

Book 4:

The Elliotts of Devon and Oxford

Maria Elliott and William (Elliott) Seldon and Family

Preface: Maria was the third oldest daughter of John and Mary Elliott. To review their lives in Devon, the trip to Canada and their life here, refer to

Book 1

The Devonshire Elliott/Seldon/Prouse/Hamlyn/Wilson Families of 1843 Ingersoll and surrounding townships

Second Revision: Feb 2025

IRC – Ingersoll Rural Cemetery

Con – township concession

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William (Elliott) Seldon and Maria Elliott Family

Third child of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Child: Maria

B 29 Dec 1812 Bradworthy, Hartland Parish, Devon

D 16 Oct 1890 N. Oxford

M 07 April 1841 Morenstow, Cornwall

Spouse: William (Elliott) Seldon

B 30 Sept 1808 his grave marker says a native of Cornwall

D 30 Apr 1880 Woodstock or N Oxford

Maria was christened 12 Feb 1813 in Woolsery Devon and was noted in records as the “dau(ghter) John and Mary Elliott of Ash in Bradworthy, Farmer”

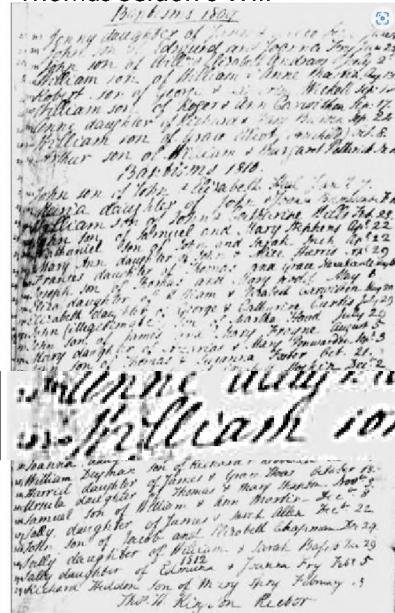
Maria’s father and mother are featured in Book 1. Maria Elliott B 1812 was a member of the family group that came over to Oxford Co. from England. She arrived a few years later than her parents. She was the third oldest and third daughter of John and Mary Elliott. Prior to the trip she had already left the family and married William Seldon in 1841 in Morenstow, Cornwall.

Husband William Seldon’s story needs some major unpacking. The first step is studying his baptism record. The Hartland baptism record of 1809 shows a William born to Grace Elliott (1791-1857). Unlike the majority of baptisms where a father and mother are listed, Grace is listed as the only parent. William was an illegitimate or BASE child in the English genealogy vernacular. According to Lesley Seldon, a Seldon family genealogist from England, no father has been proven for William. If my interpretation of census and birth records are correct, Grace would have been 15 or 16 when she gave birth to William. Grace was also illegitimate, born to a Mary Elliott who later married on 7 April, 1814 in Kilkhampton to Charles Hatherly of Morwenstow.

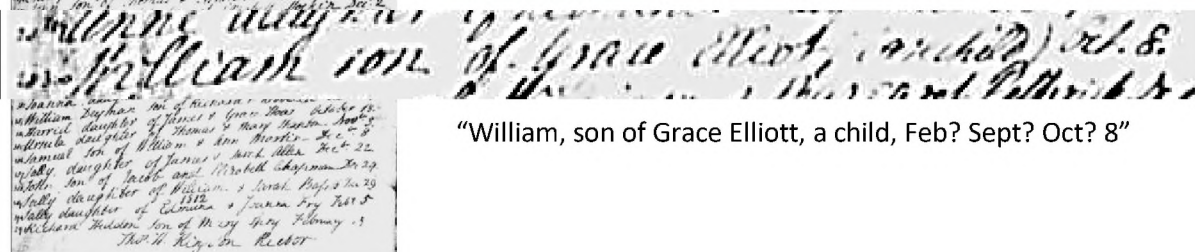
Grace Elliott Birth and Baptism Record

Source citation for England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

Thomas Seldon's Will



Ancestry record		England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975	
Citation details		View record	
Associated facts		Name	Grace Elliott
Media		Gender	Female
		Baptism Date	8 Jan 1792
		Baptism Place	Bradworthy, Devon, England
		Mother	Mary Elliott
		FHL Film Number	0924828 IT 2



“William, son of Grace Elliott, a child, Feb? Sept? Oct? 8”

The irony of the fact that his mother is Grace Elliott is not lost on the writer. She was baptised in Bradworthy, as was the John and Mary Elliott family. Was she a relative? Although unproven, the odds are very probable. Grace’s son William grew up in the Bradworthy area and went by the name of William Elliott.

Grace married Thomas Seldon on the 23rd of March, 1826 in Pyworthy, Parish, Devon

<u>Thomas Seldon</u>		of <u>this</u> Parish
and	<u>Grace Elliott sojourner</u>	of <u>this</u> Parish
were married in this	<u>Church</u>	by <u>Banns</u> with Consent of
<u>Parents</u>	this	<u>twenty third</u> Day of
<u>March</u>	in the Year One thousand eight hundred and <u>twenty six</u>	
By me <u>Thos. H. Kippax</u>		
This Marriage was solemnized between us		{ <u>The mark of Thomas Seldon</u> <u>The mark of Grace Elliott</u>
In the Presence of	{ <u>Wm. C. Chubb</u> <u>John C. C. C.</u>	
No. 74.		

Grace was listed as a "sojourner" meaning she was temporarily living in the parish. Her son William would have been 17 years old at the time of his mother's marriage. She would have been 34 years old. She and Thomas Seldon had three children of their own. William may have taken on his stepfather's name around that time. William Elliott Seldon lived with his mother and much younger Seldon step siblings in Morwenstow, Cornwall near the Devon Cornwall border. William was fortunate to have his mother marry a successful farmer who was able to provide for them. William most probably changed his name to take advantage of the possibility of sharing in the Seldon wealth. Unfortunately, Thomas Seldon died the 6th of November 1844. He would have been about 62 years old. His death coincided

SELDON Grace.	15 May.	Letters of Administration	with the 1843 Elliott
Effects under £300.		of the Personal estate and effects of Grace Seldon late of the Parish of Moorwinstow in the County of Cornwall Widow deceased who died 24 September 1857 at Moorwinstow aforesaid were granted at Bodmin to Thomas Seldon of Moorwinstow aforesaid Yeoman and Elizabeth Ann Seldon of the same place Spinster two of the Children of the said Deceased they having been first sworn.	migration and may have been a factor in stepson William's decision to move to Canada in 1847. As for Grace, she died in 1857 in Morwenstow. The English 1851 census


lists her as a widow with three labourers working on her 80-acre farm. Her estate paperwork indicated that her "two children" from her marriage to Thomas Seldon were the beneficiaries of the estate. William was in Canada at that time.

In 1841, William married Maria Elliott of the John Elliott family of Bradworthy. As mentioned, there is a good chance they were related in some manner.

A certified copy of marriage licence banns reveals several family clues and facts. Maria can be confirmed as the daughter of John Elliott. William is the step son of Thomas Seldon (more on that later). He was married as "William Elliott". He and Maria were married in Morwenstow, Cornwall, where they eventually lived. The witnesses were Thomas and Mary Prouse, they were Maria Elliott's married sister and brother-in-law.

So how did William Elliott arrive in Oxford County as William Seldon?

William Elliott's marriage to Maria Elliott with noted father's names.

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE
Pursuant to the  **Marriage Act 1949**

Registration District Morwenstow

Marriage solemnized at 1841 Church District of Morwenstow in the County of Cornwall

No.	When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of father
31	April	William Elliott	31	Bachelor	Farmer	Ham	Thomas Seldon	Farmer
Vii		Maria Elliott	28	Spinster	Farmer daughter	Ham	John Elliott	Farmer

Married in the Church of the Holy Trinity and St. Andrew of the Church of Christ by R. S. Hawker by

This marriage was solemnized between us, William Elliott in the presence of us, Thomas Prouse Mary Prouse R. S. Hawker Vicar

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody, Registrar Henry James Superintendent Registrar Date 3.10.2002

CAUTION—It is an offence to falsify a certificate or to make or knowingly use a false certificate or a copy of a false certificate intending it to be accepted as genuine to the prejudice of any person or to possess a certificate knowing it to be false without lawful authority.
WARNING: THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON PRESENTING IT

William Elliot-Seldon of Morwenstow - (Morwenstow - Cornwall)

William ELLIOTT alias SELDON married Mariah ELLIOTT in Morwenstow Cornwall in 1841. Their witnesses at the wedding were Thomas PROUSE and his wife Mary whose maiden name was ELLIOTT. The PROUSE couple were both from Hartland, Devon. The SELDON couple (as they were later known) emigrated to Oxford Co., Ontario, Canada in 1847, probably on the same ship as the PROUSE family who sailed on the Arab in 1847. Their ship encountered a storm and had to put into Trinity Bay Newfoundland, Canada for repairs. While there, Trinity Maria PROUSE was born. The PROUSE family also settled in Oxford Co., Ontario.

Courtesy: The Curious Fox

Some facts in the Curious Fox account differ from other reports. As an example, putting into Trinity Bay due to a storm is described in another account in Book 2 of the Prouse family as having to return to Devon due to a storm. Regardless, the descriptions tend to agree for the most part.

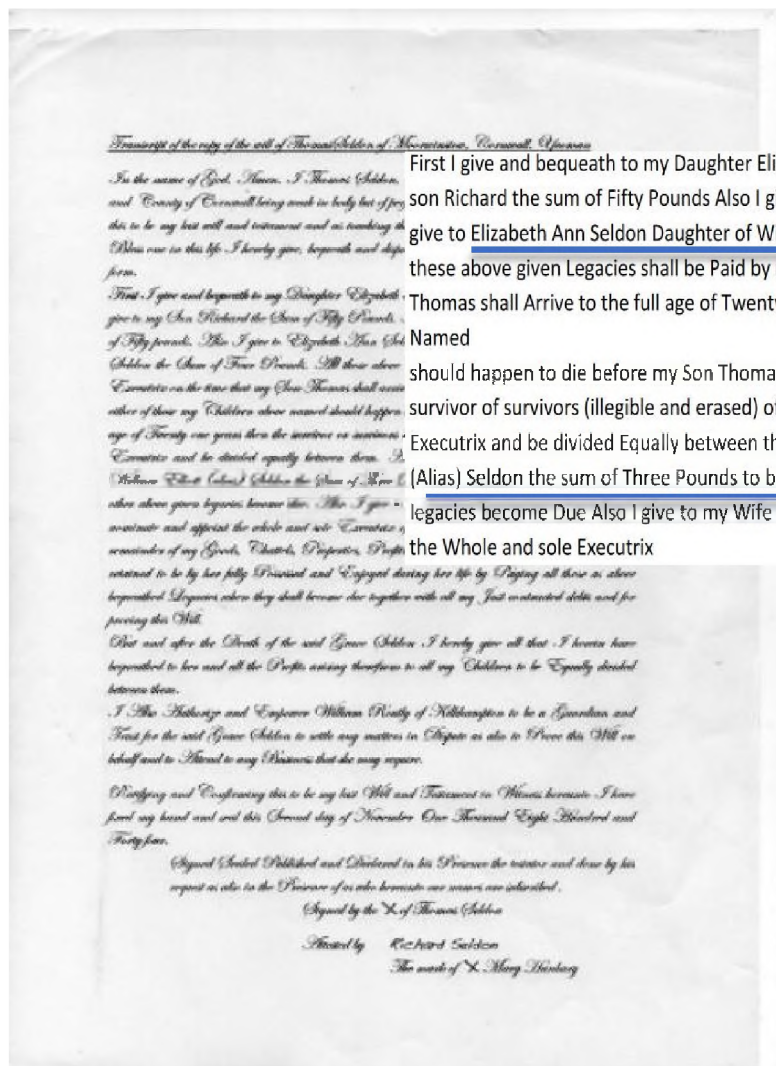
"Morwenstow is the most northerly parish in the county of Cornwall and blessed with some of the best scenery. You could be forgiven for arriving in Morwenstow and thinking, 'where's the village?'. The church stands by the sea cliffs, neighboured only by the rectory built by Hawker, and a farm. An 1841 census of Moorinstow (Sp) District 5 Cornwall finds a William and Maria Seldon living in the community area of Woodford. He is listed as a farmer. Their ages are correct as they are rounded to the nearest five years as was custom of the enumerators of the era."

Excerpt sent from Lesley Seldon – Seldon English Family Book

The most stunning element of William's upbringing was that he took and passed on the Seldon name to succeeding generations, all of which had no "Seldon" blood in their veins.

Did William share in the Seldon wealth? His stepfather's will provides some information about the family dynamics. William was not bequeathed any sum of money. His step siblings, who were the true children of Thomas Seldon, received the modern-day equivalent of £11,000 while William's own children received far less but still worthwhile amounts.

Portion of Thomas Seldon's will: edited and transcribed:



The Will acknowledges that William Seldon is William Elliott.

“Morwenstow is one of those remote districts where the centuries have wrought but little change. The same families of the good old yeoman stock have occupied the land, and intermarried, for generation after generation. It is a place where names, and the men who bear them, live long. A tablet in the church is inscribed to the memory of one John Shearme of Harscut, the Eleventh John Shearme successively: “Who departed this Life in the Year of Our Lord 1771, in the 91st Year of his Age.” Other names such as Brimacombe, Harris, Adams, Mountjoy, Venning, Cory, Burrow, Trewin, ***Seldon***, Cottle, Jewell, Cholwill, and Kinsman are likewise indigenous to the soil, and recur again and again in the Parish records, or on the gravestones in the old churchyard.”

R F Hawkers: Life and Letters of Morenstow

Woodford		Mary Hodge	20		9
		Thos King	30	+ Ag Lab	4
		John Hurrell	15	+	4
		Richard Clark	45	Ag Lab	4
		Joan Clark	45		4
		Thomas Clark	14		4
		Grace Clark	10		4
		Joan Clark	8		4
		Richard Clark	1		4
		Wm Seldon	30	Farmst	✓
		Maria Seldon	25		✓
		Nich Seldon	10		

1841 Cornwall Census – William age 30 and Maria age 25 living in Woodford, Morwenstow



Woodford, Morwenstow is six kilometers or four miles from Bradworthy, Devon where Maria and William were both baptized and was the original home of the John Elliott family. It is highly likely that the couple could have met due to close proximity. It should also be noted that there was an elderly woman named Mary Hodge living in Woodford. Hodge is one of the maiden names that has been put forward for Maria's mother Mary Elliott. Could the elderly Mary Hodge be Maria's grandmother? A portion of the 1851 census of N. Oxford township, Oxford Co. is missing from government census records, so there is no census confirmation of the Seldon family living in N. Oxford in 1851. An Onland.ca property paper trail exists for William Seldon in that he purchased 100 acres of land at Con 3, Lot 7 N. Oxford Township on the 10th of August 1847. This land is about 5 kilometers north west of the Village on the Thames which was renamed Ingersoll when incorporated in 1852. William made a following purchase of another adjacent 100 acres in April 1855. Two hundred acres of land was a considerable amount in that era and would require a significant amount of labour to clear and William

had sons that ranged in age from 7 to 12 years of age in 1855. I suspect that his brother-in-law John Elliott, who lived a concession away, was able to assist.


North Oxford: Lot No. 7, in the 3rd Concession.

REGISTRY.	GRANTOR.	GRANTEE.	QUANTITY.	CONSN.
101	The Crown	Mrs. John Elliott	200 acres	
118 18 April 1849	Mrs. John Elliott, Widow,	Charles H. Turner	200 "	
122 14 June 1854	Charles H. Turner	James Crooks		
	Under sale & upon, records obtain & have preference of lands in the same by public or private sale.			
121 30 Sept 1855	Chas. H. Turner	James Crooks		
	To execute Conveyances & Releases			
127 10 Aug 1857	Charles H. Turner by his Attorney James Crooks	William Holden	100 acres	
135 13 Sept 1858	Charles H. Turner by his Attorney Thomas (Shurt.)	William Holden	100 "	
136 14 Aug 1858	William Holden & Wife	Alexander J. Green	100 "	\$3.50
137 24 Jan 1859	Alexander J. Green	William Holden		

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When did William and Maria leave for Canada? One clue is that daughter Elizabeth Anne B 1841 Thomas B 1843 and John B 1846 were born in Morenstown, Cornwall. Elizabeth's 1891 census notes that she emigrated in 1847. Son Richard was born in N Oxford in 1847. The arrival in 1847 appears self evident. There is some speculation that Maria Elliott Seldon and her sister Mary Elliott Prouse may have come over together. Prouse family records indicate that they arrived in April 1847 at Trinity Bay Newfoundland (their daughter Trinity was registered as being born either there or while crossing the Atlantic). An April 1847 crossing would work well with William making his first land purchase in August of 1847. The birth of son Richard in Ingersoll in November of 1847 further substantiates the probability of a spring 1847 arrival.

Through the generations the family seemed to generate a batch of high achievers. They were entrepreneurs, doctors, administrators, merchants. authors and successful multi generational farmers.

 the farm as being in the possession of the same family from at least 1867 to 1967.



As per the Centennial Committee rules of 1967.

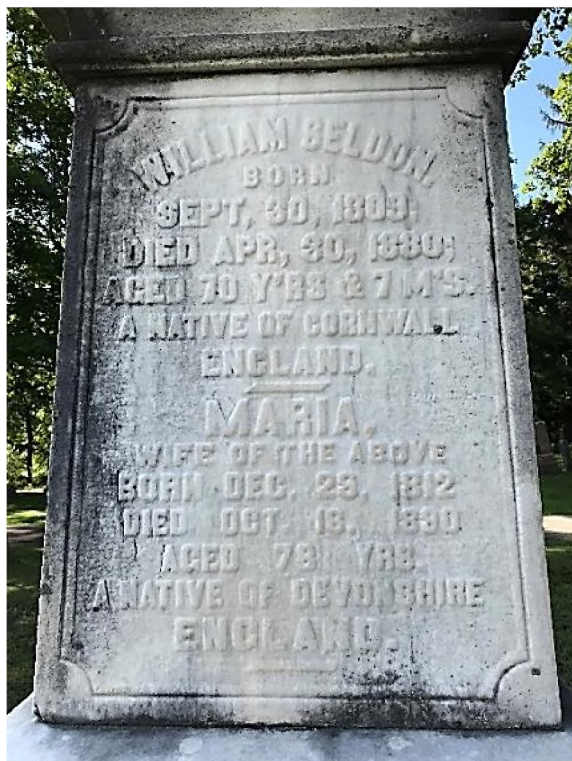
This is a historical map of a section of the American West, likely from the late 19th century. The map shows a grid of land parcels, each labeled with the name of the owner. The names are arranged in a somewhat regular pattern, suggesting a survey or land grant system. A yellow arrow points from the top left towards the center, and a blue arrow points from the top left towards the bottom right. The map includes names like W. Seldon, J. Dunn, and various roads such as GRAVEL ROAD and CROCK ROAD. The map is oriented with North at the top.

Maria and William, the patriarch and matriarch of the North Oxford Seldons, eventually had six children.

Elizabeth Ann	B 1841 Woodford, Morwenstow, Cornwall D 1902 Ingersoll
Thomas	B 1843 Kilkhampton, Morwenstow, Cornwall D 1919 Ingersoll
John	B 1846 Woodford, Morwenstow D 1848 N Oxford
Richard	B 1847 North Oxford D 1929 Ingersoll
William Jr.	B 1849 North Oxford D 1887 North Oxford
John	B 1852 North Oxford D 1854 North Oxford

The family farm prospered and remained in the family for over 130 years as it was passed down through the generations. The Seldon family also took great interest in the civic business in the area with several generations acting in some capacity for the N Oxford township and the Town of Ingersoll.

In 1965, Township Council, under Reeve Henry Finlayson, made plans for the construction of a Township office as a Centennial Project. The construction was completed in 1966 and the official opening took place on October 29, 1966. The location of the office was carved out of a south east corner piece of the Seldon farm adjacent to the old Highway #2. The building is now The Zorra Municipal Office situated at the corner of 27th Line and Highway 119. The total cost of the Township office, including land, building, landscaping, paving, furniture and commemorative plaques amounted to \$38,854.22.

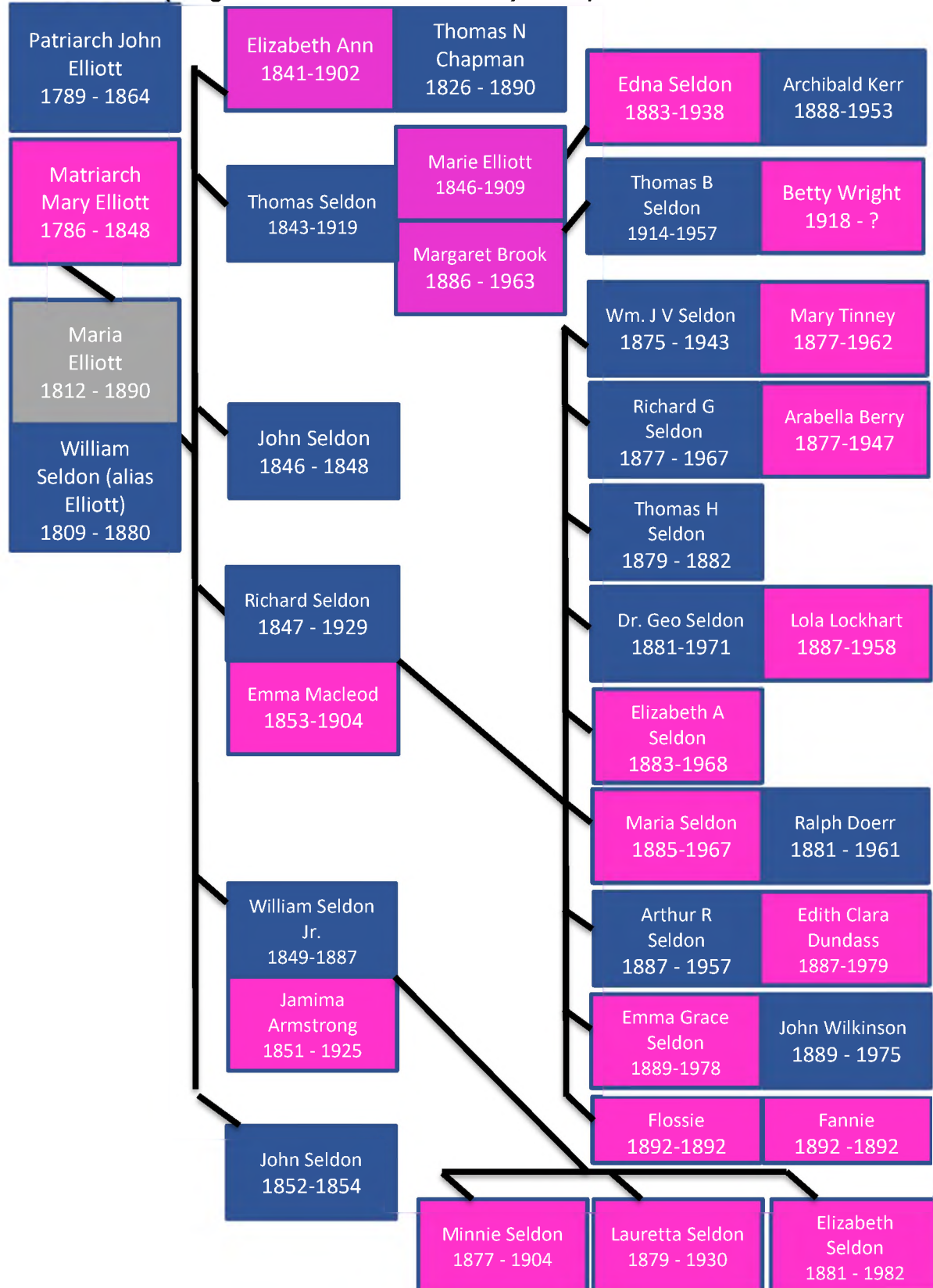


With the close proximity of Maria Elliott's parents and siblings – as noted in Book 1, the influence of the Elliott group spread into the surrounding countryside and into the small villages and towns around Ingersoll that sprang up at that time. In conjunction with the growing influence, the Seldon family spread their wings throughout the years.

William and Maria lived on the farm until their deaths. William Seldon and Maria Elliott are buried in Section H with the other family members of the Elliott extended family in Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Their monument, as referenced in Book 1, is adjacent to Maria's siblings, including married sisters of the Prouse, Wilson and Hamlyn families and the Elliott sons. Her parent's markers are nearby.

Children and Spouses of ...

Maria Elliott (daughter of John Elliott and Mary Elliott) and William Elliott Seldon



Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Children of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Oldest Child: Elizabeth Anne

B 22 Aug 1841 Woodford, Morwenstow, Cornwall

D 21 Apr 1902 Ingersoll buried IRC

M 25 Apr 1872 at the Seldon homestead

B 1826 New York State

D 21 Jan 1890 N Oxford buried IRC

Spouse: Thomas Nixon Chapman

Twenty second of August 1841 at	Woodford	Parish of	Elizabeth	Ann	born	William	Seldon	father	James	Woodford	mother	Maria	Seldon	born	August	1841	Registrar
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Birth record: Elizabeth Ann at Woodford, Cornwall - daughter William (Elliott) Seldon.

Elizabeth	born	Aug 22	1841	at	Woodford	father	William	Seldon	mother	Maria	Seldon
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Baptized Aug 24, 1841 with parents William and Maria Elliott (not named Seldon this time)



Elizabeth Anne Seldon



Anne Seldon and Thomas Chapman farm

Con 4 and 5 Lot 7. Directly south of the Seldon homestead across the "gravel road".

Mrs. Chapman, of Ingersoll, is spending a few days at the family residence of her brother, Mr. Richard Seldon,

April 24 1887, Exeter Advocate



Thomas Chapman
Find A Grave photo

The James Chapman family arrived from the United States and started farming in N Oxford with the 1840 purchase of BF (broken front) Lot 7 Con 5. Broken Front indicated that the lot had an uneven frontage adjacent to the Thames River (see above map). James later acquired a large swath of land at Lot 7 on Con 3 just south of the Seldon homestead. James and his sons farmed both properties. Son Thomas later purchased and farmed land adjacent at Lot 7 Con 4. He was primarily a dairy farmer. With his father's passing, the 1861 census listed him as single and living with his 72-year-old mother. The 1871 N Oxford census finds him at the same location but now living alone. When he married Anne the following year, he was in his mid 40s. He maintained his 100-acre farm adjacent to his brother and nephews. He had his brother-in-law Thomas Seldon organize an auction of stock and implements in 1880 when he decided to retire from farming. Thomas continued to live at Lot 7 Con 4 until his death.



50 COWS,

In calf or calves by their sides, all in good condition; 2 farrow cows; 5 three year old steers; 1 brood mare in foal by Milesian; 1 driving mare; 1 four year old colt, 16 hands high; 1 filly rising two years old; 1 filly 10 months old, very nice, got by thoroughbred race horse "Stockwood," took first prize at Ingersoll, Woodstock and London; 30 sheep; 3 breeding sows, one with nine pigs; 3 store hogs; 1 lumber waggon; 1 one horse waggon; 1 threshing machine, nearly new and horse power; 1 old threshing machine and jack; 1 clover header; 1 sawing machine; 1 seed drill; 1 plough; 2 pairs harrows; 1 two horse cultivator; 2 one horse cultivators; 1 turnip cutter; 1 gang plough; 1 new sulky rake; 1 land roller; 2 grind stones; 1 set double harness; 1 pair bob sleighs; 1 stove and kettle; 1 combined reaper and mower; 1 fanning mill; 1 pair platform scales; 6 milk cans; a large quantity of milk pails and pails; 2 large cauldron kettles; 1 large logging chain; rakes, forks and other articles too numerous to mention.

As the proprietor has given up farming, everything must be sold without reserve.

Lunch at Eleven O'clock

TERMS.—Sum of \$10 and under, Cash; over that amount 8 months' credit without interest on furnish-

March 25th, 1880.

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AUCTION SALE

OF

Farm Stock and Implements.

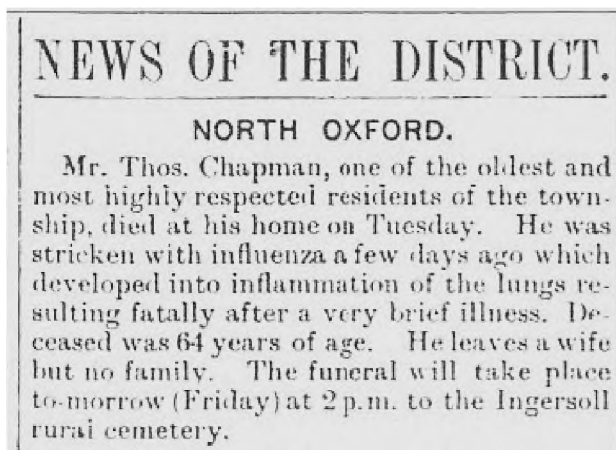
The subscriber has received instructions from THOS. SELDON, to sell by Public Auction, on

Lot 7, Concession 4, North Oxford,
One mile West of Ingersoll, on the River Road, on

Tuesday, March 30, '80

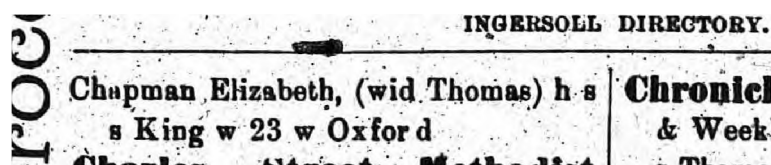
At 10 a. m., the following property, viz.:

Both clippings: Ingersoll Chronicle March 1880



Ingersoll Chronicle Obituary Jan 23, 1890

After Thomas Chapman's death, Elizabeth moved into Ingersoll. In 1891, months after her husband's death, she was living with her 14-year-old nephew Richard Seldon who was boarding with her. The 1901 census continued to list her still in Ingersoll. One column of the 1901 census indicated she emigrated in 1847, further proof of when the Seldons arrived. At her death, Elizabeth had suffered from Sepsis for over three months due to an infection. She was living in Ingersoll on King St. when she died. It appeared the pair had no children.



Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Children of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Second Child: Thomas

B 09 Jun 1843 Kilkhampton, Morwenstow, Cornwall

D 05 Dec 1919 Ingersoll

M 16 Apr 1867 York, Toronto

Spouse: Maria Elliott

B 31 Jan 1846 York, Toronto

D 16 May 1909 Ingersoll

M 10 Nov 1910 Ingersoll

Spouse: Margaret Helena Brook

B 18 Apr 1886 Crediton, Devon, England

D 08 Mar 1963 London, Ont.

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH
Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

Registration District Varscona in the County of Cornwall

No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
434	Ninebent 9 June 1843 at Loodfaw Parish of Kilkhampton	Thomas	Boy	Lillian Seldon	Maria Seldon formerly Elliott	Famer	Maria Seldon Kilkhampton Loodfaw Kilkhampton	Twenty four June 1843	Lillian Treslin Registrar.

Copy of Thomas Seldon's birth certificate – mother Maria Seldon and father William Seldon, formerly Elliott.

North and West Oxford and Ingersoll Agricultural Show.

PRIZE LIST.

CLASS I.—Carriage Mare and Foal—Six entries; 1st Archibald Park, 2nd David Dundas, 3d Michael Dunn.

Span of Carriage Horses—Six entries; 1st Angus Herrick, 2d James Chambers, 3d D. & T. Choat

Three-year old Filly or Gelding—Six entries; 1st Neil Swartz, 2d William Ross, 3d James Chambers.

Two-year old Filly or Gelding—Seven entries; 1st J. M. Elliot, 2d D & T. Choat, 3d John Dodge

Yearling Colt or Filly—Three entries; 1st Thos. Seldon, 2nd Archibald Park.

CLASS II.—Brood Mare and Foal—Six entries; 1st David Elliott of Dereham, 2d Wm Kennedy, 3d Thos Seldon.

Thomas took an interest in the family farm as a youngster. He entered many local agricultural fairs and won awards with his animals. His father William raised award winning pigs but Thomas was more inclined to show cattle and horses.

Left: Insert from Ingersoll Chronicle 1858

CATTLE FOR MANITOBA.—Mr. Thos. Seldon shipped this week to Brandon forty head of young cattle, including 27 cows and 13 oxen; also 2 horses. They will be unloaded twice on the way, at Chicago and St. Paul. Hay will be provided for them along the sides of the cars. We wish Mr. S. luck in his "spec."

Chronicle 16 Mar, 1882

In his 1880s, business success was evident by the Christmas meats he had ready for sale to the Ingersoll

populace.
Times are hard this year sure enough, but the purveyors in the Ingersoll market made liberal preparations for the season, and lovers of good meat feasted their eyes on the finest display ever made in this town.

Mr. Seldon's display was as follows:—

A five-year-old heifer, fed by H. & I. Groff, Elmira, Ont., weighing 1,930 lbs.; took 2nd prize at the late Woodstock fair. A six-year-old Cow, fed by Mr. Williams, of Calloden, weighing 1,600 lbs. A two-year-old heifer, fed by Mr. White, of Blenheim, purchased at the late Woodstock fair, where it took first prize, weighing 1,560 lbs. A two-year-old Steer, fed by Mr. Wilson, East Oxford, weighing 1,755 lbs., being the largest steer killed in the town of Ingersoll. A 3-year-old Steer, bred by Mr. McCullough, Woodstock, weighing 1,600

populace.

Dec 27, 1883. Ingersoll Chronicle

Thomas married Maria (pronounced Mare-EYE-a) Elliott as per great Thomas' great granddaughter Liz Seldon. They married in York County in 1867. She was the daughter of Devon born innkeeper William Elliott and wife Hannah Hill who were living in the township of Vaughan. Maria was the second of at least six children as per the 1861 Upper Canada census.

Ingersoll Chronicle articles show that Maria and Thomas often visited Maria's married sisters in Toronto and area. Thomas Seldon's will set aside funds for his wife's family as noted by Maria's sister's married names of Spalding and Landers.

Belated: William Seldon, Richard G. Seldon, George Seldon, Arthur Seldon, Annie Seldon, Maria Kerr and Edna Wilkinson children of my said brother: Edna Maria Kerr aforesaid; Thos. Kerr aforesaid; Archibald S. aforesaid; Leticia Loretta Seldon; Elizabeth Gertrude Seldon; aforesaid; Leticia Loretta Seldon; Elizabeth Maria Elliott Sparling, Mabel Sparling, M. Charles Sparling, Christopher Sparling and children of Mrs. G. P. Sparling; Maud Elliott Landers, and each of any other children of aforesaid share and share alike, but in of the last named residuary legatee dying before having received his or her share, surviving, the share of the one so dying her children equally; otherwise, to the said residuary legatee last named.

HEREBY REVOKING all former Wills or other Testamentary Dispositions by me at any time heretofore made I declare this only to be and contain my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, PUBLISHED AND DECLARED by the said Thomas Seldon, the Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who both present

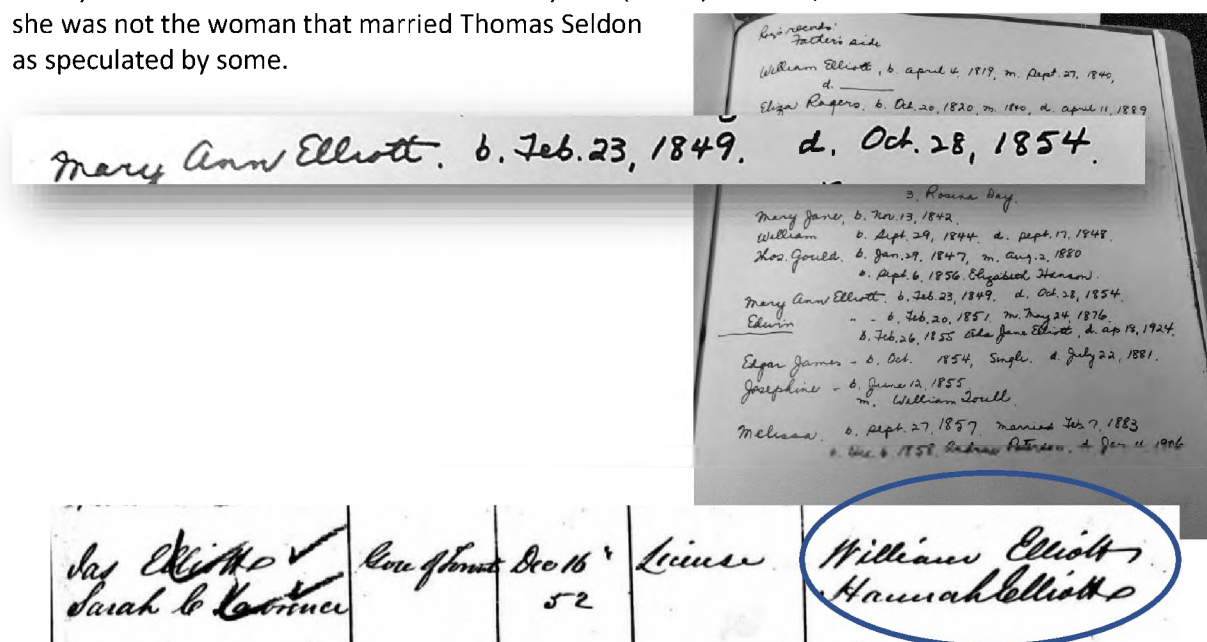
Thos Seldon

Tombstone of Maria Elliott Seldon's father and mother: William Elliott and Hannah Hill – Toronto.



Alternative family trees have made the rounds on Ancestry websites regarding Maria (Mary) Seldon's Elliott parents. There has been speculation that she was an illegitimate daughter of Thomas Seldon's uncle William Elliott. This is unfounded on many fronts. Although their names are identical as are their father's names the same, the two William Elliotts were not the same man. Although the William Elliott of the Elliott family of Devon may have spent time in the York/Durham/Scarborough area in 1843, he and his wife of three years and son were already in Oxford County by 1846, the birth year of Maria Elliott of York. Recently located family records and genealogy records in the Norwich Ontario Museum that were compiled in the 1920s by a grandson of William Elliott indicate that William's daughter Maria (Mary Ann) was born in 1849 (in E Nissouri township) and died in 1854. In all likelihood the Norwich records were compiled by oral history and records of those that were alive at the time and are probably accurate. That Maria's early death would eliminate her as Thomas Seldon's wife. No burial location has been found for this young Maria. Thomas and wife Maria often socialized with her parents and sisters in Toronto as per Ingersoll Chronicle news articles. This is another reason to support the claim that Maria (Mary Ann) Elliott was not Thomas' cousin.

Family records birth and death dates for Mary Ann (Maria) - Book 7, cousin of Thomas Seldon show that she was not the woman that married Thomas Seldon as speculated by some.



What is not being discounted is that there is evidence that Thomas Seldon and future wife Maria's family knew each other from Devon. Maria's parents William and Hannah Elliott were witnesses to the James Elliott and Sarah Lawrence (Book 9) wedding in York in 1852. James Elliott was Thomas Seldon's uncle.



Children



William was born in Devon in 1819. I suspect that William and Hannah were also contacts for the Elliotts when they arrived in Port Hope in 1843. The N Oxford Elliott son John Jr. (Book 6) may have lived with this family when he arrived ten years earlier than the rest of his clan. I feel that in all likelihood this family were related cousins of some manner of the John and Mary Elliott family and children. William may have even been the son of John72 from Book 1. With all of these relationships being true, Mary Elliott would have known Thomas Seldon through their related family members. After Hannah's 1879 death, widowed husband William was living in Ingersoll with daughter Maria and son in law Thomas Seldon according to the 1881 census. Thomas would become a pillar of the community of Ingersoll and his business generated great income.

THOMAS SELDON

Thomas Seldon is one of the solid citizens of Ingersoll, who has wielded a potential influence in promoting the town's prosperity. He is a native of Cornwall, England, and has been a resident of this locality for fifty-six years, thirty three years of that period and esteemed citizen of the town. During the past twenty four years he has been actively engaged in buying and exporting apples and poultry to the English markets, and last winter he made his forty-ninth trip across the Atlantic. The extent of his business operations may be judged from the fact that his cash turn-over was as high as \$140,000 one year. He has travelled extensively through Europe, one year covering a distance of 29,000 miles.

Mr. Seldon has been a member of the Board of Education for three years, reeve and county councillor for three years in 1888 and 1889. He has always taken an active interest in public questions and when abroad he never missed a chance to say something good of his hometown. It was mainly through his zealous efforts a few years ago that the St. Charles Condenser was secured for Ingersoll in spite of the strenuous attempts of rival municipalities to induce the company to locate elsewhere. He has great faith in the future of this town, and is generous in his support and encouragement of any worthy institution or project, and is one of the most liberal contributors toward the maintenance of King Street Methodist Church. Along with a number of Ingersoll friends, he spends a part of the summer season at his beautiful home in Muskoka.

Mrs. Thomas Seldon

LAI D TO REST--Citizens in representative numbers and many relatives and friends from a distance attended the funeral yesterday afternoon of the late Mrs. Thomas Seldon, which took place from the family residence, corner of Albert and Francis Streets, to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Many floral tributes were indicative of the sympathy and esteem. Impressive services were conducted by Revs. J. E. Hughson and J. G. Scott. As a mark of respect, the officers of the Ingersoll Curling Club, of which Mr. Seldon is a member, attended in a body. Among the floral offerings were the following: Maltese Cross, from Inasmuch Circle, King's daughters; A wreath from the Quarterly Board of the King Street Methodist Church; Spray from the WCTU; Spray from the Ladies Aid of the King Street Methodist Church; Wreath from the St. Charles Condensing Co.; Wreath from the Merchant's Bank; Wreath from the Daughters of the Empire; Wreath from the Missionary Circle of the King Street Methodist Church; Wreath from the Ingersoll Curling Club; Cross from the City Union of King's Daughters. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. William Dundass, L. C. Menhennick, H. F. Boyse, A. Macaulay, Foster Wilson and Dr. Sudworth.

Eighteen months after Mary's death, widowed Thomas had married again, to a woman 44 years his junior. Margaret Brook was the second wife of Thomas. Liz Seldon, granddaughter of Margaret Brook takes up the story. "Maria was very ill in her last few years of life. I had the impression that Maria had consumption but that probably isn't correct vis-à-vis the highly infectious nature of the disease. Regardless, Thomas Sr. decided that he needed someone to care for Maria on a consistent basis. To that end, on one of his trips to England, he hired Margaret Brook and had her come back to Ingersoll to stay with, and nurse, Maria. Once Maria died, Margaret decided she had no intention whatsoever of going back to a rather

meager lifestyle in Devon and convinced Thomas Sr. that they should marry and he would then have a good chance of having a child". Ocean arrival travel documents indicate that she came to Canada from Devon without her parents. Records show her parents did have some farm background knowledge and likely her father knew Thomas through Seldon's apple import business in England. Is this how she met Thomas? He travelled extensively and may have run into her family in her native Devon.

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Nov 15, 1910

SELDON-BROOK.—On Thursday evening, November 10th, at 8 o'clock in the presence of a few friends, at the residence of Mr. Thomas Seldon, the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. H. B. Christie, pastor of the Methodist church, between Thomas Seldon, of Ingersoll, and Miss Margaret Helen Brook of Totnes, Devonshire, England. Mrs. Seldon leaves for England this week in company with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seldon, where she will be joined a few weeks later by Mr. Seldon. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Seldon will wish them happiness and prosperity. Mr. Seldon has been long and favourably known as one of Ingersoll's most foremost citizens and businessmen, and during her stay here the bride has won many warm friends.

Thursday evening last, November 10th, Miss Margaret Helen Brooks of Totnes, Devonshire, England, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Seldon at Mr. Seldon's residence. Rev. H. B. Christie performed the ceremony. Mrs. Seldon left on Tuesday in company with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seldon, for England. Mr. Seldon joining them later, where they will spend the winter months.



Margaret Brook



Thomas Seldon

Backing up a bit, when Thomas' father William Elliott Seldon died, mother Maria Elliott Seldon kept the Seldon farm running with the help of her sons Thomas and Richard. Richard lived on the farm while Thomas was in town. When Maria died in 1890, the farm was sold by the Seldon children solely to Richard Seldon with mortgages being held by the other children.

Son Thomas lived at 200 Albert St. in Ingersoll. He lived there while he was part owner of the Piano company and later as an apple and poultry exporter.



Thomas Seldon Family Home Ingersoll



Seldoncliffe (under construction) Muskoka cottage



Rev. A. T. Crossley, Thomas Seldon,
Rev. J. E. Hunter, of Fairhaven.

The Toronto Star
18 Aug 1906, Sat -Page 19

"Seldon Cliff," owned by Mr. Thos. Seldon of Ingersoll, is occupied by him with Mrs. Seldon and Miss Edna. Visiting are Miss Winnifred Ross of Toronto, Miss Luella Elliott, Brantford, and Miss Neff, an undergraduate student of Toronto University. At this cottage there is a beautiful tennis court.

WEEKLY, \$1.00 PER YEAR.

THOMAS SELDON CLAIMED BY DEATH

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Ingersoll lost a citizen of prominence and worth Friday afternoon in the person of Thomas Seldon after an illness which visited him in October, when his condition gradually became more serious and his countless friends began to realize that there was little or no hope to be entertained for his recovery. Deceased was in his 76th year, and had been a resident of Ingersoll and district practically all his life.

Born in Cornwall, England June 18, 1844, deceased came to Canada with his father in his infancy, and attended school in North Oxford until the age of nine years when he went on a farm with his father. Here he remained until he arrived at man's estate attending district school during the winter terms. At twenty-two he began life on his own account as a farmer and contractor, and for seven years supplied wood for the Grand Trunk Railway. In 1873 he secured a contract to supply ties for the Canadian Pacific Railway and in following this out, he bought several tracts of timber which he manufactured into ties. In this work he was engaged until 1876 when he took an extended trip to England and the European continent for his health.

It was while in England that Mr. Seldon conceived the idea of shipping Canadian apples to the English market. Upon his return to Canada he entered into farming and stock raising and in a small way, became an exporter. In 1885 he made his first shipment of apples to England, consisting of two thousand barrels, making a profit of only five dollars on the entire shipment. In 1888, he made his first shipment of Ontario turkeys to England, consisting of forty cases, and from the success met with continued in the exporting business for many years. In 1902 he shipped 50,000 turkeys, 4,000 ducks and 25,000 barrels of apples to Great Britain. During the years of 1891-1905 he exported yearly from 30,000 to 35,000 barrels of apples annually. So well known and relied upon were the Canadian products handled by Mr. Seldon that they were used on the market as the Thomas Seldon brand of apples and Thomas Seldon turkeys. In 1902, the Dominion Fruit Inspector reported that the Thomas Seldon brand of apples passed his examination, the highest for perfection and were the best apples inspected at the port of Montreal for British shipment. Mr. Seldon covered Western Ontario in his business and was one of the largest exporters of apples in Canada.

Deceased was a Conservative in politics and has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the country at large. Locally he gave much of his valuable time to affairs. He was Mayor for the years 1888 and 1891, was Reeve for three years, a member of the school board for three years and was in other offices of the council, as well. He had always evinced the deepest interest in the affairs of his town and was out for any movement that had as its object the betterment of the community.

The late Mr. Seldon was a member of the Methodist church and one who supported in every way the various undertakings of that denomination. Here he was a Steward and a trustee, having held these offices for years.

In various other matters Mr. Seldon had shown a veritable sympathy. He had a deep interest in sailing and had donated a handsome trophy for competition among local lovers of the game. The donation of this trophy according to one who for many years has been active in the game did more to keep up interest and friendly competition for sailing in Ingersoll than anything else. Mr. Seldon not only was one of the earliest sailors in Ingersoll but a leader among the players. He supported the club not only by his presence but by an open purse at all times. So it was boating. He took part in this game also and found much pleasure in it.

Left to miss his loss are the widow, one daughter, Mrs. A. Kerr, of Kitchener, one grandson at home and one brother Richard of Ingersoll, and to Thos. Seldon.

The funeral was largely attended. A service was conducted in the Methodist Church by the pastor Rev. E. Sheppard assisted by Rev. J. G. Scott. Interment was made in Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. The members of Alexandra Hospital, Trust, the town council and quarterly official board of the Methodist Church attended in a body. Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

The pall bearers were Richard, William and Arthur Seldon, nephews, C. H. and William George, and O. E. Robinson. The honorary pall bearers were: Thomas Wells, K.O.O.H., Sumner A. Macaulay, J. A. Coulter, D. Sudworth, J. O. Norworthy and Dr. R. A. Williams.

Ingersoll Chronicle Dec 1919

Edited for brevity

Thomas Seldon Claimed by Death

After illness of some duration end came Friday afternoon to prominent citizen - had big export trade - widely known in English Markets

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seldon left on Monday for a two months' visit to England. They will make Kilkhampton, Cornwall, their headquarters while Mr. Seldon is looking after his extensive business interests in the poultry and apple trade.

NEGLECTING ORCHARDS.

St. Mary's, Aug. 30.—Thomas Seldon, the well-known Ingersoll apple-grower, says the crop in Oxford County this year will be a large one, but of poor quality. Better fruit and better kept orchards, he says, are to be found east of Hamilton, the farmers to the west not sufficiently realizing the importance of pruning and the paying of close attention to the trees.

Thos. Seldon.

Thos Seldon said he appeared as a candidate for the Mayorship. Three years ago he was turned down as a candidate for reeve. Some eighteen years before he had been elected. He told of activities in the past in which he participated. He also told of a deputation to Toronto last time the cost of each member being \$5.40. He also told of costs incurred this year by deputations. One of the first bills this year was for \$67.00 for a deputation. He also told of trips to Toronto re Thomas street improvements and but for Hon. W. J. Hanna the work would have cost one-third more than it was worth.

The speaker also discussed the commission and the \$400 of a salary received by the Mayor. He believed he could do the work of the town, in his capacity as Mayor, as well as it had been done. He did not want any one to work for \$8.00 a month, but if elected he would give the \$400 salary as a Commissioner to the Hospital. Mr. Seldon said he had travelled half around the world and he had never had anything thrown up to him.

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Left to mourn his loss are the widow, one daughter Mrs. A Kerr of Kitchener, one little son at home and one brother Richard of Ingersoll."

A note was made of interment at IRC, was largely attended and pall bearers were Richard, William and Arthur Seldon and nephews O E and William George.

T Seldon Obit Ingersoll Chronicle.



In a mayoral campaign speech noted in the 1894 Chronicle, he stipulated that if elected, he would donate the mayor's wages to the hospital.

1ST DEPUTY REEVE.			
Ward No.	1.	2.	3. Tot.
Seldon	113	154	175—442
Bartley	153	100	125—378
Majority for Seldon			64

The money for the establishment of the hospital was raised by popular subscription. The late Thomas Seldon was one of the heaviest contributors towards it and Dr. J. M.

Thomas and Maria Seldon's tomb is difficult to miss when you enter Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. It stands immediately to the left as you enter and is past a small field as you turn up the driveway past the cemetery office. It stands alone on the site and is an imposing fifteen feet tall. Several other of Thomas Seldon's family members are buried at the site.



Seldon family marriage. Margaret Brook and Thomas front row left behind boy.
Thanks to 01mswall on Ancestry.

The Ingersoll Curling Club with the Seldon Trophy.
Thomas, front row second right.



MANIFEST		Date JUN 21 1939	
Family name	Given name	Accompanied by	
VEALE	Margaret Helena		
6/21/39 Passport valid to April 9, 1942			
C.I.V. No.	Place and date of issue	Section and subdivisions	Quota country charged
	Victoria, B.C.	Sec. 3-2 Pleasure	
Place of birth (town, country, etc.)	Age	Vrs.	Sex
Crediton, England	53		F
Language or exemption	Race	Nationality	Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.)
Eng.	Eng.	Gt. Britain	30 Redcliffe Richmond Rd., London, SW
Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came			
Mother: Mrs F.L. Brook, Ashbrook, Totnes, So. Devon, England.			
Ever in U.S. From			
T.V. only			
Destination, and name and complete address of relative or friend to join there			
Transit to Toronto, via San F. Calif. & Chicago, Ill.			
Money shown	Ever arrested and deported, or excluded from admission	Purpose of coming and time remaining	
\$200.00		Transit; 30 days	
Head tax status	Height	Complexion	Hair
Ex-l-b-c	5 ft 5 in	f	brn
Support and date of landing, and name of steamship	Eyes	Distinguishing marks	
Quebec, April 24, 1939 as "Duchess of Athol"	blue		
Records by	Previously examined at	Date	Previous disposition
AM	NR		
Present disposition, F.I. Arrival by			

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Immigration and Naturalization Service. Form 545. 14-5150

Thomas Seldon's second wife Margaret Brook returned to Devon after his death in 1919 and married Herbert Veale in Devon in August of 1922. He died in 1933 in England. Margaret returned to Ingersoll. She travelled extensively in her later years including a 30-day world trip in 1939.

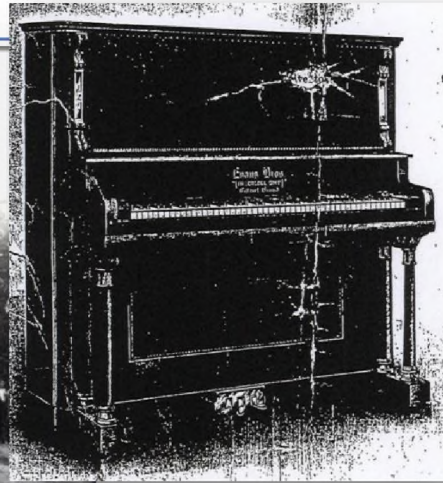
VEALE--In St. Joseph's Hospital, London, on Friday, March 8th, 1963, Margaret Helena, cf 360 Belgrave Ave., beloved wife cf Herbert William Veale and loving mother cf the late Thomas Brook Seldon and grandmother cf Elizabeth Seldon. Temporary entombment in the Ingersoll Mausoleum. Mrs. Veale [formerly Mrs. Thomas Seldon] lived in Ingersoll for many years and will be remembered by a very large circle cf friends

It is interesting to note that Thomas Seldon was 44 years older than second wife Margaret. They had one son, Thomas Brook Seldon B 1914. His father would die of old age by the time he was 5 years old. Mother Margaret outlived her only son.



Thomas' Apple Orchard at Bothwell Farm. Thanks to 01mswall on Ancestry.

Thomas maintained an office in the Ingersoll Farmer's Market for a number of years. One episode that was noted in the Ingersoll Chronicle was of an escaped steer in the market yards that Thomas, leaving his office desk, attempted to steer into a corral. He apparently had to leap out of the way and landed "bottom first" to avoid the racing wayward animal, much to the hoots of laughter from bystanders.



In May, 1888 a consortium of seven Ingersoll businessmen acquired the Evans Bros. Piano Co. and

Ingersoll Chronicle, 26 October 1905

**WILL COMPANY
BE ORGANIZED?**

**To Bore for Oil and Gas in
North and West Oxford.**

Mr. Thomas Seldon, whose name has been prominently mentioned in connection with a project to exploit land in North and West Oxford, for gas and oil, was seen by a Chronicle representative this morning. Mr. Seldon stated that an expert had already been on the ground and an effort will be made to form a company to go on with the drilling, but so far as he knew no company had yet been organized.

It is understood that in the neighborhood of four thousand acres of land were leased on the assumption that a company would speedily be formed. The expert who made the test gave it as his opinion that both gas and oil could be found in paying quantities by boring to a depth of about two thousand feet. It will be remembered that a few years ago wells were sunk near Beachville but they were abandoned before they had reached this depth.

NEWS ABOUT OUR OIL WELL—Embudo Courier:—The foreman of the Oxford well informs us that they are down about 1,200 feet, and that they are now boring in pumicestone where there is not the slightest prospect of striking oil, gas or anything useful. They went through a vein of salt, but whether the brine could be pumped in paying quantities or not he could not say.

assumed the mortgage and conditions of the business' agreements. The new owners were William Watterworth (1835-1910), a former lumber merchant and furniture manufacturer, a shareholder in the Noxon Works, and a former Reeve; **Thomas Seldon (1843-1919)**, exporter of apples and turkeys; Joseph Gibson (1842-1910), Ingersoll's Postmaster and a past Mayor; William B. Nelles (1836-1913), a farmer who became clerk in the piano works; the Miller Brothers (Roger, who became manager of the piano works, 1851-1915) The piano factory prospered in the 1890's but eventually by the 1920's it was in default of a mortgage and arrear in taxes.

In 1905, Thomas Seldon went looking for oil. No oil was discovered of any value in the large limestone tracts in the immediate area. Limestone quarrying became the prominent industry of the area east of Ingersoll towards the village of Beachville.

Woodstock Express: Preparations are going forward for boring for oil at Beachville. Most of the apparatus has arrived and is on the ground ready for use. The first well will be sunk in the quarry, back of the mill at Beachville.

Article June 1902 Woodstock Express.

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Child of Thomas Seldon and First wife Maria Elliott

Oldest: Edna Maria

B 09 Mar 1883 Ingersoll

D 16 Oct 1938 Toronto

M 10 Jun 1908 Ingersoll

Spouse: Archibald Mackenzie Kerr

B 08 Jun 1881 Whitby, Ontario

D 09 May 1953 Toronto

Not only was the status of William (alias) Elliott Seldon a surprise, so was the status of his granddaughter and Thomas and Maria Seldon's daughter Edna. It was always assumed that she was born in Ingersoll. Her father's will puts into doubt her exact birth status. His will states that she was his adopted daughter.

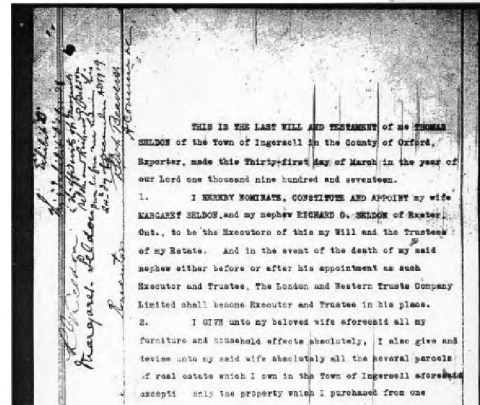


Ingersoll Chronicle 1900

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Seldon and daughter, Miss Edna Seldon, left Monday for Port Keewadin.

The Toronto Star
02 Jun 1908. Tue -Page 7

The engagement is announced of Miss Edna M. Seldon, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seldon of Ingersoll, to Mr. A. M. Kerr. The wedding will take place on June 18.



Mr. Thos. Seldon left Sunday for the Old Country. Mrs. Seldon and Miss Edna leave to-day for the same direction and as soon as Mr. Seldon completes his business in England and Scotland, they will spend the winter in the south of France. Miss Seldon will take a musical course in Lirpate, Germany.

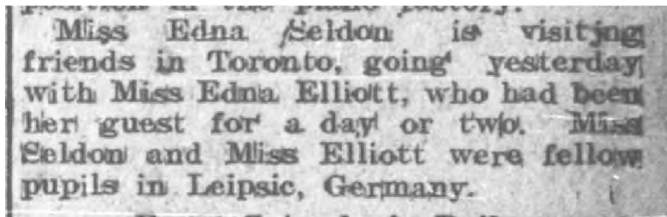
1901 Chronicle

Thomas Seldon will

This revelation leads to questions that have yet to be answered. First wife Maria Elliott and Thomas Seldon married in 1867. Edna was not born until 1883 so she could not have been from a previous marriage or illegitimate child of either Thomas or Maria when they married 16 years before Edna's birth. Speculatively, she may have been a child of a young relative. Perhaps she was an orphan of an employee or friend. Regardless, since the couple was childless, they took her in as their own at a young age as she was only 8 years old and labelled as a daughter in the 1891 census for the Seldons.

4. I GIVE to my adopted daughter Edna Maria Kerr absolutely the stock in my name in the John Morrow Screw Company Limited to the amount of Sixty (60) shares of a par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) a share.
5. I GIVE to my adopted daughter aforesaid and to her husband in trust for their sons Thomas Seldon Kerr and Archibald Seldon Kerr the stock in my name in the John Morrow Screw Company Limited to the amount of Ten (10) shares of a par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per share for each of said sons, to be held by my said adopted daughter and her husband in trust for the said sons until

Censuses do prove she was raised on Albert St. in Ingersoll and started her schooling in Ingersoll. She



attended Ontario Ladies College in Whitby (where her future husband was born). She was an accomplished pianist and studied in Germany. Clipping: Chronicle Oct 27, 1904

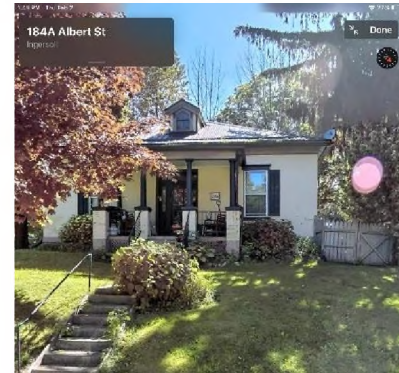
Miss Edna Seldon left this morning for Whitby to attend the ladies' college.

She married her husband in 1908 in Ingersoll. He was a banker at the Merchant Bank in town and later the office manager for the Noxon Co. The couple lived at 184 Albert St, across the street corner from parents Thomas and Maria.



Kerr Archibald M, office mngr Noxon Co, h n w cor Albert & Francis

She was married only a year before her mother passed. As noted by her obituary, the couple moved to Berlin Ont. Berlin changed the city name to Kitchener during WWI, causing demonstrations by the large German population in the streets of the



city. As a note: Edna was also 3 years older than her father's second wife and her stepmother.

Archibald Kerr was born in Whitby, Ontario but by 20 years of age had started work as a bank clerk in Montreal for Merchant Bank. This only leads to the likelihood of a transfer to Ingersoll where he met and courted Edna. Archie was a strapping 6'3" tall man according to border crossing papers. After their 1880 marriage Edna gave birth to four children.

Thomas D Seldon	B 1909 Ingersoll
Catherine	B 1912 D 1912 Berlin (Kitchener) stillborn
Hugh Archibald	B 1915 Berlin
Robert	B 1921 Berlin

3 sons of Archibald McKenzie KERR (1881-1953) and Edna Marie SELDON (1883/4-1938) (left to right)

Thomas Seldon KERR: b. 14 Sep 1909 in Ingersoll, ON; d. 1 Apr 1968, Pickering, ON

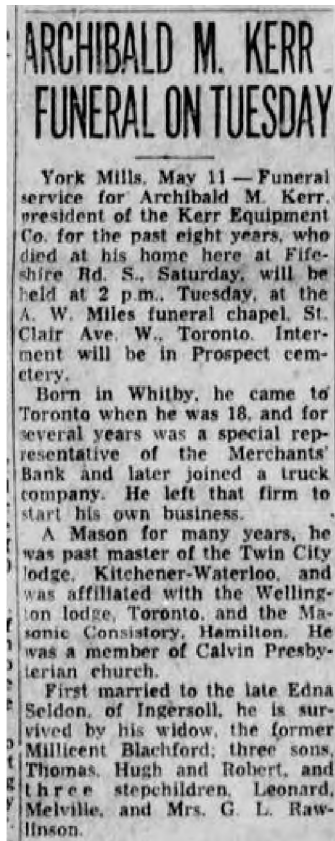
Archibald Seldon (Hugh) KERR: b. 8 Mar 1915 in Berlin (Kitchener) ON; d. 24 May 1961, Toronto, ON

Robert Henry KERR: b. B 18 Apr 1921 Kitchener ON; d. 17 Jan 1967, Burlington, ON



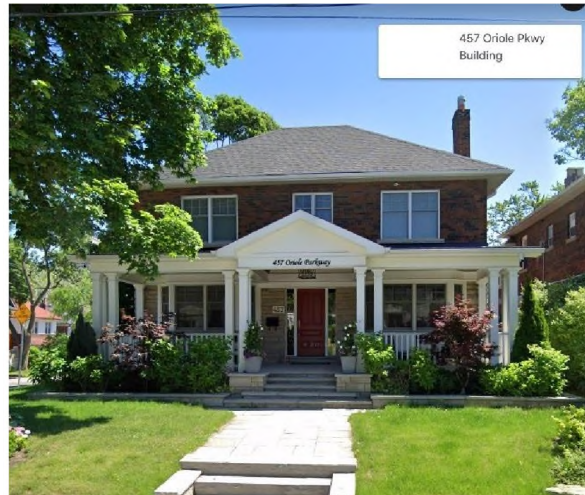
They moved to Kitchener and were living at 135 Frederick St. where Archie had changed many professions and started working as a manager for an auto company. The 1931 census showed they were repositioned to Toronto where he was a manager of a firm that made truck parts. He took that skill set and founded the A M Kerr Equipment Co.





They supplied auto parts and equipment for highway construction and subsidiary industries and did contract repair work for various government departments. He owned this until his death.

Elderly Edna was not well and suffered from heart issues. The couple spent many winters in Florida and the Caribbean as can be noted by the number of ship's manifests they appeared on during the 1930s. Her death certificate indicated that she passed away due to a heart attack at her beautiful house at 457 Oriole Parkway in Toronto. (Photo) Her death in 1938 was noted in the Ingersoll Tribune.



FORMER RESIDENT PASSES AWAY IN TORONTO

Word has been received here of the death of Edna Seldon Kerr, wife of Archibald M. Kerr, who passed away on Sunday, October 16th, at the family residence, 457 Oriole Parkway, Toronto. Mrs. Kerr was a daughter of the late Thomas Seldon of Ingersoll and had many friends in this district. She attended school here and also the Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby. Later she studied music in Germany. She had a most amiable disposition and was a popular resident of Ingersoll. Her husband was at one time an accountant at the local branch of the Merchants' Bank and after leaving Ingersoll, the family resided in Kitchener before moving to Toronto. Mrs. Kerr had not been in the best of health for some years and had spent her winters in Florida. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons. The funeral was held from her late residence, 457 Oriole Parkway, Toronto, on Wednesday afternoon, with service conducted at the house at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in the Prospect Cemetery



After her death, Archie married Millicent Blatchford of Toronto. Six degrees of separation leapt off the page when it was discovered that widowed Millicent Blatchford's maiden name was Elliott. She was Thomas Seldon's wife Maria (Elliott) Seldon's younger sister and Archie's deceased wife's aunt. Late 1940 border papers indicated that Millicent and Archie had retired to Mont Laurier PC. This small town is about an hour drive north of Montreal. They continued the tradition of winters in the south until his death. He and first wife Edna are buried at Prospect Cemetery in Toronto. (photo – Archie Kerr and Millicent Blatchford) Courtesy Liz Kerr

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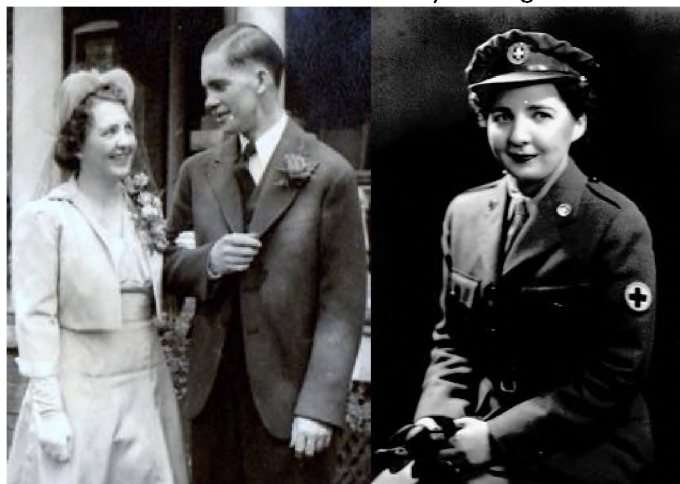
M 02 May 1942 Toronto

Spouse: Florence "Pat" Isabel Patterson

B 04 Oct 1913 Toronto

D 28 Jul 2001 Oshawa

Although born in Ingersoll, the family moved to Kitchener (Berlin) sometime around 1912 – 1914. They lived at 185 Frederick St. while Thomas attended Suddaby Public School. Thomas then went to school in Toronto at Upper Canada College until age 16 while his family lived in Kitchener. There is thought in the immediate family researchers that he left that school in 1925 due to financial issues and attended Vaughan Rd and Oakwood Collegiate, matriculating in 1931 at age 22. Because of bronchial issues, he missed amounts of school that delayed his graduation. He went to work for his father. He met future



wife Pat Patterson who was born to James Patterson and Isobel Roden in Toronto in 1913. They lived at 325 Brock Ave at the time of her birth. It is not known how Thomas and Pat met but they were corresponding by 1938



and married May 2, 1942 during WWII. In 1942, the couple purchased a house at 12 Malcolm Rd in Leaside and he enlisted in the Canadian Armed

Forces. He was stationed in Nova Scotia in 1944 and in 1945 he was found in England. As well, in 1945

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05 May 1942, Tue · Page 26

Edwards.
KERR—PATTERSON—On Saturday, May 2nd 1942, in High Park United church, by the Reverend W. M. Mackay, Florence Isabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson Patterson, to Thomas Seldon Kerr, son of Mr. Archibald M. Kerr and the late Mrs. Kerr.

they sold their house and Pat moved back to her parent's home. During the war, Pat worked for the US Navy Signalling service in the Procurement Department. This department oversaw the supply of raw and finished materials from Canada that was sent to the US for arms and ship production. She was released of duties in January of 1946.



As noted, Tom served in the Canadian Military as his 1945 voters list confirms

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While stationed in the United Kingdom, Thomas explored some of the KERR Scottish background, although I do not have much information on this. This photo was likely taken in 1945 since there is a notation on the back of the photo "20/3/45".

Thomas Seldon KERR in his Canadian Expeditionary Forces Uniform. He was in the R.C.E.M.E (Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers). He joined in August 1942 and was discharged in March 1946. He saw service in Canada and the United Kingdom. He married Florence Isabel Paterson in May of 1942. Their first son, Arch, was born in July 1945. Richard, my husband, was born in 1948.

Notes from Liz Kerr



KERR Thomas Seldon otherwise Thomas S. otherwise Thomas otherwise T. S. of Pickering Ontario Canada died on or about 1 April 1988 Administration Whitby, £622 in England, Sealed London 9 June.

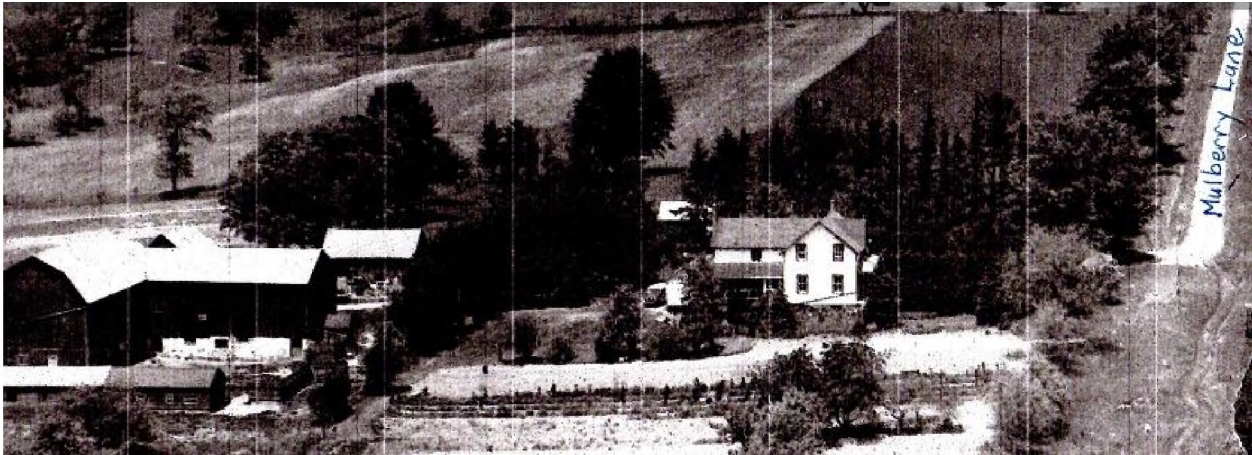
In 1947 Tom and Pat purchased a barn with a stone cottage at Lot 25 Con 6 Markham Township (Cashell) in York Co. for \$8947.00. They transferred ownership for \$1 in early 1952 to younger brother Robert Kerr and wife and held a mortgage on the property. At the same time, Thomas and Pat purchased another farm in Pickering Township.

Photo: Tom, Pat and son Rich, 1952



Photos Courtesy Liz Kerr

TSK and Pat purchase a farm: "the south half of the north half of Lot 21 and the east half of the north half of Lot 22 in the 4th Concession of the Township of Pickering in the County of Ontario. No acreage is mentioned, but Rich always said it was roughly 100 acres. The sellers were Milton Bathurst and wife Gladys, who had been long-time owners. This property was 'patented' in 1840, and the Burk name first appears in 1874. TSK's purchase price: \$21,000. Burk took back mortgage of \$10,000.



When the farm was purchased in 1952, there were many outbuildings: a large barn, implement sheds, chicken coup, vehicle garage at the head of the laneway, hay storage, outhouse, and grain storage. Tom Kerr was still employed at A.M. Kerr Equipment until it dissolved in 1962. After that, he was unemployed for a time, and then went to work at Canada Manpower.

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 Number Twenty-two, in the Fourth Concession of the Township of
 Pickering, in the County of Ontario.

Thomas lived most of his life in the Pickering area where the family had a farm on the fifth concession of Pickering Township. The farm was called Mulberry Lane and was purchased for \$21,000 in June of 1952 from Milton and Gladys Burk.

They did have a dairy herd and Pat would take milk in to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto for a number of years. The Kerrs rented out two fields of hay to a neighbour. They continued to grow their goat herd Pat started when they lived in Cashell, Ontario in 1950.



Son Rich loved playing with the goats. One time they had to bring all the goats into the dining room to be milked by Pat as had broken her ankle and could not make it to the barn.

At some point when Rich was young, the Kerrs decided to take in a boy from a “reform” facility. As hard as they tried to teach him manners, and give him love and security, it did not work out. He stayed about 10 months.



August 30, 1972: Both F.I. Kerr and Richard Kerr sold to “Her Majesty the Queen” (the sale was part of the infamous Pickering Expropriation by the Conservative Government). The expropriated lands north of Highway 7 were earmarked for a 2nd Toronto International Airport. The lands south of Highway 7 were intended for the new “Town of Seaton”, which was to be used for all the services that would support the airport. This story is a whole story in and of itself and there is much on the internet as well.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pickering_Airport_Lands

https://www.durhamregion.com/news/50-years-of-expropriated-land-and-civil-action-in-pickering/article_841096fa-5437-5a09-84fb-a4a72542bb3c.html



The family was musical. Rich learned to play the guitar, Tom played the organ, Pat played piano, wrote music, sang in the Whitevale Church Choir, and was often invited to sing in other nearby churches. Pat had over 100 original lyrics with music under copyright.



In 1962 The Kerrs purchased an Airstream trailer and joined some of the Wally Byam Caravan trips. Rich spoke about travelling to the Maritimes and down the eastern coast to Florida.

The family story is that Pat and TS Kerr, with 15-year-old son, Rich, were travelling north on Hwy 35 (near Birkendale and about 45 Km west of Huntsville), in their airstream trailer when Pat spied a very small "For Sale: S.F. Love" sign at a road entrance. She insisted they stop and investigate. Within weeks, they had purchased the property on the shore of Fitzell Lake. This was in 1963, the year after they purchased the airstream trailer. Initially, there was just a very small one-



room "shack" on the property, so the Kerrs used their trailer as their "cottage". Over the years, small additions were added to the first dwelling to make the property more livable. The airstream trailer was sold at some point.

From Liz Kerr's notes:

Thomas S Kerr passed away in 1968, and Pat continued to spend many peaceful days – in the summer – at the cottage.

She wrote music, pursued her

spiritual pursuits (reading auras, spirit writing) and enjoyed the peace on the lake. Rich and his friends occasionally visited, but Pat did not want any motors near or on the lake, so motorcycles and motor boats had to be used elsewhere. In 1984, Pat arranged for a local friend and contractor, Donnie Payne, to build a new cottage so that Rich and the family could visit. Many wonderful times were spent at the cottage property. Water and electricity were never added, but in the 1980's propane was brought in to power a stove and lights.

After Pat passed away in 2001, Rich purchased a portable generator to provide some additional lighting, a microwave, and a Keurig coffee maker. They even started bringing up a TV and VCR for "movie nights". An investigation into the purchase of a propane fridge was made but the cost per use was not justified for the relatively few times we used the cottage each year. The cottage was sold in 2015. It was a sad time, but a sensible family decision.

After Thomas' death in 1968, Pat at age 55, continued to live at the farm that she and Tom loved so much. She cared for her elderly parents, travelling to Toronto a lot.

Pat became interested in spiritual healing after her husband passed and spent the rest of her learning, healing, teaching and speaking in Canada and the USA, Iceland, and Great Britain. She continued to go to her cottage right up until 2000. It was her special time to commune with nature, write music and develop her interest in healing arts.

THE HUMAN AURA

Woman investigates new kinds of therapy

By MARK WITTEN
KETTLEBY — What is your favorite color? Your preference may help you discover the nature of the aura which surrounds your body.

"The human aura is as individual as a fingerprint," says Pat Kerr, a woman who believes in the healing powers of music and color.

Mrs. Kerr spoke last Wednesday to a group of women at York Pines United Church in Kettleby. The lecture was one of a regular weekly series entitled "The World Around Us."

The color of a person's aura may indicate his or her predominant qualities, Mrs. Kerr said.

This aura can be photographed by a process known as "Kirlian photography."

"It is a method for making the invisible visible," she said.

People who prefer the color red may possess strong vitality, while blue can indicate spirituality. Green suggests balance and healing powers, and the person who likes brown is probably well-organized, Mrs. Kerr said.

INTROVERT

The lover of grey is an introvert and the man or woman inclined to yellow values the intellect. The violet person is a seeker.

Mrs. Kerr's involvement in music and color therapy began when she was healed in 1958 by a woman named Ruby Thomas in Brighton, England.

"I had surgery which left me with 35 stitches that never healed. Doctors tried for 14 years and couldn't get the stitches to heal.

"After color therapy, the whole area was like a baby's skin within three months," she said.

Mrs. Kerr first studied as a commercial artist, and later trained in piano and voice at the Royal Conservatory in Toronto. She then became



Pat Kerr shows her audience how a steel rod was slipped through a copper sleeve in mind-control studies. Mrs. Kerr spoke Wednesday morning to women at the York Pines United Church in Kettleby on the topic of "Color, Music, the Human Aura, and You."

(Topic photo)

actively involved in behavioral research studies at York University.

Most recently she has worked with autistic children and slow learners. She has lectured on music and color therapy to audiences at the University of Toronto and York University, and in psychic centres from Ottawa to Vancouver.

HEALING ARTS

"I think skepticism is a very necessary tool in the healing arts," Mrs. Kerr said. "The aura can be helpful in diagnosing a problem because the shape of the prevailing aura can detect disease."

The prevailing aura is normally oval-shaped and any imbalance in the shape may be a symptom of existing or approaching illness.

Schizophrenia, for example, is indicated by a bulge near the head, she said. A bulge near the central nervous system suggests epilepsy.

Mrs. Kerr showed slides in which the aura of a man shifted from blue to red when he became angry. She also showed slides of different kinds of music from African drumbeating and Ojibway music to Beethoven.

"The vibration of the music produces patterns," she explained.

"I see my own aura when I write a letter and it flows out from my hand," Mrs. Kerr said.

To see your own aura, take a bar magnet into a dark place, stand by it, and don't blink. A nimbus of colored light will then become visible, Mrs. Kerr said.

The Toronto Star
02 Apr 1968, Tue Page 31

KERR, Thomas Seldon—At the family residence, "Mulberry Lane", 5th Concession, Pickering Township, on Monday, April 1, 1968, Thomas Seldon Kerr, beloved husband of Florence (Pat) Kerr, dear father of Richard S. Kerr, Mr. Kerr is resting at the family residence, "Mulberry Lane" for funeral service at the residence, on Wednesday April 3, at 3:30 p.m. Interment Melville United Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined. By family request the casket will remain closed.

KERR, Florence Isabel "Dr. Pat" (nee Patterson) - (The Angel Lady of Mulberry Lane). Peacefully on Saturday, July 28th, 2001 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Kerr. Loving mother of Richard and his wife Elizabeth and the late Archie. Dear Grandmother of Michael and Cathy Salo, and R. Thomas Kerr. Sister of Nora Urquhart and James Douglas Patterson. In accordance with her wishes there will not be a traditional Funeral. Instead, a Celebration of the Life and work of Dr. Pat will be held at her Farm on August 11th at 2:00 P.M. Memorial Donations to Charity of your Choice can be made through OSHAWA FUNERAL SERVICE "Thornton Chapel", 847 King Street West (905-721-1234). Melville cemetery York district

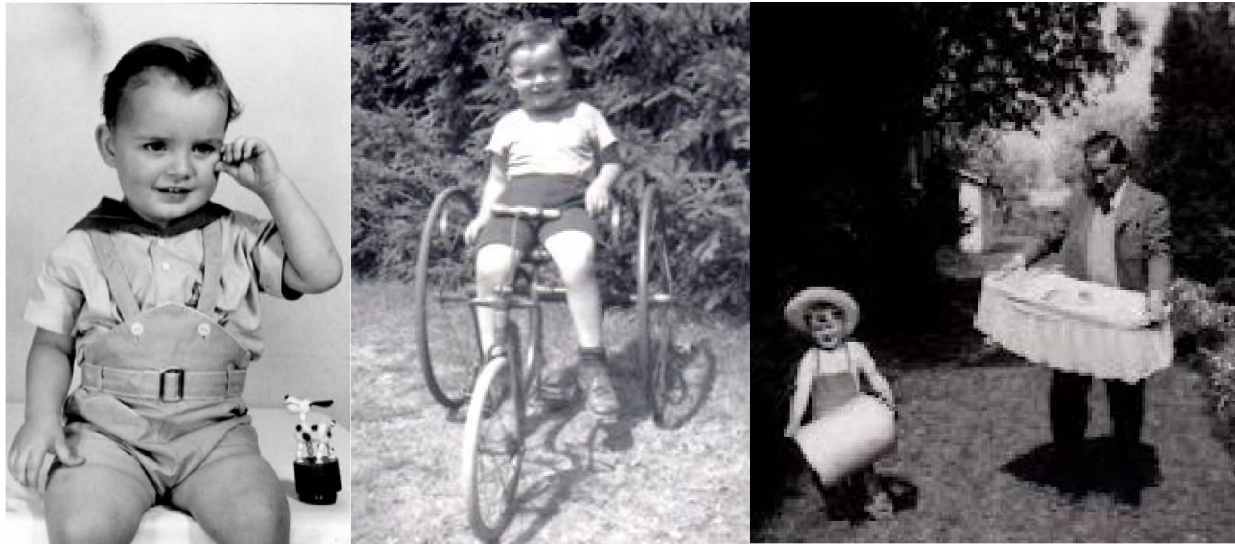
The couple had two children:

Grandchildren of Edna Maria Seldon and Archibald Kerr
First son of Archie Kerr and Florence "Pat" Patterson
Thomas Archibald "Archie" B 04 Jul 1945 D July 1950

Archie's birth occurred while Tom was in England in 1945. Pat's telegram to Tom was humourous in her reference to the baby and that Tom should have a cigar. I suspect he thrived in the life on a farm setting.



Tragically, he died just after his 5th birthday due to a severe reaction to a tetanus shot after being rushed to Children's Hospital in Toronto.



In July, 1950, tragedy struck the KERR household. Little Archie had been playing in the barn, and he step on the end of a prong of a pitchfork. Fearing tetanus, pat rushed him to a doctor in Unionville for an anti-tetanus injection. Sadly, he was severely allergic to the serum and soon had difficulty breathing.

The following article from the Toronto Daily Star – front page – tells more of the story.

TORONTO DAILY STAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1950

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BOY DIES AFTER SERUM INJECTION FOR FORK GASH

Special to The Star

Unionville, July 18—A few hours after he scratched his foot on a pitchfork, Archie Kerr, age five, died in the Hospital for Sick Children early today. Efforts of firemen, doctors and nurses failed to revive him after a shot of anti-tetanus serum reacted unfavorably.

"He was running around as happy as could be and the little scratch he got seemed nothing. The shot was just a precaution. We couldn't believe it when his condition became serious," said the mother, Mrs. T. S. Kerr, who was overcome by grief.

"The anti-tetanus injection was given just as a precaution against lockjaw," said the father, of the Kerr Construction Co., Leaside. "From then on things got serious. Firemen were called and tried to

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revive him for what seemed like an hour. He was rushed to the hospital, where several other doctors worked on him. I stayed with him to the end and everything possible was done."

Had Allergic Condition

The little boy had suffered from an allergic condition which made him sensitive to several substances, said the father. Still dazed by the sudden development, he said he blamed nobody.

"It is a problem of medical science. It is beyond me," he said. "He was playing in a neighbor's barn when he got scratched on the fork. Nobody thought anything of it at the time but we wanted to give him the best of medical attention. I don't know what was wrong. I know the poor little fellow had always suffered from allergies. Apparently he was allergic to the stuff he was injected with. I still can't understand how it all happened."

Archie's playthings were still strewn about the house while his little brother, Richard, a year and a half, cried in his crib.

Dr. C. R. McKay of Unionville said he could not conceive how the serum, which he said he administered at the boy's mother's request, could have caused death so rapidly.

"I wasn't able to administer half a vial," said the doctor, "because the boy jerked his arm away when the needle punctured his skin."

Used Oxygen, Inhalator

The Unionville physician said everything possible was done. "We immediately applied artificial respiration, then had Steadville hospital bring a tank of oxygen."

The doctor also called Birchmount Fire brigade to bring its inhalator equipment. The apparatus was used for three hours without success, however.

As a final resort, Dr. McKay ordered the boy rushed to the Hospital for Sick Children, but he died soon after admittance.

Dr. McKay said he discovered afterwards that the Kerr boy was a hay fever sufferer.

"Anti-tetanus serum doesn't always react harmfully to people with hay fever," he said.

According to doctors, hay fever seems to be unusually bad this year. Many sufferers say they can't remember before having had such a bad dose.

Dr. Williams, a hay fever sufferer himself for 10 years, said he had been unable to sleep because of it.

The Toronto Star
18 Jul 1950, Tue - Page 23

KERR, Thomas Archibald (Archie) — Suddenly, on Monday, July 17, 1950, Thomas Archibald, loving son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kerr, R.R. 1, Unionville, in his sixth year. Private service at the home of his parents on Wednesday, July 19, at 3 p.m. Interment in Melville cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined.

Grandchildren of Edna Maria Seldon and Archibald Kerr

Second son of Archie Kerr and Florence "Pat" Patterson

Richard Seldon B 30 Sept 1948 – D 09 Apr 2020

Rich stayed at the family home until about 1974, after which he moved to a property only a couple miles away. He worked at IBM. He took two long extended driving trips to Alaska and California in 1972 and 1973. In 1974 he started his life-long career driving truck, first hauling gravel for a few years, then moving to hauling highway fuel tankers for several companies, including Sunoco. He met Liz in 1977, married in 1980, and moved to Brougham, then Enniskillen, Ontario.

The following is a follow up from Rick Kerr's wife Liz, who has been a huge help researching the Kerr family

"When Rich and I moved in together in November of 1978, we also rented a house within the Pickering Project, and also benefitted from reduced rent. We married in May 1980 and moved to our house in Enniskillen in December 1980. We obtained a private mortgage from one of the unhappy expropriated farmers. He set our mortgage at 5% when the going rate was as high as 18-20%. So, there were some positive aspects for "the original landowners" of the expropriated properties. What happened to the property down through the years?

Around the year 2000, some of the expropriated properties were released for sale. In 2001, when Pat passed away, Rich and I inquired about purchasing the farm back. We were told that we could purchase the house and lease the property on a 99-year lease, BUT the government could give us notice to vacate the land at any point they decided to proceed. We decided not to proceed. Over the years we visited the property a few times. The house was vandalized, fell into disrepair, and it became too sad to return. After Rich passed away in 2020, I drove down Mulberry Lane in 2021, and to my surprise, the land had been scraped, deforested, and was being prepared for building. The Town of Seaton was becoming a reality, after 49 years!! In January of 2024, I took another trip down Mulberry Lane – WOW! What a difference! This is what their website says!"

Sons Archie and Richard 1949



KERR, RICHARD SELDON Born Toronto, Ontario, September 30, 1948, died Enniskillen, Ontario, April 9, 2020, age 71. Richard "Rich" Seldon Kerr, passed suddenly but peacefully at his home as a result of an aneurysm, with his wife of 40 years at his side. Rich will be greatly missed by Liz (Elizabeth Ann Cook/Salo), sons Michael Salo and Tom Kerr, daughter Catherine Salo (Graham Rawlinson) and their children Nathalie and George. Also surviving him is his sister-in-law Nancy Cook (Richard Kellaway)

and a small number of cousins and their families. Predeceased by his brother Archie (1950) and his parents Florence Isabelle Patterson (2001) and Thomas Seldon Kerr (1968). Rich loved to laugh and had a natural ability to tell a great story, which he did often – and often at length! He will be deeply missed by large circles of friends from childhood, high school, motorcycle riding days, tinkering-with-cars days, truck-driving colleagues, extended family and dear neighbours

What happened to the farm property down through the years?



Photo to the left shows the driveway of the farm, as it turned onto Mulberry Lane looking east.
 "This is the lovely pastoral view we all enjoyed over the many years until I returned in 2021."
 (Liz Kerr)



Spring 2021 – "The house was gone. The orchard and beautiful mature trees – all gone. Beside the road were high piles of chips which had formerly been the trees.
 It was very hard to see this, and I was thankful that Pat did not have to see it in her lifetime".
 (Liz Kerr)



January 2024 - Mulberry Lane, looking south on the way to the farm.

Great Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Grand Children of Thomas Seldon and Maria Elliott

Children of Edna Maria Seldon and Archibald Kerr

Second child: Catherine

B 12 Apr 1912

D 12 Apr 1912 Buried IRC

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Great Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of Thomas Seldon and Maria Elliott

Child of Edna Seldon and Archibald Kerr

Third child: Hugh "Archie" Archibald

B 08 Mar 1915 Berlin (Kitchener)

D 24 May 1961 Toronto, Ont. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

M Sept 1940

Spouse: Ruth Eleanor Martin

B 17 Jun 1918 Sterling, Hastings County

D 06 Nov 1982 Toronto Mt Pleasant Cemetery

The Hamilton Spectator
16 Sep 1940, Mon -Page 2

Kerr-Martin
St. Paul's church, Stirling, will be the setting for a pretty ceremony this afternoon, when Ruth Eleanor, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Martin, will be married to Mr. Hugh Archibald Kerr, Hamilton, son of Mr. A. M. Kerr and the late Mrs. Kerr, Toronto. Pink and white gladioli will form the background for the ceremony, which will be conducted by Rev. A. Marshall Lavery. Mr. G. L. Clute at the organ will accompany the choir and the soloist, Mr. William Reynolds.

Speculatively, according to the Toronto Star, a 15-year-old Hugh Kerr medalled in three events at the U of T high school championships in 1930 thus winning the senior open championship. He married Ruth in 1940 and the couple spent some time in Hamilton where he was an engineer. Hugh was a general manager and sales executive living in Scarborough on various 1950s voters list.



25 Alderdale Cres: home of Hugh and Ruth

The Toronto Star
26 May 1961, Fri -Page 32

KERR, Hugh Archibald — On Wednesday, May 24, 1961, at Wellesley hospital, Toronto, Hugh Archibald Kerr, beloved husband of Ruth Martin, 25 Alderdale Cres., Don Mills, dear father of Brian and Eleanor. At the funeral chapel of A. W. Miles, 30 St. Clair Ave. W. Service on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment Mount Pleasant cemetery.

TODD, Ruth Eleanor Kerr — On Saturday, November 6, 1982, at the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, Ruth Todd, former wife of Hugh Archibald "Archie" Kerr. Present wife of Gilbert Todd. Loving mother of Brian Kerr of Los Angeles, Eleanor (Mrs. Samuel Beck) of Mississauga and Susan Kerr of Markham. Beloved grandmother of David, Kerry and Brian Beck and Robert and Hugh Kerr. Resting at the

They had three children, even though his obituary did not acknowledge his youngest daughter, Susan.

Children of Hugh "Archie" Kerr and Eleanor Martin

Daughter: Eleanor Edna

B 1941 Mississauga

D March, 2015 Toronto

Spouse: Samuel Beck

B 1933 Dromore, N Ireland

D 30 Dec 2018 Mississauga

THE ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED of Eleanor Kerr, daughter of Mrs. Kerr of Toronto and the late Mr. Hugh Archibald Kerr, to Mr. Samuel Beck, son of Mrs. Beck and the late Mr. Frederick Beck. Wedding to take place Sept. 21, at Oriole-York Mills United Church.



Eleanor Edna BECK

It is with deep sadness and a heavy heart our loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away peacefully in her 74th year surrounded by her family at Credit Valley Hospital. Beloved wife of Samuel for 52 years, loving mother of David (Samantha), Kerry and Brian (Anne). She will be missed dearly by her grandchildren William, Madison, Joshua, Kaiden and Kinsey. Eleanor was born in Toronto, daughter to Arch Kerr and Ruth (Martin). She was very proud of her family. Nothing made her happier than spending time with her family/grandchildren around meals and up north at the cottage. Eleanor's strength of character and ready smile brought joy and laughter to the people around her, she will be dearly missed by her family and

the friends she has left behind. We miss you and love you very much, my Love, Mom, Grandma. Friends are invited to join us in a celebration of Eleanor's life on Sunday, March 29th, 2015 at 1800 The Collegeway, Mississauga, Ontario from 2 to 4 p.m., a special thanks will happen at 3 p.m. if desired, the family requests a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society in Eleanor's memory.



SAMUEL FREDERICK BECK *It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved father, Samuel Beck on Sunday, December 30, 2018 at Credit Valley Hospital just shy of his 85th birthday. Predeceased by his wife Eleanor of 53 years. Born in Dromore, Nr. Ireland, this strong, kind and loving Irish man was a devoted father to David, Kerry (Mark) and Brian (Anne). Samuel will be greatly missed and cherished for his wonderful ability to tell a tale, his positive attitude and adventurous spirit that he brought to his family and friends. He complimented a 38-year career at Ontario Hydro with several contracting businesses and endless projects. His proudest achievement was the design and construction of a beautiful cottage that became home in Muskoka; where he proudly displayed his carpentry work and*

robust gardens. The forever handyman was always working on his next projects or swimming with his grandchildren on Muldrew Lake. Over the last couple of years, he enjoyed travelling extensively through North America and Europe with family and his dear friend Monika.

Children of Hugh "Archie" Kerr and Eleanor Martin

Son: Brian Archibald

B 27 Mar, 1944 Hamilton

D 10 Sept 2016 Newport Beach, California

Spouse: Peggy Barnes

B unknown

D unknown

Spouse: unknown

B unknown

Spouse: Katherine "Kitty"

B unknown

D unknown



Brian, Kitty, son Hugh and family



Brian and wife Peggy



Brian A Kerr

ORANGE

■ **Project:** Home
Address: 10301 Meads Ave.
Value: \$438,000
Owner: Muskoka Development

■ **Project:** Home
Address: 10321 Meads Ave.
Value: \$443,000
Owner: Muskoka Development

As a young man of 19 or 20, Brian moved to Orange County, California. He did not maintain much contact with the rest of the family in his early years but in later life, there was a reconnect. He tried many failed business adventures until he set himself up as a custom home builder. The company name, Muskoka Development Inc. reflected his time spent in the Muskoka area in Ontario. He maintained a cottage in the Muskoka area. He married three times but had one child Hugh and an adopted wife's sons Robert and Kelly. He served in the US military and died of cancer.

Kerr, Brian A., with loving family holding him, he went peacefully to the Lord at his home in Newport Beach, CA on September 10, 2016. He was the second child and only son of Ruth and Arch Kerr, Ontario, Canada. He served in the Military with Honorable discharge. Resided in Orange County 53 years. Retired Custom Home Builder in O.C. His life was full with work, sports, friends and enjoyment of life. He is survived by his loving wife Katherine; three sons Robert, Hugh and Kelly

Hugh Archibald Kerr

SHREVEPORT - Hugh Archibald Kerr, 45, of Shreveport, Louisiana passed away on Friday, November 9. Hugh was born in Orange, CA and grew up in Newport Beach, CA. He was born to Brian Kerr and Peggy Barnes on December 18, 1972. He married his wife Teri Anne Hanisee in New Orleans, Louisiana in March of 2005. He welcomed the birth of his beautiful daughter, Alexandra, in November of 2007. He attended Humphreys College for his Bachelor of Science and obtained his MBA in 2003. He was the general manager of the commercial property management division at Vintage Realty, where his coworkers were family to him. Hugh



was a warm and loving man. Hugh's smile and quick wit lightened the lives of the people who were lucky enough to have him in their life. He loved his job and enjoyed photography, but liked nothing more than spending holidays with his extended Hanisee family, his partner in life Teri Anne, and his little girl Alexandra. His happiest memories as a child were spending the summer with his cousins and brother at Lake Muldrew in Ontario, Canada. Hugh is survived by his wife Teri Anne and his daughter Alexandra Marie, his mother Peggy Barnes, and brother Robert Kerr, his wife Deborah and their daughter Bella. He leaves behind his nieces and nephews, Brenna and Sean Hanisee, Cullen and Aidan Kerns, and his God daughter Lillian Hanisee. His in-laws will miss him dearly, Thomas, Brenda, Brandon, Patrick, and Robert Hanisee and Katherine Schell with husband Chris. He also leaves behind his loving cousins David, Brian, Kerry, and their children. He also leaves behind his step-mother Kitty Kerr, step-father Dale Barnes and step-brother Kelly. He is preceded in death by his father, Brian Kerr and his two aunts Eleanor and Susan. Memorial

Two years after Brian passed, his son Hugh A Kerr died in Shreveport, Louisiana in what was believed to be suicide.

Children of Hugh "Archie" Kerr and Eleanor Martin

Youngest Child: Susan (Susie)

B 1946 – 1952

D around 2015

"Susie was the youngest of the three. When she was little more than a teenager, she contracted cerebral palsy. Hugh and Ruthie were a bit "highbrow", and were not all that supportive of having a "crippled" daughter, so Susie had a pretty rough time. I do not have much information in my files, sadly. Both Brian and Eleanor told my husband and I parts of the story over the years, but sadly, I didn't write anything down, and memory is not great. I do know that Susie spent about half of her later years in various 'institutions', including many of her last years in Participation House in Markham. But her final years were spent in a self-contained apartment with daily care - I think part of the Participation House program. When Susie passed away, Brian, in California already had advanced cancer, so my husband and I cleaned out Susie's apartment and arranged to have her things sent to Brian in California. Brian and his wife Kitty were very good to Susie in the last 15 or so years of her life. When they spent their summers in Muskoka, they always had Susie stay with them for 2-3 weeks. I had met her a few times, but only briefly."

Notes from cousin Liz Kerr

She was living in Markham when her mother passed in 1982.

Home for handicapped wants participation

By DAVE NORRIS
Star staff writer

MARKHAM — George Empringham suffers from cerebral palsy but he drives around Markham in a specially equipped golf cart. Back in his room at Participation House, he talks to friends all over the world with \$2,000 worth of ham radio equipment.

Empringham, like the other residents of Canada's only home for cerebral palsy victims hasn't allowed the disease to get him down.

Participation House is a project of the Cerebral Palsy Parent Council of Toronto. It was built three years ago as a pilot project and two more homes like it will be built in the province in the near future.

The philosophy is simple. Man is an inseparable unit of mind, soul and body. The 38 severely crippled residents are encouraged to participate in life in spite of their handicaps.

Dennis Oswald, for instance, runs a Christmas card business from his bed. Two days a week a secretary comes in to help him.

Barbara Mitchell can't use her hands so she uses a stick clenched between her teeth to type, play the organ and earn her living in the home's workshop.

Wendy Thornton and Tom Stairs are confined to wheel chairs but they met and fell in love at Participation House and will be married next February.

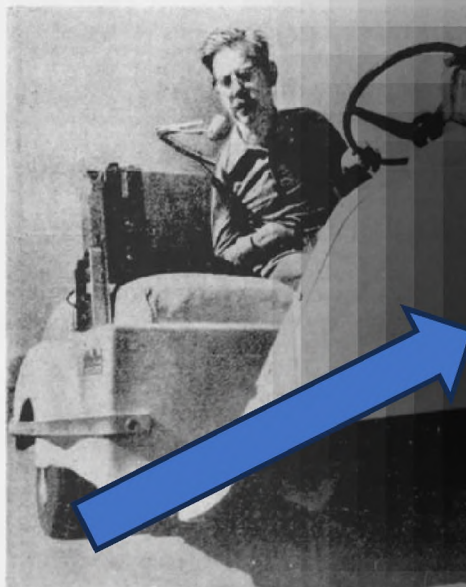
"The engagement took us by surprise," said director, Anne Pahl. "We just weren't prepared to handle married residents."

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TWO-WAY RADIO on his specially equipped golf cart keeps cerebral palsy victim George Empringham in touch with Participation House as he drives around

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Star photo by Dave Norris

Markham. He talks to friends all over world with \$2,000 worth of radio equipment in his room. Built three years ago, Participation House is first such home in Canada.

Toronto Star: 08 Oct, 1975

Great Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Mary Elliott Grandchildren of Thomas Seldon and Maria Elliott Child of Edna Seldon and Archibald Kerr

Last child: Robert Henry

B 18 Apr 1921 Berlin (Kitchener)

D 17 Jan 1967 Burlington Ont. Age 45

Spouse: Margaret Elizabeth "Liz" Hoshal

B 19 Nov 1920 Niagara Falls

D 28 Jun 2014 Courtenay BC Age 95

Robert worked at his father's company until it was sold after his father's death. Even though spouse Margaret had remarried after Robert's death, her obituary notes that he was her "one true love".



The Hamilton Spectator
19 Jan 1967, Thu -Page 45

KERR, Robert Henry — Suddenly, at his residence on Tuesday, January 17, 1967, Robert Henry Kerr, 833 Long Drive, Burlington, Ontario, beloved husband of Margaret Elizabeth Hoshal; dear father of Alexandra and Steven at home. Brother of Thomas S. Kerr, Pickering. Resting at Smith's Funeral Home, 485 Brant St., Burlington for service on Friday at 11 o'clock. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Gifts to St. Matthew's Anglican Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated.





Margaret Elizabeth (Liz) Kerr (nee Hoshal)

Nov 19, 1920 – Jun 28, 2014

Liz was born in Niagara Falls and raised in Toronto, ON. Liz was predeceased by her husband and one true love, Robert Henry Kerr in 1967. Liz leaves behind her son Steve (Karen) of Orillia ON, and her grandchildren Aaron, Joel (Christine) and Stephanie and her daughter Alex Greenwood (Dave) of Courtenay, BC and her grandchildren Josh, Jessica and Jake. Liz lived in Burlington, ON for most of her life and was a long-time choir member of St Matthew on-the-Plains, volunteer at RBG

and Joseph Brant Hospital, an avid traveller and bridge player. Her last 9 years were spent in Courtenay, BC. many in (senior residence) Casa Loma where she made some good friends. In Sept 2013 she moved in with Alex and Dave and was loved and cared for until she succumbed to complications from Crohn's Disease. Will love you forever, Mum.

Internet obituary

Robert Kerr and Margaret Hoshal had two children, Steve and Alex (Greenwood)

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Children of Thomas Seldon and Margaret Brook – 2nd wife

Only Child: Thomas Brook

B 03 May 1914 Ingersoll

D 20 Feb 1957 London buried IRC

M October 1950

Spouse: Betty Doris Wright

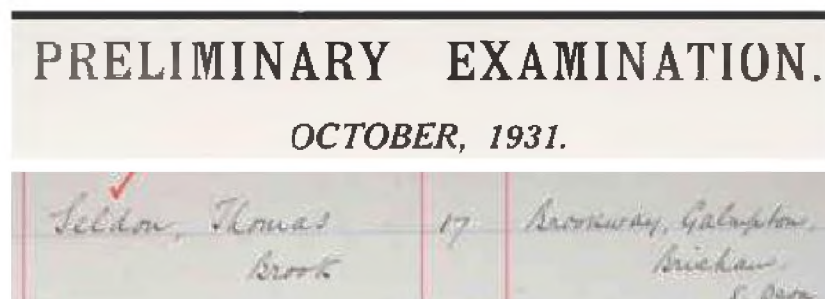
B 18 Jan 1928 Toronto

D 09 Feb 2024 London, Ont.



Thomas was only 5 years old when his father died. He was the only child of the union between Margaret Brook and Thomas Seldon. He travelled extensively as a young child to visit his grandfather Brook and his relatives in England. In 1931, at age 17, he wrote his entrance law examination in London England. By the mid 1930s he acquired a law degree there. His mother eventually elected to stay in England and remarry but after graduation, sometime after 1937, Thomas moved to London, Ontario.

Entrance Exam candidate at age 17. The university is not known.



Thomas Seldon age 12 – unaccompanied, travelling to Southampton, England 30 Sept, 1925 aboard the Canadian Pacific ship Minnedosa. Brookway was his grandfather's residence home.

50. SELDON

Thomas Brook

"Brookway" Gillingdon, Brixham.

FORM 30A
1921
Date of sailing Oct 19 1921
Inland routing G. & R.
to Reginald Oct 19 1921
DECLARATION OF PASSENGER TO CANADA.
NAME SELDON, THOMAS Age 7 1/2
Sex M. Are you married, single, widowed or divorced? Single
If married, are you accompanied by husband or wife? If so, give name of husband or wife
1. Present occupation Intended occupation British
2. Birthplace Canadian Race or people Anglican
3. Citizenship Religion
6. Object in going to Canada Home. yes.
7. Do you intend to remain permanently in Canada? yes.
8. Have you ever lived in Canada? yes. If you have, give Canadian address Reginald Oct 19 1921
9. Port of previous entry Montreal Date May 18 1921
10. Port of departure from Canada Holiday
11. Why did you leave Canada? Holiday
12. Money in possession belonging to passenger? (I am aware that I must have on my arrival in Canada the sum of \$5) What language? English
13. Can you read? no
14. By whom was your passage paid? Mother
15. Ever refused entry to or departed from Canada?
16. Destined to Reginald Ontario



1926 Minnedosa

Passenger information for Thomas Seldon 1917. Thomas was travelling at age 7 to visit his grandmother.

From Liz Seldon. "My understanding was that my dad never fought in WWII: he had flat feet and wasn't allowed to serve in combat. To that end, he knew he wanted to do something to help and 'signed up' with UNRRA serving primarily in Poland to assist displaced persons. Oddly enough, in the late 1960s when Mom and I were visiting my maternal grandmother in

hospital, one of the nurses came up and asked if we had known Tom Seldon as he was the one who helped her and her family in Poland. It was a conversation I will never forget as she just couldn't say enough about my dad!"

Although there is some argument about whether he served in Europe in a non combat compacity due to his flat feet, he rose to the rank of Captain in the Highland Infantry.

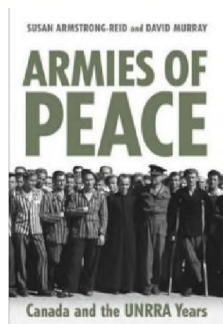
"The **United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA)** was an international relief agency, largely dominated by the United States but representing 44 nations. Founded in November 1943, it was dissolved in September 1948 and became part of the United Nations in 1945. Its purpose was to "plan, co-ordinate, administer or arrange for the administration of measures for the relief of victims of war in any area under the control of any of the United Nations through the provision of food, fuel, clothing, shelter and other basic necessities, medical and other essential services". Wikipedia.

Thomas was promoted to assistant director of the Polish division. One of the nurses in the same section of the UNRRA was Prouse cousin Hazel Bain, a secretary from Vancouver. She was two years his junior and I wonder if they met during time spent in Poland.

MANIFEST		Buffalo, N. Y.		Date	6/14/46	Serial No.	
Family name		CHILDEN		Service name		THOMAS BROOK	
EF. No.	6/14/46	Country and citizenship		Country charged	EF. No.	410	
Place and date of issue		Sarnia, Ont. /		Age	3/2	Sex	
Place of birth (town, country, etc.)		Ingersoll, Ontario		Age	31	Sex	M
Language or languages		English		Country	Canada	Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.)	
Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence applicant came		Mother - Mrs. M. H. Y. 23 Jarvis Ave., London, Ont.		Where		Passage paid by	
Tour in U.S. From		Y - visits only		Where		Self	
Employer, and name and complete address of relative or friend to whom		United Nations Relief & Rehab. 444 Connecticut Ave., Wash., DC		Purpose is coming and time remaining		3/2 - 24 - 6 months	
Last arrested and deported, or excluded from admission		No		Disqualifying marks		None	
Height		5 ft. 6 in.		Weight		160 lbs.	
Complexion		Med.		Distinguishing marks		None	
Eyes		Blue		Hair		Dark	
Mouth		None		Nose		None	
Ears		None		Neck		None	
Fingerprints		None		Previous disposition		Previous disposition, P.I.	
Remarks by		Previously examined at		Date		Arrived by	
						ADMITTED	

Many former Canadian servicemen mustered directly out of the Canadian Armed Forces into UNRRA. These individuals oiled the wheels of UNRRA's Displaced Persons Division at every level of its operation by keeping personnel, supplies, and transportation moving at a time when Germany's road system was in shambles and crowded with masses of humanity streaming in every direction. They included D.J. Amiraault, K.M. Beaton, Stanley D. Crowe, T.H. Eaton, C.J. Gauthier, Frances Giske, R.J. Green, F.M. Hames, R. Hughes, E.A. Lindstrom, E.E. Masterson, O.W. Middleton, J.P. O'Connor, W.C. Pettapiece, G.A. Sherwood, W.A. Simon, J.B. Watson, and B. Welis. Other Canadians, such as Moses Aspler, H.T. Daunt, and William Van Ark, were appointed as directors, assistant directors, or field supervisors.

Also serving in various capacities in Germany were, among others, W. Bagnell, Jill Mitchell, Donald Morton, Doris Myers, Olive R. O'Connor, Johan F. Oosthoek, Floris May Pennington, Floris Mary Perkins, Louis P. Plamondon, Stephen A. Shando, Frederick Simonet, J. Stoot, Anthony Taraska, Sydney J. Taylor, Doreen M. Thomas, Seldon Brook Thomas, Joan C. Tomkinson, Eileen M. Tomlin, Eunice Riexinger, Peter Thomas spent 1945 – 1948 in Germany, Poland and Washington working for UNRRA.



Tom and fellow staff at UNRRA

After his return to Canada, in 1949, he was living with his mother on Piccadilly St. in London, Ont. She had returned to Canada after her second husband's death in Britain. His occupation was listed as lawyer. Thomas married Betty Doris Wright in October of 1950 at age 36. She was 22. Betty was her registered given name. "Mom received her BA from UWO in 1948. Between 1950 and 1957 they were busy establishing their lives. Dad was 42 when he died in 1957; I was 10 months old. We actually lived with my Grandpa Wright in his house from 1967 until he passed away in 1975. Grandpa was the most special, kind and caring person to me and did his very, very best to fill in as a father figure to me: I loved him tremendously!

Wife Betty would eventually remarry well-known author, journalist, educator and television regular, Andrew MacFarlane. Betty would become a U of Western Ontario professor emeritus. It appears that she wrote an article on children's clothing that appeared in the Globe and Mail in 1995.

Seldon-Macfarlane, Betty. "A Child's Winter in Canada before Gore-Tex, Velcro and Quick-Drying Synthetic Fibres." *Globe and Mail*, 23 March 1995, A30.

"Seldon-MacFarlane, Betty Doris M.L.S., Western Soc Science - Office of Dean Professor Emeritus"

UWO – staff Alumni list



Thomas and daughter Elizabeth a few months before his death



Second husband: TV regular Robert MacFarlane

Many professors are accused of being unaware of the outside world, a criticism which does not apply to Betty Seldon. Mrs. Seldon, a lecturer in the Secretarial Science Department, has worked in the outside world, and has brought her experience with her.

She also presents a practical answer to the problem facing many co-eds, that of finding a job. "Unless the student wishes to teach," she says, "a B.A. still means that a girl is unskilled as far as the labour market is concerned." To Mrs. Seldon and her students, the Sec. Sci. course offers the best of both worlds. The nature of the course means that she works closely

ly with the girls more often than is usual, and so it is not surprising that she becomes fond of her charges.

Though she pleads lack of time as her reason for not being involved in campus activities, Mrs. Seldon is still in touch with what affects her students. She explains: "It is pointless to assign work when everyone is off to the Delaware Ball."

Even her description of herself as "a realist" is moderated by her aim of providing "the tools which will give my students self-reliance and a sense of their own worth." In a world of abstractions, this is a reassuring touch.

THOMAS B. SELDON

The death of Thomas Brook Seldon, of Uplands Drive, RR 2, London, occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, on Wednesday, February 20th. Born in Ingersoll, he had resided here for some time, but had been a resident of London for about 16 years. He was a member of the London Club and of Tuscan Masonic Lodge of London, and a member of St. John's Anglican Church at Arva. During WW II he served as a captain with the Highland Light Infantry and later with UNRA in Germany as assistant director of the Polish Children Refugees. He was a barrister and solicitor in London for several years. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, the former Betty D. Wright, one daughter, Elizabeth Brook Seldon, also his mother, Mrs. Margaret Veale of London. The funeral service will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the George E. Logan and Sons Funeral Chapel, London. Interment will be in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. - Ingersoll Tribune, Feb 21, 1957

He is buried with his parents in IRC. Betty continued to work in London as a university professor while her daughter went to university. Betty and daughter Liz, lived with her elderly father in his house at 20 Renwick Ave. in London from 1967 to 1975. "Grandpa Wright was the most special, kind and caring person to me and did his very, very best to fill in as a father figure to me: I loved him tremendously!" Liz

Betty and Thomas Seldon had one daughter, Elizabeth Brook Seldon.



SELDON-MACFARLANE, Betty Doris (née Wright) Professor Emerita
January 18, 1928 - February 9, 2024

Our Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma died peacefully in London, Ontario, on Friday, February 9, 2024 having recently celebrated her 96th birthday.

Mom will be missed by her only child, Elizabeth, and by her beloved grandchildren Pam Hrick (Kristyn Watterworth) and Jason Hrick and by her wonderful great-grandson, Paxton Andrew Watterworth. Loved and missed by her stepdaughter, Catriona MacFarlane-Reed (Travis Reed) and by Jeanie MacFarlane (Stephen Brunt) and their

children Nat, Jake and Hollis.

Predeceased by her husbands, Thomas Brook Seldon (1914-1957) and Andrew Walker MacFarlane (1928-2002); her parents Cecil and Agnes Wright; and by her sister, Joan.

Born in Toronto, Betty's family moved to London in the 1940s. She attended South Secondary Collegiate and then received her BA (Secretarial Science) from the University of Western Ontario. In 1950, she married Tom Seldon, LLB. Sadly, shortly after their daughter's birth, Tom unexpectedly died in February of 1957. Thanks to her parents' help, Betty was able to adjust to a very different reality.

In 1964, Betty became an instructor in the Department of Secretarial Science at the University of Western Ontario. She remained active at the University over the next 24 years: obtaining a 'Master of Library Science' degree; becoming an accredited Associate Professor within the Sec Sci Department; taking a local leadership role within ARMA International; and working in the President's Office for a 3-year term during the tenure of Dr. D. Carleton Williams and Dr. George Connell. It was during this time that she also met UWO's founding Dean of Journalism, Andy MacFarlane. The pair married in 1981. Betty retired from the University in 1988, receiving the designation of Professor Emerita.

Her stepdaughter, Catriona, notes that Betty was, in her opinion, "an excellent role model for young women". Catriona further notes that people born in 1928 "...had a sense of "duty" and doing what was "right" based on the attitudes and ideas of the time. Betty always believed she was doing the right thing at the right time."

Particularly in retirement, Betty relished the role of grandmother, and was a presence at her grandchildren's extracurricular activities. Both before and after Andy's passing in 2002, Betty remained an avid traveller, theatregoer, reader, and deliverer of Meals on Wheels across London into her early 90s alongside her dear friend, Nancy Poole.

Betty will be remembered by those who loved her for many things, including her drive to make a better life for herself in sometimes challenging circumstances, and for her tenacity as a faculty member at UWO, at a time when faculty spaces remained overwhelmingly dominated by men.

Condolences were plentiful for Betty. She was admired as a loving friend, a feeder of birds and bunnies, a Sudoku puzzle lover, and active participant in her grandchildren's sports and a lover of lunch dates.

Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Children of William Seldon and Maria Elliott

Third Child: John

B 18 Apr 1846 Morwenstow, Cornwall

D 19 Nov 1848 N Oxford buried IRC

REGISTRATION DISTRICT				STRATTON					
1846 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Kilkhampton				in the County of Cornwall					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
1846 April 1846 Morwenstow	John	Boy	William Seldon	Maria Seldon formerly Elliott	Farmer	W. Seldon, Father, Morwenstow	1846	William Seldon	Registrar

John was born in Cornwall. He would have been a year old on the trip across the Atlantic in the spring of 1847. Cause of death is not known. He is one of many family children that were removed from the family farm cemetery and placed in IRC in April of 1867.

No.	NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	WHERE BORN	WHERE DIED	WHEN DIED	CAUSE OF DEATH	WHEN INTERRED
142	William Elliott	6		England	Berkham	17/5/58	Removal	1867
143	John Seldon	2		England	Berkham	17/5/58	"	"
144	John Seldon	2		70th Oxford	Berkham	17/5/58	"	"
145	John Seldon	11		England	Berkham	17/5/58	"	"
146	Sarah Prouse	6		Berkham	Berkham	17/5/58	"	"
147	James Prouse	8		Berkham	Berkham	17/5/58	"	"
148	John Wilson	11		Berkham	Berkham	17/5/58	"	"
149	Mary Wilson	2		Berkham	Berkham	17/5/58	"	"

IRC records

Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Children of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Fourth Child: Richard

B 21 Nov 1847 N Oxford family farm

D 30 May 1929 Ingersoll buried IRC

M 03 July 1872

Spouse: Emma Macleod

B 12 Jul 1853 Kingston Mines, Illinois

D 08 Feb 1904 Woodstock (age 50)



Richard was the first child born on this side of the Atlantic to William (Elliott) Seldon and Maria Elliott. Maria would have been pregnant with Richard on the ocean voyage. He grew up on the family farm.



However, he drifted away from the farm in his mid 20s. In 1871, he is listed as working in Ingersoll as a clerk. According to the couple's marriage index of 1872, he was living in Strathroy, Ont. and was age 26 when he married 19-year-old Emma Macleod of Exeter, Ont. After the marriage they made Exeter their home. She was a Bible Christian and he a Methodist. The Exeter Voters list of 1876 had him listed as a dry goods merchant and living on John St. By 1890, he was still in Exeter with a flock of children. The ExperienceExeter.ca website lists a Seldon Coal and Driver's License office in Exeter.

Richard moved back to Ingersoll and in 1891 took possession of a 170-acre portion of the Seldon farm in North Oxford as the executors of his father's estate (mostly his children) transferred the asset to Richard and held the mortgage. Probably, financial opportunities were better in the farming industry working with his brothers than in the coal business in Exeter. The farm was originally 200 acres but 30 acres were sold to allow the building of the original

The Seldon farm, in North Oxford, was sold on Thursday to Mr Richard Seldon, formerly of Exeter, for \$7,000, subject to an annuity of \$150 to Mrs Thos. Chapman during her life.

Thamesford to Ingersoll gravel road through the south end of the lot. Richard maintained the farm until his death in 1929 when his estate transferred farm ownership to son Arthur R Seldon. His sons that had returned with him from Exeter, either lived in town with him or on the Lot 7 Con 3 farm. Richards's brother William owned a Lot 6 Con 3 farm immediately to the west.

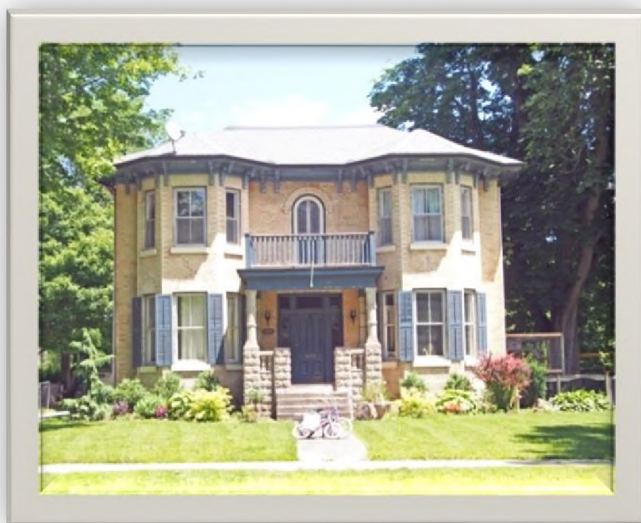
By 1894, Richard and Emma had moved off the farm and into what was then to become "Seldon House" at 305 Oxford St in Ingersoll. The move was likely predicated by the fact he had a new job as he was named Clerk – Treasurer for N Oxford. He held this position from 1894 until his death in 1929. His daughter then took the position for another 38 years before grandson Dick Seldon also held the job.

Schram Mrs, Thamesford	f	2	24
Seldon Richard, Ingersoll	f	3	7
Seldon Richard jr	"	f	3 7
Seldon R G	"	t	3 6
Seldon Wm	"	f	3 7
Seldon Wm	"	t	3 6

1899 Oxford Farm and Business directory

THE CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.—Mr. and Mrs. Seldon entertained the children of the Public School choir, on Saturday afternoon, to strawberries and ice-cream. Mr. Seldon entertains the band and their families on Monday evening.

July 1888 Ingersoll Chronicle



Seldon House, 305 Oxford St.

305: "This yellow brick Victorian home, built circa 1865, features a two-storey detached barn where the original occupants stabled their horses and carriages. Mr. Richard Seldon and his daughter, Annie, who lived here from 1894 to 1967, served as Clerks for the Township of North Oxford. Between 1918 and 1967 residents came to the house to pay their taxes in what is now the formal dining room. High ceilings, elaborate moldings, wide baseboards and pine floors grace each of the formal rooms in the main part of the house. The brass chandeliers in the dining room and lower hall are original, as is the fireplace in the parlour. Molded cherubs decorate one of the two curved archways upstairs. The servant's

quarters were located in a portion of the house along with the summer kitchen which retains its original painted tin ceiling. The Seldon House with its triple brick exterior walls was built to last."

From Tour of Oxford St. 1990

Insert from Ingersoll Tribune:

"Fitting eulogy was also paid to Miss Seldon's father, the late Richard Seldon, who was her immediate predecessor for a like period of thirty-five years as Clerk –treasurer of North Oxford. Council meetings which were held in the Seldon home since the appointment of Richard Seldon as Clerk-Treasurer in 1894 -1929, have been pleasant social occasions due to the generosity of the Seldon family. In the horse and buggy days, council was called in the morning, stopped at noon while the members enjoyed dinner together, and concluded in the afternoon. The advent of the automobile ended these bountiful dinners but Miss Seldon still served delicious lunches and home-made candy. Truly the Seldons, father and daughter, had created a Seldon tradition for the finest in public service and qualities of refined hospitality."

Ingersoll Tribune

Richard's spouse, Emma Macleod was from near Peoria, Illinois. It appears she was the daughter of her mother's second marriage. Her mother was Devon born and Exeter raised Ann Snell. Her mother was

TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for cleaning out the Henderson Creek drain in the Township of North Oxford, benefiting part of lots 7, 8 and 9 in the first concession and lots 9 and 10 in the second concession, and part of lot 10 in the third concession, also a portion of East Nissouri and West Zorra.

Work is to be completed by the 1st of November, 1913.

Plans, specifications, etc., can be seen and any other information obtained from the undersigned or at the Council Room, lot 7, in the third concession of North Oxford.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders will be received up to Saturday, the 23rd day of August, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Alex. Rose, Richard Seldon,
Reeve. Clerk.

Death of Mrs. Seldon.

Word was received here this week of the death of a former resident of Exeter in the person of Mrs. Richard Seldon, of Ingersoll, daughter of Mrs. Geo. Samwell, of Exeter. Deceased was well and favorably known here and the news of her death will be heard with much regret. She was about 53 years of age.

OXFORD OFFICIAL DIES.

Richard Seldon, for more than 35 years clerk and treasurer of North Oxford township, who but a few weeks ago resigned owing to ill health, passed away at his home in Ingersoll on Thursday in his 82nd year. Four sons and three daughters survive, his wife having predeceased him about 25 years ago. Mrs. J. E. B. Wilkinson of Tillsonburg is a daughter. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon from his late residence, with interment in Ingersoll rural cemetery.

married to Canadian John Macleod while she was living in the US and thus Emma was American born. After Emma's father John Macleod died, Ann and Emma, returned to Canada and Exeter and to the Snell family. Emma's mother Ann married again to Exeter merchant George Samwell. Emma's elderly mother's return to Exeter would likely explain Richard and Emma's move to Exeter in 1872 at the beginning of their marriage where they took up residence next door to the Samwell home.

Aug 14 1913 Ingersoll Chronicle

Brantford Expositor May 31, 1929

The Seldon's had seven children born in Exeter between 1875 and 1887 and the rest of the brood were born in N. Oxford or Ingersoll.

DEATH OF MRS. RICHARD SELDON

The death of Mrs. Richard Seldon occurred at the family residence, Thamesford Road, at 6:30 this morning. Mrs. Seldon had been in failing health for the past year. To a wide circle of friends, the sad intelligence of her death will be received with profound regret. She had endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact while she bore her illness with Christian fortitude. Besides the sorrowing husband, she is survived by a family of four sons and three daughters. The funeral will take place at 2:30 on Wednesday afternoon and proceed to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery*

Ingersoll Chronicle Feb 11, 1904

* Emma would have been staying with her sons' family on the original N Oxford farm while ill.



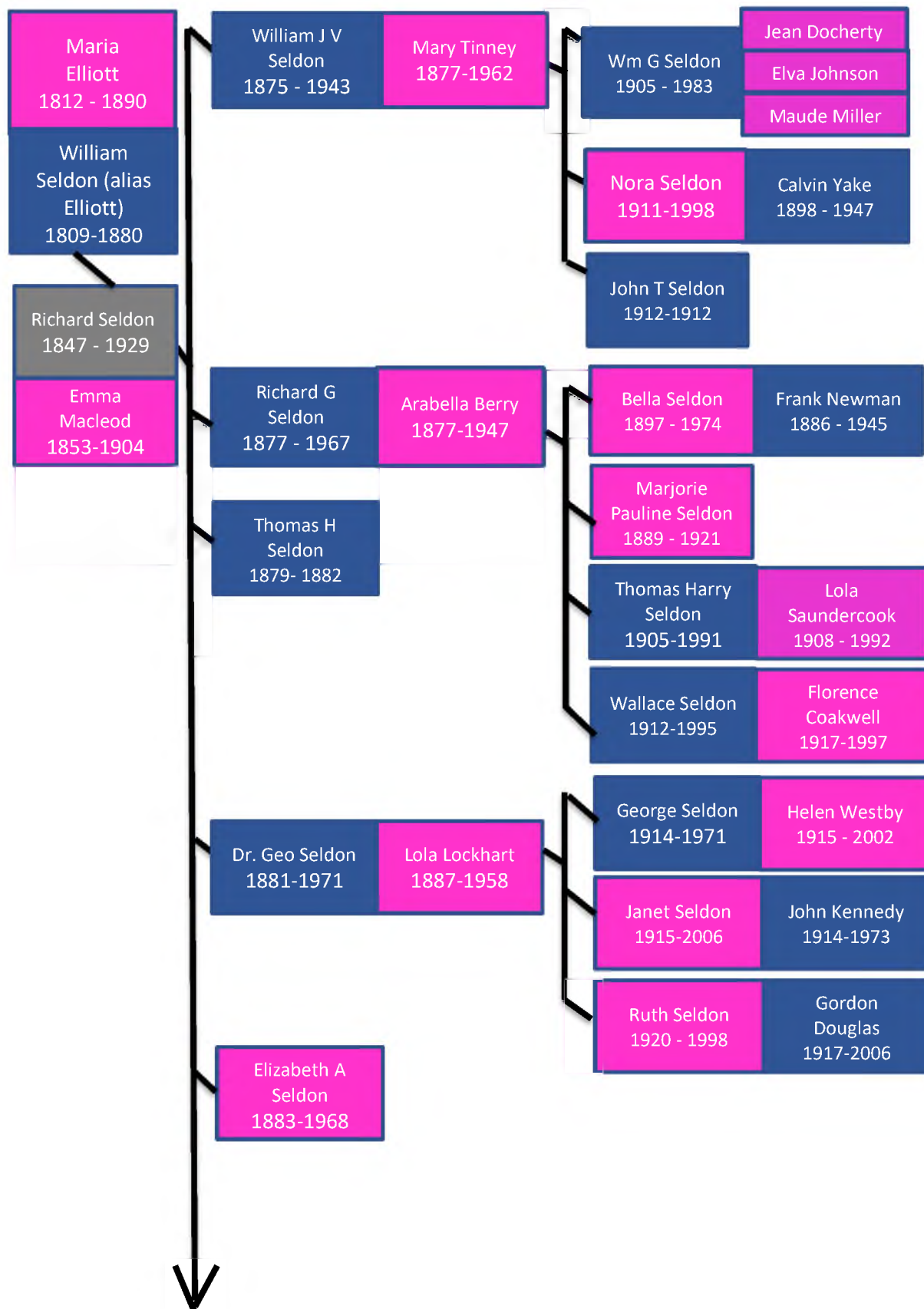
Four generations: L to R: Emma, son Richard's daughter Bella Jean,



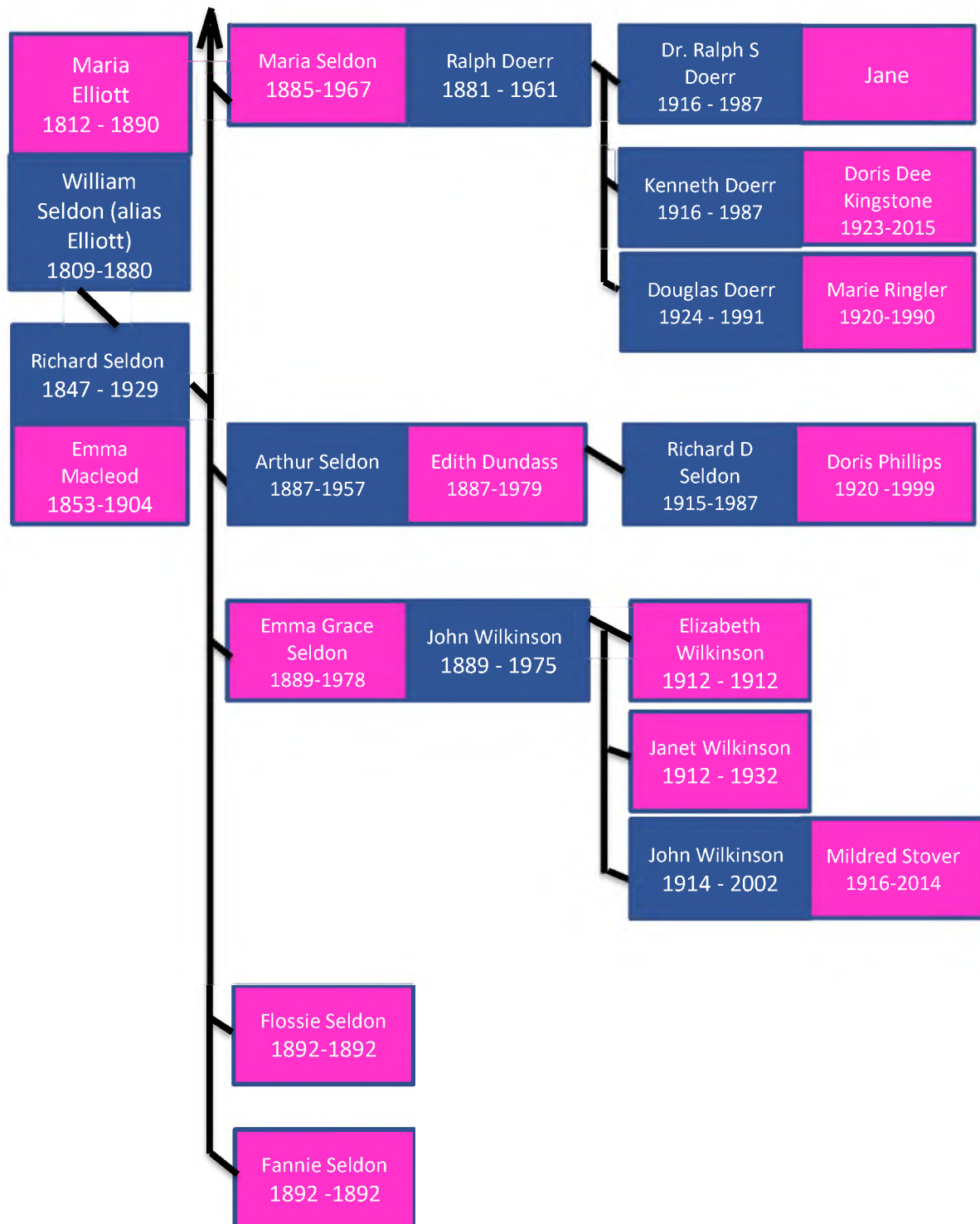
son Richard G Seldon and Emma's mother Ann (Snell) Macleod

Children and Spouses of ...

Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod Page 1

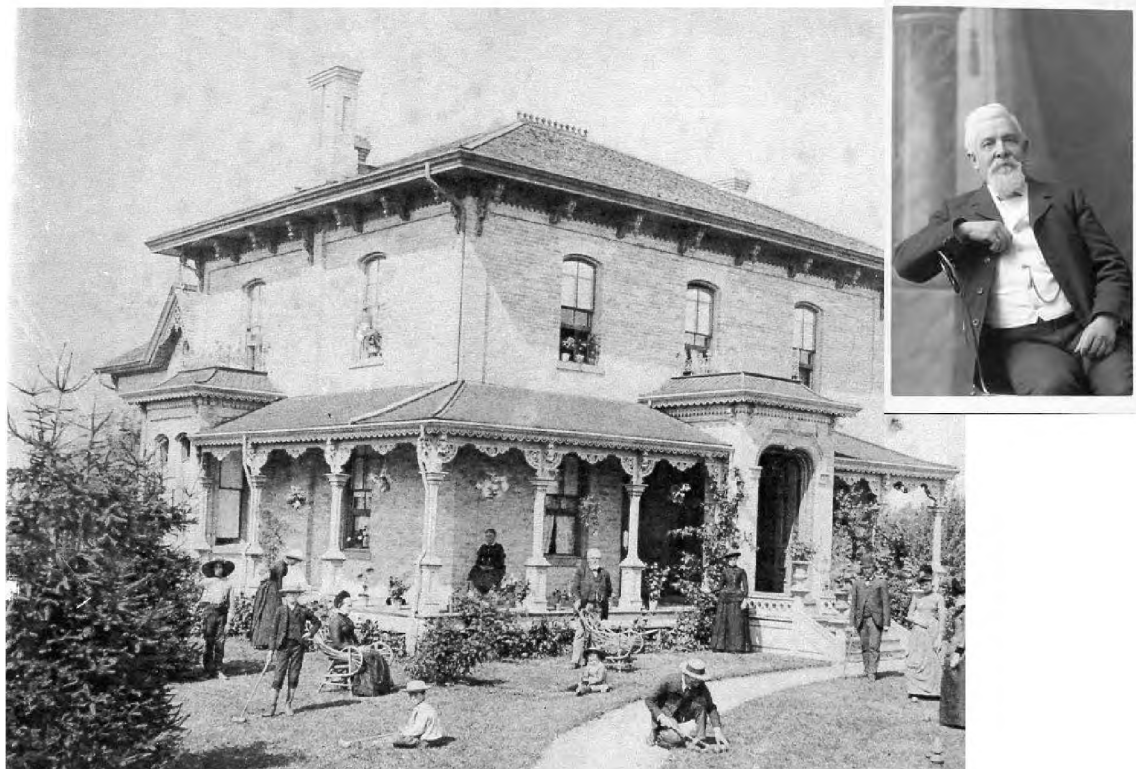


**Page 2: Children and Spouses of ...
Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod**





L to R: Dr. Thomas Harry Seldon (pg. 71) son of Richard and Arabella Berry Seldon, William "Red" Vandersoft Seldon (pg. 51), son of William J R Seldon and Mary Tinney, Edith Dundass Seldon (wife of Arthur Seldon Pg 107), Grandmother Ann (Snell) Samwell (photo about 1917). Courtesy Lesley Seldon



The home of Emma MacLeod's stepfather George Vandersept Samwell (insert) in Exeter Ontario. Ann (Emma McLeod's mother) is seated on the lawn on a wicker chair. Second husband George Vandersept Samwell is standing behind an empty wicker chair on the lawn and insert photo. The unidentified family in the photo are suspected of being Seldon/MacLeod family members. Circa: 1900. Courtesy Lesley Seldon

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Children of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod

Oldest Child: William John Vandersoft

B 07 Feb 1875 Exeter

D 21 Mar 1943 Ingersoll

M 03 Nov 1897 Ingersoll

Spouse: Mary Tinney

B 17 Aug 1877 Ingersoll

D 19 July 1962 Ingersoll



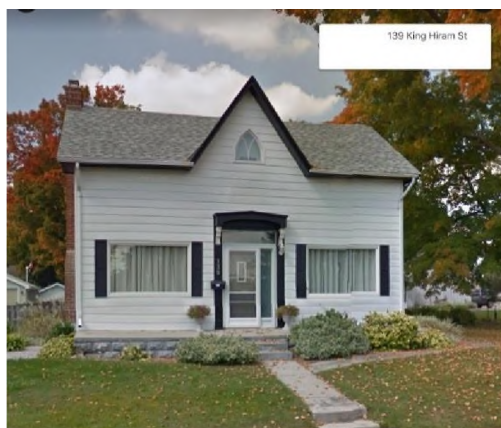
William was born in Exeter but moved to the N Oxford Seldon farm when he was about 13 years old. He became a farm labourer of his father's farm along with his brother Richard Jr.

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Seldon Wm	"	f	3	6

At 22, he married local girl Mary Tinney when she was 20 years old.

A happy matrimonial event took place in Ingersoll recently at the residence of John Tinney, when his daughter, Mary, was united in marriage to Wm. Seldon, son of Richard Seldon, of North Oxford, formerly of Exeter. The ceremony was performed Nov 1897 Exeter Advocate

Mary's family lived on Cherry St in Ingersoll. William purchased the north half of Lot 6 Con 3 just northwest of the Seldon homestead. The purchase of 100 acres occurred on 02 April, 1903 from seller Ebenezer Uren. Uren would later marry Grace Brook, widow of William Seldon's cousin Thomas Hamlyn. William raised his family on that acreage until he sold on 13 Aug, 1927. After selling the farm, the couple lived at 139 King Hiram St. He would have been 47 years old and in the 1931 was listed as a truck driver for a feed store. In the war years he is listed in the Ingersoll phone book as a foreman living with his wife and daughter Mrs. Cora Yake (occupation: cheese maker). He was a Mason during his time in



Ingersoll and was buried under Masonic auspices. The Lot 6 Con 3 farm would be rebought by his nephew Richard "Dick" Seldon in 1964.

Later, he also worked as a highways department foreman right up until weeks before his death in 1943 of a cerebral hemorrhage.

He inherited his second name "Vandersoft" or "Vanderseft" via his great grandmothers last name on his mother's side.

They had two children, Nora Yake and William George "Red" Seldon.

WILLIAM J. SELDON PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

Following an illness of six weeks' duration, the death of William J. Seldon, King Hiram St., on Sunday evening. Widely known and highly esteemed in Ingersoll and district, the word of his passing has occasioned sincere regret. The late Mr. Seldon was born in Exeter, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seldon. For many years before coming to Ingersoll, 14 years, he had farmed in North Oxford [township]. For the past 8 years he had been district foreman for the Ontario Department of Highways. He was a member of Trinity United Church. Mr. Seldon was prominent in Masonic circle, being a life member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 37 and member of Harris Chapter. Left to mourn the passing of a beloved husband and father are his widow, the former, Mary Tinney; one daughter, Mrs. Nora Yake at home and one son, William G. Seldon, Detroit. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Archie Yake and Mary Margaret Seldon, and three brothers, Richard of Exeter; Dr. George E., of Vancouver, BC, and Arthur, North Oxford [township]; also, three sisters, Miss Annie, Ingersoll; Mrs. R. B. Doerr, Kitchener; and Mrs. J. B. Wilkinson, Tillsonburg Ingersoll Tribune Mar 1943

MRS. WILLIAM SELDON PASSES IN 85TH YEAR

Following a long period of ill health, Mrs. William Seldon, passed away on Thursday, July 19th at her residence, 139 King Hiram St., Ingersoll. Born in Ingersoll, Mrs. Seldon who was in her 85th year, was the former Mary Tinney, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Tinney. She received her education here and following her marriage to William Seldon in 1897, she resided in North Oxford [township], for a number of years, returning to Ingersoll 33 years ago and had resided here continuously. Mrs. Seldon was a member of Trinity United Church, and a charter member of the Admiral McDougall Chapter of the IODE and had taken an active interest also in community affairs while health permitted. Possessing a very quiet and kindly nature she had won many friends and was highly esteemed throughout the community. Her husband predeceased her in 1943. Left to mourn the passing of a dearly loved mother are one son, William George Seldon, of Petoskey, Michigan, and one daughter, Mrs. Nora Yake of Ingersoll. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Cooper and Mrs. Hazel McGovern of Zephyr Hills, Florida; one brother, Harry John Tinney, Wyandotte, Michigan Ingersoll Tribune July, 1962

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod Children of William John Seldon and Mary Tinney

Oldest Child: William "Red" George	B 14 Aug 1905 Ingersoll D 25 Jun 1983 Petoskey, Michigan M 04 Apr 1924 Divorced 06 Nov 1930 Detroit
Spouse: Helen Maude Miller	B 03 Nov 1905 Ingersoll D 16 Jul 1932 San Diego buried IRC M 08 Nov 1930 Lucas, Ohio
Spouse: Jean "Jeanne" Docherty	B 22 Oct 1904 Scotland D 11 Nov 1959 Glendale, Ca. M 1940
Spouse: Elva Johnson	B 26 Aug 1919 Petoskey, Michigan D 19 Dec Petosky 2005

Born and raised in Ingersoll, William married Helen Miller, daughter of machinest John James Miller and Maude Smith of Carnegie St. in Ingersoll. He was 19 and she was 18 years of age when they married. The marriage occurred in 1924 and did not last, leading to divorce in 1930. Her timeline disappears but her story does not.



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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
COUNTY, WAYNE
DOCKET No. 185859

DIVORCE RECORD

Name of each William G. Seldon Age -
Helen M. Seldon Age -

State or County in which married Ingersoll, Ca. Date Apr. 8, 1924

Date of Filing Petition July 3, 1930 Who was Libellant Husband

Was Case Contested No Date of Decree or Judgment Nov. 6, 1930

Cause for Which Divorced Desertion
Extreme Cruelty

Was Divorce Granted, Refused or Withdrawn Granted

Whether Absolute or Conditions Absolute

Was Alimony Granted none

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.
THOMAS F. FARRELL
NOV 20 1930

"Helen Maud Miller married William G. "Red" Seldon in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada on April 8, 1924. The couple moved to Detroit. Mr. Seldon talked about her to his oldest daughter (Margaret) sometime in the 1960s or 1970s. As she recalls, her dad said Maude and the cook, both who worked for him, up and vanished one day. Later, while visiting and staying at the Ingersoll Inn (now location of Ingersoll City Hall - editor) he began talking to a man at the bar. When he introduced himself as Red Seldon to the man, the man was startled to learn he was talking to his brother-in-law. He became upset and said, "I've been looking for you." He then went on to say the last he had heard his sister Maude was living in California—and heard that her husband

Mr. Seldon (who he was talking to) went out there to look for her. After calming the brother-in-law down, Red explained she had taken off unexpectedly, and that he never found her either, and furthermore, that he had never set foot in the State of California. The man began to weep. Bottom line? The night ended with them being friends. It still is, however, a mystery as to what happened to Helen Maude Miller, the first wife of William "Red" George Seldon. We hope someday soon to find out". Red filed for divorce from Maude in 1930. (Maude is buried in IRC – having died in San Diego in 1932) Find a Grave notation from family



Red then married Jeanne Docherty two days after his divorce from Helen Maude Miller was finalized. She was born in Scotland but came to the US a year after her birth. She was working as a stenographer when the couple married. The couple lived in Detroit's Highland Park and had a daughter. However, she filed for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and was granted a divorce 21 May, 1937. She lived as a lodger in Detroit with her young daughter while she worked as a financially struggling cashier and a single parent before she resumed being a stenographer. She never remarried and according to Find a Grave, is buried in IRC. Her life story can be found in her daughter's biography. Photo: Jeanne Docherty and daughter Mary Margaret

Daughter of William "Red" Seldon and Jeanne Docherty

Mary Margaret

B 1932 Detroit

D 2006 Colorado Springs, Colorado



Mary Margaret



Seldon Detroit home 1930s

Mr. W. G. Seldon, formerly of Ingersoll, and now of Petoskey, Mich., has been visiting his mother, Mrs. William Seldon. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mary Margaret.

Ingersoll Tribune July 14 1949

"Mary Margaret (Sheldon sp) lived in Detroit, Michigan with her Scottish mother Jean Docherty Seldon and her Canadian born father. She often visited her paternal grandparents in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada and her mother's family and brother—Walter Docherty—perhaps in Terrahaute, Indiana. (Her father and Walter, were good friends and worked together in Petoskey, Michigan in the early 1940s at the Northern Auto Ford Dealership). At rest December 03, 2006. Born in Detroit in 1932. She was called the 'Annie Oakley of Chicago' as an expert rifle shot in high school. She married Tay McArthur in 1951 and lived in Japan while he served in the Army. They settled in Oakland California with their two daughters, Marsha Jeannie and Christine Elizabeth. After her divorce from Tay in 1970, mother and daughters moved with her second husband, Albert James Haliday USN ret. to Colorado in 1971. Tay remarried in 1971 immediately after the divorce. Divorced again in 1974, she married Homer Robert Gridley in 1983. After her mother and father separated, Mary Margaret visited Petoskey in the summer, but soon moved to California with her mother Jeannie Docherty Seldon. Jeannie never remarried. Jeannie continued to work as a highly skilled secretary and stenographer (her skills won her one or more coveted awards). William "Red" Seldon remarried again when Mary Margaret was nine years old. Through the years the two of them corresponded off and on and pictures were sent. When Mary Margaret's father William "Red" Seldon received word, that ex wife Jeannie had died, he wept. Together Mary and Robert Gridley enjoyed a good life in Colorado Springs. One of the highlights of the many projects they enjoyed together was when she and Robert hosted the World Conference of the English-Speaking Union, attended by Princess Margaret, the sister of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth."

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For the third time William "Red" Seldon married. About 1940, he married Elva Johnson. Their life together is included:



William "Red" Seldon



Elva Johnson

BIOGRAPHY

"William "Red" Seldon was a friend and business associate of Elden Auker, the baseball Detroit Tigers Submarine Ball Pitcher. He worked for the Louis Rose Company and Walter P. Chrysler in Detroit at the heyday of the automobile industry. Originally, he came from his home town in Ingersoll, Ontario, to the Detroit area to work for relatives who owned the Gartner Hardware Chain. His maternal uncle, Harry Tinney, was at that time, president of Wayne State Steel.

In the thick of things during the prohibition era he often found himself rubbing elbows with the rum runners in Detroit, however, he was said to distance himself from their illegal activities—to keep to himself. His uncle warned him "Deliver the goods from the hardware store, but don't mingle." It is not fitting for a young man of your background to be associated with tough gang members."

“On a summer vacation in 1940 he came to Petoskey Michigan and met Edmund Dean of the Petoskey Northern Auto. He sold Red a green 1940 Ford Sedan off the showroom floor and convinced him to move to Petoskey. Just up the street, on the corner of Mitchell and Petoskey Street, he met Elva Louise Johnson at what became the Firestone Store owned by Edmund Dean. At that time, it was called the "Pie Shop." Elva Johnson, a pretty big-eyed girl was smitten with him. On that particular day he left a hundred-dollar tip by his coffee cup. Not long after their whirlwind romance the two married in Charlevoix, Michigan.”

“It wasn’t long after when “Red” left Northern Auto to go into business with Matt Doyle, the owner of the local Standard Oil Company. They named the business Petoskey Paint & Body Shop. It was then he met Harry Parker of Parker Motor Freight who was located in their same building (the former Hooker’s Laundry and Cleaners) on the corner of Petoskey and Michigan Streets. Time flew, and Red and his wife, Elva became the proud parents of a little girl they nick-named Punky. Soon after she became the recipient of (neighbour) John Parker’s highchair, stool, and finally, Harry Parker’s 1940 Ford Business Man’s Coupe. Red later bought out business partner Matt and built a new shop in the same location next door.”

“Mr. Seldon was popular with many of the teenagers in town who wanted their cars customized. He would let them help him in the shop to make the work they wanted affordable. An artist and inventor at heart, Red did this for many of the areas young people including Bob Hogan’s snazzy yellow roadster with the wooden red-spoked tires and a rumble seat in which Punky would ride. It originally belonged to Red and Elva. Some of the boys he helped with cars were Phillip Pemberton, son of Leo Pemberton, and John, the son of Fred Reusch, the jeweler. Mr. Seldon also became friends with Bernie and Bennie the founders of Boyne Falls Cabins (now the well-known Town and Country Log Homes) who moved to US 131 just outside of Petoskey. Red ended up with a display model of their cabins and rustic fencing on the corner of Petoskey and State Street.”

“Mr. Seldon and his wife spent winters in the city of Petoskey, and during the summer months and often into autumn, they lived on the waters edge of Pickerel Lake (Trails End) where they held get-togethers all summer long with guests that included many of the area’s professionals and children of Petoskey’s pioneers. Red replaced the olive-green US Army Tents eventually, and built a nice little cabin along the long shore line. (Punky got a raise out of him when she called it a "cobbled up shack’). It was a term he himself had jokingly used, but he didn’t want anyone else saying it. Mr. Thompson, an elderly friend who was a carpenter and, in a wheelchair, had helped him build it. In the late 1950s or early 1960s the property was sold and Red moved "the cabin" he built (across from Camp Petosego) to a small 20 some acre "Gentleman’s Farm" that was located on Pickerel Lake Road and Seldon Road (the road eventually was named after him). The cabin survived the years until about 2015 when it was sold and torn down. Many in the family were sad to see it finally torn down, but its time was way past due. Even though he may have seemed gruff at times, Red leaned toward being a refined "English gentleman." And that’s how he was raised as a child among a distinguished family in Canada. And when he grew old, he still retrained that quality: strong, noble, but totally unpretentious. People loved him, and enjoyed his colorful stories and often became the recipient of his kind and charitable acts—he was always first to step up and help others whenever possible. It was not unusual for him to stop and help people stranded on the road with a broken-down car—take them to his home or cabin—provide a meal and a place to sleep.”

Elva was born in Petoskey, the daughter of Hilda Marie and Otto Johnson. Her mother died when she was thirteen years old. At that time, she took over the cooking and usual household duties her mother

had taken care of before she died.

Elva graduated with honors from Petoskey High School in 1934. Mathematics was her favorite subject. She got straight A in algebra, trig, and geometry. And with her brother Richard's help and encouragement, she moved to Grand Rapids with a summer family she had worked for in Bay View. There she attended Davenport College, a business college.

March 1, 1940, she married William G. Seldon. Together they ran a local business in downtown Petoskey. Summers were spent at their campsite and cabin on Trails End Road on Pickerel Lake. In the sixty's and seventy's, she and her husband enjoyed what could be called a "Gentleman's Farm." on Pickerel Lake Road near Seldon Road. They competed on who grew the best produce. One time Red was discussing the beets he grew in his part of the garden.

He said to his to dinner guests. "Look at the color in these beets! Have you ever seen such color?" It was all Elva could do to hold back her laughter. She told her daughters later that she had colored them with red food coloring.

Eva worked from 1941 to 1971 with her husband at both the new and old locations of the Petoskey Paint and Body on Petoskey Street. It was there that she took care



of the bookwork and worked in the shop. They went through several "maids" before finding a great one. Cecil Silverthorn of Harbor Springs. Red didn't want people to think they were putting on airs so he'd tell people, "Elva works better than any man I've hired, so it pays to hire household help and have Elva with me in the shop." Later she was employed as a seamstress for Petoskey Home Furnishings, and then for Barnum Brothers on Sheridan Street. In the 1960s she was employed by "This Olde House." Elva's delicious pastry, salads and hors d'oeuvres, made her a favorite with the owners, the help, and all their customers.



PUTTING THE finishing touches to a chocolate cake with coconut frosting is the salad and pastry cook, Elva Seldon. She prepares a salad bar for summer diners and during the winter months a salad tray is offered each table. Home made cakes and pies are served each night.

Johnson's, the Olde House owners, were among the first to arrive at Mrs. Seldon's funeral—they spoke of her with fondness and love—and commented on how beautiful and young she looked. A beautiful gentle woman. Everyone called her a saint despite her protests.

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They had five children:

Marilyn M "Punky" Seldon	B 1942
Patricia Ann "Patsy" Shuttleworth	B 1945 D 2023
Mary Olsen Melke	B unknown
Mary Margaret Gridley	B unknown
William G Seldon	B 1948 -D 2002

owner of Seldon's auto sales Petosky Mi. and a local auctioneer.

(See below)

William (Red) Seldon, 77

Funeral services for William G. (Red) Seldon Sr., 77, of Petoskey, will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Stone Funeral Home. Rev. Bertha Hughey of the Home Missionary Church in East Bay View will officiate. Burial will be in Curtiss Cemetery, Springvale, Township.

Mr. Seldon died June 25, 1983, at Charlevoix Area Hospital following a long illness.

He was born in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada on Aug. 14, 1905, the son of William and Mary Seldon. He attended school in Ingersoll and moved to Detroit where he was engaged in business for a number of years. He later moved to Petoskey where he owned and operated the Petoskey Paint & Body Shop from 1938 to 1969.

In 1940 he married the former Elva Johnson in Charlevoix. The couple made their home in Petoskey since 1969.

Mr. Seldon was a member of the Durand Lodge, F.&A.M. in Petoskey.

Survivors include his wife; one son, William G. Seldon Jr., of Petoskey; four daughters, Marilyn M. Seldon of Petoskey, Patricia Shuttleworth of Petoskey, Mary Olsen of Marquette and Mary Margaret Gridley of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. Nora Yake of Ingersoll, Ontario; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

The family suggests anyone wishing to honor the memory of Mr. Seldon may do so by contributing in his name to the Emmet County Humane Society or the Emmet County Unit of the American Cancer Society. Envelopes for those purposes may be obtained at the Stone Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Petoskey News Review 27 June, 1983

Children of William Red Seldon and Eva Johnson

William (Bill) Seldon Jr. 74, passed away August 31, 2022 at Munson Hospital in Traverse City Michigan. Bill was born April 22, 1948 in Petoskey to Elva and William (Red) Seldon Sr. Bill was raised in Petoskey and graduated in 1966.

In 1968 Bill married Donna K. Bowers and made their home in Petoskey where they raised their family. Bill began his career in sales at Perry Sales, Pontiac/Cadillac, followed by Tallberg Chevrolet/Olds. In 1987, with his wife Donna, Bill opened and operated Seldon Auto Sales in Petoskey, serving old friends and making new ones. Bill attended the Worldwide College of

Auctioneering, auctioning at several auto auctions in Northern Michigan. He had the ideal voice and rhythm for the job. Bill loved singing karaoke with family and friends. Bills main concern in life was loving and caring for his family. Bill was best known for his quick-witted humor, fierce determination, and generous spirit! Bill is survived by the love of his life, Donna (Bowers) Seldon, son Richard A. Seldon, grandchildren William A. Seldon (Hannah H. Hudak), Dylan R. Seldon, siblings Marilyn Seldon, Patricia Shuttleworth, Mike Mattox, Mary Seldon Melke (Tim), sister-in-law Jerri Coller (Richard), and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Seldon, daughter in law Angie Seldon, parents Elva and William (Red) Seldon Sr. and nephew John David Allen.



February 23, 1945 – August 27, 2023

Patricia Ann (Seldon) Shuttleworth, age 78, passed away surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, August 27, 2023 in Lansing, Michigan. Pat was born February 23, 1945 in Petoskey, Michigan where she was raised, and lived most of her life until her retirement. She then became a "snowbird" traveling back and forth to Florida and Michigan searching for warmth. She is predeceased in death by her parents, William G. (Red) and Elva L. Seldon; brother, William (Bill) Seldon, Jr.; nephews, Robert Seldon and John D. Allen; and a niece, Angie Seldon. She is survived by her three children, Trischa L.

Shuttleworth (Mike Toy), Deborah J. Badertscher (Michael Akes), and Matthew G. (Matt) Shuttleworth (Michaela). Pat loved her sisters very much, Marilyn Seldon, Mary Ann (Seldon) Melke (Tim), Donna Seldon. Pat worked for United Technologies where she was an avid Union shop steward. She switched careers to Manage an adult special needs foster home for Summertree Residential Centers in Boyne City, Michigan. She cared for and loved her patients like family. Mom truly loved and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, (her people)!

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod

Children of William John Seldon and Mary Tinney

Second Child: Nora

B 20 Feb 1911 N Oxford Lot 6 Con 3

D 08 Dec 1998 Ingersoll

M 26 Nov 1928 Ingersoll

B 19 Sept 1898 Embro Oxford Co.

D 21 May 1947 London

Spouse: Calvin Melbourne Yake

Special Attention is Directed to the Excerpts From the Marriage Act Set Forth at the Right of Affidavit Herein.

EXCEPT as in The Marriage Act provided, any person who solemnizes a marriage earlier than the third day after the day of the date of this License shall be guilty of an offence and shall incur a penalty of not more than \$100.

After solemnizing the marriage, fill in all the blank spaces below and forward this LICENSE FORTHWITH to the REGISTRAR-GENERAL, TORONTO

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Certify that I solemnized the marriage of—

Idgroom: Calvin Melbourne Yake and
 Bride: Nora Seldon
 (in the presence of)

Witness: Mary Seldon
 Address: Ingersoll Ont
 Witness: Mary Jane Yake
 Address: Embro
 the City of London in the
 County of Middlesex PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
 on the 26th day of November, 1928

Age of Idgroom's Father: Ira Yake
 Maiden Name of Idgroom's Mother: Mary Jane Spice
 Age of Bride's Father: John Seldon
 Maiden Name of Bride's Mother: Mary Tinney
 REGISTRATION NO. 355-1 W. M. Ingersoll

Registration Certificate Number. Signature of person solemnizing Marriage.

Calvin Melbourne Yake of the City of Detroit in the County of Wayne in the Province of Michigan make oath and say as follows:

That, for the space of fifteen days** immediately preceding the date of this affidavit, Calvin Melbourne Yake (Name in full of deponent or of the other contracting party or as the case may be) has and now has his usual place of abode within the Province of Ontario.

THAT, I believe there is no affinity, consanguinity, prior marriage or other lawful cause or legal impediment to bar or hinder the solemnization of the marriage, and

THAT the contents set forth herein are to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, true in every particular.

NAMES in full	Calvin Melbourne Yake	Nora Seldon
OCCUPATION	trimmer	at home
AGE AND CONDITION IN LIFE	30 ** Age Bachelor, Widower or Divorced	17 ** Age Spinster, Widow or Divorced
RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION	Baptist	United Ch. of Canada
RESIDENCE WHEN MARRIED	Detroit Mich	North Oxford
PLACE OF BIRTH	Ontario	Ontario
INTENDED PLACE OF MARRIAGE	London	Middlesex

Calvin was raised on father Ira's farm. He often delivered gravel for road maintenance from his father's gravel pit on the farm for the township of Oxford, earning \$20 in 1918. In 1928, 17-year-old Nora married 30-year-old Calvin Yake. He had first moved to Detroit in 1923 and trained as a plumber. Later census pointed out that his occupation was as a "trimmer" working in Detroit. After the 1928 marriage,



Mary Tinney Seldon with daughter Nora.

Calvin returned to Ingersoll. Son Ernest Archie Yake was born the following year in Ingersoll. In 1939 Nora worked at Alexandra Hospital while living with her mother. Calvin was living and working in Embro. It appears the couple were separated although his 1947 death certificate indicated he was still married to Nora. The certificate also indicated he died of chronic myocarditis but also suffered from schizophrenia.

The couple only had the one child, Ernie. Nora lived at her parent's King Hiram address until her death and is buried in IRC with her parents.



Nora Seldon with mother Mary Tinney and father William in IRC

Child of Nora Seldon and Archie Yake

Ernest Archie Yake B 21 Mar 1928 Ingersoll
 D 30 Jan 1987 Erin, Ontario
 M 30 Jun 1956
 Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Toronto
 Spouse: Lois Wait B 26 Apr 1927 Fairbury, Illinois
 D 02 Dec 2008 Saltspring Island, BC



GETS HIS WINGS

Archie Yake was home on embarkation leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Nora Yake, this week. He is seen here receiving his paratrooper's wings at Elvers, Man.



Sidewalk Riding Blamed for Accident

Marjorie Dundas, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dundas Ingersoll RR 3, received minor leg injuries when hit by a car at the corner of Charles and Thames Streets last Thursday. She was taken to Alexandra Hospital and attended by Dr. C. C. Cornish; but was released later that evening.

Mrs. Nora Yake, driver of the car, was making a right hand turn onto Charles and had stopped for a pedestrian. She had just started up again when the accident happened. Miss Dundas was riding a bicycle and was later charged with riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. Mrs. Yake was not blamed in any way.

Constable Bud Browne investiga-

Archie was a soldier who lived in Ingersoll in 1951 with his mom and grandmother. He married Lois in 1956. Voters lists in the late 60s and 1970s have them living in the town of Erin, Ontario. They also lived for a time in Stouffville and Toronto. He was president of the Erin Ontario Legion 442 branch when he lived there. His occupations included sales and manager with Philips Canada in Markham and with Varian Associates in Georgetown. Varian was an America firm that established a Canadian office that made vacuum pumps and designs processes that involved geothermal, microwave and military broadcast and radar. The company had a solid-state devices division added as of 1979.

Lois moved to Salt Spring Island in BC in her later years to live out her life while suffering from ALS.



FAIRBURY - Lois M. Yake, 81, formerly of Fairbury, died Dec. 2, 2008, on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia.

A memorial service will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Community Center Library, Forrest. Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Society of British Columbia at www.alsbc.ca. Friends and family can view photos and leave messages at www.loisyake.webs.com.

She was born April 26, 1927, in Fairbury, the daughter of Orta and Elizabeth Gagnon Wait. She married Ernest Archie Yake on June 30, 1956.

She is survived by her sister, Nelda Sims, Forrest; four children, Elizabeth (Brian), Salt Spring Island, British Columbia; William (Lorraine), Manassas, Va.; Richard, Erin, Ontario; and Gordon (Barbara) Rockwood, Ontario; and six grandchildren, Madlen, Dexter, Grant, Lindsay, Ashley and Kristine; and her many nieces and nephews.



Son of Archie Yake and Lois Wait

Richard Glen Yake of Erin passed away at age 60 on July 1, 2022. He is predeceased by his parents Archie and Lois (Wait) Yake and nephew Emlen Emmett. He is survived by his children and a grandson and his siblings Elizabeth (Brian) of Toronto, Bill (Yvette) of Manassas, Virginia, and Gord (Barb) of Rockwood, Ontario, and nephew Dexter (Dani), niece Madlen (Noah).



Daughter Elizabeth is a well-known Genie and Gemini Award winning Canadian TV and Film producer and founder of True West Films.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_Yake

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod Children of William John Seldon and Mary Tinney

Last Child: John Thomas

B 22 Oct 1912 at Lot 6 Con 3 N Oxford

D 06 Dec 1912 N Oxford

INGERSOLL RURAL CEMETERY					
Owner	Section	Row	Lot	No	Purchased
John Elliott	H		29		July 6, 1866
Burials					
Interred Apr. 6, 1867					
Mary Elliott Age 65 Born Eng. Died N. Oxford, Aug. 21, 1848					
Interred Apr. 6, 1867					
John Elliott Age 76 Born Eng. Died Ingersoll May 1, 1864 c.e					
Interred Apr. 6, 1867					
Mary Elliott Age 66 Born Eng. Died N. Oxford, Sept 5, 1855 Nt					
Interred Apr. 6, 1867					
John Elliott Age 24 Born Eng. Died N. Oxford, May 11, 1872					
Interred Apr. 6, 1867					
Mary Elliott Age 77 Born Eng. Died Ingersoll Mar. 30, 1872					
Interred Apr. 6, 1867					
John Thomas Seldon Age 6 wks Born and Died N. Oxford, Dec. 6, 1					



He lived a month and a half and died of whooping cough. He was the second child the couple named John. Neither lived long. John's burial location is unique. He is buried with his 2

x great grandparents and family patriarch and matriarch John and Mary Elliott. He has no visible marker.

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott
Children of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod

Second Child: Richard Garnette Seldon

B 24 Mar 1877 Exeter, Ont.

D Apr 1967 Exeter

M 10 Aug 1896 Windsor

B 31 Oct 1877 Ingersoll

D 1947 Rochester, Minnesota

Spouse: Arabella Ellen "Bell" Berry



Richard G. Seldon was the second son of Richard Seldon and Emma MacLeod. He was also the second child born in Exeter. Like his siblings, he moved back to N Oxford and Ingersoll around 1899 when he was 12 years old. He finished his education in Ingersoll and by age 20 had married Ingersoll born Arabella Berry who was 19 years old. She was the daughter of Walter Berry an Ingersoll merchant. In 1916, just prior to her marriage, she was working a clerk in her father's store.



Her family lived at 71 Francis St. a block from her soon to be husband's uncle Thomas Seldon.

Photo: Babe, Bell (Arabella) and Nan – three Berry sisters

Richard was a bookkeeper in Ingersoll at the time. Their marriage took place in Windsor and the witnesses were from Windsor and were not known relatives. An elopement may have occurred. The couple lived on the farm with father Richard Seldon according to the 1901 census. Sometime between 1901 and 1911 Richard G and Arabella moved back to his birthplace of Exeter where he became a coal merchant, feed supplier and was the town's agent for driver's licences. This was the same business his father operated in Exeter. Perhaps his father never sold the business and operated it from Ingersoll. He stayed in Exeter the rest of his life. Arabella and Richard birthed four children in Exeter.



Mrs. F. Newman and son Seldon and Mr. Wallace Seldon returned Saturday from a motor trip to Rochester, Minn. They were accompanied home by Mrs. R. G. Seldon who recently underwent an operation at the Mayo Bros. Hospital, where her son Dr. Harry Seldon, is one of the physicians. Mrs. Seldon stood the long trip very well.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seldon and family of Exeter, spent the holiday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bower, Francis Street.

The inaugural meeting of the Exeter Public School Board was held in the office of the secretary on Wednesday, January 15th, at 8 p.m. All members were present.

After the declaration signatures, lots were drawn to decide term of membership, resulting as follows: R. E. Russell, W. E. Middleton, C. Cann for one year; Mrs. Sanders, H. Pollen and W. G. Seldon, two years.

Richard G Seldon was also on the first Exeter Public School Board in 1947.

Photo: Richard G Seldon Second from right

Skip of Lawn Bowling Championship team – Exeter 1913
Ingersoll Chronicle 1919

In that year Mr. Seldon and W. W. Taman won the Ontario Doubles championship at Hamilton, and in later years Mr.

Exeter Tribune 1925

THE GAME OF BOWLS

On Wednesday of last week W. W. Taman and R. G. Seldon won the Stewart Trophy at the Seaforth Bowling Tournament, and nice lamps for prizes. - This trophy stays in Exeter for keeps now, as W. J. Heaman

Aug 1936 Exeter Tribune

After reading this item in the Exeter Advocate I called in R. G. Seldon, who for 40 years was one of the best-known bowlers in Western Ontario.

Ingersoll Chronicle



221 Andrews St.
R.G. Seldon Exeter
home. Ancestry
The house is
recognizable from a
wedding photo on
page 67.

In January of 1964, at age 80, Richard was living alone in his home and still working at the Fuel Supply Store. On the night of the 29th, he barely escaped death.

Exeter Tribune Jan 30, 1964

Save licence issuer from burning house

Firemen rescued W. G. Seldon, local motor vehicle licence issuer, from his burning house early Tuesday evening just as he was overcome by smoke in the rear of his house.

Volunteer Gary Middleton recalls: "I took two steps inside the back door and caught him just as he was going down. All you could see was fire and I just caught a glimpse of him. I thought at first his eyebrows were burning but I guess he wasn't hurt."

Mr. Seldon, suffering from shock, a bruise on the head and smoke, spent the night in South Huron Hospital. Wednesday at noon he was taken to the home of his son, Wallace Seldon.

Firemen also recovered two wallets inside the building containing an undisclosed amount of money. Mr. Seldon asked firemen to retrieve the funds after he had been taken to the home of a neighbor, Ross Tuckey.

The fire appears to have broken out in cupboards of the kitchen of the Seldon home at the corner of Sanders and Andrew streets. When the brigade truck arrived, fire broke out in the sunporch as curtains ignited with a burst of flames but they were quickly extinguished. However, considerable smoke had filled the house by this time.

Mr. Seldon, over 80, had just come home from work about 14 minutes before and had taken off his shoes and suit coat in the living room next to the kitchen to watch television. The set remained in operation until the power supply was cut.

When found, Mr. Seldon was still in his shirt and stocking feet, indicating he didn't have time to dress. He presumably tried to reach the back door through the core of the blaze since the front doors were locked.

The home owner had a severe bruise on his head indicating he may have fallen trying to get out

Fire Chief Irwin Ford said Mr. Seldon stumbled out of the door, assisted by Middleton, into the arms of his son Wallace on the back steps. Said the chief: "He just made it and that's all. Another minute and he may have been gone."

The alarm was turned in by Mrs. Donald Cowan, who lives in the apartment upstairs, who took her two young girls to safety after smelling the smoke. Her husband was having his hair cut at the time. Their girls are Chris, 4, and Janet, 1.

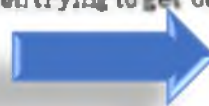
Fire damage was confined to the rear entrance, sunporch and kitchen in the downstairs area and to a small portion of the apartment kitchen upstairs. However, smoke and water damage will raise the loss into several thousands of dollars.

The end of one chesterfield near the doorway leading from the living room to the kitchen caught fire but the sofa was removed by firemen before it spread.

Fire Chief Ford said he could not determine what started the fire. "It seemed to start in the cupboards near the wall on the north west. At least that's where the most stubborn fire was." He said he had examined the area but couldn't find anything which would ignite the blaze. There were no hydro wires in the immediate section.

The fire brigade, through a misunderstanding on the alarm, first went to the home of Wallace Seldon, two blocks north on Andrew, but quickly moved on to the elder Seldon's residence.

As the last paragraph notes, the mix up over the address of the fire was almost cost him his life



Richard was a long-time member of the Lebanon Forest Lodge Masons and was honoured in 1966.

Masons fete past master:

It was Past Masters' and Ladies' Night for Lebanon Forest Lodge AF & AM No. 133 last Wednesday evening marked by a banquet, in Exeter Legion Hall followed by presentations, guest speaker and entertainment.

A toast to the Past Masters was proposed by Bro. R. H. G. Strang in which he referred to Bro. R. G. Seldon, past master in 1913, as the "dean of them all." He said Masonry was a family tradition of the Seldons for R. G.'s father, Richard Seldon, was past master in 1878-79 and in May 1926 R. G. had the pleasure of initiating his son, Dr. Harry Seldon, into the Lodge.

On this special occasion Dr. Seldon presented his Past Masters' pin to his father. Dr. and Mrs. Harry Seldon came from Rochester, N.Y. for the event as did R.G.'s daughter Mrs. Jean Jackson of Kingston and another son, W. G. Seldon and his wife, of town were also present.

Sr. Warden Bro Mervyn Webb and Jr. Warden Bro James Potter presented pins to Past Masters J. M. Southcott, Charles



Presents pin to father

Dr. Harry Seldon, Rochester N.Y., presented a past master's lapel pin to his father, R. G. Seldon, at a past masters' and ladies' night in the Exeter Legion Hall last Wednesday night. Mr. Seldon initiated his son Dr. Harry into the Lodge in 1926.

T-A photo

Sept 29, 1966 Exeter Tribune



Mrs. R. G. Seldon / Passes on Christmas Day

The many beautiful floral tributes that adorned the casket and filled the room in which the late Mrs. Richard O. Seldon lay following her death at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., on Christmas morning bespoke the esteem in which Mrs. Seldon was held by a host of admiring friends. On December 9th following an illness of a couple of weeks Mrs. Seldon was taken to the Mayo Clinic by her son Dr. Harry Seldon, a member of the staff of that institution, who had come to Exeter for that purpose. Mr. R. G. Seldon accompanied them. On December 14th Mrs. Seldon suffered a stroke from which she failed to regain consciousness

and she passed away Christmas morning. Born in Ingersoll her maiden name was Arabella Ellen Berry. Following their marriage in Ingersoll over fifty years ago they took up residence in this community and have been among our leading citizens. A member of Caven Presbyterian church Mrs. Seldon was active in the various women's organizations and was prominent in the social life of the community. Surviving besides her bereaved husband is a daughter, Mrs. David Jackson, of Kingston, and two sons Dr. Harry, of the Mayo Clinic, and Wallace, of Exeter, also one brother, Mr. Walter Berry, of Detroit, and two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Bower and Mrs. H. G. Bower, of London, and four grandchildren. A private

Bella and her parents

Jan 1 1948 Exeter Advocate

R. G. Seldon dies at 90

R. G. Seldon, who celebrated his 90th birthday during his recent illness in St. Joseph's Hos-



pital, died Wednesday morning in the London hospital.

He had been involved in many community activities during his residence in Exeter.

Mr. Seldon operated Seldon Feeds & Fuels until the business was taken over by his son, Wallace. In 1938 he became an official issuer of motor licences and through this work was known to most residents throughout the district. He maintained this position until his recent illness.

In 1929, he was appointed to the Exeter Cemetery board and later became secretary, a position he held until recently.

Until his death, Mr. Seldon was the oldest Past Master of Lebanon Forest Lodge and was presented with his 50-year Masonic pin, one year ago. He also belonged to the IOOF.

For some 40 years Mr. Seldon was recognized as one of the top lawn bowlers in Western Ontario and captured many trophies throughout the area.

A member of Caven Presbyterian Church, he is survived by two sons, Dr. Harry, of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota; Wallace, Exeter; and one daughter, Mrs. David (Jean), Jackson, Kingston.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time.

Exeter Advocate 1967

Buried: Exeter Cemetery, Hay township, Huron Ontario



Children of Richard & Arabella Seldon

L to R: Marjorie, Wallace, Bella Jean and Thomas

Berry Bella Miss, clerk W J Berry
bds 71 Francis



photo: Marjorie and Bella Jean

Great Grandchildren of William Seldon and Maria Elliott Grandchildren of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod

Children of Richard Garnette Seldon and Arabella Berry

First Child: Bella Jean

B 18 Apr 1897 N Oxford

D 17 Dec 1974 Kingston

M 28 Sep 1918 Exeter

Spouse: Frank Lambert Newman

B 1886 Kingston

D 18 Mar 1945 Guelph

Spouse: David Jackson

B unknown

D prior to 1974



Wedding of Bella Jean Seldon and Frank Newman – 28 Sept, 1918 at her father's home in Exeter.

Left to right front row:

Bella's younger brother Thomas "Harry" Seldon

1905 - 1991

Bella's uncle Thomas Seldon

1843 - 1919 (he died the following year)

Bella's step aunt and Thomas' 2nd wife Margaret Brook

1886 – 1963

Rev. J Foote

Brother of Groom and Best Man Henry Newman

1869 – 1926

Groom Frank Newman

1886 – 1945

Bride Bella Jean Seldon

1897 – 1974

Bella's sister (Black Hat) Marjorie

1899 – 1921 (she died within 3 years)

Bella's Mother Arabella Seldon

1877 – 1947

Bella's young brother Wallace Seldon

1912 – 1995

Bella's father Richard G Seldon

1877 – 1967



Frank Lambert Newman was born in Kingston to a large family. His uncle was the owner of the Jackson Press Company. There is no proof found to show he lived in Ingersoll or Exeter. How they met is unknown. They married in Exeter in Sept, 1918. Within a couple of years, the couple were living in Kingston where he worked as a bookkeeper for his uncle's book publishing and printing company. In 1938 he purchased the Jackson Press shop in Kingston. The print store was located in downtown Kingston in the historic Jackson building and had evolved into a large printing company over the years. The Jackson building block burned to the ground on 24th of May, 1943. The fire started in the printing press offices.

He was president of the Kingston Kiwanis Club in 1935. They also made the rounds of the high society in Kingston and visited Ottawa for events. The couple were often mentioned in the local Kingston paper for their involvement in numerous organizations, events, charities and also as excellent bowlers. The couple travelled in 1940 from New York to Amsterdam on the Nieuw Amsterdam. During WWII this would have been a dangerous trip. Why did they go? Death certificates notes he died in Guelph Ontario in Homewood Sanitorium. He had been hospitalized there for four years prior to his death in 1945 and had been admitted soon after the return from Europe.

The Homewood Sanitarium was founded in 1883 as a private institution in Guelph, Ontario for the treatment of mental illness and substance abuse. The cause of his death was gastric ulcer and hemorrhaging.

Large Printing Building Burns

Linotype Machines and Others Are Destroyed at Kingston

KINGSTON, Ont., May 24.—Fire of unknown origin hollowed the Jackson Press building in the downtown Brock street district Sunday. It was estimated that damage might exceed \$75,000. All equipment, including the linotype machines, was either lost through the or hopelessly damaged by smoke and water. Firemen fought the blaze for more than two hours and succeeded in confining it to the Jackson Press building.

The building housed one of the largest commercial printing plants in Eastern Ontario. It was the third serious fire in Kingston within six months. The Bibby Clothing Com-

Kingston Bowlers Win in Belleville

In a mixed tournament comprising of a large number of rinks from Belleville and surrounding district, held in Belleville on Wednesday afternoon and evening, a Kingston rink comprising of Mrs. Frank L. Newman, Russell R. Derry, Mrs. E. Green and Frank L. Newman, skip, carried off first prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newman, Victoria Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Derry, Sydenham Street, left this morning for Ottawa, where they will attend the garden party being given this afternoon by Their Excellencies, the Governor - General and the Lady Tweedsmuir at Rideau Hall, in celebration of the Coronation.

Kingston Whig Standard 1939, 1937 and 1943

Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Newman**, Victoria Street, have left to spend a few weeks with Mrs. **Newman's** parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seldon, Exeter, Ont.

After his death, Bella Jean married David Jackson. Jackson was the owner of a Foundry in Kingston and was a widower.



FRANK NEWMAN

Who was appointed honorary vice-president of the Ontario Christian Endeavor Union at the 29th annual Christian Endeavor convention held in Hamilton recently

F. L. Newman Dies Sunday At Guelph

One of Kingston's best-known citizens, **Frank Lumber Newman**, owner of The Jackson Press, died yesterday in Guelph after an illness of five years.

The late Mr. **Newman** made many friends and belonged to numerous organizations throughout the city. He was born in Kingston and educated here. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William **Newman** and nephew of the late William Jackson, founder of The Jackson Press.

After graduating from KCVI, Mr. **Newman** entered Queen's University where he was a student for two years. He gave it up, however, and started in the printing business working for his uncle. He had been in the business until he was taken ill. In 1935 he took over the ownership of The Jackson Press following the death of William Jackson.

The late Mr. **Newman** was at one time a governor of the Kingston General Hospital, a past president of the Kiwanis Club in Kingston and an active member until the time of his illness. He was also an active member of the YMCA here and was also director for some time.

He belonged to many other organizations. He was a member of St. James Young Men's Club, vice-president of the Kingston Lawn Bowling Club, a member of St. John's Lodge, AF and AM, a member of the Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, Cataraqui

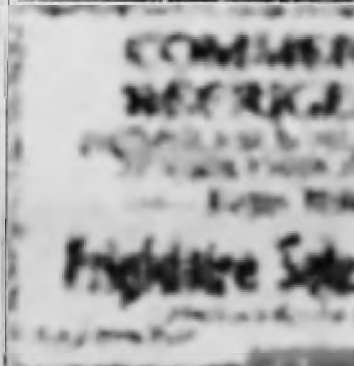
Golf and Country Club, Kingston Curling Club, a member of the former Kingston Badminton Club, a teacher and one time superintendent of Cooke's United Church Sunday School. He was also an elder of the church. He was a member of the Accident Prevention Association, a member of Granite Lodge, IOOF, a member of the Kingston Loyal Orange Lodge and president of The Jackson Press bowling and baseball teams.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean Seldon, and one son, William Seldon **Newman**, Kingston; two brothers, James **Newman**, of the Customs House and J. A. **Newman** of Kingston, and one sister, Mrs. Walter Sprague, living in Massachusetts.

Funeral will take place from his late residence, 218 Victoria Street, Wednesday afternoon in Cooke's United Church where service will be held at 2.30 o'clock with Rev. H. W. Cliff officiating.

TO VISIT HERE

A group of Shriners from the Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich., will visit Kingston for five hours, June 6. They will arrive aboard the SS Noronic at 3 p.m. and will leave at 6 p.m.



JACKSON, Jean — At the Kingston General Hospital on Tuesday, December 17, 1974 Jean Seldon, beloved wife of the late **Frank L. Newman**, and the late David L. Jackson, and dear mother of Seldon and beloved grandmother of Mrs. Lorne McBride (Wendy) of Fredericton, New Brunswick; Richard, Margaret and Alison, and dear great grandmother of Tara McBride, dear sister of Doctor Harry Seldon, Rochester, Minn., and Wallace Seldon of Exeter.



Homewood Sanitarium – Guelph Ontario.

Great Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr and Emma Macleod

Grandchildren of Richard G Seldon and Anabelle Berry

Children of Bella Jean Seldon and Frank L Newman

First Child: William Seldon

B 13 Sept 1919 Kingston

D 22 Apr 2009 Kingston

Spouse: Audrey Jane Climo

B 19 Aug 1927 Niagara Falls

D 20 Mar 2006 Kingston



NEWMAN, William Seldon 'Sel'
 Owner for over 50 years,
 Jackson Press Limited
 Kingston District Shrine Club
 Ancient Frontenac and Cataract Chapter,
 No. 1, RAM, Kingston
 Royal Edward of Cataract,
 No. 92, A.F. & A.M.
 Kiwanis International
 Past President of the
 Kingston Chapter of the Red Cross
 Lifetime Member of Cooke's - Portsmouth
 United Church
 Queen's Alumni Association
 Princess of Wales' Own Regiment
 Cataract Golf and Country Club
 Member since 1931
 With courage and dignity at the Kingston
 General Hospital on Wednesday, April 22,
 2009, in his 90th year. Beloved husband of
 59 years to the late Audrey June Climo



William "Sel" took over his father's printing business in Kingston. His father was institutionalised when the Jackson building fire occurred in 1943. William probably rebuilt the business. He ran it for 50 years. He was involved in several organizations in the community. His business sponsored many events in the community.



Wife Audrey Climo was a direct descendant of Empire Loyalists. She was born in Niagara Falls.

NEWMAN, Audrey June (nee Climo) U.E.L.
 Died at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital on
 Monday, March 20, 2006, surrounded by
 her loving family. June Newman, beloved
 wife of 59 years to William Seldon Newman.
 Loving mother of Wendy Jean McBride
 (Lorne), Richard Bruce Newman (Dale),
 Margaret Newman-Lipscombe (Ken),
 Catherine Allison Dow (Dave). Dear sister of

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

Children of Richard Garnette Seldon and Anabelle Berry

Second Child: Marjorie Pauline

B 1899 Ingersoll

D 1921 Exeter

Marjorie was living at home in Exeter and had been working as a bank teller at the Molson's Bank in Exeter from age 18. She fell ill with cerebral meningitis at age 20.

She is buried in Exeter.

DEATH OF MISS SELDON.

After an illness of several weeks which finally developed into meningitis the death occurred on Monday evening about 8 o'clock of Miss Marjorie Pauline Seldon, second daughter of Mr and Mrs. R. G. Seldon, in her 22nd year. About three months ago Miss Seldon, who was teller in the local branch of the Molsons Bank, obtained leave of absence for three months, with a view to resting from her work and recuperating from a run down condition. Two or three weeks later she took her bed to obtain a complete rest, but her condition became worse and she gradually sank until death released her from her suffering. Miss Seldon was a particularly bright and winsome young lady, clever in the banking business and popular with all her friends in business and social circles. Sincere regret is felt at her passing and heartfelt sympathy goes out to the parents and family in their bereavement. Besides her parents she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Newman of Kingston, who has been here for some time, and two brothers, Harry and Wallace. The funeral which is of a private nature will take place from the family residence, Andrew Street, on Thursday, June 9th, at 2 o'clock and proceed to Exeter cemetery for interment.

DEATH OF MISS SELDON.

It is with much sadness and regret that we report this week the death of Marjorie Pauline, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Seldon, who died on Monday evening about 2 o'clock after a brief illness. Miss Seldon was teller in the Molsons Bank and was one of Exeter's most popular young ladies and will be missed by her many friends. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents in this their hour of sorrow. She is survived by her parents, one sister, Mrs. Frank Newman, who has been here for some weeks, and two brothers, Harry and Wallace.

The funeral, private, will take place from the family residence on Andrew street on Thursday, June 9th at 2 o'clock and will proceed to the Exeter cemetery for interment.



Marjorie and sister Bella (l-r)

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

Children of Richard Garnette Seldon and Anabelle Berry

Third Child: Dr. Thomas Harry Walter

B 16 Jan 1905 Exeter

D 22 Oct 1991 Rochester, Olmstead Minn.

M 30 Jun 1931 Kingston

Spouse: Lola May Saundercock

B 04 Feb 1908 Ernstown, Ont.

D 17 Dec 1992 Rochester, Olmstead Minn.

The Seldon's were a family of overachievers. Dr Thomas W Seldon was one of the crown jewels.

He was a diligent student. His choice of studying medicine may be partly attributed to the death of 21-year-old sister Marjorie of meningitis. He was 16 at the time of her death. He graduated from the University of Toronto medical college and was a physician at age 26 when he married Lola Saundercock. At the time he was a general physician living in the relatively remote community of Sharbot Lake Ontario. This village is about 40 kilometres north of Kingston and is part of the lakes system used by affluent Kingston families as their summer cabin locations. This area would have been likely the summer home of cousin Frank Newman and family. Bruce Saundercock and family of nearby Collins Bay were well known in Kingston, appearing many times at social events in the area as reported by the Kingston Standard newspaper. Daughter Lola was a member of the Kingston Tennis Club. Dr. T Harry Seldon was a member as well. Perhaps that is how they met. The Exeter Seldon's also made many appearances in Kingston to visit with daughter Bella and husband Frank Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seldon, Miss Marjorie Seldon, Masters Wallace and Harry Seldon of Exeter, Ont., spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Newman, 60 Victoria St.

Kingston Standard Oct 1920.



Dr. T H Seldon

Attend Graduation

Mr. R. G. Seldon and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Seldon and family were at Rochester, Minn. the latter part of the week attending the graduation of the former's granddaughter, Marjorie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Seldon, from Senior High School. Dr. Seldon, who is on the staff of the Mayo Clinic, leaves this week to visit the hospitals in London, Eng., and in Paris, France, also in Belgium and Scotland.

June 1953 – Exeter Tribune

The first annual ball of the Kingston Tennis Club which was held last evening in the Venetian Gardens, was an entire success from the moment the orchestra struck the first note of music until the "King" was played many hours later. The guests were received Tillotson, Mabel McCuaig, Miss Roy, Lola Saundercock, Katherine Burke, and Messrs. H. Emond, J. Howard, H. Seldon, H. Ball, W. Cu-

Both Thomas and Lola attended Queen's University in Kingston. As he continued his medical education; she was a teacher when the couple married in 1931.

JOIN MAYO BROS. STAFF

Dr. T. Harry Seldon, of Sharbot Lake, has disposed of his medical practise and is joining the staff of the Mayo Bros. Hospital at Rochester, N. Y. Dr. Seldon has enjoyed a successful practice at Sharbot Lake and is to be congratulated on his appointment to the Mayo Bros. staff. Mrs. Seldon and little daughter Marjorie are at present visiting with Mr. Seldon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seldon and will remain here for about three months until Dr. Seldon gets located. Dr. Seldon will visit here for a few days and will assume his new duties the first of next month.

He interned at Toronto General hospital before moving to Sharbot Lake where he was the local GP. In 1936, he accepted a position to train with Dr John Lundy at the world-renowned Mayo

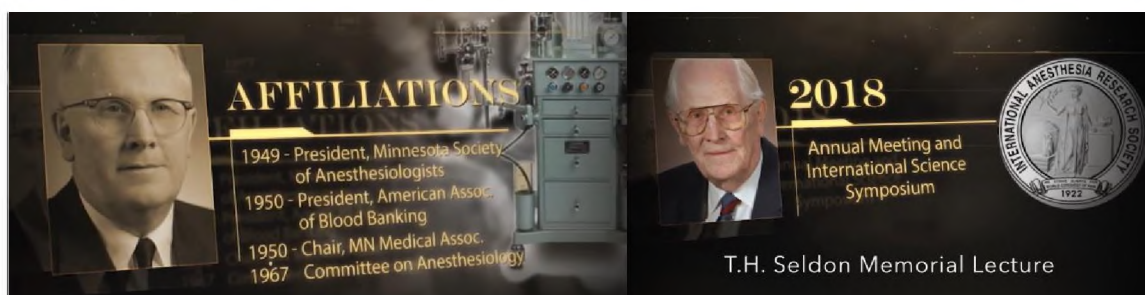
Clinic of Rochester Minn. Thomas left first for Minnesota and in February of 1936, Lola crossed the border with young daughter Marjorie. The paperwork noted that she expected to stay several months. It would turn out to be the rest of her life as the family took out American citizenship a few years later. The couple moved into the Erwin's Student Apartments in Rochester, Minn. Four years later, he was appointed to the staff at Mayo Clinic after having earned a Master of Science degree in Anesthesia from the University of Minnesota.

While young daughter Marjorie was born in Canada, son Thomas was born in the United States. As noted in Harry's mother's obit, he moved her to the Mayo clinic as her health deteriorated. Dr. Seldon worked his way up the ranks in the clinic over his career. He became a noted anesthesiologist and developed new techniques in the medical field and was an expert on blood and plasma transfusions and

an advocate for the establishments of blood banks. At Mayo Clinic, he advanced steadily through the academic ranks from instructor to full professor. One award that gave him distinct pleasure was being made a Fellow of the Faculty of Anesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in 1972. He published 122 medical papers over 45 years, was editor of the *Anesthesia & Analgesia* publication from 1954 to 1977 and was a world-wide leader in the field. He was director, president or advisor of numerous field related organizations. The links details his career and are highlighted below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9bfn5dxT0A>

https://journals.lww.com/anesthesia-analgesia/subjects/History/Fulltext/2012/12000/T_H_Seldon_1905_1991_23.aspxGeneral



Dr. Seldon, or “Harry” as he was universally known, was liked and respected by everyone. He shunned the center stage but was talented, tenacious, very friendly, a gentleman, and encouraging to the young. He had red hair and apparently a temper to boot if provoked, but this trait rarely manifested itself and invariably he sought to try to leave a good impression with others. His ability to relate well to others is recalled by everyone interacting with him. Secretaries fondly remembered sharing their afternoon tea in the office with him whenever he was available. In addition to his medical and editorial work, Dr. Seldon enjoyed many pastimes and activities. He was a devoted family man, a leader of his church, and active in the University Club and Kiwanis. He and his wife, Lola, enjoyed taking their family to their lake home in Wisconsin. They were also keen travelers. An avid fisherman, Dr. Seldon is remembered for inviting friends on fishing expeditions. Other hobbies included woodworking and carving and, over the years, amassing an amazing collection of antique bleeding bowls. He gave this collection to the Anesthesiology Department of Mayo Clinic where it continues to be on proud display. Dr. Seldon died of metastatic liver cancer in 1991. He and his wife are buried in Rochester, Minnesota. They had two children: Thomas Richard Seldon and Marjorie (McPeak).

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

Children of Richard Garnette Seldon and Anabelle Berry

Last Child: Wallace “Wally” Grant

B 15 May 1913 Exeter

D 06 Apr 1995 Exeter

M 1940 St Catherines

Spouse: Florence Coakwell

B 17 Jul 1917 Chaffey, Muskoka

D 03 Aug 1997 Exeter



A tall red headed youth that later grew into a tall man, in the 1931 census Wallace was the only child living at his parent's home in Exeter. He lived in the family house that he grew up in at 221

Mr. Wallace Seldon left this week for London, where he has taken a position with Cairncross and Lawrence Drug Store. Wallace is the president of the Exeter Tennis Club and is popular with the young people of town and his many friends will wish him every success.

Andrews St. as pictured in his father's biography on Page 62. In 1932, at age 19, Wallace went to work in London as a clerk at a drug store.

In 1937, he attended U of T Pharmacy. Whether he graduated is not know and but he went to work at a drug store in St. Catherines where he met his soon to be wife Florence Coakwell. Whereas Wallace was tall, Florence was short. After the marriage, the couple were, by 1941, back living in the Seldon family home that had been converted into a duplex. He later took over his father's fuel supply company in Exeter.

LAD KNOCKED OFF WHEEL IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Fred, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elliott, is critically ill in the Children's War Memorial Hospital, London, where he was rushed Tuesday evening after being knocked from a bicycle when hit by an auto. The accident happened on the Main street in Exeter North, about 6 p.m. Wallace Seldon was driving his car and was meeting another car. Blinded by the lights of the approaching car he did not see the lad on the bicycle and was unaware of his presence until the car struck him. He found the lad lying unconscious in the ditch. The lad was removed to the home of Mr. G. Strobbe, in front of whose place the accident happened, and Dr. Dunlop was called. He was later removed to the Children's Hospital.

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Mr. Wallace Seldon, who has been attending Pharmacy in Toronto, has finished his term and is visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seldon.

Mrs. Wallace Seldon returned home on Tuesday after spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coakwell, of St. Catharines.

Mr. R. G. Seldon is remodelling his home on Andrew Street, turning it into a duplex residence. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seldon will occupy the new apartments.

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221 Andrew St Home of W Seldon family

Exeter Advocate 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seldon celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday in St. Catharines with family and friends.

ANCIENT ART FORM RENEWED — Mrs. Florence Seldon is shown with some of her beautiful works of decoupage, an ancient art which has been renewed in recent years. Many of her mountings are shown

Like his father, he was a member of the Exeter Public School board for 17 years, the Masons and he loved curling. Wallace Seldon's Exeter business was razed by fire in 1963 (see insert above) but was rebuilt. He died at his Exeter home. He was the licence bureau representative up to his death.

Exeter has not been serviced by a licence bureau since Wallace Seldon, who ran the bureau office for 28 years, died on April 6. Residents have had to travel to Lucan, Zurich or Clinton to visit a vehicle licence office.

ENGAGEMENTS —

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seldon wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Joy Ellen to Mr. Edwin Harvey Kerslake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kerslake, RR 3 Exeter. The wedding will take place March 27, 1971 at 3:00 o'clock in Caven Presbyterian Church, Exeter. 8*

Children of Wallace Seldon and Florence Coakwell

Joy Ellen

B April 1948 Exeter

D 2019 Exeter

M March 27 1971

Spouse: Edwin Kerslake

B 1948 Elimville, Ont.

D 11 Nov 1921 Elimville

Wedding 1971



Edwin and Joy



Wallace, Florence and Joy



The couple farmed in Elimville, just SE of Exeter on the Kerslake family farm. They raised three children James (Jamie), Sarah and Natalie (Willert, Webster) B 1984 D 2016.

Peacefully at South Huron Hospital, Exeter on Sunday, October 13, 2019 of Elimville at the age of 71. Beloved wife of Ed Kerslake. Dear mother of Sarah and Jamie Tomlinson of Exeter and the late Natalie Webster (2016). Loving grandmother of Darian Tomlinson, Isabelle Willert, Aubrey Webster, and Amelia Webster. Fondly remembered by the Kerslake family.

Unexpectedly on the farm, his pride and joy, on Thursday November 11, 2021 of Elimville, at the age of 73. Beloved husband of the late Joy Ellen (Seldon) Kerslake (2019). Cherished father of Sarah and Jamie Tomlinson, and the late Natalie Webster (2016). Proud granafather of Darian Tomlinson, Isabelle Willert, Aubrey, and Amelia Webster. Fondly remembered by his four-legged companion Rosie. Ed will be missed by his sisters, Joyce Fulton and Larry, Joan Skinner and Dale, Donna Tinney and Dwayne, Lori Kerslake and Bill, and sister-in-law Shirley Kerslake. Predeceased by his parents Harold and Shirley (Coultis) Kerslake, and his brother Don Kerslake.



Child of Ed Kerslake and Joy Seldon
Natalie Lynn Kerslake Willert Webster

B 1984 Exeter
D 17 May 2016 Exeter



Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Exeter Times-Advocate

A successful move for Village Vines Florists

By Scott Nixon
TIMES-ADVOCATE STAFF

EXETER — Things couldn't be better at Village Vines Florists.

Since moving the two-year-old business from Hensall to Exeter's Main Street, owner **Natalie Kerslake** says business is "awesome. We're so busy."

Village Vines opened in Exeter Sept. 4. **Kerslake** decided to move her business from Hensall to Exeter because of the higher traffic on Exeter's Main Street, plus a good location on Main Street became available. She had been thinking of the move for a while, but wanted to wait for the perfect location.

Kerslake spent all of July and August getting her new location ready for the September opening, adding new paint, a new floor, new trim, a cooler, a

A black and white photograph of three women standing together. The woman in the center is wearing a striped shirt. The woman on the right is wearing a dark top.

A color photograph of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a red shirt, holding a black and white cat.

A black and white photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a jacket, holding the head of a horse.

age Vines Florists, which opened in Exeter after two
ll, Joy **Kerslake**, owner **Natalie Kerslake** and Jamie

Natalie ran a flower shop in Exeter for many years and was voted top floral designer in Canada in 2016 by the Wedding Industry Experts Professionals. She posted the announcement on her Facebook page 7 days before she died.

Suddenly, in Hensall, on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 of Exeter in her 33rd year. Beloved wife of Brian Webster. Dear mother of Isabelle Willert, Aubrey Webster, and Amelia Webster. Beloved daughter of Ed and Joy Kerslake of Elimville.

The Kerslake family experienced the death of both parents and youngest daughter in a span of five years.

Children of Wallace Seldon and Florence Coakwell

Paul Garnet

B 1943 Exeter

M 11 July, 1964 Exeter

Spouse: Cherie Lorraine Earle B 1950

Born and schooled in Exeter, Paul continued his education in Toronto.

GRADUATES IN RADIO

- Paul Seldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seldon, Andrew St., graduated from Radio College, Toronto, this week, and has accepted a position with communications branch of Northern Electric Ltd., Brampton.

Exeter Advocate 1962

July 1964 marriage living in Cooksville

SELDON— Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seldon, London, announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Ann, December 4, 1970, at Victoria Hospital, a sister for Melissa,



... photo by Kenroy

MR. AND MRS. PAUL G. SELDON

Exeter man married

White gladioli, snapdragons, shasta daisies and tall white tapers formed the floral setting in Grace United Church, Brampton, for the marriage ceremony of Cherie Lorraine Earle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Earle, and Paul Grant Seldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Seldon, Exeter, Saturday July 11.

They carried cascade bouquets of pink sweetheart roses. Mr. Barry Grainger, Exeter was groomsmen and the guests were ushered by Mr. Richard Earle, brother of the bride, and Mr. Donald Thomson, Exeter. The reception was held in the church banquet room. The bride's mother received guests



HOW WE DO IT— Paul Seldon, production manager of the Sugar and Spice chocolate factory, explains how a slab of chocolate is turned into Easter bunnies to Marilyn Young, production coordinator at London's Cable 13 and Bernadette Buggy who filmed an Easter TV show at Sugar and Spice for the program Kidscene.

Paul and Cherie were living in London as of 1972 where he was listed as being a supervisor as per the voters list. They returned to Exeter and opened the Sugar and Spice Chocolate Factory. This composed of a store downtown and a factory outside of town. A marriage separation turned for the worse at the chocolate factory in 1992. Paul and Cherie's whereabouts are not known at present.



Another doctor in the family, Dr. George Elliott Seldon had a storied life. Although born in Exeter, he grew up in North Oxford on the Seldon farm that his father Richard bought from his father and mother William Seldon and Maria Elliott. He left the farm for an education in Toronto and England as a doctor. He was a very successful surgeon in Vancouver BC and was honoured for his career and is credited with being the first Canadian surgeon to perform successful surgery on a broken neck. He is listed in the MemoryBC.ca website. This is a repository for significant papers produced and held by prominent BC leaders and is stored at Simon Fraser University.

<https://www.memorybc.ca/seldon-george-elliott>

MemoryBC.ca is a catalogue of important papers of notable BC Citizens.

Toronto Globe.—Mrs. G. L. Center, of Vancouver, B.C., announces the engagement of her daughter, Lola Lockhart, to Dr. George Elliott Seldon, son of Mr. Richard Seldon, of Ingersoll, Ont. The marriage will take place quietly early in September.

Dr. George Seldon of Vancouver, B.C., has returned home after a week's visit with his sister, Miss E. Annie Seldon, Oxford street, and other relatives in the district.



Dr. George and wife Lola Center and his sister Annie and unknown child - 1956

[Dr. George Elliot Seldon fonds](#)

Fonds 1901-1952

Fonds consists of notebooks and memorabilia from Seldon's student years, speeches and lectures, as well as ledgers and daybooks from his medical practice.

Seldon, George Elliot

Description area

Dates of existence

1882-1970

History

"Dr. George Elliot Seldon was born in Exeter, Ontario in 1882. He received his M.D.C.M. from the University of Toronto, F.T.C.M. from Trinity University, and became a M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. in England in 1906. Becoming a registered doctor in British Columbia in 1908, he practiced in Vancouver until his retirement in the 1950s. He gave the 1927 Osler Lecture, became an honorary member of the B.C. Surgical Society in 1947, and received the Prince of Good Fellows degree from the Vancouver Medical Association in 1952. He died in Vancouver in 1970.

Dr. Seldon was chief of Surgery for Vancouver General Hospital (VGH). He was reported to be a leader in neck fracture surgery."

- M.R.C.S. – Royal College of Surgeons – London, England: graduate 1906
- L.R.C.P – Licentiate Diploma at Royal College.
- M.D.C.M. Medical Doctor, Master of Surgery.

His records include: Physical description: 34 cm of textual records; 4 photographs

It is interesting to note that while Dr Seldon was a leading surgeon at VGH, he had a second cousin doing the same thing at St. Paul's Hospital in downtown Vancouver. Dr Byron Stephenson Elliott was working in that hospital in the 1920s to 1940s. He is the son of James Elliott who is the brother of Dr. Seldon's grandmother Maria (Elliott) Seldon.

Dr Seldon was well known in Vancouver in the 1920s and 1930s. His life was featured in many stories in the Vancouver Sun and Province through his time in Vancouver.

In the past few days you've probably heard some daffy fog stories, but top this one:
Dr. George Seldon of Shaughnessy Club had to give up his match at the fourteenth hole the other day because he lost his caddy! He walked into the clubhouse. Half an hour later the caddy showed up at Dave Black's shop. "I'm looking for Dr. Seldon," he explained.

Vancouver Province Jan 1952

Miss Maude McLeod, superintendent of nurses, reported 13 nurses graduated in May and 21 in November. Dr. R. E. McKechnie's medal for general proficiency and highest standing was awarded Miss Cecelia Johnson of the May class, and Miss Ethel Elliott of the November class. Dr. Glen Campbell's prizes were awarded Miss Audrey Bond and Miss Ethel Elliott. A new medal, awarded by Dr. George Seldon for surgery work, was won by Miss Lily McTavish in May and Miss Madeline Mingay in November.

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city. Four sets of players joined in the game in which the prize was won by Miss Center and Dr. Seldon.

Miss Center and Dr Seldon would marry in Sept of 1913.

He raised his family in the upper-class area of Point Grey, Vancouver at 1354 Matthews Ave.
(Ancestry.ca Voters list)



Dr. Geo. E. Seldon, house physician, has been appointed senior house surgeon to the Salford Royal Hospital, Manchester, Eng.

Dr Seldon in England - 1907



Vancouver General Hospital 1950

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The many friends of Dr. Seldon, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Vancouver General Hospital, will be pleased to know that he is progressing favorably and is now considered to be out of danger.

THE DR. GEORGE E. SELDON PRIZE
\$25.00
Given by George E. Seldon, M.D., F.R.C.S., Chief Surgeon Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, B.C., a former pupil of the Ingersoll Collegiate Institute, for the highest average standing on the year's examinations in Middle School Physics and Chemistry.
First Prize, Physics—Davis Prosser, Form III. \$12.50.

Nov 18 1937 Ingersoll Tribune

DR. SELDON WINS PLOWRIGHT CASE

DAMAGE SUIT DISMISSED WITH COSTS— BITTER ARGUMENTS OF OPPOSING COUNSEL—"NO NEGLIGENCE" VERDICT

"The verdict is that Dr. Seldon was not guilty of negligence."

Thus, at 9:40 o'clock Thursday evening, was brought to a close one of the most keenly contested civil actions tried in Vancouver's Supreme Court for many years.

This verdict, coming after four hours and 20 minutes of deliberation by a jury of eight men, resulted in the dismissal by Mr. Justice Fisher of the suit of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Geoffrey Plowright against one of the city's leading surgeons, Dr. George Seldon, for damages for alleged negligence.

A long-drawn out "Oh," as a woman rose to her feet and immediately sat down again, was the only sound heard immediately after Foreman John Cowan announced the jury's decision. It came from the lips of Mrs. Bernice McDonald, nurse in the defendant's office for the last three years and a defense witness.

None of the principals were in court to hear the verdict. Dr. Seldon was in constant attendance until the noon adjournment and the Plowrights remained throughout until the jury retired.

Gordon McG. Sloan, who assisted J. W. deB. Ferris, K.C., in the defense, immediately moved for dismissal of the case. Charles L. Locke, counsel with Milton Gonzales for the plaintiffs, stated he had nothing to say on the motion.

His Lordship: There will be judgement for the defendant, according to the finding of the jury and the action is dismissed with costs.

Jurors were John Bruce Cowan, foreman; John Craven A. Chadwick, Frederick John Cameron, William Charles Clark, Clayton Bustin Delbridge, Henry John Crabbs, James Wright Chappell and Joseph Ward Curran.

Thursday was the ninth day of the second trial of the Plowright-Seldon action, which was heard first by a Supreme Court jury before Chief Justice Morrison in a 4-day trial last April. Jurors on that occasion returned after about four hours to say they could not agree.

Intense public interest was shown

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1 of 7 matches

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Although a successful surgeon, he did make headlines with a malpractice suit.

Dr Seldon was sued for \$57,000. The court case was front page news for the three weeks when the trial took place.

"I am led to believe that if you cannot find your doctor, it is because they are on the golf course."

Excerpt for the 1942 Vancouver Medical Association Journal describing Dr. Seldons love of golf.

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In Jerseys the cow junior championship was won by E. H. Barton. Senior and grand champion went to Dr. Seldon. Langley Prairie, who also won the junior and grand championships for bulls. J. J. McLellan won the senior championship. In best get of sire, Dr. Seldon was first and E. H. Barton, second, with Dr. Seldon first in cow, three years and over. The

(Vancouver Province – Sept 21, 1933)

Dr Seldon was also the head of the Medical Council of Canada during the early 1930s.



L. DE L. MARWOOD Dr. E. H. MORGAN Dr. J. F. ARGUE Dr. J. P. MCCORMICK
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M.R.C.S. (Eng), F.R.C.S. (C), L.R.C.P. (Lond), F.A.C.S.
CHIEF OF SURGERY
Vancouver General Hospital
1936 - 1945

The Province
Mon, Dec 23, 1935 -Page 1

Mrs. George Seldon Injured In Crash; Doctor Is Not Hurt

Dr. George E. Seldon, well-known Vancouver physician, and his wife, Mrs. Lola Seldon, were involved in an auto accident at Toledo, Wash., according to word received here today. Mrs. Seldon was severely injured, suffering two broken legs and bruises. Dr. Seldon was badly injured and shaken up. They arrived in Vancouver by train, and Mrs. Seldon is undergoing hospital treatment.

1926, a man attacked a nurse in emergency at the hospital. Dr Seldon was credited with saving her life

The Vancouver Sun
Mon, Mar 22, 1926 -Page 2

Dr. George E. Seldon said he got an emergency call and rushed in to find Miss Roedde with a terrible wound in her throat. He told the court that he grabbed the large vessels in her throat and sent Miss Barton for the artery forceps. With these he was able to check the flow

In keeping with his farming roots in N Oxford, Dr Seldon owned a farm named "Dunveganin" in Langley Prairie – now known as the city of Langley and surrounding subdivisions of Murrayville. The farm was located on Old Yale Rd, west of the old Murrayville downtown near the Murrayville Academy and auto garage. He raised Jersey cattle. He took several awards at the Chilliwack Fall Fair in Sept, 1933.

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Jersey breeders in British Columbia will be interested to hear that the cow You'll Do's Sunflower has just finished her record that credits her with 10,328 lbs. of milk and 526 lbs. of fat in 356 days. You'll Do's Sunflower is the dam of Dr. Seldon's herd sire, Brampton Sun Standard.



Baseball
team and
photo year
unknown

Vancouver Daily World
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LECTURE TO NURSES.

Dr. Seldon will lecture before the Vancouver Graduate Nurses' Association at the West End Hospital on Wednesday next, at 9 p. m., taking as his subject—"The Superficial Blood Vessels; Hemorrhages and Their Treatment."

Aug 26 1950 Vancouver Province



GRANDPA **SELDON'S FARM**, just outside Langley Prairie, is the summer rendezvous for these six young cousins, the grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. George E. **Seldon**. They are busy with the apple-picking season just now. The two youngest, George Kennedy and Jandi Douglas, are more intent on eating apples than picking them, while George's elder brother, John Kennedy, balancing precariously atop the ladder, takes his job more seriously. Jandi's sister, Wendy Douglas waits with her pail for the apples and Gail **Seldon's** skirt is filled with the fruit her sister Maureen has handed her. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. **Elliott Seldon**, Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Douglas.

Dr Seldon and Lola Lockhart



June 12 1939 Vancouver paper

Dr. and Mrs. George E. Seldon, accompanied by their daughters, Miss Janet and Ruth Seldon, and their son, Mr. Elliott Seldon, left on Saturday for Southern California.

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1937 STERY SHOT KILLS BOY

BLOODSTAINS FOUND

At that time it was not known he had been shot.

Dr. D. W. Beach was called. He suspected a stomach ulcer.

New Westminster ambulance was called to take Jack to hospital and **Dr.** B. B. Marr accompanied him. When he was undressed the doctor noticed bloodstains. Then he saw the bullet hole in his back.

An operation was necessary and **Dr.** George Seldon of Vancouver was immediately called. The bullet was removed four hours after the shooting.

Following the operation, the doctor reported that the youth's kidney and stomach had been perforated. His chances of recovery were considered fair.

Police had expected to obtain a statement from the youth in hospital, but he died without regaining consciousness.

A report that stains resembling powder stains had been found on his clothing is being investigated, police say. A complete search of the area has been made without result.



Langley Farm buildings

He died Feb 1971.

Vancouver Sun front page



Noted surgeon dies

Dr. George Elliott Seldon, a former surgeon-in-chief at Vancouver General Hospital and former president of the Medical Council of Canada, died Thursday, aged 89.

Dr. Seldon became one of Vancouver's most respected surgeons after he came to the coast in 1908 from 3½ years of post-graduate study in England.

From 1936 to 1945 he was surgeon-in-chief at VGH and retired from medicine in 1952.

A funeral service will be held Monday, 2 p.m., at Shaughnessy United Church, followed by burial at Mountain View. No flowers by request.

He is survived by three children, George Elliott Seldon, Mrs. J. S. Kennedy and Mrs. G. C. Douglas.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Lola Seldon rites slated today

The funeral will be held today for Lola Lockhart Seldon, wife of Dr. George E. Seldon, well-known city consulting surgeon, now retired, who died Thursday.

Prominent in city social circles, Mrs. Seldon was a member of the advisory board of the YWCA and active in Shaughnessy United Church.

A native of New York State she lived most of her life in Vancouver.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, G. Elliott and two daughters, Mrs. J. S. Kennedy and Mrs. G. C. Douglas, all of Vancouver and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. M. Bourke and burial was in the Kelowna Cemetery.
W. MacDonald

Great Grandchildren of William Seldon and Maria Elliott

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod

Children of Dr. George Seldon and Lola Lockhart

Oldest Child: George "Elliott"

B 18 Aug 1914 Vancouver

D 11 Nov 2006 Vancouver

M Nov 1939 Vancouver

Spouse: Helen Madeline Westby

B 22 Feb 1915 London Ont.

D 02 Jul 2002 Vancouver



LIEUT. AND MRS. G. E. SELDON.
Following their wedding on Wednesday evening, Lieut. and Mrs. George Elliott Seldon were photographed leaving St. Mary's Anglican Church, where the ceremony was solemnized. The bride is the former Helen Madeline Westby, daughter of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Edgar W. Westby.

Elliott took advantage of his fathers social standing and was a member of various sport clubs in the exclusive Shaughnessy area of Vancouver and a member of the Pt Grey Gold Club. He went to UBC in the mid 1930s.

The Totem

G. Elliot Seldon

Vancouver

Economics and English
President of Badminton Club
Delta Upsilon

Totem – UBC yearbook

He was member of the badminton and was an excellent skier. He graduated with a BA in 1936 and did post graduate work at the U of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in Business Administration.



team

Returning from Michigan around 1939, war drums were beating. He met Crofton House and UBC grad Helen Westby, the daughter of WWI veteran Colonel and Mrs. Edgar Westby. They married in November of 1939 just as he signed up with the RCAF. His exploits during the war are unknown. He rose to rank of Captain. He was stationed immediately after his wedding to Ottawa in what was

U.B.C. Man Honored At Michigan U.

According to advice from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, George E. Seldon Vancouver student the U.B.C., was initiated into the honor fraternity of professional business administration, Delta Sigma Pi, recently.

George E. Seldon is the son of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Seldon, 1354 Matthews Avenue. He graduated from the U.B.C. with the degree of Bachelor of Arts last spring and is taking post-graduate courses at Michigan.

believed to be officer training. In 1943 was stationed on Vancouver Island. The couple had two daughters in quick succession in the early 1940s. After he war, he went to work for the Gault Brothers as a managing accountant at the Water Street headquarters. His obituary states that he worked at the Gault Brothers in the floor covering division in management. He was a prominent employee, being a casket bearer for long time president and chairman of Gault Bros. Vancouver, Charles McHattie, in 1959.



In 1853 Andrew F. Gault and J. B. Stevenson founded the wholesale textiles firm Gault, Stevenson and Company in Montreal. Four years later, Stevenson left the firm; thereafter Robert Gault joined his brother to form Gault Brothers Limited. The firm manufactured and distributed textiles. Attracted by the growing market on Canada's West Coast, the firm established a branch in Vancouver in 1899. Henry A. Stone was appointed manager. By 1906, the firm moved to larger premises at 361 Water Street. In 1915, the firm acquired a local work clothing company to ensure a continuous supply of goods for its customers. In 1918, local interests assumed control of the firm. In 1930, the federally chartered firm was succeeded by a B.C. company of the same name. Gault Brothers established a marine subsidiary, Caribou Shipping in 1936. In 1952, the marine service was replaced by an air service. In 1971, the company was sold to New York interests. Gault Brothers was last operating as a division of J.J. Newberry Canada Ltd.



The company merged with Kelly Flooring in 1971.

Helen was born in London, Ont. and moved west with the family. Her father was a decorated Vimy Ridge participant, reaching the rank of Lieut. Colonel and worked as an auditor for a trust company. He was a member of the Legion in London Ont. and an interesting antidote was located regarding his time there.

"During 1927 and 1928, a group of energetic, progressive London survivors of the Great War became disillusioned with the veteran's club they had joined. They did not protest not argue nor destroy. These comrades quietly formed their own fraternal organization that they named after the Battle of Vimy Ridge, and it has survived for eighty years.



Skating club setting

PARTY ON ICE was the pleasure of the guests when Mr. and Mrs. John R. Taylor entertained at a buffet supper and skating party Monday evening at the New Ice Club. Getting ready for a twirl on the ice Mrs. Jack Stack gets an assist with her skates from Mr. Taylor while looking on are Mrs. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Seldon who are also prepared to try out their skates.

And for eighty years there has been no change. The branch would never at any time seek to acquire a club room. And for eighty years there has been no change. It would be a good idea to have music or some form of entertainment at the dinner's meetings. And for eighty years this has been followed. "Music at that first meeting consisted of just the piano being played rather indifferently by the newly-elected president. Two members, Ed Shuttleworth and **Edgar Westby** volunteered to bring their violins to the next meeting. Before then I discussed music with Harry Wooster and we decided to recruit more players and have a real orchestra. Vimy orchestra was born and has been one of the great morale building elements that have made this branch unique in all of Canada. The 1933 program records that 'for the first couple of meetings, the Vimy Orchestra was a string trio composed of Murray Dillon, **Edgar Westby**, and Ed Shuttleworth."

Notes from the Royal Canadian Legion

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Tue, May 05, 1964 -Page 18

Well-known couple celebrate golden day

A couple well-known in business and community life of the city will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 7. Col. and Mrs. E. B. Westby of North Vancouver will mark the happy event at a family party at the home of their daughter Mrs. Fred Pearce and Mr. Pearce in North Vancouver. Their other daughter, Mrs. G. Elliott Seldon and Mr. Seldon will be joining them. They have four grandchildren.

Col. and Mrs. Westby were married in London, Ont. and came here in 1932 where he

and Western Trust and Huron and Erie Mortgage Corp. until retiring in 1948. In 1951 Col. Westby became the first executive director of Vancouver Foundation, and he has also been an active worker with the Cancer Foundation. Col. Westby served overseas in the first world war and prior to and during world war two he was officer commanding a reserve unit of the B.C. Hussars and the First Searchlight Regiment. Mrs. Westby is a charter member of Kiwassa Club and both are members of St. Catherine's

Mrs. George Elliott Seldon will entertain at a Sunday supper party honoring her husband's sister, Miss Ruth Seldon, and Lieut. G. C. Douglas, with members of the bridal party for their wedding a week from today.

University of B.C. graduates will be the principals in the late October wedding of Helen Madeline, elder daughter of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. E. B. Westby, to Lieut. G. Elliott Seldon, only son of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Seldon. The bride-elect has fraternity affiliations with Kappa Alpha Theta and her fiance with Delta Upsilon and the business administration fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi.

Golden Anniversary of E B Westby 1964

After the move to Vancouver in 1932, Ellen attended Crofton House and UBC. She was often mentioned in the local society papers for her involvement with her UBC sorority.

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MISS HELEN WESTBY

Pt. Grey winners on the weekend were Doug Newitt, **Elliott Seldon**, Ernie Palmer, Frank Lighbody, Johnny Buchanan, Bill Pitt and George Rennie. A total of 154 players from this club turned out for par points and match play against par competitions. Play is up a quarter over this time last year.

POINT GREY — Wilman Cup medalist was Vivian Barr, shooting net 73. Audrey Whittle was medalist for the DeWees cup with 74. High handicap cup medalist was Eva Kelley with 80. Best the champ winners were Ruth Olacke, Barr, Isobel Woodruff, Agnes Doyle, Nancy MacPherson, Whittle and Helen Seldon.

Helen was YWCA volunteer 1946 according to the Vancouver Sun. Helen was a good golfer, winning many of the Point Grey Golf Club tournaments. Elliott and Helen retired to Metchosin on Vancouver Island.

They had two daughters: Gail (Brazier), Helen Maureen (Williams)

Engagement tea at Shaughnessy

Friends and relatives of several generations will go to Shaughnessy Golf Club this afternoon to share with Gail Louise Seldon her betrothal tea reception at which her fiance's mother, Mrs. Charles Brazier will be hostess.

Today, also, formal announcement of the engagement of younger members of well-known city families is announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Elliott Seldon. Gail Louise

will marry George Robert Brazier, son of Mr. Charles Brazier, Q.C., and Mrs. Brazier, at a June ceremony.

Shaughnessy Heights United Church will be the setting for the June 7 wedding.

Miss Seldon is a graduate of Crofton House School and attended UBC. She affiliated with Alpha Gamma Delta. Her fiance is a graduate of UBC and is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. At this afternoon's tea,

two grandmothers of the affianced, Mrs. F. B. Westby and Mrs. H. C. Samis will be at the festivities. Also pouring tea Mrs. Gordon Samis, Mrs. Cecil Lockhart, Mrs. Norman Howard, Mrs. D. P. Shepard, Mrs. John Samis, Mrs. Elliott Seldon, Mrs. D. N. W. Grubb, Mrs. Harold Lawson, Mrs. Robert Hager, Mrs. John Osborne, Mrs. J. D. Storie, Mrs. Alex Fisher, Mrs. Bruce Samis and Mrs. James Foris.



MRS. E. SELDON, MAUREEN AND GAIL

Looking at the first signs of bloom on their favorite flowering current are Mrs. Elliott Seldon with baby Maureen and three-year-old Gail. Her husband, Major Seldon, is now at Prince Rupert. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. George Seldon and Col. and Mrs. E. B. Westby.

Sorority Dance May 2

Mrs. G. Elliott Seldon is convener for the annual Spring cabaret of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority to be held in the Commodore. Tickets may be obtained from actives or alumnae or at 4508 West Tenth.



MRS. ELLIOTT SELDON and MRS. PETER GRAHAM

FINISHING TOUCHES for Kappa Alpha Theta sorority's Aquacade are being planned by the co-conveners, Mrs. Seldon and Mrs. Graham. The event will be held April 29 in the swimming pool at the home of Mrs. Graham's



CATCHING some of Vancouver's elusive sun in the garden are Toronto visitor Mrs. George Brazier and her little admirer Coco. Mrs. Brazier is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Elliott Seldon.

George Elliott Seldon and wife Helen were involved in a serious car accident in 1964.

Father Charged in Daughter's Death

DELTA (Staff)—The father of a child killed in a highway accident has been charged with criminal negligence.

Peter Moennich, 27, of 150 West Third Street, North Vancouver, has been charged with criminal negligence causing the death of his daughter, Nicole, two, last Feb. 16.

The child died and Mr. and Mrs. Moennich were seriously injured when Moennich's sports car was in collision with another car on Highway 10 near the Scott Road. Both have since been released from hospital.

Moennich also is charged with driving while his licence was under suspension.

Police said the Moennich car was in collision with one driven by **George E. Seldon** of 1436 West Forty-seventh, Vancouver.

Occupants of the **Seldon** car suffered minor injuries.



DEATH CRADLE for 18-month-old baby was this sports car involved in crash Sunday on Highway

10 near Scott Road in Delta. Parents of baby were seriously injured. Names are withheld.



George Elliott Seldon



Helen Westby Seldon

SELDON — Helen Madeline (nee Westby), born on February 22, 1915, died peacefully on June 28, 2002 at age 87. She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Elliott and her loving daughters, Gail Brazier and Maureen (Wayne) Williams; grandmother to her cherished Warren, Joanna, James and Alysha. She is also survived by her sister Mona Pearce, sister-in-law Janet Markle and brother-in-law Gordon Douglas and their respective families. Helen was a graduate of Crofton House School and the University of British Columbia. She was an avid golfer at Point Grey Golf and Country Club and enjoyed playing bridge, travelling the world and tending her garden at Metchosin. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm

SELDON — George Elliott. Born on August 18, 1914 in Vancouver died peacefully on November 11, 2006 at age 92. Elliott was predeceased by his beloved wife Helen in 2002. Survived by his loving daughters Gail Brazier and Maureen (Wayne) Williams, his grandchildren Warren (Alison) Brazier, Joanna (John) Ellis, James (Audrey) Williams and Alysha (Matt) Krops and his great-grandson Maxwell Ellis. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Mona Pearce and several nieces and nephews. Elliott was a graduate of Prince of Wales and the University of British Columbia. From 1937 to 1970 (with time out in the army during WWII) he worked at Gault Brothers where he was a director and manager of the floor covering department. He was a member of Point Grey Golf Club. He travelled the world but was happiest at his home in Matchosin on Vancouver Island. A family service will be held at Shaughnessy Heights United Church, 1550 West 33rd Avenue on Tuesday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m. followed by a reception at the Point Grey Golf and Country Club, 3350 South West Marine Drive, Vancouver.



Miss Gail Seldon, Mrs. Charles Brazier . . . receive today at tea

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BRIDE-ELECT. Maureen Seldon was honored at the coffee hour on the weekend when her mother, Mrs. G. Elliot Seldon was hostess.



Daughter Gail Seldon (Brazier) and Helen. Maureen (Williamson). Gail Seldon Brazier.

BRAZIER, Gail Louise (née Seldon)

1941-2024

It is with great sadness and loving memories that we announce the passing of our kind and gentle mother and grandmother Gail Brazier, on February 26, 2024, at the age of 82.

Gail is predeceased by her beloved parents, Helen and Elliott Seldon, sister Maureen Williams and brother-in-law Wayne Williams. She is survived by her children Warren (Alison) and Joanna (John), her grandchildren Caden, Maxwell and Riley, former sister-in-law, Bonnie Brazier, nephews James Williams and Ryan Brazier, and nieces Alysha Kropf and Robyn Kaltenegger.

Gail was born in Vancouver and other than a few years in Toronto in the 60's, lived her entire life in the city. Gail attended Crofton House School (Class of '59) and then the University of British Columbia, where she met her former husband, George. They were married for 34 years and remained friends after their divorce.

Gail's passion was her family and friends. She nurtured and treasured many lifelong friendships. Some of Gail's greatest memories were made with her bridge club, lunch bunch and Palm Desert group. Gail had a wonderful sense of humour, and loved to entertain, spend time in her garden, play tennis at Van Lawn and golf at Shaughnessy. Her crowning achievement as a gofer, incredibly, was a hole in one! She also volunteered at many local organizations (CNIB, Meals on Wheels and several endeavours with the Junior League of Vancouver).

Gail's divorced husband George Robert Brazier (1940 – 2024) was a founder of the DeMoulin Black law firm in Vancouver and a supreme wanderlust.

Son Warren is a partner in the law firm of Stirling LLP in Vancouver as of 2025

Daughter: Joanna Ellis

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr and Emma Macleod Children of Dr. George Seldon and Lola Lockhart

Second child: Janet Lola

B 26 Dec 1916 Vancouver
D 25 Sept 2006 Vancouver
M Nov 1943 Vancouver

Spouse: John "Jack" Seaton Kennedy

B 30 Jan 1914 Vancouver
D 11 Oct, 1972 Penticton, BC

Spouse: Clark Wilson Markle

B 23 Aug 1911 Winnipeg
D 10 Feb 1994 Vancouver



Miss Janet Seldon

Janet Seldon to Be Bride of Jack Kennedy

Foretelling one of the most interesting of nuptials on the early winter roster is the engagement announced today in which members of two prominent city families are principals. The bride-elect is Miss Janet Lola Seldon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Seldon, who will marry Capt. John Seaton Kennedy, RCE, who has just returned from three years service overseas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Kennedy.

Both are graduates of the University of British Columbia where Miss Seldon had affiliations with Kappa Kappa Gamma, and her fiancé with Zeta Psi. After graduation she did social service work in the city, later going to Toronto to carry on the same work, from whence she returned only last week.

In 1937 Janet accompanied her mother on a trip to England via NY. She was listed at the time as being 5'5", brown hair and blue eyes.

Janet hosted several bridal showers, galas and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority

events with her UBC

alumni after her

marriage to Jack

Kennedy. Jack was a local boy who graduated in 1939 from UBC in civil engineering. He enlisted in WWII Oct 1940 at age 24 and served with the Royal Canadian Engineers for three years.



Janet Seldon



Lieut. Jack S. Kennedy has left for England, where he will join the R.C.E.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Kennedy have returned from a trip in eastern Canada, and en route home visited at the Flying E. Ranch in Wickenburg, Arizona.

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BRIEF ILLNESS

Prominent engineer dead at 58

Prominent Vancouver engineer and son of a B.C. pioneer family, John S. Kennedy died Wednesday after a brief illness. He was 58.

Mr. Kennedy was one of the first design engineers in B.C. to develop the use of pre-stressed concrete in buildings and other civil engineering applications.

He was associated at various times with B.C. Cement, Ocean Cement and Lafarge Cement.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Vancouver and graduated from University of B.C. in 1939 in civil engineering. He served overseas from 1940 to the end of the Second World War with the Royal Canadian Engineers.

A member of the Vancouver Club, the Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club, Mr. Kennedy was active in the affairs of the Engineering Institute of Canada and was a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of B.C.

He is survived by his wife Jane, of 1222 West Fortieth, sons John, George and Blake; mother, Mrs. J. E. Kennedy; sister Sheila; and one grandson, Sean.

As noted in his obit, he worked in the cement industry and helped promote the use of prestressed concrete in building. Jack died of heart issues at the age of 58 while in the Okanagan. He was raised in a uniform based environment. His father was a master mariner and at one time Captain of the Empress of Japan. Janet and Jack had 3 children. The couple spent many summers at their Okanagan Lake house. After her first husband's death in 1972, she married widower Clarke Markle, whose wife Dorothy passed away in 1977. Clarke Markle and Dorothy Markle were friends of the Kennedys and the families were nearly neighbours. Janet was described by family members as loving and carrying. Clarke Markle was described as "just a great person". When he married Janet in 1972, he brought a son and two daughters into the marriage. The couple were middle aged at the time and the children were living their own lives. It appears he was manager of Albion Lumber Co. with a showroom at 1461 W 5th Ave. The company sold more than lumber, adding kitchen appliance, garden and building tools to the inventory in 1947.

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HAWAII TRIP beckons Mrs. Ann Rice of 3455 East Fifty-fourth, grand prize winner at the Better Homes Exposition in Kerrisdale Arena last week. Mrs. Rice won all-expense-GPA tickets for two, presented by Manager **Clarke Markle** of Albion Lumber Company.

Janet co hosted events as per the Vancouver Sun newspapers. His brother Fletcher Markle

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was a well-known Hollywood film producer and one time CBC drama head.





Clarke Markle
Courtesy: Vancouver Archives



Deaths

MARKLE — Janet Lola Kennedy (nee Seldon) passed away peacefully in her home on September 25th, 2006. She is predeceased by her first husband, Jack Kennedy, her second husband, Clarke Markle, her sister, Ruth Douglas (Gordon) and her stepdaughter, Cathie Struck (George). She is survived by her brother, Elliott Seldon, sons John (Pat), George, and Blake (Jan) Kennedy, grandchildren Sean (Devon), Todd (Meredith), Geordie, Graeme, and Dylan, great grandchildren Sophie, Logan, step children Wilson (Kathryn) Markle and Pattie (Dave) Brugger and step grandchildren Tricia (Jim), Kathleen (Wes), Ashley and Clarke Markle, and Dallas and Zac (Amanda) Plensky. Janet graduated from Crofton House School and obtained a social work degree at UBC. She loved to make apricot jam and to garden, especially at her cabin in the Okanagan. She will be remembered as a kind and gentle person, who loved her family and friends, and always thought of them first. A family memorial service will be held at Shaughnessy Heights United Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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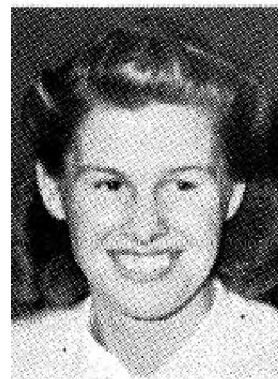
MARKLE — Clarke Wilson, passed away February 11, 1994. Survived by his loving family: wife Janet; son, Wilson (Kathryn) and their 2 children, Ashley and Clarke; 2 daughters Cathie (George) Struck, Patricia McCarthy and her daughters, Patricia and Kathleen; three stepsons: John (Patricia) Kennedy and sons, Sean and Todd; George (Catherine) Kennedy and sons, Geordie and Graeme, and Blake Kennedy. Family services were held at Shaughnessy Heights United Church, February 12, 1994.

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr and Emma Macleod Children of Dr. George Seldon and Lola Lockhart

Third child: Ruth McLeod

B 18 Apr 1920 Vancouver
D 04 Jan 1999 Vancouver
M 21 Dec 1941 Vancouver
B 18 Jul 1917 Vancouver
D 18 Oct 2006 Vancouver

Badminton was a hot craze in the 1930s in Vancouver and Ruth was mentioned often in the sports sections of the local papers. Ruth was a superior badminton player with the U of BC badminton club. Her "lanky frame" allowed her to cover the court well and she upset many supposedly better players in the late 1930s.



Ruth and sister Janet were close friends throughout their lives and made many trips together. Husband Capt. Douglas, was schooled at UBC training as a lawyer but the war got in the way. He was the son of a Master Mariner who captained the Empress of Japan and was grandson of a Victoria Cross medallist. He was stationed in Ottawa for a portion of WWII immediately after marrying Ruth serving in an officer training program. He served in the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corp. overseas and was decorated. His married brother Lionel Peirce died overseas while serving on a navy launch in Libya in June of 1942.

To be **mentioned in dispatches** (or **despatches**, **MiD**) describes a member of the armed forces whose name appears in an official report written by a superior officer and sent to the high command, in which their gallant or meritorious action in the face of the enemy is described.

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Gordon's father was a larger-than-life man as seen in this article below.

Douglas Begins New Chapter In Colorful Shipping Career

Capt. Lionel Dale Douglas is back to the sea as general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Steamships at Vancouver, succeeding Capt. E. Aikman who has gone to Montreal to be assistant to the chairman, Canadian Pacific Steamships.

It was about 30 years ago when he left salt water to join a mineral-seeking expedition into northern Canada's bad lands, going with his brother, George Douglas and a geologist, August Sandberg, 1000 miles from the railway, into the places discovered in 1825 by the ill-fated Franklin expedition.

His taste for adventure satisfied by these explorations he returned to the Canadian Pacific's



fleet to take command of the Empress of Asia and later, in 1932, on the retirement of Capt. Samuel Robinson, the queen of the fleet, Empress of Japan.

Son of a distinguished soldier, Col. Campbell Mellis Douglas, who in 1872 won the Victoria Cross by running ammunition to beleaguered British troops of the Andaman Islands expedition under withering enemy fire, Capt. Douglas, with an early interest in ships—from canoes to full-rigged sailing ships, took his apprenticeship aboard H.M.S. Conway, and put in three and a half years in the four-masted barque Silberhorn. In that time he sailed six times around the Horn.



He piloted the Empress of Asia before commanding the Empress of Japan II, later named the Empress of Scotland.

Link to Dr. Campbell Douglas – Victoria Cross.

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/people-and-stories/victoria-cross/dr-douglas>

Ruth Seldon To Wed Lieut. G. C. Douglas on December 27

Of interest in University Captain and Mrs. L. D. Douglas's engagement announced today. Both young people are graduates of the University of B.C., where Miss Seldon became affiliated with Kappa Gamma sorority and Church. The wedding will take place quietly on December 27.

After the war, the couple moved back to Vancouver. He started into the lumber business with Mac Blo in Prince George. National Bulk Carriers in NY. He lived in Greenwich Connecticut and had the family for many visits and his daughters stayed over the summer. His family remembers that he was strict with his children and his life was as organized as his career.

Ruth was heavily into social scene, active in badminton and tennis clubs for many years.

She organized many fraternity events and meetings, golf tournaments and afternoon teas both before and after her marriage. The local newspaper sports and society pages often included her name.

All articles below Vancouver Sun.

City Champ Loses to Ruth Seldon; Margaret Taylor Given Battle

By PAT SLATTERY

Alan France, rosy-cheeked Okanagan schoolboy, is the toast of Vancouver's badminton set today.

The Kid From Kelowna didn't whip Champion Johnny Samis last night in their semi-final singles thriller but he did put up probably the grandest fight ever seen at the Sixteenth Avenue salon de flicker which even overshadowed Ruth Seldon's startling upset win over Eleanor Young and the near defeat of Margaret Taylor by young Jean Eckhardt.

Ruth Seldon Marries Today

Bride and Attendant Wear White and Red.

Recent graduates of the University of B.C. were the principals in the marriage solemnized this afternoon at 4 o'clock when Ruth McLeod, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Seldon, became the bride of Lieut. Gordon Campbell Douglas, son of Captain and Mrs. L. D. Douglas. Rev. G. Duncan Wilkie officiated at the ceremony in Shaughnessy United Church.

The bride is affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma women's fraternity and the groom with Zeta Psi.

Sisters Are Co-hostesses

Miss Janet and Miss Ruth Seldon Entertain

MISS JANET and Miss Ruth Seldon entertained this afternoon at an at home at the residence of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. George E. Seldon, Matthews avenue. Mrs. Seldon assisted her daughters in receiving.

was V P of the Canadian Wood Development Council. In 1972; he accepted a position in New York as noted in his obit. He leased a house in Greenwich, Connecticut. The family stayed in Vancouver but they and many relatives made trips to visit him. The kids summer vacations were spent there. It was during his stay in New York that he went to work attempting to set up a pulp factory in the Amazon jungle in 1980. The premise was that the native trees would be felled and replaced with fast growing [Gmelina arborea](#) trees. George helped oversee the design and shipping of two floating saw mill built in Japan and floated to Brazil. The project, backed by billionaire Daniel Ludwig, failed as nature quickly reclaimed the forest area as poor management decisions, insects, poor growth of the trees and a flat market hindered the plan. At one point 35,000 workers were employed. Brazilian banks now own the property. His return to BC placed him in Prince George where he was VP of Northwood Pulp and Paper when he retired in 1986.



Floating pulp plant Juri River Brazil.

A complete story on the venture can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jari_project

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NALOS LUMBER APPOINTMENT



G. C. DOUGLAS

Mr. George Paukert, President, Nalos Lumber Ltd. and associated companies, announces the appointment of Mr. Gordon C. Douglas as General Manager. Mr. Douglas comes to the Nalos Companies from Columbia Engineering Co., Vancouver, where he was consultant on wood-based panel products.

Mr. Douglas was previously with MacMillan, Bloedel Ltd. where he was manager of marketing services in the Wood Products Division and prior to the merger with Powell River Co. in 1960, General Manager of the Powell River Lumber Divisions--Vice-President Powell River Forest Products Ltd. He has previous experience in operating and sales with Rayonier (Canada) Limited.

He is a former director of the B.C. Lumber Manufacturers Association; a past director and first vice-president on the formation of the Canadian Wood Council, Ottawa; a past president of the Western Red Cedar Lumber Association. ***

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City Man Attends Business School

Gordon C. Douglas, vice-president of sales for Powell River Forest Products, will be a participant in the next session of Northwestern University's Institute for Management, an executive development program now in its fifth year.

He is among 37 top business executives who will go to school for four weeks as members of the Institute. Sponsored by the University's graduate commerce division, the program has attracted executive "students" from 15 states and two foreign countries for the current session.

Deaths

DOUGLAS — Ruth Seldon peacefully at St. Vincent's Hospital, Vancouver on December 30, 1998 surrounded by her loving family. She leaves her dearly beloved husband of 57 years, Gordon; her two daughters Wendy (Wayne) Dutcher; Jandi (John) Fraser and six grandchildren; Geoffrey (Larissa), Christopher (soon to be bride, Andrea) and Allison Dutcher; Graham, Lisa and JC Fraser; one great grandson Devin Dutcher. Her best friend and loving sister Janel (née Kennedy) Markle; brother Elliott (Helen) Seldon and their respective families. Ruth was a graduate of Crofton House School and the University of British Columbia. She excelled in sports winning the Junior B.C. badminton championship maintaining a life long participation in tennis, a keen supporter of the CFL and B.C. Lions team. She loved the game of bridge, proving to be a highly respected competitive player. Her infectious spirit earned her a host of loving friends throughout her life, living on a principle of her mother-in-law - "Cherish the past - Look to the future - But live in the present." Memorial service was held 1:30 p.m. Monday January 4, 1999, at Shaughnessy United Church 1550 West 33rd Avenue, Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Arthritis Society.

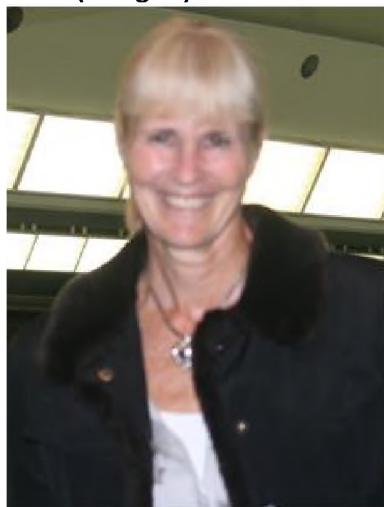
DOUGLAS — Gordon Campbell

July 1917- October 2006

Passed away peacefully at Brock Fahrni Pavilion, Vancouver, BC on October 18. Predeceased by his wife Ruth. Gordon is survived by his daughters Wendy (Wayne) Dutcher, Jandi (John) Fraser; 6 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. Gordon was a graduate of UBC and served in WW II, which changed his career path from becoming a lawyer, to spending his business life in the lumber industry. From humble beginnings with the Alaska Pine Company, he quickly moved on as VP with the Powell River Forest Products Company until a merger with the Macmillan Company in 1960. He then served as General Manager of the Nalos Cedar Operations and, after winding the Company up for sale, moved on to become VP of Columbia Engineering. In 1972 he was appointed VP of National Bulk Carriers out of New York City, where he worked on establishing an industrial complex at the site of the Jarl River in Brazil. In 1986 Gordon retired from Northwood Pulp and Paper Company in Prince George, B.C. where he had served as VP. Throughout his business career Gordon was resourceful, perceptive and a highly respected businessman. His work was well balanced with fishing trips, travel with his sister-in-law Janet Kennedy Markle and her husband Clarke, and his generosity to family and friends. Gordon often quoted his mother Christine's philosophy of life and aimed throughout his life to live up to this! Cherish the past, look to the future, but live in the Present! The family wishes to acknowledge the caring, capable and understanding staff at Brock Fahrni.

Daughter of Ruth and Gordon Douglas:

Jandi (Douglas)



Daughter of Ruth and Gordon Douglas

Wendy (Dutcher) – was living in Parksville area as of 2025. She retired as a teacher in Vancouver in 2006

DUTCHER-DOUGLAS. Wayne Howard Dutcher, BA'66, to Wendy Ruth Douglas, October 7, 1966 in Vancouver.

**Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott
Children of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod**

Fifth Child: Elizabeth Anne

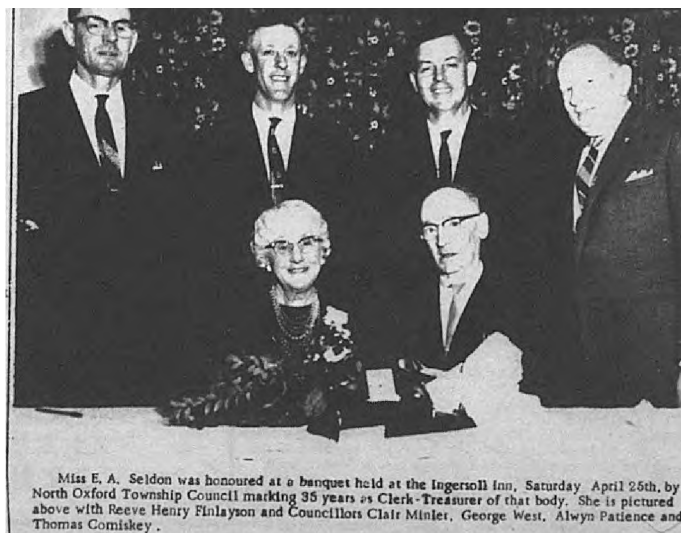
B 06 Aug 1883 Exeter, Ont.

D 08 Apr 1968 Tillsonburg Buried IRC



Elizabeth Anne Seldon: top row 3rd from the right

04/04 1935 Tribune



After graduation from London normal school, she taught for several years. Anne carried on the tradition of being clerk treasurer for the township of N. Oxford. Her father, Richard, was the previous collector for 35 years. She collected taxes for over 35 years until 1967. She never married, it was widely speculated locally, that the 3 X Prime Minister of Canada, McKenzie King, had once asked for her hand in marriage. She was a local liberal party organizer.

"A testimonial dinner, on April 25, 1964, was held at the Ingersoll Inn in honour of Miss E. A. Seldon who had just completed thirty-seven years services - two as assistant to her father, and thirty-five as Clerk-Treasurer of the Township of North Oxford." Ingersoll Times

N. Oxford's Woman Clerk - Treasurer Claimed Record

Miss E. A. Seldon Has Recorded Council's Proceedings For 17 Years

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 26.—The men of North Oxford Township may not be noted for their docility, but for the past 17 years, at least, Miss E. A. Seldon, of Ingersoll, has had the reeves and councilors or that township all but eating out of her hand.

It is not known whether Miss Seldon, vivacious and energetic, is the only lady clerk-treasurer and collector of any municipality. She is the only one of her sex that holds such a position in the County of Oxford.

The offices of North Oxford Township clerk-treasurer and collector are positions, too, that have been held by a member of the Seldon family for over half a century. Miss Seldon's father, Richard Seldon, who died at the age of 82, held those positions for some 35 years before she took over. Prior to that, A. Hilsdon held the position for some 40 years.

Miss Seldon doesn't recall exactly when she started actually doing the work. She just drifted into it through her father, who in later years left most of the actual work to her. "I guess I started helping my father from the time I was first able to and," she recalled with a smile.

With becoming modesty, Miss Seldon doesn't think there



Township Official Also Includes In Duties Collection of Taxes

is anything remarkable in the fact that she handles the sometimes heavy duties of her position in the township. She pointed out that the first time in 13 years there had been an election in the township. "We have always had good councilors," she noted with pride.

It will be approximately 100 years ago next November that Miss Seldon's grandfather, William Seldon, journeyed from Devonshire, England, and bought and cleared crown land where the family farm is today on No. 2 highway, between Ingersoll and London.

The land was bought and cleared by her grandfather, who, Miss Seldon states, paid \$3 for the first 100 acres and \$8 for another 100 acres. Today on the farm, operated by her brother, A. R. Seldon, and his son, R. D. Seldon, may be found the fifth generation of the family in the little persons of Janet, age 2 and Ruth, 8 months.

Miss Seldon was also accorded the honor of being president of the Oxford County Clerks and Treasurers Association at one time.

Retiring Warden J. Winston Nichols, who, as reeve of North Oxford for two years, should know, says: "The boys mind their P's and Q's when Miss Seldon is taking down the minutes."

Miss Seldon is shown seated in the living-room of her home, at 305 Oxford street, Ingersoll, perusing some old North Oxford Township record books dated in the 1860's.



Miss Annie Sheldon revealing a plaque for new N Oxford township hall 1967.

Courtesy: History of North Oxford 1867 - 1967

Annie wrote a book about North Oxford that was published in 1967. – see link

Titled the History of North Oxford 1867-1967

<https://webresources.oxfordcounty.ca/umbraco/documents/history/History%20of%20North%20Oxford%20Township.pdf>

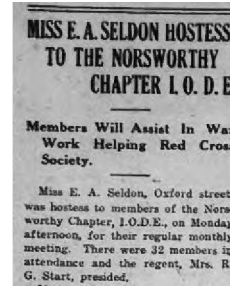
MISS ANNIE SELDON

Miss Annie Seldon, 305 Oxford St., Ingersoll, well known resident of Ingersoll and North Oxford [township], passed away Monday evening at the residence of her sister Mrs. John Wilkinson, 36 Tillson Avenue., Tillsonburg, on Monday evening. She was 85 years of age. Born in Exeter, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Seldon, she came to North Oxford [township], Lot 7, Concession 3, at an early age. She received her early education in

Ingersoll. Graduated from Normal School and taught for a number of years in Sombra and also supplied in Ingersoll schools for a number of years. Later she worked with her father, who was township clerk of North Oxford [township], and was appointed clerk May 6, 1929, which position she held until she retired, June 8, 1967



As stated, Annie never married and lived in her father's Oxford St. house until she moved to Tillsonburg to be cared for by her younger sister Emma Wilkinson. She is buried with her parents in IRC.



Nov 1929 Tribune

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott Children of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

Sixth Child: Maria

B 30 Sept 1885 Exeter

D 14 Mar 1967 Kitchener

M 08 Nov 1911 Ingersoll

Spouse Ralph Bechtel Doerr

B 25 Sept 1885 Blenheim Township Oxford County

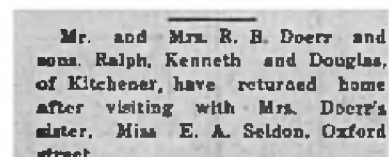
D 19 Apr 1961 Kitchener died in Etobicoke near son



Maria was 4 years old when her family returned to N. Oxford from Exeter. She was schooled in Ingersoll and was living with her retired parents on Oxford St. when she married Ralph Doerr of Berlin (Kitchener), Ont. Both were 26 years of age. He was born in Waterloo, Ontario but his family roots were in Germany and Blenheim township Oxford County. He was the eighth of sixteen

children in his family. Prior to the marriage, Ralph was a lodger at what I suspect was his older brother's house in Berlin, Ont.

July 10 1933 Tribune



His father Adam Doerr lived in Conestoga Ont. At his marriage, Ralph was working as a supervisor at his families' Doerr Candy Store and Cookie Factory. Ralph actually started work at the family business at age 13 and was a travelling salesman at age 17. Is that how he met Maria? Ralph and Marie moved to Berlin after the marriage. The Richard Seldon family must have been busy during October and November of 1911 as both Maria and her younger brother Arthur married within a month of each other. The 1921 census added two boys and the family which was living at 139 Wellington St. in now renamed Kitchener. By then he was a manager at the family factory. The Doerrs eventually had three sons. All three were in service in 1945 during WWII. Over the years, Ralph had worked his way up to a Vice President position in the Doerr Candy Co. The candy company has had a storied Doerr family history starting back in the 1890s with the Doerr corner store. The company expanded and grew to a thriving business. Disaster struck the company when the factory burned down on Feb. 18, 1943. There was loss of life and the incident was called the largest fire in Kitchener's history at the time.



1892



1895



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Doerr Candy Co. Loses Plant At Estimated Loss of \$500,000 Watchman Loses Life Expect Fire Losses To Reach All-Time High in Kitchener

(By Staff Writer)

Loss estimated at more than \$500,000 resulted when fire gutted the Doerr Candy Company factory, Kitchener, at Kitchener early Tuesday. Worst fire in the city's history. Julius Eckstein, Weber St., watchman at the plant, is believed to have perished in the blaze.

Fire Chief Harry Guerin said no trace had been found of Eckstein up to ten o'clock Wednesday morning, but little hope is held out that he escaped the building which became a raging inferno within a few minutes after Jacob Gross, a night employee at a nearby furniture factory noticed it.

So quickly did the fire spread, that the Kitchener fire department and members and equipment of fire departments from Waterloo, Baden and Preston, were helpless to do anything but attempt to confine the blaze to the one factory.

Although hampered by slippery conditions underfoot and sub-zero temperature which sheathed all men, equipment and the several hundred spectators with a thick coating of ice, firemen succeeded for the most part in preventing sparks from catching in an adjoining lumber yard and in Canadian National Railway buildings a few yards away.

The roof of an adjoining house

Fire Chief Harry Guerin said today that while he has not been able to complete compilation of records fires in Kitchener during 1943 might establish an all-time high in the city's history.

Chief Guerin stressed, however, that the one big fire, that which destroyed the Doerr Candy Company factory early last year, at a loss of some \$400,000, added greatly to the city's fire loss during the year. Julius Eckstein, 73-year-old night watchman, lost his life in that blaze.

The fire chief said his department spent "a very busy year". Calls although not serious for the most part, were many, both day and night, he said.

Chief Guerin said it was unfortunate the year had to "wind up"

"In 1943, a disastrous fire in Kitchener swallowed up the cookie manufacturer, burning the Doerr facility to the ground. Temporarily housed in nearby Hamilton, the factory was rebuilt on the outskirts of Kitchener. The C.H. Doerr Company, Limited title, and the family name, was changed to "Dare" in 1945,



"to ease pronunciation outside of the local community as the company starts to expand distribution to all regions of Canada, said Dare Foods Limited in "About Us." New developments and new markets have made the Dare Foods Limited company an international success. "From 7 factories in Canada and the U.S.," said the Company, "our cookies, crackers, candies and fine breads are sold throughout North America, in Mexico, Sweden, the Far East and over 25 other countries around the world." In 2012, Dare Foods Limited celebrates 120 years of Canadian achievement, from its early beginnings in the back kitchen of Charles Doerr's small grocery store to enormous delicious success today."

History of Dares, Company website.



Maria Seldon and Ralph Doerr lived and retired in Waterloo living at 139 Wellington St. N. for over 40 years. After his death in 1961, Maria continued to live in the house until her death in 1967.

Ralph and Maria Seldon Doerr and three sons.

Courtesy mjbarn07 Ancestry.ca
And Lesley Seldon Find a Grave

Ralph B. Doerr, 75, of 139 Wellington St. North, retired vice-president and general manager of the former C.H. Doerr Biscuit Company, died Wednesday at K-W Hospital. Mr. Doerr began his career at the age of 13 with the Doerr company, now Dare Foods Ltd. At 17 he became a salesman and traveled throughout Waterloo County with a wagon and four horses. He became manager and later vice-president until the plant was destroyed by fire in 1943. He was associated with this company 45 years. Later he became active in the life insurance business and was a member of the Production Club. He was actively engaged in the insurance business until two years ago. Born in September, 1885, in Blenheim Township, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Doerr. He was a member of Trinity United Church. His wife, the former Maria Seldon, whom he married in November, 1911, in Ingersoll, survives. Other survivors are three sons, Dr. Ralph S. Doerr, Kenneth S. and Douglas S., all of Toronto; three brothers, John of Waterloo, Clayton B. of Saskatoon, and Abraham B. of Bay City, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Louis (Priscilla) Dahmer of Kitchener and Mrs. Joseph (Clara) BuBord of Marmora, Ont. and one grandchild. The body is at the Ratz-Bechtel Funeral Home where the funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Rev. O.P. Hossie, minister of Trinity United Church, will officiate.
Kitchener Waterloo Record April 20, 1961

Mrs. Ralph B. Doerr, 139 Wellington St. N., died at her home. Born in Exeter, the former Maria Seldon, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seldon. She lived in Kitchener for 56 years and was a member of Trinity United Church. She was predeceased by her husband in 1961 and two brothers. Surviving are three sons, Dr. Ralph S. Doerr, Kenneth S. Doerr and Douglas S. Doerr, all of Toronto; two brothers, Richard of Exeter and Dr. George of Vancouver; two sisters, Miss Annie E. of Ingersoll and Mrs. John B. (Emma) Wilkinson of Tillsonburg and three grandchildren. The body is at the Ratz-Bechtel Funeral Home where the service will be conducted Saturday at 1: 30 p.m. by Rev. Dr. Frank Morgan of Trinity United Church. Burial will be in Mount Hope cemetery.
Kitchener-Waterloo Record, March 17, 1967

**Great Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott
Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod
Children of Ralph Doerr and Maria Seldon**

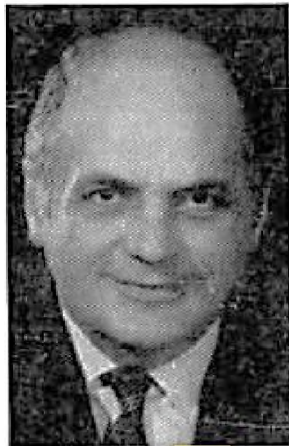
Child: Dr Ralph Seldon

B 12 Aug 1916 Kitchener
D abt 06 Nov 1987 Etobicoke, Ont.
B unknown
D unknown

Spouse: Jane unknown



Another family doctor was Ralph Doerr and Maria Seldon's son. Like his brothers, Ralph served in the Canadian Forces in WWII reaching the rank of Captain. Prior to leaving for Europe, he obtained a Medical Degree at the University of Toronto. He was a physician in Etobicoke for many years and retired to Stayner, Ont. His aunt, Elizabeth Gertrude Seldon, a spinster who lived until 101 years of age, spent her last years with the Dr. Ralph Doerr family. Ralph had one son, Ralph Jr.



KENNETH S. DOERR
F. R. H. Williamson, President, Eiko Canada Limited announces the appointment of Kenneth S. Doerr as Vice-President, Marketing of the Industrial Division of the Company. This new division is responsible for sales of commercial baking pans, glass services, rigid foil containers and food transportation equipment.
Mr. Doerr joined Eiko in 1961 as Assistant General Manager, Bakery/Chemical Division and was appointed Divisional General Manager in 1963. Eiko Canada is a leading Canadian manufacturer of commercial baking pans and glass services, bakeware, rigid foil containers and sliding door hardware.

**Children of Ralph Doerr and Maria Seldon
Second Child: Kenneth Seldon**

B 1920 Kitchener
D 26 Jun 2013
M 22 June 22 1948 London
B 19 May 1923 London
D 02 Jan 2015 Toronto

Spouse: Doris (Dee) Kingstone



**Kenneth Seldon Doerr
Takes London Bride**


The Church of St. John the Evangelist, London, was the scene of the marriage on Tuesday of Doris Irene Kingstone, Wellington street, London, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Kingstone, to Kenneth Seldon Doerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Doerr, of Kitchener.

Kenneth served in the Canadian Navy in WWII and was an acting Sub Lieutenant in August of 1943 on the HMCS Alexander S Clay. He had enlisted at age 18 in 1939 and was initially a radio op. He returned to Canada and went to the University of Western Ontario. After graduation he was involved in the production of baking goods for a bakery company and lived in London with wife Doris Kingstone.

"DOERR, Kenneth Seldon (Veteran WWII)

Peacefully on June 26th in his 93rd year. Dear husband and friend for 65 years to Doris (Dee). Loving and devoted father of Sarah and husband Andrew and the late Susan. Proud and exuberant Papa to Allyson, Reese and Rachel. Ken was a graduate of the University of Western Ontario. He proudly served in the RCNVR from 1942-1945 stationed in Halifax and Sydney, NS. He loved his business career in advertising and marketing for the confection and baking industry, retiring in 1985 with Ekco Canada. His source of relaxation was spending time with his family at the cottage. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and relatives who will remember his charm and infectious laugh. A very special thank you to dear Pearl, Nurses and Team at LGSW Veterans Wing, Sunnybrook Hospital."

Ancestry.ca story 2014

 **DORIS (DEE) DOERR**
(nee KINGSTONE)
May 19, 1923 – January 2, 2015

Dee died peacefully holding the hand of her beloved daughter, Sarah, and with loved ones near. Predeceased by her loving husband and best friend of 65 years, Ken and beloved daughter Susan. Adored mother of Sarah Lester and husband Andrew. Cherished grandmother /DayDay to her "sweet babies", Allyson, Reese and Rachel. Dee will be remembered with love by her nieces Mary Ouchterlony (Tom) and Deborah Rowan-Legg (John) and nephew Sandy McAlpine (Nancy) and their families. They brought her joy, comfort and love over the years.

Born in London, Ontario to Lulu and William Kingstone. Dee was younger sister to Eleanor McAlpine and Mary Kingstone. Dee excelled at school, piano and sports, cultivated strong friendships and met and married her brown-eyed guy, eventually moving to Toronto to raise a family. Her interests and passions knew no bounds. She loved the outdoors and nature, referring to her cottage, Highpoint, as her sanctuary in the trees. At one time President of the Ladies Auxiliary for the CNIB, she then reentered the workforce in 1975, enjoying a successful career as an executive assistant at CAC and later with the Royal Bank of Canada. Dee was a beautiful woman both inside and out. Her red lipstick, sharp mind, quick wit, love of hockey, silent J stroke, loving heart, caring soul and open arms are but a few things that made her so special. Words fail to express how greatly she will be missed. A Memorial Reception to celebrate Doris's life will be held in June at Mount Pleasant Cemetery Visitation Centre, Toronto. To confirm the date and time, please call Mount Pleasant in late May for details at 416-465-5572.



Courtesy: Lesley Seldon

Children of Donald Doerr and Doris Kingstone

Child: Susan Elizabeth B 23 Aug, 1956 Toronto
D 18 Jan 2009 Toronto



Susan Elizabeth Doerr Peacefully, with her family at her side on Sunday, January 18, 2009 at the age of 52. Beloved daughter of Ken and Dee Doerr, sister, sister-in-law and doting aunt to Sarah, Andrew, Allyson, Reese and Rachel Lester, and best friend to her beloved golden canine companion, Amy. Susan will be greatly missed by her many friends, family and loved ones. She was a life-long Torontonians and she loved and knew the city well. She was an embedded Ontarian, completely at home at the family cottage or paddling a canoe. She was an intense Canadian, proud of her country, intrigued by the politics, and deeply committed to protecting its natural beauty. She made lasting contributions at all these levels, at a time when it made, and will make, a real difference. A service will be held in TIMOTHY EATON MEMORIAL CHURCH, 230 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto at 3:00 p.m.

on Thursday, January 22, 2009. Donations may be made to World Wildlife Fund (Canada) at www.wwf.ca, or the Toronto Humane Society at www.torontohumanesociety.com. Condolences and memories may be forwarded through www.humphreymiles.com.

Child: Sarah (Andrew Lester) B unknown
D Living

Children of Ralph Doerr and Maria Seldon

Third Child: Douglas Seldon

B 29 Apr 1924 Kitchener

D 18 Mar 1991 Toronto

M 1951 Toronto

Spouse: Marie Ringler

B 09 Jan 1920 Turnberry, Huron Co.

D 22 Jan 1990 Orangeville, Ontario

Douglas saw enlisted in WWII as an ordinary seaman



He was appointed as an Ordinary Seaman (Officer Candidate UNTD) 1943. In 1943 he served in HMCS York for UNTD. (He was demobilized.) The York was referred to as a stone frigate in that was a RCNVR land based naval station in Toronto. During the war, 16,000 men were recruited and trained. The station was moved to the automotive building at the Canadian National Exhibition

grounds during the war. See photo above.

After the war Doug also found attending the Trinity College University of Toronto in 1946. In 1961 he was working for Eastern Trust, an investment firm, in Halifax.

He later returned to Toronto to finish his career with the company. He was known for his

Eastern Trust Co. (Halifax)—Einar Ness, manager, Toronto branch; Douglas S. Doerr, manager, business development, Toronto; G. C. MacDonald, assistant manager, Montreal branch.

Doug will be remembered by all for his warmth, generosity and unceasing good humor.

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Marie was born to Ben Ringler and Margaret Goreing.

Although farmers when Marie was born, Ben and Margaret both went to work in the furniture making business in Galt

during the 1930s. Douglas Doerr was her second marriage and she had one son by the first marriage.

ST. DAVIDS — One of the Niagara Peninsula's oldest homes is being carefully taken apart like a giant jig-saw puzzle for later reconstruction in the Caledon Hills, 35 miles north of Toronto.

The two-storey, six-bedroom, frame house on Highway 8 known locally as the Woodruff home — is being taken apart by its present owner, Douglas Doerr, a Toronto management consultant. The house was built about 1802.

Since September, Mr. Doerr, his wife and helpers, including a Norwegian architect, have been stripping the old landmark, painstakingly numbering each piece of lumber and bundling it up.

The lumber and a huge fireplace completely intact will be shipped to a wooded setting on float trucks.

As each room is dismantled the architect, Finn Friis sketches every room, nook and cranny. Eventually Mr. Friis, who worked with another Norwegian architect in restoring Fort York, will have a perfect blueprint of the house so anyone could reassemble the house to its original state.

Both Mr. Friis and, Mr. Doerr say the house is in excellent condition, structurally. Only two or three of some 100 beams in the house will have to be replaced.

At some point in 1969, Douglas purchased a well-known house located in the Niagara peninsula with plans to move and restore



Title Woodruff House, St. Davids, ca. 1962

as a home north of Toronto. Every piece was documented including the fireplace stones. The project was never finished.

<https://vitacollections.ca/notlheritage/details.asp?ID=3394601>

<https://exhibits.library.brocku.ca/s/historic-houses-in-niagara/page/woodruff-house-st-davids>



The Doerr brothers 1926 Kitchener.
L to R. Ralph, Kenneth and Douglas.

139 Doerr, Ralph B., insurance
139 Doerr, Mrs. Ralph B.
139 Doerr, Ralph S., on active service
139 Doerr, Kenneth, on active service
139 Doerr, Douglas, on active service

1945 voters list Wellington north Kitchener

The Dare manufacturing empire has recently been fraught with legal issues involving Doerr (Dare) family members.

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/how-the-cookie-fortune-crumbles-dare-family-embroiled-in-lawsuit-over-companys-fate>

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Children of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

Seventh Child: Arthur Russell B 01 Oct 1887 Exeter, Ont.
D 06 Jan 1957 London, Ont.
M 12 Oct 1911 Ingersoll
Spouse: Edith Clara Dundass B 17 Feb 1887 Ingersoll
D 26 Dec 1979

SELDON.—In Exeter, on 1st inst., the wife of Richard Seldon, of a son.
Exeter Advocate Oct 06, 1887



Arthur "Russell" was born in Exeter but came back to N. Oxford with his parents. He would have been about 2 years old when the family moved sometime around 1889. Russell was a farmer and 24 years old when he married Edith Dundass of Ingersoll in 1911. She was 24 as well. She was not the first Dundass family member to marry into the Elliott extended family. (see Book 9 – James Elliott and Family)

He worked beside and eventually took over the farm west of Ingersoll and near Dickson's Corners that had been in the family since his grandfather purchased the property in 1847. In the 1921 census, father Richard had moved into town and Russell was living on the farm. Richard was owner of the property from 1891 until 1930 when the estate (the property was owned by various children of Richard's) sold it to Russell. He and wife Edith were found on the property in the 1931 census. Edith's elderly

parents were living with them. In 1965 a portion of land was sold to the township for the purpose of building a township office that opened in 1967.

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After Arthur Russell's death, Edith moved into Ingersoll and took an apartment at 82 ½ Anne St.

Mr. Arthur Seldon, a prominent N. Oxford farmer, narrowly missed death while taking home a four-year-old Holstein bull from a sale. The animal threw him against a fence with such force that a post was broken, and then trampled him while prostrate. Had the animal not been dehorned a fatality would have been certain. Seldon was badly injured before help arrived. The injured man is a brother of Mr. R. G. Seldon of Exeter.

June 7, 1906 Ingersoll Chronicle

LEAVING POST-OFFICE STAFF

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ADDRESS AND PRESENTATIONS TO
THE MISSES ETHEL AND
EDITH DUNDASS.

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(From Saturday's Daily.)

The Misses Ethel and Edith Dundass, who are leaving the staff of the post office, were kindly remembered by their associates last night, when the following address was read and they were each made the recipient of a leather handbag:

Misses Ethel and Edith Dundass:

Dear Friends,—On the eve of your departure from the post office staff we desire to express to you our very high appreciation of the faithful and valuable service which you have rendered while in the discharge of your many duties. May you meet in your new field of labor with that success which your merits so justly deserve. We can assure you that fond memory will often bring back to us the many happy days we have spent together. Please accept these small tokens of our respect and esteem coupled with the hope that your future lives may abound with usefulness and happiness. Signed,

Joseph Gibson,
Postmaster,
S. A. Gibson,
E. J. Manzer.

Exeter Advocate 1929

INJURED IN RUNAWAY

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Arthur Seldon, son of Mr. Richard Seldon of North Oxford will be laid up for some time as the result of an accident with which he met yesterday. While engaged in farm work his team ran away and he was thrown violently to the ground. His left leg was severely injured.

Before her marriage, Edith and her sister worked for the Ingersoll post office.

Edith would marry Arthur Russell Seldon in 1911. She was from the Dundass family of Ingersoll where her father was a machinist. The Dundass family owned several farms south of Thamesford on Concession 3 in N Oxford and only a few kilometers from the Seldon farms.

Edith and her sister Ethel Dundass had a younger brother Frank. He served overseas in WWI. He sent a 1915 Christmas letter back to his family in early 1916 while in on leave in Britain and in the trenches at Flanders. The letter gives great insight into the war. The letter was published in the Ingersoll Chronicle on Feb

16, 1916 and can be found at the following website link. The article is titled **Ingersoll soldier writes from somewhere in Belgium**. He survived the war.

https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.N_00273_191602/37



A R. SELDON NORTH OXFORD FARMER DIES

One of the best known and highly esteemed farmers in North Oxford [township], in the person of Arthur Russell Seldon, of Lot 7, Concession 3, passed away in Victoria Hospital, London, on Sunday evening. In failing health for ten days, he had only been seriously ill for two days. In his 70th year, Mr. Seldon was born in Exeter, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seldon, and had practically spent his entire life in North Oxford [township], residing on No. 2 highway on the Seldon homestead. He was a past master of St. John's Lodge, No. 68, and member of Trinity United Church. Left to mourn the passing of a beloved husband and father are his wife, the former Edith Dundas and one son, Richard, North Oxford [township]. Also surviving are two brothers, Dr. George Seldon of Vancouver, and Richard of Exeter, Ontario; three sisters, Miss Annie Seldon, Ingersoll; Mrs. R. D. Doerr [Maria], Kitchener; and Mrs. John Wilkinson [Emma] of Tillsonburg; and four grandchildren. Ingersoll Chronicle Jan 1957.

DEATHS

EDITH SELDON
SELDON: Edith Seldon, 80½, Ann Street, Ingersoll died at the age of 92 Wednesday December 26 while a patient in Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll.

Born Edith Dundas, she was married to the late Arthur Seldon, who predeceased her in 1957.

Mrs. Seldon is survived by her son Richard of R.R.3 Ingersoll, her sister Mrs. R.A. (Ethel) Hutchinson of Vancouver, B.C. and by her grandchildren Robert Seldon of R.R. 3 Ingersoll, Mrs. Clyde (Janet) Tomkins of Erin, Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Hutson of R.R.3 Ingersoll and Mrs. Gary (Linda) McClay of Ingersoll. Also surviving are seven great grandchildren.



Child of Arthur Russell Seldon and Edith Dundass

Child: Richard "Dick" Dundass

B 06 Aug 1915 N Oxford

D 24 July 1987 Ingersoll

M 25 Sept 1940 St. Paul's Ingersoll

Spouse: Doris Lillian Phillips

B 1920 Ingersoll

D 1999 Ingersoll



Morgan.

The meeting opened by the singing of "O Canada." Then as the curtains rose, the pupils began to see one of the best Literary displays in the past few years, a Minstrel Show. The actors were as follows: Interlocuter, Howard Carr; end men, Jack Van Norman, Fred Miller, Morris Longfield, and Dick Seldon; tap-dan-

AN only son, Dick was a consummate performer. He participated in school plays and productions.

He learned to play the piano and, I believe, the saxophone. He wife Doris was also a musician and both could sing, often as duets

The program consisted of several numbers by Ford McMurray on his guitar; a reading by Grace Millard; selections by Phyllis Kerr on the violin, accompanied by Francis Kerr on the piano; Richard Seldon gave several selections on the piano.

Junior Farms meeting: Ingersoll Tribune Nov 29, 1934.

Ingersoll Collegiate Literacy Society

"Richard was born on the family farm in 1915. He was an only child and spend considerable time helping his father and grandfather. Being the only son and the fact that the farm had been in the family for generations, it was likely destined that Richard D would continue the Seldon farming tradition. He worked the farm for many years and was the township clerk from 1967 to 1973. Richard transferred the property to the next generation of Seldons in 1986 with his son Robert G Seldon taking ownership. The farm was sold in 1992, thus ending family ownership from 1847 until 1992, a period of 145 years." From Forest to Field

DORIS PHILLIPS BRIDE OF RICHARD SELDON

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ingersoll, was the scene of a lovely autumn wedding on Wednesday afternoon, September 28th, when Doris Lillian, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Phillips, Ingersoll, became the bride of Richard Dundas Seldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Seldon, North Oxford Township. Tall standards of pink and yellow gladioli and palms formed the background for the ceremony. Posies of asters in mauve and purple tones and scabiosa marked the guest seats.

North Oxford Concession 3 Lot 7 200 acres

Like Lot 6, this 200 acre lot was acquired by John Elmsley from the Crown in 1801, and sold to Charles H. Turner by Elmsley's widow, Mary Elmsley, in 1818. William Seldon purchased the 200 acres over a period of nine years from Turner. One half was purchased on August 2, 1847 and the other half on June 7, 1855.

June 11, 1891 The executors of William Seldon transferred all of Lot 7, less land for the Ingersoll & Thamesford Gravel Road, to **Richard Seldon**. [Richard Seldon was the fifth clerk of North Oxford, 1894-1929]

Jan. 8, 1919 As a result of the will probate for Richard Seldon the 100 acre South Half was awarded to **Arthur R. Seldon**.

April 29, 1965 Clara E. and Richard Seldon sold a portion of their property to the **Township of North Oxford** for the establishment of a new township office, which opened in 1967 as a centennial project.

April 10, 1970 The executors of Richard Seldon transferred the 100 acre North Half to **Arthur R. Seldon**.

1975 North Oxford Township became part of the new Zorra Township in Oxford County, following the amalgamation of East Nissouri, West Zorra, and North Oxford Townships.

May 8, 1980 The executors of Arthur R. Seldon transferred the Seldon property to **Richard D. Seldon**. [Richard D. Seldon was the township clerk 1967 - 1973]

Feb. 25, 1986 Richard D. Seldon transferred his property to **Robert G. Seldon** and in 1988 the property was re-registered to **Robert G. and Susan K. Seldon**.

Courtesy: From Forest to Farm

NORTH OXFORD PICKS SELDON AS CLERK

The office of clerk in North Oxford township is becoming a family affair.

Richard Seldon, nephew of retired clerk Miss E. A. Seldon, was appointed clerk-treasurer last night by the North Oxford council. Ten applications were considered by the council and Mr. Seldon was their final decision.

The office of clerk has already been in the Seldon family for 70 years. Miss Seldon's father, Richard, was clerk before she had the job.

Mr. Seldon is expected to begin his duties in a month or two after he has cleared up matters on his farm at Rt 2, Ingersoll. Until he is able to act as clerk, Mrs. Eva Baigent, Ingersoll, will attend to the records.

The new township office was built this year as a Centennial project on the Seldon farm. This is Mr. Seldon's first involvement with municipal life.



1986 Aerial photo Seldon-Cope farm

Dick Seldon would purchase 100 acres of ½ N Lot 6 Con 3 in 1964 to add to the total area of land being farmed. This property was once owned by his uncle William in the 1920s. He later transferred the property to his son Robert G Seldon in 1974. Dick would become the third consecutive Seldon to hold



the post of the Clerk-Treasurer for N Oxford. The family also established an appliance store on the farm property adjacent to the road from Ingersoll to Thamesford. The Haley - Seldon store flourished for a number of years before closing. The building was converted into a family house. Dick loved flying and had a short grass airstrip built into one of his fields.

Dick and Doris were versed musicians and singers. Throughout his life he supplied the musical talent for many Dickson Corners events.



25 Sept, 1940 Wedding Dick and Doris

Obituary for Janet Elaine Tomkins (Seldon)



Tomkins, Janet Elaine (nee Seldon)
Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre on Friday, October 20, 2017 at the age of 73. Beloved wife of Clive Tomkins. Dear mother of Stephanie Calleja (Craig) and Jennifer Morrison (Derek). Chenshed grandma of Matthew, Carmen, Nolan and Briar. Dear sister of Robert (Susan), Ruth Seldon and Linda McClay (Gary). Janet will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

The Home farm of Dick and Doris Seldon provided by Darin Baigent

Land transfer records show that this farm has been in the Seldon family since 1847. It was a dairy farm until about the mid 1970s. It was cash cropped by the family until about 1990. The main barn burned down in about 1984. At that time the barn housed a small herd of beef steers who escaped the fire. The machine shop was built shortly after that. The small yellow house out front by the highway was built for a business selling Audio-Visual and large appliances.

Dick and Doris had four children -Ruth, Janet, Linda and Robert. Dick was a great musician. He played the organ and piano by ear and was part of a band. Dick died in 1987. Their son, Robert operated the farm, drove a truck and did custom work until 1992. Around this time the farm was sold to Gord Howe. The children, except Janet, all live in the Ingersoll area. In Tillsonburg there is a helpful lady who is the widow of a man named Seldon Wilkinson. Nora Yoke was an Ingersoll resident and the daughter of William Seldon Sr., but she passed away a few years ago with no living children. Courtesy: From Forest to Field

Daughter: Janet (Tomkins) - 1944 – 2017

Daughter: Linda (Gary McClay) – runs McClay transport in Ingersoll as of 2024.

<https://mcclays.com/about/our-story/>

Son: Robert G. Robert was next in line to run the farm. However, circumstances were against him. The barn burned down, interest rates were steep in the late 1980s and he had no family help. The farm was sold as it was too much to maintain. The next owner had both farm houses burnt down by troublesome renters. Robert went to work at Colds Springs Turkeys in Thamesford and Sylvite fertilizer in Putnam for 28 years as a truck driver.

Daughter: Ruth – retired Ingersoll realtor

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott
Children of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

Seventh Child: Emma Grace

B 15 Oct 1889 Woodstock

D 06 June 1978 Tillsonburg

M 28 Mar 1912 Ingersoll

Spouse: John Edgerton Wilkinson

B 23 Jun 1889 Ingersoll

D 10 Feb 1975 Tillsonburg

Photos:

Emma and son John

J. E. B. Wilkinson

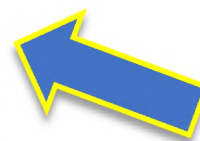


J E B Wilkinson
General Store,
Rainy River
Ontario

Surprisingly recorded as being born in Woodstock, Emma was educated at Dickson's Corners Public School and Ingersoll Collegiate Institute. John E B Wilkinson was the seventh of eight children born to William Wilkinson, a merchant in Ingersoll and Jane Hyslop. His father was a builder and contractor and the family lived at 87 Albert St. in Ingersoll. When Emma married John on the 28th of March, 1912, he was a resident of Rainy River, Ontario, a small town on the

Name *Wilkinson, Elizabeth, nee Janet*
 Date *Sept. 23rd 1912, 3rd A. M.*
 If in a hospital give its name. *Rainy River, Ont.*
 Sex *Females (Twins)*
 Yes *yes*
 John E. B. Wilkinson
 Clerk.
 Emma Grace Seldon
 Ingersoll, Ont.
 Jan. 19th 1912.
 045640

Medical Certificate of Death.
 I hereby certify that I attended the deceased.
 Name *Wilkinson Elizabeth*
 From *Sept. 23rd* 1912
 To *" 25th* 1912
 That I last saw h.c.h. alive on *" 25th (at 3 A.M.)* 1912
 That the Death occurred on *" 26th* 1912
 CAUSE OF DEATH *Infantion*
 Duration *(2 1/2 days) from birth*
 Immediate
 Duration
 Physician's name *Dr. Murdoch*
 Address *Rainy River, Ont.*
 Date



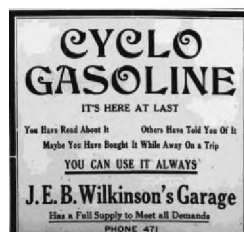
American border south of Kenora, Ontario. The village at the time was in a remote area of the province. He ran a general store in the village. Why he was there is unknown. I suspect Emma knew him from his time in Ingersoll. Emma moved to Rainy River once they were married. Seven months after the marriage, she had given birth to a pair of twin girls. One died within two days of malnutrition but the other survived.

It appears that they left the Rainy River location and moved to Saskatchewan. The couple's son John Seldon Wilkinson was born in Saskatoon in the fall of 1914. How long the family were in Saskatoon is not known. They do not appear in the 1916 Saskatchewan census. I expect they returned to Ontario a few years prior to the 1921 Ontario census where they were located in Tillsonburg. John was listed as an automotive mechanic in the 1921 census and living on Tilson Ave. He and partner Fred Carroll purchased a garage of their own in 1928. Fate intervened in the summer of 1929. After his partner's death, John continued to operate the garage. By the time of the 1962 voters list they were retired and still living at 36 Tilson Ave.

The people of Tillsonburg were shocked on Sunday morning last when word was received that Fred. M. Carroll, of the firm of Wilkinson & Carroll, garage men, had met his death in a tragic manner in the early hours of the morning in a motor mishap.
 Marshall Barrett son of Stanley

Tillsonburg News Feb 16 1928

Ad for Wilkinson's garage Aug 1929



The Public Utilities Commission notified the council that they had purchased the property now occupied by Wilkinson's garage, and that in future it would be exempt from taxation.

Carroll Bros. applied for permission to tap the domestic and surface sewers for Wilkinson's new garage on Oxford street.—Granted.

Mr. Wm. Palmer has sold his garage business on Ridout Street to Messrs. John Wilkinson and Fred. Carroll, the firm to be known as Wilkinson & Carroll. The new firm takes possession at once.

Tillsonburg News

Both clippings: Dec. 1929 Tillsonburg News



36 Tilson Street Tillsonburg.

As was noted before, Emma's sister, Annie Seldon lived with her in her last days. The Wilkinson's are buried in Tillsonburg.

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

Children of Emma Grace Seldon and John E B Wilkinson

Oldest: Elizabeth

B 23 Sept 1912 Rainy River Ont.

D 25 Sept, 1912 Rainy River Ont.

Twin: Janet Emma

B 23 Sept 1912 Rainy River Ont.

D 27 Nov 1932 Islington Ont.



Janet(te) was the surviving twin that was born in Rainy River. She was found as an 8-year-old on two 1921 census. She is listed with her parents on June 1, 1921 and with her grandparents Richard and Emma Seldon on the same day. She was attending the U of Toronto in the fall of 1932. She was in her first year of Household Science and in residence at Annesley Hall when on the morning of Nov 27, 1932, she died in Islington, a suburb of Toronto. Her death was under tragic circumstances.

The accident was a shock to the Tillsonburg community and source of debate in the Toronto press as to the number of deaths and the danger of that particular rail crossing. The fact that her body was not found for a long period after the crash is truly horrific. The Toronto papers went into great detail about the accident as seen on the next page.

Tillsonburg Girl Killed In Crossing Accident

Freight Train Crashes Into Sedan on Bloor Street, Toronto—Party Going To London—Car Is Demolished

Islington, Nov. 28.—Two young lives were snuffed out and three others are in grave danger as a result of another tragic meeting between train and motor car at the hazardous C.P.R. level crossing on Bloor street yesterday.

A happy party of five young girls, setting out for a visit to friends in London, Ont., was turned into a shambles at 9:40 a.m. yesterday when an eastbound freight train struck the light sedan, which, according to the engineer, had stalled on the tracks, and carried it some 200 yards along the right-of-way.

Marion Black, 29, 1378A Young St., and Janet Wilkinson, 20, a Victoria college student, whose home is in Tillsonburg, but who was in residence at Annesley Hall, were almost instantly killed.

Constance Cottee, 28, 15 Light St., Woodstock, the owner and driver of the car, who had been living temporarily with Miss Black, suffered a compound fracture of the left leg and was reported to be in a serious condition, owing chiefly to a hysterical state caused by concern for the condition of her friends. Janet Murray, 26, 394 Avenue Road, received severe lacerations about the head and face and a fractured pelvis. Her condition was reported as fair following an operation and blood transfusion late last night. The fifth member of the party, Miss Marion Clarke, 20, of 297 London street, Sarnia, who has been residing at 5 Willcocks street, was the least seriously hurt, having chest injuries. She also suffered severe shock.

Cause a Mystery

How the accident occurred could not be learned as neither Miss Cottee, the driver, nor Miss Clarke, the only other member of the party who was conscious, could throw any light on it. Suffering severely from shock, Miss Cottee could only say that she was unable to understand it, as she was a careful driver who had covered several thousands of miles at the wheel. She had no idea what had happened.

The crossing, which has been the scene of several fatalities, is diagonal, with a clear view in the direction from which the train came, particularly when a car is proceeding in the direction Miss Cottee's car was going. There is a wig wag and bell, which were reported to have been in operation.

The engineer of the train, J. H. Carriere, Toronto, stated, according to police, that he saw the car stalled on the tracks when his train was some distance from the crossing and that he applied the brakes, stopping the heavily loaded train in fifteen car lengths, said to be a remarkably short distance.

The train consisted of 40 cars, all heavily loaded and weighing between 9,000 and 10,000 tons.

The engineer of the train told police that the car appeared to come to a stop before reaching the crossing and then leaped forward to stall directly in front of the engine.

Another report said the emergency brake was pulled back when the car was found, but garagemen who assisted in removing the wreckage from the front of the train said the brake was not on when they arrived. The engineer believed the driver of the car became confused, police said.

Car Wedged on Engine

The sedan was struck amidships and carried with four of its occupants about 200 yards down the track. When the train stopped the wrecked car was still wedged on the pilot of the locomotive.

Miss Black died as she was being removed from the wreckage. She is believed to have succumbed to heart failure caused by shock as she was not badly injured. Miss Wilkinson was not found until more than three-quarters of an hour later, when someone noticed her body lying in the deep ditch beside the tracks, a few feet from the crossing. She had apparently been thrown clear at the moment of impact. Death was believed to have been instantaneous as her neck was broken.

The injured were taken from the wreckage and attended by Coroner Dr. Emerson Bull and Dr. W. K. Fenton, until the arrival of police and private ambulances which took them to the Toronto Western hospital. The dead were taken to Nash's undertaking parlors, Islington. Police Chief James Suggitt and Provincial Officer Joseph Palmer were on the scene a few minutes after the crash and spent several hours afterward identifying the victims.

Marion Black and Janet Murray, the former dead and the latter critically injured, worked together in the children's branch of the Toronto Public Libraries, at St. Clair Ave. and Yonge streets. Miss Black was a graduate of University of Toronto, '26. Miss Cottee, until recently employed at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, was residing with Miss Black. Marion Clark and Janet Wilkinson were friends of Miss Black's and the party was on the way to London to visit Miss Clark's sister, who was a close friend of Miss Black. Miss Wilkinson planned to stop off in Ingersoll to visit friends. Miss Black has a brother, Eric Black, in Toronto, residing at 70 Snowden Ave.

Were No Witnesses

No one can be found who actually witnessed the collision of car and train. R. J. Jess, driver for the Producers' and Consumers' Dairy of Islington, was driving along a street one block distant parallel to the railway and noticed that the train was stopping.

"I could see the cars jerking sharply as they do when a train stops," he said. "Then as I drove farther I noticed that the train was drawing up sharply. I wondered if the train was going to stop at the station. I lost sight of the cars for a few seconds and when I reached a spot that gave me an unobstructed view of the tracks I saw that the train had stopped."

"The car was pinned to the front of the locomotive. I turned and ran back to the street and found a telephone. I told the operator to get two doctors and an ambulance right away and then I telephoned for the chief of police."

A man, who said he was going to Hamilton and gave his name to the conductor of the train, witnessed the entire accident, according to William Mackenzie of Islington. Mackenzie saw the train slowing down, with the car pinned on the front, and rushed to

the aid of the injured people. He was given the task of looking after their property, which was strewn about the road and the tracks, and he was asked by a man, who was going to Hamilton, how he could make a detour. This man, he declares, was right behind the doomed car at the time of the accident.

Miss Wilkinson, who was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. B. Wilkinson, was a valued member of St. Paul's United Church, and was active in the young people's work of the church. She was a member of the Sunday school and one of the leaders in the C.G.I.T. group. She was held in the highest esteem by her associates, and the news of her tragic death came as a great shock to the community. She graduated from the Tillsonburg High School last year, and was taking her first year's course in household science at Toronto University. The deepest sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family. Besides her parents she is survived by one brother, Seldon Wilkinson.

Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod Children of Emma Grace Seldon and John E B Wilkinson

Third and last child: John Seldon

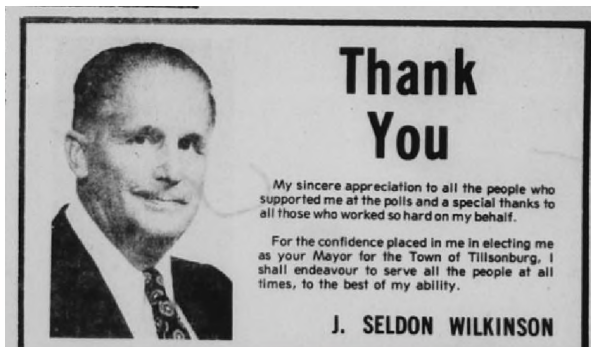
B 25 Sept 1914 Saskatoon
D 01 June 2002 Woodstock (lived in Tillsonburg)
M 14 Nov 1938 Tillsonburg
B 1916 S Norwich Township
D Mar 16 2014 Tillsonburg

Spouse: Mildred Ellen Stover



J. Seldon Wilkinson 1975-76

Seldon as he was called, was very young when the family returned from the prairies and moved to Tillsonburg. He went to school in Tillsonburg and eventually owned an automotive repair shop business, likely started by his father. He became active in town politics and ran for council and eventually was elected Mayor of Tillsonburg in 1975-1976. He followed in the footsteps of his uncle Thomas Seldon who was Mayor of Ingersoll in 1889. He was very active in school and county councils and other organizations and served with the Long Point Conservation Authority. His family lived in his father's 39 Tilson Ave home in Tillsonburg his entire life until he was placed in a retirement home in Woodstock.



Obituary for Mildred Ellen Wilkinson (Stover)



Mildred Ellen Wilkinson (1916 – 2014)
Peacefully, at the Woodstock Hospital on Sunday, March 16, 2014, Mildred Ellen (Stover) Wilkinson, of Tillsonburg passed away at the age of 98 years. Beloved wife of the late Seldon Wilkinson (2003). Loving mother of Barbara Crawford and her husband Maurice of Melbourne. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mildred was predeceased by her daughter Janet Ann Wilkinson (2003) and 2 sisters. Friends and relatives will be received at Ostrander's Funeral Home, 43 Bidwell Street, Tillsonburg (519-842-5221) on Sunday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. The Funeral Service for Mildred will be held in Ostrander's Chapel on Monday, March

24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Robert Shaw officiating. Interment in the Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital or the Woodstock Hospital would be appreciated.

SELDON WILKINSON
Seldon Wilkinson, formerly of Tillsonburg, passed away at the Woodingford Lodge Home for the Aged, Woodstock, on Saturday, June 1, 2002. Beloved husband of Mildred (Stover) Wilkinson. Dear father of Ann Wilkinson of Kitchener and Barbara Crawford and her husband Maurice of Melbourne. Predeceased by one sister: Janet Wilkinson. Seldon was a former Mayor of Tillsonburg, served on Tillsonburg Town Council as well as Oxford County Council, he was a representative on the Board of Education for Tillsonburg and Norfolk County, a representative for the Long Point Conservation Authority, served on the committee for the Tobacco Board, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge King Hiram #78 and secretary for the District Lodge. Family and friends will be received at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, on Monday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with a Masonic Lodge Memorial Service under the auspices of King Hiram Lodge #78, Tillsonburg, being held at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tillsonburg, on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Robert Shaw officiating. Interment, Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society or to St. Andrew's



Daughter Janet D 2003

John Seldon Wilkinson and sister Emma



Wilkinson's Garage and shop Tillsonburg

Photos courtesy Lesley Seldon

Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott
Children of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

Ninth and Tenth Children: Flossie and Flora B 03 Jan 1892

The twins were the last children born to the couple. Flora died the 13th of January and Flossie followed on the 16th of January. Reasons for the death of the two girls were not given. Richards and Emma's daughter Emma Wilkinson also had twins as noted a few pages previously.

Ingersoll Chronicle: January 18, 1892

Associated Surname Seldon

Associated First Name Richard

Note twin daughters

Text of Notice SELDON--In North Oxford [township], on the 18th inst., the twin daughters of Richard Seldon

Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott
Children of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Fifth and Youngest Child: William Jr. B 25 Sept 1849 N Oxford

D 01 July 1887 N Oxford

M 24 Mar 1875 London

Spouse: Jamima Jane Armstrong

B 05 May 1851

D 23 Dec 1925 Toronto

SELDON.—In N. Oxford on the 1st inst., William Seldon, aged 37 years.

Although it is difficult to tell from property records, perhaps he purchased a portion of the Seldon

farm in 1862 and continued to farm the property in North Oxford during his life. In the 1881 census he was living in N Oxford with his wife, three daughters and 68-year-old recently widowed mother Maria Elliott Seldon. He was only 37 when he died of cancer. He was predeceased by his father by 7 years.

In Affectionate Remembrance

—OF—

WILLIAM SELDON

WILLIAM SELDON crossed the frontier of glory in a blaze of triumph, and in the midst of song, with his family and loved ones around him on the 1st of July, 1887. The scene was transporting. I never witnessed a greater triumph, and never knew a greater sufferer. He died of cancer in the stomach, at the early age of thirty-seven, leaving a dear wife and three bright little girls to mourn their loss. It was meet that his aged Christian mother should witness the triumph of her beloved son. "My mother's prayers have done much for me," was his testimony, "and I thank God that you ever came into my home, Bro. L., for you have been instrumental in leading me to God." These words are precious to me at this hour as I write this memoir. William Seldon was born on September 25th, 1849, in the old homestead on the Ingersoll and Thamesford gravel road, about a mile from the former place. He was the son of William and Maria Seldon. His father died some years ago. He was married to Miss Jemima Armstrong on the 24th of March, 1875, who now mourns the loss of a faithful, loving, industrious and Christian husband. Richard Seldon, of Exeter, and Thos. Seldon, of Ingersoll, both well known in Methodist circles, are brothers of the deceased; also Mrs. Thos. Chapman, of North Oxford. They were all present at their brother's death, and bade him adieu with the pledge to meet him again at the close of this present life. The parting from his wife and the three little girls was most affecting. May God's blessing forever attend them, and at last may reunion with our dear friend and brother be theirs in the home above.

JOHN LATOCEK.

After his death his wife and 3 daughters moved to 599 Spadina Ave in Toronto. The house was an elegant three-story brick duplex. The location is now a condo complex. My expectation

is that the move was to forward the education of the daughters in Toronto. Later the family lived at 286 Huron St. which is now part of the University of Toronto Forestry building site and close to the university schools the girls attended. Who, if any contacts, they had in Toronto is not known.

Daughters of William Seldon Jr and Jamima Armstrong.
L to R: Elizabeth, Minnie, Lauretta



Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Children of William Seldon Jr and Jamima Armstrong

Oldest Child: Minnie Alberta

B 10 Feb 1877 N Oxford

D 23 Dec 1904 Shanghai, China



After moving to Toronto, Minnie was educated in Toronto public schools before entering university at McMaster in Hamilton.

She graduated in 1902 and sent to China for her missionary duties in 1905.

It is believed she was working with the Christian Missionary Alliance, an umbrella organization set up in the 1890s to coordinate missionary work in conjunction with multiple religious groups and churches. She is buried with her father and mother at IRC

"Canadian women were more highly integrated into China than many other Westerners; that as missionary women, they were uniquely able to have direct and sustained contact with Chinese women; and that as Canadians, they were treated differently from other Westerners, occasionally serving as power brokers at the local level. These women and

their colleagues impacted upon China simply by being there as alternative role models; by their educational activities and public health instruction; and by initiating the liberation of Chinese women from their traditional restraints" Shulman, Deborah (2008) *Prisms of China: Canadian Women Missionaries in China, 1904-1945*. PhD thesis, Concordia University



We have received No. 2. of Vol. I of the "Bi-monthly Star," a little four-page paper edited by W. Irving Lacy and Edward Evans, Jr. It contains the news of Miss Jewell's School, and costs only 20 cents a year. There is a very sympathetic notice in it of the late Miss Seldon; but those who are responsible for allowing a girl to come to Shanghai without ever having been vaccinated commit what is almost a criminal act.

DEATHS.

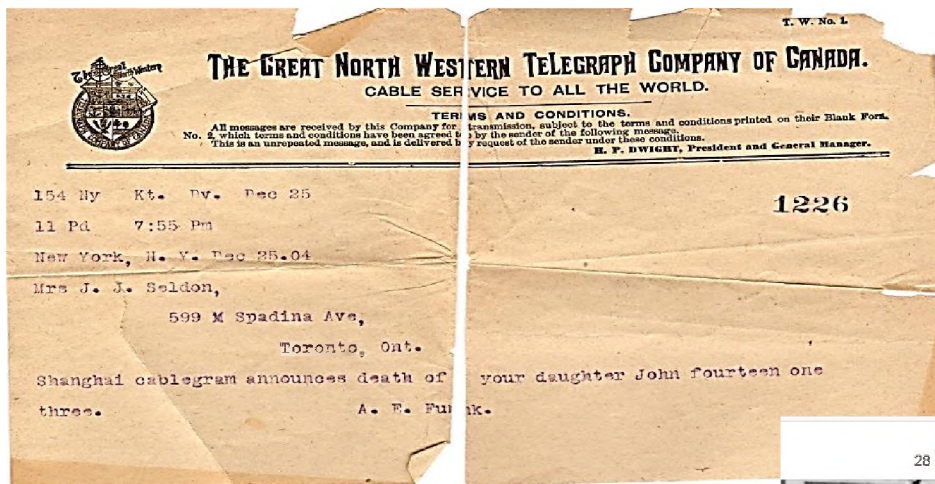
SELDON--On the 23rd of December, 1904, at the Isolation Hospital, Minnie A. Seldon, aged 27 years.

Missionary Dies Far From Home

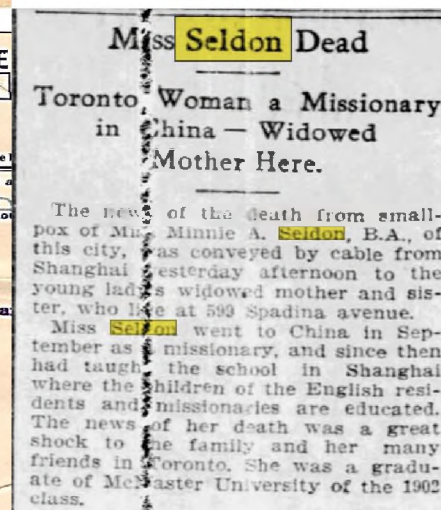
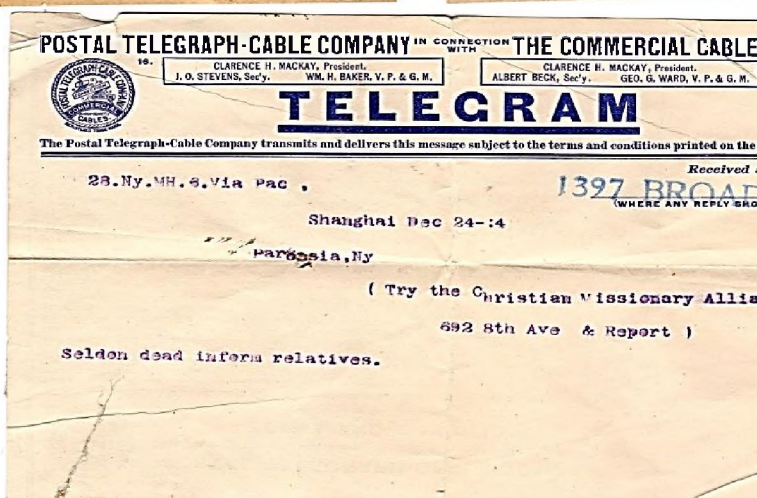
A cable was received on Wednesday from Shanghai announcing the death of Miss Minnie A. Seldon, B.A., of Toronto, of smallpox. Miss Seldon left Toronto last September for the Methodist mission field in China, and since her arrival there has been engaged in teaching a school at Shanghai, conducted for the education of children of English residents and missionaries. She was a graduate of McMaster University class of '02. Her sisters and widowed mother reside at 599 Spadina avenue, Toronto.

Saskatoon Star Phoenix Jan 06, 1905

[Manitoba Free Press, via Toronto Dec 27th:



"A Cable received today from Shanghai announces the death of Miss Minnie Seldon, a Missionary from Toronto. Her death was due to Smallpox"]



Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Children of William Seldon Jr and Jamima Armstrong

Second Child: Lauretta Mae

B 12 Mar 1879 N Oxford

D 19 Dec 1930 Toronto



Lauretta lived in the family home at 286 Huron St. in Toronto. The house site is now part of the expanded University of Toronto footprint. Her death certificate had her occupation listed as a teacher. She died at age 51 of breast cancer after six weeks in St. Michaels Hospital in Toronto. It appears she was not married and very little information can be located about her life in Toronto. She is buried with her missionary sister and parents in Elliott section H of IRC. Her marker has an incorrect birth date.

LAURETTA SELDON.

"Her falsest virtues fly from public sight,
Domestic worth, that shines less strong in light."



LAURETTA SELDON took her matriculation examination from the Ingersoll High School. She entered with the class of '02, but in October, 1901, she joined the class of '03, to which she has been a valuable acquisition. Miss Seldon has been an earnest and diligent student, and has always taken a great interest in college affairs generally. She has made many friends to whom she has endeared herself by her unflinching good nature, her ready sympathy and her willingness to help upon all occasions. Her college life has been a sunny one, and her many friends hope that in her future career she may meet with the good fortune she deserves.

E. GERTRUDE SELDON.

"I seek, near and true—no true Time himself
I can prove you this he make you overcome
I doubt not never."—*Demetrius*.



E. GERTRUDE SELDON is the youngest of three sisters who as a family entered upon university life together; one at McMaster University, and the other two in the University of Toronto. She entered with class '02, but circumstances necessitated her absence from college during their final year, and class '03 gladly welcomed her to graduate with them. Besides maintaining a creditable place in the honor lists, she has been associated with both the Literary Society and the Young Women's Christian Association, where she has assisted readily and acceptably in the musical department. Her cheerful disposition, her sincere and enduring interest in the welfare of her associates have won for her a lasting place in the hearts of all with whom she has come in contact.

University of Toronto *Torontonian*

Lauretta bequeathed \$8,461 to the University of Toronto, Home for the Incurables and other charities. Sister Gertrude was left with the 286 Huron St house they shared.

The Toronto Star
13 Mar 1931, Fri Page 38

LEAVES \$1,000 BEQUEST
FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Miss L. M. Seldon Remembered Home for Incurables and Muskoka Sanitarium

John Ellis	\$50,000
Lauretta M. Seldon	8,461
Robert E. M. Hunt	6,901
Mary P. Laven	5,517

University of Toronto was bequeathed \$1,000 for cancer research, the Home for Incurables \$100, and the Muskoka Sanitarium, Gravenhurst, \$100 under the will of Miss Lauretta M. Seldon, who died Dec. 19 last, according to letters probate granted to the Union Trust Co., Ltd., to settle the \$8,461 estate.

E. Gertrude Seldon was left half interest in 286 Huron St., \$2,500; half interest in furniture \$300 and the residue \$571, while Mrs. Eleanor Glen and Mrs. Jane MacIntyre, friends, receive \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively in cash.

Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Children of William Seldon Jr and Jamima Armstrong

Third and Last Child: Elizabeth Gertrude

B 07 Mar 1881 N Oxford RR #3

D 10 July 1982 Nottawasaga, Simcoe Co. Ont. age 101

Buried Ingersoll Rural Cemetery



Like her sisters, she never married. She lived at the Huron St. Toronto home after her father's death until leaving for university in 1903. She was noted on various voters lists through the 1930s -1960s as living at 96 Walmer Rd with at

least two or three other

single women. She led an eventful and inquisitive life. She started working at the University of Toronto after graduation. She was a highly respected head secretary to four university headmasters from 1921 until her retirement in 1951. Her obituary speaks of her other notable accomplishments and her character.



Photo Courtesy Lesley Seldon

U.T.S Secretary was related to local family

Ingersoll Funeral services were held this week for 101 year old E. Gertrude Seldon a secretary at the University of Toronto Schools who developed an enduring interest in the careers of the Boys who passed through that institution. She was buried in the family plot at the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery alongside many of her relatives. She was a member of the same Seldon family which served as clerk's for North Oxford Township for three generations.

Richard Seldon who was clerk until the restructuring of the county in 1974, said Miss Seldon was the daughter of his grandfather's brother. He pointed out that she was born in the house on his farm at RR3, Ingersoll next to the Zorra Township municipal Offices. Seldon one of the pallbearers at the funeral, said he had only met her a few times as she left the area around the turn of the century, but had learned a lot about her since the funeral this week. Betty Rose, another cousin and the sister of Donald Rose another pallbearer, said she knew Miss Seldon very well.

Vivacious,

She was the most vivacious person I've ever known said Miss Rose. Throughout her life she had a keen interest in many subjects, especially politics and music. Miss Seldon graduated from the University of Toronto in 1903, from 1921 to 1951, she served four headmasters of University of Toronto Schools as a secretary. For many years after her retirement she was the only woman at the annual dinner of the University's Old Boys Association.

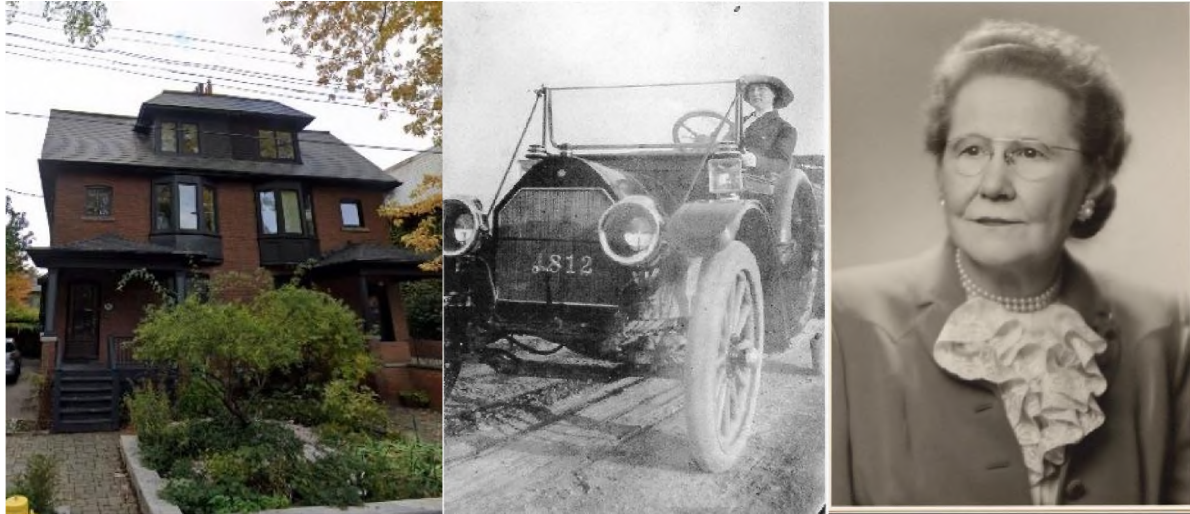
Miss Seldon was a red-haired woman with a determined manner, she was an avid concert goer and held the same seat for 50 years at Toronto Symphony Concerts. Seldon said his cousin had been living with a family in Stayner, near Georgian Bay for the past few years. Other pallbearers at the funeral included Dr. Ralph Doerr Sr of Stayner and his son Ralph Jr.

Source

The Woodstock Sentinel Review

Friday July 16, 1982

By the time Gertrude had retired in the 1950s, various ship passenger lists showed she travelled first class several times in the 1930s, 1950s and later the 1960s to England, staying in high end London hotels. In later years she often travelled unaccompanied. Gertrude lived to 101 years of age. She ended her days living in the Nottawasaga/Stayner area southwest of Barrie, Ontario. She was living with her great nephew Dr. Ralph Doerr who had retired to the area.



96 Walmer Rd. Toronto. Gertrude's home for over 30 years



L to R: Sisters, Minnie, Lauretta and Gertrude Seldon circa 1900. Location unknown.



The three sisters buried with their parents and grandparents in IRC in the Elliott "H" section



Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Hodges Elliott

Child of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Ninth and last child: John

B 1852 N Oxford

D 01 Sept 1854 N Oxford

John was the second child named John born to William and Maria. His older brother John who shared a common given name was born in Cornwall, crossed the Atlantic and lived from 1846 to 1848. They were both buried in the Elliott family cemetery and "removed" to IRC in 1867 after the cemetery had opened and the various Elliott families had bought adjacent plots. Both boys only lived to their second year.

REGISTER OF BORN								
No.	NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	WHERE BORN.	WHERE DIED.	WHEN DIED.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	WHEN INTERRED.
172	William Elliott	6		England	Berkham	July 17/58	Removal	1867 April 6
173	John Seldon	2		England	Berkham	Jan 19/48	"	"
174	John Seldon	2		North Oxford	Berkham	Sept 13/44	"	"
175	Anna Prouse	14		England	Berkham	Sept 3/49	"	"
176	Sarah Prouse	6		Berkham	Berkham	Jan 29/41	"	"
177	James Prouse	8		Berkham	Berkham	July 13/41	"	"
178	John Wilson	11		Berkham	Berkham	July 26/51	"	"
179	Mary Wilson	2		Berkham	Berkham	Oct 14/51	"	"

Patriarch William (alias Elliott) Seldon was not the only Seldon to move to Canada.

As per Lesley Seldon, a descendant from a stepbrother of William's:

“The Seldon Family that also came over to Canada from my husband line, where Thomas Frederick Seldon 1871-1937, Emigration 1898 to the Klondike Gold Rush, in 1901 in Ingersoll working as superintendent at St Charles



Canned Milk Co. In 1911 he and family had moved to Clayburn BC and on 1st Dec 1911 had opened the Cooper-Seldon Store in Clayburn. He is buried in the Hazelwood Cemetery in Clayburn.

His eldest daughter Marion Lindon Seldon 1903 -1986 married John Maxwell Roxburgh who was an Elected member of Parliament for Norfolk 1962 Liberal candidate serving three terms in House of Commons at Ottawa. John M Roxburgh and Roger Matchett where responsible for the event that led to the formal organization of Minor Hockey in Ontario.

The next son to go to Canada was **Arthur Lindon Seldon**, wife and two daughters, they sailed on the S.S. Corsican, 15 Nov 1912 went to Clayburn, by the 1921 census they were living the Township of White Rock New Westminster B.C. as Hotel Keeper, Arthur died 21

June 1942 at 2554 Cornwall Street Vancouver, he is buried Mountain View Cemetery.

Both of his daughters Edna Zoe Clemence Seldon and Mary Eileen Seldon married the same man, Edna in 1938 and Mary 1977, the Rev Clare Clemens Richardson, Christian Minister.



The only surviving sister Annie Rowett Parkyn Pomeroy nee Seldon Emigrated 12 Sept 1936 sailed on S.S. American. A banker, she died 8 Dec 1944 at Vancouver Hospital her death certificate was signed by Dr George Elliott Seldon. She is buried Hazelwood Cemetery Clayburn BC.”

Several family members remained in Cornwall.

The Cooper Seldon general store – Clayburn BC, between Mission and Abbotsford BC

The store still exists as of 2025

<https://www.clayburnvillagestore.com/>





Marriage Notes for THOMAS SELDON and ELIZABETH PARKYN:

Golden Wedding

Mr and Mrs Seldon Our Kilkhampton correspondent writes

The Golden Wedding of Mr & Mrs Thomas Seldon, formerly of Elmsworthy, has just been celebrated. The happy event took place at Hook Grange, Warsash, Southampton at the residence of Mr Wm. Seldon, the second son. The proceedings commenced with the Wedding Breakfast, there being present seven sons with their wives and one daughter and her Husband. Mr and Mrs Thomas Seldon (Cousins), travelled from Canada (Ingersoll) for the occasion, as also did Mr Fred Seldon, the fourth son. Mr C Dayman, of Kilkhampton, was also one of the party. The seventeen grandchildren present brought the company up to the number of 60. Toasts were proposed and were repounded to. A presentation of 50 pounds (the value of a pony and trap), was made to the parents by the family. The ceremony of making the presentation was ably performed by the eldest son Mr J.P. Seldon, the esteemed Bradworthy auctioneer and Circuit Stewart of the Kilkhampton and Bude Wesleyan Circuit.

Mr and Mrs Seldon were the recipients of other presents, whilst telegrams and letters of congratulations came pouring in from all quarters. The day closed with a sumptuous supper and a programme of excellent music. We join in congratulating our old friends in their long and happy married life and rejoice with them at having seen their family settled in life. We wish Mr and Mrs Seldon long life and continued happiness.

Many thanks to Lesley Seldon.

End of Book 4: Maria Elliott and William (Elliott) Seldon

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Glenn Elliott

Great, Great Grandson of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers.

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