. They needed seed money and the MVC forwarded that \$5,000 “Lucky Money” to the UVC. This start up money was even more successful in that the UVC and the City of Markham raised \$1.9 million, including a contribution from the Government of Canada for the restoration project.

2012 – Recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal – for extensive community work in the arts, culture and heritage conservation.



Elizabeth was also co chair of the Pan Am Games celebration committee in 2015

Will Make Home in Toronto



MR. AND MRS. JOHN ROGER BECKETT

Beckett-Gask Wedding
At St. Mary's Church

A marriage of wide interest was solemnized at an impressive ceremony Saturday afternoon in St. Mary's Church when Miss June Gask, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Gask of Chilver Rd., became the bride of Mr. John Roger Beckett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Beckett of Jefferson Blvd., Riverside.

Rev. F. C. McRitchie officiated at the ceremony in a setting of blue and white delphinium, with tall cathedral tapers burning in floor standards. The bride's brother, Mr. William R. Gask of Livonia, Michigan, sang "Where'er You Walk," "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Voice That Breath'd o'er Eden" during the service.

Entering the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, the bride was lovely in a gown of imported embroidered white batiste, made with a wide V neckline, short sleeves and a very bouffant skirt, floor-length. Her veil of illusion was held to her head in a Juliet cap of organdy embroidered in seed pearls, and she carried red roses.

Miss Audrey Gask, as her sister's maid of honor, and Mrs. Thomas A. Beckett of Ancaster, Miss Delores Burnell and Mrs. Leonard James Cole, as bridesmaids, were all gowned alike in delphinium blue taffeta, topped with overskirts of blue net and white nylon organdy. The fitted bodices were sleeveless, and formed deep V's in back, and the very full skirts were waltz-length. In their hair they wore bands of blue and white leaves, and they carried white baby chrysanthemums. Constance Ann Gask, as her aunt's flower girl, was in a blue and white bouffant frock with a bertha collar, and also

wore leaves in her hair. She carried a basket of rosebuds.

Mr. William C. Beckett of Louisville, Kentucky, was his brother's best man, and the ushers were Mr. Thomas A. Beckett, Mr. David Lafferty of Fergus, Mr. Kenneth Stubington of Toronto and Mr. Richard Larkin.

A reception followed at the Lakewood Golf Club, where the bride's table was centred with the wedding cake, flanked by blue and white delphinium and burning tapers. Mrs. Gask wore for her daughter's wedding a gown of blue shantung, two-piece, with a white shantung hat, and a corsage of pink rosebuds. Mrs. Beckett was in beige lace, with a matching hat, and had chrysanthemums pinned to her purse.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckett left later for a motor trip to Northern Ontario, the bride donning for traveling a navy suit featuring an accordion-pleated skirt and a fitted jacket with a white linen collar and cuffs. She wore a large white picture hat wreathed in red flowers. They will reside in Toronto.

Guests from a distance here for the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. William C. Beckett of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beckett of Ancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Beckett of Elyria, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baden-Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Stubington of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. William Gask and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patching of Livonia, Mr. and Mrs. David Lafferty of Fergus, Mr. Edmund Shaker and Major and Mrs. Ernest Allen of Hamilton, Mr. Douglas Taylor of Kingston, Jamaica, and Mrs. Henry Cagle and Malcolm of Saginaw, Michigan.

After the war, he married June Gask on 23 Jun 1956 in Windsor and they moved to Toronto so he could continue his education while she worked as a secretary. He first studied medicine before switching to law.

THE WINDSOR DAILY STAR, SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1956-33
Her Marriage Set for June 23



Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Gask of Chilver Rd., announce the engagement of their daughter, June, to Mr. John Roger Beckett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Beckett of Jefferson Blvd., Riverside; the marriage to be solemnized Saturday, June 23, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Anglican Church.



JOHN ROGER BECKETT

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT
URBAN PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WINDSOR, CITY OF WINDSOR, URBAN POLLING DIVISION No. 158

Containing: Avenue Road, both sides, from Congress Ave. West to city limits; Guelph Ave., both sides, from Commercial Ave. to Avenue Rd.; Elmhor's Blvd., both sides; Oiler Crescent, both sides; from Avenue Rd. to the north city limits.

1 Johnson, Miss Clara D., clerk
1 Beckett, John, student
1 Beckett, Mrs. June, secretary

1972	Langley, Francis, district manager	6	1959 upper	Hughes, Edward, lawyer	83
1973	Lingler, Mrs. Helen	7	1959	Hughes, Mrs. Susan	84
1974	Yates, Charles, hairdresser	39	1959 Ag.	Adair, John, salesman	85
1975	Yates, Mrs. Margaret E., teacher	41	1959	Adair, Mrs. Jean	86
1976	Scobleman, Jack, broker	42	1959	Gordon, Wesley, agent	87
1976	Scobleman, Mrs. Ada E.,	43	1959	Douglas, Clarence, manager	88
1976 lower	Worrell, Douglas, analyst	44	1959	Douglas, Mrs. Evelyn	89
1976	Worrell, Mrs. Elaine	45	1959	Johnson, Miss Clara D., clerk	90
1976 upper	James, Susan, market manager	46	1960	Beckett, John, student	91
1976 lower	Jackson, James E., realtor	47	1960	Beckett, Mrs. June, secretary	92
1976	Jackson, Mrs. Rachel, realtor	48	1960	Wickmore, Mr. R. A., stockbroker	93
1976	Head, Thomas W., student	49	1960	Wickmore, Mrs. Dorothy	94
1976	Head, Mrs. Patricia, secretary	50	1960	Lange, Mrs. Lillian, retired	95
1976 upper	Corrah, John B., retired	51	1960	Disher, Mrs. Frances	96
1976	Corrah, Mrs. Allan	52	1960	Conger, John, accountant	97
1976	Corrah, Miss Rachel, secretary	53	1960	Conger, Mrs. Woodford, teacher	98
1976	Murdison, Miss Ruth, secretary	54	1960	Gray, George, salesman	99
1980 lower	Corrah, Mrs. Donald	55	1960	Gray, Mrs. Llewellyn	100
1980 upper	Bradson, George, manager	56	1960	Gray, Miss Mary, teacher	101
1980	Bradson, Mrs. Jean	57			
1980 lower	Woodcock, Robert, retired	58			
1980 upper	Woodcock, Mrs. Elizabeth	59			
1980	Dean, Roy, service station owner	60			
1980	Dean, Mrs. John, housewife	61			
1980	Martin, Frederick, underwriter	62			
1980	Martin, Mrs. Mary	63			

1956 Voters list

After graduation, they settled in the Hamilton area where John R had his law practice. She died suddenly in 1999 and he in 2000. He worked right up until his death. His death occurred while at the family Muskoka home during the July first weekend.

They had four children.

Lawyer

EVERYBODY KNEW John R. Beckett was going to be a doctor.

From the age of eight he collected medical books, gleaned advice from an old doctor friend, studied sciences in school and listened to his mother's firm suggestions that he become a doctor.

But John R. Beckett is not a doctor. He is, at 49, a well-respected Hamilton lawyer, a Queen's Counsel and a man thoroughly delighted with the profession he chose.

After four years at university in Toronto and Windsor, the future Dr. Beckett took a two-day aptitude test and was told he would make a better lawyer than doctor.

"I felt the weight of the world had been lifted off my shoulders," he said. "I was very unhappy with what I was doing and where I was going.

"The tests indicated law, I was happy with that and began to re-organize my direction," he recalled. "I haven't had five minutes of regret since, and I can't think of a profession I would enjoy better."

He attended Osgoode Hall law school, articulated in Windsor, was called to the bar in 1957, joined a Toronto law firm and then set up a private practice in Hamilton.

Law has been John Beckett's adrenalin, injecting him with a passion for perfection, a will to win and a commitment to his clients.

But the popular opinion of law as a profession is not justified, he feels.

"There has been a lot of perpetuation of the myth that law is sacred and can only be interpreted by a lawyer," he said. "But the lawyer who doesn't interpret the law in the

simplest terms for his client is doing his client a disservice.

"People are suspicious of lawyers as they are of any minority which wields a degree of power. But they just don't understand that most lawyers are as hard-working and honest as the day is long."

Mr. Beckett frankly admits law is a lucrative business, but it isn't just the law which makes it profitable.

"There are certain professions which pay more," he explained. "But a lawyer has acquired the ability and know-how to make good investments. And he probably comes upon more opportunities to make sound investments."

Law is exciting he said. But there is plenty of routine, ho-hum work to be done and much of the excitement fades with age.

Difficult

"I became disenchanted with criminal work," said Mr. Beckett, whose criminal law now constitutes about five per cent of his practice, down from about 40 per cent.

"Most lawyers can be objective, but I found it difficult not to get emotionally involved with my clients. And I couldn't justify constantly defending an habitual criminal, thumbing his nose at the system."

His practice is mostly commercial, estate planning, mortgages, real estate and litigation.

He chose a private practice for the freedom it allows and attributes his success to "the best secretary in Hamilton", strict organization and preparation of his work and an attitude of "perfection, not mediocrity."



Dec 10, 1977 Hamilton Spectator

Mr. Beckett and Mr. Forsythe are among a small but growing fraternity of professional men who have rid themselves of the noose-like nuisances which one local haberdasher calls "the single most useless piece of apparel in existence."

John had an aversion to neck ties.

Park.
John Beckett, who practices corporate and real estate law, grabbed a picket sign Tuesday and joined members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union marching outside the Ellen Fairclough Building on King Street West.

Woman to return husband's war medal

HAMILTON (CP) — A Hamilton woman said Thursday she is returning her late husband's war medal to the federal veterans affairs department because her 17-year-old son was arrested for wearing one of them on the street.

"If my son can't wear the medals they are of no use to me," said Helen Penfold. "They're all going back as soon as the last one is returned from the police."

Judge Walter Tuchtie fined Kim Penfold \$50 or 10 days on the rare charge of unlawfully wearing a service medal. A veteran's complaint led to the youth's arrest.

In addition, the youth received 10 days in jail for not appearing in court at an earlier date when the charge was first laid.

John Beckett, a Hamilton lawyer, paid Penfold's \$50 fine Wednesday so that he would not have to spend the extra 10

days in jail. He already had served 10 days.

"It's appalling when a boy is arrested for wearing a medal in memory of his father," Mr. Beckett said. "Others, especially motorcycle gangs, are allowed to wear swastikas and such."

The lawyer warned war widows or mothers who wear medals on Remembrance Day that they are subject to the same penalties as her son. The law states that only veterans who earned the medals may wear them.

Mr. Beckett also asked for a transcript of the trial to see whether there are grounds for appeal.

The veterans affairs department sent Mrs. Penfold the medal in 1959 after her husband Fred, hanged himself in jail in Simcoe.

Mr. Penfold, who had suffered severe head injuries in the last days of the Second World War, committed suicide after being arrested for the alleged theft of a \$2.20 package of meat.

BECKETT, June - Suddenly in Hamilton, Ontario on Wednesday, July 7, 1999, June (nee Gask) Beckett, of Hamilton, age 68 years. Beloved wife of John Beckett. Loving mother of Bill (Cindy), John (Maureen), David (Dora) and Jamie. Cherished grandmother of Jeffrey, Sara, Joshua, Elena and Lauren. Dear sister of William Gask (Marge). Predeceased by her parents Robert and Henrietta Gask and sister Audrey Gask. Private cremation has taken place. Flowers gratefully

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Deaths

BECKETT, John Roger, Q.C.

Suddenly at Madawaska, Ontario, on Sunday, July 2, 2000, in his 72nd year. Beloved husband of the late June Beckett, now together again forever. Wonderful father and friend to sons Bill and wife Cindy, of Hamilton, John and wife Maureen, of Flamborough, Jamie, also of Flamborough, and David and wife Dora, of Peterborough. He will be greatly missed by his loving grandchildren Jeffrey, Sara, Joshua, Elena, and Lauren. Survived by his loving brother Tom. Called to the Ontario Bar January 25, 1957, he practiced law in Hamilton with integrity and distinction for 43 years. His humour will be missed by his many friends and colleagues. Dad was a father figure and friend to many beyond his own family. He was happiest when surrounded by his adoring family. A private cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on Friday, July 7, 2000, at 11 o'clock a.m. For those who wish, memorial contributions to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated.

"You're Gone And We Do Miss You"

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Nights to 9:30
Until Christmas
Simpson's-Sears Until 5:30

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Solicitor for the Executrix

Josephine Elliott and William Toull Family Tree

