

# Chapter 2-1: Oldest son of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

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## John Rogers Elliott

B 27 Jun 1841 Marwood Parish, Devon (either in the village of Prixford Barton or Muddiford)  
D 15 Nov 1912 Port Huron, Mi. Buried IRC

Spouse: Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson  
B likely 17 Feb 1848 Centerville, W Oxford Ont.  
D 05 Jan 1885 North Oxford Lot 15 Con 3 during childbirth  
Buried IRC  
M 20 Sept 1864 Centerville, W Oxford Ont.

Spouse: Phoebe Ann Thorn nee: Ward  
B 1842 Norwich, Ont.  
D 20 Mar 1892 N Oxford township, Ont. Buried IRC  
M 29 Sept 1886 Beachville, Ont. Downing house – now Beachville Museum

Spouse: Rosina Gettler (Getler) nee Day  
B 03 Apr 1852 E Nissouri Township Oxford Co.  
D 10 Feb 1921 Port Huron, Mi. Buried Zion Cemetery Thamesford.  
M 03 Apr 1895 Ingersoll, Ont.

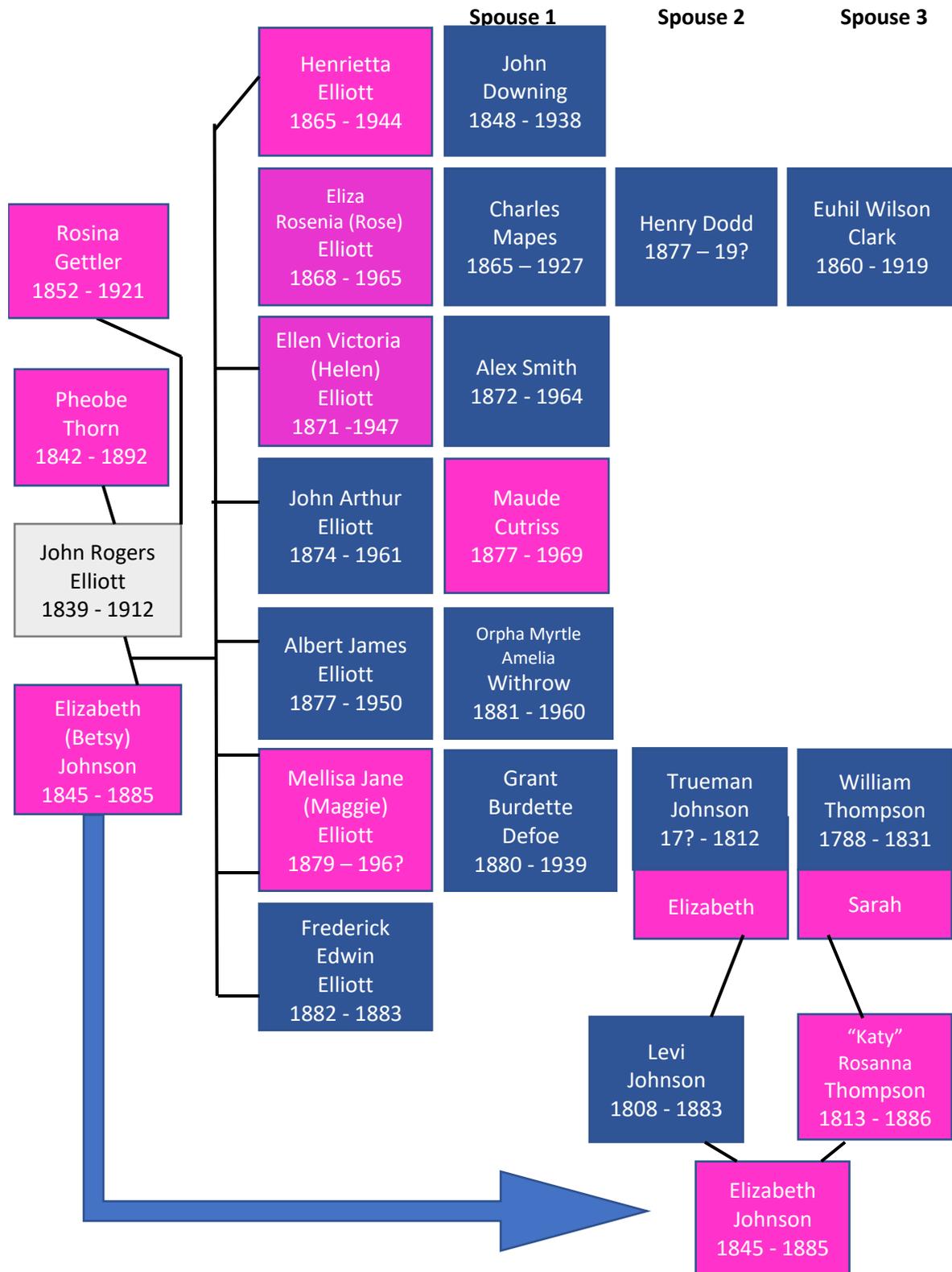


### Children:

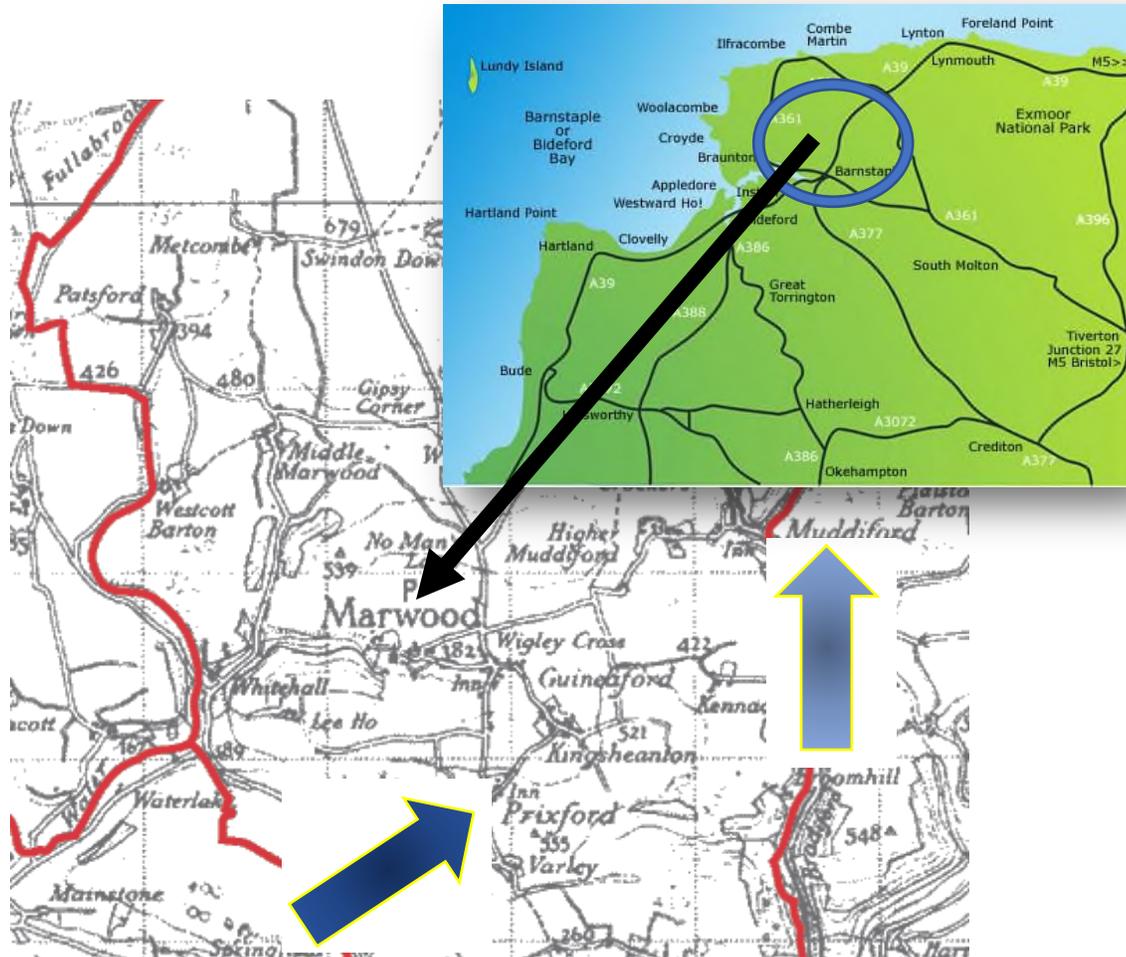
Henrietta (Hattie)	B 25 Aug 1865 Centerville	D 15 Feb 1944 "Riverside" Beachville, Ont.
Eliza Rosenia (Rose)	B 25 Dec 1868 N. Oxford	D 19 Mar 1965 Pt Huron, Mi.
Ellen Victoria (Helen)	B 13 July 1871 N. Oxford	D 01 Sept 1947 Beachville, Ont.
John Arthur	B 31 Aug 1874 N. Oxford	D 08 Jan 1961 Detroit, Mi.
Albert James	B 31 Mar 1877 N. Oxford	D 20 Dec 1950 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford
Melissa Jane (Maggie)	B 09 Sept 1879 N. Oxford	D unknown Plymouth/Detroit, Mi.
Frederick Edwin	B May 1882 N. Oxford	D 21 Oct 1883 North Oxford *

\*Buried with parents in IRC.

## John Rogers Elliott Family Tree (Oldest son of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers)

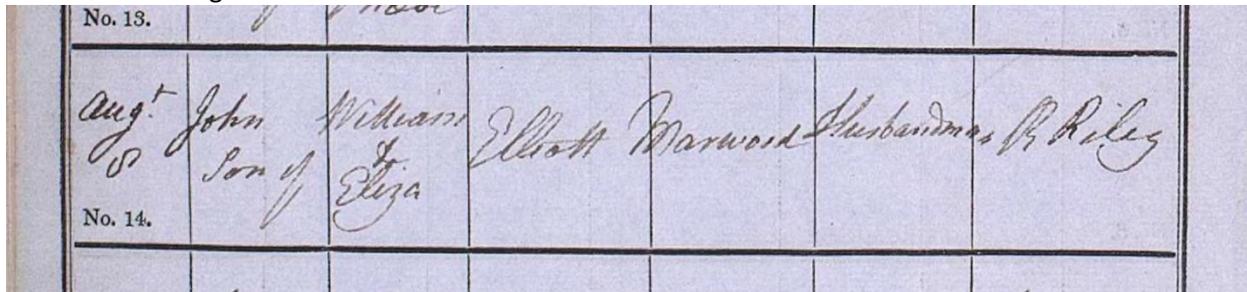


John Rogers Elliott (commonly known as JR Elliott) was born in Marwood Parish, Devon. The original Devon tithe map shows his grandfather, John Elliott, and family living in two locations: Prixford Barton farm and a house in Muddiford. I suspect that JR was born in one of those locations.



At the age of two, he was the youngest traveler of the Elliott group that migrated in 1843. It appears he came over with his father William and mother Eliza Rogers as per the Devon Emigration list of 1843 that was compiled by English genealogists and noted in patriarch John Elliott's family chapter. There is some speculation that his mother and father did not accompany that main family core but perhaps came over on a separate ship. His uncle John Jr. appears to have been in the Scarboro region for several years before the rest of the family arrived.

J R Elliott birth registration 1841. Marwood Parish Devonshire



Lists of Elliott's that travelled to Canada from Devon in 1843: (Devon Emigration list)  
 Highlighted in **RED** are known ancestors:

<b>Name</b>	<b>location</b>	<b>destination</b>	<b>administrator</b>
Elliott Eliza	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott Harriet	Bucks Mills	Port Hope, Ontario	Janet Few jfewhistory@gmail.com
Elliott Henry	Bucks Mills	Port Hope, Ontario	Janet Few jfewhistory@gmail.com
Elliott James	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott John	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott John	Bucks Mills	Port Hope Ont.	Janet Few jfewhistory@gmail.com
Elliott John	Hartland	Ingersoll, Ontario	D.F.H.S. journal
Elliott Mary	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott Samuel	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott Thomas	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
<u>Elliott W./Seldon</u>	<u>Hartland</u>	<u>Oxford, Ontario</u>	Joyce Groves ligroves@execulink.com
Elliott William	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com

Likely child J R Elliott

**“Elliott W/Seldon”** is William (alias Elliott) Seldon that married JR’s aunt Marie and arrived in 1846. As noted in his JR’s grandfather’s bio, upon arrival and living in the Port Hope/Scarborough Ont. area, the family moved to Oxford Co. When he arrived in Oxford County in 1844, the exact location where JR lived is not known. Did he live with his grandfather and grandmother at Lot 7 of Concession 1 West Zorra township at the original family homestead? Did his family build a shanty to live in while on the property? Did his father and mother have a house nearby? He likely moved with his parents William and Eliza to East Nissouri township as soon as they could secure property. JR’s brother Thomas Gould Elliott was born in 1847 and his obituary lends credence to the fact that the family was living in East Nissouri at his birth.

#### THOMAS G. ELLIOTT

*Death at noon on Saturday, May 5th, claimed one of Ingersoll's oldest pioneers in the person of Thomas G. Elliott. The deceased who was sin (sp) his 98th year, was born near Lakeside, E Nissouri. Chronicle*

As noted in JR’s father’s bio, JR can be found in the 1851 Upper Canada census as living in a shanty on his father’s 50-acre homestead of Lot 18 Con 11 in East Nissouri township in what is now the location of the village of Kintore. Onland.ca Ontario records indicate the family was living on the E. Nissouri lot prior to 1850 before purchasing it. Where they were living between 1844 and 1846 remains unknown.

By the time of the 1851 census, JR was 11 years old. Due to the deaths of 2 younger siblings as noted in his father William’s chapter, there was a large 7-year gap in ages between JR and his living younger siblings.

1851 Census of E Nissouri township

PERSONAL CENSUS—ENUMERATION DISTRICT, No. 27

Names of Inmates.	Profession, Trade or Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Religion.	Residence if out of birth.	Age next birth day.	Sex.	
						Male	Female
1. John Pottier	farmer	Canada	Methodist		2		
2. John Pottier	farmer	do	do		1		
3. John Pottier	farmer	England	English ch		48		
4. John Pottier	farmer	do	do		48		
5. Joseph Pottier	farmer	do	do		18		
6. John Pottier	farmer	do	do		18		
7. John Pottier	farmer	Canada	do		14		
8. William Pottier	farmer	Canada	do		14		
9. Joseph Pottier	farmer	Canada	do		14		
10. John Pottier	farmer	Canada	do		14		
11. John Pottier	farmer	Canada	do		14		
12. John Pottier	farmer	Canada	do		14		
13. John Pottier	farmer	Canada	do		14		

46. Wm Elliott	farmer	England					33
47. Eliza Elliott	farmer	do					32
48. Mary A. Elliott	farmer	Canada					7
49. John Elliott	farmer	England					11
50. Thomas G. Elliott	farmer	Canada					5

JR likely worked on his father's farm as a farm labourer. No record was found to indicate he went to school but the 1861 census indicates that he was able to read and write. The Nissouri family farm was sold in 1856 according to Ontario deed records at Onland.ca. At this point, William Elliott moved the family to Huron Co. to another homestead purchased in conjunction with William's father John, also per Onland.ca. However, JR did not accompany the rest of the family. He would have been around 15 or 16 years old at the time. Census records of 1861 show him as age 20 living and working as a farm labourer on his uncle Thomas' farm at Lot 15 Con 3 in North Oxford. This farm lot would be the present day Cameuse Lime Co. open pit mine located north of the CNR tracks and east of the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery.

1861 Census of N. Oxford with JR living with his uncle Thomas and family.

27	Thomas Elliot	Farmer	England	E. Methodist	40	1	m			1
28	Laura Elliot		Canada, N.	do	36	1	m			1
29	Mariah Elliot		do	do	18	1	f			1
30	Eliza J. Elliot		do	do	14	1	f			1
31	Mary E. Elliot		do	do	12	1	f			1
32	Walter J. Elliot	Laborer	do	do	8	1	f			1
33	Louisa G. Elliot		do	do	8	1	f			1
34	Lewis M. Elliot	Laborer	do	do	4	1	f			1
35	John Elliot	Laborer	England	do	20	1	f			1



Ancestry.ca registration record of marriages

<b>John Elliott</b>	
Ontario, Canada, County Marriage Registers, 1858-1864	
Name:	John Elliott
Age:	25
Gender:	Male
Birth Place:	England
Residence:	Centreville
Spouse Name:	Betsy Johnson
Spouse Age:	17
Spouse Gender:	Female
Spouse Birth Place:	Canada
Spouse Residence:	Centreville
Marriage Date:	20 Sep 1864
Father Name:	William
Mother Name:	Elizabeth
Spouse Father Name:	Levy
Spouse Mother Name:	Rosanna
County:	Oxford

So why did he not go with the family to Huron County? It would only be speculation on my part as to why not. His father did appear to be a loose cannon and perhaps there was a conflict between them. Maybe he had his eye on his future bride, Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson, who lived in the village of Centreville which lay across the meandering Thames River from his uncle Thomas’s farm. His father William abandoned the family in 1866 and moved with another woman to Minnesota. His mother Eliza likely immediately moved her children back to Ingersoll and was found on the 1871 census living in the town with her remaining children that still lived at home.

JR and Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson were married on 20 Sept 1864. He was 25 and she was 17.

Of note in this marriage, JR was a Bible Christian Methodist and later referred to his religion as Salvation Army. The Johnson’s were Baptists. The marriage union of such divergent religious sects

was not often seen in the 1860’s. Later censuses listed Betsy as Methodist.

## Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson, first wife and mother of the JR Elliott family

Not much has been discovered about Betsy. Her age is calculated on her tombstone to the day. It appears she was born around the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 1848. Betsy Johnson was born to Levi Johnson and “Katy” Rosanna Thompson of Centreville, Ont. Rosanna was also known as Rosina and Rosenia. Around 1850 the township of W Oxford was divided into wards. A brick school that Betsy would attend was built at that time on Broken Front Concession, Lot 15 about 6 chains length south of old highway 2 at Mill Rd.

My two times great Grandfather Levi Johnson Circa 1875 (courtesy Robert Johnson)



Censuses mention that Levi was American born. One of his son's marriage records indicate he was born in New York State. Betsy's mother Rosenia was born in 1813 in or near St. Thomas, Elgin Co. Upper Canada (Ontario). Betsy's parents married in 1828 when Levi was 20 and Rosenia was 15 years old. Levi's 1828 marriage would have indicated that the Johnson's were relatively early settlers in the Ingersoll region. They appear to have lived their entire lives in Centerville. During the early 1830s and 1840s, Centerville was competing with the future town of Ingersoll as the site of the main industrial center in the area. Centerville came into existence in the 1790s, whereas Woodstock and Ingersoll did not see populations until the 1820s and 30s. In its prime, Centerville had a grist mill, flour mill, a sawmill, a tannery, two blacksmiths and a fanning mill\*

\*Fanning mills removed straw, chaff, stones, dirt and dust, weed seeds, and light immature seeds from wheat, oats, rye, barley, and other grains.



A fanning mill - Wikipedia

Centerville occupied an area along today's Mill Street from Karn Rd north past old Highway 2 (now Beachville Rd) and continued north in West Oxford township up to the old Thames River edge, before it was diverted in the 1950s. The river at that time would have meandered along about where the CNR tracks are today. Up to the 1870s when the limestone kilns were first installed, Mill St. also continued to the north until it came to the original Thames water route. Reynolds Creek used to run from the Centerville Pond to the original Thames riverway. At the confluence of the creek and river was one of the oldest grist mills in southern Ontario. JR Elliott's uncle Thomas owned land north and south of the present Mill Rd and old Highway 2 intersection in the 1860s to 1870s. It is likely that the Johnson family lived in the area. Onland.ca records show the sale of Thomas Elliott and Levi Johnson properties at Lot 15, Broken Front concession West Oxford in the Centerville area.

There has been no record on the Onland.ca site to indicate that Levi bought land at Broken Front Concession Lot 15 West Oxford. It could be speculated that the War of 1812 land grant that Levi's mother Elizabeth received after his father Truman's military death may have been the land in question. The story of Truman Johnson is noted farther into the family story.

Type of sale	Date signed	Date completed	Seller
70051	Cealife 31 Oct 1877	1 Nov 1877	Thomas Elliott
71016	Conveyance 31 Oct 1877	24 Dec 1877	Levi Johnson & wife, Thos P Johnson Jim Johnson, James Johnson, Amos Johnson, John Johnson Sarah Ann & Leoc Wife of Thos & Leoc Elizabeth Elliott

Elliott Wife of John Elliott & Maria Hardy Wife of John Hardy being all the children of the said Levi Johnson & Catharine Rebecca Johnson his wife, the said Thomas & Leoc John Elliott & John Hardy  
 The Credit Valley R.R. Co. may Company  
 25 Dec 1879 19 Mar 1880

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 1877 there was a land ownership transfer from Thomas Elliott to the entire Johnson family. This is a total of 10 acres of Lot 15 Broken Front Concession of W Oxford (Centreville - north of old Beachville Rd – Highway #2 road from Ingersoll to Beachville). At the time, if women owned property, their husbands also had to be listed thus the references to “wife of” in the document. A portion of this property was sold to the Credit Valley RR for right of way purposes for a new (and still existing) rail line.

Thomas Elliott also sold 3 acres to Levi’s son and Betsy’s brother Thomas in 1866.

West Oxford: Lot No. 15, in the B.F. Concession.  
 Centreville

INST.	DATE.	REGISTRY.	GRANTOR.	GRANTEE.	QUANTITY
			Andrew Repp Sheriff of the County of Oxford	William Payne	
	11 Oct 1866	16 Oct 1866	Thomas Elliott & wife	Thomas Johnson	5 acres

“Bill of Sale 11 Oct, 1866 Thomas Elliott & wife to Thomas Johnson 5 acres”

Present day map with Johnson property of 1870s noted.



Betsy's father Levi seemed to be a man of many talents. Various censuses through the decades had him listed as a mechanic, carpenter, painter, and furniture maker. Rosenia Thompson and Levi were married in 1828. He died on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 1883 and is buried in IRC. Rosenia was born near St. Thomas, Ontario in 1813 and according to Ontario death records died the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1886 of heart disease. Later in life, censuses indicated that Rosenia did not know how to write although husband Levi could. Rosenia was the daughter of Scotsman William Thompson and his wife Sarah. It appears Rosina's mother Sarah died at a relatively young age and no gravesite has been found. William lived out his life as a widower in St. Thomas Ont. until his death in 1871.

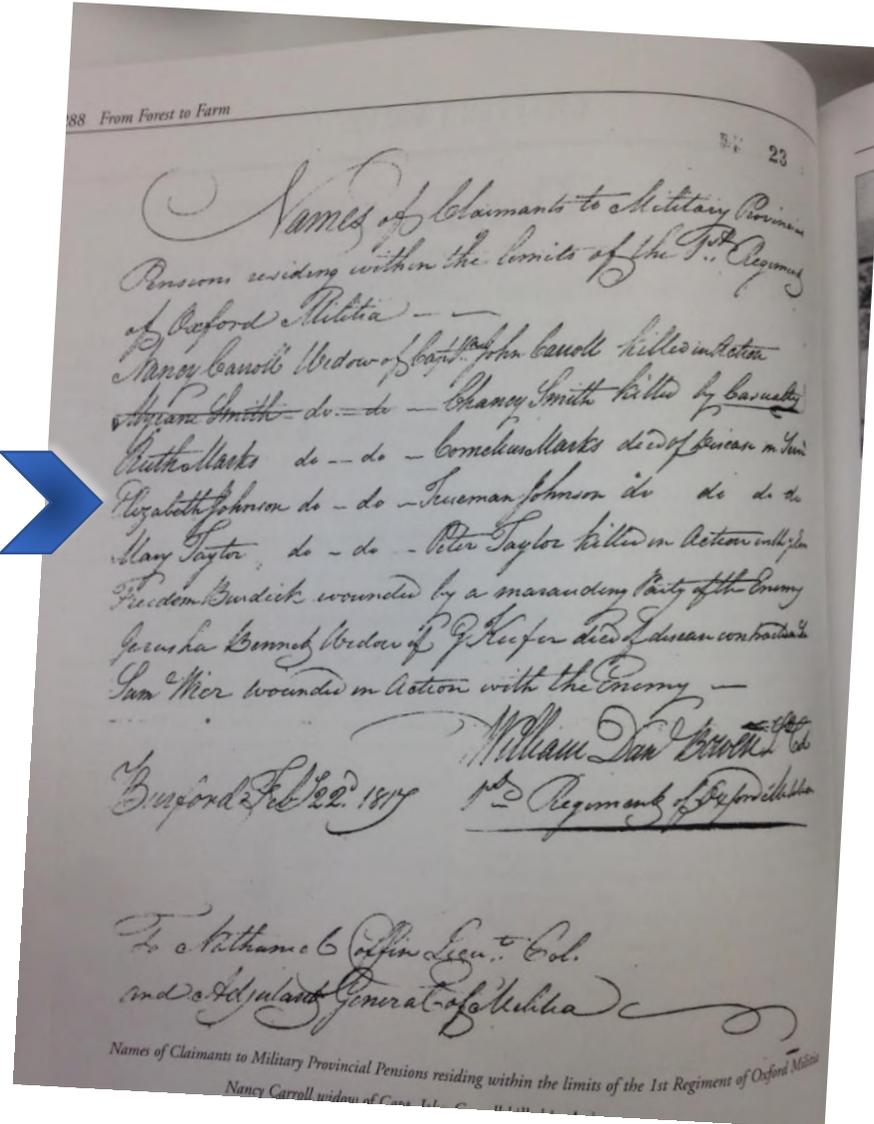
Substantial evidence has been found of Betsy's grandfather and my three times great grandfather, Truman Johnson. It appears that he was born in New York State. His wife was named Elizabeth and she was likely American as well. No birth date has been located for either. He moved to Centerville in the early 1800's. Interestingly, Truman was not long in Upper Canada when he fought for the Canadian side in the War of 1812 and died while on sentry duty around the time of the Battle of Queenstown Heights near Niagara Falls on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1812. I have gone through some Canadian government records and found a 'Trueman' Johnson of Oxford township having been a private in the Oxford Militia. The records indicate he had died of disease while serving with the Militia. His widow was Elizabeth Johnson. The fact that he served in the Oxford Brigade and his widow was named Elizabeth, which has been verified in a few Ancestry trees, are strong indicators that Trueman Johnson was Betsy's grandfather. Many Johnson descendants have Trueman as their names as well. I suspect that Trueman moved from New York to Centerville around 1805. When the War of 1812 began, he took up arms for his new country and made the ultimate sacrifice. Johnson genealogists have searched for his grave in various cemeteries in the Niagara peninsula where the battles took place. No grave has yet been uncovered.

Government land grant records of 1812-1814 indicate that Trueman was an army private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Oxford Militia. Other records have him listed as a sergeant.

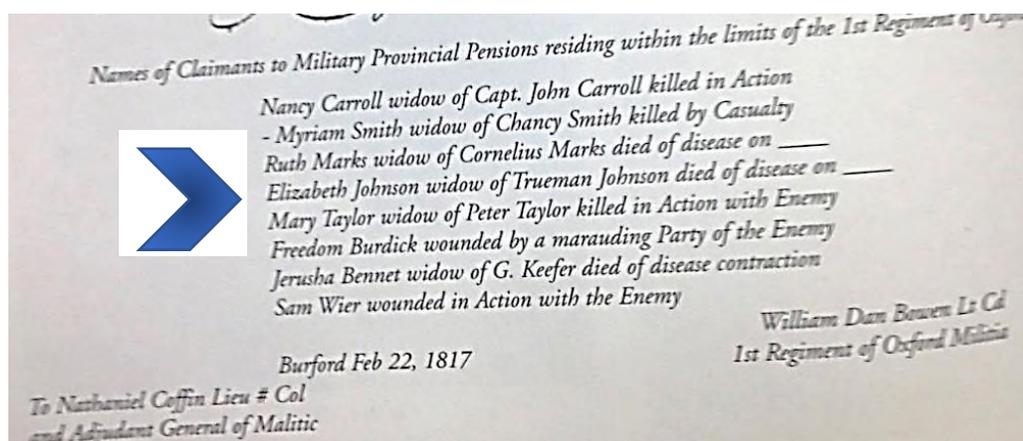
## **Item: Trueman JOHNSON (22882)**

<b>Given Names(s):</b>	Trueman
<b>Surname:</b>	JOHNSON
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Unit:</b>	1st Oxford Militia
<b>Date:</b>	1817-00-00
<b>Remarks:</b>	Died of disease while on service. Widow: Elizabeth Johnson.
<b>Record Title:</b>	Pensions and Land Grants Records
<b>Volume Number:</b>	3
<b>Page Number:</b>	23-24
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Elizabeth Johnson's Claimant to Provisions from the Upper Canada government after her husband's war death.



Translation of previous document – courtesy of “From Forest to Field”.



## The War of 1812

“The War of 1812 was fought between Britain and the United States from 1812 to 1814. The main cause of the War of 1812 was Britain’s actions during the Napoleonic Wars (1799–1815). Firstly, the British set up a naval blockade of the United States east coast to stop supplies from getting to France. This made the Americans upset as they wished to trade with France. Anger turned to outrage when the British navy began to board American ships. Britain did this because it thought the Americans were continuing to trade with France. They were also looking for deserters from the British navy. In 1807, tensions between the Americans and the British rose when a British ship fired on an American ship in Chesapeake Bay. In May 1811, tensions rose even more when officers on a British ship “impressed” (forced) an American sailor to join the British navy. British relations with First Nations people were another source of American distrust. Britain traded with First Nations people living in American territory. Furthermore, Britain established a good relationship with Tecumseh, the Chief of the Shawnee. During the first decade of the 18th century, Tecumseh united many different First Nations to fight against the US. In 1811, Tecumseh’s forces and the United States went to war. This war is called “Tecumseh’s War.” It lasted from 1811 until 1813.

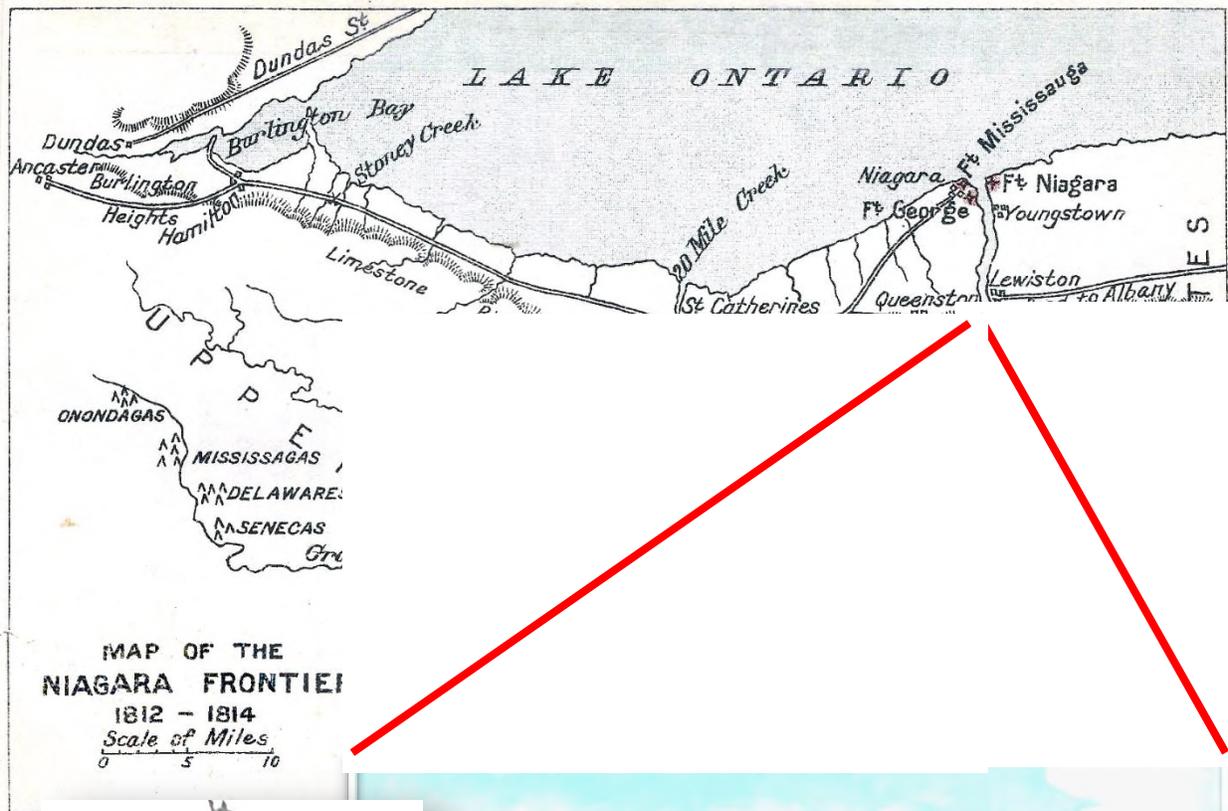
Around this time, “War Hawks” or groups of war mongering US congressmen were becoming more numerous. The “War Hawks” wanted the United States to go to war with Britain. In 1812, they got their wish. On 18 June 1812, President Madison declared war on Britain. The American congress felt an attack on Upper Canada would be an easy victory as there were few British regular soldiers in the colony and majority of the settlers in Upper Canada were American natives. The feeling was that these US settlers would not join the Canadian volunteers and would welcome the American conquest. This proved wrong. The war lasted for two years. The British side was comprised of soldiers from Britain, militiamen from Canada, Métis, First Nations warriors, and a group known as the “Coloured Corps.” Many men in the Coloured Corps. had been slaves that escaped to Canada. Some of the more important battles of the War of 1812 were fought at Fort Detroit, York (now Toronto), Fort George (at the mouth of the Niagara River), Moraviantown (the Chatham-Kent region in Ontario), and Queenston (Niagara-on-the-Lake). Most notably the American White House was burned during an attack on Washington DC. Thousands were killed and/or wounded during the campaign. The war resulted in a stalemate with both sides claiming victory. The War of 1812 had many lasting consequences. It guaranteed Canada’s independence from the United States. It also gave the population of British North America (Canada) its first sense of acting as a community. This would help develop a sense of nationhood. Finally, after the war, the United States expanded westward into First Nations territory instead of north into Canada. As a result, the War of 1812 was disastrous for First Nations peoples.

The Battle at Queenston Heights was the largest and most pivotal of the battles. Heroes were made of Gen. Sir Isaac Brock who died leading the defensive troops during the American attack on the Niagara region. Laura Ingersoll Secord, the daughter of James Ingersoll, the founder of Ingersoll, Ontario was also made famous by her 30-kilometer overnight trek through the Niagara peninsula to warn the Canadians of imminent attack by the American forces at Beaver Dams.”

Wikipedia.

It appears that Sargeant Truman Johnson died of disease that was contracted while on guard duty at Queenston Heights sometime during the conflict. As previously mentioned, his burial location is likely at one of several military cemeteries in the vicinity.

Map of Niagara Peninsula 1812.



Painting depicting Oct 13, 1812 attack at Queenston Heights.

Monument to General Brock, Queenston Heights.

This is a list of the soldiers in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the Oxford Militia. It is amazing to see the number of deserters. War of 1812 Oxford Militia document courtesy Ingersoll Library.

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1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Oxford Militia

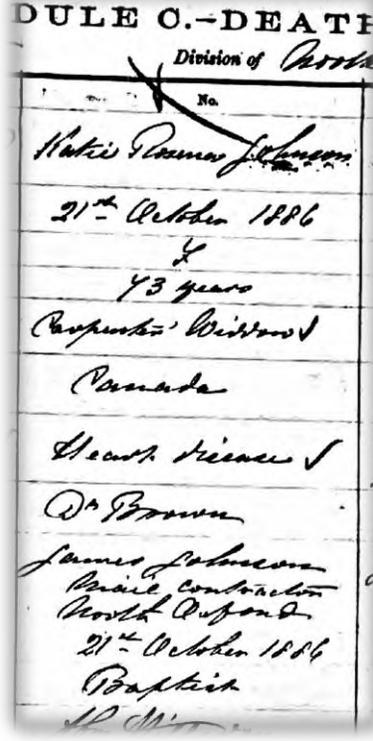
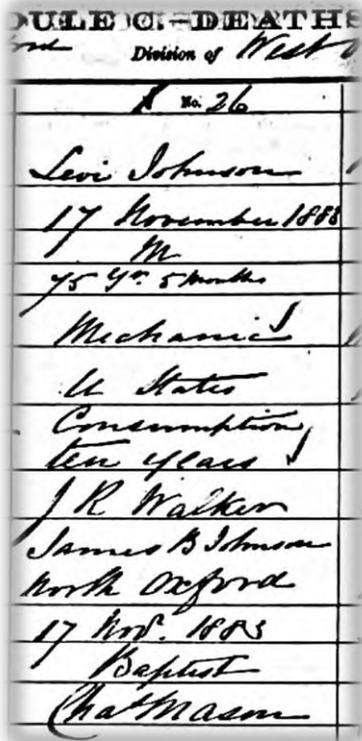
No. Rank	Names	Remarks
22	Private Henry Babcock	Deserted and joined the Enemy
	George Rouse	
	Joshua Rouse	
25	Abraham Rounds	
	Horatio Fowler	+ Jas <sup>d</sup> McLaughlin
	Stephen Douglass	
	Jonathan Stephens	
	George Lane	
31	Isaac Hiff	Deserted to the Enemy
	Jonathan Hiff	
	Nathan Burtch	
	Abraham Decow	
	Henry Wiley	
35	John Emmons	
	John Uptergrove	Deserted to the Enemy
	+ Joseph Davis	
	Peter Phillips	
	+ Carl Martin	
40	John Green	gone to the Americans
	+ Adam Decow	Volunteered and served as a Private although he was an Ensign in the Militia
2 <sup>d</sup> Flank Company		
	Sergeant Truman Johnson	Died of disease contracted while on sentry
	Amelius Marks	Prisoner
1	Serjt. Bela B. Brigham	
2	William Botsford	Went to the Enemy
1	Sergeant Truman Johnson	Died of disease contracted while on sentry
2	Amelius Marks	Prisoner
1	Private Nathan Burtch	
2	Edward Logan	Joined the 2 <sup>d</sup> Corp <sup>s</sup> Militia afterwards

"Sergeant Truman Johnson - Died of disease contracted while on sentry."

A more in-depth study of the Battle of Queenston Heights can be found in the link below.

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/battle-of-queenston-heights>

Truman's son Levi was only 4 years old when Truman died. It is believed that Levi and his wife Rosenia lived the rest of their lives in Centerville. Her burial location is beside her husband at IRC.



### JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson and family times

John Elliott	
Canada, County Marriage Registers, 1	
Name:	John Elliott
Age:	25
Gender:	Male
Birth Place:	England
Residence:	Centerville
Spouse Name:	Betsy Johnson
Spouse Age:	17
Spouse Gender:	Female
Spouse Birth Place:	Canada
Spouse Residence:	Centerville
Marriage Date:	20 Sep 1864
Father Name:	William
Mother Name:	Elizabeth
Spouse Father Name:	Levy
Spouse Mother Name:	Rosanna
County:	Oxford
Microfilm Roll:	1030062

As noted, JR and Betsy married on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1864. Like her mother who married at 15, Betsy married at a young age, she was 17 and JR was 25.

After their marriage, it is believed that JR and Betsy lived in Centerville for a short time. They either lived near Betsy's parents or perhaps in the same wood frame house. JR's oldest child Henrietta (Hattie) was born there in August of 1865. She went on to marry into the Downing family who were owners of the lime quarries in the river valley between Centerville and Beachville.

In March 1866, JR left his wife and baby at home as he and his younger brother Thomas enlisted in the local militia (5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Oxford Rifles: nicknamed the Ingersoll Invincibles) to fight in the Fenian Raids. A website called Heroes of Zorra lists him as having lived in Zorra township (the present area that encompasses what was E Nissouri, W Zorra and N Oxford) when he was in the militia.

The Fenian Raids are not a well-known historical event in Canada. It was the last time that Canadian soil had been invaded and fighting occurred sporadically from 1865 to 1870.

In a nutshell, a group of Irish patriots believed that by successfully invading Canada via the United States and holding it hostage, they could force the English to allow the Irish island to have full independence.

They raised funds in the United States and Ireland from the large number of Irish expats and nationalist and kitted out and hired well trained former Confederate soldiers that where jobless and disillusioned. This semi organized group stormed the border. The American government seemed unconcerned and in fact some society elements and politicians were supportive. The Fenian's believed that the largely Irish, Scottish and American immigrants in Canada would welcome them with open arms. They were immensely wrong about the patriotic fever. The mostly rural citizens of Canada answered the call to defend their newly formed country. Farmers abandoned their fields to help the cause. The battles were more like skirmishes but there were casualties. The most prominent battle was at the village of Ridgeway, Ont. near Thorold, Ont. The Battle of Ridgeway was the last battle in which Canadian troops were killed on their own soil defending their country.

The link below is an excellent read about the events.

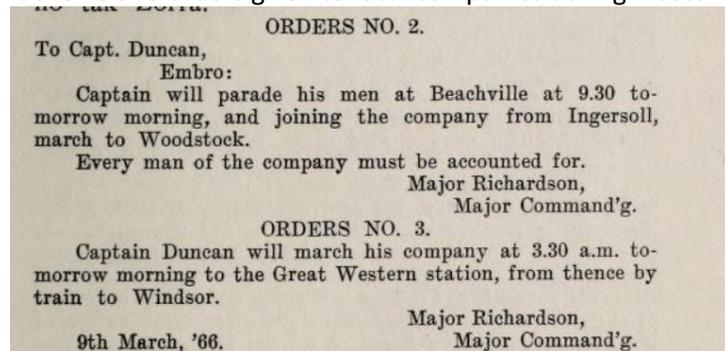
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“Tramp, tramp, tramp, our boys are marching  
Cheer up, let the Fenian's come!  
For beneath the Union Jack we'll drive the rabble back  
And fight for our beloved Canadian home.”

Marching song: Fenian Raids

JR and his younger brother Thomas were mustered early in March, 1866 into the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (formerly the Oxford Rifles), Ingersoll Volunteer Rifle 5<sup>th</sup> Company. According to family lore, he mustered with other volunteers just west of Beachville along the old Highway #2 or what is now known as the Beachville Road. The militia marched five miles east to Woodstock then went by train to Windsor for border guard duty. This recollection by JR's daughter and my Great Aunt Rose seems to be borne out by “The History of Embro and W Zorra” written by Dean Robinson and published in 2008.

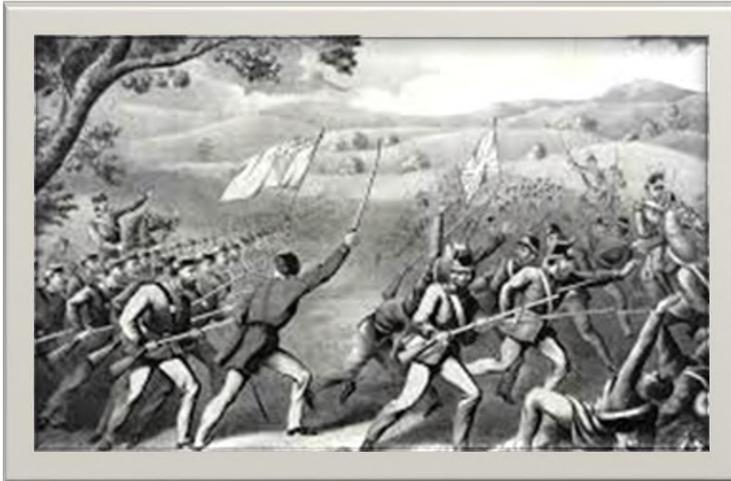
It shows two orders given to local companies during mustering.



Later in June 1866, the Ingersoll Co. was reassigned to Thorold/Ridgeway where the main battle was fought. There is no record to show that JR was involved in the battle or was there strictly as reinforcement.

He received the General Service Medal awarded by the Canadian government for his services. The medal is still in the family. Later, surviving veterans were also granted 100 acres of land in the

Kapuskasing area of N Ontario to encourage settlement there. It appears that JR did not pursue this property option.



Canada General Service Medal



Duplication of Battle of Ridgeway – Wikipedia Image  
Photo below from “From Forest to Farm -History of N Oxford” book  
This is not JR’s #5 Ingersoll Co. This is #8 W Zorra Co.



No. 8 Company, 22nd Battalion Oxford Rifles

1865, the movement changed their focus to planning an attack upon Canada. May 31, 1866 a force of 1000 men crossed the Niagara River near Buffalo and invaded Canadian territory. This was met with great excitement and enthusiasm and over 10,000 men volunteered their services to their country. After a battle near Ridgeway the Fenian raiders took the first skirmish

North Oxford Fenion Raid Veterans

- William Brown
- Thomas Down
- John Elliot
- John Hacker
- Henry Holden





For several years after the Fenian raids, JR continued to military drill with the Ingersoll Company. Below is a pay list for his practice with the Ingersoll Co. for 1868. Brother Thomas is also noted as participating in the drills.

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CERTIFICATE No. 157  
CHEQUE No. 58

(To be Made out and Signed in Duplicate.)

ACQUITTANCE ROLL of the No 5 Company  
of the 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Volunteer Militia for their Drill pay, for the year ended on the 30th June, 1868.

WE, the undersigned Volunteers, belonging to the above named Corps, hereby acknowledge to have received from the Militia Department, by the hands of Captain W J Wondam, the Officer Commanding our Company, the amount placed opposite our names respectively, being our Pay for Drill for the year ended 30th June, 1868.

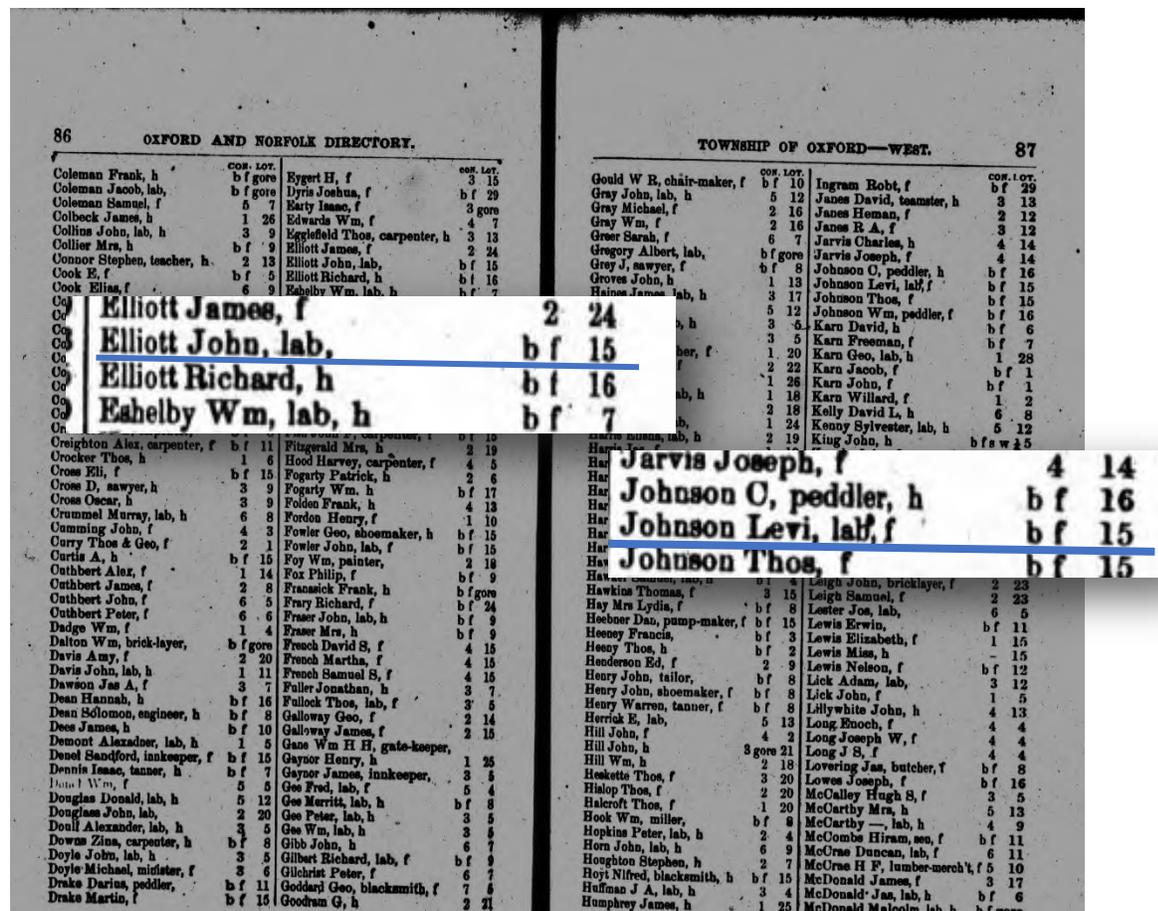
RANK.	NAMES.	Number of Days Drill Performed.	PAY.						Signatures of the N. C. Officers and Men.	WITNESS.
			Men.		Horses.		Total.			
			\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.		
Seyt	George B. Clark	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	Geo B. Clark	
"	William Monroe	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	W. Monroe	
"	Joseph Gibson	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	J. Gibson	
Capt	<del>W. Wondam</del>								<del>W. Wondam</del>	
"	<del>W. Wondam</del>								<del>W. Wondam</del>	
"	James B. Field								J. B. Field	
Private	J. Elliott	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	Wm. Elliott	
"	J. Elliott	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	John Elliott	
"	Wm. Smith	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	Walter Smith	
"	J. Deane	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	J. Deane	
"	Wm. Davis	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	Wm. Davis	
"	A. Gallaway	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	Andrew Gallaway	
"	C. Clifford	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	Charles Clifford	
"	A. Johnson	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	A. Johnson	
"	W. M. Fee	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	Wm. Fee	
"	W. Snider	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	Wm. Snider	
"	A. Snider	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	A. Snider	
"	A. Monroe	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	A. Monroe	
"	B. Frasier	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	B. Frasier	
"	D. Morrison	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	D. Morrison	
"	J. M. Lord	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	J. M. Lord	
"	B. Snyder	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	B. Snyder	
"	W. H. Barnum	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	W. H. Barnum	
"	W. Crawford	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	W. Crawford	
"	J. Breaker	16	8	00	0	00	8	00	James Breaker	
Total carried over.....			176	00	0	00	176	00	WJW	

\*Here fill in Troop, Battery, or Company, as the case may be.  
NOTE.—The authorized rate per man is 50 cents for each day's drill; 75 cents is the daily allowance for drill of each horse belonging to the non-commissioned officers and men of mounted Corps.  
No. 234.

Ingersoll Library source.

After the war service, JR returned to his family. Likely he remained living on Mill Rd. for a few years and it appears that he had his own home by late 1867.

Further proof of their home in Centerville can be found in the 1867 Ingersoll Gazetteer. JR and Betsy and Levi Johnson likely lived on adjacent lots. Onland.ca records indicate that both JR and Levi lived on ¼ acre lots cut out of the broken front concession Lot 15 of W Oxford. This indicated that they lived in the village of Centerville north of the intersection of old Highway #2 and Mill St.



The 1871 census had JR and Betsy and their 2 oldest daughters moving to N. Oxford township across the Thames River from Centerville. Family names listed in the 1871 census were still found near JR's homestead even in the days of my youth: Sandick, Riddick and Crawford were family names that still farmed along the river when I was growing up. Onland.ca records listed a John Elliott purchasing two acres from his uncle Thomas in 1871. This was 2 acres of Con 3 Lot 15 N. Oxford adjacent to the Grand Trunk RR right of way. I suspect that JR and family had a house built on that property where they could raise pigs and chickens while he worked as a labourer on a nearby farm. It could be possible that he was still a farm hand on his uncle Thomas' farm.

Further evidence that he raised pigs can be found by this article from a farm journal of the time

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**YORKSHIRE TOM.**

Farrowed May 29, 1892; bred by Jos. Baker, Littlewood; 2nd owner, J. R. Elliott, Ingersoll; sire Mahomet-270-; dam Yorkshire Lass, (imp. in dam)-265-by Holywell Squire V (1025); Holywell Spec, (imp.)-263-(Vol. I), (3196), by Holywell St. Chrispin, (1027), etc.

**Record for Con 3 Lot 14 N Oxford. – From Forest to Field**

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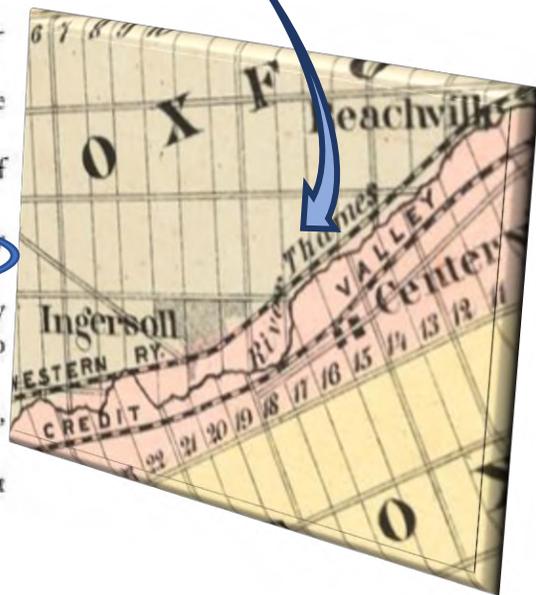
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Elliott Edwin	"	1	3	11	1
Elliott John	"	1	4	5	1
Elliott J R	"	1	3	14	1



\*There is some confusion in the Gazetteer of the time as to whether JR lived on Lot 14 or 15.

By 1882, JR and Betsy had a string of children.

Henrietta (Hattie)	B 25 Aug 1865 Centerville	D 15 Feb 1944 "Riverside" Beachville Ont.
Eliza Rosenia (Rose)	B 25 Dec 1868 Centerville	D 19 Mar 1965 Pt Huron Mi.
Ellen Victoria (Helen)	B 13 July 1871 N. Oxford	D 01 Sept 1947 Beachville Ont.
John Arthur	B 31 Aug 1874 N. Oxford	D 08 Jan 1961 Detroit Mi.
Albert James	B 31 Mar 1877 N Oxford	D 20 Dec 1950 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford
Melissa Jane (Maggie)	B 09 Sept 1879 N Oxford	D unknown Plymouth/Detroit, Mi.
Frederick Edwin	B May 1883 N. Oxford	D 21 Oct 1883 North Oxford

Fredrick Edwin would be born May 1883 but died in October of the same year.

## Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper

Id	7882
Type of Notice	Death Notice
Newspaper	Ingersoll Chronicle
Newspaper Date	Oct 25 1883
Page Number	3
Column Number	6
Surname	Elliott
First Name	Fred
Middle or Maiden Name	E.
Date of Event	October 21, 1883
Associated Surname	
Associated First Name	
Note	
Text of Notice	ELLIOTT--In North Oxford [township], 21st inst., Fred E., son of Mr. John Elliott, aged 1 year and 6 months

Freddy Elliott grave marker with his parents



CENSEMENT.  
Province of *Ontario* District No. *165*

SCHEDULE No. 1—Nominal Return of the Living.  
TABLEAU No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants.

No. of Visitation.			NAMES	SEX	AGE	Born within last twenty months	Country or Province of Birth.	RELIGION.	ORIGIN
Individuals.	Houses inhabited.	Families.							
No. des Visites.			NOMS	SEXES	AGE	Nés dans les vingt derniers mois.	Pays ou Province de Naissance.	RELIGION	ORIGINE
Individus.	Maisons habitées.	Familles.							
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			<i>James Thomas Henry</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>62</i>			<i>Scott Christina</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>Elliott John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>B. Chris</i>	<i>English</i>
			<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>American</i>
			<i>Henrietta</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>English</i>
			<i>Eliza R</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>Ellen Vic</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>John Arthur</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>Arthur James</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>Melissa Jane</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>63</i>	<i>63</i>		<i>Hitchley John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>B. Chris</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>Ellie</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

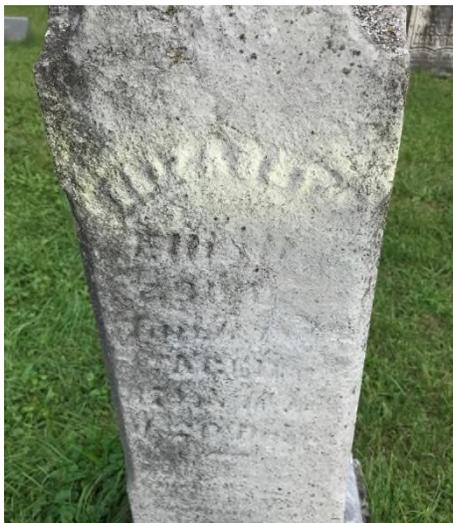
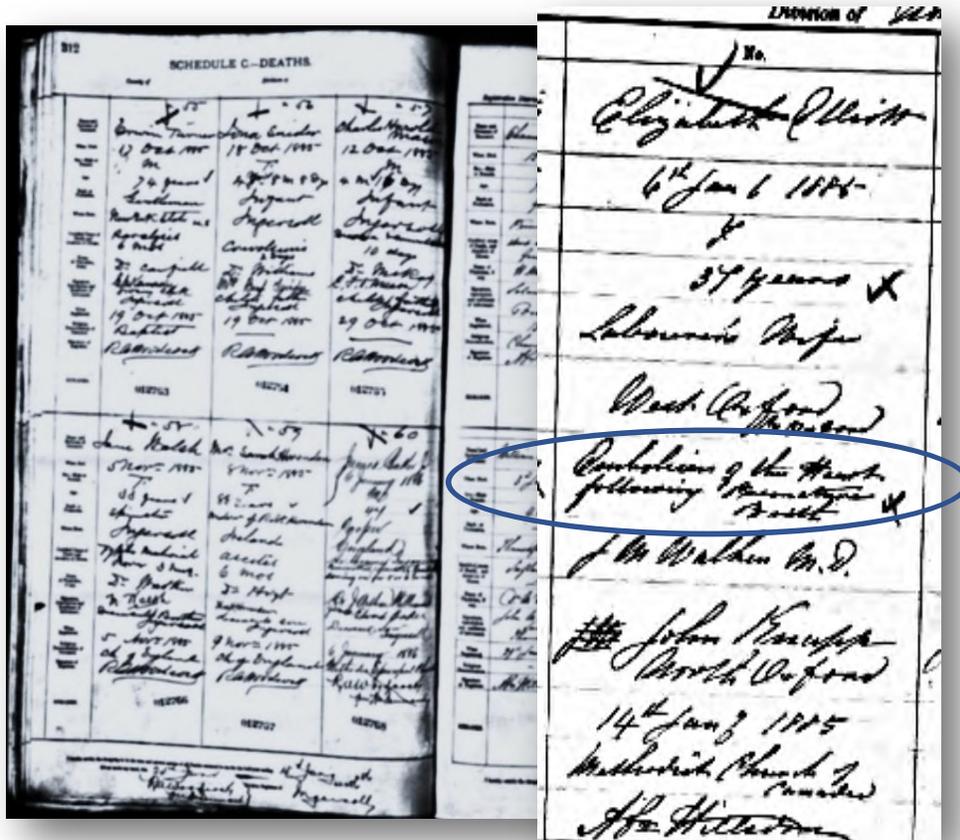
I cannot speak to the family dynamics but they appeared to be a relative healthy group as no more young children were lost to disease. The children were in school at Dunn's Corners up the concession road.

Then the wheels fell off.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1885, Elizabeth "Betsy" Elliott died of a heart attack while giving birth to a premature baby at the family home. She was 37 years old. Her surviving children living at home would have ranged in age from 5 to 16 years. Henrietta, the oldest at age 18, was married by 1885 and was no longer living at her family home. Being the oldest daughter, that left Rose as the "mother" at age 16. It must have been devastating for the family. As most men were in that era, JR probably had no knowledge or ability to care for the younger children. Hopefully, his extended family would have helped.

Betsy's death was likely traumatic for her mother as well as she died the following year.

Death Schedule for Oxford Co. showing Betsy's death registration January 1886. It indicates she suffered an "embolism following premature birth"



Elizabeth "Betsy" Elliott tomb marker is located down the south slope of IRC from the Elliott family markers and near the Mausoleum.

After a suitable mourning period, JR's priority would have been to remarry and supply a new mother for his gaggle of children.

## Second wife of JR Elliott: Phoebe Ward

JR married Phoebe Ward Thorn on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1886, about 8 months after Betsy's death.

Phoebe Ward was born about 1842 in Norwich, Oxford Co. Ont. Her parents Alfred and Sarah were farmers that emigrated from New York State. When Phoebe was 19, she married Joseph Thorn, a labourer from Dereham Township, Oxford.

Phoebe lost her husband due to "hemorrhaging of the lungs" on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 1886. Both Phoebe and JR lost their spouses within weeks of each other. Their wedding took place at his oldest daughter Henrietta's "Riverside". Daughter Henrietta had married John Downing and the house now stands as the Beachville Museum.

Marriage Schedule for John Elliott and Phoebe Thorn

*John Elliott*  
 44-9 years  
 West Oxford  
 Resumes England  
 W  
 German  
 W m & Eliza  
 Elliott

*Phoebe Thorn*  
 44  
 West Oxford  
 Norwich Township Ont  
 W  
 Alfred and Sarah  
 Ward  
 W m & husband and  
 Henrietta's wife of  
 3 m & Township Ont  
 Rec of John Downing  
 West Oxford  
 Sept 29 1886  
 Antietam Army  
 Methodist  
 Joseph Archer

Five years later, by the time of the 1891 census, the family was no longer recognizable.

NAME		AGE	SEX	RELATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	EDUCATION	RELIGION	INDUSTRY
1891	John Elliott	50	M	Head	England	—	Methodist	Farmer
	Phoebe	48	F	Wife	U.S.	—	—	—
	Albert J.	14	M	Son	England	—	—	—
	Winnie T.	8	F	Daughter	—	—	—	—

Phoebe and JR only had two children living with them, Albert J and Winnie T. Henrietta had married. Rose was married to a Charles Mapes and had moved to Woodstock. She had her 10-year-old sister Maggie living with her. Oldest son John Arthur was only 16 at the time but likely





Birth of Winnie's son 1905 Bruce Co.

**SCHEDULE A.**

County of *Spencer*

No.	NAME	SEX M. or F.	DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
<del>129</del>	<del>Trotter, Robert, John</del>	<del>M</del>	<del>March 18, 1905</del>	<del>William George</del>	<del>ra. Kate Anderson</del>
<del>130</del>	<del>Miller, Percy, Ward</del>	<del>M</del>	<del>March 29, 1905</del>	<del>William Wilson Miller</del>	<del>Winnie, Thornley</del>
<del>131</del>	<del>Brid</del>	<del>F</del>	<del>May 12, 1905</del>	<del>Edward J. Brid</del>	<del>Sadie Forrest</del>

Around the time of Phoebe's death, JR appeared to decide to change his life. He sold his property and livestock in 1890 but continued to live in North Oxford up to the time of Phoebe's death. Three years

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### Third Wife of JR Elliott: Rosina Gettler (Getler)

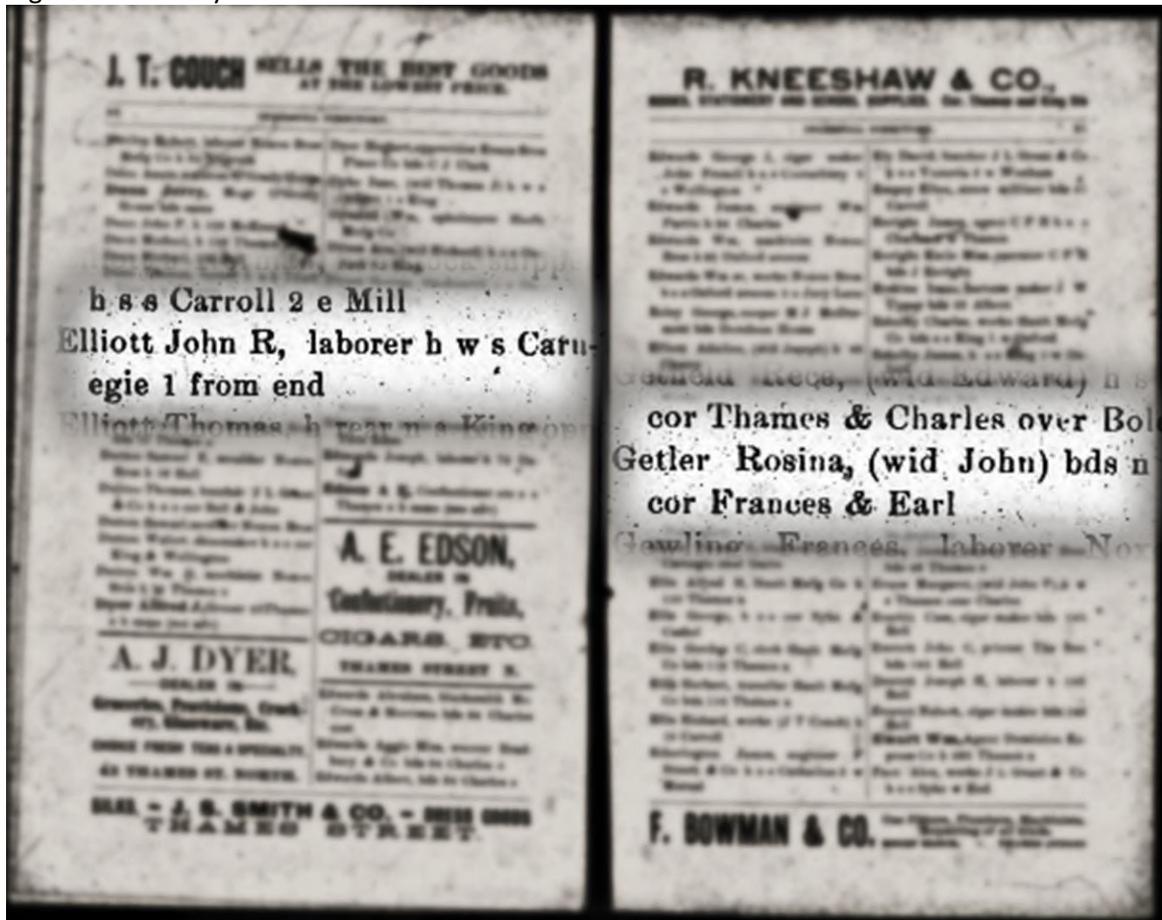
By 1895, JR had remarried once again. This time he married Ingersoll resident Rosina Gettler. Rosina's maiden name was Day and she came from a large clan that farmed outside of Thamesford, Ont., a small community 7 km to the north west of Ingersoll.

Rosina Day Getler was born and raised in E Nissouri township (just north of Thamesford). Her parents John and Eliza were from the US. There was a large contingent of Day family in the area as she grew up. Rosina was in her late 20s when she married John Gettler. He was 25 years her senior and he already had several children living in the family home. They lived in Fullerton Township, Perth Co. where John was a farmer.

He died on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1893. Rosina returned without her stepchildren to her Day family near Ingersoll. Of the Gettler children Rosena left behind, the youngest was 16 when his father died. The children were to fend for themselves. The youngest two boys were found as lodgers in Listowel Ont. in the 1901 census.

JR and Rosina were living separately in Ingersoll just prior to their marriage in 1895. JR as mentioned before was likely renting from his brother and Rosina was a boarder in the house on the corner of Francis and Earl streets.

Ingersoll Directory 1894



Marriage Schedule for Oxford 1895

SCHEDULE	
County of Oxford	
009178	
His Name	John Elliott
Age	53
Residence when married	Ingersoll
Place of Birth	England
Religion or Worship (S. or W.)	W.
Rank or Profession	Labourer
Name of Father	William & Elizabeth Elliott
Her Name	Rosina Heiler
Age	43
Residence when married	Ingersoll
Place of Birth	Canada
Religion or Worship (S. or W.)	W.
Name of Father	John & Elizabeth Day
Name and Residence of Witnesses	Daniel Carey Mrs. Ingersoll
Date and place of Marriage	April 2nd 1895 Ingersoll
Religious denomination of Bridegroom	Methodist
Religious denomination of Bride	do
By whom	

The couple married on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1895. Although the marriage certificate has JR at age 50, he was 53. Rosina was 43 years old. Within months the couple were living on Cherry St. in Port Huron, Michigan by the end of 1896. Why the sudden move to Port Huron? According to various censuses, Rosina's mother was from Michigan even though Rosina was born in Canada. Rosina's older sister Janet moved to Port Huron in 1880. Janet and Rosina are buried together in the Day Plot in the Zion cemetery in Thamesford, Ontario. I suspect the closeness of the two sister was a factor in the move. In fact, younger sisters Lilly (Day) Eshelby and Edna (Day) Carey both moved to Port Huron a few years after Rosina and JR. However, the biggest reason for the move, and it is a doozy, is accounted for by the events of January 21<sup>st</sup> 1897 Ingersoll Chronicle.

**Pronounced a Forgery.**

An interesting note case was heard by Judge Finkle at the Division Court here last week. It appears that about a year ago a promissory note made by John Elliott and purporting to be endorsed by J. Downing was discounted by Mr. A. N. Christopher. Upon maturity no provision was made for its payment and it went to protest. Mr. Downing was communicated with and he pronounced it a forgery.

After ineffectual efforts towards an amicable settlement Mr. Christopher entered suit for the amount against Downing, who by the way is a son-in-law of Elliott, the latter having left suddenly for the U. S. about the time the note matured, and the matter came up in court yesterday. In his evidence defendant stated that he did not sign the note and that it was a forgery. This was so held by the court and judgment was entered accordingly.

Ingersoll Chronicle 28 Jan 1897

**John Elliott, Charged with the Above Crime, Now in Custody—Chief Skirving's Clever Work.**

Instead of being in London Friday as reported, Chief Skirving was in Port Huron, where he accomplished one of his cleverest arrests.

It will be remembered that a few days ago it was proved in Division Court that a note made by John Elliott and purported to be endorsed by John Downing was pronounced a forgery by the Court, and suspicion rested on Elliott, the father-in-law of J. Downing, for committing the crime. After the proceedings at the court, Mr. Christopher, who had discounted the notes, invoked the aid of the law and papers were made out charging Elliott with forging notes, which are as follows: One dated

June 24th, 1895, for \$109.80, signed by Elliott and endorsed by John Downing; one made on July 2nd, 1895, for \$35, signed by Peter Dunn and endorsed by J. Elliott; one made Aug. 26, 1895, for \$32, signed by J. Downing, endorsed by J. Elliott; and another made June 24th, 1895, for \$167.00, signed by J. Elliott, and endorsed by J. Downing. The Chief then wired the police authorities to look out for and arrest Elliott, who it was supposed had gone to the States. This was done about 6 o'clock Thursday evening, and at 11 o'clock the same night, a dispatch was received stating that the man was in custody in Port Huron.

J R was picked up by Port Huron police and handed over to Ingersoll Police that were waiting in Sarnia. The process was a kidnapping/extradition that was questionable in legality. JR was in jail in Ingersoll and awaiting trial for forging promissory notes with the signatures of his N Oxford farm neighbour Peter Dunn and his son in law John Downing. The trial was to take place in Woodstock. The arrest and trial was front page news in Ingersoll and Woodstock.

Pretrial proceedings. Read left to right, top to bottom.

**ALLEGED FORGERY.**

John Elliott, of Beachville, Accused of Forging Four Notes.—Committed for Trial.

In the Division Court which was in session here a week or so ago it was proved that four notes discounted by Mr. A. N. Christopher were forgeries. Suspicion rested on one John Elliott, father-in-law of John Downing, whose name was attached to 3 of these notes. The other one bore the name of Peter Dunn. Enquiries were made for Elliott, who had left the country, but he was arrested in Port Huron and brought back to Ingersoll by Chief Skirving to stand trial on the charge of forgery. He appeared before Magistrate Morrison but was not prepared to plead to the charge and so was remanded until last Saturday when he pleaded not guilty to each of the four charges.

The case for the crown was conducted by Mr. A. S. Ball, of Woodstock, and Mr. J. B. Jackson, of this town, acted for the prisoner.

The first note taken up was one for \$32 signed by John Downing and endorsed by John Elliott.

The first witness called was Mr. Christopher. He said:—I laid information against Elliott. The prisoner brought the note produced into my office to retire one previously discounted by me the old note was not protested. Elliott took it away to get Downing to sign it in order to retire the previous note. I have known Elliott for perhaps ten years but not very well. I had note protested in October. Downing called at my office and disputed the note. I then went to see Elliott but he was away somewhere. I made inquiries but his wife did not know where he was. I was not familiar with the signature of Downing but knew of him. I took no proceedings on this

**A. N. CHRISTOPHER**  
**BANKER AND BROKER.**

Money Loaned on Notes and Mortgages.  
 Interest allowed on deposits. Agent British Empire Life Assurance Co. and Hartford, Aetna and Phoenix of Hartford Fire Insurance Co's.

**OFFICE — Market Buildings,  
 King St. West.**

A N Christopher was a noted money lender in Ingersoll.

note except to notify him. After examining the signature I was satisfied it was not his.

By Mr. Jackson.—Elliott handed in renewals of all the notes, but I declined them. Mr. Jackson here called for the notes and Mr. Christopher went after them.

John Downing, sworn—I reside near Beachville, and am a lime merchant and farmer. Elliott is my father-in-law. I have signed notes for him. I don't remember whether they were payable to his order, but I think so. I have signed the backs of notes payable to myself. I had no object in doing this. It was in 1891 when I backed a note for him. I have never signed any others since 1892. I trust to my memory mostly but am positive I signed nothing since 1892. I signed 3 or 4 between 1890 and 1892, but never any since then. (Witness here signed his name at the request of Mr. Ball); the signature on the note produced is not mine and I authorized no one to sign it for me.

By Mr. Jackson—I know he is no scholar. I thought he could read writing. I got a protest on the 29th of October and came up to see Mr. Christopher the same day or the day after, and said it was not my signature.

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Port Huron Herald

15 Jan 1897, Fri Page 5

John Elliott, of Ingersoll, Ont., was arrested Thursday night at the request of Canadian officers. He is wanted in Ingersoll on some note difficulty. Elliott formerly resided in Port Huron.

The second note for \$35 was then taken up, and Peter Dunn was sworn. I live in North Oxford, and am a farmer. I have known prisoner for about 20 or 25 years. I never owed him any money. I once bought a pig from him, but paid cash for it. I never gave Elliott a note. The signature on this note is not mine and I authorized no one to sign it for me.

Mr. Christopher, having returned, was put in the box again, on the first note. I gave Elliott a check for \$28, on the 26th of June. I had no idea the notes were forgeries at that time. They were all signed outside of the office. I took a collateral note for all these other notes from Mrs. Elliott. (Note produced). This was for \$525. I did not believe they were forgeries and did not believe Downing when he said they were forgeries.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know where the \$525 came in, and wanted the other note produced, the four notes being for \$32, \$35, \$119.80 and \$167.

Mr. Christopher—There was another note for about \$124 besides the four. I took a collateral note on Rosina Elliott, Feb. 3rd, 1896. I would not swear this was Downing's signature. A jury was asked to see whether this was his signature. I did not say it was like his signature in Division Court. I thought it was his signature until I investigated the other signature in the bank.

Mr. Jackson—There was a petition circulated among Elliott's friends to make up these notes?

Mr. Christopher—I wrote out a heading for a petition for Mr. Mapes, at his request, to pay me for the notes. I got no money by the petition.

Re-examination by Mr. Ball—At the time of petition I believed Downing had signed the notes.

The second note was again taken up. Mr. Christopher sworn—Elliott brought the note produced, to my office to retire. I believed the signature to be Peter Dunn's. I did not see Elliott sign it. Dunn denied the signature.

The note for \$167 was next taken up and Mr. Christopher said Elliott brought this note into my office, and I gave value for it, believing the endorsement to be Downing's.

By Mr. Jackson.—I can't tell how much interest I charged on the note, without reference to my books. The note stood at \$167 for 3 years.

J. Downing, sworn—The endorsement on this note is not mine and I authorized no one to sign it for me.

The last note for \$119.80, was then disposed of.

J. Downing, sworn—The endorsement of this note is not mine, and I authorized no one to sign it for me.

A. N. Christopher, sworn—Elliott brought the note into my office and I gave value for it, believing it to be genuine.

His Worship considered the evidence submitted, sufficient to justify him in sending the prisoner down for trial, and he was committed to the Woodstock jail to stand his trial at the spring assizes.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if bail could be got, would it be accepted. Mr. Ball replied that the Crown attorney would not accept bail.

Trial proceedings. Read left to right, top to bottom.

**NOT GUILTY.**

**JOHN ELLIOTT ACQUITTED ON THE CHARGE OF FORGERY.**

The Notes Bore the Names of Peter Dunn and John Downing—Both Pronounced Forgeries—The Jury Say "Not Guilty" in all Cases.

As announced in THE CHRONICLE Tuesday John Elliott was acquitted of the charge of forgery. For the following particulars of the case we are indebted to the Sentinel-Review:

The first charge taken up was that of forging a promissory note on July 2, 1895, to pay \$35 to the order of John Elliott three months after date, at the office of A. N. Christopher, interest to rate at two per cent. per month. This note bore the signature of Peter Dunn and was endorsed by John Elliott.

A. N. Christopher was called. He had, he said, known prisoner ten years. Elliott brought to him the note produced purporting to have been issued by Peter Dunn, a farmer of North Oxford. The note was endorsed by the prisoner.

Cross examined by Mr. Jackson, this was the second note he had got from Mr. Elliott, signed by Peter Dunn. The other note had been presented and the money advanced on it three months before. The second note was a renewal. Witness filled up the body of the note and Elliott then took it out to get it signed by Dunn. He came back with it signed. Witness had given Elliott originally about \$30 on the note. Witness did not find out that the note was a forgery until after it was protested on Oct. 5. He wrote to Mr. Dunn and that gentleman replied that he had never given any such note.

Witness asked Dunn if he had not purchased a young horse from Elliott, and he replied that he had not.

When asked if he had taken any security after Oct. 20th for Elliott's indebtedness to him, witness replied, no, not what could be called security. He had taken a note of \$503 from Mrs. Elliott as collateral. He

took this note with a full knowledge of what Mr. Dunn had said in regard to the forgery.

Mr. Jackson—You not only took that note but you renewed it? A—Yes I renewed it once.

And then because Mrs. Elliott was not able to keep up her payments on that note you put the criminal law in motion and brought this man from the United States here? A—Yes.

Continuing, witness said he had consented to Mrs. Elliott's removal to Port Huron. The note he got from her was no security at all. He took it believing that if she paid it all right and if he found Elliott he would proceed against him. On this note he was charging Mrs. Elliott 2½ per cent. per month interest. In addition to this he had taken the woman's chattels to sell for her.

The proceeds were applied for rent arrearages due a Woodstock family. When he took the security he did not know that there was an arrearage of rent.

Mr. Jackson suggested that the following document had been sent out by witness to Elliott's friends, for still more security:

"Ingersoll, Oct 28th, 1895—We the undersigned hereby agree to pay the amount opposite our names subscribed to Mr. Christopher in payment of the amount due said Christopher by John Elliott, amounting to \$350."

Mr. Christopher denied it. He had written that heading at the request of Mr. Maps but that was all. There were no signatures. When Elliott first asked him to discount Dunn's note he refused to do so but was pressed by Elliott and gave way.

**PRONOUNCED IT A FORGERY.**

Peter Dunn, lot 13, con. 2, North Oxford, next called, denied that the signature on the note was his. He had never signed a note for Elliott.

Cross examined—He received notice of protest on the note and the next time he was in Ingersoll some day during the same week he called in to see Mr. Christopher and told him that he hadn't signed the note. Mr. Christopher asked him if it was a very poor imitation of his signature, and he replied yes. There was another Dunn living near Ingersoll.

Andrew Dunn, a brother of the last witness, swore that the signature on the note was not like that of his brother, Peter.

Mr. Christopher recalled said that when Elliott brought in the note he stated that Peter Dunn was a son of Wm. Dunn.

Chief Skirving, who brought the prisoner from Ingersoll to the gaol, said that Elliott volunteered to him the information that the two small notes were forged, the one for \$35 and the one for \$32. He said that Mr. Christopher knew they were forged and that Mr. Christopher told him he would just as soon have a forged note as a genuine one. Witness then asked him what about the other notes, to which prisoner replied, "They are all right, never mind about them."

That was the case for the prosecution.

**THE PRISONER IN THE BOX.**

For the defence Mr. Jackson put the prisoner in the witness box. Elliott said he first had dealings with Christopher in 1887, when he got from him \$65. He had also got two other small sums from him. In 1894 his indebtedness to Christopher, with interest, had amounted to \$503. Asked what interest he had been paying, witness said he remembered that when the sum was

\$160 the interest was \$13 every three months. Witness said he had had no education. He could not read writing and could write only his own name. Mr. Christopher had taught him to sign his name. Before he had dealings with Christopher he could not sign his own name, but with the assistance of that gentleman he learned to write his own signature. He had had to do it often enough. Mr. Christopher gave him hard and soft pens to help him along.

Elliott said he could not write Mr. Jackson's name, nor could he spell "Peter." He never wrote "Peter" Dunn's name to any note. He could not say whether the name on the note was "Peter Dunn." Every note that he gave Christopher was signed by him in Mr. Christopher's office. Witness never gave Mr. Christopher a note with Peter Dunn's name on it and Mr. Christopher knew that as well as he did.

Witness said he had signed his name on the back of notes that were blank in the front, and left them with Mr. Christopher. He paid interest when he had it and when he hadn't it the interest had to be put on the note. He had no intention of doing anything wrong; he had always tried to do what was right.

was right.

Mrs. Elliott, the wife of the prisoner, said that in October '95 she gave Mr. Christopher a note for \$503. This was, she positively asserted, in full payment of the Elliott notes. It bore interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. per month. She also gave him all her chattels.

That ended the case for the defence.

Mr. Christopher, recalled by Mr. Ball, denied that the note produced was given to him in blank without Dunn's name.

Cross examined—The face of the note, with the exception of the signature, was in witness' handwriting.

**JUDGE SUMS UP.**

The judge in summing up said there was no doubt as to who the Peter Dunn was. If the name was not put on the note by Dunn, who did? No one saw it signed. If they believe Elliott's story that he gave Christopher a blank note with his name on the back then they put the burden on Mr. Christopher's shoulders, they shifted the responsibility from the prisoner to the prosecutor. They had to decide whose evidence to believe. If the name was not put there by the prisoner why was his wife so anxious to give security for it? If Christopher had put Peter Dunn's signature there he would be the man to shake in his shoes and would not have been so anxious to press for security. What evidence was there in Elliott's favor? Simply his own statement. The law permitted a prisoner to give evidence in his own behalf. But juries must consider how that man spoke. He spoke with the chance of sentence going against him or the sentence going in his favor, if he could persuade the jury that he was telling the truth. Juries must always weigh that evidence with great consideration and not let the evidence of the prisoner outweigh all contrary evidence.

The jury retired and the second charge of forging the name of John Downing to a note issued on August 26th, 1895, was then proceeded with.

The first witness, Mr. Christopher, was being examined when the jury returned with the verdict on the first charge. It was "not guilty."

The judge asked Mr. Ball if he would accept the judgment in the other charges, to which the Crown Attorney replied in the negative.

The Downing note was dated August 26 '95, and was for two months bearing interest at 2 per cent per month.

Mr. Downing, who is a son-in-law of the prisoner, pronounced the note a forgery. The signature was not his. He had not given Elliott a note of late years.

Chief Skirving gave similar testimony to that in the other case but he added one point. At the hearing of the Ingersoll police court after prisoner had said that he couldn't read nor write, Elliott asked witness the total amount of the several notes. Witness read out the figures and the prisoner jotted them down on a piece of paper and added them up.

This was received with laughter.

This was received with laughter.

Elliott again went into the box in his own behalf and denied forging Downing's signature.

The hearing of the case was finished last night. A sealed verdict of "not guilty" was handed to the judge by the jury this morning.

The judge ordered the remaining charges against Elliott to be withdrawn. To the prisoner he said he was glad to know that the jury had acquitted him. He was now a free man at liberty to go with his wife.

John Elliott made a swift retreat to Port Huron after the trial. I am of mixed emotions as to whether he was guilty or not. His testimony that he could not read nor write is refuted in the 1891 census that indicates his entire family could do so. His signature can be found on the pay list for militia drilling in 1868.

*J Elliott 16 8 91*

The fact that Ingersoll Police Chief Skirving witnessed him writing and calculating the total of the forgeries did not factor into a guilty decision even though under oath he claimed illiteracy. I see why the court room had a good laugh over that point. I am actually mystified the jury acquitted. It appears JR never returned to Canada. He had two daughters living in Detroit and Port Huron when he lived there. Rosenia (Rose) Elliott, JR's second daughter via wife Betsy had been married and living in Woodstock during the trial and it was her husband Charles Mapes that had organized the petition noted in the proceedings. She would move to Port Huron by 1900. Port Huron newspaper social pages never showed that Rose and JR socialized or knew each other. JR's oldest daughter Henrietta was married to John Downing when the alleged

forgeries took place. She hosted many social events and Christmas meals for her siblings but JR and third wife Rosenia were never included. I see why.

Several other cousins also made Port Huron their home for many decades. Several found employment with the railroads that had border shunting and transfer railyards there. A significant number of Elliott clan can still be found in the Port Huron region.

1900 US Census Pt Huron

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. B

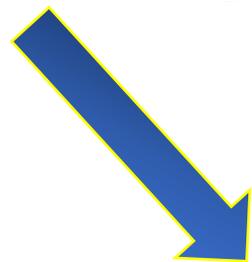
SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State Michigan County St. Clair Precinct Port Huron City Enumeration District No. 116 Sheet No. 17

Thoroughly or other division of family, within the enumerated limits. Name of Institution. Year of Institution. Year of city. 1900

Enumerated by me on the 15 day of June, 1900. Henry C. Lawrence, Enumerator. 3965

NAME	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION		EDUCATION			INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SERVICE, OR TRADE			MIGRATION			PLACE OF BIRTH			
				Color	Sex	Years of Schooling	Years of Reading	Years of Writing	Occupation	Industry	Service	Trade	Year	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day
John R. Elliott	Male	38	Mar.	White	Male	12	12	12	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Rosina	Female	35	Mar.	White	Female	12	12	12	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
John R. Elliott	Male	11	Single	White	Male	11	11	11	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
John R. Elliott	Male	10	Single	White	Male	10	10	10	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Rosina	Female	10	Single	White	Female	10	10	10	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
John R. Elliott	Male	10	Single	White	Male	10	10	10	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None



John R. Elliott      Rosina      11      10      July      1889      St. Clair      Michigan      New York

John R. Elliott      Rosina      10      10      June      1889      St. Clair      Michigan      New York

Rosina      10      10      June      1889      St. Clair      Michigan      New York

John R. Elliott      Rosina      10      10      July      1889      St. Clair      Michigan      Germany

Although hard to read, the 1900 US census for Port Huron indicated that the couple moved there in 1896.

Although I have found no record of JR or Rosina applying for US citizenship, his death certificate indicated he was a naturalized American.

The only children to visit him were youngest daughter Ellen (Nellie or Nettie) and son John of Detroit who was estranged from the family.

Pt Huron Herald 24 June 1896

Miss Nellie Elliott, of Ingersoll, Ont., is visiting her father, J. R. Elliott of Cherry street.

John Elliott, of Woodstock, is visiting his father at 2309 Cherry street.

The 1900 Port Huron census listed JR as a day labourer.  
 1906 Port Huron Directory showed that John R was a janitor.

Elliott Alex, night yd master G T Ry, res 2106 Cypress  
 Elliott Bertha, dressmaker, bds 2517 Armour  
 Elliott Bertha, waitress Edwards' Restaurant, res 1421 Poplar  
**PARDRIDGE & BLACKWELL || The People's Store**  
**POPULAR PRICES PREVAIL.**  
 Elliott Charles B, lab, res 2509 Maple  
 Elliott David, wks J W Thomson, res 214 Broad  
 Elliott Dora B, stenog Patterson & McTaggart, res 617 Division  
 Elliott Francena M, teacher Adams school, res 847 Lapeer av  
 Elliott Fred, bar clk, res 615 Suffern  
 Elliott George, pattern mkr Pt H Mall I Co, res 3102 Military  
 Elliott Helen, res 617 Division  
 Elliott Horace N, res 1421 Poplar  
 Elliott James T, grocer, U S dept coll, 1126 Water, res same  
 Elliott John, wks J I Bell, bds Walsh Hotel  
 Elliott John B, wks B I shops, res 3148 Gratiot av  
 Elliott John R, janitor Pierce and Fillmore schools, res 2519 Walnut  
 Elliott Leslie, res 617 Division  
 Elliott Martin V, timber scaler, res 847 Lapeer av  
 Elliott Robert, marine engr, res 1533 Scott  
 Elliott Robert R, wks Riverside Ptg Co, res 615 Suffern  
 Elliott Wm, mach G T shops, res 617 Division  
 Elliott Wm, grocer, 926 Union, res 924 Union  
 Ellis Edward I, sailor, res 949 Skinner  
 Ellis Louise, res 105 Broad

For a town with a population of 2000 souls at the time, there was a disproportional number of Elliott's. Many were related and with roots in Ingersoll.

**GRATIOT PARK M. E.**  
 Tuesday evening — The Epworth League will meet for the study of the Life of Christ. A full attendance is requested.  
 Wednesday evening — Midweek service at 7:30.  
 Thursday — Hot supper will be served by the Ladies' Aid and Epworth League. Selections from the phonograph will be given by J. R. Elliott.  
 Friday evening — Choir rehearsal.

I believe that JR may have been a music fan as shown by this 16 Jan 1906 article in the Port Huron Times Herald

The local paper noted what schools he worked at and what his wages were. He was also hurt while working as a janitor.

**School Janitors.**

The following janitors were employed:

Carl Kresin, Washington school, per month	\$ 50 00
J. R. Elliott, Filmore and Pierce	65 00
M. R. Armstrong, Jefferson	45 00
Harry Gee, Monroe	40 00
Ed. Dunn, Tyler	40 00
Wm. Moore, Van Buren	40 00
A. Baldwin, Adams	40 00
A. Fleisher, Harrison	40 00
A. Gebhart, Polk	40 00
A. Reibling, Madison	40 00
A. Fowler, Jackson and Presbyterian church	55 00
P. Englegan, Lincoln	40 00
John Rutherford, Buchanan	25 00
Geo. Fairbrother, Sanborn house	40 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600 00</b>

Source: 07 Sept and 26 Mar, 1906 Port Huron Times Herald

**J. R. Elliott, of 2519 Walnut street, is confined to his home with severe injuries recently received while engaged in work at the Fillmore school.**



18 April, 1908 Port Huron Times Herald

**J. R. Elliott** has purchased a new home on Garfield street.

In 1908, after years of renting, JR and Rosina purchased a home at 917 Garfield St.

By January of 1912, JR's health was deteriorating. His death certificate indicated he had been ill for some time. It was noted in the local Port Huron society columns that he made a few trips to visit his relatives and children in his last years. He may have known that this may have been the last trips he would make. However, there was never any indications that he socialized with daughter Rose. She was a high-profile pillar in the social fabric of Port Huron's society. More detail in Rose's Chapter.

**J. R. Elliott**, Garfield st., is spending two weeks with relatives in Beachville and Ingersoll, Ont.

**Personals.**  
**John Elliott**, Garfield street, is spending the week with relatives in Detroit.

25 Jan, 1912 JR suffers a mild stroke (Mrs. Alex Smith is daughter Nellie) Port Huron Herald

John Elliott, of Garfield street, who suffered a slight stroke about two weeks ago, still continues very ill at his home. His daughter, Mrs. Alex Smith, of Ingersoll, Ont., is assisting in caring for him.

**Suffers Stroke**  
**J. R. Elliott**, Garfield street, suffered a paralytic stroke at his home on Garfield street, Monday..

**J. R. Elliott**, of Garfield-st., is seriously ill.

Nov 13 and Nov 15 1912 Pt Huron Times Herald

JR suffered a second stroke 11 Nov 1912 and died 15 Nov 1912. He is buried beside his first wife Betsy Johnson, his second wife Phoebe Thorn and young son Freddie in IRC.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 Department of State--Division of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
 DEC 5 1912 Registered No. 391

County: Belair  
 Township: Port Huron (No. 912 Garfield St., 9 Ward)  
 City: Port Huron

FULL NAME: John Elliott

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS  
 SEX: Male COLOR OR RACE: White SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED: Widowed  
 DATE OF BIRTH: June 27, 1841 (Month) (Day) (Year)  
 AGE: 71 yrs. 4 mos. 19 ds. (If less than 1 yr., state in days and months)  
 OCCUPATION: Painter  
 (1) Trade, profession or particular kind of work  
 (2) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): Public School  
 BIRTHPLACE (State or country): Eng  
 NAME OF FATHER: William Elliott  
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country): Eng  
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Elizabeth Rogers  
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country): Eng  
 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
 (Informant): W. J. Johnson 9.00.21.  
 (Address): Port  
 Filed 11/14, 1912.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
 DATE OF DEATH: Nov 15, 1912 (Month) (Day) (Year)  
 I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Jan, 1912 to Nov 15, 1912 that I last saw him alive on Nov 15, 1912 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 90 m.  
 THE CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:  
Paralysis  
 (Specify) 4 days  
 Contributory: Mental Indisposition  
Heart Disease  
S. S. Johnson M. D.  
1111 1/2 (Address) Port Huron Mich  
 \* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or if death from UNLAWFUL CAUSE, state (1) MANNER OF DEATH; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDE, or HOMICIDE.  
 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For HOSPITAL, INSTITUTION, TRANSIENTS, OR RESIDENTS):  
 At place of death: \_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_ ds. In the State: \_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_ ds.  
 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?  
 Former or usual residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Engelsall Out DATE OF BURIAL: Nov 18, 1912  
 UNDERTAKER: W. J. Johnson ADDRESS: Port Huron

One thing of interest on his death certificate is the name of the informant, John Elliott of Port Huron.

I am at a loss to identify who this John Elliott was. The closest relative by that name that JR had was his son John Arthur Elliott but he was living in Detroit at that time and not Pt. Huron. JR's inscription is on the east side of his marker. His first 2 wives and son Freddy are on the other sides.



Rosina continued to live in Port Huron on Garfield St. Later when she was ill, she lived with either her brother-in-law and sister, Daniel and Edna Carey or with her sister Janet King. She died 10 Feb 1921. Port Huron Herald Aug 28, 1915

Mrs. **John Elliott**, Garfield street, has returned after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. King at North Street.

STATE OF MICHIGAN 278 62  
 Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
 Registered No. 67

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County St. Clair  
 Township \_\_\_\_\_  
 Village Port Huron  
 City Port Huron (No. 917 Garfield St. 10 Ward)

2. FULL NAME Rosina Elliott  
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

(a) Residence No. \_\_\_\_\_ St., Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Usual place of abode.)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. da. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 Color or Race White 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Widow  
 (What is the word?)

6a If married, widowed, divorced, HUSBAND or (or) WIFE of John Elliott  
 6b DATE OF MARRIAGE (Month, day and year.) Apr 3 1852

7 AGE Years 68 Months 10 Days 7 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. OR min.

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work None  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)  
 (c) Name of employer

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Canada  
 (State or country)

10 NAME OF FATHER John Day  
 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) New York  
 (State or country)

11 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Congdon  
 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Mich.  
 (State or country)

12 Informant Mrs. Jennett King  
 (Address) North St. 11 North  
 Filed 2/10 1921 by W. H. Duff Registrar

13 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
 14 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) Feb 10 1921  
 15 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased 7:16 PM, 1921, to 7:45 PM that I last saw her alive on Feb 10 1921 that death occurred on the date stated above at 52  
 The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Cerebral Apoplexy  
 (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. mos. da.  
 16 Where was disease contracted \_\_\_\_\_  
 If not at place of death.  
 17 Did an operation precede death? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Was there an autopsy? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What test confirmed diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signed) J. P. Henderson  
2/10 1921 Address 2017 Main St  
 \*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in death VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS and NATURE of it and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for further instructions.)

18 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR Date of Burial  
 REMOVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 19 UNDERTAKER Thamesford Ont Address \_\_\_\_\_



She was buried at the Zion Hill Cemetery near Thamesford, Ont. with her sister Janet King. This is the cemetery, where at last count, 91 of her Day family and relatives are buried.

JR kept a low profile throughout his life. He probably had limited formal schooling and had no father figure in his life. He appears to have worked hard at manual labour his entire life and was dealt serious family tragedies with the death of two wives. Financial issues appeared to plague him, some with questionable legality. His children, as was common of the times, started to move farther from the family home to the lure of industrial jobs in Michigan. It was only a matter of time that JR would find himself across the border as well. Unlike many of his siblings, uncles, and aunts, he did not acquire any wealth or status.

Next: Chapter 2-2

Oldest daughter: Henrietta Elliott Downing

**Book 7**  
**Chapter 2 - 2:**  
**Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers**  
**Oldest Child of John Rogers Elliott and Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson**  
**Revised: June 2024**

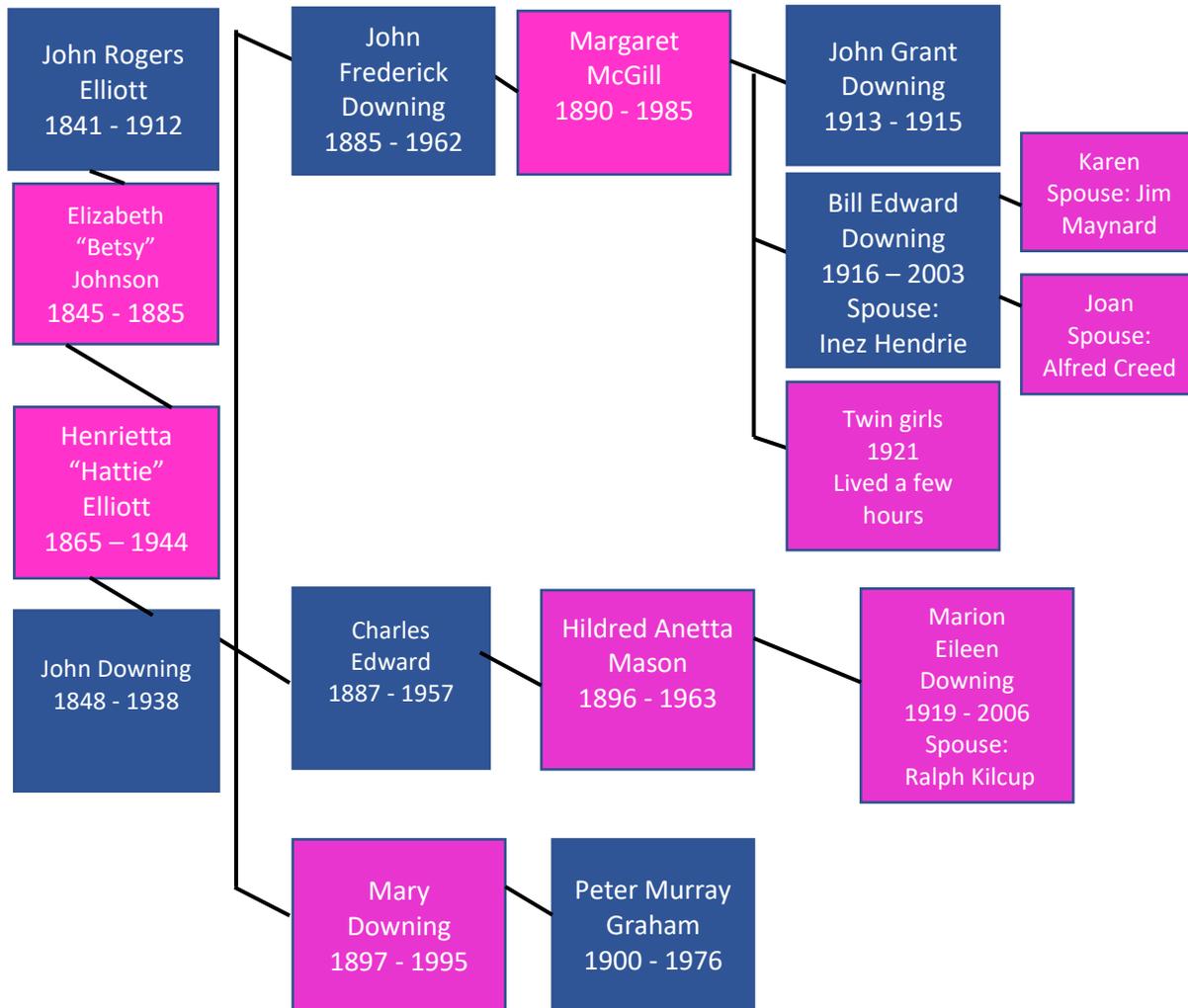
Henrietta (Hattie) Elliott Downing

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## Henrietta (Elliott) Downing Family Tree

Henrietta – oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliott



**Great Grandchildren of John and Mary Elliott  
 Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers  
 Oldest Child of John Rogers Elliott and Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson**

**Child: Henrietta**                      B 25 Aug 1865 Centerville  
     D 28 Feb 1944 Riverside Residence, W Oxford Township  
     Interred Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Mausoleum  
     M 13 Feb 1884 at her father's home.

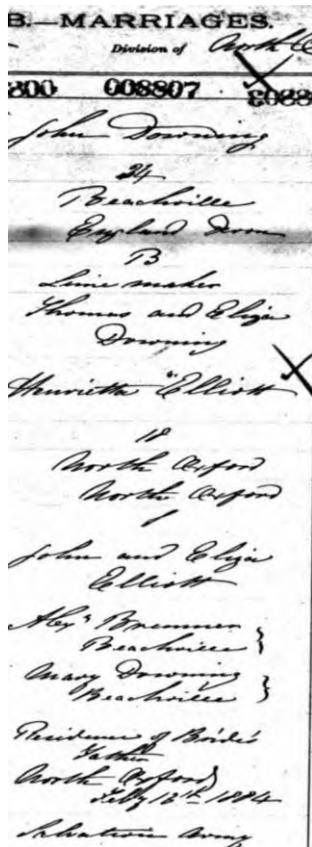
Spouse: John Downing              B 01 Apr 1849 Parkham, Clovelly, North Devon  
     D 14 Apr 1938 Ingersoll Hospital  
     Residence: Riverside Home W Oxford  
     Interred Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Mausoleum

**Children:**

John Fredrick                      B 06 Jan 1885 W Oxford  
     D 02 Nov 1962 London

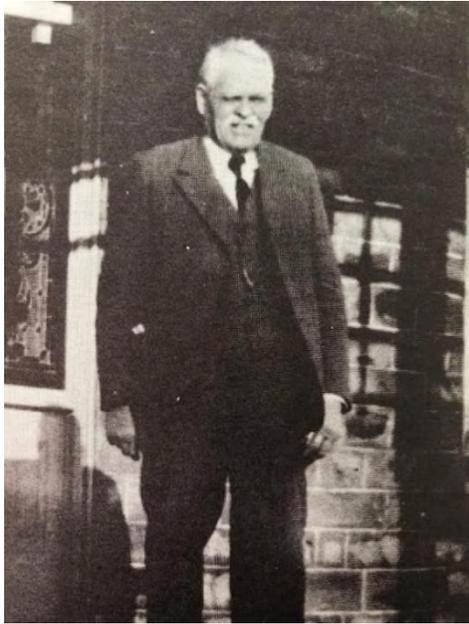
Charles Edward                    B 02 Nov 1887 W Oxford  
     D 13 Nov 1957 Woodstock

Mary                                    B 06 Dec 1897 W Oxford  
     D 13 Jan 1995 Ingersoll



Henrietta was the oldest of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson's children. She was likely born in Centerville on Mill Road north of the present day Beachville Rd. Henrietta was 19 when she married 35-year-old John Downing in 1884 and was already out of the family home when her mother died in childbirth in 1886. As noted in her story in the book, The Descendants of Thomas Downing Sr., being the oldest, Hattie was always feeling responsible for her younger siblings and later for their children. Hattie's mother did not teach her well at housekeeping and cooking (perhaps due to the number of children in JR's household and the fact that she left home to marry at a relatively young age). She was rather inept at sewing and cooking and her husband John offered a helping hand in teaching her. A family story has it that Hattie, while sitting on a fence overlooking the big house that would eventually become her home and now is the Beachville Museum, told a younger sister, probably Rose, that she would love to marry and live in such a splendid house. Her sister is reported to have said "you haven't a chance in the world".

John and Hattie both listed the Salvation Army as their religious affiliation. The Salvation Army organization was newly founded and prominent in Oxford County. It was a spin off of the Bible Christian faith that first started in Devon and was brought by the English immigrants to Oxford County. Hattie's father, John Rogers Elliott was a staunch Salvation Army member.



Husband John Downing was always willing to work in the family's lime business. According to his granddaughter, Marion Kilcup in her book "The Descendants of Thomas Downing Sr.," John was born in the small village of Clovelly, Devon. Clovelly was the hometown of Hattie's aunt Elizabeth's husband, James Hamlyn (Book 3). The Downing family emigrated to Upper Canada and arrived in Woodstock in 1851. Two years later, John's father, Thomas Downing, purchased land just west of Woodstock for lime burning, an occupation he had in Devon. In 1854, land was purchased in North Oxford just west of Beachville because of a better quality of white limestone. This became the location of the family business. The lime business was a profitable affair for the family and the region. The Downings expanded the enterprise and employee numbers. They brought Italian marble and stone quarry workers to Canada and built housing along the Beachville Rd. for the families to live in. Several descendants of these families still populate the region. The plant was constantly updated and

expanded. One unfortunate incident occurred in March of 1913 when hydro electric installers were running the first electrical wires into the plant. They threw a linen measuring tape over a live wire to measure the distance from the ground. They assumed they were safe as the measuring tape was cloth but it had a wire interior. One man was electrocuted when he picked it up. This was the first ever fatality in Ontario of anyone coming in contact with high tension electrical wires.

**FATALITY NEAR  
NEW LIME KILN**

**VERNON BAKER OF SOUTH LONDON, ASSISTANT TO C.P.R. SURVEYORS ELECTROCUTED—110,000 VOLTS PASSED THROUGH BODY**

From Friday's Daily.  
One hundred and ten thousand volts of electricity passing through his body from the Hydro-electric transmission wires, Vernon Baker, a South London young man, probably twenty years of age, was instantly electrocuted in the vicinity of the new lime kiln, east of Centreville, shortly before eleven o'clock this morning.

**The First Fatality.**  
This accident is the first fatality to occur by anyone coming in contact with the high tension wires, since the Hydro-electric system was inaugurated three years ago.  
The tape used by the surveyors was of linen reinforced by wire.

At age 14, John left school to work full time in the family enterprise. By 18, he had purchased 12 acres and a house on Lot 18 Concession 2 N Oxford. The house would later be the home of my grandfather and the birthplace of my father.

March 6, 1913 Chronicle



Quarry Industry - Agriculture  
History of the Lime Business in N  
Oxford  
Courtesy From Forest to Field

38 *From Forest to Field*

### QUARRY INDUSTRY – AGRICULTURE

In its early beginning in the eastern part of North Oxford – 1800-1815 – limestone quarrying had little effect on agriculture. The commencement of open pit quarrying began in the 1850s close to the river. The river supplied power to operate water removing equipment during summer operations. This, along with only a small amount of over burden to be removed prior to quarrying, kept the quarries and lime kilns close to the river on land with marginal use in farming.

Farmers benefitted from the growing need for wood to supply heat to turn the limestone into pure lime. By 1870 hundreds of cords of wood would be hauled and piled for summer use in the lime kilns, providing winter employment to farmers and local teamsters. Smoke and dust from early quarry operations being non-toxic had little or no effect on nearby farming.

Quarry operations gradually moved downstream through Beachville towards Ingersoll along the river. The use of wood for fuel diminished, trucks replaced horses, changing the relationship of farmers and the quarry industry although in some ways a favourable co-existence continued. Pasturing cattle on quarry-held land benefitted both parties.

Purchasing of large acreages of farm land for limestone removal in North Oxford began in the 1880s.



Lime crusher 1905 Beachville Museum

John enrolled in the Woodstock Bible College in the hopes that a further education would help his business acumen. He walked to and from Woodstock every day to attend school, a distance of 18 kilometers in total. John was always ready for a walk, often walking to Ingersoll or even a 45 kilometer round trip to Tillsonburg for business. As he aged, he was active in the Beachville Gun Club, and Order of Foresters. He served as Justice of the Peace until his death. As a hobby, he read up to 12 books a week in the parlour while Hattie worked on knitting and embroidery. He travelled back to Devon in

Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street, will leave Tuesday morning for St. Petersburg, Fla., where she will spend a month with her sister, Mrs. John Downing, of Beachville, Ont.

1929 to visit his homeland. John sold and retired from the lime business. At age 82 the 1931 census listed him as a general farmer. He could not see himself retiring. He spent every winter from New Years to April in Florida. Hattie was not fond of travelling, preferring to

## LIME BUSINESS PIONEER IS DEAD

WOODSTOCK, Ont., April 14.—(CP)—One of the pioneers of the lime business at Beachville, John Downing, died at his village home today. Born in Clevelly, Devonshire, England, in 1847, he came to Canada with his parents at an early age, living in Woodstock until 1855, when they moved to Beachville, where he had lived since.

He entered the lime business as a young man and was one of the organizers of the Beachville White Lime Company, of which he was President.

stay in her house, but in the winter of 1937, daughter Mary and her husband drove the couple to Florida on a rare Hattie Florida excursion. They stayed in a rental house but John was not well when they returned and he died in April of 1938. His death certificate has several discrepancies. His year of birth was listed as 1848 yet the 1901 census record showed 1850. The 1851 English census agrees with the 1850 date. His age was listed as 85 at his death but mathematically he would have been closer to 88 to 90 years old.

Henrietta always had a love of children. Her house was always full of young voices. She would have her sister Rose's grandchildren, Clark and Robert Brown from Port Huron, stay for the summer. She played games with the children and often encouraged them to assist in baking in the kitchen and with simple chores. In the summers, Henrietta and John would often entertain with family picnics for her sibling's and their

children. Henrietta was notorious for beating the sun up in the morning, often having the washing on the line by 5 am.

Hattie was a staunch church member as was common in the era. She was raising her two sons accordingly, as noted in the 1891 census of the family. She was 25 years old at the time and had her 19 - year-old sister Nellie living in the house and working as a domestic. She taught a men's Bible study class at the Beachville Baptist Church and worked diligently on missionary matters. She never touched a playing card, leaving the room when a card game sprung up. She also was President of the Red Cross Society's local branch. Both John and Henrietta were active in the community. In retirement and as a company shareholder, he was a consultant to the Beachville White Lime Co.

The Downings, as were many other in the region, land speculators. Farms or parts of farms were sold back and forth between relations and neighbours. Indeed, Henrietta bought Lot 18 Con 2, which had previously been owned by her husband and her brother-in-law around 1895 according to land records. She later sold it to her son Fred.

One humorous story passed on by her granddaughter Miriam Kilcup, was that Hattie was hosting a Mission Circle meeting. She had carefully placed all the visiting women's coats on the bed in the master bedroom. Later, she came into the room to discover the coats strewn about the floor while her exhausted husband John napped after a long day of work.

After several months of illness and nary a visit to a hospital, John died at home in 1938.

Henrietta had only been to a hospital once in her life for a goitre operation. In the fall of 1943, she visited for the second time. This time she was told she had cancer. She insisted that she return home where daughter Mary helped with her needs. Eventually she required a full-time nurse. At her insistence, the family Christmas was held at her Riverside home.

Some source material noted thanks to cousin Marion Kilcup and her book.

Woodstock Sentinel Review Feb 1944.

*"The death occurred Friday, February 18 at her residence "Riverside" in Beachville, of Henrietta Elliott, widow of John Downing, an esteemed resident of Beachville for many years. Mrs. Downing was born in North Oxford and moved to Beachville 60 years ago, residing continuously since then in her residence "Riverside". She was a member of the Baptist Church of Beachville and was always interested in community affairs." "The following brothers and sisters also survive: Albert J Elliott and Mrs. Alex Smith*

of Beachville; Mrs. Rose Clark of Port Huron; Mrs. G H Defoe of Detroit. One brother, John Elliott, deceased.”

- As a note: estranged brother John was still alive and living in Detroit.



After Hattie’s death in 1944, her will stipulated that her three children were to act as Executors for her estate. Daughter Mary was willed the house and all Hattie’s possessions and funds. Surprisingly, her sons seem to have not inherited anything. The house was sold to the Beachville Lime Co. in 1969 and then, in turn, sold for two dollars to the Beachville and District Historical Society Museum.

Canada:  Province of Ontario

**In His Majesty's Surrogate Court of the  
COUNTY OF OXFORD**

BE IT KNOWN, that on the ..TWELFTH.....day of ...MAY ~~1944~~ 19 .  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and FORTY-FOUR,  
the last Will and Testament of

.....HEERLETTA DOWING,.....

late of the ..TOWNSHIP.... of ..WEST OXFORD.....in the...COUNTY.... of  
OXFORD, ONTARIO, CANADA, WIDOW,..... deceased, who died  
on or about the ...EIGHTEENTH.....day of ..FEBRUARY ~~1944~~ ,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and FORTY-FOUR...  
at the .. TOWNSHIP.... of ..WEST OXFORD,....in the COUNTY.....of  
OXFORD, ONTARIO, and who at the time of her death had a fixed place  
of abode at THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST OXFORD, in the said COUNTY of OXFORD,

was proved and registered in the said Surrogate Court, a true copy .....  
of which said last Will and Testament ..... is hereunto  
annexed, AND THAT administration of all and singular the property of  
the said deceased, and in any way concerning her Will .....  
was granted by the aforesaid Court to MARY GRAHAM, Married Woman,  
CHARLES EDWARD DOWING, Executive, both of the Township of West Oxford,  
in the County of Oxford, and JOHN FREDERICK DOWING, of the City of  
London, in the County of Middlesex, Railway Brakeman, the Executors

IV. I GIVE and BEQUEATH to my said daughter MARY  
GRAHAM for her own use absolutely, free from all succession  
duties, all articles of personal, domestic or household  
use or ornament belonging to me, all my furniture, books,  
plate, provisions, consumable stores, and all household  
effects of every kind which at the time of my death shall  
be in, about, or belonging to or used in connection with  
my home. I also give to my said daughter for her own use  
absolutely, free from all succession duties, any passenger  
automobile and accessories thereto which I may own at the  
time of my death.

V. I GIVE and DEVISE to my said daughter MARY GRAHAM  
for her own use absolutely, clear of all succession duties,  
all my real estate and all my farm livestock, farm machinery

(Sgd) C.E. Sutherland,  
Registrar.

The possibility exists that Hattie willed her only possessions to daughter Mary while her sons inherited funds from the sale of the lime operations. The sale in 1929, at the start of the depression, generated \$1.25 million for the family. In 2024 dollars this would be around \$15-18 million.



They are buried in the IRC mausoleum.

Newspaper  
Newspaper Date  
Surname  
First Name

Ingersoll Tribune  
Feb 24 1944  
Downing  
Henrietta

### MRS. JOHN DOWNING PASSES AT BEACHVILLE

*The death occurred Friday, February 18th at her residence, 'Riverside', Beachville, of Henrietta Elliott, widow of John Downing, an esteemed resident of Beachville, for many years. Mrs. Downing was born in North Oxford [township], and moved to Beachville 60 years ago, residing continuously since then at her residence, 'Riverside'. She was a member and active worker of Beachville Baptist Church and was always interested in community affairs. Left to mourn the passing of a dearly beloved mother are two sons, John F., of London; and Charles E., Beachville; also, one daughter, Mrs. P. M. Graham [Mary], Beachville. Also surviving are two grandchildren, William Downing, Chatham; and Marion Downing, Reg. N., Halifax; one great-granddaughter, also the following brothers and sisters: Albert J. Elliott and Mrs. Alex Smith, Beachville; Mrs. Rose Clark, Port Huron, Michigan; Mrs. G. B. Dajoe and Mrs. John Elliott, Detroit. The funeral was held from her late residence, Beachville; on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The large concourse of friends and the numerous floral tributes, bespoke the esteem in which deceased was held. The service was conducted by Mr. A. R. Pointer of Beachville, assisted by Rev. Warner of Woodstock. The pallbearers were John F. and Charles E. Downing, sons; Peter Graham, son-in-law; William Downing, grandson; Albert Elliott, brother; Byron Downing, nephew. Entombment was made at the Ingersoll Mausoleum.*





John Frederick Downing 1925



London Maitland St Home

Fred was educated at the old Beachville Public school and Woodstock Baptist College. He was raised around the quarry operation and at one time survived a fall in the kilns. Pretending he was a horse he fell from the humpbacked bridge or ramp that the horses used to deliver limestone to the top of the kiln. He fell onto the railway tracks below. His father carried his limp body to the family house where he came to and had no long-lasting injuries to the marvel of all that heard about or witnessed the fall.

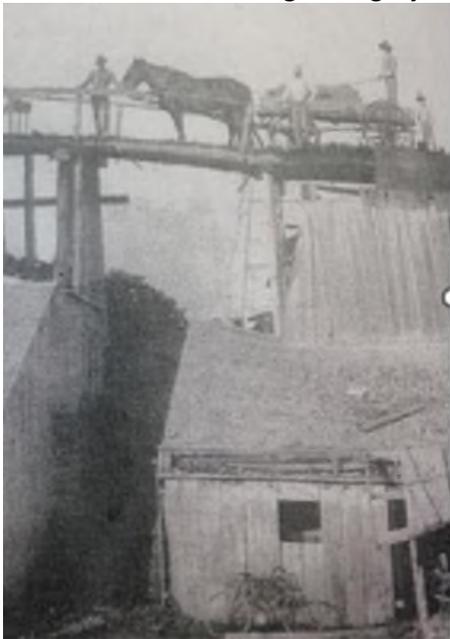
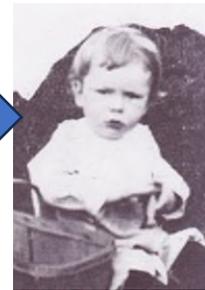


Photo of a kiln Humpback bridge

He married Margaret McGill from a farming and lime burner family in Halton Co. They met at the Standard Lime office where she worked. Later he bought a Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford farm just across the Thames River to the north and farmed from 1913 to 1918. First son John Grant was born there in 1913 but died of meningitis before he had reached his second birthday. Second son Billie Edward was born in 1916. Fred and his family then moved into Ingersoll in 1918 where he worked at various jobs including working for the Canadian National Railway. This entailed moving to 141 Peel St. in London, Ont. He served in the baggage car and eventually became a conductor for CNR. In 1924, twin girls were born but neither survived the day. In retirement he acted as a school crossing guard and played the organ at Needham's Funeral Home.



**Only surviving child of John Downing and Margaret McGill**

**Son: Bill (Billie) Edward**

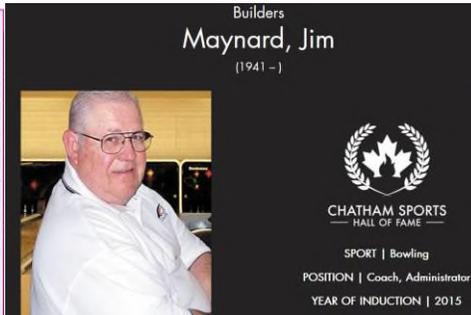
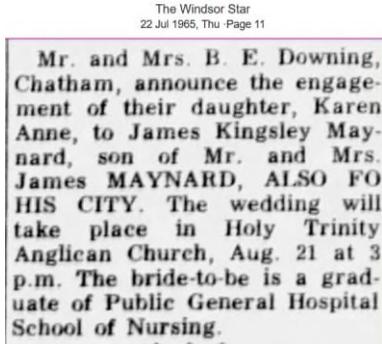
B 30 Oct 1916 Beachville  
D June 2003 Chatham, Ont.

Raised in London, he attended Central High School where he won numerous pins for perfect attendance, never missing a day of high school. He first worked as an auto mechanic in London before entering the grocery business in Lucan, Ont. In 1940, he married



Inez Hendrie. After the birth of two daughters Karen Anne (Maynard) B 1943 and Joan Norine (Creed)

B 1951, the family moved to Chatham where Billie worked in the parts department for Chatham Motors and before retirement worked in Tilbury with another dealership.  
 Daughter Karen married Jim Maynard.



Started out as scorekeeper, then became a coach, a supervisor, and for over 30 years has been program director for kids from 3 years old up to 19 years of age  
 With help from other volunteers, runs the league and tournaments, orders trophies and crests, raises money, and makes sure that the results are published in the paper  
 Number wise, the program has maintained an enrollment of over 200 kids per year over the last 20 years – at its peak in the late 1990's there were over 300 kids involved making it the 2nd largest 5-pin program in Ontario.  
 Accomplishments

Has taken a countless number of teams to Provincial Finals over the years and 5 teams and 1 individual have advanced to National Finals

- 1993 – Bantam Girls Team
- 2005 – Junior Boys Team, Junior Boys Single
- 2006 – Junior Girls Team
- 2007 – Junior Girls Team
- Awards & Recognitions

- 1989-90 – named "Program Director of the Year" by the National Youth Bowling Council
- 1995 – received Sertoma Club Service to Mankind Award
- At Bowlerama Head Office in Toronto, received "Variety Club Award" for recognition in helping handicapped kids
- 2010 – received "Distinguished Service Award" from Bowling Proprietors of Ontario
- Jim continues to spend weekends at Chatham Bowlerama and a couple of other days a week doing the jobs necessary for the program to run successfully. He prides himself on the fact that he has always done it for the kids and not for himself.

Daughter Joan Norine married Alfred Creed who was a crown prosecutor in Chatham.

## Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

### Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson

### Children of Henrietta Elliott and John Downing

**Second Child: Charles Edward**

B 02 Nov 1887 W Oxford  
 D 13 Nov 1957 Woodstock. Lived in Beachville  
 M 08 Sept 1917 Ingersoll  
 B 14 Feb 1895 E Oxford  
 D 07 Mar 1963 Woodstock. Lived in Beachville

Spouse: Hildred Anetta Manson

Charlie was known as an ambitious but shy young man. He went to Woodstock Baptist College and Woodstock Business College. Eager for some adventure, he and two friends went to work for the Detroit Street Railway. Adventure over, he returned to the lime business. In his mid twenties, he convinced his father and a small group of shareholders to buy property two miles west of the quarry to expand the business. He quickly became the manager.

Due to his shyness, and even with his families prompting, he took several years to propose to his bride Hildred Manson. They married in 1917 when he was 28 and she was 21 years old. She was born to an E Oxford farmer, Angus Mason and wife Helen Brown. In 1929, the couple was known to have travelled to Europe on the SS Majestic from New York. The couple later moved into a house at 604 Peel St. in

Woodstock. Charles commuted daily on the Ingersoll/Woodstock Street Railway to his position at the Beachville White Lime Company. They had one daughter Marion (Kilcup). Her book, available from the Oxford Library has a great deal of information on the Downing family.



Charles Downing



Hildred Manson



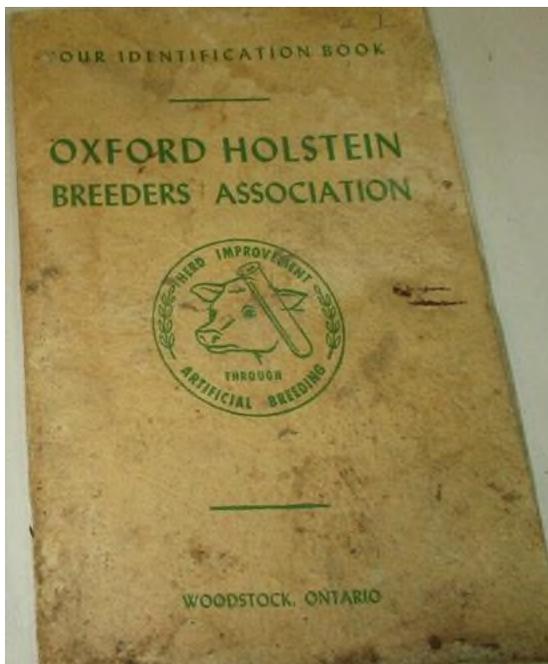
604 Peel St. Woodstock home

Charles eventually tired of the commute from Woodstock and moved the family to Beachville. Charles was a joiner. Among organizations he was involved in were: The Oxford Co. Tuberculosis Society, chairman of the Beachville School Board, Woodstock Rotary Club and Badminton Club and Golf Course. He was also a member of the Beachville Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge. Charles loved sports. He coached both hockey and baseball teams and was a director of the Woodstock Curling Club. He founded the Rural Hockey Association of Ontario which later became the Ontario Rural Hockey Association. He donated the Downing Cup that the association used for many years and can be seen in the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame.

In his later years, Charlie became restless with the lime business and purchased a farm across the road from his father's Riverside home. Although he knew little of farming, he was a voracious reader and soon learned the intricacies. He hired a cousin's husband, James Brown, to be herdsman. His initial purchase of 50 acres, known as Norloch Farms, soon blossomed to 600 acres much to the astonishment of neighbouring farmers. His knowledge of Holstein cattle breeding led to him owning several award-winning cattle. As founder and president of the Oxford District Cattle Breeders Association, he oversaw the development of animals that were purchased by breeders from as far as Brazil and Italy.



Downing Cup photo courtesy Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame



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C. E. DOWNING, (Beachville), JAS. BROWN,  
 Owner. Supt.



He had a ranch home built on the farm property directly across the Beachville road from "Riverside", for his retirement. At age 70, a minor operation for the removal of gall bladder stones proved fatal in 1957. Photo above: Left: Norloch Farm barns, middle right: ranch home, far right: Downing Riverside home.

Ingersoll Tribune obituary  
**CHARLES E. DOWNING**

*Charles E. Downing, native and lifelong resident of Beachville, retired lime company manager, died at Woodstock General Hospital on Wednesday, November 13, in his 70th year, after a brief illness. Mr. Downing was born at Beachville, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Downing and had resided there all his life, identified with the lime manufacturing business until his retirement. In 1911 he was instrumental in organizing the Beachville White Lime Co., of which he was manager and in 1929 this business was sold to the American Cyanamid Co. with Mr. Downing continuing as manager for some years. In 1931 he founded the Chemical Lime Co. Ltd., with which he was connected until 1945 when the business was sold to the Steel Company of Canada Ltd. and Mr. Downing retired. He was also associated with the Guelph Sand and Gravel Co. until two years ago. His hobby was farming and cattle raising and he was actively interested in the Oxford District Cattle Breeders Association, of which he was a past president and director. He was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 68, A.F. and A.M., Ingersoll and was an active member of Woodstock Rotary Club for 25 years, being a member and active worker on the crippled children's committee. He was also a member and worker of the Oxford County TB Association. He was always keenly interested in sports and was the first president of the Rural Hockey Association of Ontario. He took an active interest in municipal affairs of Beachville and served his community in various capacities. He belonged to the Baptist Church. Surviving are, his wife, formerly Hildred A. Manson; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Kilcup (Marion), Courtwright; one brother, J. Fred Downing, London and one sister, Mrs. P. M. Graham (Mary), Beachville. There was a large attendance at the funeral service Saturday afternoon in First*

Baptist Church, Woodstock. In addition to relatives, friends and neighbours, there were representatives of the cattle breeders' association and other organizations in which he had been interested. Members of the Woodstock Rotary Club, of which he was an active member for 25 years, attended in a body.

**Only child of Charles Downing and Hildred Manson**

**Daughter: Marion Eileen**

B 21 Dec 1919 Woodstock

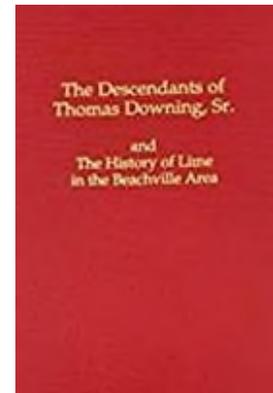
D 21 Nov 2006 Woodstock

Marion went to Beachville Public and Woodstock Collegiate before spending her last school year at Moulton College in Toronto. From there, she progressed to three years of training at East Toronto General Hospital. Once completed, she took her nursing career to Ingersoll Alexandra Hospital. She also served in hospitals in Nova Scotia for four years during the war before returning to Ingersoll in 1946. She became the hospital Assistant Superintendent for two years. In 1948, she married Ralph Kilcup, a carpenter foreman with various construction jobs in Ontario. After a hectic schedule resulted in a him having a heart attack, the couple bought a corner store in Sarnia that Ralph operated while Marion nursed at Sarnia General. Ralph and Marion retired to a house across the highway from the Beachville museum, spending winters in Mexico until his 1973 death. Marion retired



Left - Marion with her parents Charles and Hildred

from nursing in 1984 and in 1990 started working on the Downing family history book: "The Descendants of Thomas Downing Sr. and the History of Beachville Lime". She travelled to Clovelly, Devon to research her Downing heritage. The book was published 1<sup>st</sup> Jan, 1995. As noted, the book can be seen in the Oxford Library system, Toronto Reference Library or purchased online from Amazon.



Beachville Rifle Club, circa 1908. Standing, left to right: H. Edwards, Rev. Hindson, Jack Bain, John Downing, Charles Gibson, Tom Downing, A. Crawford, Byron Downing, Ed McClelland, A.W. Smith, Fred Canfield, George Uren, Charles Bain. Seated, left to right: Dr. Arkell, Tom Nixon, E. Leonard, John Fordon, Fred Downing, Forrest Gould, Charles Downing.

Charlie Downing, wife Hildred Henrietta's father-in-law Thomas Downing, husband John and sons Fred and Charles. Thomas and Byron were Hattie's brother-in-law and son.

**Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers  
Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson  
Children of Henrietta Elliott and John Downing**

**Last Child: Mary**

B 06 Dec 1897 Beachville

D 13 Jan 1995 Ingersoll

M 21 Jul 1932

Spouse: Peter Murray Graham

B 28 Feb 1900 Sutherland, Scotland

D 19 Jan 1976 Ingersoll



Mary was the youngest of the children and was born almost 9 years after the next youngest boy Charles. Mary was a small delicate child and prone to illness. She attended Beachville Public School before moving onto Victory Memorial School in Ingersoll and later, Woodstock Collegiate. After graduation Mary went to work in the Beachville Lime office as a bookkeeper (1931 census). For forty-five years

she played the organ at the Beachville Baptist Church. Mary met Peter Graham whom she eventually married after 12 years of courtship. Both Mary and Peter were founding members of the Lawn Tennis Club of Woodstock. Peter was

a veteran having served in WWI in Russia. He worked as a conductor for the CNR and other odd jobs through the depression. After a short stay in London, the couple moved back to Riverside to attend to Mary's aging parents. After Henrietta's death in 1944, Mary stayed on at Riverside, which was willed to her in Henrietta's estate papers. Peter and Mary were active members in various clubs and affiliations. Mary was president of the Ingersoll Hospital Auxiliary and Peter was a member of the Legion, Masonic Lodge and Kiwanis Club among other associations. When the lime business was sold to Domtar Industries, Domtar expressed interest in making "Riverside" the companies office for the quarry business. Peter and Mary sold the house and moved to Ingersoll to live out their lives. The couple had no children. I recall Mary fondly. As young boys, my brother and I would cycle from our N Oxford farm the half mile though the quarry operation (on present day 41<sup>st</sup> Line) to Riverside. Mary would serve up cookies and milk to her young cycling cousins. Only on special occasions, were we allowed into the main house rooms and not just in the summer kitchen and pantry.

**Dedication of a Tree and Plaque in Memory of MARY (DOWNING) GRAHAM**  
 Sunday, Oct. 29th, 1995, 3pm  
 Beachville District Museum, 236 Main St. W., Beachville



Mary Downing Graham and Peter Graham

**Riverside the House:** Hattie was always fond and proud of her home estate of "Riverside". The house located on the old highway #2 (Beachville Rd) on the western outskirts of Beachville. Originally one story in height, John bought the house in 1880 from William Galloway. His sister, Mary kept house until John married Hattie in 1883.



### Riverside the House

~~John Elliott~~  
116 Queen  
West Colford  
Newburgh England  
W  
German  
Wm & Eliza  
Elliott

Thos Thorn  
114  
West Colford  
Newburgh Township Ont  
W  
Alfred and Sarah  
Ward  
M. L. Sutherland and  
Henrietta his wife of  
Newburgh Township Ont

Rev of John Downing  
West Colford  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1886  
Salutation Army  
Methodist

Many of the Christmas festivities, wedding showers and graduation parties were held in the house, not only for the Downing family but for the Elliott arm as well. Hattie's father, JR Elliott had his second wedding solemnized at the Riverside house.



**Building of the house:** Local resident Philander King married Susanna Mabee and moved to Michigan. They returned to Beachville in 1844 and then bought 21 acres of land at this location in 1850 and commenced building the Riverside home out of field stone. The single story house was finished in 1851. The Kings and their 8 children moved back to Michigan in 1855.



Riverside circa 1900. The second story was added on 1902.



L to R: John Downing seated, wife Henrietta Elliott Downing, son Charlie Downing with bicycle, daughter Mary Downing seated with grandfather Thomas Downing Sr., behind with bicycle is John Frederick Downing



Beachville Museum – formerly the Downing residence.



Does the room depicted below look familiar?

It's the room of our now-local baseball history exhibit, formerly the Downing's dining room. In it, they enjoyed many family Christmas dinners, like the one below. 🌲 📅

Left to right around the table: Downing, Ineg (Bill Downing's wife); Kilcup, Ralph; Defoe, Margaret; Downing, Charlie; Graham, Peter; Downing, Fred (Bill Downing's father); Smith, Alex; Clark, Rose; Downing, Mildred (Charlie's wife), Downing, Karen; Downing, Joan (daughters of Bill and Ineg Downing)

Photo Source: Beachville Museum. Ineg Downing should read Inez Downing.

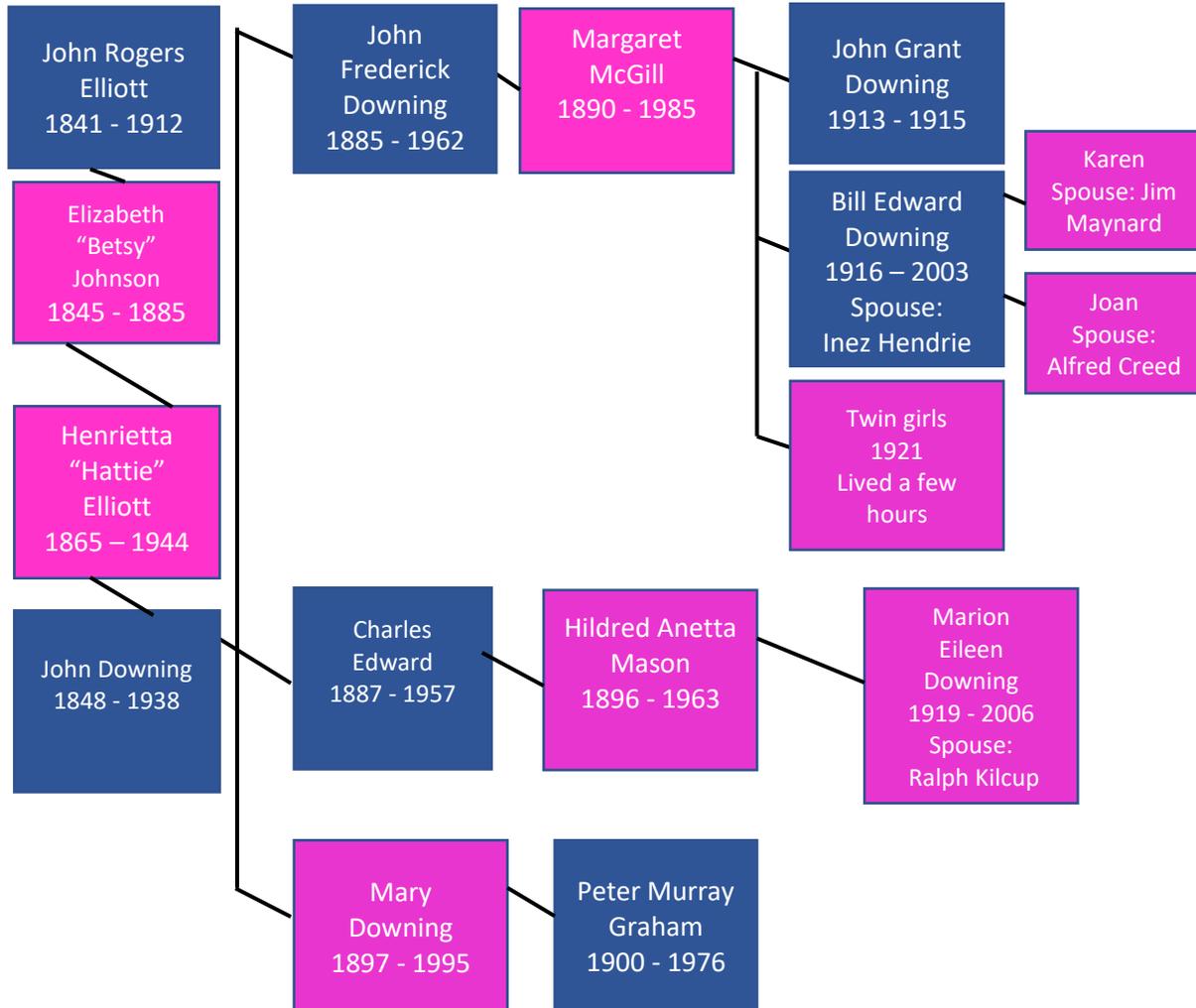
Defoe, Margaret – see Book 7 Chapter 2-7

Smith, Alex – see Book 7 Chapter 2-4

Clark, Rose – see Book 7 Chapter 2-3

## Henrietta (Elliott) Downing Family Tree

Henrietta – oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliott



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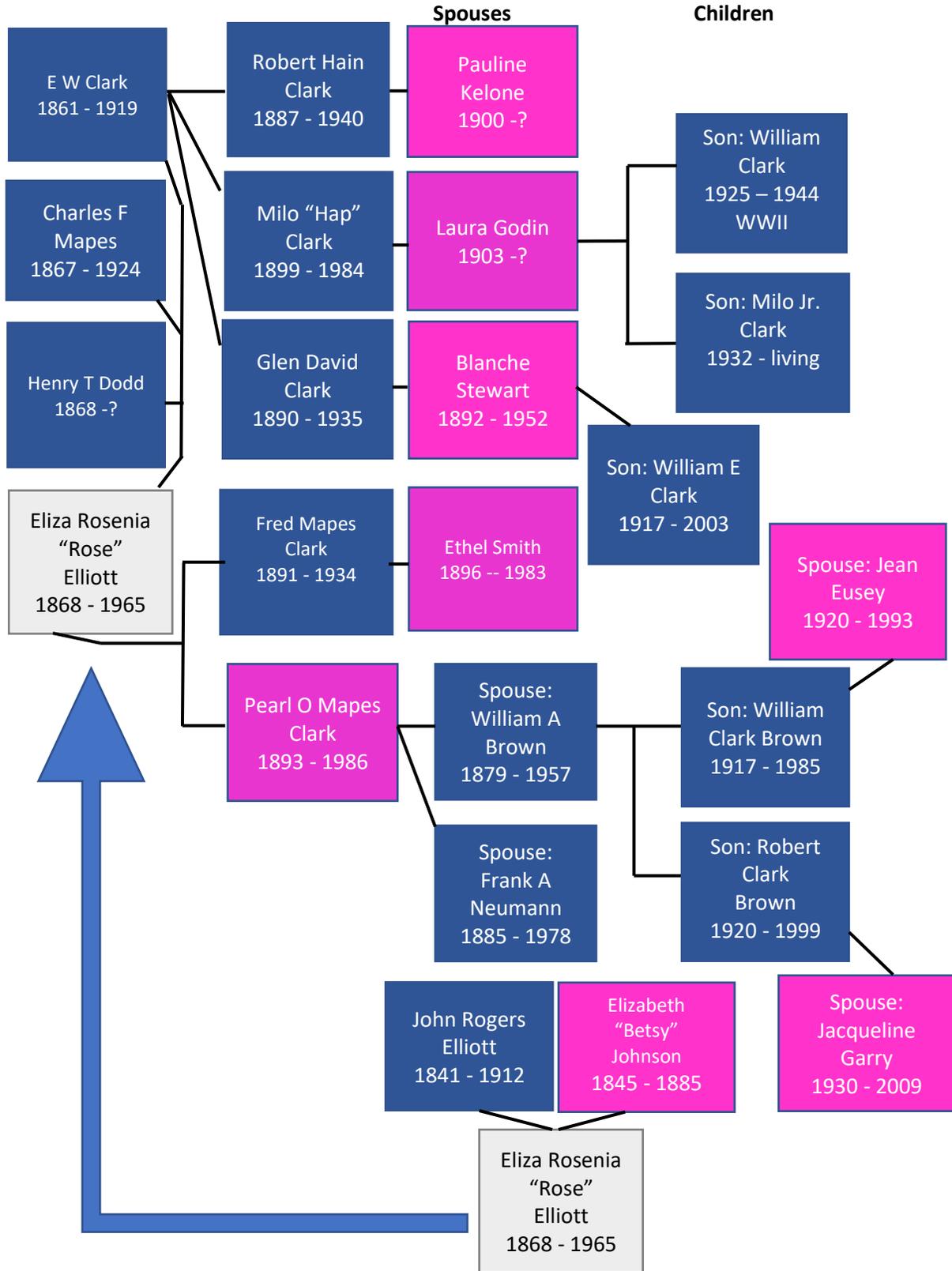
**Eliza Rosenia “Rose” Elliott**

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# Eliza Rosenia "Rose" (Elliott) Clark Family Tree

Rosenia – second oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliott



**Great Grandchild of John and Mary Elliott  
Grandchild of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers  
Child of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson**

**Second Child: Eliza Rosenia (Rose) Elliott**      B 25 Dec 1868 North Oxford Lot 14 Con 3  
D 19 Mar 1965 Pt Huron  
M 15 July 1890 Ingersoll  
Spouse: Charles Mapes      B 16 May 1867 St Catherines, Ontario  
D 27 Jul 1924 York County  
M 14 Apr 1900 Detroit  
Spouse: Henry Thomas Dodd      B 1868 New York State  
D unknown  
M 10 May 1903 Pt Huron  
Spouse: Eliuh Wilson Clark      B 30 May 1861 Portland, Indiana  
D 06 Jan 1919 Pt Huron



Perhaps the most interesting female ancestor I have researched is my great aunt Eliza Rosenia (Rose) Elliott. Rose was remembered in her later years when she came to visit her Oxford Co. relatives as a energetic, gregarious woman. She was three years younger than her oldest sister, Henrietta Downing. A Christmas baby, Rose (found as Rosa on many censuses) was 16 years old when her mother Betsy died while giving birth in January of 1885. Her father JR was left with a large brood and as her older sister was married, it fell upon Rose to deal with the raising of the children until JR remarried in September 1886. I believe that Rose never forgave her father for the situation and compounded with his forgery issues, it appears she did not have much, if any contact, with him for the rest of their lives. This was made more obvious as they lived blocks apart in Port Huron. Rose was married to Charles F Mapes, a St Catherine Ontario born man working as a locomotive fireman in Port Huron, Michigan. They married in N Oxford and how they met is one of the mysteries surrounding Rose. Port Huron would become a prominent spot in Rose's life story as she moved there immediately after her marriage. Everything seemed to be a confusing jumble at this point in Rose's life.

The Times Herald  
Sat, Nov 01, 1890 · Page 5

Chas. Mapes has moved into Thos. Stubbles' house on Poplar street.

Rose married Charles F Mapes in July of 1890 in N Oxford. Did she meet him in Port Huron? He was there in Nov. 1890 after their marriage. US Census records from 1900 stated she emigrated in 1890 so there is that possibility. However, April of 1891, the Canadian census had Rose returned to Canada and, living in W Oxford with husband

Charles was a farm labourer. A few years later he was found who was working for the Hays Furniture Company as per a Woodstock directory. Rose was pregnant on her return to Canada with her son Fred who was born in August of 1891 in Woodstock. Daughter Pearl O was born in February of 1893, also in Woodstock. More confusion can be found in the records. The 1900 US census stipulates that son Fred and daughter Pearl were Canadian born and immigrated to the US. However, Fred and Pearl's emigration dates are not matching. Each child seemed to have emigrated separately after their births. Did Rose move back to Port Huron, but birthed her children in Canada and returned with her baby each time to the US? More Rose confusion about where they lived and who was born where.



registrar to note that he was related to her. Maggie Elliott still seems to be attached to her older sister as she is noted as a marriage witness.

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:				for the Quarter Ending June 30 <sup>th</sup> A. D. 1901			
Return of Marriages in the County of St. Clair							
Year	Month	Day	Place	Place of Birth	Place of Birth	Place of Birth	Place of Birth
1901	May	18	Port Huron	New York	Canada	Michigan	Michigan
				Sister R. W. Dodd	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
				Jane Dodd	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

The Times Herald  
Sat, Jun 28, 1902 · Page 3

Mrs. J. Elliott and daughter, of Detroit, are spending a week with Mrs. Elliott's sister, Mrs. Rosa Dodd, of Oak street.

The Daily Herald  
Wed, Jan 16, 1901 · Page 3

Brakeman **Dodd** Sustained a Severe Sprain of the Ankle.

The connecting rod of a west bound train broke Sunday west of Otterburn. Part of the crew jumped. Brakeman **Dodd** received a severe sprain of the ankle. The train was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

Two months after her marriage to Harry Dodd, the

1900 US census has Rose and her 2 children living with her husband in Port Huron, Mi. He was now listed as a railroad conductor. This is a crucial fact in Rose's future. The marriage was likely volatile and short lived as Rose files for divorce on the grounds of

Mrs. Rose **Dodd** has been granted a divorce from her husband, Harry **Dodd**, on the grounds of desertion and drunkenness.

desertion and drunkenness in July of 1902 and was granted the divorce in March 1903.

Harry Dodd disappears from the records at this point. So once again, Rose is on her own with two school aged children. This did not last long.

**CLARK DODD.**

At the home of the groom on Oak street on Thursday evening, Rev. T. W. Montiech officiated at the ceremony which united E. W. Clark and Mrs. Rose **Dodd** in marriage. Guests to the number of upwards of 50 were present and the wedding was made a very pretty one. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burgess, of Twenty-fourth street, were the attendants of the parties in the marriage ceremony. The bride was dressed in navy blue silk and wore roses. The ceremony was had underneath a bower of carnations and smilax and the entire house was neatly decorated with plants and flowers. A list of pretty presents in china, silver and linen articles was left with the bride as souvenirs of the wedding day. After the serving of a wedding supper Mr. and Mrs. Clark left by the Grand Trunk train for Chicago. Their trip will be extended to Denver and to other points in the west.

Seven weeks after her divorce to Harry Dodd, Rose married widower Eliuh Wilson Clark in May 1903. There is a high amount of suspicion that Rose and E W may have been an item even though Rose was still married. Both E W and Harry Dodd were railway conductors/brakemen living in Port Huron and it is extremely likely they knew each other. The Dodds and E W Clark both lived on Oak St. in Port Huron. They may have perhaps even socialized. Is it possible that a Rose and E W relationship was the reason Harry Dodd did not support her as her divorce decree stated?

It seems that Rose can remember her parent's names when she married for the third time to E W Clark of Port Huron.

7688	May 18 1903	E. W. Clark	Port Huron	Indiana	Canada	Geo. J. Jones	Eliuh Wilson Clark
		Rose Dodd	Port Huron	Canada			E. J. Jones

Rose's new husband E W Clark never stood still as seen in the book: From St. Clair County Michigan: Its History and People. Published in 1912 and written by William Lee.

Elihu Wilson Clark grew to manhood near his birth-place, and received a good common school education. At the age of fourteen years he

began to work on an adjacent farm, receiving seven dollars for his first year's work, eight dollars and fifty cents for his second year, and for his third year two dollars more. His mother and father passed away when he was only fourteen years old, and he was compelled to make his own way in the world. In June, 1880, he went to Cassopolis, Michigan, where for two years he was engaged as a farm laborer, and then began his career as a railroad man, entering the service of the Michigan Central Railroad as an employe of the bridge construction department. After

two years he entered the train service, and during the next four years he worked as a brakeman, then becoming a mail clerk in the mail service and having run between Kalamazoo and South Haven, and remained in the mail service three and one-half years. Having incurred the enmity of some official, Mr. Clark at this time had charges preferred against him for inefficiency, although he had been promoted three times and had passed an examination with a mark of 99.86 per cent. When ex-Governor Bliss, who had preferred these charges, had been notified that Mr.

Clark's average was the highest of any who had taken the examination, he preferred other charges, stating that Mr. Clark had secured his position through political influence, and the latter was forced to resign.

Civil service examinations having become the law in the meantime, the charges were dated back thirty days in order that he could have no chance to save his position in that way.

Having made numerous friends during his long and faithful service, Mr. Clark decided to enter the insurance field, but followed that occu-

patron for only a few months, when he was offered a position by Assistant Trainmaster J. D. Clark, of the Michigan Central, and he eventually resumed braking on that line, continuing as such from August, 1889, to

March, 1891, at which time he was the recipient of an offer of a position as guard at Jackson in the prison. Instead, he became a member of the police force at Jackson, and when he resigned, about five months later, he was highly recommended by both the chief and the police commission.

For the next three years he followed braking on the Nickle Plate Railroad out of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and he then entered the service of the Grant Trunk, being for seven years a passenger conductor running to Port Huron.

Mr. Clark had been married at Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 3, 1886, to Miss Rosa B. Wing, and they had three children: Ralph, who is now yardmaster of the Grand Trunk Railroad; Glenn, a bill clerk for the American Express Company, at Flint, Michigan; and Milo, now a lad of twelve years, attending school. Mrs. Clark died March 11, 1902, and in May, 1903, Mr. Clark was married in Port Huron to Mrs. Rose Elliott (nee Elliott), who had a son, Fred, and a daughter, Pearl, by a former marriage. On April 20, 1911, Mr. Clark came to Port Huron and engaged in his present business, which is proving a very successful one.

In politics Mr. Clark is a Democrat, but he cast his first vote for James G. Blaine. He has been elected a member of the city council from a Republican ward, and served on the board of estimates. He and Mrs. Clark are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. The family home is at No. 1531 Oak street. Mr. Clark is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, of which he served as secretary for three

years and as financial secretary for two years. He has attended the national conventions at Milwaukee, in 1901, at Denver, Colorado, in 1903,

Mr. Clark is one of the self made men of Port Huron, and can look back over a career that has been filled not only with usefulness but with action. He has always been energetic and progressive, and in his new line is liable to make his mark before many years have passed. Already he has introduced innovations in his business that have been trade gatherers, and his ability as an organizer and executive will make him a very acceptable addition to the public-spirited citizens of Port Huron.



The family was shocked when on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1919, EW died of complications from the Spanish Flu.



He was buried beside his children's mother Rose Ving in Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron.

Rose suddenly found herself the head of the household. The 1920 census had several of the family still at home. The likely reason that several of her stepsons were not married is due to the fact all three had been in the military and were now deactivated from their WWI service.

In 1920, daughter Pearl was now married to a man named Brown and had a son named Clark. Both were living with Rose while Pearl's husband was not found. (More on Pearl later)

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	SEX	RACE	ETHNICITY	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	EDUCATION	MARRIAGE	CHILDREN
E. W. Clark	Head	48	M	White	English	England	1861	1919	Port Huron, Mich	High School	Married	3
Rose Y. Clark	Wife	59	F	White	English	England	1861	1902	Port Huron, Mich	High School	Married	3
William Clark	Son	18	M	White	English	England	1887		Port Huron, Mich	High School	Married	1
Pearl Clark	Daughter	15	F	White	English	England	1898		Port Huron, Mich	High School	Married	1
John Clark	Son	12	M	White	English	England	1901		Port Huron, Mich	High School	Married	1
William Brown	Stepson	18	M	White	English	England	1887		Port Huron, Mich	High School	Married	1
Pearl Brown	Stepdaughter	15	F	White	English	England	1898		Port Huron, Mich	High School	Married	1
John Brown	Stepson	12	M	White	English	England	1901		Port Huron, Mich	High School	Married	1

The 1940 census showed Rose living with her daughter Pearl at the same Oak Street address that was Rose's home for decades.

Rose and EW and family were often mentioned in the local newspapers. Some of the stories were quite hilarious. Before discussing the daily events of the family, a biography of the children and stepchildren is warranted.

### Oldest Child of EW Clark and stepson of Rose Elliott

#### Ralph Hain Clark

B 17 Jul 1887 Van Buren, Mi.  
 D 11 May 1940 Port Huron, Mi.  
 M 31 Jan 1935  
 Divorce: 16 Dec 1937  
 Spouse: Pauline Kelone  
 No children

Ralph enrolled in the Armed Forces in WWI. He was a Private in the Michigan Transportation Company of the US marines. He was one of three family members to serve. Milo and stepbrother Fred also

joined. After the war he was active in the National Guard reserve. He reached the grade of Second Lieutenant.

When he returned from WWI, Ralph worked with the Grand Trunk Railway as a steam train engineer. The 1930 census has him as the only person living with his stepmother Rose (Elliott) Clark in the family



Louth Hotel 7<sup>th</sup> and Lapeer St.  
Downtown Pt Huron. Photo: History of Port Huron

Oak St. home in Pt Huron.

He had married divorcee Pauline Kelone of Port Huron in 1935. She was Louisiana born and was working in the office of a truck transportation firm when she married Ralph. They divorced three years later.

After his divorce, he continued to work at the railyards as a foreman. His death certificate indicates he was living at the Lauth Hotel in Port Huron. I suspect he was still single at the time and was likely living in a small hotel room on a month-by-month lease.

**To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage,**

**Greeting:**

**Marriage May Be Solemnized Between**

Mr. Ralph Hain Clark and Mrs Pauline Marie Sawyers

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

Ralph Hain Clark is 47 years of age, color is white, residence is Port Huron Michigan, and birthplace was Michigan, occupation is yard foreman, father's name Elihu W. Clark, and mother's maiden name was Rose Wing

has been previously married no time; and that said Pauline Marie Sawyers is 35 years of age, color is white, residence is Port Huron and birthplace was Louisiana, occupation is trucking business, father's name Christopher Kelone, and mother's maiden name was Elizane Chatelane

and who has been previously married one

Pauline Marie Kelone has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed

In Witness  
seal of  
day of

L. S.

**Certificate**

Between Mr. Ralph Hain Clark and  
I hereby certify that, in accordance with the  
Port Huron  
in marriage by me, at  
on the thirty-first day of Janu  
of Mrs. D. A. Fraser  
and D. A. Fraser  
as witnesses.

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**BUREAU OF RECORDS AND STATISTICS**

**DIVORCE RECORD**

STATE OFFICE NUMBER **77 1601**  
DOCKET NO. 93-23

COUNTY ST. CLAIR

Pauline Sawyers Clark

Name of each Ralph H. Clark Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Pauline Marie Sawyers Clark Age \_\_\_\_\_

State or County in which married St. Clair Co., Mich. Date January 31, 1935

Date of Filing Petition Aug. 26, 1937 To whom was divorce granted Wife  
(Husband or Wife)

Was Case Contested No  
(Yes or No)

Date of Decree or Judgment November 16, 1937

Cause for Which Divorced extreme cruelty

Was Divorce Granted, Refused or Withdrawn Granted

Whether Absolute or Conditions Absolute, Maiden name restored

Was Alimony Granted No

Number of Minor Children in Family None (see reverse side)

Marriage and divorce of Ralph Clark

VALETS FORGOT TO FILE THIS TO A PRESENT RECORD

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. Unknown If veteran, name war World	<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEATH</b> MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Bureau of Records and Statistics	State File No. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">82 14211</div>
FULL NAME CLARK, Ralph Hain	C-None	Local File No. 77
<b>PLACE OF DEATH:</b> County Wayne Township City or Village Allen Park, Michigan Name of hospital Veterans Administration <small>(If not in hospital, give street address.)</small> Length of stay: In hospital 39 days In this community 39 days	<b>USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:</b> State Michigan County St. Clair Township City or Village Port Huron Street No. Lauth Hotel If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? years	
Sex Male Color or Race White Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Divorced	<b>MEDICAL CERTIFICATION</b>	
NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE --	Date of death May 11 1940	
Name -- Age, if alive Birth date of deceased July 17 1887 Age: Years 52 Months 10 Days 25 If less than one day hrs. min.	I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from April 2, 1940 to May 11, 1940. I last saw him alive on May 11, 1940. Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at 2:00 p.m. Duration	
Birthplace South Haven, Michigan Usual occupation Yard foreman Industry or business Railroad	Immediate cause of death Tuberculosis, pulmonary, chronic, far advanced, active.	
Father Name Elihu Clark Birthplace Indiana Mother (Maiden Name) Rose V. Wind Birthplace Michigan	Other contributory causes of importance	
Informant From Veteran Administration records. Address	Major findings and dates: Of operations NONE Of autopsy NONE	
Burial, cremation or (removal) (Circle the word which applies) Place Port Huron, Michigan Cemetery Date May 11, 1940	In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or Date	
Funeral director's signature /s/ Albert A. Falk (A.A. Falk) Address Port Huron, Michigan	Where did injury occur? (Specify city, county, state) In industry, home or public place?	
Filed 5/12 1940 A. N. Burbank Local Registrar	Was disease or injury related to occupation of decedent? Signature C. H. SMITH, M.D., Chief, Dept. of Health Address Veterans Admin., Dearborn, Mich.	



After 39 days in hospital, he died of Tuberculosis, which was a common cause of death in that era. He is buried in the same cemetery as his father and mother. He was only 52 at the time of his death.

### Second Child of EW Clark and stepson of Rose Elliott

**Glenn David Clark**

B 03 Sept 1890 Mi

D 16 Jul 1935 Flint, Mi

M 24 Dec 1912 Flint

Spouse: Blanche Stewart B 1892 – D 15 Oct 1953 Lake Fenton, Mi.

Child: William E B 1917 D 2003

Like his brothers, Glenn served in WWI and was honourably discharged.

The 1930 census had his occupation as production manager for the Buick Corporation in their plant in Flint. When he died, he was production manager of the foundry for the Buick Corporation.

Son William Edward worked as an office manager for a newspaper in Flint as per the 1950 census. He married 16-year-old Charlene Taylor in 1940. One daughter is known – Sheri A. B 1943

Glenn died due to a ruptured appendix at age 45 July 1935 in Flint, Mi.

Port Huron Times Herald

**Glenn D. Clark**  
 Glenn D. Clark, 45, former resident of Port Huron, son of Mrs. E. W. Clark, 1531 Oak street, died Friday in a Flint hospital after an illness of a week.  
 He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Blanche Clark, and a son, William Clark, both of Flint; his mother; a sister, Mrs. Frank Neuman, Port Huron; and two brothers, Ralph Clark, Port Huron, and M. G. Clark, Grand Rapids.  
 Funeral arrangements have not been completed.  
 Mr. Clark, who was born in Port Huron, attended school here and went to work in Flint 18 years ago. He was in the office of the Buick Motor company. He was active in Boy Scout work here.

County <u>Genesee</u>		Division of Vital Statistics		State Office No. <u>2251809</u>	
Township _____		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Register No. <u>875</u>	
Village _____		City <u>Flint</u>		St. _____	
2. FULL NAME <u>Glenn D. Clark</u>					
(a) Residence No. <u>1609 Garland</u>		St. Ward <u>Flint</u>		(If non-resident give city or town and state)	
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>24</u> yrs. mos. ds.		How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
3. 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>July 19, 1935</u>		
5a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>Blanche</u>			22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>July 18, 1935, to July 19, 1935</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) <u>Sept. 8, 1889</u>			I last saw him alive on <u>July 19, 1935</u> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, etc. <u>4:30</u> pm.		
7. AGE Years <u>45</u> Months <u>10</u> Days <u>11</u>	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as engineer, Sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Manager of Foundry</u>		The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:		
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>Buick Motor Co.</u>			<u>Abdominal obstruction</u> 4 days		
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____			<u>peritonitis from ruptured appendix</u>		
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation, <u>24</u> yrs.			<u>intestinal obstruction</u> 3 days		
12. BIRTH PLACE (city or town) <u>Jackson</u> (State or country) <u>Michigan</u>			Other contributory causes of importance:		
13. NAME <u>William Clark</u>			If operation, date of <u>July 18, 1935</u>		
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Indiana</u>			Condition for which performed <u>Intestinal Obstruction</u>		
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Rose Wing</u>			Organ or part affected <u>Appendix, Intestine, Peritonitis</u>		
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Indiana</u>			Was there laboratory test? <u>Yes</u> Autopsy? <u>No</u>		
17. INFORMANT <u>Mrs. Blanche Clark</u> (Address) <u>Flint, Michigan</u>			In case of violence state if accident, homicide or suicide.		
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Sunset Hills Cem</u> Date <u>July 22, 1935</u>			Where did injury occur? (Specify city, county or state)		
19. UNDERTAKER <u>Edwards &amp; Sons</u>			In industry, home or public place? <u>No</u>		
			Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? <u>No</u>		

**Youngest Child of EW Clark and stepson of Rose Elliott**  
**Milo (Hap) Guy Clark Sr.** B 02 Jul 1899 Port Huron  
 D 19 Mar 1984 La Jolla, CA.  
 M 28 Mar 1924  
 Spouse: Laura Godin B 26 Nov 1902 Michigan  
 D unknown



AT BOSTON COUNCIL SCOUTS' DINNER—Left to right, Milo G. Clark, Region 1 Scout executive; Frederick Deane, toastmaster, and Charles Devens, council president.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH as per "History of Section 10 Boy Scouts"

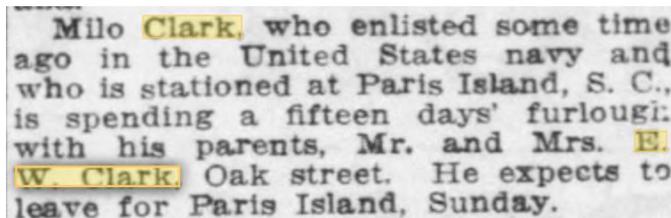
"The story of Milo G. Clark (Sr) begins with a typical story of an "All American Boy". Before we go further, however, we had better clarify the name and refer to the subject of this tale as Hap Clark. No ditto marks are needed to fence in the name Hap. To all in Scouting who knew and respected him, he was always Hap Clark. Though, no doubt, as mothers will do, she called him Milo. He comes by the All-American Boy designation honestly. He was born in Port Huron, Michigan, July 2, 1899 graduating from high school there, having captained the baseball, basketball and football teams. Active in the Hi-Y

movement, he served as the Vice-President of the Michigan State Hi-Y Conference in 1915. Scouting hadn't reached Port Huron at that time. In December of 1917, while a senior in high school, he enlisted for four years as a Marine, but was not sworn in until January 20, 1918. The high school athlete took to army life like the proverbial duck to water: becoming Corporal, then Sergeant, serving as drill instructor, and expert in the rifle and heavy machine gun. This did not deter his education, however, and he graduated from high school in June of 1918 with a special furlough to attend the graduation ceremonies. He was placed on reserve in February of 1919 and finally honorably discharged in 1922. His father died suddenly and his two brothers had suffered service-connected disabilities, so instead of college, he found himself going to work, which was nothing new as he had pretty much earned his own way since he was 15."

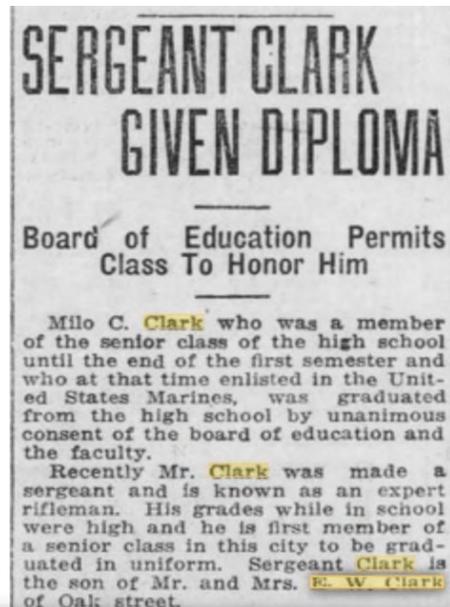
After serving in WWI, but never overseas, Milo Sr. was an executive with the Boy Scouts of America. He moved to Boston and the head office of the Boy Scouts after being the regional District 10 Upper Midwest head. Several of his family still live in the Boston area. Later he retired to La Jolla, California.

Although he never graduated from high school as he left early to enlist, he was granted a diploma in June of 1918.

June 13, 1918 Times Herald



Milo Clark, who enlisted some time ago in the United States navy and who is stationed at Paris Island, S. C., is spending a fifteen days' furlough: with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street. He expects to leave for Paris Island, Sunday.



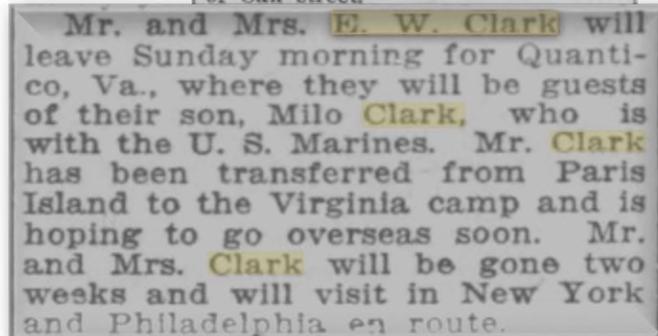
**SERGEANT CLARK  
GIVEN DIPLOMA**

Board of Education Permits Class To Honor Him

Milo C. Clark who was a member of the senior class of the high school until the end of the first semester and who at that time enlisted in the United States Marines, was graduated from the high school by unanimous consent of the board of education and the faculty.

Recently Mr. Clark was made a sergeant and is known as an expert rifleman. His grades while in school were high and he is first member of a senior class in this city to be graduated in uniform. Sergeant Clark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clark of Oak street.

12 June 1918 Times Herald



Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clark will leave Sunday morning for Quantico, Va., where they will be guests of their son, Milo Clark, who is with the U. S. Marines. Mr. Clark has been transferred from Paris Island to the Virginia camp and is hoping to go overseas soon. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will be gone two weeks and will visit in New York and Philadelphia en route.

**'Hap' Clark Visits His Mother Here**

Milo "Hap" Clark, Grand Rapids, Boy Scout executive, Mrs. Clark and two sons, Douglas and Milo, Jr., have returned to Grand Rapids after visiting Mr. Clark's mother, Mrs. Rose Clark, 1531 Oak street.

Mr. Clark was graduated from Port Huron High school, where he was a pitcher on the baseball team and a member of the football team. During the war he served with the Marine corps at Quantico, Va., but did not go overseas. He has been in Boy Scout work in the Detroit area, Appleton, Wis., and Grand Rapids about 10 years.

June 2, 1934

**Personal Mention**

**Scout Executive Visits Here**

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Clark, Boston, Mass., visited their mother and sister, Mrs. Rose Clark and Mrs. Pearl Neumann, at their home on Oak street.

The Clarks have gone on to Chicago where Mr. Clark will attend the Boy Scouts of America convention. He is a Boy Scout executive.

14 May, 1958

**Children of Milo Clark Sr and Laura Godin:**

**William** B 1925 Detroit  
D 04 Oct 1944 Boise, Idaho

William Clark enlisted in the US army forces for WWII in 1943. He died while based at the Gowen Field Boise Idaho Airfield Oct 4, 1944 when the army aircraft he was in crashed about 15 miles from the airbase. He had only been on the base for 6 weeks. He died instantly of "skull fracture, disintegration, dismemberment and incineration" according to the coroner's report.

The Times Herald  
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**Former Resident Killed In Air Crash**

Aviation Cadet Douglas Clark, 19, U. S. Marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo G. Clark, New York, former Port Huron residents, was killed in a bomber crash in Idaho during a training flight, relatives here have been informed.

He was the grandson of Mrs. Rose Clark, and nephew of Mrs. Pearl Newman, both of 1531 Oak street. He is survived by his parents and a younger brother, Milo G. Clark, Jr. Mr. Clark is a Boy Scout executive.

Funeral services will be held Thursday in New York.



**Army Plane Crash Starts Brush Fire**

BOISE, Oct. 5. (AP) — The Ada county sheriff's office reported Thursday that a roaring brush fire about 10 miles east of here along the Boise river Wednesday night was caused by an army plane which crashed in the rugged country.

Sheriff Don Headrick and several deputies went to within a few miles of the burned area and reported that crash cars from Gowen field reached the area.

Gowen field confirmed Thursday that a fire in brush land 10 miles east of Boise Wednesday night was caused by the crash of an army bomber from Gowen field.

A local mortuary said nine bodies have been brought in.

**Children of Milo Clark Sr and Laura Godin**

**Son: Milo Jr.** B 12 May 1932 Michigan  
D living Hilo Hawaii as of 2024  
M 1954

Spouse: Eleanor Ward B Newton Mass

Son Milo Jr. had 4 children -Linda Lee, Carolyn Ward, Douglas Scott (deceased) and Sarah Ellen.

Milo's son, Milo Clark Jr., graduated from the Harvard Business School. He was well known for his predictions of automation, home computers, handheld computer devices and retina scanners as far back as 1964 when he toured the US giving speeches to various media and educational entities. He was considered an expert in the computer field at the time while employed by the University of California (Berkeley). As of 2022, Milo Jr. was retired and living on the Big Island of Hawaii where he has indulged in his passion for bamboo plants and politics.

Below: Milo Clark Jr's predictions of the future while he was on a speaking tour for General Dynamics.

# Revolution in News

## Electronic Delivery Is Forecast

SEE ALSO PAGE A2

Your daily newspaper may someday be delivered to your living room in a matter of seconds through a small attachment to the television set.

A giant step in that direction has become possible through high - speed electronic printers which can produce 600,000 characters a minute, journalism educators were told here Thursday.

Milo Clark Jr. of La Jolla, Calif., management expert, told how automation may revolutionize newspaper production in an address before the Association for Education in Journalism, holding its annual convention this week at The University of Texas.

"Think of the ability to flash directly into the customers' homes," Clark said. "Think of the merchandising applications which could be sold to advertisers. If a merchant found himself backed up in a perishable commodity, news of his sale could be flashed into the customers' homes.

"The customer can ignore the TV," he added, "but we all know the effectiveness of a piece of paper IF it can be gotten inside the household."

Clark described two other systems which he said offer great potential for newspaper operations:

— Sketchpad: "a means whereby an operator may communicate with a computer by manipulating an electronic stylus in front of a cathode ray tube not unlike that on an oscilloscope."

— Electric retina character reader: "using this machine, the source document is directly machine sensible, thereby reducing the need for human buffers such as card punchers, typists and TTS operators."

"The electronic retina character reader is particularly exciting because it represents a significant breakthrough to a newspaper untouched by human hands from copy to product," Clark said.

Like many others, Clark admitted, he is "scared" of computers.

"But as a self - identified professional manager I can no more ignore computers than a doctor can ignore Salk polio vaccine or a lawyer ignore the Supreme Court's latest decision," he continued.

Clark told the journalism teachers that their graduates should "understand more than newspapers or the revolution in newspaper technology."

"My major concern is to find young people with a quality of mind capable of synthesizing the experience of the past with the challenge of the future," he explained. "I look to formal education to nurture a capacity to learn, an eagerness to stay mentally vital, and a dedication to excellence."

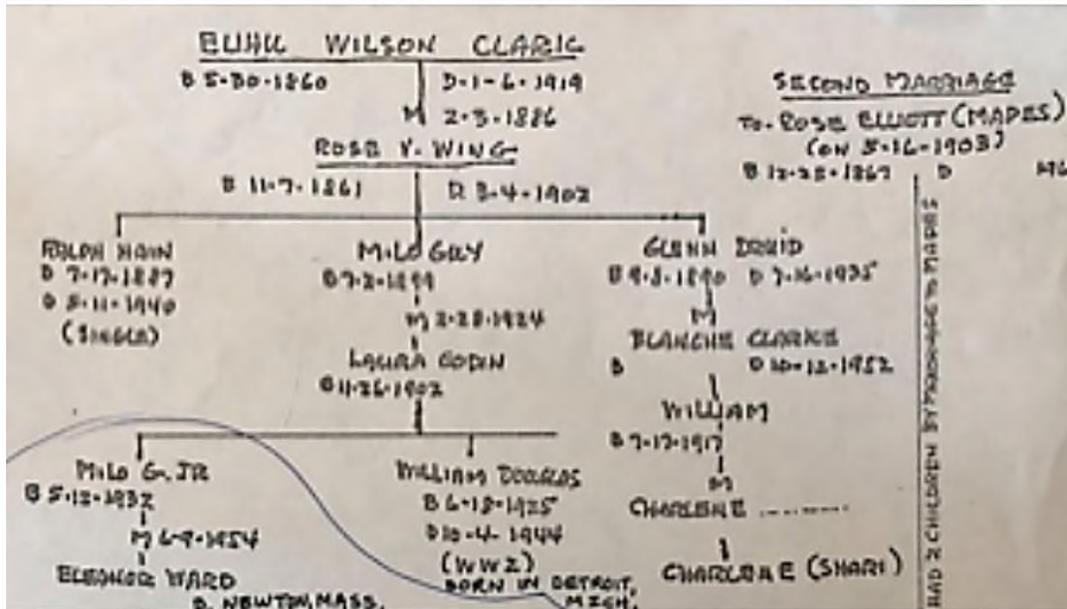
Clark is a graduate of Williams College, a liberal arts institution in Massachusetts, and has a master's degree from the Harvard Business School. He began his management career with the Bell System in New England. More recently, he has been associated with the Copley Newspapers in California.



Milo Clark Sr. Home in La Jolla where he died 1983.

Austin Texas American news Article Aug 28/64

EW Clark family tree as sent by Milo Jr's daughter, Carolyn Clark of Maui, Hawaii 2022.



- Ralph is noted as single – he was married but never remarried.

## Grandchildren of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson

### First child of Rose Elliott and Charles Mapes

#### Fred Charles Mapes Clark

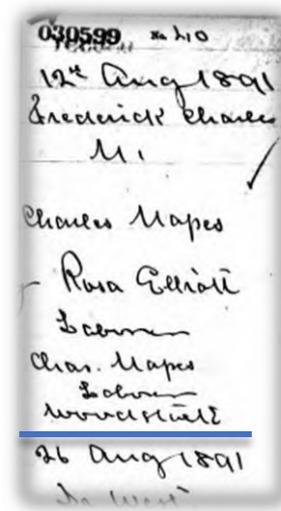
B 12 Aug 1891 Woodstock, Ont.

D 27 May 1934 Asheville, North Carolina

M 28 Apr 1920 Pt Huron

Spouse: Ethel Smith (1896-1983)

Fred Clark was the first child of Rose and Charles Mapes. When Rose married EW Clark, Fred took on the Clark name. Like his two stepbrothers, Fred enlisted in WWI. He was sent to France before returning in 1919. His birth schedule shows he was born in Woodstock. Other records say Michigan



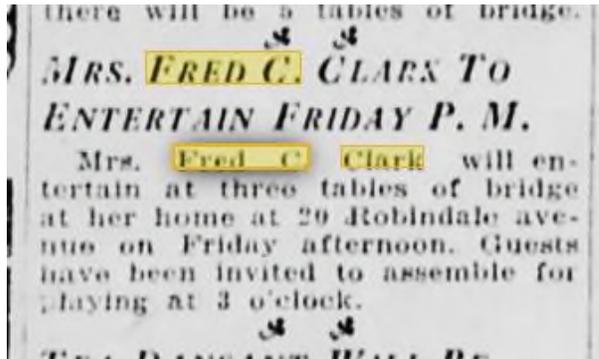
Port Huron Times Herald 28 Aug, 1918

Times Herald 19 May, 1919

Fred married Ethel Smith in 1920 when he was 27 and was working as a “trainman” in Port Huron.

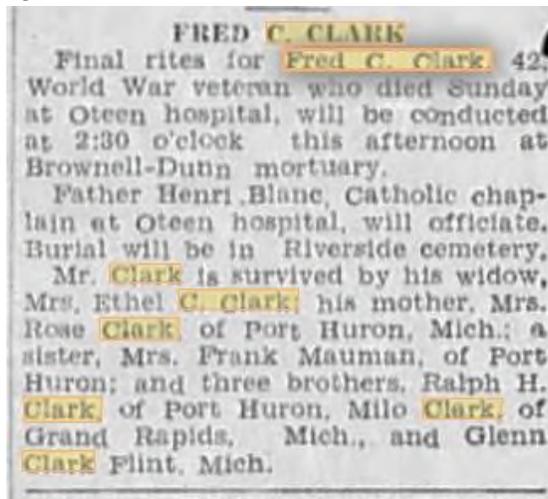
15929	Apr 27 1920	Fred C. Clark	28	W	Port Huron	Michigan	Tramman C. W. Clark
		Ethel A. Smith	24	W	Port Huron	Michigan	Clark Thos. J. Smith

The next sign of him is in Asheville, N Carolina in 10 November 1926 in the Asheville, N.C. newspaper



The 1930 US census confirms that he was living in Asheville, North Carolina with his wife and in-laws. Interestingly, his occupation was listed as a chauffeur for a motor company. In those days a chauffeur was also the detailer and mechanic of the vehicle. Family lore has it that there was a member of the Port Huron clan that once chauffeured for Henry Ford. Asheville had a large Ford assembly plant in the 1920s. Fred died in 1934 in Asheville, Carolina at the age of 43. He and Ethel had no children.

He is buried in the Military cemetery in Asheville.



## Last child of Rose Elliott and Charles Mapes

### Pearl O Mapes Clark

B 19 Feb 1893 Woodstock

D 23 Mar 1986 Pt Huron

M 04 Jun 1915 Pt Huron

Spouse: William Arliss Brown (1893 – 1946)

Divorced unknown but likely prior 1920

M 12 Jun 1927 Pt Huron

Spouse: Frank August Neumann

B 24 Feb 1879

D Oct 1957

Divorced 03 Oct 1944 Port Huron

## Marriage schedule

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan: Return of Marriages in the County of <u>St. Clair</u>										for the Quarter Ending <u>June 30</u> A. D. 19 <u>18</u>								
Serial Number	Date of Marriage			Full Name of Bridegroom and Name and Address of Bride's Parents	Age of Bridegroom	Age of Bride	Residence of Each	Municipality of Each	Ceremony of Each	State of Father of Each	Maiden Name of Mother of Each	Time of Marriage	Date of Marriage			Place and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE	
	Month	Day	Year										Month	Day	Year		Name	Station
13411	June	7	1915	Richard Joseph Bureau Street	21	18	Port Huron	Mich	Episcopal Mich	Mich	Mich	June 7	1915	Port Huron	J. A. Sullivan Minister	Miss Maybelle John Doyle	Port Huron	Port Huron
13419	June	2	1915	Rene Mandeville Rice Street	31	20	Port Huron	Mich	Episcopal Mich	Mich	Mich	June 2	1915	Port Huron	D. Schultz Minister	Miss Mandeville Mrs. C. Mandeville	Port Huron	Port Huron
13420	June	3	1915	August Block Rice Street	39	42	Port Huron	Mich	Episcopal Mich	Mich	Mich	June 3	1915	Port Huron	C. L. Ellis Minister	John Meier Mrs. E. K. Walker	Port Huron	Port Huron
13421	June	3	1915	William C. Brown Lassant	40	42	Port Huron	Mich	Episcopal Mich	Mich	Mich	June 3	1915	Port Huron	C. M. Freeman Minister	Miss Margaret Margaret Springer	Port Huron	Port Huron
13422	June	7	1915	William D. Brown Carl O. Clark	23	22	Port Huron	Mich	Episcopal Mich	Mich	Mich	June 7	1915	Port Huron	E. A. Brown Minister	Miss C. Clark Miss G. Smith	Port Huron	Port Huron

June 4	1915	William D. Brown	23	W	Port Huron	Mich	Salesman	Wm. D. Brown
		Carl O. Clark	22	W	Port Huron	Mich		C. O. Clark

Pearl was born in 1893 in Woodstock but continually showed up in US government records as being born in Michigan. I have not yet discovered what her second name was other than it started with the letter "O." She lived with her mother and two stepfathers until her marriage to William Arliss Brown 4<sup>th</sup> June, 1915. She used the Mapes name while her mother was married to Henry Dodd.

She had 2 sons with husband William: Fred Clark Brown and Robert Brown.

Her marriage fell apart sometime between 1917 to 1920 and she divorced William. He remarried and lived in Detroit until his death.

**William A. Brown**

William A. Brown, 53, Grosse Pointe, former resident of Port Huron and Detroit, died Sunday in Harper Hospital, Detroit, after a brief illness.

He was born May 2, 1893, in Toronto, Ont. He was employed as an inspector for Chrysler corporation.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora C. Brown, Detroit; two daughters, Miss Ollie Brown and Miss Betty Belle Brown, and two sons, William Clark Brown, and Robert Brown, all of Port Huron; two brothers, Thomas Brown, Wyandotte, Mich., and Gordon Brown,



On 12 June 1927, Pearl married divorced father of one, Frank August Neumann. He was an emigrant from Germany and was a clothing salesman living in Port Huron. Pearl was a milliner at the time working in a dress shop. Frank's daughter lived with his ex-wife Estella Peak (Neumann).



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 " Russell credit mgr Flint Citizens Loan  
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 Neumann Anthony A (Mary) mach hd h  
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 " Anthony A jr r1449 New York av  
 " Ella M Mrs housekpr 1701 W Court  
 " Francis student 1449 New York av  
 " Frank A (Pearl O) slsmn h158 E  
 Witherbee  
 " Herbert C autowkr 1449 New York av  
 Neumann John J (Ruth) linemn h1108½  
 N Saginaw apt 16



1930 Flint directory and family home.

Clark and Robert Brown leave  
 for their home in Flint today, after  
 spending a week with their grand-  
 mother, Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak  
 street.

18 Oct, 1930 Port Huron Times Herald

By the late 1920's Frank was the manager of a clothing store.

Times Herald 19 Dec, 1922

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# UP AGAINST IT FORCED SALE

WE HIT OFF MORE THAN WE CAN CHEW. AFTER NINE YEARS IN THE CLOTHING BUSINESS WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH A MOST SERIOUS BUSINESS PROBLEM. THE RECENT FINANCE STRINGENCY GREATLY RETARDED OUR BUSINESS. CONSEQUENTLY WE WERE OBLIGED TO PLUNGE INTO DEBT AND ARE NOW FORCED TO RAISE A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF OUR CLAMORING CREDITORS - WE ARE FORCED TO PLACE ON THE MARKET OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF ROCHESTER TWO-PANT SUITS AND OVERCOATS. HIGH GRADE FURNISHING AT LESS THAN MANUFACTURERS COST. SALE STARTS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 9 O'CLOCK.

**FRANK A. NEUMANN, Manager.**

## Down Go The Prices With a Crash "ROCHESTER" 2 PANT SUITS AND OVERCOATS

There appears to be a disconnect in the Neumann family in 1932 as shown by the newspaper article below. Why was he living Flint while she was back in Port Huron? Their divorce was not until 1944.

F. A. Neumann returned to Flint  
 Thursday after visiting Mrs. Neu-  
 mann and his two sons, Robert  
 and Clark in the home of Mrs.  
 Neumann's mother, Mrs. E. W.  
 Clark, Oak street.

Later, the 1940 Census had Rose living with the entire Neumann family at Rose's 1531 Oak St, Port Huron home. This was the Clark family home that Rose lived in the rest of her life after marrying EW Clark. At this time Pearl's son Robert Brown was a grocery clerk. Frank Neumann was a 51-year-old janitor at the Post Office and Pearl worked at a ladies clothing store. There is some conjecture as to why Frank was now a janitor. Did he suffer an accident or malady that would prevent him from working as a salesman?

Four years after the 1940 census, Pearl sued for divorced from Frank on 11 Dec 1944.

**DIVORCE RECORD**  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Records and Statistics

STATE OFFICE NUMBER  
219

COUNTY St. Clair MARKET NO. 126-27

Name of each Pearl O. Neumann Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Frank A. Neumann Age \_\_\_\_\_

State or county in which married Michigan Date June 12, 1930

Date of filing petition Aug. 2, 1944 To whom was divorce granted Wife  
(husband or wife)

Was case contested NO

Date of decree or judgment October 3, 1944

Cause for which divorced Non-support

Filed: **Pearl O. Neumann** against **Frank A. Neumann**, nonsupport and mental cruelty.

Was divorce granted, refused or withdrawn Granted

Whether absolute or conditional Absolute

Was alimony granted NO

Number of minor children in family None (see reverse side)

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

*Howard Murray*

Date 11/26/44 Clerk of Circuit court, county of St. Clair

After the divorce, Frank continued to live in the Port Huron area and died in 1978.

Later in life, Pearl continued to live at the Oak St. residence after Rose's death in 1966. Visitors from Ontario were common.

Post Herald 27 Jan, 1966

**Entertains Guests**  
Mrs. **Pearl Neumann**, Oak street, entertained houseguests over the holiday. Mrs. **Neumann's** cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Graham, were here from Beacheville, Ont., as were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Clarke, Boston, Mass.

M. G. "Hap" Clark, San Diego, Calif., visited his sister, Mrs. **Pearl Neumann**, Oak Street

**Winkelman's Stages Party**

Officials of Winkelman's clothing store, entertained employees at a Valentine's party Monday.

Mrs. Lorraine Sharrard, Mrs. Mary Farslow and Mrs. Margaret Gierman were in charge.

A skit "New Chemise Adaption for Spring" was presented by Mrs. Rhoda Dewey, Mrs. Lucille Wright, Mrs. **Pearl Neumann**, Mrs. Ruth Knight, Mrs. Mary Gilbert, Mrs. Helen Finkle and Mrs. Lucille Richert.

A dance team from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio provided entertainment.

Post Herald 5 Sept, 1951

Post Herald Feb, 1958

Pearl died in 1986 at age 93.



Sperry's was a large, long running department store in Port Huron from 1889 to 2006. Pearl worked there for a prolonged period.

**Pearl O. Neumann**  
 PORT HURON — Pearl O. Neumann, 93, died Sunday, March 23, 1986, in Port Huron Hospital. She was born Feb. 19, 1893, in Canada, and was a lifelong Port Huron resident.

She was employed at Sperry's and Winkelmans for many years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mystic Chapter 58 and a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Charles Hammond Post 8.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Robert C. and Jackie Brown, Port Huron; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A son, William Clark Brown, died in September 1985.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. Richard D. Lobb of the First United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

Pearl's sons **William Clark Brown** and **Robert Clark Brown** both married and lived in Michigan. Not much is known about their lives as they drifted away in the records. It is known that the young boys did spend summers at their great aunt Henrietta Downing "Riverside" home in Beachville, Ont.

### Great Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Eliza Rogers

#### Grandson of Rose Clark and Charles Mapes

#### Son of Pearl Mapes Brown Neumann

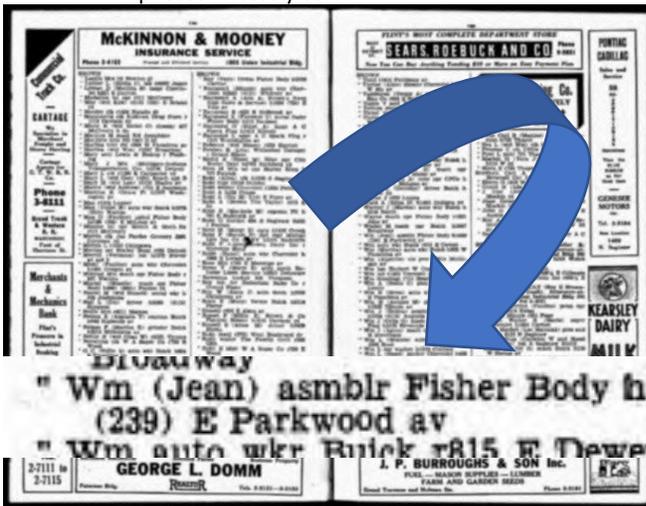
<b>Oldest Child: William Clark Brown</b>	B 17 Apr 1917 Port Huron D 02 Sept 1985 Port Huron M 12 Apr 1938
Spouse: Jean May Eusey	B 1920 D 1993 M 25 May 1957
Spouse: May Post	B 1922 D 1989



Jean May Eusey                      May Post  
 photos Ancestry.com

Pearls' oldest son William was born in Pt Huron in 1917. He spent his childhood there.

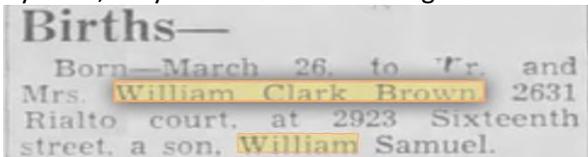
Jean Eusey dropped out of high school in Grade 11 to marry William Clark Brown in 1938. William and Jean were living in Pt Huron and were factory workers in 1940 as WWII ramped up. In late 1940, they moved to Flint where he worked in an auto factory as a driver while she worked as a machine repair person for an auto subsidiary company. They had four children. They later divorced and both remarried. William Clark married May Post in 1957. It was her fourth marriage.



1940 Port Huron Directory

March 15, to Mr. and Mrs. **William Clark, Brown** City, a daughter, **Janice Arvilla**.

By 1942, they had 2 sons and 4 daughters



## William Clark Brown

**Birth** 1917

**Death** Sep 1985 (aged 67–68)

[Lakeside Cemetery](#)

**Burial** Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan

**Plot** Block CC Lot 109 Grave 4

PORT HURON — William C. Brown, 68, of 917 LaSalle Blvd., died Monday, Sept. 2, 1985, in Port Huron Hospital.

He was born April 7, 1917, in Port Huron, and was a lifetime area resident. He married May Post in 1957 in Port Huron.

Mr. Brown worked for Chrysler Corp. for 48 years retiring Nov. 30, 1984.

He is survived by his wife, May Brown; two sons, Robert C. Brown, both of Port Huron, and William S. Brown, Davison; four daughters, Mrs. Lewis (Pamela) Long, Barbara Brown and Mrs. Dennis (Su) Muxlow, all of Port Huron, and Mrs. James (Penny) Tedlock, New Baltimore; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert C. Brown; and his mother, **Pearl Neumann**, both of Port Huron.

**Great Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Eliza Rogers  
Grandson of Rose Clark and Charles Mapes  
Son of Pearl Mapes Brown Neumann**

**Second Child: Robert Clark Brown**      B 25 Oct 1920 – Port Huron, Mi.  
D 11 Jun 1999 – Fort Gratiot, Mi.  
M 21 Feb 1953 Port Huron

Spouse Betty Klages      //??  
Spouse: Jacqueline May Garry      B 1930 Snover, Mich.  
D 2009 Port Huron



REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 1349      1. NAME (Print) ROBERT CLARK BROWN      ORDER NUMBER 10182

T (First) (Middle) (Last)

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1531 - OAK ST. PORT HURON ST. CHAIR MICH.

(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS SAME

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE 6369      5. AGE IN YEARS 21      6. PLACE OF BIRTH PORT HURON MICH.

(Exchange) (Number) (Date of Birth) (Town or county) (State or country)

DATE OF BIRTH Oct 25 1920 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MRS. ROSE CLARK - 1531 OAK ST. PORT HURON MICH.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS MUELLER BRASS CO. PORT HURON MICH.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS SAME

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42) (over) ☆ gpo 16-21630-2      Robert C. Brown (Registrant's signature)



Robert Clark WWII Registration Card.

Robert went to Port Huron High School and Port Huron Business School. As his two step-uncles and his uncle Fred did in WWI, he went off to serve in WWII. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant before leaving the Army. He received three bronze stars for heroic achievement while in service. Robert's first job after the war was working at the Mueller Brass Co. in Port Huron making wrought brass rods and forging lead-free alloys. He worked there for 33 years before retiring in 1978.

With Mrs. Rose Clark and Mrs. Pearl Neumann, Oak street, are Mrs. Neumann's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Brown and family, another son, Robert Brown and Miss Jackie Garry.

27 Nov, 1952 Post Herald

1952 Thanksgiving gathering.

Robert would eventually marry Jackie Garry (see below)

In the 1950's and 1960's Robert would often drive his grandmother Rose to Beachville to visit her brothers and sisters and their families. I recall those visits by Aunt Rose. Robert would never stay around long as he would often only be seen when he returned to pick up his grandmother for the return trip to Pt. Huron. According to the 1950s census, he was a furniture salesman in Pt Huron and wife worked in a retail leather store.

Photo: Robert Clark Brown circa 1992  
courtesy: the Downing family book



Robert C.  
Brown



### Robert C. Brown

**FORT GRATIOT** — Robert Clark Brown, 78, of Fort Gratiot, died unexpectedly Friday, June 11, 1999.

He was born Oct. 25, 1920 in Port Huron to the late William and Pearl Brown. He married Jacqueline Garry on Feb. 21, 1953 in Port Huron.

Mr. Brown was a Staff Sargent in the U.S. Army during WWII. He received three Bronze Stars for his service in Italy. He retired from the Mueller Brass Co. in 1978 after 33 years of service. Mr. Brown was a life member of the F.&A.M. Lodge #58 and the DAV Port Huron Chapter #12. He was a member of the Royal Arch Mason Lodge #27 and the Mystic Chapter of the OES #58.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald (Connie) Porzenhein of Plano, Texas; a granddaughter, Dawn of Dallas, Texas; two half-sisters, Mrs. Betty Gammage and Mrs. Otilie Ray, all of London, Ontario; two nephews, Robert



—Photo By Blue Water Studio

### Mrs. Robert Clark Brown

In a 2:30 o'clock afternoon ceremony performed in First Congregational church, Jacqueline Mae Garry, became the bride of Robert Clark Brown. Branched candelabras, and standard baskets of white gladioluses and snapdragons formed the altar setting where Rev. H. Shelby Lee solemnized the rites.

Some 300 guests were present at the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Garry, Garden City; her husband is the son of Mrs. Pearl Neumann, Oak street. A gown of white lace was the

choice of the bride when she was given in marriage by her father. A fitted lace jacket with peter pan collar and long tapering sleeves covered the strapless bodice of the gown. The full, full skirt was ballerina length.

She wore a strand of pearls as her only jewelry and a finger tip veil secured to a seed pearl headband. She carried a white orchid on a white Bible.

Mrs. James Stone, of Sandusky, served her niece as matron of honor. Her ballerina gown was of pink tulle over taffeta. She wore a lace Juliet cap trimmed in

**Jacqueline G. Brown**  
**Port Huron**  
 Mrs. Jacqueline Garry Brown, 78, of Port Huron, died Saturday, March 14, 2009.  
 She was born October 27, 1930 in Snover to the late Emms and Beatrice Garry. She married Robert C. Brown on February 21, 1953 in Port Huron. He died June 11, 1999.  
 Mrs. Brown was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church, and loved her 'Birthday Club' friends.  
 She is survived by a step-daughter, Connie (Ronald) Porzenheim of Plano, Texas; three brothers, Charles (Connie) Garry of Lexington, Glen (Pat) Garry of Garden City, and Kenneth (Pam) Garry of Brighton; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her step-mother, Madge Garry.

**Robert Clark Brown**  
 in the U.S., Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019

Name:	Robert Clark Brown
Death Age:	78
Birth Date:	25 Oct 1920
Death Date:	11 Jun 1999
Internment Place:	Michigan, USA
Cemetery Address:	3663 - 10th Avenue Rob Bramer Port Huron, MI 48060
Cemetery:	Lakeside Cemetery
Notes:	Tec 4 Us Army World War Ii

As I mentioned near the top of the Clark family history, Rose and EW Clark were a high-profile couple in the confines of the small town of Pt Huron. Not only was EW in the running for the most popular gentlemen in the mid-state area, he was also involved in a near train wreck (that wasn't) and Rose had a gun toting dust up over a dog. I have compiled a series of newspaper articles from the Pt Huron Times Herald to show you the busy everyday life of the family.

**NEAR DEATH**  
**E. W. Clark** Narrowly Escapes Being Hit by Train.  
 Slips on Tracks and Wheels Scrape Him As He Crawls Away.  
 E. W. Clark, of 1531 Oak-st., slipped while crossing the railroad track at Battle Creek Thursday sustaining several cuts and bruises and injuring his spine. Mr. Clark had a very lucky escape from being killed as a train was approaching swiftly on the opposite track and just missed hitting him as he dragged himself away. He was brought to this city and attended by Dr. McKinnon.

**ROWING.**  
**Detroit Boat Club Election Call.**  
 Secretary George B. Sheehy, of the Detroit Boat Club, has just sent out the call for the annual election of the club, to be held in the Russell House parlors next Monday evening, October 3. At 7:45, the polls to remain open from 8 to 9 o'clock. He gives the list of those regularly nominated for the offices to be filled. Frank S. Werneken, nominated for president and director, and Harry L. Pierson, nominated for secretary and director, have declined to run for those offices, Mr. Pierson being a candidate for president against William C. Jupp. The candidates for vice-president are Davie B. Duffield and John L. Dexter. George B. Sheehy and Walter Brooks respectively. The nominees for secretary and treasurer, E. W. Clark, S. T. McGraw, David Gray, A. W. Dack, F. W. Andrew, Granger Whitney, Paul F. Bagley, J. T. Wing, F. W. Holt, David S. Carter, Richard P. Joy and Divie B. Duffield, who were also nominated for directors, have withdrawn.

**FOR SALE**—One pen each of thoroughbred black Langshangs and white Orpingia chickens very cheap. **E. W. Clark**, 1331 Oak street. 4 11 21

**AVERTED TERRIBLE R. R. WRECK**

Owing to Someone's Oversight Switch Was Turned Against Fast Special Train Coming at High Speed—**Clark** Reached the Spot and Righted It Just in the Nick of Time.

Port Huron, Mich., February 26.—(Special.)—The presence of mind and quick grasp of a perilous situation by **Glen Clark**, call boy in the Grand Trunk yards, averted an awful catastrophe in the tunnel yesterday.

A special Pullman train bearing 105 representatives of the Empire Creamery Separator Co., bound for Boston and making record breaking time, was thundering along the road, and was due here shortly after the night and day crews shifted.

Through some oversight the new shift had not been apprised of the special coming, and as the train hove in sight the switch stood turned against it. A disastrous wreck was imminent, and a terrible disaster was only avoided by the heroic action of **Clark**.

Seeing the special coming and the switch turned, he took in the situation at a glance and rushed for the switch. He got there none too soon, as the train crew, with through orders, supposed the track clear and were sending the train along with unabated speed.

**Clark** raised the lever and gave one pull, then dropped exhausted from the effort. He won the race, however, and the special swept safely by.

The young hero is 17 years old and son of **E. W. Clark**, a conductor on the Grand Trunk.



**WONDERFUL "BOY HERO" IS NOT HERO HE WAS MADE OUT TO BE**

**He Brands Story of Saving Train and Passengers From Being Hurlled to Destruction as a Rank Fake**

Grand Trunk Conductor **E. W. Clark** and his 17-year-old son, **Glen Clark**, have made formal announcement that the newspaper fabrications regarding the boy saving a special train from being wrecked in the tunnel yards on the morning of Sunday, February 25, are utterly false.

George T. Benson, local representative of the Empire Cream Separator Co., whose special train the **Clark** boy was alleged to have saved, says to The Herald that Mr. **Clark** and his son have both personally denied the story to him. Mr. Benson had in his possession \$100, which had been raised by the men on the train, to be presented to young **Clark**.

have come to the conclusion that the story was a fake and the purse raised is being returned to the donors. The Empire Cream Separator Co. was also ready to give the boy a handsome purse had the story not been found to be a palpable fake.

A Grand Trunk official says that the road has suffered considerable injury by the circulation of these false stories to nearly every newspaper in this part of the country and that suit may be started by the road against several of the newspapers as means of redress.

Life has been made miserable for young **Clark** by the men at work in the Grand Trunk tunnel yards and everywhere the boy goes he is laughingly dubbed "The boy hero."

## D Patrolmen Called To Discipline Dogs

During the past 24 hours three complaints have been received at police headquarters relative to children being bitten by dogs.

Mrs. E. W. Clark, 1531 Oak street, reported that her grandson had been bitten Wednesday by a vicious dog.

Lucile Jones, 1608 Sixteenth street, was badly bitten Wednesday morning by a dog. A Mrs. McDonald, who did not give her address, also reported that her little son had been bitten by a bulldog which he attempted to pet. Herman Nelson, patrolman, investigated the reports and notified the owners of the dogs to keep them tied up for a period of 14 days for observation. Police officers were called upon Wednesday to shoot two dogs which had been injured by automobiles.

## MRS. PLATT'S DOG

Fight With E. W. Clark's Pup Said to Have Lead to Drawing of Guns.

A dog fight which threatened a serious turn took place on Oak street Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Platt with her pet bull dog by her side was passing the home of Conductor E. W. Clark near the corner of Sixteenth street. The Clarks also have a bull dog which was playing in the front yard, while Mrs. Clark stood in the doorway. The dogs challenged each other and in an instant there was a lively mix-up.

Evidently the Clark dog was getting the worst of it, as it is said that Mrs. Clark told her son to shoot Mrs. Platt's dog. He got a revolver and was proceeding to carry out the order, when, it is alleged, Mrs. Platt drew a revolver and drove Mrs. Clark and the boy into the house.

The matter has been reported to the officers and an investigation is being made. It is not known whether any warrants will be issued or not.

## PLENTY OF CANDIDATES

EDGEWATER Y. C. NAMES A BIG LIST OF NOMINEES.

Nominations closed last evening for the various offices of the Edgewater Yacht club, at a meeting held in their winter quarters on Griswold street. The election committee cut down each bunch of nominations for the different offices to three, selecting the three names that received the highest number of nominating votes. All of the present officers are up for re-election, with the exception of one director—Fred W. Maier. Nine names are up for the three seats on the board of directors. The election will take place the first Monday evening in February. The nominations are as follows:

Commodore—H. S. Malcolm, E. W. Clark, George W. Willebrands.  
Vice-Commodore—Lou H. Weltz, E. W. Clark, Fred Paquette.  
Treasurer—Al R. Smith, Geo. Seesing, Geo. E. Berriman.  
Secretary—Geo. E. Berriman, J. M. Clinton, Frank A. Roemer.  
Captain—Otto A. Tank, Wm. P. Delphic, Frank A. Roemer.  
Directors—Al R. Smith, George Crawford, Fred R. Still, Fred Paquette, Charles R. Robertson, Frank A. Roemer, Frank Martin, E. W. Clark, Wm. H. Butcher.

## ANNUAL ELECTION

By Ladies' Aid Society in First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Tuesday afternoon in the meeting held with Mrs. E. P. Bennett, the members of the Ladies' Aid society of the First Methodist Episcopal church named the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Frank Holland  
Vice Presidents—Mrs. E. W. Clark and Mrs. W. O. Randall.  
Secretary—Mrs. H. G. Snover.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Isaac Edb.  
Financial Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. J. Johnston.

wandini beach.  
Mrs. **E. W. Clark** of Griswold  
is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John  
ley, of Chicago.

Mrs. **E. W. Clark** Griswold street  
left at noon today for Woodstock, Ont.,  
to visit her sister, Mrs. John Down-  
ing.

Mrs. John Hartley of Chicago is woman an  
aunt Rose visited often. This person is unknown  
to me. I will let future genealogists figure out this  
piece of the puzzle.

Doorkeepers—A. K. Burrows,  
**Port** Austin; Emery D. Weime  
Ludington; **W.** F. Montague, Kal  
mazoo; Alderman Buschen, Kalam  
zoo; George G. Gardner, Charlotte  
**E. W. Clark, Port Huron**; Thom  
**W.** Fitzsimmons, George Amick, O  
sego.

**Jolly Twelve Club.**  
The members of the Jolly Twelve  
club and their husbands were pleas-  
antly entertained by Mrs. **E. W.**  
**Clark** at her home on Oak-st., Tues-  
day evening. Whist was the game  
of the evening and six tables were  
in play. The prizes were awarded  
to Mrs. D. J. McLaughlin and Mrs.  
(Dr.) McKinnon. The first guest's  
prize, a handsome hand painting,  
done by Miss Pearl **Clark**, the four-  
teen year old daughter of Mrs. **Clark**,  
was awarded to Miss Valette Ax-  
worthy while second guest's prize  
went to Dr. McKinnon. During the  
evening a delicious supper was serv-  
ed. The club will meet at the home  
of Mrs. (Dr.) McKinnon, of 24th-st.  
on Tuesday, Feb. 18th.



**E. W. CLARK**

To the voters of St. Clair County:  
I will be a candidate for the Demo-  
cratic nomination for sheriff. I be-  
long to no faction. I am a Democrat.  
If nominated and elected every man  
will be treated right.  
**E. W. CLARK**

**Sheriff.**  
Edward O'Rourke, of the fourth  
ward, presented the name of **E. W.**  
**Clark** for sheriff.  
Palmer Davidson, of Marine City,  
nominated **W.** Zweng.  
Dr. Blagborne stated that Mr. Zweng  
did not want his name mentioned in  
connection with the office. The doc-  
tor concluded by placing in nomina-  
tion George **W.** Davidson.  
The vote for sheriff stood as fol-  
lows:  
**George W. Davidson** ..... 107  
**E. W. Clark** ..... 49

EW Clark ran for sheriff multiple times without success.

In the spring of 1908, the Port Huron Daily Times held a contest to find the most popular people of central Michigan. EW, who was well known in the community drew into second place in the Gentlemen's list.

THE TOTAL VOTE	
GENTLEMEN'S LIST.	
A. H. Nern, Grocers & Butchers' association	491,903
<u>E. W. Clark</u> , B. of R. T.	244,535
Robert P. Anderson, Pine Grove lodge No. 11, F. & A. M.	162,451
James G. Gibb, N. A. of Letter Carriers	159,145
Charles Stenzhorn, Humboldt Tent, K. O. T. M. M.	76,914
Theo. Bolce, Y. M. C. A., 1014 Lincoln avenue	62,137
Ellwyn E. Skimin, Druggist, F. & A. M.-I. O. O. F.	46,987
Edison Poyer, Crescent Club	37,134
Albert Wiegand, Street Car Conductor	36,612
John Ronan, A. O. H.	17,290
George Chambers, Police Department	10,230
Andrew Causley, W. O. W.	8,934

With every cash purchase at

**E. W. Clark's**

Store

A free ticket to the Family Theatre, good up to and including Oct. 18

In the meantime don't forget to buy your Groceries of

**E. W. CLARK**

Military Street

EW purchased a grocery store in April of 1915. It was located on Military St.

His New Year's Gift Is  
Finest Run On The G.T.  
'Tween Here And Chicago



**E. W. CLARK**

E. W. Clark received his New Years present on Saturday in the shape of a notice of reinstatement as conductor on the Grand Trunk railway. He took out No. 3 the finest train on the road at 12:15 today. Mr. Clark for years was one of the most popular conductors on the road and his suspension about two years ago came as a surprise to his many friends.

### Circle Meeting

The members of Circle Eight, the First Methodist Episcopal church, spent a pleasant afternoon Thursday when they were entertained by

**E. W. Clark**, of Griswold street, to meet her sister, Mrs. John Downey, of Beachville, Ont. The ladies spent the hours in making aprons, seven of which were completed at this meeting and several were sold at this time. The **Clark** home was beautified with fragrant hyacinths of various colors which had been raised by Mrs. **Clark** and which made most attractive decorations. Mrs. Frank Wood was an invited guest at this meeting, which closed with delicious refreshments.

### Personal Mention

**Mrs. E. W. Clark**, of Oak street, has gone to Woodstock, Ont., to visit relatives. **Mrs. Clark** has been in poor health and has gone there for treatment.

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### Correction

Mrs. Rose Clark, 1531 Oak street, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Downing Ingersoll, Ont., was taken ill Sunday and underwent an operation Sunday evening in the Ingersoll hospital. It was incorrectly stated in a previous account that Mrs. Clark's sister, Mrs. Downing, underwent an operation.

### Loses Pet Canary

Mrs. **E. W. Clark**, of Oak street, lost a sweet singing and trained canary bird this week when it was killed by a cat. Mrs. **Clark** hung the cage upon the porch of her home and a neighborhood cat sprang at the cage, knocking it to the floor killing the bird.

### Celebrating Birthday

**E. W. Clark**, the well known and popular Grand Trunk conductor, is today celebrating the fifty-third anniversary of his birth at his home at 1430 Griswold street. Mr. **Clark** was born in Portland, Indiana, on May 20, 1860. He has been a resident of this city for over half of his lifetime having come to Port Huron when a young man. Mr. **Clark** was a mail clerk for seven years and has been in the employ of the Grand Trunk for a number of years past during which time he has made many friends and acquaintances both in the city in which he makes his home and among those with whom he has been associated in his work.

## Personal Mention

Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street, will leave Tuesday morning for St. Petersburg, Fla., where she will spend a month with her sister, Mrs. John Downing, of Beachville, Ont.

## Personal Mention

Miss LeVange Kimball has taken up her residence with her aunt, Mrs. James A. Reynolds in Detroit. Mrs. John Downing and daughter, Mary, of Beachville, Ont., arrived today to visit Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street.

## Social Gatherings

### Men Receive Boxes

Mrs. E. W. Clark, chairman of the committee of the Red Cross to pack boxes for the selective service men who go from this county to Camp Custer, assisted by her committee packed 15 lunches Tuesday for the men who left at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Clark wishes to thank all who aided in this work including Mrs. A. M. Sawdon, Mrs. Will A. Brown, Chris Lamlein who donated all the bread, and W. O. Wendover who carried the boxes to the depot.

# When You Think You Have Given Enough Think of What The Clarke Family Is Doing

One Port Huron father and mother are doing their bit to help win the war. Besides giving three fine sons, they have invested every extra penny in Liberty bonds, subscribed to the Red Cross, Navy League and other patriotic funds and are this week busy aiding in the Red Cross drive. Last, but not least, they are working a 3-4 acre war garden when they find a few minutes spare time.

In fact, few Port Huron citizens can give more or do more than Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clark, 531 Oak street. Mr. Clark is a Grand Trunk conductor.

The proud parents have just received a letter from their son Milo, better known as "Hap". The young man has been made a corporal of marines

at Paris Island, where the is in training. His prowess with the rifle recently won him a silver medal and the title of "expert rifleman". He is 18 years old.

Fred Clark, is 26 years old. Being a railroad man like his father, he chose the railroad engineers, enlisting last week and is now at Camp Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind.

Ralph Clark, is 31 years old and he is also in the railroad engineering service. He is a member of Co. A, 6th engineer regiment stationed at Laurel, Md. and expects to start for the front soon.

Keckley's Old Fashion Chocolates.  
Good for mother. Sylvester's

Sold for The O'Sullivan Realty Company, four lots on Oak street, to E. W. Clark and wife.

Clark Brown, Flint, who has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street, will return home Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. John Downing and daughter, Miss Mary Downing, Beachville, Ont.; and Mrs. Fred Downing and son, William, London, Ont.; are expected as guests at the home of Mrs. Clark today.

Mrs. E. W. Clark has returned home after a 10-day visit in Chicago at the World's fair and in Appleton, Wis., where she was the guest of her son, Milo Clark.

Rose celebrated her 93rd and 96th birthdays as noted below. She was still living at 1531 Oak St. on her 93rd birthday but by her 96th year, I suspect she was living in a senior's home. By then her mental capacities were starting to suffer.

### Mrs. E. W. Clark Will Observe 92nd Birthday

Mrs. Rose Clark, 1531 Oak street, will observe her ninety-second birthday on Christmas Day.

She and her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Neuman, who lives with her, and a grandson, Clark Brown, and his wife, will celebrate the event at a family dinner.

Mrs. Clark is active and does much of her own housework.

She is a long-time member of First Methodist church where her husband, the late E. W. Clark sang in the choir. Mr. Clark died about 41 years ago.

Mrs. Clark has a daughter, Mrs. Neuman; a son, Milo Clark, a Boy Scout executive in Boston, Mass.; three grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of St. Clair. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Port Huron, in said County, on the 18th day of November A.D. 1963. Present: Hon. Vera I. Black, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of ~~Rose~~ E. Clark, Mentally Incompetent. Notice is Hereby Given, that all creditors of said estate are required to present their claims in writing and under oath to said Court at the Probate Office in the County-City Building, in the City of Port Huron, in said County, and to serve a copy thereof upon Robert C. Brown, of Port Huron, Michigan, Fiduciary of said estate, and that claims will be heard by said Court, at the Probate Court Room in the City of Port Huron in said County, on

MRS. ROSE CLARK celebrated her 96th birthday Christmas Day at a family dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacGregor, Marysville, and children.

Guests included her six great-grandchildren and her three great-great-grandchildren.

**Mrs. E. W. Clark**  
 Mrs. **Rose E. Clark**, 96, of 1531 Oak Street, a resident of Port Huron since childhood, died today in Marwood Manor after a long illness.  
 She was born Dec. 25, 1868, in North Oxford, Ont.  
 Mrs. **Clark** was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias, a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary to Charles A. Hammond Post, No. 8, American Legion, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Golden Star Lodge No. 1.  
 Her husband, E. W. **Clark**, to whom she was married in 1899, died in 1918.  
 She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Pearl O. Neumann, Port Huron; a son, Milo G. **Clark**, San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, four great, great grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.  
 The remains are in Hubert V. Lucas Funeral Home where funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday.  
 Dr. Ivan O. Gonser, pastor of First Methodist Church, will officiate.  
 Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

By November of 1963, she was no longer considered mentally competent to manage her affairs, so her grandson Robert took over.

Rose was placed in Marwood Manor, a senior home in Port Huron, where her health continued to decline.

Rose died 19 March 1965 and is buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Pt. Huron. She is near her husband EW Clark and her son Fred.

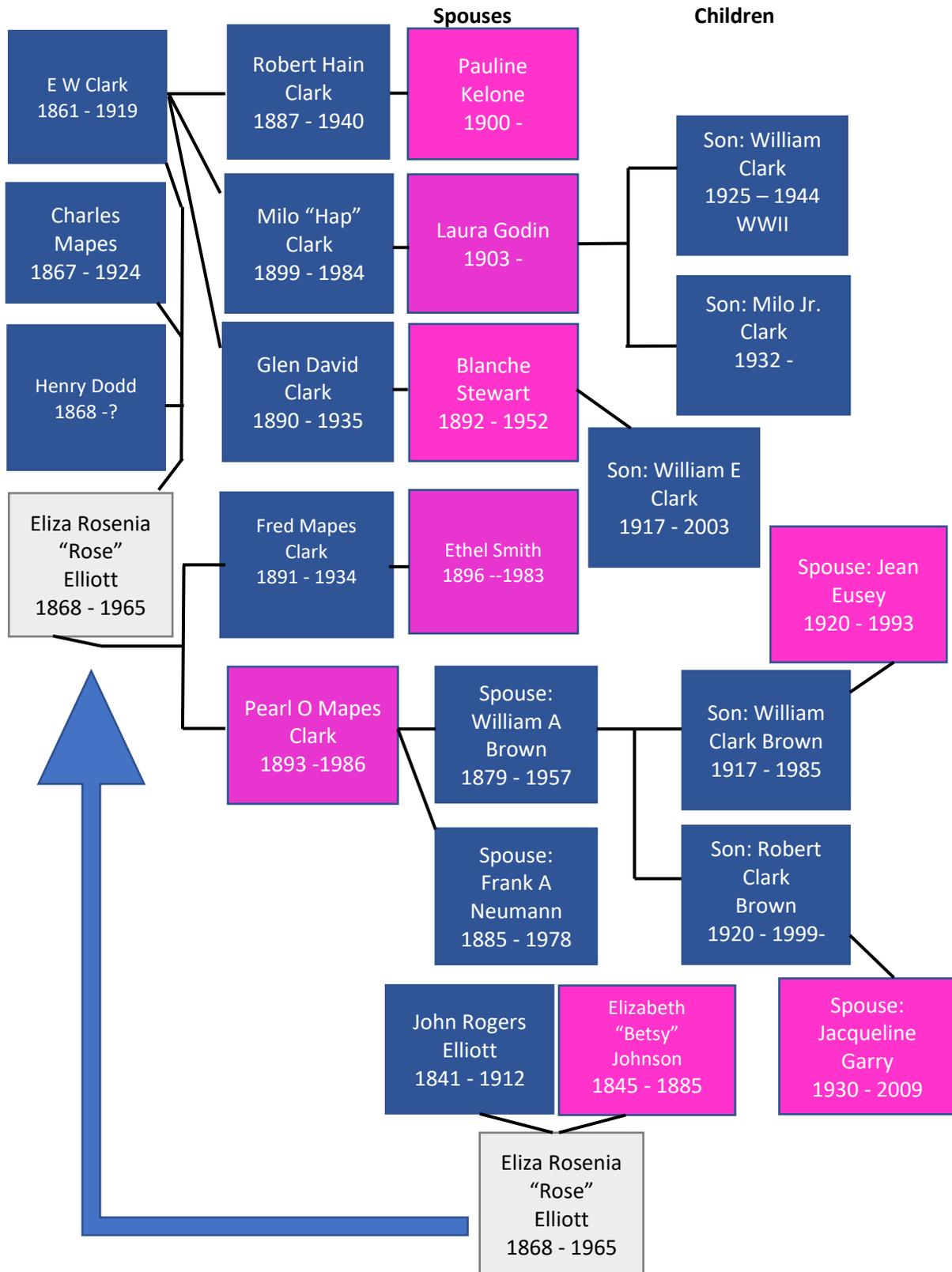
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## Eliza Rosenia "Rose" (Elliott) Clark Family Tree

Rosenia – second oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliott





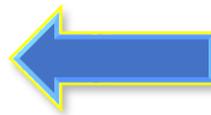
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42			Charlotte	wife	Mr	24 Aug.	1846	54
43			Brown M.	son	A	10 Nov.	1878	22
44			Ross	daughter	A	24 Mar.	1883	18
45	10	10	Brown M.	head	A	30 Nov.	1855	44
46	11	11	Elliott Albert J. M.	head	A	31 March	1877	24
47			Nellie	wife	A	13 July	1872	38
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Two years after the 1901 (above) census Nellie married Alexander Smith of Beachville.

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**SCHEDULE B.**  
County of Oxford

NAMES OF PARTIES (Surname first)	AGE	Ranking with Ranking	Place of Birth	Married, Widowed, Single, Widow	Occupation or Profession	NAMES OF PARENTS FATHER—F MOTHER—M
X Groom. Vollick Wilbur Lawrence	21		Woodstock	St Marys	B Clerk	Rev W. A. Vollick F. Elizabeth Hummel M.
Y Bride. Burkholder Eva Laura	21		Elmira	Breslau	S	114666 Eva Burkholder F. Hannah Elzey M.
X Smith, Alexander	31		Beachville	Beachville	B Builder	Archibald Smith F. Bessie Munroe M.
Y Elliott Helen Victoria	33		N. Oxford	N. Oxford	S	114667 John Elliott F. Elizabeth Johnson M.



Alex Smith's mother was Bessie Munroe and father Archie Smith of Beachville. The Smith's owned a flypaper business in Beachville for several years. The business was located at the corner of Church and Water St. (just to the west of the old United Church).

Records indicate that Alex worked at many occupations. Over the years he was listed as a farmer, a carpenter builder, a lime kiln worker and in the flypaper business.

3 3 4M Smith, A. W.	"Fly Paper"	Beachville
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The couple lived in Beachville until Ellen's death of heart disease at age 76.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
VITAL STATISTICS ACT  
REGISTRATION OF DEATH

Registration Number: 029878

1. PLACE OF DEATH: Beachville

2. LENGTH OF STAY: 45 yrs

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED: SMITH ELLEN VICTORIA

4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: Beachville

5. SEX: Female

6. CITIZENSHIP: Canadian

7. RACIAL ORIGIN: English

8. Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced: Married

9. BIRTHPLACE: Ontario

10. Date of Birth: 13th 1871

11. AGE: 76 1 19

12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work: Housewife

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: [blank]

14. Total years spent in this occupation: [blank]

15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased: Alex Smith

16. Name of father: Elliott

17. Maiden name of mother: Johnson

18. Birthplace: England

19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Given under my hand at Beachville Ont. this 1st day of Sept. 1947

Signature of informant: Alex Smith Relationship to deceased: Husband

Address: Beachville Ont.

20. Burial, Cremation or Removal: Burial Date: Sept. 3rd 1947

Place of Burial: Ingersoll Cemetery

Burial Permit was issued by: R. E. Walker Address: Ingersoll

21. Funeral Director: Name: Gordon J. Walker Address: Ingersoll

22. Marginal notations (Office use only)

**BEACHVILLE**

The death of Helen Elliott, wife of Alexander Smith of this village, occurred at an early hour on Sept. 1, following a lengthy illness. She was in her 76 year and was born in North Oxford, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott of North Oxford, and her early life was spent there. Following her marriage 45 years ago she lived in Beachville.

Her only daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Graham Helen, predeceased her two years ago this month.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Baptist Church and a helpful member of the Mission Circle and of the Ladies' Aid.

Surviving are her husband, two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Rose Clark of Port Huron, Mrs. Grant DeFoe of Detroit, Albert Elliott of Beachville, and John Elliott of Detroit.

The funeral was held from her late residence on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**Alexander Smith Dies in Hospital**

A well known and highly esteemed resident of Beachville in the person of Alexander Smith passed away in Alexandria Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 6th 1964. Born in North Oxford a son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Archibald Smith, he was in his 92nd year and had been a lifelong resident of North Oxford and Beachville. For a number of years he farmed in West Oxford and later was employed at the Beachville White Lime Company, now known as Cyanamid of Canada.

Left to mourn his passing is one brother, Rev. William Smith of Windsor and a number of nieces and nephews. His wife the former, Ellen Elliott predeceased him in 1947 and one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Graham (Helen) predeceased him in 1945.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon from the Walker & Clifton Funeral Home 88 King Street West with service at 3.30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. Babbey of Beachville Baptist Church. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends and numerous floral tributes. Temporary entombment was in the Ingersoll Mausoleum with interment later in the family plot in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Casket bearers were Gordon Elliott, Keith Brown, Ross Edwards, Morton Todd, William Sutherland and Chesco Redigouda.



After his wife's death, Alex moved into a house across a stream from the present day Beachville Museum on the Riverside property of his sister-in-law Henrietta Downing. He continued to work in the lime kilns. He lived there until his death in 1964.

**Grandchild of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson  
Daughter of Alex Smith and Nellie Elliott**

**Child: Helen**

B 14 June 1905 Beachville

D 19 Sept 1945 Ingersoll

**Spouse: Samuel Kenneth Graham**

B 04 May 1901 Hungerford, County of Hastings

D 1976 Fordwich, Huron Co.

Helen grew up in Beachville. After school, she went to work for the Beachville Lime Co in the company office. She worked there from about 1920 to 1940.



Helen was a wonderful singer. Her name appeared in many wedding ceremony write ups as the vocalist at the ceremony. She was the lead singer and soloist for the Beachville Baptist Church. She and her cousin Ruth Elliott Brown were great friends and Ruth often spoke of her and named her eldest daughter after her friend and cousin. Helen tragically died during a breached birth at Ingersoll Alexandria hospital due to uterus fibroids. Surgeons attempted to birth the child for four hours before she died. She was 40 years old that time. She and her only child are buried in IRC in her grandfather's plot and close to her parents. Spouse Samuel K Graham it appears to left Ingersoll after . There is some

thought on a Find a Grave site for a Samuel Kenneth Graham born May 04/1901, that he died in 1976 in Huron Co., had remarried and had previously married and had an infant son who died at birth.



Kenneth Graham

*MRS. S. R. GRAHAM CALLED BY DEATH The death occurred at an early hour on Wednesday morning,*

*of Mrs. S. R. Graham of Beachville. Mrs. Graham, who was*

**MRS. S. K. GRAHAM**  
 A wide circle of friends in Beachville and Ingersoll were shocked to learn this morning of the sudden passing of Mrs. S. Kenneth Graham, formerly Helen Smith of Beachville, at the Alexandra hospital at an early hour today. The late Mrs. Graham was born in Beachville, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith of that village, who survives her. The only other survivor is her husband. She was a member of the Beachville Baptist church and for 20 years previous to her marriage was employed as a bookkeeper with the Beachville White Lime Company and the Chemical Lime Products. She was for many years choirleader at the Beachville Baptist church and also for several years a member of the Junior Music Club of Ingersoll, where she gave freely of her musical talent and where her beautiful voice was heard on many occasions at regular meetings and in special concerts. The late Mrs. Graham had also given willingly of her musical talent and ability for any church and patriotic society meetings in the district and community and was ever ready to assist in any good work for worthy causes with this talent and with a charming personality which endeared her to a very wide circle of friends.  
 The funeral will be held from the residence, 163 Wonham street, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to the Ingersoll rural cemetery. The late Mrs. Graham will rest at the Fred S. Newman funeral home until 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

*formerly, Helen Smith, was very well known throughout the district and her death came as a shock to a very wide circle of friends. She is survived by her husband and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith of Beachville. Mrs. Graham was a member of the Beachville Baptist church and was the leader of the choir in that church. A talented singer, she had given generously of her talents. She was a member of the Junior Music Club and also assisted in the Senior Music Club. For many years she was engaged as bookkeeper for the Beachville White Lime Company. - Ingersoll Tribune, Sep 20, 1945*

The couple lived at 163 Wonham St. Ingersoll



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 John Arthur Elliott and Family

## **Book 7: Chapter 2 – 5:**

### **Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers Children of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson Third child and oldest son: John Arthur Elliott**

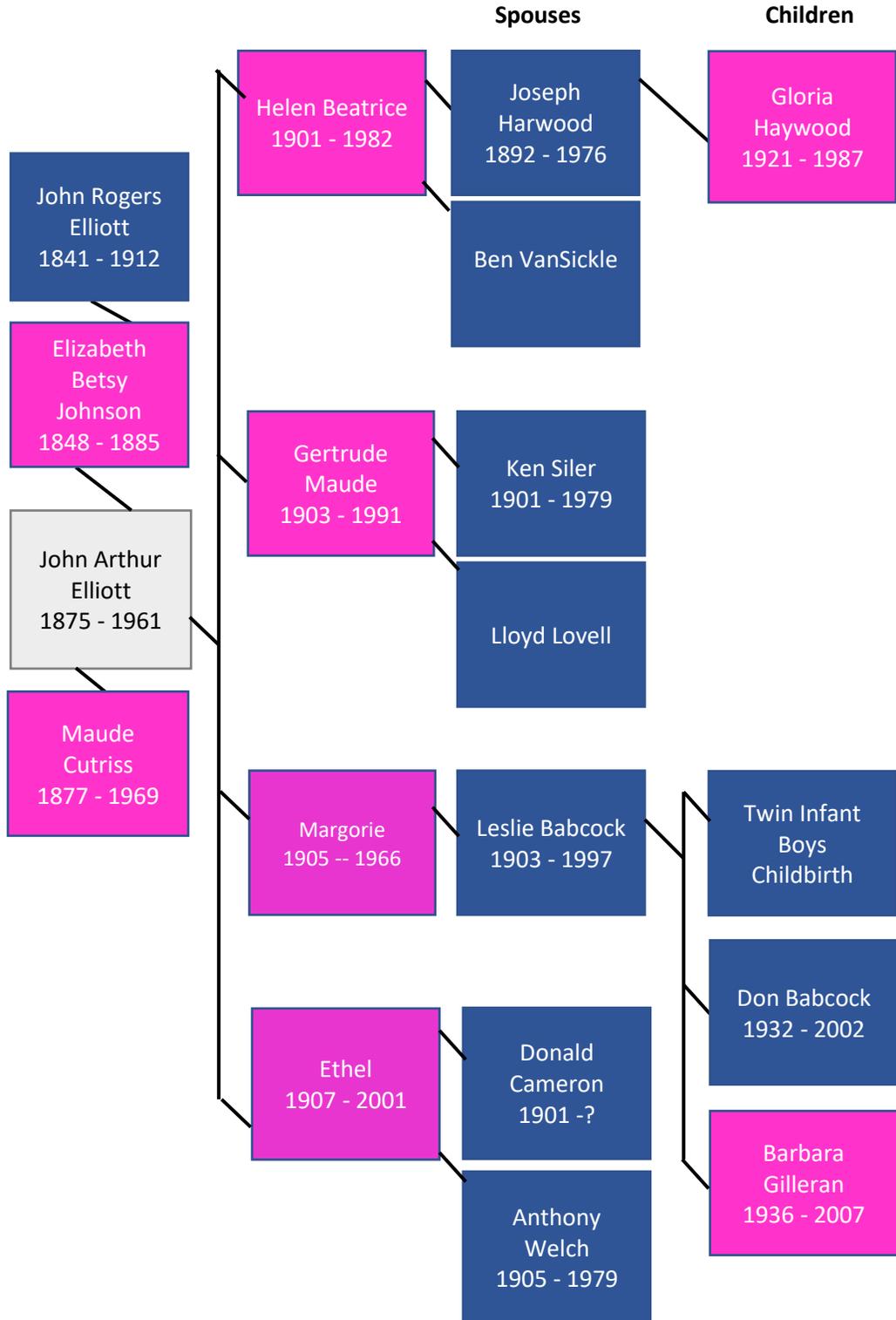
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# John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss Family Tree

John – third oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliot





with their parents. Girls were often sent to be “servant girls” usually living with more affluent relatives. This happened to John’s aunt Josephine. She was sent to live with an affluent Seldon cousin in Ingersoll. Another situation would be that a younger daughter would be sent to live with an older married sister. This example can be seen in the 1891 JR Elliott family census as 10-year-old Maggie, youngest sister of John A, was living with her older married sister Rose in Woodstock. John’s older sister Nellie ended up living with his oldest sister Henrietta. In the case of boys at age 16, they would be often found as farm labourers. They would be working for relatives or for neighbouring farmers in the summer and at home going to school in the winter. As an example, John A’s younger brother Albert had an unrelated local boy age 14, working for him as a farm labourer when the 1921 census occurred. Although there was a possibility that John A was working for another farmer when the census occurred and was not on the family list, I believe he had left home at that time. A Pt. Huron newspaper mentioned in 1895 that his father JR Elliott was visited by his son, John from Woodstock, Ont. This can be corroborated in the 1893 Woodstock Directory that had a John A. Elliott in Woodstock and working at Siggins Carriage Makers as a leather trimmer. He was boarding at a house in Woodstock at the time and would have been 19 years old. He moved to Detroit the following year.



In the 1880s and 1890s, there was great opportunities for young men to go to work in the large industrial centers of Chicago, Detroit, and Toronto. Farming options in southern Ontario were becoming scarce as more sons survived childbirth to work and eventually own their own farms. The parcels of land were constantly being broken into smaller non profitable lots in order to make sure every son had land. Increased mechanization eliminated the need for as many farm labourers thus driving farm boys into the industrial cities. Hence the large influx of rural Ontario youth moving to Michigan in the 1880s to 1910s. Several of John A’s relatives had already made the trip across the border by the time he did in 1898.

John A married Mary Maude Cutriss 02 July 1898 in Detroit. The registration list indicated that both were from Ontario. How they met is unknown. There is some evidence via census and directories that there were a number of Cutriss members in Hamilton, Ont. and Maude may have been from there. I suspect that the couple knew each other in Ontario before the marriage as it took place only a few months after John A had emigrated in the spring 1898. I believe that they arrived as a couple to Detroit.



1910 Wayne County (Detroit) census

The image shows a 1910 census form for Wayne County, Michigan. The household is headed by John Elliott, a 35-year-old male, white, married, and a foreman at a rubber factory. His wife is Mand, 32 years old, white, married, and a housewife. They have four children: Helen (7), Ruth (4), Marion (4), and Ethel (3). The form includes columns for name, sex, age, marital status, race, and occupation. The address is listed as 1151 Locust St.

1917 Detroit Directory:

- " Jno A, barber, h181 Locust
- " Jno A, formn Stroh Casting Co, h461 Beniteau av
- " Jno D (John D Elliott & Co), h1151 2d av

The directory indicated that John A as a foreman at the Stroh Casting Co. at that time.

The Stroh family was mostly famous for the Stroh Brewing Co. of Detroit. Forbes magazine noted that the Stroh family was well known for "when Bernard Strohl arrived in Detroit in 1850 with \$150 and converted that into a lucrative business. Following generations lost an estimated \$9 billion dollars before the company folded". The Stroh Casting Co. eventually moved to Wisconsin before folding in 2005.

Detroit was the North American center for stove manufacture. Millions of cast iron stoves and furnaces were manufactured. Wood stoves were eventually replaced by coal, gas, and electric stoves. Molders like John Elliott were in great demand due to the difficulty of finding proficient molders.

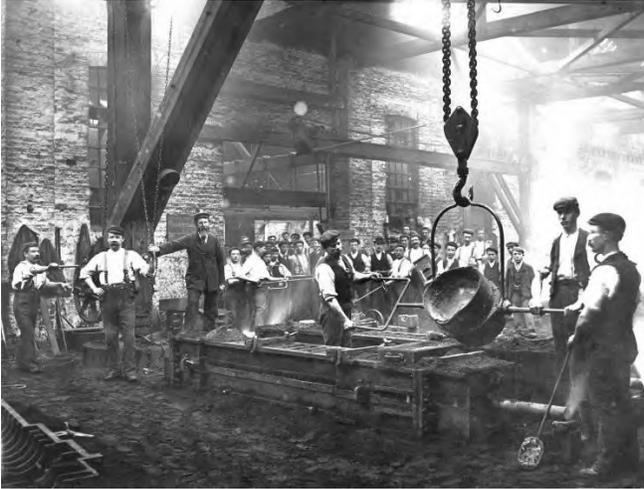
1912 description of the job of a molder

280 QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS – Oxford University Press

The molder was supreme. He was supposed to be coremaker, molder and cupola tender all in one. He cut over his own sand, shook out and cleaned his own castings, and had very little to work with except iron, fuel, sand and a few simple tools. Thorough and dirty, molding was a highly skilled trade requiring considerable technical proficiency, and in which the processes, many of them apparently simple, demanded long training and experience. A man had to know how to treat this sand so as to get a mixture just suitable for with-standing the heat and force of the molten metal. He had to set the cores accurately and ram the sand around the pattern so as to get a true and substantial matrix. Drawing the pattern so as not to break the mold was a very delicate process and any resulting imperfection had to be carefully patched. The mold had to be properly vented to allow for the escape of gas arising when the metal was poured. The iron, melted to white heat in the cupola, was poured by the molder who carried his own ladle from furnace to mold. In the process, if the mold was not properly made, an explosion might occur or pieces of sand might break loose and run in with the iron, or the metal might not flow freely and evenly,

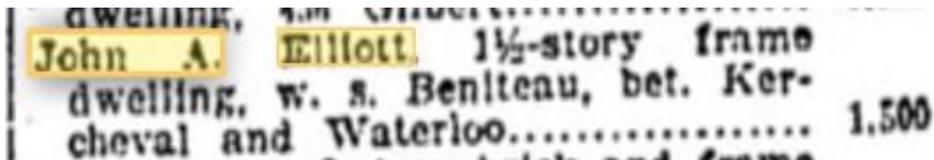
thus leaving non joined portions; or it might shrink internally, causing holes and spongy places. In any of these circumstances, the casting was imperfect; his time and the material had been wasted.

– Internet source



Example of Molders and crew 1910.

The Detroit Free Press of June 28, 1910 listed new build permits. John paid \$1500.00 for his property with the intention of building on it. 461 Beniteau Ave. was the family home from 1910.



World War I arrived and John filled in his draft registration card. His registry report indicated he had reddish hair, grey eyes and was considered tall. He was also a naturalized citizen by then. The card was filled out around 1917 when the family dynamics were greatly changing.

### REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER **1771** ORDER NUMBER **985**

1 **John Arthur Elliott**

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS  
**461 Mc Dougall Ave Detroit, Mich.**

3 Age in Years **44** 4 Date of Birth **August 31 1874**

RACE

5  White 6  Negro 7  Oriental 8  Indian 9  Hawaiian

U. S. CITIZEN      ALIEN

10 Native Born  Naturalized  Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority  Declarant  Non Declarant

11  12  13  14

15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION **foundry foreman** 17 EMPLOYER'S NAME **Shob Castings Co**

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS  
**21 Chene Street Detroit, Mich.**

19 NEAREST RELATIVE Name **Helen Elliott (daughter)**

20 Address **461 Beniveau Ave Detroit, Mich.**

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

P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Red) **John A. Elliott**

### C 21-1-13 REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22 <input type="checkbox"/>	23 <input type="checkbox"/>	24 <input type="checkbox"/>	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26 <input type="checkbox"/>	27 <b>Grey</b>	28 <b>Reddish</b>

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.) **no**

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

The year 1917 resulted in the divorce of John and Maude. Her grounds were of cruelty. At that point, he left the family home to Maude and the four daughters which explains his address on the registration card and the nearest relative being daughter Helen at the Beniteau address. Family lore has it that John was: "We vaguely recall our mother (Marjorie) referring to him aka "Bulldog" ... a hard drinker with a nasty temper" as per great grandson Gary Gilleran.

Divorce record 27 Nov 1917.

273		Return Relative to Divorces from the _____ Court,				County of _____, State of _____								
Record Number.	FULL-NAME OF EACH PARTY.	Age of Each in Years.	Date of Marriage.			PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	Number of Children in Family.	Complainant Husband or Wife.	Date of Filing Application.	Date of Final Action.			ALLEGED CAUSE FOR DIVORCE.	Was the Case Contested or Not?
			Month.	Day.	Year.					Month.	Day.	Year.		
60779	Maude Elliott John Elliott	40 47	July	2	1896	Detroit, Mich.	4	Wife	Sept 5 1917	Nov. 27 1917		Cruelty	No	

The 1920 census illustrated the changes in the family. Maude was now the head of the house. She was working as a private nurse. Helen at age 19 was a bookkeeper for a carburetor manufacturer. I imagine that Helen had to quit school in order to work to bring in money to help pay the bills. Gertrude had left school and by 16 years of age was a telephone switchboard operator for a telephone company. The two youngest, Marjorie age 15, and Ethel age 12 were in school. John A was single and a boarder living in Detroit.

1920 census Pg 1

Brown Elliott, Marie	Wife	10	M	W	42	1902	Mich	Canada	English
—, Helen	Daughter		F	W	18			Michigan	
—, Gertrude	Daughter		F	W	16			Michigan	
—, Mayorie	Daughter		F	W	15			Michigan	
—, Ethel	Daughter		F	W	12			Michigan	

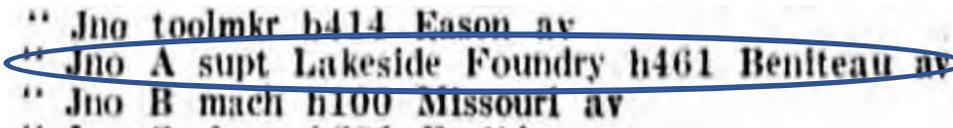
1920 census Pg 2

England	English	Ireland	Irish	1900	nurse	Private
Canada	English	Canada	English	1900	book keeper	calculator Co.
Canada	English	Canada	English	1900	telephone operator	telephones
Canada	English	Canada	English	1900	none	
Canada	English	Canada	English	1900	none	

1920 census John A

Suerwier, Frederick W.	Head	19	M	W	39	1881	Mich	Canada	English
—, Nellie R.	Wife		F	W	40			Canada	English
Elliott, John A.	Lodger		M	W	45	1898	Mich	Canada	English

The Suerwier's lived at 362 McDougall Ave. This was an apartment building in what was an industrial neighbourhood of the downtown core of Detroit.



Lakeside Foundry was John's new employer after the year 1919. He was a supervisor.

A molder is still a profession today. Foundry workers make foundry molds and cores by hand or machine, cast molten metal, and operate furnaces in the foundry industry. They are employed by metal foundries and foundry departments of metal products manufacturing companies.

According to Owl.net

“The **Lakeside Foundry** was located in Detroit, Michigan, United States. It no longer stands. It was on Lycaste St. South of Jefferson between Jefferson and Freud between St. Jean and Clairpointe. It opened in the late nineteenth century and was owned and operated by Alexander Russel Keys Sr. The foundry first started producing cast iron stoves and accessories. In 1920 it increased its capital from \$40,000 to 120,000.”

The Lakeside Foundry also had the contract for the manufacturer of the engines for the Ford Model T motor car. However, after a few years, Lakeside Foundry lost this contract when Henry Ford began building his own engines for his vehicles. The Foundry remained in operation for several years before ceasing manufacturing operations. The Keys family held onto the factory and used it for storage for their other economic pursuits.

GIRLS EXPERIENCED IN  
 MAKING CORES; WAGES  
 \$6 PER DAY; 8 HOURS  
 STEADY WORK. APPLY  
**LAKESIDE FOUNDRY,**  
 170 LYCASTE AVE.

By 1916, Lakeside Foundry was a money maker for shareholders but by January 1925 it was up for auction.

The building is apparently demolished in 2022.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE  
**THE FAMOUS LAKESIDE FOUNDRY OF DETROIT**  
 Known as the most modern equipped foundry for  
 production in the U. S. A.  
 Sale includes: About 45 Molders, Squeezers, Strippers, such as Osborne, Price,  
 Grimes, International, Adams & Tabor makes.  
 About \$15,000 worth of chain hoists, cranes, elevators, conveyors, etc.  
 Complete Pattern Shop woodworking machinery.  
 Large lot of electric motors from 2 H. P. to 30 H. P., all a. c., 3 ph., 60 cycle  
 sand mixers, sand revolvers, sand blasts, oil and coke fired ovens, blowers,  
 compressors, etc., etc.  
 Also Valuable Real Estate, Buildings, etc.  
 Sale takes place 11 a. m. Thursday, January 23, 1925, 600 Lycaete St., Detroit.  
 Circular free.  
**Herbert "Action" Segal, Auctioneers.**

**PAYS 100 PER CENT  
 STOCK DIVIDEND**

**Company's Authorized  
 Capital Increased From  
 \$40,000 to \$120,000.**

With the company's business increasing in volume, stockholders of the **Lakeside Foundry** company have found a larger capitalization desirable and at their annual meeting Saturday it was voted to increase the company's authorized capital stock from \$40,000 to \$120,000 and issue \$29,500 of the new stock to the shareholders in the form of a 100 per cent stock dividend, which is to be paid for from accumulated surplus. Of the previously authorized capital \$29,500 is outstanding, representing cash paid in.

During the year the company has made additions increasing output capacity of its plant on Lycaete avenue, below Jefferson avenue, by about 60 per cent.

Directors elected are: **William Blanck, A. Russel Keys, Edward Stephens, John F. Keys, J. W. Murray.** Officers elected by the directors are: President, **William Blanck;** vice-president and general manager, **A. Russel Keys;** treasurer, **Edward Stephens;** secretary, **John F. Keys.**

There is a bit of history in regards to John A's birth certificate. It appears none was issued. For some reason in 1940, perhaps to register for old age pension, he had to have one notarized and witnessed. His younger sister Ellen was the declarer. The mention of the family bible is intriguing. I wish I knew if it still exists.

**Dominion of Canada**  
**PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

In the Matter of the Registration of a Birth which has not been registered with the Division Registrar within one year after such birth took place;

To Wit: And in the Matter of The Vital Statistics Act.

Name of Child in full	John Arthur Elliott.	
Date of Birth of Child	August 31st, 1874.	Sex male.
Place of Birth of Child	North Oxford, (City, Town, Village or Township)	County of Oxford, 41
Name of Father in full	John Rogers Elliott.	
Post Office Address of Father at time of said Birth	Ingersoll, Ontario.	at time of said Birth Occupation of Father Farm labourer.
Maiden Name of Mother	Elisabeth Johnson.	
Name of Physician at said Birth	Dr. I. R. Walker.	

I, Ellen Smith, of the Village  
of Beachville, in the County of Oxford, in the Province of Ontario,

Do Solemnly Declare that:

- (1). I am the an older sister of the aforesaid; John Arthur Elliott.
- (2). I have personal knowledge of the matters herein and above set forth, and the information furnished is true in substance and in fact;
- (3). Neither the father or mother of the said John Arthur Elliott are living.

*My age is  
Sixty nine  
Ellen Smith*

There is an entry in the Family Bible, kept by my father, and in his hand writing as follows:--  
"John A. Elliott, North Oxford, Ontario, August 31st, 1874."

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if I made under oath and by virtue of the CANADA EVIDENCE ACT.

Declared before me at the Town of Ingersoll,  
in the County of Oxford, in the  
Province of Ontario, this 31st, day of  
May, 1940.

*Ellen Smith*  
(signature of declarant)

*John H. Patterson*  
Notary Public, Commissioner, etc., or Justice of the Peace.

This Declaration may be made IN ONTARIO before a Commissioner for taking Affidavits, Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public. OUT OF ONTARIO, it should be made before a Notary Public who should affix his notarial seal. (OVER)

52M-Nov., 1939 (P 2072)

JUN 21 1940 BK 158

ELLIOTT, John Arthur

Except for his birth certificate, my trail for John A. Elliott becomes complicated in the 1930s to 1950 with the number of John Elliotts in Detroit. A 1950 census for John A. Elliott (the A looks like a written O) is a best guess as to his whereabouts. He is listed as a lodger at the Cadillac Square Hotel in Detroit. His age is correct and he is listed as divorced.

1950 census



Oldest sister Henrietta's obit in 1944 suggests he was dead at that time at leads to the question why would that be the case. His obituary in the Detroit Free Press dated 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1961. My older sister remembers his visits to our grandfather's farm (John's brother Albert) around 1950. She said that he seemed to always arrive in the late evening. He gave her a red box with candy in it one time. Our mother, his sister-in-law, was always suspicious as to why he only showed up at night.



Detroit Free Press 10 Jan, 1961



The obituary shows John's three surviving daughters and two surviving siblings. There is no indication that he remarried or had stepchildren. He appeared to be much of a loner in the years leading up to this death with no indications through censuses or other ways that he had close relationships right until his death at age 86. No burial location was given.

Cadillac Square Hotel: 1950 home of John A. Elliott

On Aug 26, 1920 Mary Maude Cutriss married Asahel Stewart "Doc" Cooper. No reason has been found as to why Asahel was called "Doc" as remembered by his family. He was born in Sweet Bottom, York County, Penn. 25 Mar 1884.

Cooper worked as a street car driver in 1930 and was 8 years Maude's junior. The four Elliott girls accompanied Maude to the Cooper home which was coincidentally, also on Beniteau St. just a few houses from the family's original home. Did they know each other prior to Maude's 1917 divorce?

Marriage Registration Part 1

						Fathers
Steward Cooper	39	alt.	Detroit, Mich.	Penna.	Motorman	Wm
Mary Elliott Cutriss	42	"	"	Canada	-	James

Part 2

Mothers

Witnesses

Father Mitchell Kate Alcock	200. 018	Aug. 26 1920	Detroit, Mich.	J. Richter Justice	John M. Kijci Edw. W. Miller	Detroit, Mich. " "
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The 1930 Detroit census had 2 stepdaughters living with Asahel at his Beniteau St. home. There was also a granddaughter named Gloria Harwood.

Cooker Asahel S	Head	9000	R	700	M	49	M	39	700	Yes
Maude	Wife			V	F	51	M	21	700	Yes
Marjorie K	Daughter			V	F	25	S		700	Yes
Ethel M	Step daughter			V	F	22	S		700	Yes
Harwood Gloria	Grand daughter			V	F	9	S		700	Yes

During the depression Asahel was still working as a streetcar driver while Marjorie was bookkeeper at a radiator shop and Ethel was a bookkeeper at an auto plant. Helen and Gertrude were not at home for this census. Because of granddaughter Gloria's age, Marjorie and Ethel could not be the mother of Gloria as they would have been too young. Helen would have been 19 or 20 at Gloria's birth and would be a likely candidate but she was not living with the family. More on Gloria and Helen later. 1940 brought a return of two daughters, Helen and Gertrude. Granddaughter Gloria Harwood was still at the house but Marjorie had married and had moved on.

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES						
SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION						
Cooker, Asahel	Head	0	M	W	54	M
Maude	wife	1	F	W	62	M
Helen	daughter	2	F	W	39	S
Gertrude	daughter	2	F	W	35	S
Ethel	daughter	2	F	W	32	S
Harwood, Gloria	Grand daughter	4	F	W	19	S

There are several things to note regarding the 1940 census. The stepdaughters were back home, likely from failed marriages. Their ages also indicate such. Everyone except 62-year-old Maude was working.

Asahel street car driver  
 Helen bookkeeper in the auto industry  
 Gertrude was now a supervisor  
 at the phone company  
 Ethel stenographer in auto sales  
 Gloria clerk at auto sales

Motorman	Street railway
Bookkeeper	Automobile Industry
Supervisor	Telephone Company
Stenographer	Automobile Sales
Clerk	Automobile Sales

They were all living at 5910 Courville St in NW Detroit in the 1940 census. (Left photo)



Asahel and Maude downsized after the family was gone and moved into a smaller home at 5790 Bishop St. Detroit. (Right photo)

Asahel died May 23, 1959

Maude died 01 Nov, 1969

**COOPER**  
 Asahel (Doc), age 75, of 5790 Bishop Rd. Beloved husband of Maude, dear father of Mrs. Helen Van Sickle, Mrs. Gertrude Lovell, Mrs. Marjorie Babcock and Mrs. Ethel Welsh; grandfather of three and great-grandfather of three. Services at Alfred W. Eppens Funeral Home, 8339 Gratiot Ave., Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment Forest Lawn.

**COOPER**  
 Nov 5, 1969 Detroit Free Press  
**MAUDE.** Wife of the late Asahel; dear mother of Mrs. Helen Van-Sickle, Mrs. Gertrude Lovell, Mrs. Ethel Welsh and the late Mrs. Marjorie Babcock; grandmother of three, great-grandmother of nine. Services at the **Eppens-VanDe-weghe Funeral Home**, 6150 Cadieux Rd. at Harper, Thursday at 11 a.m.

**Granddaughter of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson  
Child of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss**

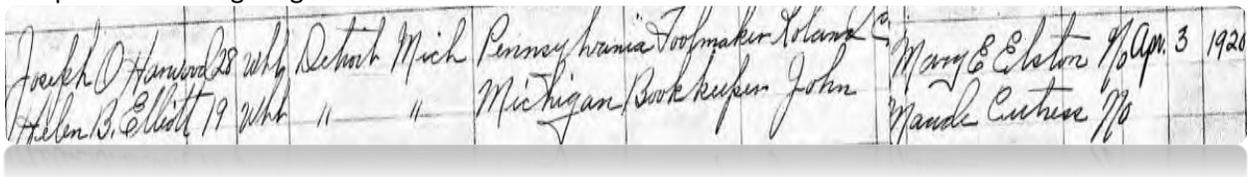
First Child: Helen Beatrice

B 30 Mar 1901 Detroit  
D 1982 possibly Pt Huron, Mi.  
M 03 Mar 1920  
Divorced: 18 Jun 1925

Spouse: Charles Harwood  
Spouse: "Ben" VanSickle

Helen was born in Detroit, the oldest of four girls. She lived in the family home with her mother and three sisters after her parent's divorce. In the year prior to her mother remarrying, Helen married a Joseph Oliver Harwood. He was listed as a toolmaker on his marriage schedule but the 1930 census had him listed as a cab driver.

03 Apr 1920 marriage registration for Helen



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

COUNTY Wayne 82 6975 DOCKET No. 110361

**DIVORCE RECORD**

Name of each Helen B. Harwood Age 23  
Joseph O. Harwood Age 28

State or Country in which married Detroit Mich Date Apr 3 1919

Date of Filing Petition Apr 4 1924 Who was Libellant Wife  
(Husband or Wife)

Was Case Contested no (Yes or No) Date of Decree or Judgment June 18 1925

Cause for Which Divorced Extreme Cruelty

Was Alimony Granted yes

Whether Granted, Refused or Withdrawn Granted

Whether Absolute or Conditions Absolute

Number of Children in Family one (see reverse side)

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

Date June 30 1925 Clerk of Circuit Court, County of Wayne



By 18 Jun 1925 she was granted a divorce on the grounds of "extreme cruelty". They had 3-year-old Gloria L, with them when they divorced.

He remarried in 1927 and lived in the Detroit region for his entire life.

PLACE OF ABODE				NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930, was in this family Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any Include every person living on April 1, 1930. Omit children born since April 1, 1930	RELATION Relationship of this person to the head of the family	HOME DATA				PERSONAL DESCRIPTION				EDUCATION		Place of birth of each per the United States, give which birthplace is not French from Canada-E  PERSON	
Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number (in cities or towns)	Number of dwelling house in order of visitation	Number of family in order of visitation			Home owned or rented	Value of home, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented	Radio set	Does this family live on a farm?	Sex	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Marital condition	Age at first marriage	Attended school since Sept. 1, 1929		Whether able to read and write
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	80 D 11	26		Lindbergh - John R.	Head	R	65 <sup>00</sup>	40	70	M	W	29	M	27	No	Yes	England
				Angela	Wife	R				F	W	27	M	27	No	Yes	Canada English
	A4	27		Pool - Jean L.	Head	R	65 <sup>00</sup>	40	70	F	W	47	W	28	No	Yes	Canada English
	A11	28		Harwood - Helen	Head	R	60 <sup>00</sup>	40	70	F	W	29	D	19	No	Yes	Michigan

The 1930 Detroit census did find Helen Elliott Harwood paying \$60 a month in rent while living in the Lindbergh Apts. on Seward St. She was working as a stenographer. As noted previously, her daughter Gloria lived in the family home with her aunts and grandmother and step grandfather. It appears that 29-year-old Helen was not able to support her daughter and thus her daughter Gloria lived with the family core. Gloria's father appeared to have no connection to his daughter.

#### 1930 census Wayne County Detroit

Copper Ashby J	Head	9000	R	70	M	W	49	M	37	No	Yes
Wanda J	Wife				F	W	51	M	21	No	Yes
Elliott Marjorie K	Daughter				F	W	25	S		No	Yes
Elliott M	Daughter				F	W	22	S		No	Yes
Harwood Gloria J	Daughter				F	W	9	S		Yes	Yes

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				Angela	Wife	R				F	W	27	M	27	No	Yes	Canada English
	A4	27		Pool - Jean L.	Head	R	65 <sup>00</sup>	40	70	F	W	47	W	28	No	Yes	Canada English
	A11	28		Harwood - Helen	Head	R	60 <sup>00</sup>	40	70	F	W	29	D	19	No	Yes	Michigan



As was noted before, the 1940 census had three older sisters all living at their stepfather's home. Gloria was still living with them at that time.

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—, Maude	wife	1	F	W	62	M
—, Helen	daughter	2	F	W	39	S
—, Gertrude	daughter	2	F	W	35	S
—, Ethel	daughter	2	F	W	32	S
Harwood, Gloria	Head daughter	4	F	W	19	S

Helen later remarried. Her new spouse was "Ben" Van Sickle. No information has been found about "Ben" Van Sickle other than what John A's later generations of family can recall. He was known as "Ben" although it is not known if that was his Christian name. No marriage date has been located nor birth or death dates. It appears that their marriage was the second for both and they married at a mature age. They rarely made appearances at family events.

There is conflicting evidence regarding Helen's death. It is known that her niece, Barbara Babcock moved her from Detroit to be nearer Barbara's family in Port Huron where Barbara lived from 1978 to 1996. Helen moved into the retirement community of Marine City in Port Huron and that is where she passed away in 1993. There is much confusion regarding Helen as there was another Helen Van Sickle who lived in Port Huron at the same time but appears to have been born there and died in 1982. A humorous family story points out that Ben Van Sickle's cremation box of ashes bounced around under the seat of Helen's nephew's truck for a decade before being scattered.

Helen's daughter, Gloria Harwood, married a man named Leonard DeLiso. They moved to Chicago where she died in Sept 1987. Helen had no other children. In her later years, Helen introduced Gloria to the family at a family gathering. She was a surprise to all the great nieces and nephews who had no knowledge of Gloria's existence.

No. 572816 **Marriage License** 255849 19 41  
Wayne County, Michigan  
To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage in the State of Michigan,  
SPAR J. LINGEMAN, Clerk

**Greeting:**  
**Marriage May Be Solemnized in the State of Michigan Between**  
Mr. Leonard J. De Liso and M. Gloria L. Harwood  
affidavit having been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended appears that said  
Leonard J. De Liso is 26  
color is Wht, residence is Detroit, Michigan, and  
Michigan, occupation is Engineer  
Peter, and mother's maiden name was Mary Conti  
has been previously married no time; and that said Gloria L. Harwood  
20 years of age, color is Wht, residence is Detroit, Michigan and  
birthplace was Michigan, occupation is Switchboard Opr, father's name  
Joseph, and mother's maiden name was Helen Elliott  
and who has been previously married no time 8, and whose maiden name was  
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 22 day of August, A. D. 1941  
L. S. *Casper J. Lingeman*  
County Clerk

**HARWOOD**  
Gloria L. Harwood, loving daughter of Helen Van Sickle; beloved niece of Gertrude (Lloyd) Lovell and Ethel Welsh; fond Godmother of Scott and Karla Karoff. Funeral service Thursday 11 a.m. at Birren & Son Funeral Home, 6125 N. Clark St. Interment private. Visitation Wednesday 6 to 9 p.m. 743-1020.

Chicago Tribune Nov 16, 1987.

**Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson  
Child of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss**

**Second Child: Gertrude "Gert" Maude** B 13 Sept 1903 Detroit  
 D 03 Jun 1991 Detroit  
 M 13 Apr 1921 Detroit  
 Divorce 17 Sept 1925 Detroit  
 Spouse: Kenneth Siler B unknown  
 M 1955-65  
 Spouse: Lloyd Lewis Lovell B 06 Jan 1918 Shaunavon, Sask.  
 D 24 Dec 2002 Plantation, Florida

Gertrude (on some documents "Ruth") was born in 1903 in Detroit. She had to quit school at 16 in order to work so that she could supply an income for the family after her father left due to her parent's divorce. She did not go back to school when her mother remarried in Aug 1920. The reason being that she herself was married at age 18. She married 18-year-old, Illinois born, Kenneth Siler. They married on 13 Apr 1921.



Gertrude spent several decades working with the Michigan Phone Company.

The "Spirit of Communications" as used on the phone book covers by the Bell System of Michigan on telephone directories, 1930-40.



The marriage was not a good one. Four years later, Gertrude filed for divorce in June 1925 due to "extreme cruelty". Divorce was granted on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1925. No children were involved in the marriage.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

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DOCKET No. 123204

COUNTY Wayne

### DIVORCE RECORD

Name of each Hennrich Siler Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Gertrude Siler Age \_\_\_\_\_

State or Country in which married Delaware Date Apr 6 1921

Date of Filing Petition June 13 1925 Who was Libellant Husband

Was Case Contested no Date of Decree or Judgment Sept 27 1925

Cause for Which Divorced Extreme Cruelty

Was Alimony Granted no

Whether Granted, Refused or Withdrawn Granted

Whether Absolute or Conditions Absolute

Number of Children in Family none (see reverse side)

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

THOMAS F. FARRELL

Date Sept 30 1925 Clerk of Circuit Court, County of Wayne

It would be expected that Gertrude would be found back at her mother's residence on the 1930 census. She was not there. I would be curious as to where she went after her divorce and during that decade. The 1940 census had Gertrude, at age 35, living back with her mother and sisters.

<u>Cooper, Asabel</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>—, Maude</u>	<u>wife</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>—, Helen</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>—, Gertrude</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>—, Ethel</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>Harwood, Gloria</u>	<u>Grand daughter</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>S</u>

I do not know the date of Gertrude's second marriage but it would have to be between 1940 and 1954. She married Lloyd Lewis Lovell. Lloyd was born in Shaunavon, Sask., a small village 175 km southwest of Regina and 70 km from the US border. His father died of the Spanish Flu two months before Lloyd's birth. His mother, Agnes Hamel, soon moved Lloyd and his two older brothers to Amherstburg, Ont. where the family had previously lived (1921 census). Lloyd worked in the area as an inspector/labourer until WWII. He was on the beach in Normandy in June 1944. After the war he returned to Amherstburg. It appears that he moved to Detroit in 1950 and married Gertrude.

I did find Gertrude and Lloyd living in east Detroit in the 1954 and 1957 City directories.

1954 Directory:

**—Lloyd L (Gertrude M) asst mgr Household Finance h16807  
Juliana**

1957 Directory:

**--Lloyd L (Gertrude M) sls eng Eastland  
Ofc (Det) h16807 Juliana**



Both directories indicated that they lived at 16807 Juliana Ave in NE Detroit in the 1950s.

In their later years, they lived at 3760 W. Maple Rd in Birmingham Hills Mi. Their house backed onto the north course of the famous Oakland Hills Country Club. The Club has hosted 6 US Opens and 3 PGA Championships since it first was built in 1916. The home stayed in her nephew's Babcock family after their deaths. The couple was childless.

Gertrude was remembered by a child of her husband's brother. "I remember Aunt Gert as a loving, kind lady who was

generous with her hugs for me. She often spoke of her nephew Donald (Babcock)".

Name:	Gertrude M Lovell
Birth Date:	13 Sep 1903
Address:	7803 S Extension Rd
Residence Place:	Cheboygan, Michigan, USA
Zip Code:	49721-9040

Gertrude appeared to be living in the northern Michigan community of Cheboygan in her later years, perhaps with or near her nephew Don Babcock and family who had moved there in the 1970s. I have been told by family members that the Lovell's spent time in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Gertrude M

Lovell died there 03 June 1991. After her death, Lloyd Lewis Lovell remarried in 1992 and died in 2002 of diabetes, also in Fort Lauderdale.

**Gertrude M. Lovell**  
in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 193

Name:	Gertrude M. Lovell
Social Security Number:	363-01-4143
Birth Date:	13 Sep 1903
Issue Year:	Before 1951
Issue State:	Michigan
Last Residence:	33317, Fort Lauderdale, Broward, Florida, USA
Last Benefit:	33317, Fort Lauderdale, Broward, Florida, USA
Death Date:	3 Jun 1991



Lloyd L Lowell



## Grandchildren of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson Children of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss

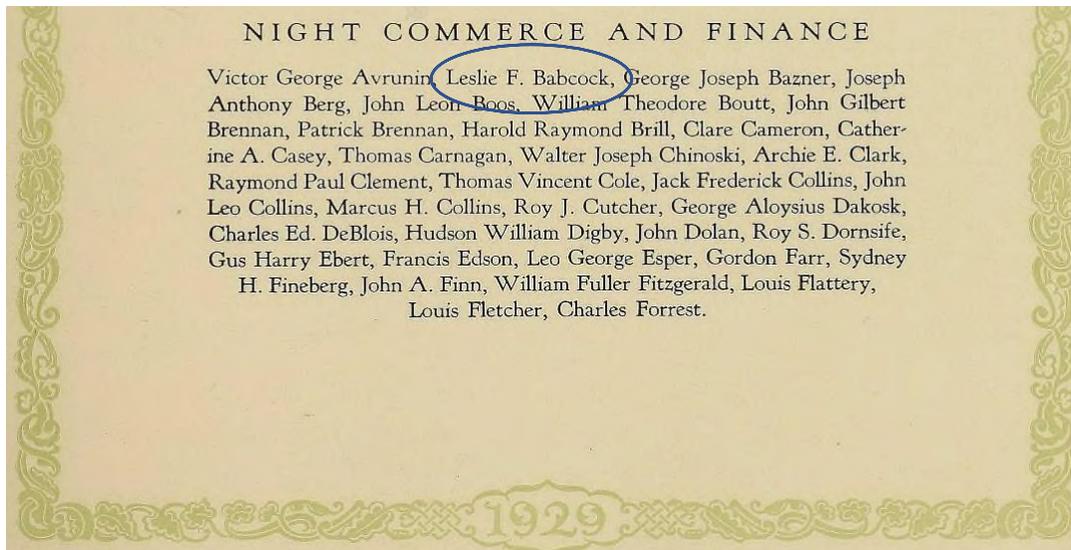
Third Child: Marjorie C      B 25 Dec 1904 Detroit  
D 01 May 1966 Detroit  
M 27 Jun 1931 Detroit  
Spouse: Leslie Francis Babcock    B 01 Jan 1903 Mt Clemens, Mi.  
D 11 Jul 1997 Burt Lake, Cheboygan, Mi.

Four Children:  
Donald Babcock  
Barbara (Babcock) Gilleran  
John B 07 May 1944 D 17 Jan 1945 Spinal Muscular Atrophy  
Unknown – newborn

Marjorie was a Christmas baby. As was noted earlier, in 1919, Margorie left high school after her second year in order to work to help financially support her single mother and sisters. Marjorie was at home with most of her family in the 1920 census decade. She married Leslie Francis Babcock on 07 Jun 1931 at age 26.

Leslie was born into the Frederick Babcock and Anna Paya family of Mt. Clemens, Mi. on 01 Jan 1903. The Babcock family appears to be long time Michigan residents as early censuses record Leslie's grandparents as being born in Michigan as well. Leslie was the third child and oldest son in his family. The lived in Mt. Clemens through Leslie's formative years. His father Frank was listed as a painter in the 1910 census. Frank had moved the family to Detroit by the 1920 census. He was employed as a toolmaker. By the time Leslie was 27, he was listed in the 1930 census as a manager of a company named General Utilities.

By 1929, he had graduated from night school classes in Commerce and Finance at the University of Detroit.



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No. 394668 **Marriage License** 1931

**Wayne County, Michigan**

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage,

**Greeting:**

Marriage May Be Solemnized Between

Mr. Leslie F. Babcock and M. Marjorie C. Elliott

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

Leslie F. Babcock is 28 years of age, color is white, residence is Detroit, Michigan, and birthplace was Michigan, occupation is Service manager, father's name Frank, and mother's maiden name was Anna Pava

has been previously married no time 8; and that said Marjorie C. Elliott is 26 years of age, color is white, residence is Detroit, Michigan and birthplace was Michigan, occupation is switchboard operator, father's name John, and mother's maiden name was Maud Cutries

and who has been previously married no time 8, and whose maiden name was \_\_\_\_\_, 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 22nd day of June, A. D. 1931.

Thos. J. Farrell  
County Clerk  
by Chas. W. Sull  
Deputy Clerk

HP

**Certificate of Marriage**

Between Mr. Leslie F. Babcock and M. Marjorie C. Elliott

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein in marriage by me, at Detroit, County of Wayne on the 27th day of June, A. D. 1931 of Robert W. Babcock, of Detroit, Michigan and Lucile Koladziewski, of Detroit, Michigan as witnesses. Rev. Fred W. Schaefer Name of Magistrate or Clerg

Pastor St. Anthony's  
Official Title.

This copy to be retained by the County Clerk until the original is returned; when it is to be ment and forwarded at the first of the following month to the Michigan Department of Heal

This space reserved for binding

Cathedral Abbey of St. Anthony's.



17					Arnold	John	M	W	32	M	2	0	Michigan	
18	13735	74	R	38	Babcock	Leslie	M	W	37	M	2	4	70	Michigan
19					Marjorie	Wife	F	W	35	M	2	4	10	Michigan
20					Donald	Son	M	W	7	S	1	1	Michigan	
21					Barbara	Daughter	F	W	4	S	0	0	Michigan	
22	13710	74	R	20	Blanche	Daughter	M	W	20	M	2	4	3	Michigan

1940 Pg 1 census

Leslie Babcock was 37 years old in the 1940 census. He was an assistant manager in an advertising firm making \$2040 a year and had two small children aged 7 and 4 at home.

No	XXXX	40	-	-	-	-	40	Assistant manager	Advertising firm	\$2040	0	0
No	XXXX	No	No	No	No	No	4				0	0
No	XXXX											

1940 Pg 2 census

There is some interesting information on Leslie's draft card. His home address and work location for 1942 is now known. He also had great penmanship as seen by his signature.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 2159 1. NAME (Print) Leslie Francis Babcock ORDER NUMBER 12293

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 13738 Eastwood Detroit Wayne Mich

3. MAILING ADDRESS Same

4. TELEPHONE Hr-6229 5. AGE IN YEARS 39 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Mt Clemens Mich

DATE OF BIRTH Jan 1 1903

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Frank Babcock 12040 Parkgrove

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Gagnier Printing Plate Co

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1386 E Congress Detroit Wayne Mich

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42) 10-21630-2 Leslie F. Babcock (Registrant's signature)

He was employed by The Joseph Gagnier Printing Plate Co. which was a well-known Detroit book binding company.

A customer catalogue from the Detroit Historical Society.

## 1948.048.004 - Brochure



Advertising brochure entitled, "Smart Printing of Smart Sayings," printed by the Liggett & Gagnier Art Printers of Detroit. The softcover is made of heavy-weight orange, purple, and green art papers that are bound with a staple and a thin green cord. The 16 interior pages are made of various lightweight art papers that are printed with colored text, pictures, and/or photographs. One of the photographs is of Joseph S. Gagnier. It appears that the variety of papers, text styles, drawings, and photographic images which are included in the brochure are intended to show potential customers the many capabilities of the printer.



The family home on the draft card is noted as 13738 Eastwood Ave. What would have been an upper middle-class neighbourhood then is no longer the case in the abandonment of Detroit neighbourhoods.

### **Mrs. Babcock Gives Bridge-Luncheon**

Mrs. **Leslie Babcock**, of Eastwood Ave., was hostess at a bridge-luncheon in the Whittier Wednesday afternoon.

Her guests included Mrs. George Nankervis, Mrs. Ernest Cecil, Mrs. Harry Wise, Mrs. Ernest Simmons, Mrs. Raymond Lodholz, Mrs. Herbert Daly, Mrs. Frank Groat and Mrs. Louis Davison.

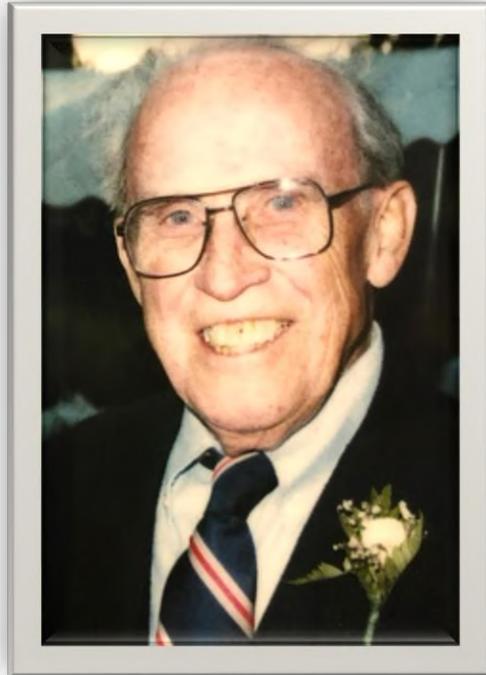
Driving from Sandusky, Mich., for the day were Mrs. Geneva Parrish, Mrs. Gerald Van Norman and Mrs. Marie Frame.

Detroit Free Press

Nov 17, 1954

Marjorie was struck down by cancer in 1966. I am told by her grandson that it was a long hard struggle for her. She struck me as a stoic woman that never complained.

Leslie retired and eventually moved to Burt Lake in North Michigan to live with his son Donald and his family. He passed in 1997.



**BABCOCK**

**MARJORIE C. (Marge);** Beloved wife of Leslie F.; Dear mother of Donald F. and Mrs. Barbara Gilleran; Grandmother of eight; Dear daughter of Mrs. Maude Cooper; Dear sister of Mrs. Helen Van-Sickle, Mrs. Gertrude Lovell and Mrs. Ethel Welsh. Funeral from the **Eppens-VanDeweshe Funeral Home**, 6150 Cadieux Rd. at Harper, Monday at 9:15 a.m. and St. Matthew Church at 10. Rosary Sunday 8:15 p.m.

**Leslie F. Babcock, 94**

Leslie F. Babcock, 94, of Burt Lake, passed away at the home of his son on Friday, July 11, 1997. He was born Jan. 1, 1903, in Mount Clemens, the son of Frank and Anne Babcock. In 1929, he married Marjorie Elliott in Detroit. She preceded him in death on April 25, 1966. Mr. Babcock was self employed as a manufacturer's representative

in the auto industry. He had made his home with his son, Donald, at Burt Lake for the past 18 years. Survivors include his son, Donald (Joanne) Babcock of Brutus, and his daughter, Barbara (Jerry) Gilleran of Port Huron. He also leaves 15 grandchildren and a sister, Jane (Leonard) LeMay, of Spokane, Wash.

**Grandchildren of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss  
Children of Marjorie Elliott and Leslie Babcock**

**First and Second Child:** twin infant boys did not survive the day.

Most of the information on Donald and Barbara Babcock was sent to me by Barbara's son, Gary Gilleran. For this I am most thankful.

**Third Child: Donald Francis Babcock**

B 09 Dec 1932 Detroit, Mi.  
D 04 Aug 2002 Petosky, Mi.  
M 1955

Spouse: Joanne Lois Hanson

B 12 Sept 1933 Detroit, Mi  
D 31 Jan 2017 Marquette, Mi.

As noted, Don was raised in the family home in Detroit.



Photo: Don's 1955 high school yearbook  
Edwin Denby High School

Don was a very active student at Denby High in Detroit.  
He was involved in numerous clubs and sports  
Teams.

VARSITY FOOTBALL — OUR "TARS"



The football "Tars" finished  
with 5 wins and a loss that  
year.

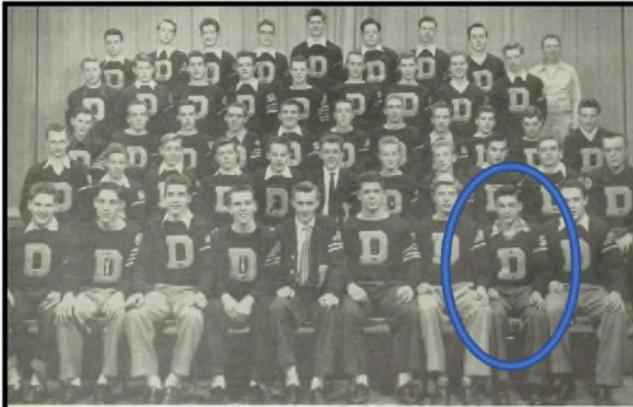
ROW 1: Chuck Malcomb, Don Babcock, Bob Knight, co-captains John DeGrandis and Mel Bernia, Norman Davis and Chester Vineyard.  
ROW 2: Guy Brown, Paul Fecko, Jerry Musetti, Dick Taylor, Ray Paquette, Daryl Mechemer, Eugene Haviland.  
ROW 3: Chuck Dengler, Werner Boelstler, Ted Dodenhoff, George Claeys, Dave Lippert, Andy Koski, Fred Merlie, Bob Harrison.

ROW 4: Ed Vickery, Re Santoro, Don Stuckey, I  
ROW 5: Bob Krueger, Rc Bates, Eugene Goodrich Fluegge.  
ROW 6: Coach Jim Stout ton, Don Nicol and Ass  
ROW 7: Student manage

Varsity Basketball

Row 1—Frank Carly, Mac Blakemore, Bob Griffin, John Zimmerman, Don Babcock, Ronald Kay, Melvin Bachie.  
Row 2—Ken Henning, Kelly Rentz, Roland Eugenio, Kelly, Marve Melanson, Bob Deke.  
Row 3—Ch Harold Lindsay, Roger Deary, Annie Rae, Jack Mass, Ken Fergus, Bob Abbott.





**D CLUB**

- ROW 1: Dave Powell, Roger Dingman, Mel Bernia, Bill Mersten, Eric McClinton, John DeGrandis, Werner Holstler, Walter Vanda, Valde, Don Babcock
- ROW 2: Bob Dornwicz, Julian Malcolmson, Rex Midzy, George Elays, Bob Beagle, Terry Maxey, Jerry Kuesner, Lois MacNally, Ray Holand, Norm Davis, Bob Krueger
- ROW 3: Chuck McLaughlin, John Galasso, John Zimmerman, Bob Skinner, Frank Carly, Dave Cannons, Bob Harrison, Tom Vaughn, Ed Davis, Ron Straper, Mervie Melanson
- ROW 4: Chuck Kozick, Andy Karki, Gene Hayward, Ray Babie, Hal Colbeth, Ray Kelly, Don Head, Bill Howard, Ken Henning
- ROW 5: Dick Brown, John Peltar, Chuck Melanson, Bob Ruffalo, Terry Meisner, Chester Vineyard, Frank Haag, Bruce Dering, Len Stark

The D Club has started a brand new project. It is sponsoring a campaign against vandalism. It also assures good sportsmanship and maintains a high standard of citizenship.



CURSI  
WOLFF  
BOB SCHNEIDER



FLINT  
CHARPENE  
BEVILLA



**ELECTION**



BEST ATHLETE:  
CORNEL SYMONS  
KIM COLBERT



BEST DRESSED:  
JACK HORN  
PAT DEBEN



FINISST  
SHERRARD PEARSON  
HANDSOMEST:  
DON BABCOCK



EDWIN  
LORRA  
VERICE  
JOHN D'AMICO



PRETTIEST:  
BARBARA MORRIS  
HANDSOMEST:  
DON BABCOCK

Handsome Boy: Denby High

Joanne Lois Hanson was a year younger than Don but went to Edwin Denby High as well. She was a member of the orchestra.



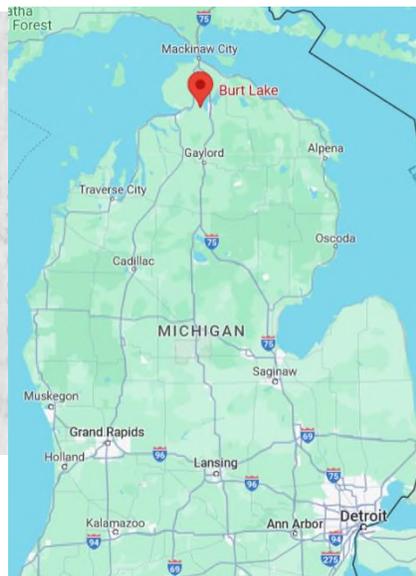
Edwin Denby High School



They were high school sweethearts and they were married in 1955. Don went to university. My understanding from his relatives, is that he owned a nursery and expanded it to include a company that manufactured colour infused cement blocks and decorative cement ornaments. He had worked on the idea of colouring cement and had developed and applied for the patent for the process. This led to a lucrative

market and the business thrived. By 1970, he was able to sell the business. In 1971, much to the chagrin of the teenage children, they moved to remote Burt Lake in Northern Mi.

**THE DONALD F. BABCOCK** family would like to sincerely express their thanks and appreciation to their many neighbors and friends who came to their assistance during and immediately following the unfortunate fire to their home on Burt Lake July 5, 1976. Also a special thanks to the personnel of the Alanson and Pellston fire departments.



His teenage daughter at the time told me that she cried the whole trip in the backseat of the car. The family home overlooked Burt Lake.

Unfortunately, there was a mishap a few years later. The house they moved to was destroyed by fire and rebuilt and is used by his family as a summer cottage today.

Don built an 18 lane Bowling Alley (expanded to 30 lanes at a later date) called the Spare Time Lanes in Cheboygan. It was a featured venue for ABC and ESPN television coverage of bowling tournaments. It opened 01 Oct 1977.

## New Bowling Alley to Open Oct. 1

By the time this winter's snows close the beaches and put the sailboats in drydock, northern Emmet County residents will have a new diversion to keep them busy until spring. Bowling.

A new 18-lane bowling alley—the SpareTime Lanes—is scheduled to open Oct. 1 about five miles south of Cheboygan

on M-27. The 23,000 square foot recreation center, being built by **Donald F. Babcock** and John A. Murch of Burt Lake, will have a nursery, pro shop, ball drilling service, lounge and limited food service.

In addition, there will be paved parking for 150 to 200 cars.

**Babcock** said league bowlers interested in setting up schedules can contact him at 627-3361.

Spare Times Lanes Facebook photo:

By 1989 he sold the bowling alley and retired to life at Burt Lake. Later they move to 7060 East Shane Lane in Cheboygan, Mi.



1978 Petoskey Review.

The following cases were disposed of by Magistrate John Kinert in the 90th District Court at Petoskey:

**Donald F. Babcock**, 45, of Brutus, speeding, \$41.

Petoskey News-Review  
Wed, Dec 03, 1969 · Page 12

**Donald F. Babcock, 36, Bloomfield Hills, loaded firearm in his vehicle, \$25.**

Gary Gilleran, Don's nephew, stated that Don was a bigger than life person who had a strong influence on Gary's life.



Donald's Obituary

*Donald F. Babcock, 69, of Brutus, passed away Aug. 4, 2002, at Northern Michigan Hospital.*

*Funeral service for Don was held Wednesday, Aug. 7, at St. Clement Catholic Church in Pellston, the Rev. Sylvester Micek, officiated.*

*Don was born Dec. 9, 1932, in Detroit, the son of Leslie and Marjorie Babcock and brother to Barbara (Jerry) Gilleran of Watervliet, Mich.*

*On Sept. 10, 1955, he married Joanne Hanson. He was a loving husband to Joanne and loving father to Susan Dionne (Scott) of Marquette, Brian (Shannon) of Savage, Minn., Robert (Nicki) of Brutus, and Cheryl Thies (Patrick) of Lakeville, Minn.*

*In 1971, he moved his family north to Brutus, locating on the west side of Burt Lake.*

*In 1972, he was elected supervisor and assessor for Burt Township, 30 years, an office he held until his death. In 1977, he built and operated the first 30-lane bowling alley in Cheboygan County., Spare Time Lanes was operated by the family for 12 years and*

*sold in 1989.*

*He was a past president of the Cheboygan Rotary Club. He was a member of the St. Clement Church in Pellston and served on the church council.*

*He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Thomas and Michelle Dionne, Brianna, Chelsie and Alicia Babcock, Bradley, Gregory, Cory and Timothy Babcock, and Celina Thies, who will miss him dearly because he was very much a part of their lives, He was preceded in death by his parents and two infant brothers.*



Joanne's Obituary.

*MARQUETTE, MI - Joanne Lois Babcock, age 83, of Marquette, entered eternal life Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at Mill Creek Assisted Living, in the loving, comforting care of her family and UP Home Health and Hospice.*

*Born September 12, 1933, in Detroit, a daughter of Donald and Henrietta (Kintzer) Hanson, Joanne was raised in the Detroit area and graduated from Denby High School, Class of 1951.*

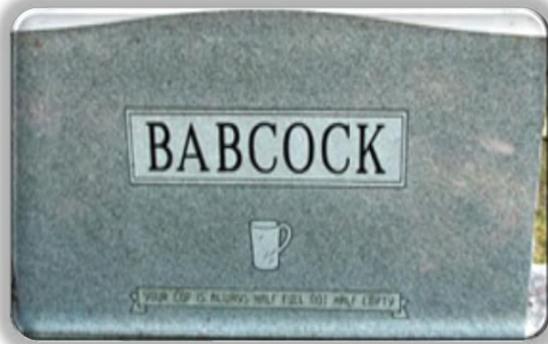
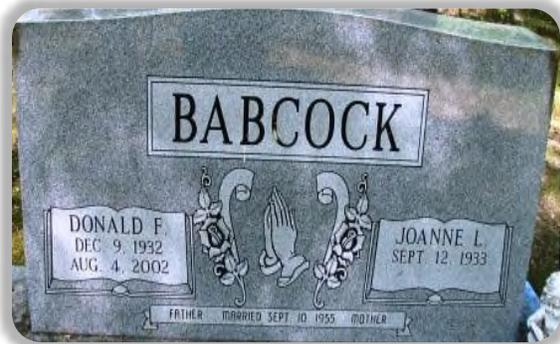
*In 1955, Joanne married her high school sweetheart, Donald Babcock, and together the couple set about establishing a home and raising four children in the Detroit suburbs. Joanne was kept happily busy as a homemaker and mother.*

*In 1971, the family moved to Northern Lower Michigan's Burt Lake where she enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing.*

*Joanne and Don were active and devoted members of St. Clement Catholic Church in Pellston, Michigan. While living at Burt Lake, the couple built a bowling alley called Spare Time Lanes in Cheboygan. It was a family run operation and many remember Joanne for her famous moonlight doubles buffet where no one could get enough of her legendary baked beans. She loved to cook and had an open heart for others, always making sure others were taken care of. Don and Joanne sold the establishment in 1987 and began enjoying their time together with family and friends at the lake.*

*Her grandchildren were everything to her, and time spent with them and following their activities were treasured. Following Don's passing, Joanne relocated to Marquette to be nearer to her daughter, Sue, and had resided at Mill Creek for the past five years.*

Joanne is survived by her children, Sue (Scott) Dionne of Marquette, Brian (Shannon) Babcock of Savage, MN, Bob (Nicki) Babcock of Brutus, MI, and Cheryl (Pat) Thies of Lakeville, MN; ten grandchildren, Brad (Amanda Tryban) Babcock, Greg (Becky) Babcock, Tom (Lindsey) Dionne, Cory Babcock, Tim (Kelly) Babcock, Brianna Babcock, Chelsie Babcock, Michelle (Craig Werner) Dionne, Alicia Babcock, and Celina Thies; five great-grandchildren, Abigail and Madison Babcock, Natalie Babcock, Kinley and Emery Dionne; a brother, Donald Hanson of Cadillac, MI; several nieces and nephews. Joanne was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald, in 2002; and her sister, Marilyn.



Inscription: "Your cup is always half full not half empty".

**Grand Children of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss**

**Children of Leslie Babcock and Marjorie Elliott**

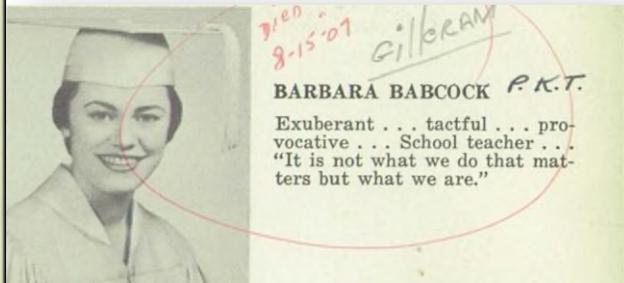
**Child: Barbara Ann**

B 16 July 1936 Detroit  
D 15 Aug 2007 Watervliet, Mi.

**Spouse: Gerald Thomas (Jerry) Gilleran**

M 12 Nov 1955 Detroit  
B 16 Feb 1933 Detroit  
D 13 Mar 2012 Cleveland, Ohio

Barbara was three years younger than her brother Don. She attended Assumption Grotto Elementary and Dominican High School. She graduated in 1953 and at her high school graduation party, met Gerald Thomas (Jerry) Gilleran. They were married in 1955, the same year as her brother. They had 7 children, 2 died in infancy.





**Wedding, Nov 12, 1953. l to r: Leslie Babcock, Margorie ( Elliott ) Babcock, Barbara ( Babcock ) Gilleran, Gerald Gilleran, Katherine and Geo. Gilleran**

Note Married Nov 12, 1955

St. Matthews Church, Detroit

Jerry Gilleran (from Gilleran family history notes)

With a strong Catholic background, Jerry decided to join a Seminary and study to become a priest in the early 1950's. Family lore has it that the priests recognized that he was not cut out for the priesthood and rolled him up in a carpet and carried him out to the street. While contemplating his next move, he joined the US Army during the Korean War but was surprisingly stationed on Belle Isle in Detroit to "watch for submarines" as his son Gary stated. Once relieved of duty he and Barbara married.

After their marriage the couple stayed in the Detroit area to start a family. Jerry went to work for his father in the lumber sales industry. His father's business was very successful and I imagine Jerry was deeply immersed in learning the ins and outs of running a manufacturing/sales business.

The Grigg Box Company in Detroit was founded in 1932. In 1963 Jerry Gilleran purchased the enterprise. It is thought he paid \$35,000 for the business at the time. The company initially made crates for the original Coca Cola glass bottles. With the advent of aluminum pop cans, the business adapted. Leftover Coke crates were sold to the US Army as grenade shipping boxes. The company expanded the product line to include wooden crates and boxes for all items, some as big as an Army tank. After the family moved to Port Huron, Jerry continued to commute to Detroit. Jerry ran the 100-employee operation, including for a time with his son Gary, until 1993 when he sold it. As a sidebar, the property was sold for a significant price as it was one of the rare pieces of land where the soil did not need to be remediated due to toxic elements that lurked in most of the soil in the Detroit industrial land base. Regardless, the company was still in business as of 2021.

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In 1973 the family moved to a home on the shore of Lake Huron in north Pt. Huron at 3790 Gratiot Ave. The majority of the schooling and raising of the family was done there.



Photo: The family home on the shore of Lake Huron

Jerry and Barbara moved to the western Michigan town of Watervliet in 2001. They purchased the lakefront property on Paw Paw Lake that was once a retreat for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and later a summer camp for girls. The property was refurbished by Jerry to serve as the family compound.





Barbara's Daughters ( top left to right )  
Patty Klapperich  
Kathy Andrews  
Margaret ( Peggy ) Rademaker  
Debby Frain



Barbara Babcock holding 1st Grandson Ed Gilleran. With her brother Don Gilleran (1985)

Daughter Patty now has full ownership of the house. Barbara excelled at painting; she had a studio in her home. When they moved to Watervliet, Barbara was in her 50s and she went back to school to become a dental hygienist. She went to work for her daughter Patty's dental practice in Chicago. She often commuted via train to Chicago from her home in Michigan. To facilitate her job, she and Jerry had a condo in Chicago that they could use. She worked until a year before her death.

(Don Gilleran should read: Don Babcock)



Barbara's son, Gary Gilleran with his Grandfather Leslie Babcock

An interesting note: Barbara and Jerry had 18 grandchildren. Of the 18, that included 5 sets of twins.

I was surprised to see in Ancestry.com records that Jerry Gilleran had died while living in Cleveland, Ohio. After conferring with his family, it was true. Jerry was always building things, not fine crafted items but home structures, additions and so on. It was pointed out to me that he had "sawdust in the blood". He went to Cleveland to help one of his daughters with construction on her house. He was there for six months when he slipped and fell and never recovered.

The best way to describe Jerry and Barbara is through their obituaries. It is obvious that they are written by the family and give more insight than I could about their personalities and life.

BARBARA ANN A. GILLERAN



*A talented artist, loving wife, mom and grandma, sister, aunt and friend, who taught her family so much during her lifetime through her actions, energy, love and spirit, lost her battle with cancer on Wednesday, August 15, 2007. But her approach to living like no other -- to love who you are and what you have, to find humor in everything, to laugh everyday, to welcome change and continue to dream -- will carry on in all those fortunate to have been touched by this remarkable woman. Barb was the spark, the firefly, the life-force weaving together generations through her warmth and generosity. She knew how to create a sense of community through a swimming pool and how to knit sweaters as well as families and ideas together. She also knew how to touch the deeper dimensions of life, inspire creativity and to teach her family to recognize beauty in colors, sunsets and flowers, the favorite subjects of her many paintings. She was born Barbara Ann*

*Babcock on July 16, 1935, in Detroit, Michigan, where she attended Assumption Grotto Elementary and Dominican High School and made many life-long friends. It was at a high school graduation party that she met her future husband, Gerald (Jerry) Gilleran, whom she married on November 12, 1955, at St. Matthews Church on Detroit's east side. And so began their story of raising five children, Gary, Patty, Kathy, Debbie and Peggy, in a fun-loving home where the front door was always open and neighbors and relatives were always welcome. In 2001 Barb and Jerry moved to the western Michigan town of Watervliet, into a former Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Retreat house, which they restored to accommodate their growing brood. While Barb continued to commute to Chicago weekdays, working as a dental assistant until last year, weekends were reserved for entertaining usually a full house of children, grandchildren, children's friends, friends of friends and family. With almost unimaginable energy and despite the cancer raging throughout her body, she still managed to plan and conduct, like an orchestra leader, one last party. Last Easter weekend, 125 adults and another 45 children, representing her closest loved ones, came together in a celebration of her life. The plants brought as gifts will transform each spring into her lasting memory and serve as eternal hope, especially for her grandkids. Because most of all, she loved being a grandma and spending time with her grandkids, and that's what her family will miss most of all. Barb was fortunate to be double blessed, an astounding five times, as three of her daughters added five sets of twins to the grandchild roster which has wound up totaling 18 grandkids in all. So life goes on without "our anchor" for husband Jerry, children Gary (Susie) Gilleran, Patty Gilleran (Tripp Klapperich), Kathy (Bob) Andrews, Debbie (John) Frain, and Peggy (Gary) Rademaker; grandchildren Eli, Adrienne and Gabriel Gilleran; Taylor and Trevor Andrews; Drue, Annie, Ben and Alex Klapperich; Ian, Malachy, Adele, Teagan and Stella Frain; Jack, Charlie, Joseph and Eleanor Rademaker; her sisters-in-law (who were her sisters) Mary Fran Gilleran, Helen Roach, Regina Butler, Carol Gilleran, Ann Gilleran, Judy Gilleran and Joanne Babcock; and her dear nieces and nephews. Her parents Leslie and Marjorie (nee Elliott) Babcock and her brother Donald Babcock, brother-in-law Jim Butler and very close friend of the family Fr. Jack Trese, precede her in death. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, Michigan is assisting Barbs family with arrangements. She never wanted a funeral, but a memorial to celebrate her Life is being planned for next summer.*



GILLERAN GERALD THOMAS "JERRY" *could build anything.* When the east side Detroit home that he and the love of his life, Barbara Ann Babcock, was gutted due to a fire in the 70s, he rebuilt the house on the same property. After purchasing Grigg Box Company in the heart of the city in 1963, which he owned until his retirement in 1993, he built wooden boxes for housing everything from car parts to army tanks. When the city burned during the '67 riots, he stood by as a passionate Detroit, bridging divides and restoring hope. As his five children married and moved to homes of their own, he built additions and led their remodels. All the while he was building, Jerry was also laying the foundation for the values he will be remembered for: the importance of family, spirituality, integrity and generosity. The man with the biggest heart lost his battle with heart disease and passed away on March 13, 2012. He was 79. A devout Catholic, Jerry was the eldest son of George and Kathleen Gilleran of Three Mile Drive. He attended

from University of Detroit. He served three years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he was stationed on Belle Isle. Jerry and Barb were married at St. Matthews and celebrated 52 years together. They raised their family at Our Lady of Good Counsel. He headed up the Teen Club there, serving as a father figure to turn the lives around of many youths in need. His second "church," as Barb called it, was Grigg Box, where he was known as Mr. G. and employed 100's of people over the years, serving as a mentor and friend to all. He had a reputation as an honest and forthright businessman, someone who made deals on a handshake, always had the best interests of those who worked for him top-of-mind. In 1978, the family moved to Port Huron, Michigan, where they created a new community. At their home on the lake, the garage door was never locked and the back door was always open to family, friends and new neighbors, who wound up establishing lasting friendships. The consummate hosts, Jerry and Barb presided over countless gatherings, reunions, holidays and weddings. Years later, Jerry and Barb transformed a rambling farm house in Watervliet, MI, that once served as a retreat to the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, into a place where all—family, old friends and new—were welcome to gather. From here, Jerry's garage served as the hub for countless projects. With the Tigers game streaming on the radio, he passed along to all of his 18 grandchildren, including among them five sets of twins, the possibilities of wood construction and the importance of recognizing you can build anything. Jerry is survived by five of his children and their children: Gary Gilleran (Susie), Eli, Adrienne and Gabriel; Patty Gilleran Klapperich (Tripp), Annie, Drue, Alex and Ben; Kathy Andrews (Bob), Taylor and Trevor; Debbie Frain (John), Ian, Malachy, Adele, Stella and Tegan; Peggy Rademaker (Gary), Jack, Charlie, Joe and Ellie; and five of his siblings, Regina Butler (Betty Sheppard), Helen Roach (Ken), Jim Gilleran (Ann), Dick Gilleran (Carol) and Thomas Gilleran (Judy), along with beloved nieces, nephews, their spouses and children. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barb; two infant children, Mary Carmel and Joseph Thomas; brother-in-law, James Butler; and his youngest sister, Sr. Mary Frances Gilleran.

### **Granddaughter of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson**

#### **Daughter of Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss**

**Fourth Child: Ethel Margaret**

B 27 May 1907 Detroit  
 D 27 Oct 2001 Birmingham, Mi.  
 M 24 Dec 1925 Detroit  
 B 05 Dec 1901 Fishkill, NY  
 D 1967 Tokyo  
 Divorced: 05 Oct 1928  
 M 14 Feb 1950 Chicago  
 B 24 Aug 1905 Youngstown, Ohio  
 D 17 Nov 1979 Birmingham, Mi.

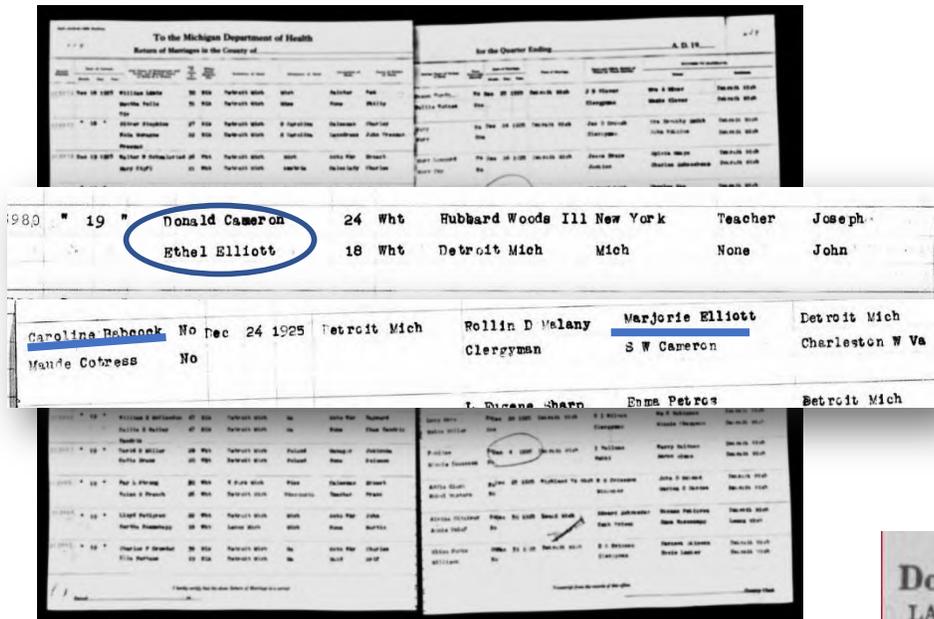
Spouse: Donald P Cameron

Spouse: Anthony Patrick Welsh



Ethel was the youngest of all the daughters of John and Maude. She likely suffered the wrath of her heavy drinking father John Elliott, as a child and was 10 years old when her parents divorced. After she had finished high school, Ethel had met and married Douglas Cameron. She was 18 years old when she married on Christmas Eve 1925.

Douglas Perinchief Cameron was a teacher and the son of Bermudian minister Joseph Perinchief Cameron and Caroline Babcock. Born in New York State, he married and divorced Ethel in short order. He remarried in 1942, had a son Jay and moved to Hawaii. Donald died in Tokyo in 1967.



There are two things to note on Ethel's marriage registration.

1. Her witness was her sister Marjorie Elliott (who later married Leslie Babcock)
2. New husband Donald Cameron's mother was Caroline Babcock.
3. Leslie Babcock had a sister named Caroline Babcock

Is there some kind of family link?

No record has been located about Caroline Babcock except that she is buried in Troy Oakland Cemetery in Michigan.

It is interesting to note that in the newspaper announcement of the wedding, Ethel was listed as Ethel Elliott and that her father is Asahef Cooper. Asahef was her stepfather.

**Elliot-Cameron**

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Ethel Margaret Elliot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cooper of Detroit, Mich., to Donald Cameron, son of Mrs. J. P. Cameron, formerly of Lanesboro. The ceremony will take place in Christ church cathedral, Detroit, at noon on December 24, and will be followed by a reception at the Statler hotel.

Mr. Cameron is an instructor at a private school near Chicago, where the couple will make their home.



Reception was held at the Statler Hotel in Detroit.

Ethel and Douglas moved to Chicago to live due to his teaching job at a private school. It was a very short union as Ethel filed for divorce less than two years later in October of 1928 and was granted one on the grounds of cruelty. The paperwork was filed in Wayne Co. Michigan so I suspect Ethel was back living with her parents by October of 1927. Walter was living in the Walton Hotel in Chicago in 1930. This is pretty much confirmed as Ethel was found in the 1930 census living with her mother and

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**DIVORCE RECORD**

Name of each *Ethel M. Cameron* Age *-*  
*Donald P. Cameron* Age *-*

State or Country in which married *Detroit, Mich.* Date *Dec. 24, 1925*

Date of Filing Petition *Oct. 4, 1927* Who was Libellant *Wife*  
(Husband or Wife)

Was Case Contested *no*  
(Yes or No)

Date of Decree or Judgement *Oct. 5, 1928*

Cause for Which Divorced *Extreme Cruelty*

Was Divorce Granted, Refused or Withdrawn *Granted*

Whether Absolute or Conditions *Absolute*

Was Alimony Granted *none*

Number of Children in Family *none* (see reverse side)

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

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

Date *OCT 31 1928*

stepfather. She was listed as a 22-year-old bookkeeper for an auto plant. Ethel's life does not appear to have any real highlights through the 1930's. I suspect the depression had an effect in the hard-hit auto manufacturing center. The 1940 census had her still living with her parents. She was now listed as a stenographer for auto sales. I have no records of Ethel's involvement with the war effort of the 1940's but suggest she was busy as the auto industry swung over to the manufacture of planes and tanks.

In 1950, her life took a turn as she met and married Anthony Patrick Welsh. They married 14 Feb 1950 in Chicago.

Name:	Anthony P. Welsh
Marriage Date:	14 Feb 1950
Spouse:	Ethel M. Elliott
Marriage Location:	Cook County, IL
Marriage license:	{AFC8ACAC-A658-496C-896F-80D0B7D397B1}
File Number:	2120587
Archive collection name:	Cook County Genealogy Records (Marriages)
Archive repository location:	Chicago, IL
Archive repository name:	Cook County Clerk

Anthony "Pat" Welsh was born in Youngstown, Ohio to a large family that mostly worked in the steel industry in town. His father was a supervisor at a foundry.

Pat was a physically imposing man for the era; in his youth he was over 6 feet and 200 lbs. He was born into an Irish family and his lively personality reflected the Irish background. Draft card – 1940

SERIAL NUMBER 464	1. NAME (Print) ANTHONY PATRICK WELSH	ORDER NUMBER 2325
2. ADDRESS (Print) 1548 ATKINSON DETROIT WAYNE MICH.		
3. TELEPHONE TOWNSEND 8-4449	4. AGE IN YEARS 33 DATE OF BIRTH Aug 24-1905	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Youngstown Ohio
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Margaret H. Welsh		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP United States
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1548 Atkinson Detroit Wayne Mich.		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Mother
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Stambaugh - Frampton Lumber Co.		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1015 Transportation Bldg Detroit Wayne Mich.		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		10-17105 Anthony P. Welsh (Contractor's signature)

## Anthony Welsh—an Irish tenor and an Irish wit

Services for Anthony P. Welsh, former president of Michigan Industrial Hardwood Co., will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln Dr., Birmingham.

Mr. Welsh, 74, died Saturday at his Birmingham home after a long illness.

His family remembered him Sunday as a warm, fun-loving man with a "very fine Irish tenor voice."

"At many social gatherings, he was called on to perform and sometimes sang harmony with us," said Mr. Welsh's brother, Jack. "He was well known for his Irish wit."

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. Welsh spent most of his life in the Detroit area.

His sister, Kay, recalled how he—the oldest of seven children whose father had died — worked three jobs during the Depression to help his family.

Mr. Welsh worked as a salesman and in 1938 established the Stambaugh Frampton Lumber Co. The firm later became Michigan Industrial Hardwood Co. of Michigan and Indiana, of which Mr. Welsh was president and chief executive officer, his brother said.

He retired in 1973, but remained a director of the company until his death.

Mr. Welsh, who enjoyed fishing, hunting and handball, was a member of the Monaghan Knights of Columbus and the Lumberman Clubs.

"He had friends by the score," Jack Welsh said of his brother. "But he was outspoken. You always knew where he stood."

Mr. Welsh is survived by his wife, Ethel; three sisters, Peg Shea, Mary Carothers and Kay Welsh; and three brothers, Dave, Jack and Bill.

Pat changed occupation and became a successful lumberman and founded the Michigan Industrial Hardwood Co. The 1950 census had him living with wife Edith and his mother and two siblings at 858 Edison St. When he died, his substantial tool collection was inherited by his nephew, Jerry Gilleran. Pat and Ethel had no children. His obituary portrayed his life story very well.

Ethel continued to live in Birmingham Mi. after her husband's death. She died in 2001. She had no children from her two marriages.

Detroit Free Press 19 Nov, 1979



**Ethel Welsh's 84th Birthday in Pt Huron MI. Barb's son Gary dropped the cake and Barbara hastily put the numbers on backwards.**

858 Edison St. Ethel's home 1950.

Name **Ethel M Welsh**  
Middle Name **M**  
State **Michigan**  
Last Place of Residence **Oakland, Michigan**  
Previous Residence Postal Code **48301**  
Age **94**  
Birth Date **27 May 1907**  
Death Date **27 Oct 2001**

Of John Arthur Elliott's four daughters, only Marjorie had children. Her children and grandchildren mostly live in Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, and California. As noted, the family was genetically inclined to deliver twins.

End of Chapter 2-5

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## **Book 7 Chapter 2 - 6**

### **Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers Children of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson Fourth child and second oldest son: Albert James Elliott**

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## Second Child of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson

### Child: Albert James

B 31 Mar 1877 likely Lot 15 Con 3 N Oxford township

D 20 Dec 1950 Ingersoll hospital

residence Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford

Interred Woodstock Anglican Cemetery Mausoleum

Spouse: Orpha Myrtle Amelia McGregor Withrow

B 14 Jan 1881 Woodstock, Ont.

D 26 Dec 1960 Ingersoll hospital

residence Lot 19 Con 2 North Oxford

Interred Woodstock Anglican Cemetery Mausoleum

M 14 June 1905 – Sweaburg Ont. -at residence of

Arthur Clarkson

### Children:

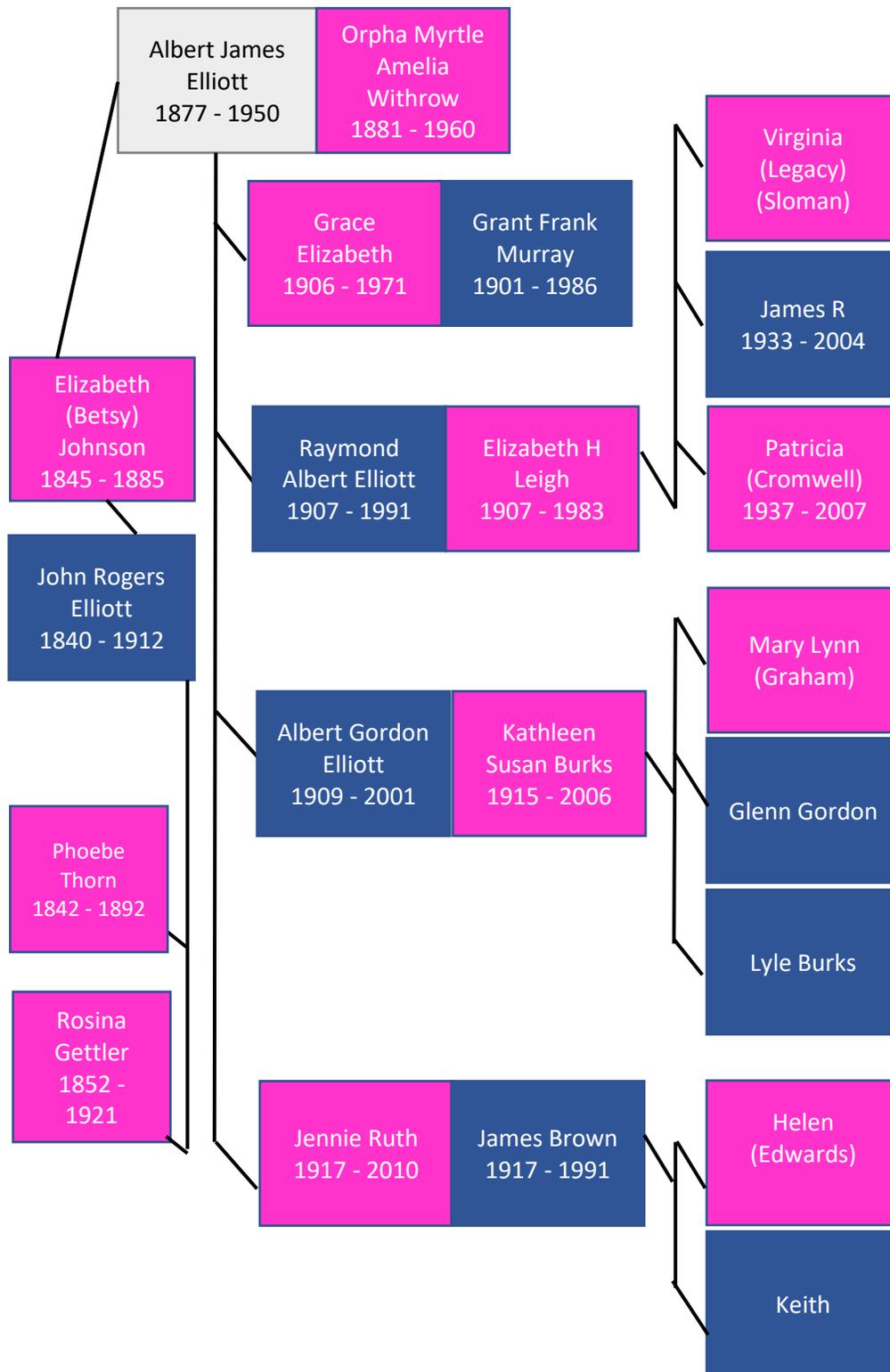
Grace Elizabeth	B 01 Mar 1906 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford	D 06 Mar 1971 Ingersoll
Albert Raymond (Ray)	B 23 Jun 1907 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford	D 18 May 1991 Beachville
Arthur Gordon (Gord)	B Nov 21 1909 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford	D 28 Mar 2000 Tavistock
Ruth (Jennie)	B 18 Sept 1917 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford	D 18 Feb 2010 Woodstock



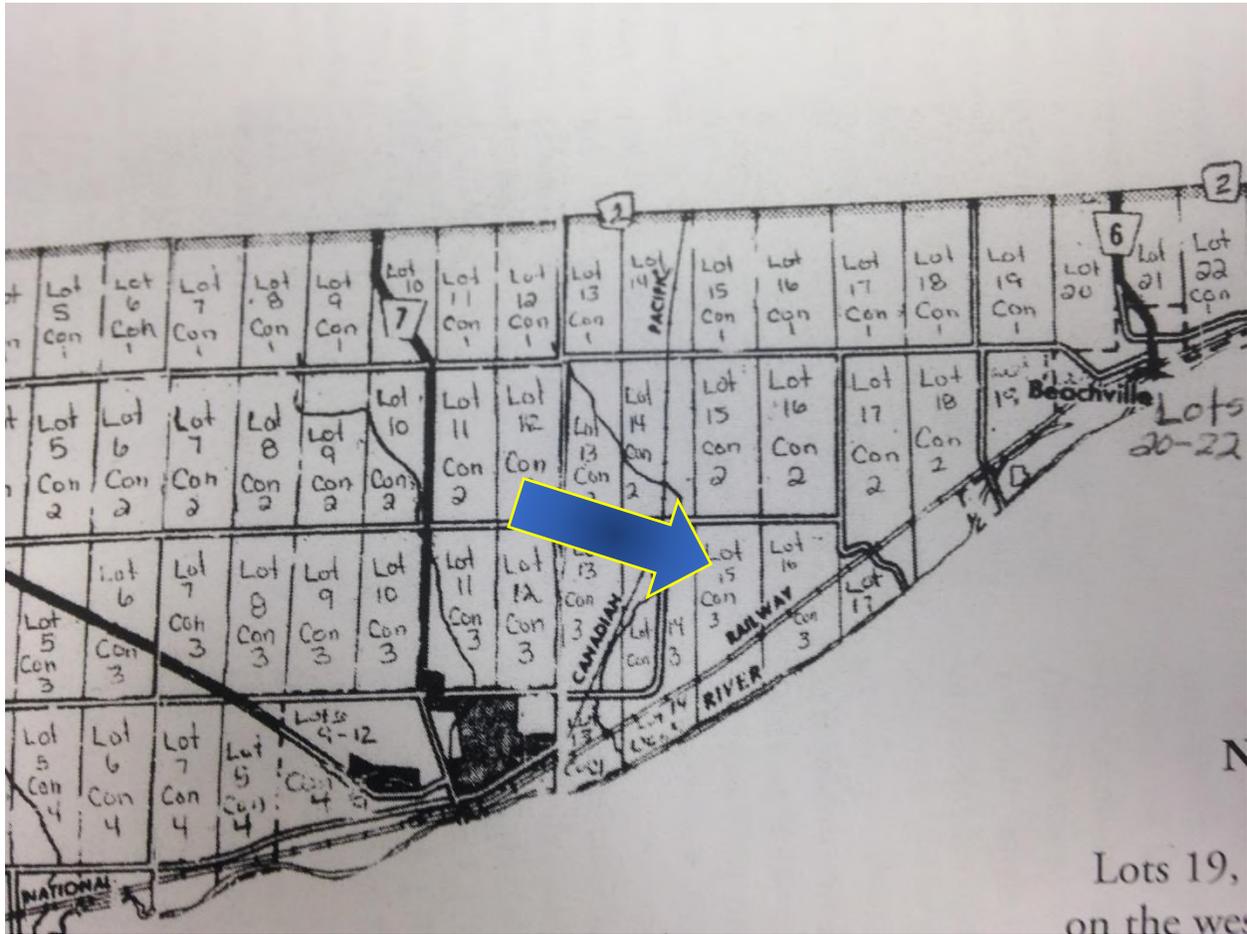
Family photo  
Estimate 1929

L to R  
Standing Ray and  
Gordon  
Seated Albert, Ruth,  
Grace and Orpha

## Albert James Elliott and Orpha Withrow Family Tree (Oldest son of John Rogers Elliott and Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson)

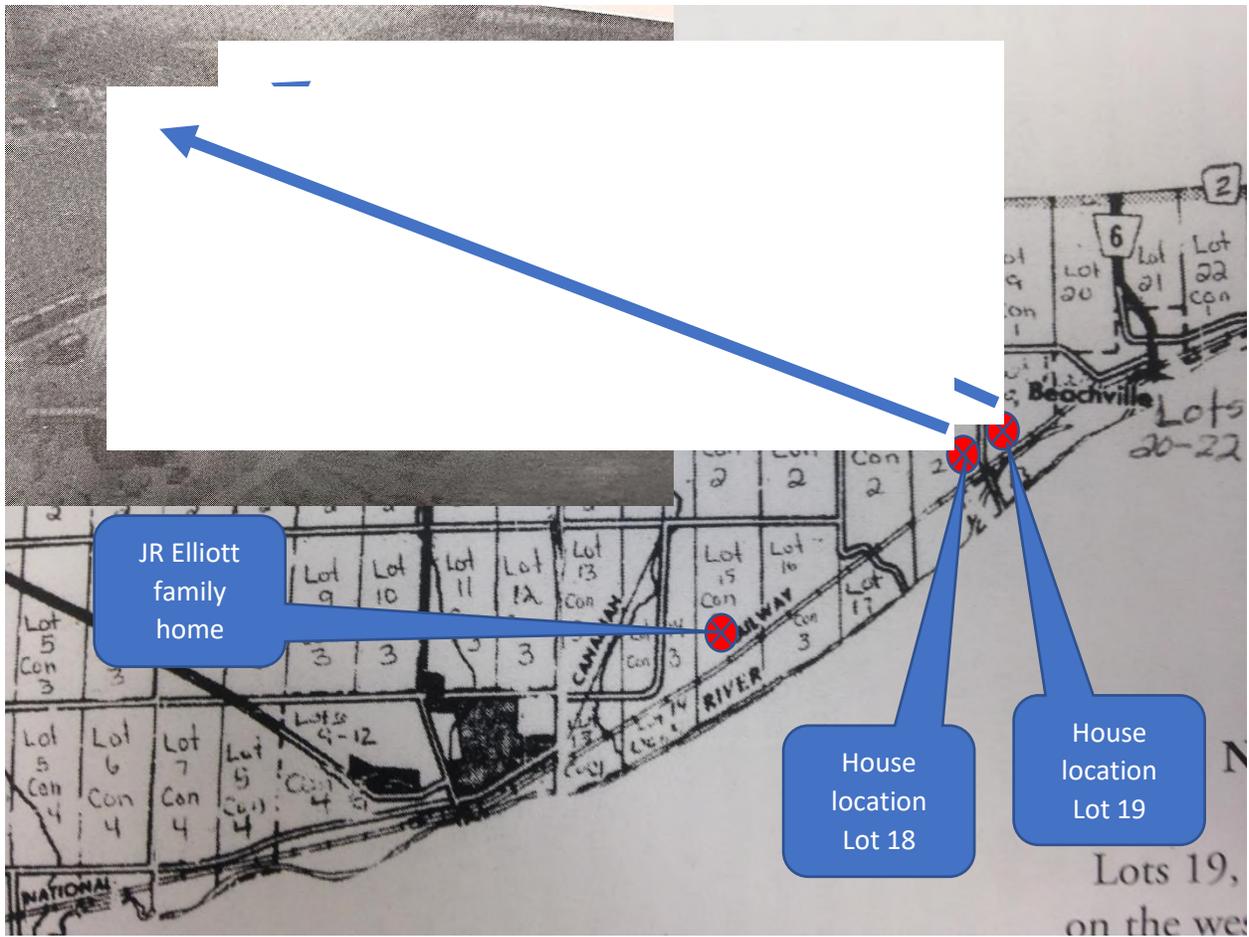


Albert James Elliott was likely born on his family's farm at Lot 15 Con 3 of N. Oxford township. His father's farm was 2 acres calved from his uncle Thomas' 100-acre farm. Albert's father JR purchased the property in 1870, built a home and raised assorted domestic animals while he worked as a farm labourer. Albert went to Dunn's Public School until grade 8, when he turned his attention to working as a farm labourer.



After his mother's tragic death in 1885, when Albert was 7 years old, his father JR sold the family's 2 and a half acres adjacent to the Grand Trunk (CNR) rail line in 1890. Albert would have been 12 years old. The family was still at the family home as late as April of 1891 and were likely leasing. When Albert's stepmother Phoebe Thorn died in March 1892, it was very likely that Albert's father moved into town to Carnegie St. in Ingersoll. Albert would have been 15 years old at that time. There is no mention that he moved into town with them. He may have stayed in the country working as a farm labourer. JR married his third wife Rosina Gettler in 1895 and moved with Rosina to Port Huron in 1896. There is no record that Albert went with them. By 1896 he would have been 19 years old. There is no mention of his whereabouts until the 1901 census.





Albert continued to work this property and put savings aside to purchase his own farm. In 1905, at age 32, he married Orpha Myrtle Amelia McGregor Withrow.

### Orpha Myrtle Amelia McGregor Withrow and ancestors

Orpha's family has a long ancestral chain in N. America. Like her husband, her young life was filled with tragedy. She was born in Woodstock to Samuel McGregor Withrow and Grace Eodina Crocker. A Withrow cousin, Pamela MacKenzie of Victoria BC, has been researching the Withrow family for several decades and has graciously forwarded to me some of the results. Some of the details are not confirmed. Quotation marks indicated Pam's words.



Grace Crocker: Orpha's mother



Orpha's grandparents: Amelia Manzer and Joseph Withrow



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 11 Jan<sup>r</sup> 1881  
 Orpha Myrtle Amelia  
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 Samuel M. Gupor Withrow  
 Grace Eodine Crocker  
 Farmer  
 Samuel M. Withrow  
 West Virginia  
 11 Feb<sup>r</sup> 1881  
 L Swan M.O.  
 Chas. Mason

Orpha's birth registration.

"The Withrow name originated in the British Isles. It is believed to mean "Wood-reeve" or overseer of the royal forests. The Withrow clan was believed to have arrived in 1717 from Ulster Ireland when Robert Withrow located his family in Chester Co. Pennsylvania. According to the Withrow Family Association and ongoing DNA tests, most Withrows in N America originated from Robert Withrow and his wife Jennet."

"The Canadian arm started with Robert's son Jacob. He was born around 1739 somewhere on the mid-east coast of the US and married an Elizabeth Alder. Through research, they are known to have raised five children and lived in N and S Carolina. Jacob and two sons, John and Jacob Jr. fought in the American Revolution. Jacob Sr. and John were British Loyalists under British Gen. Cunningham. John was captured by the Americans during the Battle of Cane Brake Dec 22, 1775 near present day Greenville and sent to Charleston S Carolina as a prisoner of war. He was released after five weeks travelled to Florida than back to Charleston to rejoin the fight. Jacob Jr. Withrow fought on the American side with Col. Thomas Pearson's US regiment Little River Militia. He died around 1781 in Dorchester S

Carolina. "

Father Jacob Sr. is believed to have died during the war perhaps in Dorchester County as well.

<https://revwarmuseum.weebly.com/battle-of-cane-brake.html>

After American independence, four Withrow children were forced to leave as "Empire Loyalists."

"In December 1782, John Withrow and his first wife Catherine Rudolph and John's siblings were evacuated from Charleston and came to Rawdon, Nova Scotia." Their property in Carolina, believed to be 250 acres, wagons and stock were confiscated and they boarded ships for Nova Scotia, thus the Canadian arm of the family was started.

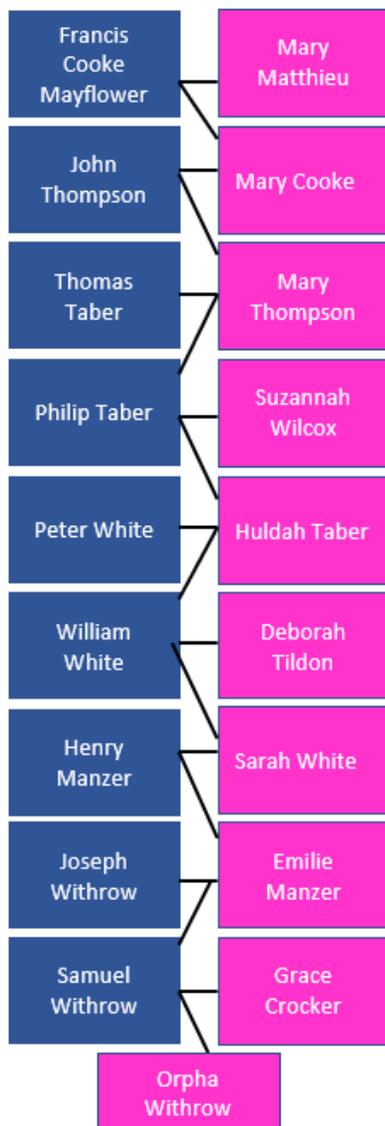
Two other brothers stayed in the Carolinas. Wife Elizabeth Alder's final resting location is a mystery as there is some genealogical belief, she died in 1781 in Dorchester, S Carolina.

The family settled near Rawdon, Hants Co. Nova Scotia. Life was hard when they first arrived as minimal assistance was given by local governments and there was open hostility from established locals of British Isles descent. John received 500 acres of land from a Crown grant of August 3rd, 1784 in Nova Scotia. The Empire Loyalist Withrows found the winters far more inhospitable than South Carolina and the soil rocky and hard to clear. The Withrow name has since been found in Nova Scotia through the decades. Notable today are the Withrow Farm Market in Rowden and J&J Withrow Holdings.

Loyalist son John B 1757 in New Jersey married Sara Whittier in 1792 in Windsor N.S. One of their sons was another John B 1793. He married a Sarah Wier another Empire Loyalist descendant from Newport NS.

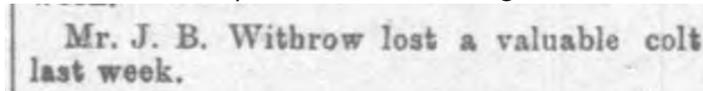
*“In 1823 John and Sarah Wier moved to Queens Co., New Brunswick and in 1825 John petitioned for 1300 acres. Here he owned a sawmill. It doesn’t sound as though he was a very good businessman though, because he mortgaged his property a number of times, was sued for non-payment of debts and finally his property was seized in 1850. In 1852, he shows up in East Zorra township in Oxford Co., Ontario, presumably following the lumber trade. He dies in 1870 in Sweaburg, Ontario.”*

One of their sons, Joseph Byron Withrow B 1829 – D 1912 Woodstock, married Amelia Jane Manzer B 1831 Salmon Creek NB - D 1926 Woodstock.



The son “Joseph Byron Withrow seemed to do quite well for himself. He started in the lumber trade in Paris, Ont. circa 1851 and by 1870 he was in charge of 2 sawmills. I think he was quite social as he has many articles written about him in the Oxford Weekly Sentinel.”

He moved the family to a farm in Sweaburg.



Ingersoll Chronicle May 1886

They had several children including their oldest son Samuel McGregor Withrow B 1856 East Zorra Township – D 1940 Dryden Ont. He married twice. He first married Grace Evaline Crocker of Beachville in 1879. She died 30 Nov 1889 in Woodstock. Orpha Withrow Elliott was Samuel McGregor Withrow’s only child from that marriage. Orpha’s ancestral trail does not end here.

Pam MacKenzie has also found more information.

If we start with Orpha and work back in time we find:

Her father was Samuel MacGregor Withrow.

Samuel’s mother was Amelia Jane Manzer.

Amelia’s mother was Sarah White.

Sarah’s mother was Huldah Taber.

Huldah’s father was Philip Taber.

Philip’s mother was Mary Thompson.

Mary Thompson’s mother was Mary Cooke.

Mary Cooke’s father was Francis Cooke.

Francis Cooke is a significant relative.

He was born abt 1583 in England and died 1663 in Plymouth Ma.

The place name Plymouth is the big giveaway.



## Francis Cooke

“**Francis Cooke** (c.1583 – April 7, 1663) was a Leiden Separatist, who went to America in 1620 on the Pilgrim ship *Mayflower*, which arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts. He was a founding member of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and a signatory of the *Mayflower Compact*. He was one of the fifty percent that survived the first winter in Plymouth.”

Wikipedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis\\_Cooke](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_Cooke)

The Wikipedia article has detail about his life and the voyage itself.

In my case he is my eight-times great grandfather.

I think that Orpha’s father Samuel had quite a sad life and Orpha a sad childhood while farming Lot 5 Con 3 on the edge of the village of Sweaburg. Orpha’s younger sister Ethalina was born 17 December 1885 and died 01 January 1887 (from convulsions) at age two. It is believed Orpha also had twin siblings. The twins Gladys and Samuel died on the same day, aged only 7 months.

“Gladys Marie            b. 22 January 1889      d. 26 August 1889  
 Samuel                    b. 1889                    d. 26 August 1889. (I’m presuming Samuel is Gladys Marie’s twin, her birth and death are registered but there is no record of Samuel except an obituary in Evening Sentinel Review)

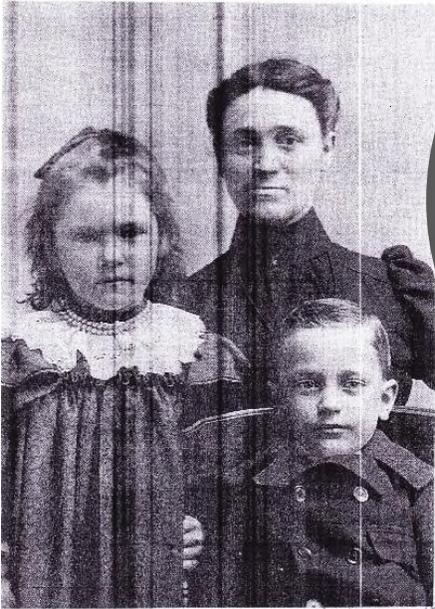
“A few months later mother and wife Grace Crocker died of tuberculosis at the age of 30 on 30 Nov 1889.”

After these multiple tragedies, Samuel and his daughter Orpha moved to Woodstock to his parent’s house. It is hard to imagine the rest of Samuel’s life was all that happy as he appeared to be unable to hold down a job likely due to his inclination to drinking. Alcoholism was involved in his brother Amos Withrow’s death and it is believed that his father John was an alcoholic as well. Samuel and Orpha lived in Woodstock until he married Lizzie Holden in 1891. Orpha, was 10 years when her father remarried. I am told that her stepmother was a spiteful woman. Lizzie’s family recollections noted her a “difficult woman”. Lizzie and Samuel had a son and lived with Orpha in Woodstock for a few years. Orpha was later cast aside to live with her aunt Jenny Withrow Clarkson and her husband Arthur Clarkson in Sweaburg. Once she was moved out, Samuel and Lizzie moved to Owen Sound Ont. with their new son. Samuel worked in a chair factory. The threesome eventually moved to Dryden Ont. where Samuel lived out his life and died in 1940. Whether he saw his daughter Orpha again is open to speculation.

Samuel Withrow



cousin Lorne Clarkson 1955

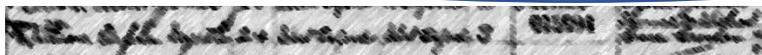
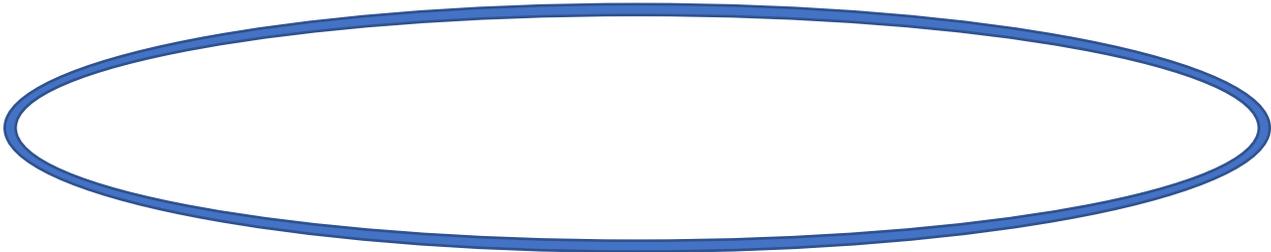
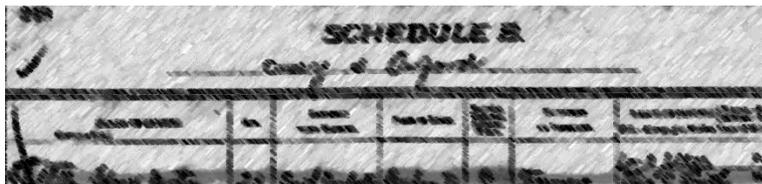


Orpha, Stepmother Lizzie and Stepbrother Leslie



Clarkson house Lot 6 Con 3 W Oxford

The Arthur Clarksons lived at Lot 6 Con 3 W Oxford which is just west of Sweaburg. They purchased 62 acres in 1883. The property would eventually fall into the hands of distant cousin Ann (Nancekivell) and husband George Jakeman (Book 2) in 1963. The site would become the location of the Jakeman maple sugar business. The Clarkson's had a son, Franklin Lorne Clarkson, who was close in age to Orpha. The two cousins treated each other more as siblings as they grew up and the Elliott family would often visit Lorne and wife Goldie at their Dorlands subdivision retirement home.



Marriage – Orpha and Albert

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of June of 1905, Orpha and Albert were married. Albert was a Methodist and Orpha was a Baptist. I guess Orpha's beliefs were stronger than her husband's, as all the children were raised as Baptists and attended Beachville Baptist Church.



Lot 18 Con 2 farm (thanks to M Kilcup).

With Orpha now living at the farmhouse on Lot 18 Con 2 directly north of the Grand Trunk rail line and the Quarry plant partially owned by Albert's sister Henrietta, they settled in and by the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1906 daughter Grace Elizabeth was born. This was quickly followed by Albert Raymond (Ray) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 1907 and Arthur Gordon (Gord) on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1909. Gordon always said that he was born in the bathroom of the farmhouse (it was a bedroom before being converted to a bathroom when plumbing was added).

On Sept. 21, 1915 Albert was able to purchase the 141 acres of Lot 19 Con 2 North Oxford. This property was directly across the road from the property he had been working but did not own. The Lot 19 property was owned by Thomas Downing, the brother-in-law of Albert's sister Henrietta (Hattie). Thomas had not been in the farming business since 1888 but lived on the property and leased out the land.

**AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK.**

There will be sold by public auction, on Lot 19, Con. 2, North Oxford, one mile west of Beachville, at Downing's Lime Kiln, on **MONDAY, MARCH 19th, '88.** At 1 o'clock sharp, the following:

**8 - COWS - 8**

Supposed to be in calf.

4 two year old Heifers in calf, 4 two year old Steers, 4 one year old Heifers, 1 one year old Steers, 1 yearling Bull, 4 spring Calves, 5 Sheep, 1 four year old Horse, 1 three year old Colt, "Marquis of Lorne;" 1 two year old Colt, "Nero."

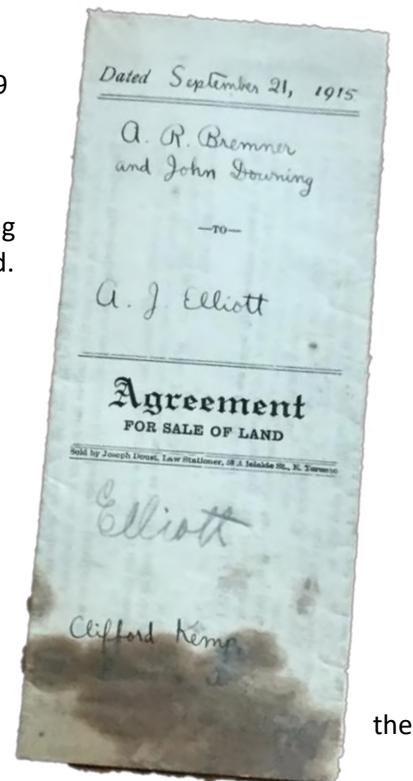
As the proprietor is leaving his farm, and going into the lime business, everything will be sold without reserve.

**TERMS.**—All sums of \$10 and under, cash; over that amount, 3 months credit on furnishing approved notes without interest. Seven per cent per annum off for cash.

**JAS. BRADY,** Auctioneer. **T. DOWNING,** Proprietor.

Thomas died in 1915 and the executors, A R Bremmer and John Downing, sold the property to Albert. The purchase price was \$10,000.00 (\$280,000.00 in 2023 dollars) with a \$2000.00 down payment. Bremmer was the owner of the Lot 18 property Albert had been working prior to purchase of Lot 19.

Ingersoll Chronicle 1888



the

North Oxford – the first granted lots in the N Oxford township were 17/18/19 broken front in 1799.

The township was surveyed by Mr. Hamley in 1799.  
The following are the first and only lots granted previous to 1800:  
Hon. D. W. Smith, July 16, 1799, 2nd con., lots 17, 18, 19, and B front,  
500 acres.

The ownership transfer agreement for Lot 19 Concession 2 of North Oxford was effective on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 1915 between Albert James Elliott and John Downing and Adam Rae Bremner.

**Articles of Agreement** made this  
Twenty-first day of September in the year of our  
Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen

**Between** Adam Rae Bremner  
and John Downing, both of the Township  
of West Oxford in the county of Oxford, executors  
of the estate of Thomas Downing, late of the  
Township of North Oxford in the said County of Oxford,  
Farmers, of the First Part,  
and Albert James Elliott of the said Township  
North Oxford, Farmer, of the Second Part.

Whereas the said part (a) of the First Part have agreed to sell to the  
part (y) of the Second Part; and the part (y) of the Second Part has  
agreed to purchase from the said part (a) of the First Part the lands and premises,  
hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

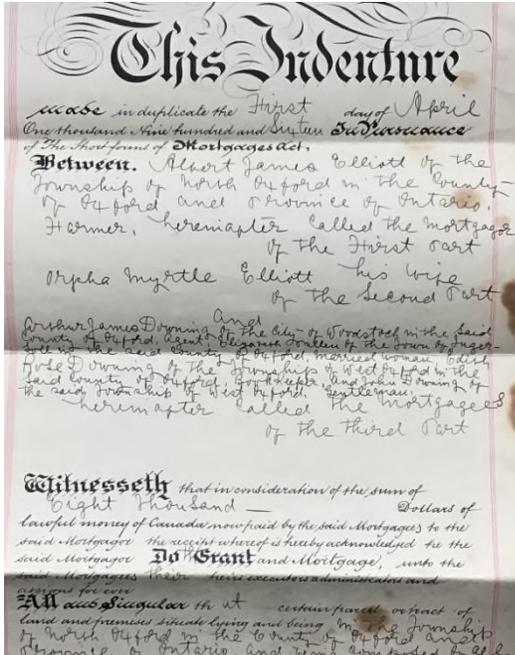
All and Singular the at certain parcel or tract of land and premises  
being comprised situate, lying and being in the Township  
of North Oxford in the County of Oxford and Province  
of Ontario, and being composed of all that part of  
Lot Number Nineteen in the Second Concession of  
the said Township of North Oxford, lying north  
the Grand Trunk Railway and containing by  
admeasurement one hundred and twenty acres more or  
less.

Together with the appurtenances, for the price or sum of ten thousand  
dollars of lawful money of  
Canada, payable in manner following that is to say:

Two hundred dollars on the date hereof and  
eighteen hundred dollars on the first day of  
March, 1916, when possession of the said land  
and premises is to be given. The party of the second  
part shall give to the parties of the first part  
a mortgage of the said land and premises  
for eight thousand dollars, said mortgage to be  
dated March 1, 1916, and to bear interest at the  
rate of five per cent per annum payable yearly, and to  
become due and payable five years after its date.  
The mortgages shall have the privilege of paying  
on account of principal one hundred dollars or  
any multiple thereof whenever interest is due and  
payable. The insurance is to be assigned to the mortgagees.  
Now it is hereby agreed as follows, that is to say: The said part (y)  
of the  
Second Part, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, DOth  
PROMISE AND AGREE, to and with said part (a) of the First Part, their  
heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that he or they shall well and truly pay

A mortgage of \$8000.00 was procured. The children of Thomas Downing signed off on the \$8000.00 mortgage for a term of 5 years at an interest rate of 5%.  
The Elliotts took possession on March 31, 1916.

**Provided** This Mortgage to be Void on payment of  
Eight Thousand -  
Dollars of lawful money of Canada with Interest Yearly at  
five per cent per annum as follows:  
The principal shall become due and pay-  
able at the expiration of five years  
from the date hereof with interest in the



The custom of the time was to give the farm a name. The farm was called Ellsdale Farm.

The name was stenciled onto the side of Albert Elliott's first farm truck. By 1921 he had paid off his mortgage held by his sister Henrietta Downing and her children.

Youngest child Ruth was born in the farmhouse a year later in September of 1917.

Although the exact date is unknown, the farmhouse was likely built in the late 1850's or early 1860's. The owner of the house at that time was E A Nelles and the 1861 census indicated he was living in a two-story stone house on the Lot 19 property. The house was made of field stone with walls and window sills that were two feet thick. The rear half of the house appears to be an addition as the inside door from the living area to the new addition has a two-foot-thick door threshold. There is no known date as to

when this addition occurred. The roof was of long-lasting slate and had a red coloured pattern on it that could be seen from a distance. A two-story lean to "woodshed" was attached to the house on the north side. There were two chimneys, one for the original kitchen and one for the parlour. There was no basement in the older part of the house but a basement was constructed in the new north addition.

The Oxford County website has more information of the house in it's Stone Houses of Zorra Project. It is the house at the 417774 41<sup>st</sup> Line address. It is featured in volume 6: pages 5 - 9.

<https://history.ocl.net/zorra/the-stone-houses-of-zorra-project/>

Photo estimate 1930 (courtesy M Kilcup)



### House fall 2021

There was likely a small barn built to the south of the house close to the mainline rail tracks. It was replaced in 1895 by a large barn. The event was noted in the Woodstock Sentinel Review newspaper. The article mentioned that it was built by Thomas Downing and that no injuries occurred during the construction. A south side addition that made the barn into a U-shaped design was added in in the early 1900s by owner Tom Downing and assisted by Albert Elliott. This became the horse barn so that the old milking barn could be used to accommodate a larger milking herd.



In the photo below, between the windmill and the main house there is a building in the background. This was initially a granary but was converted to a residence for families of farm labourers.



Photo era approx. 1950



1990s.



Photo era: mid 1930s



View from quarry with barns in background 1906



Winter 1971

Additional outbuildings were added over the years and a small cold water milkhouse was built under a tree beside the windmill and well water pump location. There is no indication as to when the cement silo was built but the first concrete silos started to appear in Oxford County around 1920.



In photo from left to right: Albert with horses, back row: Henrietta Elliott Downing, Henrietta's sons John Downing and Fred Downing. Front row seated: John Downing – husband of Henrietta, young Mary Downing Graham - daughter of Henrietta, Tom Downing – father-in-law of Henrietta, Mary Downing - sister-in-law of Henrietta. The photo was taken in front of Riverside, the home of Henrietta Elliott Downing. The house is the present day Beachville Museum. At the time of the photo, the house was only one story. A second level was added later.

Earliest known photo of Albert Elliott – circa 1890 about 13 years old.

In his prime, Albert Elliott was a typical farmer of the day. He was busy with chores but took time to have a quick nap on the sofa after a meal (a trait that still runs in the family). He was a member of the Beachville Baptist congregation and he, Orpha and their children were active churchgoers. I am told he was a quiet man that never spoke much. His childhood miseries were not discussed with descendants.



He was a member of the Beachville Band. The photo below shows the band in 1906 when Albert was 23 years old.



Notation in a local paper celebrating an election win:

a procession of Dr Connor's friends – to the number of between 1,000 and 1,200 ... led by Mr Thomas Brown of Ingersoll, in a buggy, carrying a Union Jack, followed by Dr Connor and Mr W.A. Rumsey of Ingersoll, then the Beachville band in a wagon drawn by four horses, followed by a large six-horse vehicle which, with its load of human beings, looked like a moving mountain. These were followed by wagons and carriages driven by four and two horses, and

Bandsmen's race—C. Downing, A. Elliott, F. Downing.

Chronicle: June 1906 - Beachville Civic Holiday Picnic

Albert was also a proficient bicycle rider and racer during his early 20s. Cycling was a popular sport and there were many races with many spectators at these events. According to the Woodstock paper, one popular local race was the annual Beachville to Woodstock Race. Albert won the race in 1897 at age 20. The top prize of \$4.00 was taken by Albert with a time of 23 1/2 minutes. Family lore has it that he had developed a system during the race where he would “draft” behind friends that would be stationed

along the course on their bicycles and when they saw him coming would position themselves riding in front of him. By doing so he would not have to face a headwind.

Images courtesy of the National Automotive History Collection



Ingersoll Meteor Cycling Club – Oxford Library

As noted, the family were staunch Baptists. In 1909 Albert was a member of the Volunteer Bible Class in Beachville.



**VOLUNTEER BIBLE CLASS (Beachville)**  
Top row - Ernest Barton, Albert Findlay, Lynn Zufelt, Drury Brink,  
Albert Elliott, Will Brink, Amos Reeves, Newell Forden, Morton



Wife Orpha was also active in the church. The Beachville Baptist Church was located on the north side of the Thames River.

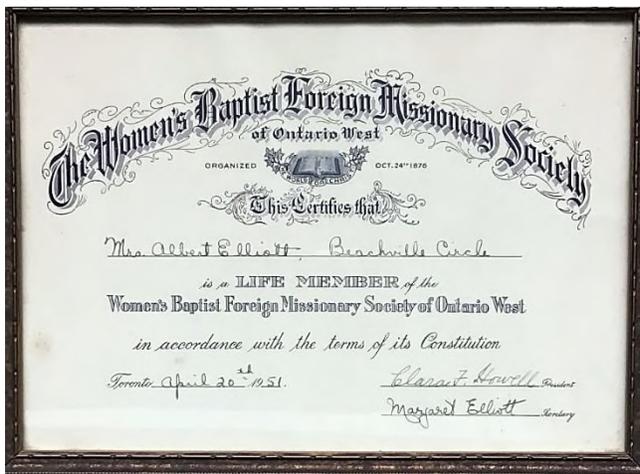


Original Baptist church built 1878



In 1943, the original church burned to the ground. In 1949, a WWII barracks building was moved from the Woodstock Fairgrounds and transported to the church site where it was repurposed and opened in 1949. The Elliott family donated the carpet runner and paid for the aluminum steeple that adorned the new church. A paragraph in the book, “The Descendants of Thomas Downing Sr.” by Marion Kilcup, sums up the family’s church ties.

“Mary Downing (daughter of Henrietta Elliott Downing) was a member of the Beachville Baptist Church, where she taught a girl’s Sunday school class and for forty-five years played the organ. She also sang in the choir – which almost doubled as a family reunion. Her mother’s sister, Mrs. Alex (Nellie) Smith was choir director, Nellie’s daughter Helen was soprano soloist, Helen’s uncle Albert Elliott, sang in the choir as did his daughters Grace and Ruth.” Orpha was church treasurer for two decades and was always in attendance.



Orpha’s missionary commitments were recognized in 1951.

The north east corner of the Lot 19 farm property was a 20-acre deciduous forest. There were sufficient maple trees to allow for maple tree tapping. A working sugar shack was located at the south end of the forest lot until the 1940s. In the 1980’s, the timber was thinned in the forest and sold by Domtar. Four decades later the “woods” are again full of mature trees. The family farm continued to progress through the Depression of the 1930’s and into the Second World War. Albert, nor his farm son

Gordon, were enlisted in the wars due to the essential work they were doing. Several church fundraisers involved the family in the war effort.

The farm work also included working Lot 20 Con 2 N Oxford on the western outskirts of Beachville. This property was approximately 70 acres of relatively steep stone filled rolling land leading down to the “river flats” and the rail line. In 1944, Albert was given 20 plus acres of the land in Lot 20. This land was bequeathed to him by his sister Henrietta Downing when she died in 1944 (see chapter 7-3). A large area of Lot 20 had been designated and surveyed as Beachville streets and town lots as far back as 1856. This land was set aside in the hopes that Beachville would continue to expand. The undesignated 20

acres of the lot remained in the Downing family until 1944. The area's proposed street and housing development fell through and Albert and son Gordon leased that land for crops. The property was resurveyed for larger home lots and, minus the streets, not built on until the 1990s.

October 11th, 1944.

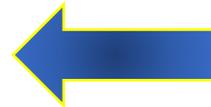
Albert James Elliott, Esq.,  
Beachville, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Elliott:

Re: Henrietta Downing Estate.

We have registered the conveyance of the Bain property from this estate to you and we enclose herewith:

1. Deed of conveyance from Henrietta Downing Estate to Albert James Elliott registered number 6502.
2. Release of Equity of Redemption from Alice Bain et al to Henrietta Downing registered number 6189.



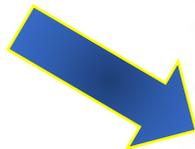
Lot 20 Con 2 property transfer completed in 1944.



By 1930's all the modern conveniences had arrived. Electricity likely came to the farm in the late 1920s. In 1927, lines were built where three farmers per mile would sign a contract for service for a 20-year period. The telephone arrived in 1920s. The original family hand crank party line phone is still in the family.

The family phone "number" in 1927 was 1 5 9C.

16		INGERSOLL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY	
2R	Elford, Wm.....	Residence	Victoria St.
2 4 0A	Ellery, Walter .....	Farmer	Dereham Tp.
4 3 3X	Ellery, John .....	Residence	Concession St.
3 8 0X	Ellery, Albert .....	Residence	Church St.
2 8 5Y	Ellery, George.....	Farmer	Dereham Tp.
2 8 5R	Ellery, Ed.....	Farmer	Dereham Tp.
2 4 0L	Ellery, Wm. R.....	Farmer	Dereham Tp.
1 6 1Y	Elliott, Richard .....	Farmer	N. Oxford Tp.
4 2R	Elliott, E. H.....	Residence	King Hiram St.
1 7 1C	Elliott, Mrs. William J.....	Residence	King St. W.
2 4 9Y	Elliott, Mrs. W. A.....	Residence	Oxford St.
1 5 9C	Elliott, A. J. ....	Farmer	N. Oxford Tp.
2 6 4K	Elliott, Stanley .....	Farmer	N. Oxford Tp.
3 9 5X	Elliott, Garnet.....	Residence	King Hiram St.



Modern equipment and tractors started to replace the use of horses as power sources on the farm by the 1940s. Gordon had four Percheron horses: Nelle, Maudie, Babe, and Charlie. They were all gone by 1955. The last one that sold would not enter the trailer until my then inconsolable ten-year-old sister led it in. She says she did not speak to her father for a long time after that traumatic day.

The quarries were a constant source of noise and dust in the 1940s as the farm buildings were a very short distance from the plant. The noise and dust were still happening into the 1980s. The rock crushers and trucks were working 24 hours a day to meet the war demands. Local farmers, including the Elliotts, often drove trucks or laboured loading them during the winter downtimes.

Photos from the Elliott farm.



Ellsdale farm consisted of a Holstein dairy herd, four Percheron plough horses, some chickens, a 30-tree apple orchard and a large garden. The farm was pretty much self-sufficient in that there was enough acreage to supply corn silage, oats, and wheat as well as hay and straw for the animals.

The produced milk was transported from the barn to a milk house in metal cans and stored in a cold well water tank until picked up by the farmer's horse and wagon or later via truck and delivered to Neilson's Dairy in Beachville. The dairy was the first one owned by the Neilson family of Toronto in 1909 and was a former cheese factory. By the early 1960's, a cinder block milk house with a large stainless-steel tank and agitator was added as an addition to the main barn. By then, large tanker trucks would come directly to the farm to empty the tank via hoses.





Rear: Mary Downing Graham, Grace Elliott Murray, Helen Smith Graham, Ruth Elliott Brown  
Front: James Brown, Orpha Withrow Elliott, Albert James Elliott, Helen "Nettie" Elliott Smith  
Circa: mid 1940s. courtesy: Beachville Museum

1950 portrait



1949 – a new car arrived



By the late 1940s, Albert was in his 70s and as with all farmers, arthritis was an issue. Son Gordon dealt with the day-to-day operations. Gordon lived in the farm labourer's house across the lawn and to the east of main farm house.

In 1950 Albert contracted cancer.

Ingersoll Tribune dated Dec 28, 1950.

ALBERT J. ELLIOTT--The funeral of Albert J. Elliott, 78, of North Oxford [township], who died December 20, in Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, was held December 23, at the Keeler & Johnstone Funeral Home, with entombment in Woodstock Mausoleum. The service was conducted by Mr. Walter Loader, of Beachville Baptist Church, and Rev. John Watson of Beachville United Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Bonesteel played the organ. Pallbearers who also acted as flower bearers were Charles and Fred Downing, Peter Graham, Fred Canfield, Lorne Clarkson and Henry Edwards. Deceased's wife is the former Orpha Withrow

Note Funeral notice



After Albert's death, his will stipulated, that daughters Grace and Ruth received \$1000.00 each. His son Ray received Albert's new 1949 Chevrolet sedan and \$5000.00 of which \$2000.00 was already received as a loan. Gordon, was the only child that stayed on the farm and had been a farm labourer. He would inherit the stock, feeds, and some farm implements, but only after his mother's death. He was gifted a tractor, plough, and seed drill. Prior to Orpha's death he was a paid labourer and any profits were in her name. The farm deed stayed in Orpha's hands. Also included in the Albert's estate was the transfer of ownership to his wife of 4 horses, 12 head of milking Holsteins and two 2-year-old heifers. The will stipulated funds were to be set aside to allow Orpha to "live in the main house and all that was needed for her to do so until she otherwise deemed that she no longer wished to." Gordon was to have first opportunity to purchase the farmland from Orpha if she wished to sell.

Not long after Albert's death, Orpha made the decision to renovate and repair the old stone house as per her husband's will. She would move upstairs to her own apartment that included a kitchen and bathroom as well as bedrooms and living area. Son Gord and his wife Kay and young daughter Mary Lynn would move to the downstairs of the house. Gord's wife Kay only agreed to the move to the big house on condition that modern indoor plumbing would be installed during the renovation. The main floor of the house would be renovated with an updated kitchen, bathroom and furnace and had the chimneys removed. A whole house electrical update was undertaken.



January 1956 – Orpha's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with her children. L to R – Grace, Raymond, A Gordon, Jennie Ruth

Another major event occurred in 1956. The Gypsum Lime and Alabaster Co. approached the farmers that owned land near their quarry and were located adjacent to the CN rail line. This land included Lot 18 and Lot 19 and part of Lot 20 of N Oxford. The Gypsum Co. believed that there was grade one white lime under the soil and was eager to buy the properties, as Canada Cement which ran their operation on the old Governor's Road, was rumoured to be interested in purchasing the land as well. In fact, the Cement Co. did that en masse in 1957, when company lawyers went to every farmer in an area south of the plant and, at the same moment, forwarded a proposal to each farmer to purchase their farm. The offer was more than a fair price but had a limited time frame for acceptance. All but one farmer took the deal. The Gypsum offer was also above the value of the Elliott property. As noted, Orpha owned the land with first right of purchase granted to her son Gordon. I do not know the reason that he did not exercise his option as per his father's will but likely he was not able to match the offer. The Gypsum offer was accepted and \$96,000.00 changed hands on the purchase of a total of 170 acres. A clause in the agreement stated that the farm could continue to be worked until the land was needed by the company and the family could live in the house on a 20-year lease. The cost of this arrangement was \$1.00 per year. My older sister recalls accompanying our mother to the plant office as she placed a one-dollar bill on the counter for the year's lease. The irony of the rush purchase by Gypsum was that they later sold the Lot 19 property to the Cement Company. No quarrying ever took place on the Lot 19 land as it was later found that the lime was not as of good quality as thought and the overburden was very thick in order to reach the lime. The cost to remove the overburden would make the extraction unprofitable. The same cannot be said today for Lot 18 and 17, as both are now large working quarry holes.

Quarry pit: Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford - north of CN tracks



Ellsdale Farm 1955



Statement

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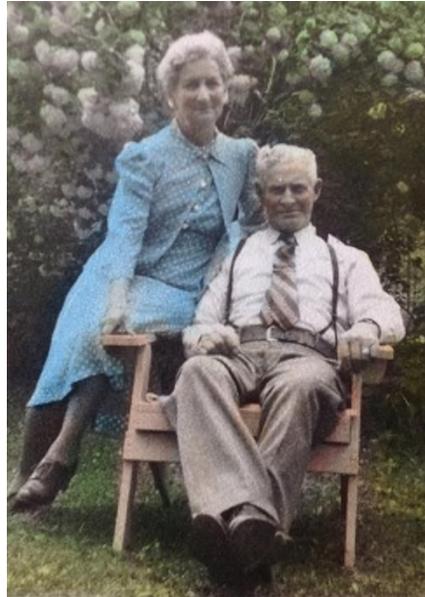
Mrs. Orpha Elliott,  
Beachville,  
Ontario.

TO  
THE ONTARIO CANCER FOUNDATION  
LONDON CLINIC  
375 SOUTH STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO DR.

59/1962

	\$
To account rendered .....	
X-ray Therapy .....	
Radium Therapy .....	
Nov. 10 - Dec. 4/59	
Cobalt 60 Beam Therapy 19 treatments Allowed by the Foundation	190 00
	95 00
Radioactive Iodine Pick Up Test	95 00
Blood Test November & December 1959	2 30
Other .....	97 30

In 1960 Orpha, like her late husband, developed cancer. Treatment at the Cancer Foundation in London did not help. She succumbed at Alexandra Hospital in Ingersoll the day after Christmas in 1960.



Newspaper Ingersoll Tribune  
Newspaper  
Date Dec 29 1960

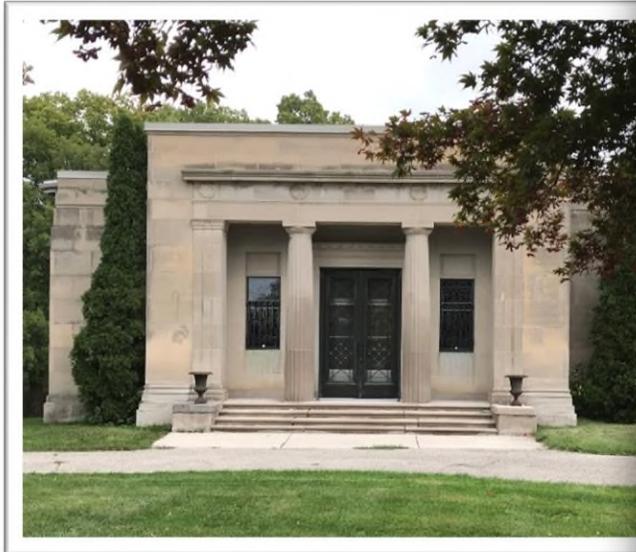
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Notice

**MRS. A. J. ELLIOTT DIES IN HOSPITAL**

The death occurred in Alexandra Hospital, Monday, December 26th, of a well known and highly esteemed resident of the Beachville district, Mrs. Albert James Elliott of Lot 19, Concession 2, North Oxford [township]. Mrs. Elliott who was in her 80th year, was the former Orpha M. Withrow, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Withrow, and was born in Woodstock. She moved to Sweaburg at an early age and made her home with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clarkson. She attended school and spent her early life there. Fifty-five years ago, she married. Albert James Elliott in Sweaburg, moving to North Oxford [township], where her husband engaged in farming and where she had resided continuously. She was a member of the Beachville Baptist Church, a life member of the Mission Circle of the church, and was treasurer for over 20 years and had taken an active interest in all church work. Her husband predeceased her 10 years ago. Left to mourn the passing of a beloved mother are two daughters, Mrs. Grant Murray [Grace], Ingersoll; Mrs. James Brown [Ruth], RR1 Beachville; and two sons, Ray and Gordon, both of Beachville. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon, from the McBeath Funeral Home, 246 Thames Street South, where service will be conducted at 2 o'clock by Rev. C. R. Evans of the Beachville Baptist Church. Entombment in the Woodstock Mausoleum

Orpha's will also made provisions for her family. Daughters Grace and Ruth both received \$3000.00. Son Ray was willed \$5000.00. Gordon was allowed to keep the profits from the farm after her death. After all costs were factored in, including a sizeable donation to the church, each sibling split the remaining funds in Orpha's accounts. This amounted to roughly \$10,000.00 each.

Like her husband, Orpha was said to be quiet person but with a strong will. I only remember snippets of her as I was a young child when she died. I do recall that she was noticeably short of five feet tall. She would babysit my brother and I on occasion and I do recall that bedtime was bedtime.



Mausoleum in Woodstock Anglican Cemetery



Grandmothers Orpha Elliott and Margaret Burks with grandsons Lyle and Glenn Elliott about 1957.

The farm was purchased by the Lussier's in 1993. A solar panel farm was installed on the non-class 1 farmland in 2014.

Lot 19 and Lot 20 Con 2 Aerial view.



**Update:** the property is for sale as of spring 2024 with a list price of \$5.1 million.  
Photos: courtesy of Adam Degroote



Aerial photo of farm - 2024.  
-Quarry pit bottom left where Lot 18 Con 2 homestead was built.  
-Farm house center of photo surrounded by trees  
-Workable tilled land in brown  
-Solar panels in blue  
-CNR tracks right side

Driveway off 41<sup>st</sup> Line



Homestead as of spring 2024



**Grandchildren of John R Elliott and Betsy Johnson  
Children of Albert James Elliott and Orpha Withrow**

**Oldest Child: Grace Elizabeth** B 01 Mar 1906 N Oxford Lot 18 Con 2  
D 06 Mar 1971 Ingersoll  
M 23 Nov 1944 Ingersoll  
Spouse: Grant Frank Murray B 17 Jun 1901 W Oxford Lot 10 Con 3  
D 12 Sept 1986 Ingersoll



Grace was born 11 months after her parent’s marriage and two years before her brother Roy. She was born on the Lot 18 Con 2 farm of her father. This house was directly north and across the railway line from the Downing Lime plant kilns and would later serve as the Fred Funnel family home. Grace went to school at Beachville Public. How many grades she completed is not known.

Primer class, according to merit.—  
Willie Paterson, Isabel Brown, Irene  
Sandiek, Grace Elliott. All pupils  
making 360 marks or over are entitled  
to promotion to a higher class.

Ingersoll Chronicle 1911. School report

44 Edwardus, James, farmer, R.N. No. 4, Ingersoll  
45 Elliott, Albert, farmer, Beachville  
46 Elliott, Mrs. Albert, Beachville  
47 Elliott, Miss Grace, spinster, Beachville  
48 Elliott, Miss Ruth, spinster, Beachville  
49 Elliott, Gordon, farmer, Beachville  
50 Elliott, Dan, labourer, Beachville

1938 Voters list – Grace still at home at age 32.

Grace came across as an intelligent but quiet and reserved individual. Coming from a highly religious Baptist mother, she was a lifelong church goer. She moved with her siblings and parents to the big stone house in 1915 when she was 9 years old and lived there until her marriage to Grant Murray in 1944. What she did as an occupation while living on the farm until she married at age 38 is not known. The 1931 census indicated she had no occupation.

Grant Frank Murray was born on his father’s West Oxford farm at Lot 10 Con 3 in 1901. His parents were William Murray, a second-generation Scot who was born in Toronto and Harriet Larry who emigrated from Scotland in 1879. When his father retired in 1918 and moved into 57 Charles St. Ingersoll, Grant found work as a farm labourer. The 1921 census showed him as a 19-year-old working and living at the David Riddle farm on Lot 17 Con 2 N Oxford. This farm backed onto the Lot 18 Con 2 farm where Grace was born. The Riddles were close friends and farming neighbours to the Elliotts. In 1921, 15-year-old Grace very likely knew 20-year-old Grant. As the Riddle boys grew older and the need for a hired hand disappeared, the 1931 census found Grant living at and working as a dairy farm labourer for the George Witty family south of Ingersoll. Neither Grant nor Grace were tall. He was under 5’ 7’ and she 5’ 3’.

36			Edward			
37	32	82	Riddle David	Lot 17 Con 2	North Oxford	
38			Bye			
39			Bye			
40			Bye			
			Murray Grant	Lot 10 Con 3	West Oxford	
			White Charles	Lot 17 Con 2	North Oxford	

1921 census – Grant working for the Riddle’s at Lot 17 Con 2

Grant was a man on his own path. Family memories state that Grant would not marry until he had fully paid for the house in Ingersoll that he had bought. It was also pointed out the Grace would often sneak out to see Grant, much to the consternation of her father Albert, who was not a big fan of Grant. So, 22 years after the 1921 census, they married and moved into Grant’s house at 218 Metcalf St. on the southwest corner of Metcalf and Bruce. They lived at that address for their entire lives.

*MISS GRACE ELLIOTT WEDS GRANT MURRAY*

*Rev. J. M. Warner of Woodstock, officiated at a quiet wedding on Thursday afternoon of last week, November 23rd at 3:30 o'clock when he united in marriage, Grace, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Elliott, Beachville, and Grant Murray, son of Mrs. Murray and the late W. J. Murray, Charles St. E., Ingersoll. The bride wore a smart frock of navy blue with white trim, hat and shoes to match, and a corsage of Better Time roses. They were unattended. Following a trip to Dundas and points east, Mr. and Mrs. Murray will take up residence in their new home, Metcalfe Street, Ingersoll*



anniversary photo

Grant went to work for the “quarries” and worked for Chemical Lime (the kiln closest to Ingersoll) for several decades. His occupation as “fireman” meant he was one of the labourers that fed and

stoked the kiln with coal. He had retired by 1968. He was in the forefront of fighting climate change as he either rode his bicycle or walked to work year-round, a distance of over 4 kilometers.

Grace always had a dark pallor to her skin and dark rimmed eyes. She died of cancer in 1971 at age 60, two years after Grant had retired. I recall that it was a painful battle for her. They had spoken of travelling, Grant often mentioning he wanted to attend the Calgary Stampede. I do not believe either managed any long-distance trips.



Grant with old kiln equipment (circa 1960)



Grant and his 1954 Buick Super Riviera

Grant seemed to always manage to have a large car and the trunk was usually stuffed with tools. He failed a driver license renewal exam but that did not stop him from driving his car sans license. One of his idiosyncrasies was to supply Grace’s family with new light bulbs removed from his place of employment. It was not technically theft as he would take the older non-burnt-out bulbs that he was replacing and put them into service at the lime plant. He would often come out to his brothers’-in-law farms to help with the harvest. His uniform was rolled up cuffs, dark denim jeans and a cowboy hat. Whereas Grace was quiet, Grant was loud. Grant lived in the Metcalfe St. house until old age sent him to Oxford County Old Age Nursing Home. He died in 1986. They are buried in the Harris Street Cemetery beside Grace’s sister Ruth and her husband.

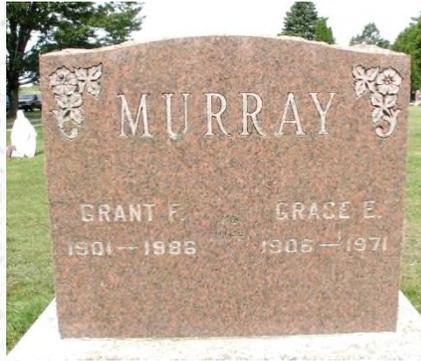
**METCALFE STREET**

128 Murray, Grant, fireman ..... 230  
 128 Murray, Grace ..... 231  
 128 Murray, Grant, fireman ..... 232

1956 voters list

**MURRAY** — At Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, on Saturday, March 6, 1971, Grace Elliott, beloved wife of Grant Murray, 128 Metcalfe Street, Ingersoll. Dear sister of Ray Elliott of Beachville; Gord Elliott, R.R. 2, Ingersoll; Mrs. Jim Brown (Ruth), R.R. 1, Beachville. In her 66th year.  
 Friends will be received at the McBeath Funeral Home, 246 Thames Street South, Ingersoll, where funeral and committal services will be held on Thursday, March 9 at 2 p.m. Rec. C. R. Evans of First Baptist Church, Woodstock officiating. Temporary entombment in Ingersoll Mausoleum. Interment later in Harris Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Cancer Society may be arranged for at the funeral home. M8-71

**MURRAY** — At Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll on Friday September 12th, 1986 Grant Murray, age 85 of Oxford Regional Nursing Home, formerly of 128 Metcall St, Ingersoll. Husband of the late Grace (Elliott) Murray (1971). Dear brother of Gordon of Ovid Mich. Predeceased by three brothers James, 1962. Donald, 1970. George, 1971 and one sister Bell Grant 1986. Friends will be received at the McBeath Funeral Home, 246 Thames Street South Ingersoll on Monday September 15th from 2-4.30 and 7-9 where complete service will be held on Tuesday September 16th at 3:30 pm Rev. Roden Evens officiating. Interment in Harris Street Cemetery.



**Grandchildren of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson**

**Children of Albert James Elliott and Orpha Withrow**

**Second Child: Albert Raymond "Ray"**

B 28 Jun 1907 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford  
 D 18 May 1991 Beachville  
 M 05 Jan 1928 Lucas County, Ohio  
 B 31 Jan 1907 Ingersoll  
 D 10 Dec 1983 Woodstock

Spouse: Elizabeth H (Betty) Leigh

Ray was the first male child born to Albert Elliott and Orpha Withrow. He was born at the family farm at Lot 18 Con 2. Ray left the family at the age of 18. It was common at that time that many members of rural families were setting their sights to work in the manufacturing centers in the US. I suspect that there was a conflict between him and his father and that led to him jettisoning the family and heading west to Detroit in 1925. He crossed the border at Windsor on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February of 1925 with \$80.00 in his pocket. His contact in Detroit was Grant Defoe, husband of Ray's aunt Margaret (Maggie). Grant was a restaurant owner in Detroit and Ray was seeking permanent residence.

**MANIFEST**  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
 IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Family name: **Elliott**      Name: **Albert RAY**      Port of: **Detroit**

Age: **18**      Sex: **M**      Occupation: **Farming**      Date: **2-23-25**

Height: **5'7 1/2"**      Complexion: **Med**      Nationality: **Can**      Race: **W**

Place of birth: **Beachville Ont**      Language or reason for exemption: **Eng**      Weight: **145**      Money: **\$80.00**

Last permanent residence: **Beachville**      Country: **Can**      Destination: **Plymouth Mich**

Ticket: **Self**      Passage paid for: **Self**      From: **Windsor**      To: **Windsor**

Going to join relative or friend: **None**      Address: **Grant Defoe - Plymouth Mich**

Time remaining in U. S.: **Perm**      Purpose in coming: **Res**      Intend to become U. S. citizen: **Yes**      Used in status: **Yes**      **4651**

Accompanied by: **None**

Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came: **J. A. Albert Elliott - Beachville Ont**

Name of U. S. City of landing: **Windsor**

Veto to Detroit 9/28/35-AL 3409/48.

Leigh Harry Gordon, carpenter h  
e s Oxford 6 n Ann  
L. H. Gordon W. W. 1 Morrow

Henry arrived with his parents from Southwark, Surrey, England in 1875. The 1901 census had Henry working as a carpenter and later he would be noted in Ingersoll directories as a builder. Henry



purchased property at the northwest ¼ corner of Lot 20 Con 2 of W Oxford in 1914. The property was listed as a cider mill and farm. On this site, the family lived in the octogen house that is still standing near the corner of Clarke Rd W and Ingersoll Rd S.

As Ray's daughter Virginia confirmed, 20-year-old Elizabeth Leigh eloped with Ray. They were married in Lucas County Ohio, just south of the Michigan state line on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1928. The 1930 US census paperwork also confirmed that she crossed the border into the US in 1928. I suspect that Ray went back to Ingersoll to retrieve Elizabeth and they made their way directly to Ohio. Michigan had strict marriage license procedures whereas Ohio did not. Lucas county was then referred to as the marriage mill of Ohio. On the marriage certificate, they were listed as living in Detroit.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

In re Ray Albert Elliott and Elizabeth Leigh

The undersigned respectively make application for a Marriage License, and upon oath state: that

Is 21 years of age on the 31 day of Jan 1927

His residence is Detroit Mich In Lucas Co., Ohio,

His place of birth Canada Occupation truck driver

His father's name is Albert Elliott

His mother's maiden name was Opheo Walker

That he was not previously married and is not widower or divorced man;

That he has no legal wife living.

Neither of said parties is an habitual drunkard, epileptic, imbecile or insane, and neither is under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.

It is expected that Ray Albert Elliott and Elizabeth Leigh will solemnize the marriage of said parties.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 5th day of January, 1927

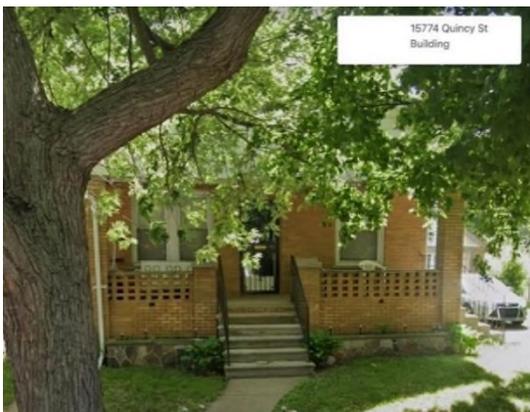
Consent Ray Albert Elliott Elizabeth Leigh

C. P. Buchanan Deputy Clerk Probate Court.

The State of Ohio, Lucas County, ss.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that on the 5th day of Jan, A. D. 1927, I solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ray Albert Elliott and Mrs. Elizabeth Leigh



The 1930 Detroit census had them renting an apartment in a large apartment building and they had baby daughter Virginia. Ray was driving a truck for a small company. The 1930 census inaccurately stated that he was French Canadian. He also worked as a crane operator in Detroit. Later, a 1931 Detroit directory had them living at 15774 Quincey St. (see photo)

Border records indicate the family moved back to Canada in 1932. Since Virginia was American born, she

had to be registered upon entry into Canada. Likely, Ray's employment opportunities were limited in 1932 due to the depression and the closing of many Detroit factories, Ray and family moved back to Beachville.

Page 2. CANADIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE. *Quellette & Landings* Report of Admissions and Rejections at the Port of *Windsor Ont* for the Month ending *Sept 30 1932*. VOL. 17 PAGE 217.

FAMILY NAME, GIVEN NAME, FIRST NAME IN BIRTH LETTERS, FAMILY NAME PREFIX	AGE	COUNTRY OR STATE OF LAST RESIDENCE	SEX		MARRIAGE		MARRIAGE		MARRIAGE		OCCUPATION	DESTINATION	REMARKS
			MALE	FEMALE	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE			
<i>ELLIOTT, Virginia L.</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Mich</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>							
<i>Child, 2</i>	<i>005</i>	<i>60-7</i>	<i>at-</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>10</i>								
<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>	<i>Beachville Ont.</i>

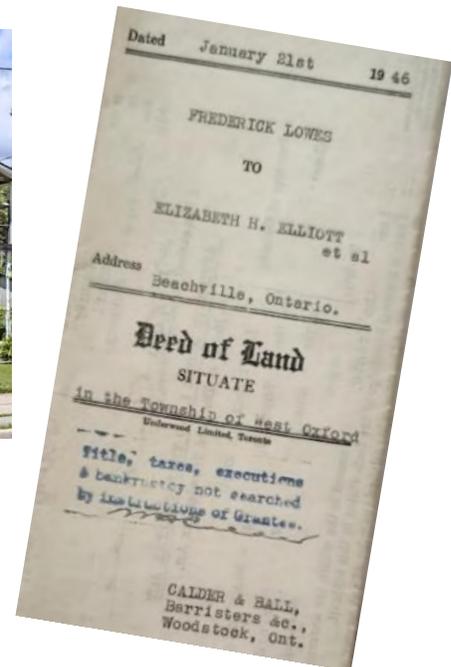
Border paperwork for Virginia Elliott Sept 30, 1932

When Ray and Elizabeth returned, they took up residence in a house on old Highway 2 (Beachville Rd) a short distance to the east of the Lime business owned by the Downings. This house, now long gone, was one of many on the north side of Beachville Road that were constructed by the Downings as worker accommodations for Italian stone workers the Downing's assisted to immigrate to Beachville. It appears Ray's two other children were born in this house. After Elizabeth's father died in 1939, Ray and his family moved with Elizabeth's mother to King St. in Beachville and into the former parsonage of the Beachville Baptist church. Around 1945, Ray moved the family to the family home on Beachville Rd, four houses east of the Old Village Hall and library. Interestingly, the deed was in wife Elizabeth's name. Ray and Elizabeth lived the rest of their lives there. The house is still in the family.

King St. Beachville home



Beachville Rd. home



When Ray returned to Canada in 1932, he went to work driving truck for his relatives by marriage, the Downing family. Family stories indicate that he was the only one that always drove a specific truck and the vehicle was a source of pride for Ray and for his Downing employer, Byron Downing. In Detroit, he learned to operate large construction cranes and when he returned to Beachville he also continued with the profession. He was the crane operator when new kiln towers were raised at the lime plants.



Swank. This isn't the first streamlined Diamond T — it's a '36 — but it conveys the idea - style and lots of it. Note the big hub caps, the vee windshield, the fancy grille and tapered, skirt-sided fenders. And this is only the "standard" version: the "deluxe" job had more of everything.

Example of 1950s construction crane.



Quarry kiln towers raised by crane



I am told by his direct descendants that he was badly hurt in a crane accident in London, sometime between 1954 to 1956, while working near a foundation hole for the Veteran's Hospital (now Westminster Hospital) in London. The crane toppled into the excavation. Ray tore muscles and likely broke bones. He had life threatening injuries and required hospitalization. He was also the crane

operator who raised the steam locomotive #86 over a building and onto its present location at the Western Fairgrounds, Queens Park in London.



**CHILDREN CLAMBER ABOARD TIRED OLD 86 -- PROUD OF REACHING QUEEN'S PARK RESTING PLACE**

Wavering only once, "old M" completed her final run yesterday, halting on the concrete pad in Queen's Park at 1 p.m. — almost four days after beginning a journey of less than a mile.

Here, the ancient CNR steam engine will serve only

as a reminder of the days when she and her kind pioneered in the growth of a nation.

A workman guiding the monster on her silent last trip jumped up to ring the bell at the end of the line, to the delight of scores of young aspiring engineers who impatient-

ly awaited the last inch.

Before work crews could disengage towing equipment, the children swarmed over the relic and set up a ceaseless clangor on her bell.

Retired only recently, the venerable chugger started her last trip at 6 a.m. last Sunday. PUC workmen and trucks

provided the motive power while Alvin Mills, road master and supervisor of the London and Port Stanley Railway, acted as guiding engineer.

It was a 12-hour job, foremen estimated. But old 86 balked from the start, jumping a dry pony truck (a set

of small wheels) right off the track. A dose of grease persuaded the aging monster to move.

Then, while workmen swung portable tracks from her rear to lengthen the road ahead, old 86 crept, as if grudgingly, inch by inch to a stagnant end.



#86 at the Queens Park location

## Recollections of Ray by Grandson: Mark Legacy

“Grandpa was bigger than life and grandma was just the best person, always loving and caring to all us grandkids. Grandpa did drive truck earlier in his life and after he retired. But he was mainly a crane operator and a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers. He ran the big crane that built Westminster Hospital in London and also the cranes that put up most of the large silos and heavy equipment into the buildings at the Beachville quarries. In his later years he operated the crane at London Steel on Hale Street loading and unloading trucks of steel. Grandma was a homebody and I remember in her fifties she became a beauty consultant and I used to go with her to deliver cosmetics, what a hoot! They both liked to travel with their trailer and spent winters in Winter Haven, Florida and a couple of years they went to New Mexico for the winter. Grandma use to like painting pictures of mountains and landscapes there. They also travelled to the west coast and back with their trailer and grandpa went salmon fishing there. Grandpa’s passion was to fish and hunt and I remember getting up at 4:00 am to head to Long Point, fishing for the day on his boat with him and my dad. He also liked to go to Leamington and Pelee Island to fish and where he also went hunting pheasants and quail. He also liked hunting deer and rabbit in the winter. I remember freezing my butt off out in the Dorchester swamp hunting with him, dad and Uncle Lloyd. He also went hunting in the north with several other men, some I remember (Charlie Swartz, Babe Bowman, Hugh Gordon). They had a hunting cabin on a lake in the North Bay area. They went there to hunt moose and the occasional bear. I remember a picture of Grandpa with a bear he had shot. Sometimes they fished there also in the summer. Grandma loved Christmas, it was her special day and everybody had to show up for the day and a fun day was had by all, opening presents, playing cards and a little libation, the only day of the year it was allowed in grandma’s house and of course Christmas dinner with everybody around the kitchen table and of course, grandma’s rum pudding with lots of rum in it. Grandpa loved his cars and truck and was always tinkering and kept them in tip top condition and I guess that’s where I get my tinkering from. There was always a cold beer in the old coke cooler in the garage and hell to pay for from Grandma when you went to the house later. All in all, they were great Grandparents. They were lots of fun to be around and always loved by all of us kids.”

A story shared by another family member was about the time that Ray took Elizabeth fishing. She was not a fan and rarely fished but that day she caught a 20 plus pound Pike. Ray spent a long time fuming over her catching such a big fish and he never coming close to doing so.



Ray and Elizabeth

**ELLIOTT:** Elizabeth H. (Betty) (Leigh) Elliott died at Woodstock Private Hospital Saturday, December 10, 1983 at the age of 77.

Born in Ingersoll, Mrs. Elliot had resided in Beachville.

She is survived by her husband Ray, and her children Mrs. Kenneth (Virginia) Legacy of Ingersoll, Jim of Woodstock, Mrs. Lloyd (Patricia) Cromwell of R.R. 2, Ingersoll; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her grandson, the late Clinton Legacy, who died in 1981.

The Rev. Lorne Throver of Beachville United Church officiated the Tuesday, December 13, 1983 funeral service at McBeath Funeral Home. Interment in Oxford Memorial Park Cemetery.



Ray and grandchildren

Ray and Elizabeth had three children.

Virginia B 25 Jul 1928 Highland Park, Mi.  
D living

Virginia worked in an Ingersoll bank. Tragically, bagpiper and young son Clint (1960-1981) was killed in an auto accident.

James "Jim" Raymond B 21 Sept 1933 Beachville  
D 16 May 2004 Ingersoll

Jimmy had his own gravel truck but it was a money pit so he went to work for Lowes Transport. He and wife Elise then ran a convenience store for 15 years before Jimmy went to work as a part time Woodstock City bus driver. He went to five National Bus Rodeos in the 1990's across Canada.

Patricia B 18 Oct 1937 Beachville  
D 06 Apr 2007 London

Pat worked at the Bank of Montreal branch in Beachville for several years'



Children of Ray and Elizabeth: Patricia, Jim and Virginia L-R (background) Jim Brown/Patricia Elliott/Elsie Potter (wife of Jim Elliott)/Jim Elliott/Ruth Elliott/Ken Legacy (husband of Virginia Elliott)

## Grandchildren of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson

### Child of Albert Elliott and Orpha Withrow

**Third: Arthur Gordon**      B 21 Nov 1909 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford township  
D 28 Mar 2001 Tavistock (resident of Woodstock)  
M 15 Jun 1940 Beachville

Spouse: Kathleen Susan Burks      B 13 Nov 1915 Lot A & B Con 8 South Dorchester, Elgin Co.  
D 21 Mar 2006 Woodstock

Gord was born in the farmhouse of his parents at Lot 18 Con 2 of N. Oxford. This house, no longer standing, was directly north of the most eastern Lime Plant. As noted, a running family joke was that he was born in the bathroom of the house. At the time it was a bedroom but when indoor plumbing went in, the ground floor bedroom became the house bathroom. His name was improperly transcribed on his birth schedule as Arthur "Fordon" Elliott. A mistake that shows up in multiple Ancestry.ca family trees, much to my chagrin. Gord went to school in Beachville. He completed Grade 8 before quitting school to help with the farm. By the time he had completed Grade 8, the family was living across the road in the big stone house and the 150-acre farm his father had bought in 1915 from the Thomas Downing estate. Having gone from a 50-acre lease farm to owning his own 150 acres, Gord's father needed help. The 1931 census showed that Gord was a farm labourer for his father and making \$650 a year.

Birth Record

1. *Elliott Arthur Gordon*

2. *21 November 1909*  
*Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford*

3. If in a hospital give its name.

4. *Male*

5. *Yes*

6. *Albert J Elliott*

7. *Farmer*

8. *Orpha Myrtle Withrow*

9. *034962*

10. *Swainsburg*

11. *June 14<sup>th</sup> 1904*

12. *—*

13. *—*

14. *Home wife*

15. *Dr. DeKell*

16. *Father*

17. *Yes*

18. *Albert J Elliott*  
*Beachville*  
*18 December 1909*



Gord and his brother Ray were only two years apart in age and often in their teens, in trouble with their father. Apparently joy rides in their father's car were not uncommon. Gord was known as a proficient ice skater and often gave others a head start in skating races but ended up winning. Through the 1920's and early 1930's Ingersoll had very good Junior and Intermediate hockey teams. Gord played forward for several years on the teams in the old Charles St. Arena.

**Hockey at Three Arenas**

**HOCKEY HISTORY OF INGERSOLL & DISTRICT**

Ingersoll over the years has had three arenas and two still stand, the first according to the records of Hayes, now on Nip Hen was used charge of kids six about 1929. The St. E. W. George J. December arena is the orial Cent October 5. Buffalo and American Hockey exhibition g referee and Henderson also worked Charles St. Friday, De between two, from Crumli were all out equipment, in etc. and was a decided to team going to play at

As for O.H.A. sol, the old pictorial Book lists Ingersoll first in 1904 and says the Ingersoll 1909 Intermediate team was group champs. The town had some very good teams between 1915 to 1930 - both Junior and Intermediate, including players "Bud" Kelly, "Bubber" Cline, "Had" Petrie, "Robin" Henderson, George Mason, Walt Moulton, "Babe" Hollands, Lorne McDoug-

all, G. Gregory, "Thorny" Noe, "Mouse" McMillan, "Dinty" Moore, Fred Filmoe, Ralph Beemer and Juniors "Soda" Crane, John Brassi, Bill Jordan, Cec Longfield, Gord Elliott, Clayt Knapp, Don McKay, Harry Dales etc.

After the war, when Max Fisher put an Ingersoll Intermediate team called the Hellcats in a league with London, Sarnia, Chatham and Tavistock. The 1945-46 team had locals Bill Jordan, "Kitch" Henderson, Dave Daniel, "Zip" Cole, "Pike" West, Nip Henderson, Thorny Noe, plus "Scotty" Fairser-

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all, G. Gregory, "Thorny" Noe, "Mouse" McMillan, "Dinty" Moore, Fred Filmoe, Ralph Beemer and Juniors "Soda" Crane, John Brassi, Bill Jordan, Cec Longfield, Gord Elliott, Clayt Knapp, Don McKay, Harry Dales etc.



Brother Ray struck out for life in Detroit and Gord decided to carry on with the farm. In June of 1940, he married Kathleen Susan Burks. She was the only child of Charles and Margaret (Hutcheson) Burks. Charles was a second-generation farmer born in South Dorchester township. His father and family emigrated from Yorkshire, England. Kay's mother was born in Middlesex County and can trace her family back to Aberdeenshire, Scotland in the 1690s. This location is about 50 km north of Aberdeen and 200 km north of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Charles Burks and Margaret Hutcheson Wedding Photograph.



Charles Burks (with frying pan) hunting party





Cousins: L to R: Myrtle Hutcheson, Ruth Hutcheson and Kathleen Burks age 3 Dec, 1918

Kathleen’s birth was extremely traumatic for her mother as Kay was delivered unassisted. The midwife was not available or perhaps not summoned and her father was out working on the farm. Later, he checked in to discover his exhausted wife, an uncut umbilical cord and a baby that had turned blue. Kathleen was born at Lot A & B Con 8 South Dorchester township, Elgin County. This is about three kilometers north of Springfield on the Putnam Road. According to a farm auction flyer, C E Burks sold the farm in 1920 and purchased, in March of 1920 (onland.ca), a farm three kilometers southeast of Putnam at Lot 2 Con 2 North Dorchester (South of the Thames River). He bought the ½ N lot, a total of 100 acres from James Rath for \$10,000. On July 2, 1959 Charles Burks sold the farm for \$15,000 and moved to Holcroft St. E in Ingersoll. Kathleen “Kay” was a smart but, in her words, a lonely child. Without siblings to play with, she valued her spent time with her Hutcheson cousins that dotted the nearby countryside.



She went to primary school in Putnam and skipped several grades. She was accepted into high school at age 11. She took the daily train from Putnam to high school in Woodstock and graduated at age 15. She also took piano lessons and was proficient enough to have been tested at the Canadian Academy of Music in Toronto by world renowned pianist and composer Sir Ernest MacMillan. “One of the major figures in Canada’s musical history, MacMillan influenced virtually all facets of the country’s

musical life both by his precocity and brilliance as a performer and by his tireless activities on behalf of education.”: The Canadian Encyclopedia.

There was a piano or organ in her home through the years but she tended to play for her own enjoyment.

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/sir-ernest-macmillan-emc>

How Kay and Gord met is not known but I suspect it was at a dance. Dancing was a favourite pastime and they took dancing lessons so that they cut a fine profile on the dance floor.



She was 25 and he was 31 when they married at her father’s Putnam farm. The honeymoon was a trip to Quebec. When they returned, they took up residence in the “hired mans’ house” on his father’s farm. This was a converted granary that now became their home. The house was rather rudimentary, under insulated and had no indoor plumbing until added in the early 1960’s. A daughter was born in the fall of 1941. The family continued to live in the house while Gord’s father Albert, mother Orpha and spinster sisters Ruth and Grace lived in the big house. To supplement income, Gord worked in the winter as a truck driver and dock loader for the adjacent lime plant. As his father aged and retired to the background, Gord took over the daily operation of the farm.



Granary turned home



With Gord's father Albert's death in 1950, and with his sisters married, Gord and his family moved into the stone house still occupied by his mother in 1951. Kay was pregnant at the time and stipulated she would not move in until the indoor plumbing was finished. Two sons were born in the early 1950s and this necessitated advancing a renovation to the interior of the house. Orpha had a suite built in the upstairs and a downstairs parlour was converted into a bedroom for the boys. With the hired man's house vacant, the need for farm labour to assist

Gord was crucial. Fortunately, church organizations in conjunction with the Canadian Government, were beginning the process of bringing Dutch immigrants to Canada.

"After the Second World War, a growing population and an economy devastated by war were leading reasons for many Dutch immigrants to seek economic opportunity in North America. 185,000 individuals chose to resettle in Canada. The Netherlands experienced a surplus of farmers after the Second World War due to the destruction of its dykes by German forces, unworkable land, and unemployment. Much of the country's agricultural land was flooded. In an attempt to increase Canada's rural population, Canadian officials signed their first postwar bilateral immigration agreement with the Dutch government to bring families to Canada. Between 1947 and 1949, close to 16,000 individuals from Dutch farm families resettled in Canada. A majority of these newcomers resided in Ontario. Under the resettlement scheme, 94,000 Dutch immigrants came to Canada between 1947 and 1954. Over 80 percent of these individuals were agriculturalists. Most of these Dutch immigrants chose to resettle on farms in the southern regions of Ontario and Alberta. The Canadian and Dutch governments relied heavily on religious organizations to help place immigrants across the country. These organizations chose areas they were most familiar with and believed would bring economic opportunity to Dutch newcomers."

Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21.

With the blessing of the church and governments, the first of the immigrant families made their way to the Ellsdale Farm in 1950. The Kikkert family of Rolph, Lammi and several young accompanying children knew little, if any English. As the children quickly picked up the language through school, Kay and Gord took in upon themselves to teach the parents. I am sure the initial attempts were rudimentary and frustrating for all but in the end successful. This was not the only family that Gord and Kay helped settle in Canada. The Kikkert family were diligent savers and, in the end, purchased a successful turkey farm near Grimsby, Ontario where they prospered. Many family stories are often repeated of the chaos of



the Kikkert and Elliott children's escapades. The "gold dust twins" as two of us were called, set teeth clenching what with all the windows we broke, molasses barrel fallen into and general havoc created. Later, the arrival from the Netherlands via Shedden in Elgin Co. of the Scheper's family and their six kids, the neighbouring Fred and Ruth Funnell flock and the Elliott's, resulted in an unending parade of misadventures. As so many have said during recollections, "it's was a wonder no one was killed".

As was noted in Gordon's parent's history, the farm was sold in 1955 to the Lime Company. The stipulation that a \$1 year rent and a 25-year lease meant that a large

herd of Holsteins was possible. At its peak, the large red horseshoe shaped barns housed around sixty-five head and up to the 1960s, a young bull. According to his son John Reeves, neighbour Charlie Reeves often spoke of Gord Elliott's excellent herd and his innate ability to plough a straight line with either a team of horses or a tractor.

After Orpha's 1960 death, her second-floor suite was removed and additional changes were made to allow family members their own upstairs bedrooms, an upstairs bathroom and a large master suite. Gord always loved to drive and Kay loved to travel. As a family compromise, in the early 1960s the boys were often taken out of school in June or December (if the school marks were up to snuff), the farm was put in the hands of the hired help and the family was off on a driving adventure. Many memorable trips were made around North America taking in the sights from the confines of the family car. Disneyland, Vancouver, a Christmas time Grand Canyon, Key West, the Seattle and Montreal Worlds Fairs and all places in between were driven to. It was no exaggeration to say that over 45 states and 7 Canadian provinces were passed through reminiscent of Chevy Chase's National Lampoon Vacation movie. Later trips to Europe and the Caribbean (minus the children) were taken.

My dad was the only person I have met that could face forward on a bicycle while sitting on the handle bars and pedal the bicycle backwards. In my teenage years I tried and tried but to know avail.

Gord was also excellent at horseshoes, dabbled in curling and was always up to going to a local hockey match to cheer on the home team. No mention can be made of Gordon without including his wavy hair. Wavy hair ran in his family and much time was spent carefully combing the waves into just the right style.

His love of new cars was widely known. Gord's first car was a lightly used 1931 Chev Coupe with a



rumble seat that he purchased in his early twenties. He had a lead foot



and he and brother Ray often sped up and down the back concessions of N Oxford. One night Ray wanted to drive. As luck would have it, as they were speeding, a police car surprised them and pulled them over. Gord was told to take the car home and



Ray spent the night in jail. Every fall, after milking, Gord would suss out all the new cars sitting in the dealerships. Auto dealers would often phone to tell him a beautiful new Buick or such had just arrived and they were holding it for him.

As mentioned, Henrietta Downing, Gord's aunt, had willed to his father a portion of Lot 20 Con 2 after her 1944 death. That meant that the arable farm stretched as far east as to the edge of the village of Beachville. Including a portion of property that was rented from across the road at Lot 18 and the Lot 19 and Lot 20 farm, it totaled two hundred and ten acres. The farm was a mixed crop Holstein dairy farm.

After the incessant chore of stone picking was finished, (it was never finished), hay and oats, corn and wheat were all grown on the property. One of the first grain combines in the area was purchased by Gord in 1960. Gord put it to work renting himself and the machine to neighbouring farmers. By the early 1970's it was obvious that his two sons were not going to continue with the farming business. He sold the entire herd to a New Jersey interest around 1977. It was a sad day when the trucks arrived to take the animals away en masse. After the animals left, he bought new equipment for cash crop farming. Purchases included a Ford tractor; a small Massey Ferguson tractor and a bigger Massey combine. Purchase was made of a larger plow, cultivator and discs as well. His youngest son would help in the evenings and weekends. It was always corn he planted and sold. In the late 1980's he rented the land out. At that point, the barns were empty and dilapidated so he tore them down and sold the boards. As with most farmers, his riding lawnmower was the last implement left when he sold the rolling stock and tools in 1987.



1967 – milking time

Gord and sons on the new combine - 1960



Kay and Gord were also known to give their time to help others. She was recognized for her service with the Hero from the Home Award.

**AUCTION SALE**  
 CLEARING SALE OF IMPLEMENTS & MISC. AT THE FARM - FIRST ROAD WEST OF BEACHVILLE ON COUNTY RD. 9 and 1/2 MI. NORTH ON DOMTAR RD. - or - 1/2 MI. SOUTH OF NO. 2 HWY. ON GYPSUM RD.  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 11 A.M.**  
**COMBINES & TRACTORS:**  
 M.F. 750 SP diesel combine w/cab, air, 4 row Model 44 corn head, 13' grain head, automatic load leveller, 1249 hrs., in excellent cond. Ford 9700 diesel w/cab, air, radio, dual remotes, 918 hrs.; Ford 7700 diesel w/cab, radio, triple remotes, load monitor, duals, 1522 hrs.; MF Model 32A industrial tractor w/20 C industrial loader, weight box, 128 hrs. Combine and tractors all in excellent cond.  
**IMPLEMENTS & MISC.:**  
 MF 620 18' wheel disc; Int. 720 automatic reset 5 F. 18" plow w/hyd. furrow straightener; Brillion 15' mulcher packer w/hyd. cylinder; Int. 56. 4 row corn planter w/herbicide and insecticide applicators; MF 3PH 7' Dina balance mower; Nobel 4 row 3PH corn cult; 215 bus. Turnco gravity bin on Case wagon; Geo. White 14' 3PH cult; Case wagon and flat rack; 2 - 16' flat racks; 12' fertilizer auger w/long hoses; Ford 8' 3PH grader blade w/turning cylinder; 2 Kilbros 350 bus. gravity bins on 9 ton wagons; 24' Speed King 8" pto auger; White 150 gal. 3PH weed sprayer; 100 gal. 3PH sprayer for fence bottoms; New Idea 3PH fert. spreader; 10' chain harrow; 6 sec. harrow; Gehl forage blower; Woods oat roller; 4" grain auger; 14 Beatty cow stalls; water tank on skids; set of farm sleighs; Antique 1 furrow Farmers Friend riding plow; 1000 and 1200 bus. Rosco steel grain bins; Remington chain saw; 2 DeLaval milker pails; 2 S.S. strainers; hydro fencers; work bench w/vise and emery; socket sets; box end wrenches; handyman jack; several el. motors; 1 1/2 HP and down; wheel barrow; scale; walking plow; MF 450 pressure washer; Pioneer chain saw; air compressor; barn back; set half track chains for 410 Case; pipe die 3/4 - 2"; 2 hay fork cars; bolts and misc.  
 Interested parties should attend this Sale as all the implements are in above average cond. and ready for spring.  
**TERMS: CASH SALE DAY. Decision Auct. final. LUNCH BOOTH. Prop./Auct. not responsible for accidents.**  
**A. GORDON ELLIOTT - PROP. - 423-6324**  
**WALLIE ROSS - AUCTIONEER**  
**539-5077**  
 Mar. 24-77



**Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) - Oxford**

Kathleen Elliott  
 139 John Davies Drive  
 Woodstock, ON  
 N4T 1N1

Dear Kathleen:

CCAC-Oxford's "Heroes in the Home" Award Program recognizes caregivers in the community who give their time and energy in support of someone who needs their care.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> 2001, over 160 individuals gathered together to celebrate the dedication and commitment of 42 family and volunteer caregivers in our community.

You were one of the "Heroes" recognized that evening. As you were unable to join us on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we have enclosed your "Heroes in the Home" Plaque, in appreciation of your dedication as a caregiver.

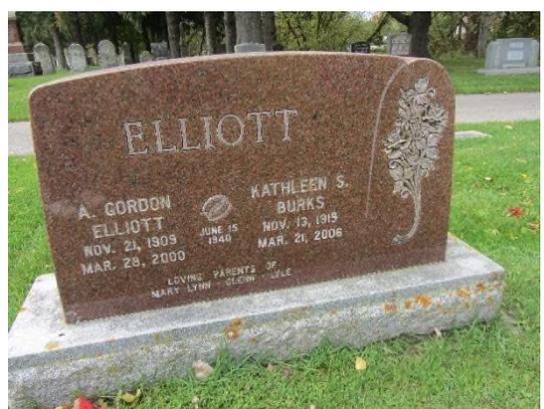
Your generosity of spirit is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Oosterink  
 Chief Executive Officer



Woodstock home – John Davies Dr.



died in 2001 in Tavistock at the Bonnie Brea retirement home, from old age and Parkinson's. Kay stayed in the Woodstock home until a stroke took her in March of 2006. An interesting fact was that Gord was six years minus 7 days older than Kay. She died six years minus 7 days after he did. They are buried with Kay's parents in the Putnam Cemetery



The farm house sat empty for several years in the early 1990s. The quarry owners installed a new furnace in the house to keep mildew out. It was promptly stolen and the house was in disrepair until 1994. At that time, Jack and Dawn Lussier bought the property, beautifully restored and renovated the house from top to bottom and had the fire department burn down the farm labourer's house. The silo still stands. The farm implement buildings stayed. Today solar panels occupy most of the farm land.

The couple had three children: Mary Lynn (Graham) 1941 Glenn 1952 and Lyle 1954



Ellsdale farm circa 1950s

## Grandchildren of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson

### Children of Albert James Elliott and Orpha Withrow

Fourth and last child: Ruth "Jennie"

B 18 Sept 1917 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford

D 18 Feb 2010 Woodstock

M 04 Apr 1942 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford

B 30 Jan 1917 Ingersoll

D 29 Mar 1991 London lived Lot 7 Con 2 W Oxford

Spouse: James "Jim" Brown

Burname first. 040630

Elliott

Jennie Ruth.

Sept. 18. 1917.

If in a hospital give its name. N. Oxford

Ruth was youngest of the children and the only one born in the big stone house. She was given the name Jennie Ruth but I only recall her being referred to as Ruth. She was six years younger than her next sibling. She went to school at Beachville Public School with well-known Mr. Finch as teacher. He was known to have taught parents, their children and in some cases grandchildren through his decades of teaching in Oxford County. Ruth religiously attended Beachville Baptist Church with her parents and siblings. She was in the choir at the church.

She was involved in Junior Farmers and sewing circles.



Ruth Elliott – age 13, 1931/32 Beachville Public School. Teacher – Mr. Finch. Courtesy: John Reeves

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**13 COWS GRADED VERY GOOD**  
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 (Sister of above). Three records above 20000  
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 25,002 lbs. milk, 917 lbs. fat on 2X.  
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 Owner. Supt.

Jim Brown was also a Junior Farmers participant and they may have met there. Jim was born to James Brown and Margaret Fair. James Sr. met wife Margaret Fair in Edinburgh and they married in 1909. James arrived in Canada from Ireland via Scotland in late 1910 and Margaret came over the following year. The 1921 census had the family living on Tunis St. in Ingersoll and father James was an odd job labourer. James later became a gardener. Son Jim was born in Ingersoll. He and Ruth "Jennie" married in 1942 at Ruth's childhood home. An interesting dynamic was introduced at the wedding as Jim was from a Roman Catholic family and the Elliotts were Baptist. After the marriage, Jim went to work for Vern Meek – a Prouse family (Book 2) relative by marriage. Vern Meek was Jim's first employer on Vern's farm just south of Ingersoll. Jim and Ruth lived upstairs in the Meek's farmhouse while the Meeks lived downstairs. When the Meeks retired and sold their farm, Jim found work as a herdsman on the Norloch farm. This farm was owned by Charles Downing, son of Henrietta Elliott who was wife Ruth's aunt and was located at Lot 12 Broken Front Concession in W Oxford. Charles Downing came late to life as a farmer having managed his families Lime company for several years. Charles' dairy farm was noted

for the excellent breed herd and Jim was the in charge of the day to day running of the farm. The Browns lived in a small house adjacent to the retirement rancher that Charles Downing built for himself.

The houses are on the south side of Beachville Rd across from Ruth's aunt Henrietta's home which is now the Beachville Museum. Jim supplemented his income, as most local men did, with work at the quarries, mostly in the kilns or driving truck.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1948, Jim and Ruth purchased 50 acres (southeast quarter) of Lot 16 Con 1 in North Oxford from Ross Edwards as per Onland.ca. They paid \$7000.00. Ross Edwards held the mortgage but it was satisfied by April of 1953. In the meantime, the farm barn burned down in 1950 or 1951 with the loss of feed and animals. It was rebuilt.

In the summer of 1955, the Ontario Limestone Mining Co. on the old Governors Road, approached many farmers along Con 1 of N. Oxford township in order to purchase their farm land. This was in response to the potential threat that the nearby Beachville Lime Company was preparing to do the same. The offer to these farmers, all received the same day, was above market value. Only one farmer did not accept the offer and by March of 1957, the Browns had received \$22,500 for their 50 acres. At this time, with two children in the family, they started the search for a new farm.

Grant	Date	From	To	Acres	Price	Location
Grant	21 Jan 1957	Walter Shevchen & Yantje L. Shevchen	Ont. Limestone Mining Co. Ltd.	50	\$22,500	N.E. 1/4
Grant	25 Jan 1957	James Brown & wife	Ont. Limestone Mining Co. Ltd.	25	\$10,500	E. 1/2 of S.W. 1/4

In March 1958, a purchase from Harvey Daniels was finalized for 80 acres of the northwest corner of Lot 7 Con 2 in West Oxford. The purchase price was \$16,000 and the farm was named the Circle D farm after the circle driveway at the house entrance. The size of the farm was a direct result of the build of the new #401 freeway, that was in the process of land acquisition. The freeway cut a portion of the farm along the back much the same as it did to Prouse and Wilsons cousins farms.

Grant	Date	From	To	Acres	Price	Location
Grant	21 Mar 1958	Harvey B. Daniels & Gertrude E. Daniels	James Brown	80	\$16,000	Corner of Hwy 401

Above: The 25 March 1958 purchase of W Oxford Lot 7 Con 2 for \$16,000.00. The accompanying notation was indicating the exact land size and location due to the disruption of the survey markers by the passage of Highway 401.



Lot 16 Con 1 N Oxford



Lot 7 Con 2 West Oxford



Over the years additional outbuildings were added as were new silos. Jim died in 1991 and son Keith took over. The working farm stayed in the family until 2009 when the property was sold to the neighbouring Markus family. The barns and silos were taken down in 2011 but the house remained. Ruth stayed in the house after the land sale and until ill health placed her in a facility. Son Keith lived in the house until 2019.

Jim Brown was involved in several organizations through the years. He was a 4H leader and a member of the township council in 1974 when there was a general reorganization of townships and government responsibilities.



He also worked with the provincial government in overseeing and confirming the removal of Elm trees that had succumbed to Dutch Elm disease in Oxford County. He was interested in antique farm implements and equipment and had a sizeable collection. He and his son Keith restored old tractors. They once won the Best Restored Tractor division at the International Ploughing Match. Jim was famous for entertaining people with amusing stories and antidotes. I remember that he could polish off a BBQ steak

and corn of the cob with gusto. Ruth was a cat lover. It was rare to not see a feline prowling around her feet. Gregarious and always loudly laughing at a funny comment, she was fond of a good yarn. Ruth had a pen pal when she was in primary school. Her name was Nancy and her husband was Fergie and they lived in Heathrow, England. I stayed with the couple for a day during an English visit in 1974. Ruth and Nancy continued their correspondence for over 50 years before they finally met when Ruth and Jim travelled to England. The Browns also spent time in California, Western Canada, and Alaska. Ruth suffered from diabetes in later years but was in good spirits up until her health started to fade.



Aunt Ruth and Author



James Brown



L-R: Jim/Mary Downing and Peter Graham/The Murrays/Ruth



Mr. and Mrs. Vern Meek and the newly married couple.



The Lot 7 Con 2 W Oxford farmhouse.

The couple had two children. Jim and Ruth share a burial plot and stone with Ruth's sister Grace and her husband Grant in the Harris Road Cemetery.

End of Book 7. Chapter 2 - 6

Next Book 7 Chapter 2 -7

Margaret Elliott and Grant Defoe

## Book 7: Chapter 2-7 and Chapter 2-8

### Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers Child of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Revised July 2024

**Second youngest child: Melissa Jane (Maggie)** B 09 Sept 1879 Lot 15 Con 3 North Oxford Co.  
D around 1965 Plymouth/Detroit  
M 09 Sept 1904  
Spouse: Grant Burdette Defoe (Dafoe) B 08 Dec 1880 Picton, Ont.  
D 12 Oct 1939 Detroit/Redford Mi.



Aunt Maggie as I knew her, was first noted in the Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper with her birth announcement. No name was given to the baby. No birth registration has been found either. She was the youngest daughter of JR and Betsy and spent her early years on the small family farm beside the main line Grand Truck Rail line in N. Oxford.

#### Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper

Id	7628
Type of Notice	Birth Notice
Newspaper	Ingersoll Chronicle
Newspaper Date	Sep 11 1879
Page Number	3
Column Number	5
Surname	Elliott
First Name	
Middle or Maiden Name	
Date of Event	September 9, 1879
Associated Surname	Elliott
Associated First Name	John
Note	daughter
Text of Notice	ELLIOTT--In North Oxford [township], on the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. John Elliott, of a daughter

The first indication of her name was noted on the 1881 Oxford Census. She was listed as Melissa Jane. She never used Melissa, instead using Margaret on future paperwork. Everyone called her Maggie.

#### 1881 census

62	62	Scott Christina	F	24	-	B	Pres	Scott	Scovana	-
		Elliott John	M	40	-	England	B. Ohio	English	Harmon	M
		" Elizabeth	F	36	-	"	"	American	"	"
		" Henrietta	F	16	-	"	"	English	"	"
		" Eliza K	F	13	-	"	"	"	"	"
		" Ellen Dec	F	6	-	"	"	"	"	"
		" John Arthur	M	6	-	"	"	"	"	"
		" Arthur James	M	4	-	"	"	"	"	"
		" Melissa Jane	F	2	-	"	"	"	"	"
63	63	Hicklin John	M	33	-	England	B. Ohio	"	Harmon	M

With her mother's death in January of 1885, the household was in chaos. Maggie was 6 years old. She was next seen on the 1891 census as a 10-year-old living with sister Rose and Rose's first husband Charles Mapes in Woodstock. Rose had married at age 20 in the year prior. I would say that when Rose and Charles married, Maggie was the third member. Maggie and her sister Rose's life would be entwined until their deaths.

1891 Woodstock census

22	18	11	26	21	18	11	26	21
Mapes	Charles	M	Rose	F	England	England	England	Methodist
Mapes	Charles	M	Rose	F	England	England	England	Methodist

CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891.

Province Ontario

District No. 105

S. District 1

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Annual Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 21 day of April 1891.  
 Révisé par moi ce jour de 21 1891.

MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH			MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH																				
Vows and Conditions	Home in same Parish	Home in other Parish	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	32.	33.	34.	35.	36.	37.	
1	2	3	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
			10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

By studying Rose's marriage certificate and other papers, we find that the Mapes had 2 children and were living in Port Huron Mi. in 1891. Maggie was no longer with the couple and she would have been 20 years old. Maggie's own census of 1930 indicated she emigrated to Detroit in 1895 at age 16 but there is no knowledge of where in Michigan she went. There is a period between 1895 and 1900 where I cannot find Maggie's exact location. I can assume she was near her sister in Pt. Huron. Although not positive proof, there is a possible sighting of Maggie in the 1900 Port Huron census. She is living in a boarding house and working as a house servant. This woman's age, birth location, parent's birth location and year she emigrated all match her circumstances.

TWENTIETH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. SCHEDULE No. 1. - POPULATION.

Port Huron, Mich. 1900

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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1900 Port Huron census

Elliott Maggie	Servant	W	7	1879	20	1	Canada	England	Canada	1874	5
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Rose divorced Charles Mapes in July of 1897. I suspect that Rose and her 2 young children were living in Port Huron after the divorce. Rose remarried in 1900 to Harry T Todd and Maggie was there for that event as a witness. Rose divorced again in 1903 but was remarried the same year. Rose's family history chapter explained the chaos.

9 Sept 1900 Wedding registration Harry Dodd and Rose Mapes

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan  
Return of Marriages in the County of St. Clair 10.  
for the Quarter Ending Sept. 30 A. D. 1900

No.	Date	Name of Groom	Name of Bride	Place of Birth	Age of Groom	Age of Bride	Place of Marriage	Officiating Minister	Witnesses
6075	Apr 11	Walter S. Bell	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6076	Apr 11	Richard Howard	Patricia Josephine	New York Michigan	20	18	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	John S. Bell, Charles White
6077	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6078	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6079	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6080	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6081	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6082	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6083	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6084	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6085	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6086	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6087	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6088	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6089	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin
6090	Apr 11	John W. Smith	Anna M. Marshall	Greenwood Michigan	27	24	Greenwood Michigan	Rev. James A. Richmond	Joseph Martin, Isaac Martin

Apr 18 1900 Harry O. Dodd 23 Port Huron New York Sailor R. B. Dodd  
Rose Mapes 20 " " Canada Unknown  
June Bell once divorced Port Huron to N. Adair O. B. Bell  
Maggie Elliott

Maggie was married in 1904 on her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday to Grant Defoe of Detroit. The marriage took place in Essex Co. Ontario, likely in the Windsor or Riverside area of Ontario where Maggie had several relatives. Grant was 2 years Maggie's junior.

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**SCHEDULE B.**  
Count 4 of Essex

NAMES OF PARTIES (Surname first.)	AGE	RESIDENCE WHEN MARRIED	PLACE OF BIRTH	Bachelor, Widower, Spinster, Widow	OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION	NAMES OF PARENTS (Father - Mother - N.B. - Always give Maiden Name of Mother)
Groom. Herwig N. H.	29	Detroit	New York	B	Bookkeeper	Herwig Adolphus Herwig Anna Herman
Bride. Hale Julia E	35	"	Michigan	S		Hale Rose McComber Lewis
Groom. Goodspeed W. J	42	Lansing, Mich	"	W	Painter	Goodspeed O. J. Kett Mary
Bride. Stewart Catherine F	29	"	Ireland	S		Stewart Robert Anderson Rachel
Groom. Nobus Gustave	26	Detroit	Germany	W	Teamster	Nobus Fred Pauline
Bride. Schalk Augusta	23	"	"	W		Schick Adam Schick Carrie
Groom. Doty Lee	23	Columbus Grove O	Ohio	B	Restaurateur	Doty A. J. Alberta Carrie
Bride. Saunders Mary	23	"	"	S		Saunders A Bogart Hannah
Groom. De Foe Grant B	23	Detroit	Ontario	B	Salesman	De Foe Roger Elliott J. R. Johnson Elizabeth
Bride. Elliott Margaret	25	"	"	S		

Grant Burdette Defoe was the oldest son of Hiram Defoe and Sarah Crowe. The Defoe clan were long time settlers of Picton Co. The Defoe's had emigrated from Picton in 1885 and settled in Detroit. Hiram must have died before the 1881 Michigan census as Grant's mother was listed as the family head. Grant's siblings lived throughout the southern regions of Michigan and several descendants can still be found there.

Grant was a cigar salesman in the Detroit area in the 1910 census but changed occupations throughout his life. The census also shows that he and Maggie were both naturalized American citizens at that point.

They were living on McGraw Ave in the northern Dearborn area. Today it is a neighborhood of condemned houses.

1910 census

Defoe, Grant B.	Black	M	4:27	1885	Can. English	Can. English
Margaret	White	F	4:30	1865	Can. English	Can. English
Occupation	English	Salesman	Cigars			
	English	None				



The couple moved to Beech Rd in suburban Detroit prior to the 1920 census. They lived there through most of if not all of their lives. The street address numbering must have changed over the years as I have not been able to locate the 12204 Beech Rd address that is listed in phone directories at that time for Detroit.

As many others did, Grant filled in his draft card. His registration date was Sept of 1918 just as the war was ending. It indicates he was a short man with "dark hair and black eyes" and by this time was in the restaurant business.

REGISTRATION CARD										REGISTRAR'S REPORT						
SERIAL NUMBER	501				ORIG. NUMBER	2753				C-21-14						
1	Grant Burdette De Roe									DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT						
2	R.F.D. # 5 Plymouth Wayne Mich									HEIGHT	BUILD			COLOR OF EYES		COLOR OF HAIR
3	Age in Years	Date of Birth								23	24	25	26	27	28	
	37	Dec 8		1880						X		X		Black	Dark	
RACE																
White				Negro		Oriental		Indian		Citizen		Noncitizen				
5	X								8		9					
U. S. CITIZEN																
Native Born				Naturalized		Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority		Declarant		Non-declarant						
10			11		12		13		14							
If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?																
PRESENT OCCUPATION								EMPLOYER'S NAME								
Restaurant								Self								
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:																
Car 14th and Waverly Detroit Wayne Mich																
NEAREST RELATIVE				19 Name												
				Margaret De Roe												
Address				20 R.F.D. # 5 Plymouth Wayne Mich												
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THEY ARE TRUE																
P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Red)																
Board, Div. No. 4, 14th, Wayne Co., Mich. (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)																
of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which his permanent home shall be placed in this box.																

Like sister Rose's husband EW Clark, Grant Defoe had his fingers in everything. By 1924, he was operating a number of restaurants in west Detroit. He was involved in several land deals as well. He pushed the envelope in terms of business dealings and had several run ins with city authorities.

The Charwood apartments, 35 Charlotte avenue, which is owned by Lambrecht-Kelly company, 155 West Congress street was leased last week by Henry L. Kinnucan to Benjamin F. Glines, Grant B. DeFoe and Charles P. Campau for a term of 10 years. The Charwood is a 56-apartment building with 2, 3 and 4 room furnished apartments. While the price of the lease was not made public, it is reported it was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$400,000.



The Charwood Apartments as of 2022

07 March 1924 Detroit Free Press

In late November 1928, Grant Defoe was front page news in Detroit.

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**WAGNER FIRES ROUND AT FOE**  
Short-Term Sheriff-Elect Says Inauguration Is Contested "In Bad Faith."

**WAGNER FIRES ROUND AT FOE**  
The citing of conflicting legal decisions and the statement by the defense that the plaintiff's action was brought in bad faith, featured the progress yesterday of the case of **Grant B. DeFoe**, represented by Robert M. Toms, prosecuting attorney, asking for an injunction restraining the Wayne County Board of Canvassers from issuing a certificate of election to Henry Wagner, elected sheriff for the disputed "short term."

Before the case can go on, Circuit Judge Guy A. Miller insisted that Prosecutor Toms be brought into the court as a witness, or that an affidavit be obtained from him stating that he had duly authorized the plaintiff's request for an injunction, as legal formalities to put the case in court require.

Maurice H. McMahon, counsel for the board of canvassers, stated that **DeFoe** made the injunction plea in bad faith and with ulterior motives. McMahon read affidavits in which various persons reported seeing a dice board and cup in **DeFoe's** cigar store, and stated that they had played a slot machine in the store which neither returned their money nor dispensed candy.

The whole legality of the election for a so-called "short term" in the sheriff's office is doubted by the plaintiff, while the attorney for the board of canvassers claims the election to be regular and legal. A maze of decisions offering advantages to both sides was brought out. County, state and even constitutional changes in the last few years are involved.

**What's New In Detroit?**  
By JACK CADILLAC

Detroit, Nov. 30—The suit in the Wayne circuit court of **Grant B. DeFoe**, cigar store proprietor, to prevent Henry Wagner from serving as sheriff until Jan. 1 ended after a lengthy court hearing with the decision of Judge Guy A. Miller that the present sheriff, Ira Wilson, should remain in office. With the suit decided in his favor, the plaintiff, **DeFoe**, remained nebulous litigant, never having appeared in court nor having made any sort of a statement as to his interest in the proposition.

When Sheriff Edward F. Stein died early last summer his undersheriff, Ira Wilson, succeeded him in office to hold over until the November election. At that time the voters were instructed to elect a sheriff for a short term dating from the election until Jan 1, and his successor for the two-year term commencing on that date.

Wagner, former turnkey in the county jail and a prominent figure in Wayne county politics, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Stein's death. Wilson won easily in the race for the two-year term. Wagner called on Wilson and it was reported in the newspapers that Wilson said that he would willingly turn over the

In summary of the headlines in the Free Press, he was contesting in court that when Sheriff Edward Stein died, his underling Ira Wilson, illegally succeeded him and should not be sheriff until the next election in 40 days. Wilson claimed Defoe had ulterior motives in pursuing the claim. He felt that Defoe was angry and seeking revenge in Wilson's claim that Defoe had an illegal gambling set up in one store and that his candy machines were purposely not delivering candy after taking the customer's money. Defoe lost the challenge.

## Lakes Season On Day Early to Dodge Jinx

Sailors won't open their Great Lakes navigation season on Friday, even though it is the date for opening the season.

The Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Co. sent its Western States away from the Third St. wharf on its maiden run of the season to Cleveland Thursday, a full day ahead of schedule. Capt. L. C. Mantel was in command.

Sailors' superstitions must not be denied, so it matters none that the company had to pay extra for pre-season insurance, since regular insurance on lake boats does not become effective until Friday.

The passenger list was not heavy, but it included Grant B. DeFoe, of Plymouth, who has taken "first in line for the first trip" honors for seven years.

Steamers of the D&C fleet have remodeled cafes and cocktail bars. Officials anticipate a good season. Trips to Buffalo will begin May 22.

Before the boat left J. T. McMillan, president of the line, and his son James, assistant general manager, inspected the ship.

15 April, 1938 Detroit Free Press

Grant also made the news for his habit of being the first passenger every spring to travel on the Detroit to Cleveland ferry run.

The ferry did not run in the winter.

The 1930 census for Grant and Maggie had a third member living in the house on Bech Rd. Jerry O Chesney was listed as an 8-year-old boarder. He appeared in the 1940 census as well. The only difference was that he had changed his name to Defoe in 1940. Where he came from or who he was remains a mystery. He was not an orphan as his parents and several of his siblings lived in the Detroit area in several censuses. No concrete link between the families has been found. It appears that Jerry was contributing to the family income as a laborer in 1940.

1930 census

68	De Foe Grant B	Head	0	0320	12	78	7/21/49	7/21/23	No	Yes	Canada	Canada
	Maggie J	Wife					3/11/50	7/21/20	No	Yes	Canada	England
	Chesney Jerry	Boarder					7/21/8		Yes		Michigan	Michigan

As an aside note: the 1930 census included a column to indicate that the household owned a radio. It appears that the Defoe's were among those leading the charge and had acquired one.



Maggie continued to visit her close sister Rose in Pt Huron and made several visits to her relatives in Oxford Co. As opposed to her large and boisterous sister Rose, I recall Maggie as being petite, slim and quiet. She always was wrapped in some type of a fox stole (the type with the head still attached). They often arrived together to visit their nephews and nieces from brother Albert's, sister Henrietta Downing's and the Smith families.



Port Huron Times Herald;

Top Left – 18 Aug, 1925

Top Right 11 Apr, 1931 – John would have been John A Elliott.

Bottom Right 17 Jun, 1961

Bottom Left 29 Nov, 1946

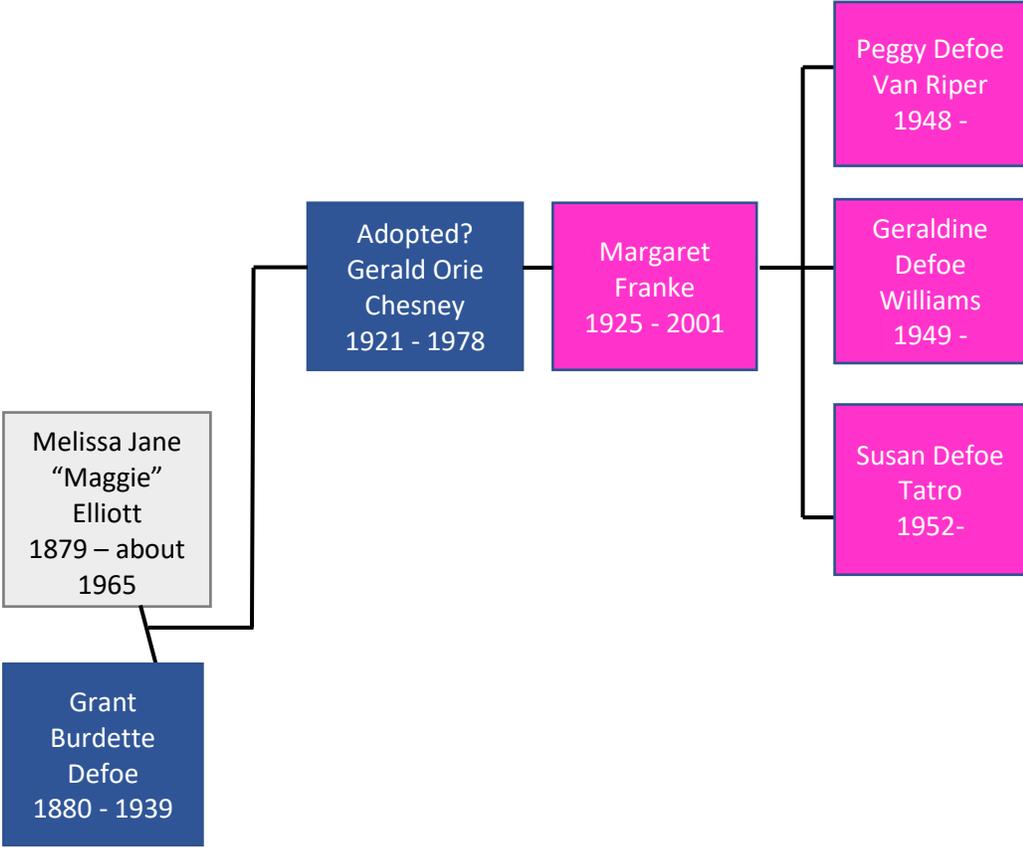


I have not been able to confirm Maggie's death nor her burial location. In fact, after 1950, Maggie cannot be located. We know that she is listed as a surviving sister for her sister Rose who died in 1965. Grant's obituary stated his interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Redford, Mi. I cannot locate his name for that cemetery on the Find a Grave website.

Regardless, I suspect both he and Maggie are buried or cremated there.

Like her sister Rose and her brother John, she set out to make her life in the urban and industrial center of Detroit. She emigrated with her sister Rose and there is no evidence that she saw much of her father JR Elliott when he also lived in Port Huron at the same time as she did in the early 1900's. I suspect that like her older sister Rose and brother John, they were estranged from their father after the implosion of the nuclear family with the death of their mother Betsy in 1885, when Maggie was 6 years old.

**Melissa Jane (Maggie) Elliott and Grant Defoe Family Tree –  
youngest daughter of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson**



Gerry Orié Chesney also worked at the Wilson Dairy and went on to serve in the US Navy during WWII.

In 1944, he married Detroit native, Margaret Louisa Franke while he was stationed in Oakland, CA during WWII. Gerry was wounded in action and returned to his family home not far from the Beech Rd. address of Maggie's.

De Foé

**REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)**

SERIAL NUMBER 2006	1. NAME (Print) Gerald Orié Chesney	ORDER NUMBER T 11591
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 12204 Beech Rd Plymouth Wayne Mich		
3. MAILING ADDRESS (Print) 12204 Beech Rd Plymouth Wayne Mich		
4. TELEPHONE Evergreen 6023	5. AGE IN YEARS 30 yrs	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Detroit Wayne Mich
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Grant De Foé 12204 Beech Rd Plymouth Mich		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Wilson Dairy		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 5755 Sellman Detroit Wayne Mich		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42)		Gerald Orié Chesney (Registrant's signature)

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John 31, a	Dr. Wm. J. Anabim, Calif. NILSSON, Ray Walter, 29, 1464 Portland Avenue, Albany, IA.
Burnell Aug. 27,	VEIRA, Ruth Florency, 18, 910 Stan- nage Avenue, Albany.
Burnell e, Aug.	BOYD, Thomas Wesley, 27, Ger- mantown, Pa. MILLS, Jeanne Eliza- beth, 20, 2828 Hillgass Avenue, Berkeley.
wife of Street, r. ld Hite, a son. of Wil-	HARWOOD, Chadron McKinney, 38, Livingston, Calif. CONLEY, Mable Anastasia, 35 Livingston, Calif. DeFOE, Gerald Orié, 23, Detroit, Mich. FRANKE, Margaret Louise, 19, Detroit, Mich.

Marriage notation: Oakland California

17011 BRUSH ST., DETROIT.  
DeFOE, Gerald Orié, Seaman 1c,  
USNR. Wife, Mrs. Margaret Louis  
DeFoé, 25245 Fonkell Ave., Detroit.

Wounded list USNR

He had three daughters that I am aware of.



Peggy B 1948



Geraldine B 1949



Susan B 1952

Peggy and Susan live in Fort Worth, Tex. Geraldine is in Florida.

After the war Gerry and family stayed in Detroit where he worked for a refrigerator manufacturer as a stock man. He died in 1978. His obituary noted his birth father but no birth mother nor the Defoe's whose name he took. After his death, his wife Margaret moved to San Antonio to be near two of her daughters and died in 2001. Interestingly the funeral was held back in Detroit with her family.

## DeFOE

**GERALD O.** Beloved husband of Margaret; dear father of Mrs. Susan Tatro, Mrs. Peggy Drury, Mrs. Geraldine Williams; also survived by eight grandchildren; dear son of Roy Chesney Sr.; dear brother of Miss Edna Chesney. Funeral service Friday 11 a.m. at the **Hammond-Goodnuff-Burnham Funeral Home**, 24501 Five Mi. (btwn. Telegraph & Beech Daly).

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, Michigan) - 14 Dec 1978, Thu

**WATAUGA** — Marge DeFoe, 76, who retired from retail sales, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001, at a Fort Worth hospital.

**Funeral:** will be held later in Detroit, Mich.

Marge was born March 15, 1925, in Detroit, Mich. She had lived in Fort Worth for 16 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald DeFoe, in 1978.

**Survivors:** Daughters, Susan Tatro and Peggy Van Riper, both of Watauga, and Geraldine Williams of Florida; two sisters; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mount Olivet Funeral Home

2301 N. Sylvania Ave., (817) 831-0511

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## Book 7 Chapter 2 -8

### Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

#### Children of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson

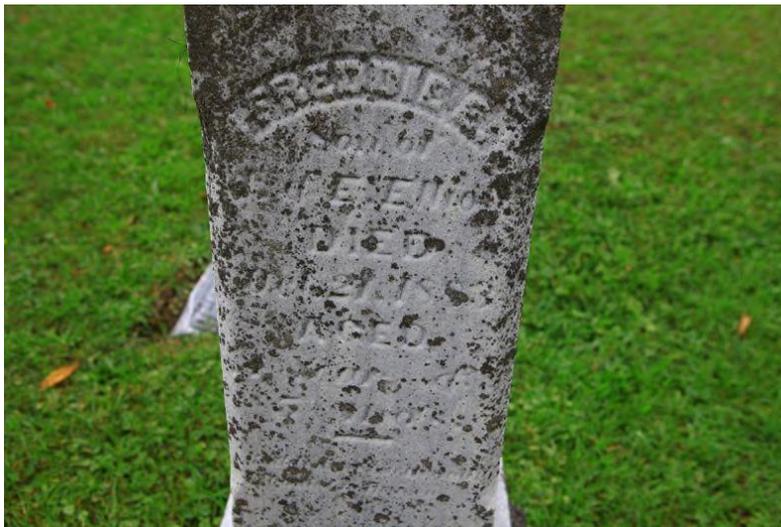
Youngest Child: Frederick Edwin

B May 1882 N Oxford

D 21 Oct 1883 N Oxford

IRC cemetery index records

Frederick Edwin Elliott	1883	Oct 21	17	Blood Poisoning
Blood Poisoning	1883	Oct 21	17	Frederick Edwin Elliott



Cause of his death: inflammatory croup. This was a common cause of death in the Ingersoll area in the weeks before and after his death. He is buried with his parents in IRC.

#### Inscription

Freddie E., son of J. & E. Elliott, died October 21, 1883, aged 1 year, 5 months

#### Possible Premature baby:

Name:	Elizabeth Elerick [Elizabeth ELLIOTT]
Gender:	Female
Age:	37
Birth Date:	abt 1848
Birth Place:	West Oxford, Ontario
Death Date:	6 Jan 1885
Death Place:	Oxford, Ontario, Canada
Religion:	Methodist Episcopal Church
Cause of Death:	Emhyim of The Heart Following Prematurie & Birth

Betsy (Johnson) Elliott was giving birth to a baby when she died on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, 1885.

In the IRC death Index, the cause of her death is listed as inflamed bowels. No baby was found in the directory to have died at that time.

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Next Book 7- Chapter 3 – More family of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers