

Fifth child of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Third child of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker

Child: Edwin Hamilton Elliott B 21 Feb 1851 East Nissouri Township, Oxford Co.
D 27 Apr 1930 Ingersoll Ont. Buried IRC
M 24 May 1886 in London, Ont.

Spouse: Ada Jane Elliott B 21 Feb 1855 West Zorra Township Oxford Co.
D 18 Apr 1924 Ingersoll Ont. Buried IRC



(Edwin photo page 8)

Children:

Bertha May	B 10 Mar 1877 Ingersoll	D 13 Mar 1956 Ingersoll
Ernest Osbourne	B 11 Dec 1879 Ingersoll	D 29 May 1930 Ingersoll
Lillian Alameda	B 15 Jun 1881 Ingersoll	D 10 Apr 1886 Ingersoll
Cora Maude	B 12 Dec 1882 Ingersoll	D 11 Dec 1926 Cambridge (Galt)
Wilbur James	B 01 Mar 1884 Ingersoll	D 01 July 1969 Ingersoll
Lawrence Robert	B 16 Jan 1890 Ingersoll	D 03 Sept 1895 Ingersoll
Violet Pearl	B 18 Jun 1892 Ingersoll	D 25 Aug 1892 Ingersoll
Roy Edwin	B 09 May 1895 Ingersoll	D 26 Sep, 1936 Ingersoll

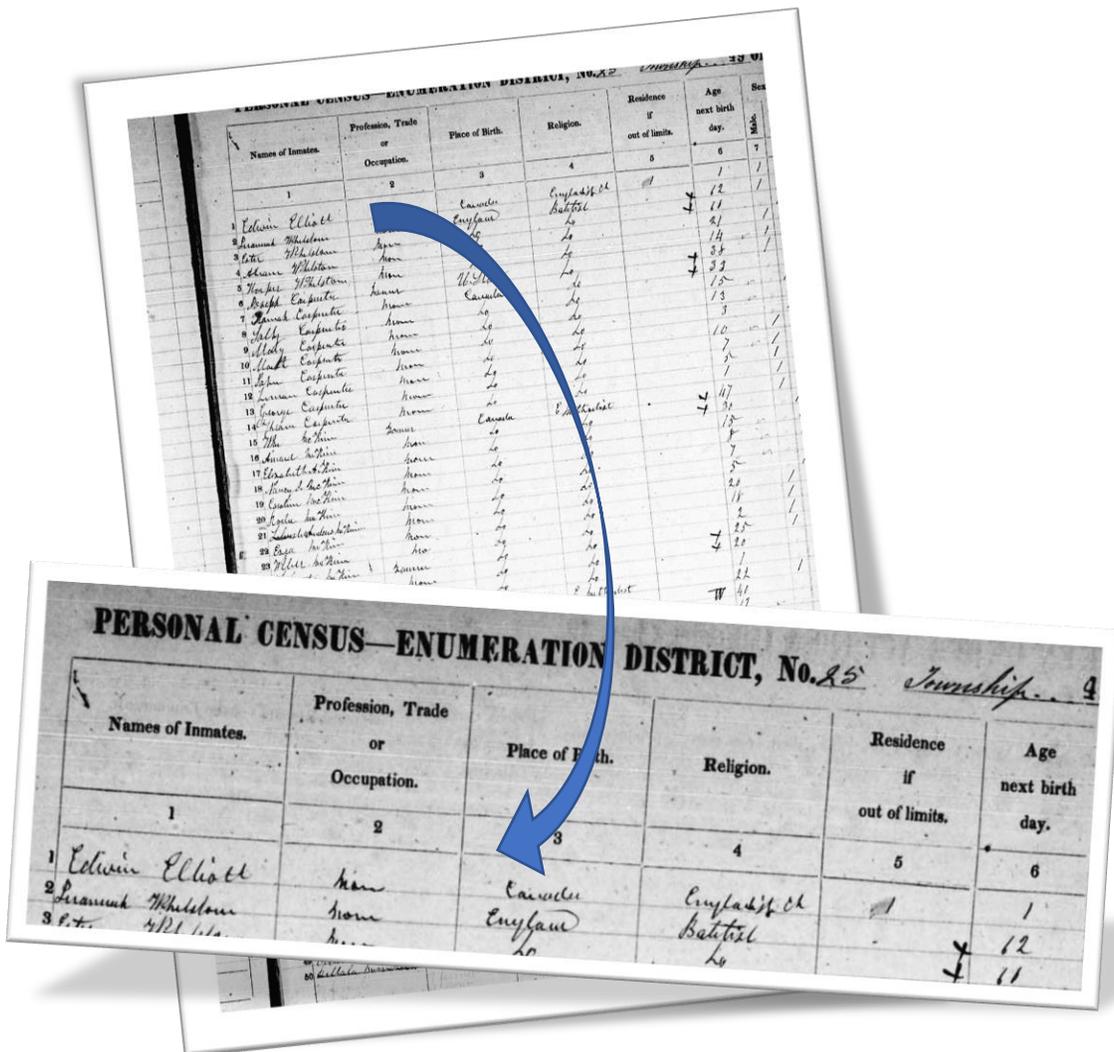
It was months after I started researching the Book 7 William Elliott arm of the family in 2020 that I discovered Edwin Elliott. The information that flagged him was that he was in the 1871 census with his siblings. His age indicated that he was alive when the 1851 E Nissouri census took place but he was not on the family list at that time. I found the family again in the 1861 census of Goderich Township in Huron County and Edwin was there. As well, his gravestone also indicated that he was born in Clinton, Ontario. If born in Clinton as his stone says, how could it be that family was living in E Nissouri in the year he was born? Things did not add up. I went to the bac-lac-gc.ca government census site and using the search function found a months' old Edwin in East Nissouri. So why was he not with the family list? Blame it on the census taker. Instead of grouping them all together, he put Edwin on a separate following page. I looked up the page and he was at the very top of the list, all by himself. When I went back to the ancestry site to the family's page and scrolled to the next page of the list, he was not on it. The pages had been scanned out of order. I then found a census index list. Someone had taken the time to transcribe that family lists from the 1851 census. He was on that list. So, I confirmed two things. He was a child born to William and Eliza and he was about 3 months old when the census was taken. He was also born in E Nissouri and not Clinton as his Find a Grave notation states. Either he never knew or his descendants assumed wrongly.

Edwin Elliott

in the Canada, Find a Grave Index, 1600s-Current

Detail	Source
Name:	Edwin Elliott
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	20 Feb 1851
Birth Place:	Clinton, Huron County, Ontario, Canada
Death Date:	27 Apr 1930
Death Place:	Oxford County Municipality, Ontario, Canada
Cemetery:	Ingersoll Rural Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Ingersoll, Oxford County Municipality, Ontario, Canada

Birth Place noted as Clinton, Ontario, the North Oxford 1851 census shows this is incorrect.



Not much is known of the family in Goderich Township but as noted before in his father William's biography in Book 7, the family split up. This was likely a socially frowned on divorce or just plain abandonment by Edwin's father. Mother Eliza Rogers Elliott, Edwin and the rest of the family moved

back to Ingersoll to be closer to relatives by the late 1860s. We know he was working in his uncle Samuel's Cheese factory at Con 1 Lot 7 in West Zorra when he was a young man. He married his first cousin Ada, the daughter of Samuel Elliott at Edwin's residence on the 24th of May, 1886. Both were listed as 22 years old at the time but other records show her as being 3 years younger.

Newspaper Ingersoll Chronicle
 Newspaper Date Jun 1 1876
 Surname Elliott
 First Name Edwin
 Date of Event May 24, 1876
 Associated Surname Elliott
 Associated First Name Ada
 Text of Notice ELLIOTT-ELLIOTT--At his residence, in Ingersoll, on May 24, by the Rev. G. Lawrence, Mr. Edwin Elliott, of West Oxford [township], to Miss Ada Jane Elliott, of West Zorra [township]

The 1881 census has the family living just outside of the Ingersoll city limits on Thames St. in North Oxford township at Lot 11 Con 3. His occupation was listed as a butcher. I believe he was raising cattle and pigs on a small farm and butchering them on site.

Edwin was also the manager of the Harris Meat Market in Ingersoll's farmers market in 1900.



Birthday greeting from daughter Bertha 1925

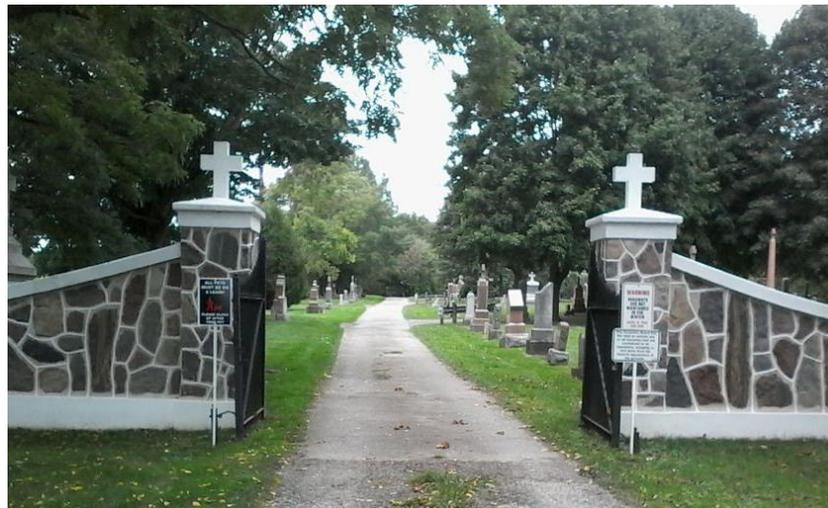
The 1884 Ingersoll business directory had him still living at Lot 11 of Con 3 N Oxford. The Ontario government Onland.ca site shows that Edwin purchased 8 and 7/10 acres of the lot from widow Anne Ross on 25 Nov. 1892. He paid \$1300. I suspect that Edwin had been renting the land up until that time. Part of Lot 11 was also held by Edwin's cousin, George Edward Elliott, the son of John Elliott Jr. (Book 6) at the same time. Edwin's mortgage was held by the Edwin's older sister Henrietta Downing's family until release in 1915. Nine acres would suffice to have a small herd of cattle and pigs for butchering. The probate will for Edwin in June 1930 placed the property into son Roy's hands until Edwin's death. On the 18th of July 1933, three years after Edwin's death and 7 years after wife Ada's death, the children were listed as selling the property via his executor (son Roy) to Roy himself. The remaining children held mortgage interest in the property. Roy in turn would run the butcher business. At Roy's death in 1936, Edwin's daughter Bertha Church then held the property until 1958 when her estate was being wrapped up. Bertha had returned to Ingersoll in 1936 after her husband's death. Edwin's son Ernest and wife Ethel were granted the land in 1958 from Bertha's estate. Prior to the transfer Ernest and Ethel were

living in a small house 2 block south at 296 Thames St. (1954 Voters list). The property then passed to the next generation as Freda and Edwin D Elliott lived at the property. In 1985 they sold a few acres to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Association of London for the placement of the Ingersoll Sacred Heart Cemetery. That portion of the property was sold with \$27,800 changing hands as per church records. That appears the last time the Elliott name was associated with Lot 11 Con 3 of N Oxford.

The main family farm house faced what is now the corner of Newton and N Thames St/31st Line. Although, 100% accuracy cannot be confirmed, the older house that today sits on the north east corner of that intersection is a major candidate to have been the family home of Edwin and Ada Elliott.



Sacred Heart Cemetery



An interesting note was found in the Ingersoll Chronicle. It concerned the payment to Edwin for his work as a cow tag collector for the region. The term was unfamiliar. In the 1910s, farmer's cattle were allowed to graze in the roadside ditches in order to keep the weeds down. Edwin's job was to collect a fee of \$2 from the farmer and attach a tag to each cow. With the advent of auto travel and speeding vehicles on the backroads, the danger was too high to allow unmoving cows to wander on the road, thus the occupation disappeared into history.



★ indicates location of Edwin Elliott 9-acre farm in 1892.

Note: the number of Elliott/Seldon/Prouse/Wilson/Downing farms on the map ←

The Famed Elliott Cheese Factory Feud

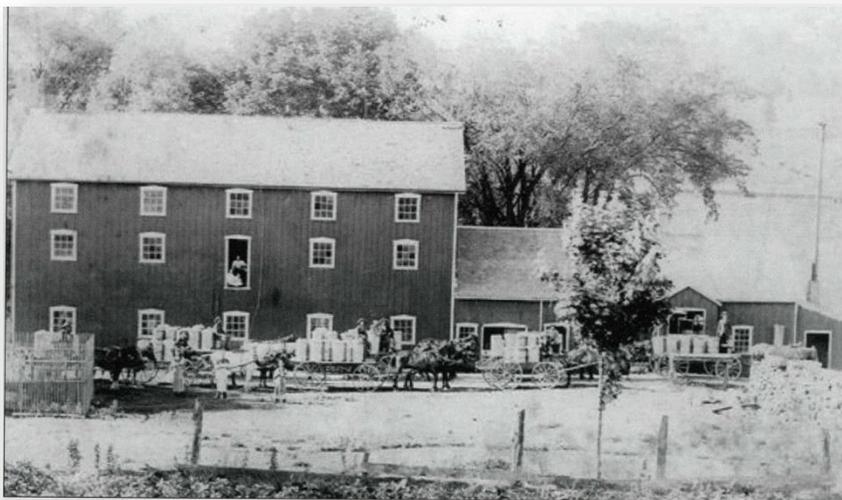
The tale of the Elliott feud has been noted in the James (Book 9) and Books 7 and 10 stories but is worth repeating here. Edwin was one of the principals in the affair:

Oxford County cheese could be a lucrative commodity in the 1860s because merchants paid for it mostly with cash. Other farm products were often used for barter. It was said that money realized from cheese sales paid off the mortgages on many farms. Edwin's uncle, who was also his father-in-law, Samuel Elliott, started operating in the cheese making business. Samuel built the three-storey West Zorra Cheese Factory on his West Zorra Concession 1 farm. As of 1866, he also operated a cheese factory on Lot 6, Concession 5, W Zorra on property he bought from the Karn family near Codys Corners. Cheese-making was particularly lucrative in the 1850s and 1860s because the expanding railway systems made it easier to reach the heavier-populated urban centres. As well, during the American Civil War (1861-1865), the English boycotted U.S. cheese imports. Further, in its rebound from civil war, the United States was going head-to-head with Canada to secure export markets in Europe.

A downturn in the cheese business occurred in the 1880s. Fluctuating prices made it tough for the likes of cheese-makers such as Samuel Elliott. So, on July 2, 1888, he signed an agreement with William Ewart to protect his properties from creditors. The properties included in the agreement were Lot 7 Concession 1, Lot 6 Concession 5 and his 66 acres on Lot 8 Concession 2 which he had bought in 1877 and all were in W Zorra.

As planned, William Ewart filed a quick claim against the properties. On July 5, 1888, he betrayed Samuel by selling Lot 7 Concession 1, and Lot 8 Concession 2, to Samuel's brother James. On Dec. 10th, as Samuel was raising funds to repurchase the factory, his brother James agreed to sell the West Zorra Cheese Factory to James Ireland.

That's when matters began to heat up.



The Elliotts' Red Star cheese factory on Lot 7, Concession 1.

Photo of Samuel Elliott's
Cheese Factory



Samuel Elliott

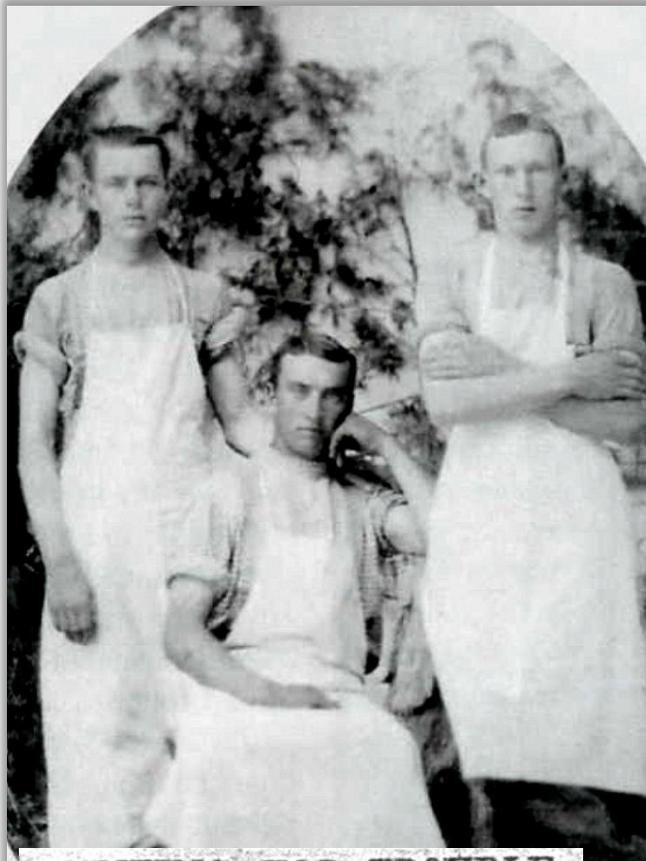


Photo: Samuel's sons Frederick and Arthur and nephew and son in law Edwin Elliott wearing cheese factory aprons while working at Sam's Cheese Factory Lot 7 Con 1, West Zorra.

Note: There are publications that identify the boys as Arthur on the left, Frederick seated and Edwin on the right. I have doubt. Edwin was 7 years older than Arthur and 15 years older than Frederick. My assumption based on the appearance of the boys is that the boy on the left would be young Arthur with uncle Edwin standing on the right and their uncle and oldest Frederick is seated.

Here is how the feud started. Samuel Elliott was in debt and in the fall of 1887, brother James offered to loan him funds as a gesture of goodwill. The loan had provisions and another brother Thomas objected to the loan as Samuel already owed him money and could not repay both lenders. This led to a pushing and shoving match between James and Samuel early in the day of Feb 19, 1889.

Several items in the cheese factory were destroyed by the altercation and an attempt to turn over a wood stove to start a fire in the factory was made. Late in the evening of that day, with tempers flaring, Edwin Elliott, Samuel's cheese-maker son-in-law, went to Smith's Hotel in Ingersoll to recruit toughs to evict James Elliott from the cheese factory.

Clipping: Ingersoll Chronicle Feb. 1889

Edwin promised them each a dollar and all the whiskey they could drink, but the whiskey would have to come after the work. The crew he hired included John Noe, James Noe, Percy Crotty, William Murray, Jonathan McGinnis and Duncan O'Hanley, who were to varying degrees already under the influence.

At about 11 p.m. they arrived at Samuel's house, where Sam's wife Mary Ann Walker served them some cake and cider. Then she told them to get over to the cheese factory and roust out her brother-in-law James Elliott. At that point the group was joined

HUNTING FOR TROUBLE.

A Gang of Young Men Find it.

THREE OF THEM SHOT.

One Fatally—They Undertake to Run a Farmer Out of his Premises—But the Farmer was Loaded up the Other Way—He Shoots into the Crowd, Hitting Them—The Two "Holders of the Fort" Arrested and Committed for Trial—Some of the Rescuers Ship Out.

A shooting affray occurred at Elliott's cheese factory on the first concession of West Zorra and six miles north of here on Monday night by which one man may lose his life and two more were injured. The whole affair is the result of a family quarrel.

Ed. Elliott, a son in law of Sam, and living in town got up a load of roughs during the night and drove out to the factory intending to

by Samuel's sons Fred and Arthur.

Inside the factory were James Elliott, his son John Rizeau Elliott and A. Forbis, an employee of another cousin, James Raymond. The gang were "looking for fun" by the time they approached the cheese factory. The men inside chose to keep the doors closed and locked but they were also armed. Shouting and pounding on the door started and soon rocks were flying through the windows.

William Murray and Percy Crotty had firearms, and it wasn't long before there was gunfire. Two members of Edwin's recruits were wounded. One lost a finger and the other shot in the groin. The local doctor later told the Chronicle newspaper that he did not expect one of the men to live. To the surprise of all the man did manage to pull through.

On the following morning, James Elliott and his companions offered details of the confrontation to the authorities. Edwin and others in his group were located, arrested and charged, as was James and his son John. Several of the hired men skipped town. The mostly young men involved were from respectable families in the town and there was much talk of the evils of drink that caused these men to act as they did. Edwin claimed he was unaware that any in his group had guns.

Charges of intent to shoot, trespassing and injury to property were made by all parties over the following two weeks. The case was taken to court where Samuel's ruffians were found guilty but never jailed. The charges were withdrawn by Mar 1, 1889, when everyone had been in front of the Magistrate.

The event was the talk of the town for several months after. The matter of property ownership was decided in court in favour of James Elliott. James Ireland, then took possession of the cheese factory. He also operated the Galloway factory.

I suspect that relations were chilly amongst the brothers for some time after the event.

Information was laid on Wednesday night by James Elliott against Ed Elliott, James and John Noe, F. and A. Elliott, (sons of Samuel), W. Chambers, W. Murray and D. O'Hanly, charging them with unlawfully damaging property and intent to do bodily harm. Warrants were issued and on Friday E. Elliott and the two Noes were arrested. Chambers and O'Hanly up to the

THE LAST SCENES.
The Elliott Rioting Cases Come Up for Trial.
 At the assizes last week the case of Queen vs. Elliott et al came up and the prisoners Frederick Elliott, Arthur Elliott, Edwin Elliott, James Noe and John Noe, were arraigned and tried on the charge of riotous conduct, arising out of the cheese factory dispute. They were all found guilty and after being severely censured by the Judge were bound over to keep the peace for a year.

Court records of charges laid.

Courtesy Ingersoll Library

Court Ledgers 1889

Serial No.	Name of Prosecutor.	Name of Defendant.	Nature of Charge.	Date of Conviction.
	James Elliott	John Noe		1889
558	James Elliott	John Noe	Mal injury to property	Mar 1
9	do	James Noe	"	"
560	do	Fred Elliott	"	"
	do	Arthur Elliott	"	"
1	do	Edwin Elliott	"	"
2	G. H. Cook	Edwin Elliott	Via Temp	"
	H. M. Cotton	Michael McDiarmid		

Other records and accounts of the event can be found in Book 9: James Elliott Ed was a bit of a trouble maker and hustler. Weeks after the feud he was back in court.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1889.

LOCAL MATTERS.

• COL. Munro of West Zorra is taking a post graduate course of instruction at the Royal School of Infantry, London.
 THE case against Ed. Elliott for selling Hquo, tried this afternoon, was dismissed.

Mr. Ed. Elliott, butcher, hereby conveys his sincere thanks to all who took part in the plowing bee at his farm last week.

Chronicle Nov 1896

THE WEST ZORRA FIGHT.

TRIAL OF ED. ELLIOTT, JOHN AND JAS. NOE.

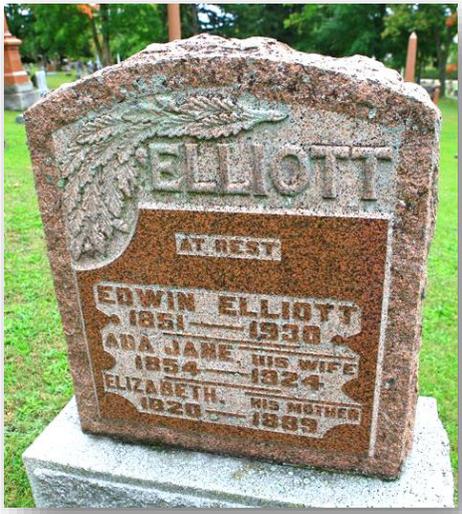
Seven Arrests Made—The Case Adjourned until To-morrow—The Prisoners Plead Not Guilty—What W. Murray Says—Bail Accepted all around.

Interest in the Elliott cheese factory fight, has abated not one whit since last week. The pros and cons have been gone over again and again, and everybody is speculating as to what will be the result, the general impression being that Ed. Elliott is in a bad box. The report in THE

Edwin was also in court in 1884 and again in 1889. The 1884 case involved embezzlement and the 1889 case was for a lack of a dog license.

Record of Convictions made by the P

Name of Prosecutor.	Name of Defendant.	Nature of Charge.	Date of Conviction.
Edwin Elliott	Lewis Fisher		1884
<i>Edwin Elliott</i> R. Northgraves	<i>Lewis Fisher</i> Nelson Everett	<i>Embezzlement</i>	<i>Aug 25</i>
Edwin Elliott		<i>Non-Request of Dog</i>	<i>Aug 3</i>



Little is known of Ada. No news clippings were found about her life.

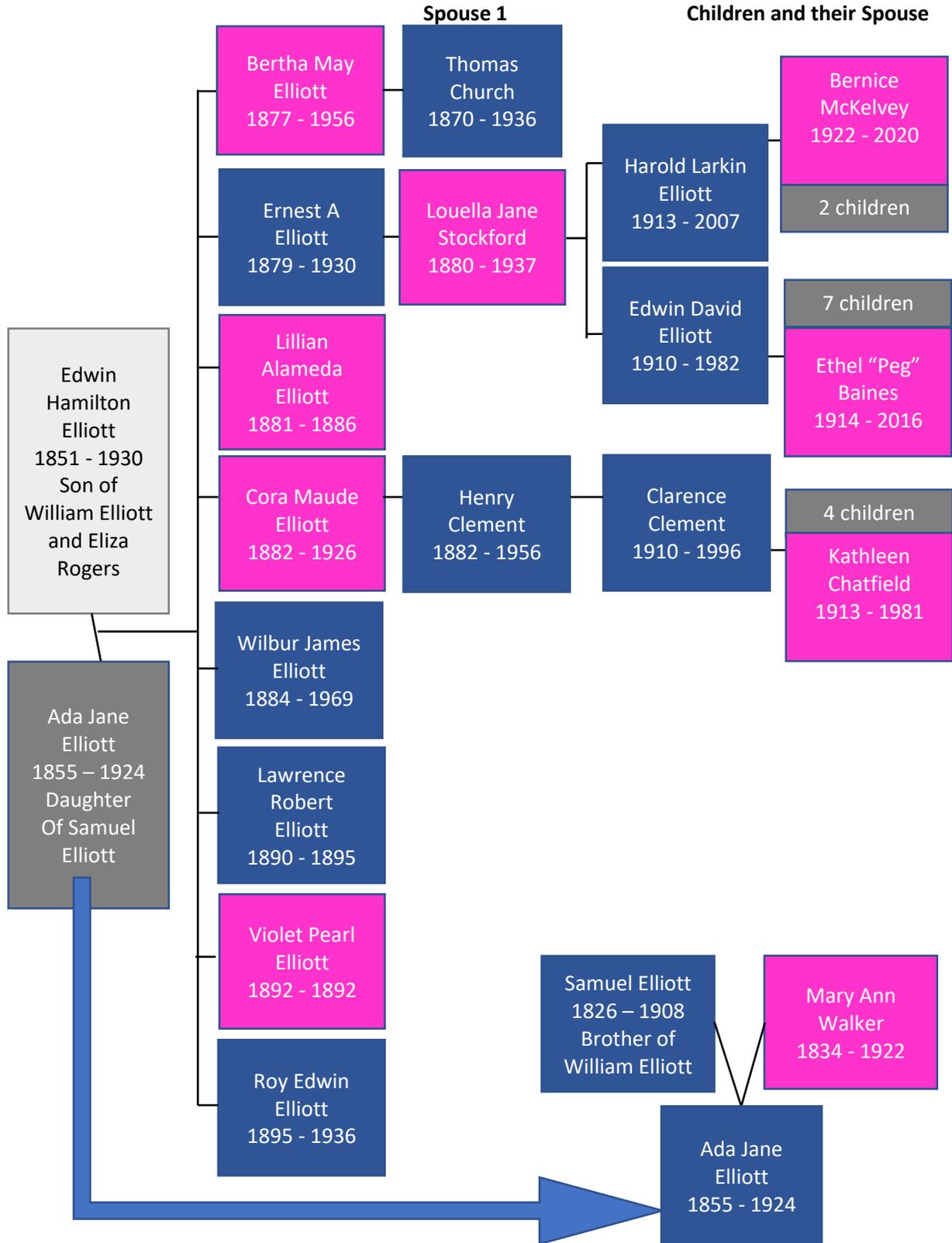
Edwin died 27 April 1930 (age 79) of a heart attack
 Ada died 18 April 1926 (age 71)

There is no record of Ada in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery index of burials.

Note:
 Edwin's mother Eliza (Elizabeth) Rogers Elliott is buried with him. Her husband William divorced or abandoned her, remarried and moved to Minnesota.

Edwin Hamilton Elliott and Ada Jane Elliott Tree

Son of William Elliott & Eliza Rogers Daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann Walker



Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Grandchildren: Edwin and Ada Jane's Children

Oldest Child: Bertha May "Bertie"	B 10 Mar 1877	N Oxford.
	D 13 Mar 1956	Ingersoll, Ont. Buried IRC
	M 31 Oct 1910	Ingersoll
Spouse: Thomas Church	B 1870	Exeter, England
	D 1936	unknown

Not much is known about Bertha and Thomas. Bertha was an excellent school student. When grades were announced in the Ingersoll Chronicle, Bertha was always near the top of the list. Bertha lived at home until her wedding in 1910. Thomas Church had emigrated to Canada in 1906. Some Ancestry trees have him born in Exeter, Ontario but censuses indicate he was from England. I believe his birthplace was Exeter, England and not Ontario. Roy Elliott, Bertha's youngest brother, travelled throughout Canada and the USA from 1915 until 1923. His letters to home indicated that Bertie was learning to play the piano and was an excellent artist. His letters also indicated that she was attending a teacher's college of some type during the late 1910's. She would have been in her late 30s at that time. Bertha was a 33-year-old spinster and Thomas a 39-year-old bachelor when they married in 1910 and moved to Galt. Thomas was a crane operator by trade.

Newspaper *Ingersoll Daily Chronicle*

Newspaper *Nov 1 1910*

Date

Note

CHURCH-ELLIOTT--A happy event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Elliott, Thames St. N., yesterday afternoon when their eldest daughter, Bertha May, became the bride of Mr. Thomas Church of Galt. The ceremony was performed at 2 o'clock by Rev. H. B. Christie in the presence of about 60 guests. The bride was becomingly gowned in white mull with the orthodox veil and carried a bouquet of roses and lily of the valley. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Hoy, of Avington and Mr. Roy Elliott, brother of the bride, was best man. Little Miss Roberta Sutherland, niece of the bride, made a charming flower girl, gowned in white and carrying pink carnations. The wedding march was played by Miss Stella Walker, and Mr. William Eden sang a solo, during the signing of the register. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold locket and chain, and to the bridesmaid a gold brooch set with pearls. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. After congratulations, the guests repaired to the dining room where a sumptuous repast was served, the tables being waited upon by a bevy of white clad young lady friends of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Church left on the 6 o'clock train for Port Huron and Detroit, Michigan, the bride travelling in a suit of light grey broadcloth trimmed with Alice blue with hat to match. On their return they will reside in Galt

his home state. Bertie can have my hockey stick all she wants, as I don't suppose I will ever have any more use for it, and if anyone wants to use my gun anytime, let them have it, for a little use once in a while won't do it any harm. Well, I think I had better quit for now, as it is nearly morning. I won't be here any longer than the first of April anyhow, so don't bother writing anymore till you hear from me. So good-by for now

From Roy.

Church. Suppose Bertie is making quite good headway on the piano now after an all summer drill.

to hear about Bertie winning the gold watch. It is likely to be a very good one too. Is she taking a teacher's course at the college?

That certainly was a fine painting Bertie sent me of home. Only one thing missing - the windmill, Dilly's son engineer

References to Bertie's activities.

When Bertha was married and living in Galt she often wrote to her mother. Here is an excerpt from Dec 17 1916. The reference to the "decent German" during WWI is telling of the times.

It was not so icy here last night as at Ingersoll but oh this morning people could hardly get around. I had to pour a teakettle of hot water down front door to get it open. It seems like a spring day since Tom said there was quite a bit of snow came down on Sunday here but I can't remember that there was much if any at home. E thington, what Roy speaks about, is Allie's post office or what it used to be called so I suppose he will not get to see her.

You can tell father that Maggie Hoy is away for a course nearly 6 months in Flint Hospital. I had a Xmas card, saying she would like to hear from us. I sent a letter to Avonlea for her just before Xmas. She says she likes it fine. Harry sent a picture post card of his 2 girls for Xmas. said they had sent some Xmas baking or a taste, (like one used to make). They are both nice children but the youngest looks like a little doll. He says the oldest is starting to school for a few hours each day. She can't be 5 yet though till spring.

Tom said eggs were 65 & 75 cts doz. in Guelph markets last Sat. They say they are 80 & to 1.00 a doz. in Toronto. I finished paying the Dr in Hamilton last spring so I was surprised to find a Xmas card from him & his wife. He has never sent a bill or notice since I was there. He is a German but he is a pretty decent one. I wish I was rich enough to have some more treatments but it takes so much money & too long to pay it. I sent post Aunt Melrose part of her's before Xmas. I have taken some eggs & chickens to her different times to give to them but she will count them on her bill.

Bertha.



The 1931 census shows Thomas as working at an iron foundry in Galt at age 61. The census indicated a substantial number of laid off workers due to the Depression. According to the Thamesford Tweedsmuir histories of 1956, Thomas left Bertha and returned to England sometime after 1931.

Late in years, Bertha married Tom Church. He left her and returned to England where he died. She died in 1956, in Ingersoll.

90 Victoria St Ingersoll

Her obituary states that her husband has preceded her in death by 20 years. Did they correspond, or did he die in Canada? I have not found his burial location in

England or Canada to verify either event. Bertha moved back to Ingersoll. The 1945 voters list had her living with retired farmer E Bertram and his wife at 90 Victoria St. Ingersoll. The 1949 voters list had her living at RR#2 Ingersoll (N Oxford) and was a housekeeper for her younger unmarried brother Wilbur.

Newspaper Ingersoll Tribune

Newspaper Date Mar 15 1956

Surname Church

First Name Bertha

MRS. B. CHURCH PASSES IN 79TH YEAR

The death occurred in Alexandra Hospital on Tuesday night of a well known and esteemed resident of R.R. 2 North Oxford in the person of Mrs. Bertha Church. Born in Ingersoll, Mrs. Church was in her 79th year and was a daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Elliott and had spent practically her whole life in this district. She had been in failing health for several years and seriously ill for the past week. She was an adherent of Trinity United Church. Her husband predeceased her 20 years ago. Surviving is one brother, Wilbur Elliott, North Oxford; three nephews, Edwin Elliott, Ingersoll; Harold Elliott, North Oxford and Clarence Elliott, Toronto. Friends will be received at the Walker Funeral Home, 88 King Street West, where service will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Temporary entombment will be made in the Ingersoll mausoleum with interment later in the Ingersoll Cemetery.

Bertha is buried with several of her siblings in IRC. (See Roy Elliott – below).

Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Grandchildren

Edwin and Ada Jane's Children

Second child and oldest son: Ernest Osbourne B 11 Dec 1879 N Oxford
 D 29 May 1930 Buried IRC
 M 13 Sept 1909 in Woodstock, Ont.
 Spouse: Luella Jane Stockford B 14 Aug 1890, Port Huron, Mi.
 D 25 Nov 1937 Ingersoll Buried IRC

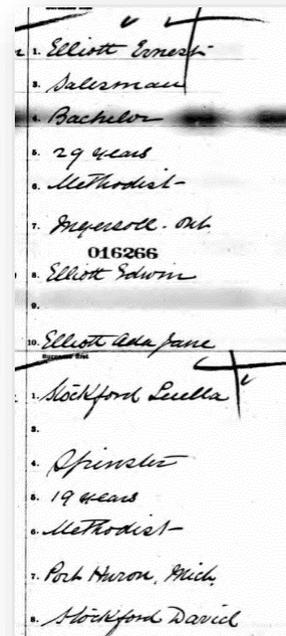
Ernest was 29 years old when he married 19-year-old Luella. She had emigrated to Canada from the US in 1909 and married Ernest that year. She eventually held Canadian citizenship. The 1911 census has them living on Alma St. in Ingersoll. The 1921 census

had them in the same location with two sons age ten and seven. Ernest was a grocery agent or salesman. By his 50s he was listed as a door-to-door salesman. The family was still living at 119 Alma



St. The house is on the corner of Mutual and Alma St. and was later lived in by Ernest's son Harold as he raised a family.

From family correspondence, Ernest suffered from rheumatism as a young man and investigated the possibility of moving to Victoria



or Vancouver to escape the Ontario winters. One of brother Roy's letters home expressed his concern.

Am sorry to hear that Ernest is laid up but better weather will likely come pretty soon. Hope you can make out the

Ernest's letter to his parents in May of 1920 indicated that he had moved to Asheville, N Carolina. It appears that he was hoping the easier weather there would make his arthritis less

painful. He went to work for a casket maker. Within months he was back in Ingersoll as he found the heat and humidity oppressive in summertime North Carolina. One nagging question is where was his wife Louella while he was in N Carolina?

*Dec 17 357 Broadway,
Asheville, N.C. May 2nd '20.
Dear Mother & All,
I arrived in Asheville last Tuesday forenoon after a very interesting trip. I left Detroit Monday morning and the country became greener the farther south I went. When I reached Springfield Ohio, a fine big city in southern Ohio, the trees were in leaf and the fruit trees and flowers were all in bloom. Also passed through Dayton and Cincinnati two great cities with buildings reaching towards the sky.*

He gave no indication she was travelling with him. His family letters also indicated that he travelled to California and Colorado in his bachelor days. Ernest's rheumatoid arthritis became quite persistent as he aged. For a number of years, it was very severe up to his premature death at age fifty of a heart attack. He died 31 days after his father. Luella remarried a John Halpin in Ingersoll in 1935. She died in 1937 at age 47 and is buried with Ernest in IRC.

OBITUARY
MRS. JOHN HALPIN
...Following only a few days' illness a widely-known and highly esteemed resident of Ingersoll, passed away on Thursday morning, November 25, in the person of Mrs. John Halpin, at the family residence, corner Alma and Mutual streets.
Deceased who was formerly Mrs. Ernest Elliott, was in her 48th year and was born in Port Huron, but had made her home in Ingersoll for the past 30 years, where she had made for herself a large circle of friends who deeply regret her untimely passing. She was a member of the local corps of the Salvation Army.
Left to mourn the passing of a beloved wife and mother are her husband and two sons by her former marriage, Edward Elliott and Harold Elliott, of Ingersoll. Also surviving is one brother, Harrison Stockford, to all of whom sincere sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.

Ernest in Ashville? – asks his brother

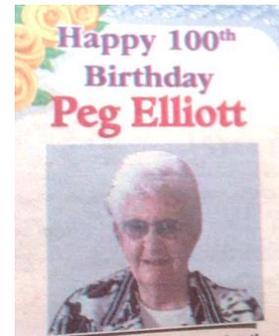
*hardwood. Fog is floated up the Noytic River to the mill. Is Ernest & I have the same kind of job if he is still in Asheville. I have written him my address & hope to hear
What seemed to be the trouble in Asheville, or was it just simply too hot. The heat here has been fierce also ever since I came.*

Charlestown, Mass. July 15/30
Dear Ernest, Lowell -
When I heard of
Edgar's wife's death I wrote him
a letter, which I got an answer
to tonight among other things
saying you were back in Ingersoll.
Mother said in her letter that you
didn't like Asheville and that you
would probably be moving soon.
So, in view of this and Edgar's
news I thought it possible that my
card to you at Asheville, when I
started to work here in Boston, might
not reach you, so decided I would
drop you a few lines tonight any-
how, for I wouldn't like you to
think that I hadn't written you

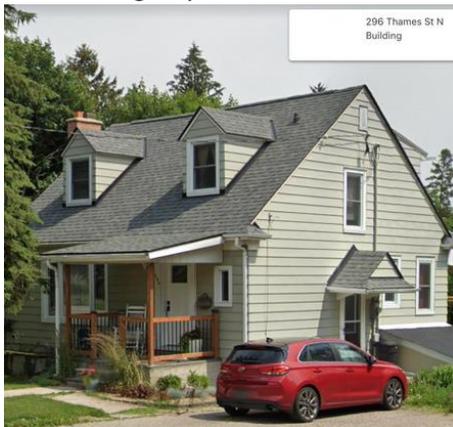
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**Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Great Grandchildren
Grandchildren of Edwin and Ada Jane Elliott
Children of Ernest A Elliott and Luella Stockford**

First Child: Edward (Ed) David/Daird B 7 Aug 1910 Ingersoll
D 10 Feb 1982 Ingersoll
M 10 July 1931 Woodstock
Spouse: Ethel "Peg" Such/Baines B 04 Jun 1914 Edmonton,
Middlesex, England
D 07 Jul 2016 Ingersoll



There is some confusion as to Ed's second name – his marriage papers list his second name as David, the IRC death registry has it as Daird. Ed was only 20 years old and a machinist at Morrows. an occupation he worked his entire life, when he married 18-year-old Peggy, a domestic working in Ingersoll. The couple lived at 296 Thames St as of the 1954 voters list.



Elliott, Edwin D.	M	296 Thames
Elliott, Ethel	M W	296 Thames

She was a nurse's aid in the 1960s. In her later years, Peg lived at Woodingford Lodge in Woodstock and saw her 102nd birthday.

Children: Luella Prodgers (Ken) B 05 Mar 1932 D 30 Jul 2022 Ponoka Alberta
Alonzo "Lonnie" B 1933 D 2008 IRC
David B 1935? Worked Beattie Farms in Thamesford for several years.
Jean Andrews (Ron) B 1946 Ingersoll
Barb Kupery (Harry) B 1947 Ingersoll
Bill B 1950 Ingersoll
Julie Dufton (Dick) B 20 July 1951 Ingersoll D 08 Jan 2017 Thamesford

DUFTON, Julie Ann (Elliott) – Passed away at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll on Sunday, January 8th, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was in her 66th year. Julie was the beloved wife of Richard (Dick) Dufton, loving mother to Scott Wenzel of Thamesford, and Peggy Dewsberry of Uxbridge. Stepmother to Chris Dufton (Brenda) and Craig Dufton (Debbie). Cherished grandmother to Emma, Quintin, and Carson. Step grandmother to Lukas, Ian, Jake, Nicole, Jessica, and Josh. Dear sister to Luella Prodgers (Ken), the late Lonny, David (the late Marg), Jean Andrews (Ron), Barb Kupery (Harry) and Bill (Judy). Predeceased by her parents Edwin and Ethel Elliott.

Julie's son Scott Wenzel B 17 Oct 1970 D 15 May 2023 North Bay

Luella May Prodgers Obituary: It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Luella May Prodgers (Ponoka, Alberta), born in Ingersoll, Ontario, who passed away on July 31, 2022, at the age of 90, Predeceased by her parents Ed and Peg, siblings Lonny and Julie and sister-in-law Marg and great granddaughter Jana.

Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Great Grandchildren Edwin and Ada Jane Grandchildren

Children of Ernest A Elliott and Luella Stockford

Last Child: Harold Larkin Elliott

B 09 Dec 1913 Ingersoll
D 15 Mar 2007 Ingersoll buried IRC
M July 1944

Spouse: Bernice "Bunny" (McKelvey)

B 29 Dec 1922 Manitoba
D 02 Feb 2020 Ingersoll buried IRC

Harold was born in Ingersoll on Alma St. With his father's death in 1931 he had to work as a labourer at age 17 to help support the family. He purchased Lot 1 Con 3 West Zorra SE 50 acres in April of 1940 (near the cement plant on Highway #2) through a grant from Margaret Helen Gerrie for \$3300.00. The Gerries had lived on the property for several decades. Margaret, the oldest Gerrie daughter, went on to teach school in Durham Co. and thus sold the farm to Harold. Apparently, he did not move in immediately as WWII started and he was busy as a machine operator at Ingersoll Machine. The farm still has one of the largest privately owned wood lots in Zorra and was a source of wood to burn at the Downing Lime Kilns near Beachville for a number of years. Harold expanded the farm by purchasing the NE 50-acre section in 1960 for \$6000.00. Harold was a full-time farmer as well as working at Ingersoll Machine. He was vocal in his views of politics in the region. The couple later spent holidays and later wintered in their trailer in Texas starting in the 1970s. He worked for 40 years for Ingersoll Machine Co. Son Leonard said that Harold operated a specialized piece of equipment that only he could operate. In the couple's later years, they swapped residences with son Reed. They moved into his house in Ingersoll while Reed occupied the farm house in W Zorra. The farm was still in his son Reed's hands when Harold died in 2007.

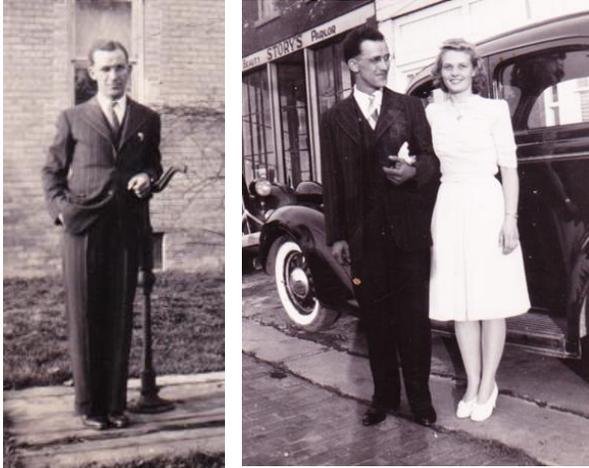
30 Apr 1940 Margaret H. Gerrie et al Harold L. Elliott 50 - 3300. 50%.

16 July 1960 Edward H. R. Harris Harold L. Elliott 6,000. 1/2 of that st. which has been sold for railway purposes & other



Bernice "Bunny" was born in Manitoba but moved to Ingersoll where she grew up. Her father was killed in a car crash in Toronto in 1954. She married Harold, raised two sons and kept herself busy as a school bus driver.

Bernice "Bunny" D 2020 "At Sakura House on February 2, 2020, in her 98th year. Beloved wife of the late Harold Elliott" (2007). Bunny is survived by her children Leonard (Catherine) Elliott, and Reed (Shirley) Elliott*



Bunny and Harold July 1944

Son: Leonard B 1948 Ingersoll He worked as a registered nurse in various departments in London at University Hospital for 30 years. He also operated a maple syrup business in the family farm woodlot.

Son: Reed Handford Elliott B 1950 Ingersoll D 2021



Reed was a school teacher at Harris Heights and Princess Elizabeth school in Ingersoll and living on his father's property near the cement plant on Highway #2.

"Intelligent, witty, humble, fiery and caring, these were all qualities of our dear friend and colleague" said Suzanne Crellin of the Oxford Environmental Action Committee. Reed's involvement was vital to winning Oxford resident's 10-year battle against the quarry mega-landfill proposal and the "stop the dump" campaign to prevent the quarry pits from becoming the dumping location for Toronto garbage.

With ancestors from some of the oldest families to settle in Oxford County, Reed grew up in a household that valued fertile soil, trees, clean water and safe air. Like his parents, he advocated for protection of Oxford farmland and the rehabilitation of pit and quarry properties. He was known to say "you can't eat a bowl of gravel for breakfast". For decades, Reed worked through many organizations to safeguard a healthier future for Oxford County residents.

Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Grandchildren Edwin and Ada Jane Elliott Children

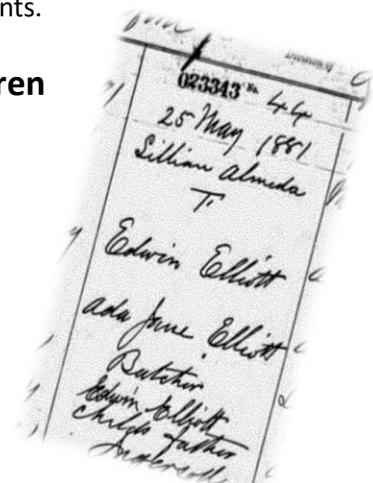
Third child: Lillian Alameda B 25 May 1881 N Oxford
D 15 Mar 1886 N Oxford

Lillian died of Diphtheria and is buried in IRC. Age 4 years, 10 months.

Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper

Type of Notice	Death Notice
Newspaper	Ingersoll Chronicle & Canadian Dairyman
Surname	Elliott
First Name	Lillian
Date of Event	March 15, 1886

Text of Notice ELLIOTT--In West Zorra [township], on the 15th inst., Lillian, daughter of Edwin Elliott, aged 4 years and 10 months



Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Grandchildren Edwin and Ada Jane Elliott Children

Fourth child: Cora Maude B 12 Dec 1882 N Oxford.
D 11 Dec 1926 Galt
M 31 Dec 1908 – N Oxford
Spouse: Henry Clements B 14 Aug 1882 Exeter, Ontario
D unknown -possibly 1956 Galt



At the time of their marriage Henry was a 26 yr. old foreman at the Turnbull Woollen Co. in Galt Ont. The plant was a manufacturer of woollen underclothing and was a major supplier for the Canadian Forces in WWI.

Cora and Henry were a unique couple. Cora and younger brother Wilbur were born “deaf and dumb” (the term used in the day). Whether this was a genetic issue that resulted from the marriage of first cousins can be debated as it was in local newspapers

in the 1860s or the effects of rampant scarlet fever in the 1880s that ran through Oxford Co. It must have been a struggle for her growing up. Somehow, her father Edwin, who was by no means a wealthy man, found the funds to send her to the Ontario Deaf and Dumb Institute in Belleville, Ont. where she

was taught sign language and lip reading so that she could function in society. This is where she met her future husband and fellow student Henry Clements. Henry was also deaf and mute.



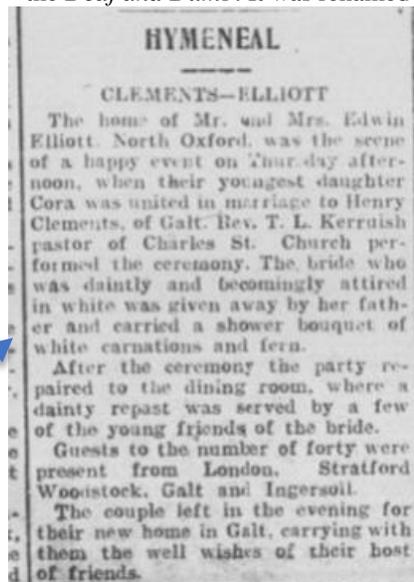
1913 as the Ontario School for the Deaf. It has been known as the Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf since 1974.”

YouTube video – 1925 tour of the school:
<https://youtu.be/AqKnUSPF8KQ>

Their New Year’s Eve 1909 wedding ceremony was also unique and made the front page of the Oxford Tribune. – the paragraph below is from the newspaper article.



“The Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf was founded in 1870 in *Belleville*, Ontario, known then as The Ontario Institution for the Education of the *Deaf and Dumb*. It was renamed in



Newspaper Oxford Tribune and Canada Dairy Reporter
 Newspaper Date
 Jan 7 1909

CLEMENTS=ELLIOTT

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Elliott, Thames St. N., was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday, December 31st, when their youngest daughter, Cora M. was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Clements of Galt. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. L. Kerruish, pastor of the Charles St. Methodist church, being interpreted in the silent language, in a most excellent and impressive manner by Miss Maggie Hog of Avonton in the presence of about fifty of the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Promptly at three o'clock to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Stella Walker, the bride entered the parlour, leaning on the arm of her father and was unattended. After congratulations and best wishes were bestowed upon the happy couple all repaired to the dining room, The happy couple left on the 5:50 train for Galt where they will reside in future. Mr. and Mrs. Clements were both educated at the Ontario Institution for the deaf at Belleville. Guests were present from Galt, London, Avonton, Woodstock, and other points.

I wonder if parents Ada and Edwin studied sign language to help understand their children?

Galt 1921 census – family in Galt.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sexe	Age	Nom	Relation	Sexe	Age	Relation	Sexe	Age	Relation	Sexe	Age	Relation	Sexe
M	30	Edwin Elliott	Head	M	28	Wife							
F	25	Cora M. Elliott	Daughter	M	25	Wife							
F	18	Bertie Elliott	Daughter	M	18	Wife							
M	15	Clarence Elliott	Son	M	15	Son							



Cora and her sister Bertie were married within a year of each other and remained close friends as they moved away from Ingersoll. Cora, husband Clarence and young son Clarence lived at 31 Todd St. in Galt. Correspondence within the family pointed to a non-specific illness (perhaps her deafness) that Cora was living with in 1917 that resulted with their seven-year-old son Clarence living with his Elliott grandparents in Ingersoll. Tragically her lack of hearing may have caused her death. Cora died in 1926 in Galt.

WOMAN INSTANTLY KILLED AT GALT

Harry Mink of Hanover, Driver of
Car, Arrested and Held
For Trial.

Mrs. Henry Clements, deaf and dumb, was almost instantly killed at Galt on Saturday evening when she was struck by an automobile, driven by Harry Mink, of Hanover. She expired a couple of minutes after being carried into a grocery store, which she had left only a few minutes before.

With her husband, who is also deaf and dumb, deceased had purchased week-end supplies at the neighborhood grocery. As they

Waterloo Chronicle Dec 16 1936 and Dec 30 1926

crossed the street, passing between a couple of cars, Mr. Clements was a few feet ahead of his wife. The motorist said he turned to the side to avoid hitting the man and did not see the woman. Mink, who has been working here for the past six or seven weeks, was on his way home, accompanied by Albert Seip, a fellow-worker, from Clifford. Mink was arrested by Sergeant Burtch.

JURY'S VERDICT OF

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Accidental death with no blame attached to the driver of the car was the verdict brought in by the jury at the recent inquest into the death of Mrs. Cora Clements, who was killed when struck by a motor car on Water street north, Galt.

The jury's written verdict was as follows: "We, the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Cora Clements, on or about the 11th day of December, 1926, at Galt, Ontario, find that the said deceased came to her death as the result of being struck by an auto vehicle in the charge and under the control of Harry Mink on a public highway, known as Water street north, in the said city. We find further that this said Harry Mink is in no way to blame but that the death was purely accidental."



Cora's death was doubly tragic in that she died on her birthday. It would have shaken the family core.

Husband Henry was left to raise his son Clarence on his own. Clarence would have been sixteen years old at the time of his mother's death.

Henry continued to live in Galt, working at the knitting plant. He lived at 31 Todd St. and had a lodger in the house as per the 1931 census. Henry was not buried with Cora in Mountain View Cemetery in Cambridge. She was 38 when she died tragically so expectations are that Henry remarried and moved on. I did not locate his resting place.

Child of Cora and Henry Clements

Clarence Henry

B 11 Jan 1910 Waterloo
D 25 Mar 1996 Morrisburg, Ont.
M 13 Jun 1931 Woodstock
B 1913 N Oxford
D 1981 Ingersoll

Spouse: Kathleen "Kay" Chatfield

I expect son Clarence found comfort and support with his mother's family as he made his way back to Oxford Co. after her death. According to his family, his education and disciplinary upbringing were

“rough”. In the 1931 census he was living with uncle Roy Elliott on the family property on the northern outskirts of Ingersoll.

1931 Census

Elliott Roy Edwin	North Oxford	0	3900	S	W	5'	no	Head	in S	26
Clements Clarence	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Foot	in S	21

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
THE VITAL STATISTICS ACT

DELAYED STATEMENT OF BIRTH

Full Name of Child: CLEMENTS CLARENCE HENRY
Last Name: CLEMENTS First Name: CLARENCE

Date of Birth: JANUARY 11 1910 Sex: M.B.E.

Place of Birth: GALT City, Town, Village or Township: WATERLOO Co. County

FATHER: CLEMENTS HENRY (Last Name, First Name)
MOTHER: ELLIOTT CORA (Last Name, First Name)

Birthplace: F.FETER, ONTARIO Birthplace: NORTH OXFORD

I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Given under my hand at INGERSOLL this 14th day of OCT 1970.
Signature of Informant: Clarence Clements

This space for use of Registrar General only

I REGISTER THE BIRTH BY SIGNING THIS STATEMENT
this 06th day of OCT 1970 at Toronto, Ontario.

DIANE CLARKE, REGISTRAR GENERAL
SUPERVISOR OF DELAYED REGISTRATIONS

In 1970, Clarence had to self-declare his birth in order to obtain a birth certificate.



Clarence Clement



Kathleen Chatfield

He married Kathleen Chatfield of N Oxford on the 13th of June 1931. He was a machinist at the time. Kay's family had

emigrated from England in 1908 prior to her birth. Her father, Ed Chatfield, was a market gardener in Woodstock but farmed in N Oxford. It appears that Clarence and Kay were back in Galt after their wedding as several children were born there. In 1935, Clarence was living with his father at his Todd St. Galt address. Kay, as she was known, was not with him as per the 1935 voters list but would later have more children with him. Around 1943, she took daughter Mary and left the marriage, later marrying Lawrence Bennett and moving to England while sons Robert and Roy stayed with their father in Ingersoll. Lawrence, Kay and Mary returned and lived in Ingersoll with her Chatfield family until she found a job in a drycleaning shop and she found her own rental suite. Lawrence and Kay lived on King



Kay and second husband Lawrence Bennett

Hiram St. until her death. By 1941 Clarence and sons were living at RR#2 Ingersoll. Son Roy recalled that he was at a times a cruel disciplinarian to his “wild’ sons but was found to be kind to his grandchildren. The 1963 voters list showed Clarence living alone in a small but tidy apartment on the second floor at 105 Thames St. South in the downtown core of what was then the Condo’s pool hall. With only a grade 3 education, he found work with the Ingersoll Public Works branch. He retired to Morrisburg Ontario and lived with daughter Mary



before dying in an assisted living residence.

He had five children.

Adult woman unverified, with Clarence and Kay’s children Robert, George, Roy, Mary and Gordon



Photo:
Clarence Clements

Five Generations – Edward Chatfield,
Kay Bennett (Clements), George Clements,
Heather Clements-Skolly, Darrell Skolly
Kathleen (Kay) Chatfield-Clements Bennett



Son of Clarence and Kay Clements:

George Henry B 1932 Ingersoll D 2016 Woodstock
Spouse: Verna Lorene Atkinson B 1935 Woodstock D 2021 Woodstock



George Henry Clements Marriage



George and Verna (Atkinson)
and son Mark



George Clements



CLEMENTS, George Henry -
Peacefully after a short battle
with cancer at the Palliative
Care Unit of the Woodstock
General Hospital on February
18, 2016 in his 84th year. They
lived at RR#5 Ingersoll until
around 1962 when they moved
across Thames St from Sacred
Heart church. He worked for

Morrows Screw and Nut in Ingersoll for many years and later at Timberjacks in Woodstock.
He and wife Verna divorced in 1993.



Clements, Verna Lorene - January 25, 1935 – December 25, 2021

Passed away after a courageous battle with cancer and with family at her side Verna died peacefully at Sakura House, Woodstock on Saturday, December 25th, 2021.

Verna was born in West Oxford Township and was the loving daughter of Albert Atkinson (deceased 1989) and Vera Atkinson (Barron) (deceased 1969).

Verna was also predeceased by Sister Dorothy Atkinson (1937) and Grandson Michael Skolly (2008).

Loving mother of Mark Clements (Kori), Heather Skolly (Donald), Karen Clements-Murdoch (Steve), Steven Clements, Victor Clements, and Christopher Clements (Lisa).

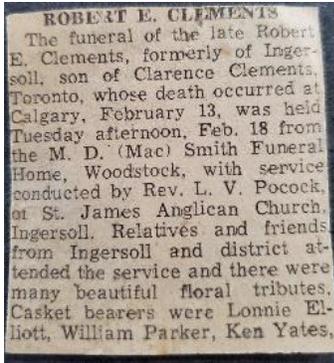
Loving sister of Alvin Atkinson (Judi) and Howard Atkinson (Linda) (Eva

deceased). Cherished grandmother of Jacqueline Clements (Peter), Christine Broderick (Josh), Maygen Fraser (Cory), Dallas Amon (Sarah), Darrell Skolly (Leslie), Jennifer Napier (Paul), Landon Murdoch, Mitchell Clements (Megan), Matthew Clements, Ryan Clements, and Nicholas Clements and loving great grandmother (Grandma G) of Kiara, Aiden, Noah, Myla, Kaiden, Taeyah, Travis, Evelyn, Heidi, and Eliza.

After retirement from Compass Foods, where she managed the Norwich Highschool cafeteria in Norwich ON, Verna spent most of her time enjoying her large family and friends. She was a long standing and proud member of Huron Park Baptist Church, where she also enjoyed her time with the senior's group and bible studies with the ladies.

Son of Clarence and Kay Clements:

Robert Edward B 1932 Ingersoll D 1956 Calgary. He appeared to be single and was living in the prairies



at the time of his death. There is a possibility that he had married and divorced and had a child as per Ancestry.ca

Son of Clarence and Kay Clements:

Roy B 1934 Ingersoll D 2010 Dundalk Ont. It appears that Roy met his Alberta born future wife Jessie (B 1937 D 2005) when he lived in Alberta. They moved to Toronto and operated a scrap metal truck business before selling and moving with his wife Jessie and 5 children to Dundalk, Ontario. There he opened and operated a tow trucking business.



Roy Clements



Roy Clements and Jessie Ziegler (1937 -2005) wedding, Aug 30 1958, Calgary AB



Brothers George and Roy Clements



ENTERED INTO REST
 In Centre Grey Hospital, Markdale
 On Tuesday, November 23, 2010
Roy Clements
 In his 73rd Year

Roy Clements, beloved husband of the late Jessie (Ziegler) Clements. Dear father of Rhonda (John) Broderick of Stayner, Judy Clements of Arthur, Debra Donaldson of Gouderich, Randy (Penny) Clements of Shelburne, Rose (Jim) Scott of Erin and Tammy Clements of Kincardine. Loving grandfather of Lorelei, Rachel, Brandy, April, Alan, Trevor, Cassandra, Amanda, Christopher, Joshua, Nathan, Rebecca, Jackson, Montgomery, Dakota, Shoshoni, Tristen, and Carly; and great grandfather of Brandon, Devin, Kyle, Ryley, Gracie, Memphis, Michael, Sierra and Hailey.

THE FUNERAL
 Resting at the McMillan & Jack Funeral Home, Dundalk. Service in the chapel on Sunday, November 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Interment in Swinton Park Cemetery. Donations to the Cancer Society, the Heart Foundation or the Diabetes Association would be appreciated.
 Visitation on Sunday from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

ENTERED INTO REST
 In Centre Grey Hospital, Markdale
 On Tuesday, March 29th, 2005
Jessie Clements
 In her 68th Year

Jessie (Ziegler) Clements, beloved wife of Roy Clements; dear mother of Rhonda (John) Broderick of Stayner, Judy Clements and Debra Donaldson both of Dundalk, Randy Clements of Shelburne, Rose (Jim) Scott of Erin, Tammy Peterson-Clements of Rock Mills; loving grandmother of Lorelei, Rachel, Brandy, April, Alan, Trevor, Cassandra, Amanda, Christopher, Joshua, Nathan, Rebecca, Jackson, Montgomery, Dakota, Shoshoni and great grandmother of Brandon, Kyle, Ryley and Gracie. Dear sister of Ida, John, Anna, Betty, Minnie, Alexander, Maria, Gabriel and Edna. Predeceased by a son Leroy Clements.

THE FUNERAL
 Resting at the McMillan & Jack Funeral Home, Dundalk. Complete service in the chapel on Friday, April 1st, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Cremation to follow with burial of ashes in Swinton Park Cemetery. Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.
 Visitation on Friday from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Daughter of Clarence and Kay Clements:
Mary B 1936 D 2021 Morrisburg Ont.



In loving memory of Mary Kathleen Mark (nee Clements) who passed away suddenly at the Dundas Manor Long Term Care Home in Winchester on May 4, 2021. Mary was the only daughter of the late Clarence and Kathleen "Kaye" Clements (nee Chatfield). She was a loving wife to Edward (1931-2014)

(photo) Mary and Edward Mark 50th wedding anniversary

Spouse: Edward Mark B 1931 Cornwall D 2014 Morrisburg

A resident of the Morrisburg area, Edward Mark passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. He was 82. Edward was born in Cornwall, on April 15, 1931, to his parents David and Dorothy Mark (nee Hayes). He spent his childhood in Belleville, and Williamsburg. Times being what they were, Edward left home by the time he was 14, traveling about doing various jobs, including working on the freight liners. It was in Toronto, having finished his employment on the St. Lawrence River that his brothers introduced him to the love of his life – Mary Clements and they were married August 25th, 1954. Together they had five children Darlene, Diana, Douglas, Dorothy and David. Edward worked at Ken Bell Signs until moving to Morrisburg in 1977, where he took a job as a labourer for Eckel Industries, building sound proof rooms. He enjoyed his retirement years with his wife and grandchildren doing the things he loved which were fishing and hunting, the occasional trip to Ottawa and spending time with the people he loved most, his family. Edward is survived by his wife Mary and his children Darlene (Rick Lascelle), Diana, Douglas, Dorothy (John Kooy) and David (Buff).



In loving memory of **Douglas Edward Mark** who was born in Toronto on July 12, 1956 and passed away at the Dundas Manor Long Term Care Home in Winchester on October 13, 2022, at the age of 66. Douglas was the eldest son of the late **Edward and Mary Mark (nee Clements)**. He was a caring brother to Darlene (Rick Lascelle), Diana, Dorothy (John Kooy) and David (Susan "Buff").

Son of Clarence and Kay Clements:

Gordon B 1938 D 1941 Streptococcal infection due to broken tibia infection

Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Grandchildren

Edwin and Ada Jane Children

Fifth child: Wilbur James B 01 Mar 1884 N Oxford.

D 1969 Ingersoll

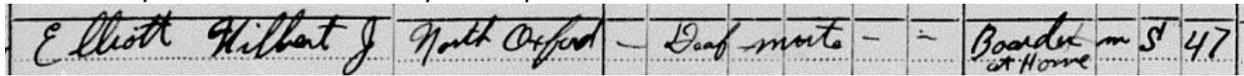
Wilbur was born the year after sister Cora Maude. It would not have taken the family long to recognize that Wilbur had the same handicap as his older sister. This condition was noted on the 1911 census:

NAME	SEX	AGE	MARITAL STATUS	OCCUPATION	REMARKS
Elliott Edwin	M	36	Head	Farmer	
.. Ada J.	F	34	Wife	Homemaker	
.. Bertha M.	F	11	Daughter	at home	
.. Cora M.	F	10	Daughter	at home	
.. Wilbur J.	M	1	Son	at home	Deaf and dumb
.. Paul F.	M	9	Son	at home	

“Deaf and Dumb”

Was he as fortunate as his sister to be placed in a specialized school for the deaf? Finances would be tight to send two children. I suspect Wilbur may have been taught by sister Cora when she returned from school during the summer breaks. His younger cousin Edith Elliott from the James Elliott line lived with the family for a few years and she was likely a help. His life must have been very lonely as a young child. Wilbur worked in Kitchener (called Berlin) during a portion of WWI where he worked at a tire factory. He was there when the German population violently protested the city name change from Berlin to Kitchener. Family correspondence indicated that he was hurt on the job in 1919. It is unknown what occupation he had at that time. By 1920 he bought his first automobile. He was the only child still living at home in the 1921 census. The 1931 census actually puts Wilbur in a separate category and location on the census. He is listed as “living at home”. With father Edwin’s 1930 death, he likely lived

in the family home with brother Roy and nephew Clarence Clement.



1931 census

Brother Roy often wrote to Wilbur while on his sojourn through N America.

If those birthday cards are nice, it must be because of the great choice a person enjoys here among so many art, book, stationery and design shops which thrive on Boston's cultured population. Thanks for squaring up the tax accounts again. I wish I had never bought 'em. Sorry to hear Wilbur's plant has closed up. A fellow from Montreal told me last night that things were pretty good there, but I guess it just happened to appear to him so, unless it is some result of the booze boom there.

July 1921 letter to home: Roy Elliott noting rioting in Berlin Ontario with the name changed to Kitchener.

A handwritten letter on aged paper. The address is "San Francisco Calif Dec 12/17". The salutation is "Dear Wilbur-". The body of the letter reads: "Am very sorry, I have delayed so long in answering your welcome letter which I received some time ago, while you were at home. A letter from mother a few days ago, said you were again back at Kitchener, working at the tire factory until it closed. Also about the riot at Kitchener when Premier Borden attempted to speak there. I think they will put Kitchener under martial law before long. What is the name of the people you are rooming with? It must be the same family I was boarding with on Foundry St, Mrs & Mrs Hammond."

On the 6th of May 1926, Wilbur left home for Detroit, via train. On the 27th of April, 1927 he became an American citizen. This would be a strong move on his part as he was likely protected at home from possible bullying and belittling that may have taken place due to his condition. He was also in his 40s and still a bachelor when he received his US papers. It is noted he worked as a paver at the time of citizenship.

When he went to work in Detroit, the auto industry was in full swing. When he arrived, he became an assembler on a production line – probably dealing with the automotive industry. By 1930, he was living in a large multi-story boarding house in downtown Detroit. He was 46 years old at this point. According to found correspondence, his brother Roy strongly urged Wilbur not to buy property in Detroit. It appears he did not.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DECLARATION OF INTENTION
Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division } ss: In the District Court of the United States.

I, Wilbur James Elliott, aged 43 years, occupation Painter, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion medium, height 5 feet 10 inches, weight 170 pounds, other visible distinctive marks Deaf-mute. I was born in Canada on the 1st day of March, anno Domini 1884; I now reside at 2950 Grand Ave., Detroit, Michigan. I emigrated to the United States of America from Windsor, Canada, on the vessel Canadian National Railroad; my last foreign residence was Canada; I am not married; the name of my [wife/husband] is _____; [she/he] was born at _____ and now resides at _____. It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to George V, King of Great Britain and Ireland, of whom I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of Detroit, State of Michigan, on or about the 4th day of May, anno Domini 1928; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein: SO HELP ME GOD.

Wilbur James Elliott
(Printed signature of declarant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Detroit, Mich., this 22nd day of April, anno Domini 1927.

[SEAL] Albert R. Albee
Deputy Clerk of the District Court of the United States.

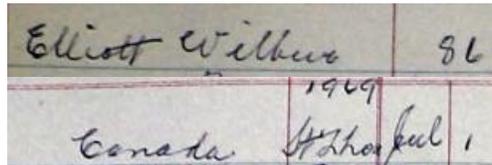
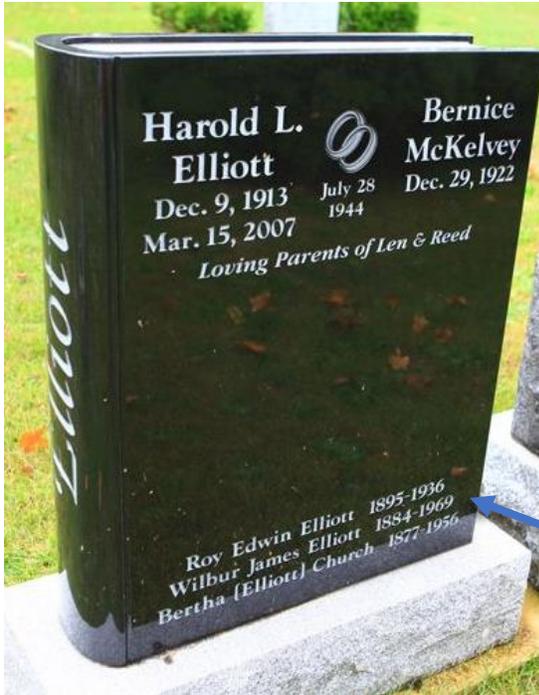
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Surprisingly, noted prior, the 1931 census had 47-year-old Wilbur back in Ingersoll. He is noted as being a deaf mute and living alone on the family property and working as a machinist in town. He claimed on the census form to still be Canadian. The term “boarding at home” is confusing as none of his family members are noted.

Elliott Wilbur J North Ingersoll - Deaf-mute - - Boarder in S 47 at Home

The 1940, the Ontario voters list had him still at RR#2 Ingersoll (the family farm/butcher location) working as a farmer. It notes that he is the only person living at that address as his parents and brother had died and other siblings had moved on. Wilbur was a staunch bachelor and lived on the farm property until his 1969 death.



IRC register location of death? St Thomas?



He died in 1969 and is buried with several of his siblings at his nephew's gravesite.

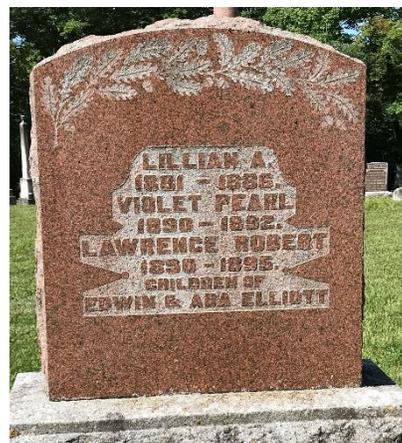
Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Grandchildren Edwin and Ada Jane Elliott Children

Sixth child: Lawrence Robert B 16 Jan 1890 N Oxford.
D 03 Sept 1895 of croup age 5 yrs. Buried Section H IRC.

Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper

Type of Notice	Death Notice
Newspaper	Ingersoll Chronicle
Newspaper Date	Sep 5 1895
Surname	Elliott
First Name	Lawrence
Middle or Maiden Name	Robert
Date of Event	September 3, 1895
Text of Notice	ELLIOTT--In Ingersoll, on Tuesday, September 3rd, 1895, Lawrence Robert, son of E. Elliott, aged 5 years, 7 months and 18 days

The children of Ada and Edwin are all buried with their parents.



Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Grandchildren Edwin and Ada Jane Elliott Children

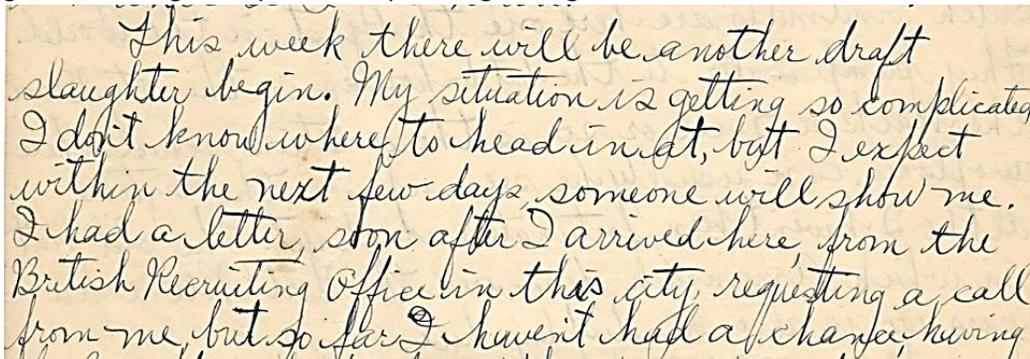
Seventh child: Violet Pearl B 16 Jan 1892 Ingersoll N Oxford.
D 26 Aug 1892 – 11 months.

She is buried Section H IRC with her young siblings.
The Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Index lists her cause of death as heart failure.

Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Grandchildren Edwin and Ada Jane Elliott Children

Eight Child: Roy Edwin B 09 May 1895 Ingersoll
D 26 Sept 1936. Ingeroll

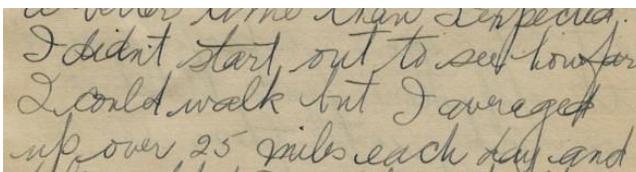
Ada would have been 40 years old at the time of son Roy's birth. In those times that was a significantly age to still be having children. Roy was working in specialized construction when he first started working by age 18. It appears he was on the road for long durations in whatever work he did. He helped install custom ceilings in the Listowel Opera House in August of 1914 as he wrote in a post card to home. When WWI started, Roy made the decision to be a draft evader. He left the family and started a nomadic trip around North America, ever vigilant of government agents. He had strong opinions of the Great War and made them known. He made a concerted effort to evade the draft and government agents by constantly moving throughout the Canadian and American west during the war.

A snippet of a handwritten letter in cursive script on aged paper. The text reads: "This week there will be another draft slaughter begin. My situation is getting so complicated I don't know where to head in at, but I expect within the next few days someone will show me. I had a letter, soon after I arrived here, from the British Recruiting Office in this city, requesting a call from me, but so far I haven't had a chance, having

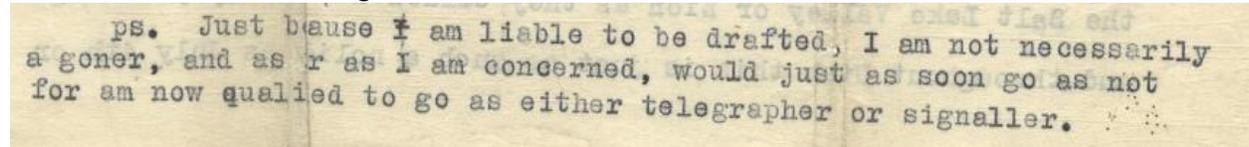
Letter from
San
Francisco Dec
16, 1917

He sent many letters home to his family during his travels and went into great detail talking about the location he had recently moved to and what he was doing to make a living. I feel that I have an intimate knowledge about Roy through reading his many letters that his mother and sisters kept and feel honoured to have copies of his writings. His letters were a detailed mirror into the times and I was fortunate to have received digital copies from the Norwich Museum in Ontario. Roy took full advantage of his time in the various locations he visited. He described in detail the tourist locations he went to, the weather and the politics of the times. Among his many exploits, he experienced the Wyoming cold, an earthquake in Los Angeles and the Spanish flu during his travels. The letters were recovered from Roy's garage by a great nephew who was removing Roy's possessions after his death and had donated the letters to the Norwich Museum.

During the war, Roy spent 1915-1916 working in the Canadian prairies on threshing gangs helping to bring in the harvest. In late 1915 he travelled through Fernie and Cranbrook, BC and southeastern BC before he wintered over in Spokane, Washington. He attended Jenkins Business School studying telegraphy, typing and

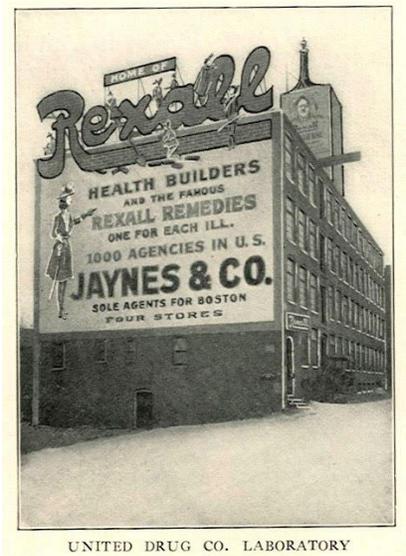
A snippet of a handwritten letter in cursive script on aged paper. The text reads: "I didn't start out to see how far I could walk but I averaged up over 25 miles each day and

bookkeeping while working at the Busy Bee Grocer. He slept in a doctor's office, at no cost, if he answered the phone through the night and for an emergency call, he would retrieve the physician. Later he travelled throughout the United States, studied telegraph operation, typing and short hand and worked for various offices and railroads in Spokane, Idaho, Okanagan valley, Nelson BC, S Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle. He wrote about each location in great detail.



ps. Just beause i am liable to be drafted, I am not necessarily a goner, and as r as I am concerned, would just as soon go as not for am now qualied to go as either telegrapher or signaller.

Roy was a fanatical walker. He often mentioned having walked over 20 miles a day while on his trips. He was constantly on the move from 1915 to 1919 while avoiding the recruiting officers. He spent an enjoyable year in Los Angeles. He marvelled at the year-round warmth and talked often in his letters that he would like to stay there. His opinion changed when all his possessions were stolen from his room in his boarding house. He travelled to Seattle in 1919 via train and the steamship USS Waipawa.



USS Waipawa

He returned to Ingersoll in late Oct. 1919, spent the winter at his parent's house and then set off in May of 1920 for Montreal, Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Vermont, Maine, New York, Baltimore and finally settled in Boston at 413 Massachusetts Ave. He started work with the Rexall Drug Company at the head office (he mentioned in his letters the unending free supply of drug store sundries).

In Sept. 1920 there was a terrorist attack on Wall St. in New York. Roy was not far away when it happened. The bomb was attributed to an Italian Anarchist cell.

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Red Circulars Found 3 Minutes Before Blast Link It To 1919 Bomb Outrages; Author of Warnings Seized

Kin Seeks to Have Fischer Held Lunatic

Robert Pope, Brother-in-Law, Employs Counsel to Represent Prisoner at Canadian Investigation

Said Morgan Would Die Inside a Week

Hatred of Wall Street an Obsession; Frequently Made Wild Prophecies

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
BUFFALO, Sept. 17.—Edward P.

Conspirators Expected to Destroy Wall Street by Fire, Police Say

Further evidence that the bomb plot was designed for widespread destruction was brought out yesterday in the examination of three rusty and battered tin cans which were picked up at the scene of the blast.

These cans, with other odds and ends, were turned over to the police immediately after the explosion. Yesterday the cans were subjected to a thorough inspection by experts at Police Headquarters. The opinion first prevailed that the three cans might have contained explosives. Later it was found the containers had been filled with gasoline and kerosene. Experts were unanimous in the belief that the plotters included confagurations in their plans for a general destruction of the financial district.

Inspector Lohr said the presence of gasoline and kerosene probably accounted for the fact that the clothing of many of the explosion victims was scorched.

Five Here Were Warned That Disaster Menaced Wall Street

Palmer Puts Entire Force On Red Hunt

Attorney General Arrives With Garvan; Takes Personal Charge of Search for Wall Street Plotters

Round-Up of All Radicals Forecast

Deportation of Criminal Alien Anarchists by U. S. Likely Will Be Renewed

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer arrived in this city last night from

Death Threat In Missives Of Anarchists

Postman Finds Sheets in Mail Box Only Two and a Half Blocks From Broad and Wall Streets

Flynn Sees Series Of Red Outrages

Release of All Political Prisoners Is Demanded in Scarlet Lettering

William F. Flynn, chief of the Bu-

Bomb Is Exploded in Genoa Stock Exchange

LONDON, Sept. 17.—A time bomb was exploded at the Stock Exchange in Genoa to-day, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Genoa. Some damage was done, but there were no casualties. The authors of the outrage were not arrested.

City Reward Of \$10,500 in Bomb Mystery

\$10,000 Offer for Evidence Leading to Conviction and \$500 for Identity of Owner of Blasted Wagon

Horse and Wagon Give Clew To Perpetrators of Disaster; Country-Wide Hunt On 33 Dead, 400 Injured

Ed P. Fischer, Held in Canada, Is Widely Known as a Radical; City Offers \$10,000 Reward

An announcement made last night that a letter carrier had found threatening circulars signed "Fighting Anarchists of America" in a mail box at Cedar street and Broadway just three minutes before the Wall

Roy's letter home about bombing.

after the explosion the street was packed with curious people, and movie men were still on the job grinding out pictures of the crowds. The dead now total 35. There is great excitement all up the Atlantic coast, about every city having received warnings, probably sent out by jokers. It seems to have been a bomb that exploded in Wall St all right.



"The lunch rush was just beginning as a nondescript man driving a cart pressed an old horse forward on a mid-September day in 1920. He

stopped the animal and its heavy load in front of the U.S. Assay Office, across from the J. P. Morgan building in the heart of Wall Street. The driver got down and quickly disappeared into the crowd. Within minutes, the cart exploded into a hail of metal fragments—immediately killing more than 30 people and injuring some 300. The carnage was horrific, and the death toll kept rising as the day wore on and more victims succumbed. By the next morning Wall Street was back in business—broken windows draped in canvas, workers in bandages, but functioning none-the-less." NY Tribune

Another event which is held every Patriots Day and has been for the last 25 years is the 25 mile marathon road race from the town of Ashland into Boston

which is under the auspices of the Boston Athletic Ass. Runners from all over America take part in it. The record was broken today by a New York runner. I was one of the hundreds of thousands who lined the streets as they came in.

Roy also attended the Boston marathon. A co-worker finished 18th.

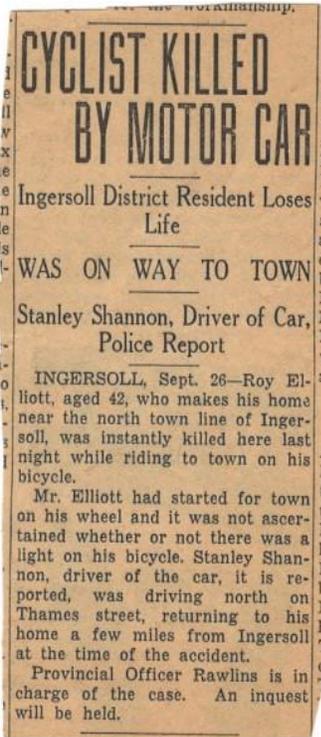
Roy had hearing issues like his siblings. In 1921 he went to see specialists in Boston about his hearing problems. After much testing they told him they could not help him.

In the meantime I have been investigating ear phones, so today when I finally learned that nothing could be done for me, I went right up and bot one, as I might as well make the break now as any time. I got the most powerful one I could buy, costing 65 dollars, so strong that the transmitter will draw the sound right thru my coat, without having it exposed at all, so strong that when the receiver comes within six inches of the transmitter, they whistle at each other. There is a headband used to hold the receiver to the ear, but already I have devised a rubber elastic contrivance, which, in my case, will look a lot more neater and satisfactory. But I am having to buy it on the installment plan, and new batteries will cost me 45¢ each week. However, it is my only way out.

Roy's 7-year odyssey took him to many locales where he was an ardent tourist taking in all the sites and attending city events. His letters to home are an interesting study in life in the late 1910s to early 1920s. Roy returned home for good to Ingersoll in early June 1923 to work on his father's farm. By 1933, his siblings granted him the family property after his father's and a brother's deaths in 1930.

Grant	20 June 1933	18 July 1933	Roy E. Elliott & Edmund Elliott also known as Edward Elliott, Bertha	Roy E. Elliott	100 512 p
			Church Luella & Elliott widow Eric Ernest		870 2000
1962			Elliott Wilbur Elliott		

Roy was listed as a farmer at RR#2 Ingersoll in several voting lists. No evidence has been located to show that he was ever married. He took over the family business when he returned to Ingersoll. He never drove a car but instead travelled down the Thames Street North hill into Ingersoll every day on his bicycle to purchase a newspaper.



Roy highlighted in his letters a collision between a trolley he was riding in and a truck while he lived in Los Angeles. He was knocked unconscious by the accident. This was a foretelling of things to come. Roy's luck ran out in 1936.

LAI D TO REST Ingersoll Tribune Oct 1, 1936
ROY E. ELLIOTT

The funeral of the late Roy E. Elliott was held from his late residence, North Oxford, to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery, on Monday afternoon. There was a very large attendance and the profusion of beautiful floral tokens, all bore testimony to the high esteem in which deceased was held. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. G. Miller of Trinity United Church.

The pall bearers were Edgar Garnet and Albert Elliott, Clifford Sutherland, Lloyd German and Fred McDiarmid.

NORTH OXFORD MAN INSTANTLY KILLED

Roy Elliott, aged 42, well known and highly esteemed resident of North Oxford Township, was instantly killed on Friday evening, when he was struck by a car driven by Stanley Shannon, also of North Oxford.

The late Mr. Elliott was riding his bicycle toward Ingersoll just beyond the north town line, while the car was proceeding north from Ingersoll, the accident happening in the vicinity of Baxter's greenhouses. Deceased's head was badly crushed by the impact. A post mortem examination was made by Coroner Dr. J. W. Counter and an inquest has been ordered for this (Thursday) evening.

Deceased had been a life-long resident of North Oxford Township living just a short distance north of the Ingersoll town limits. Possessing a quiet and unassuming nature he made for himself a host of friends and his untimely passing has occasioned deep regret. He leaves to mourn his loss, one brother, Wilbur, North Oxford, and one sister, Mrs. Bertha Churchouse, Galt to whom the sympathy of their many friends is extended in their sad loss.

The second traffic fatality for the Edwin and Ada Elliott children in a decade was an inconceivable fate. Roy expressed his disdain at the thought of marriage and being "tied down". His letters often conveyed the thought that there was too much to do in life to take the time for courting and marriage. He remained a bachelor his entire life.

It should be pointed out that parents Ada and Edwin had an unofficial ninth child. Ada's younger sister, Annie Elliott Sutherland died in 1907 giving birth to daughter Roberta Jean. Jean survived and without a mother, she was raised by Ada and Ernie. Her nickname was Birdie due to her tiny size at birth.

I have included a transcribed letter from friends of Ada Jane and Edwin Elliott. The letter is from Harry and Orinda Neal who were family friends formerly from Stratford that had moved to BC. The letter is very poignant and a reflection of the misery that WWI had created. The transcription is on the next page.

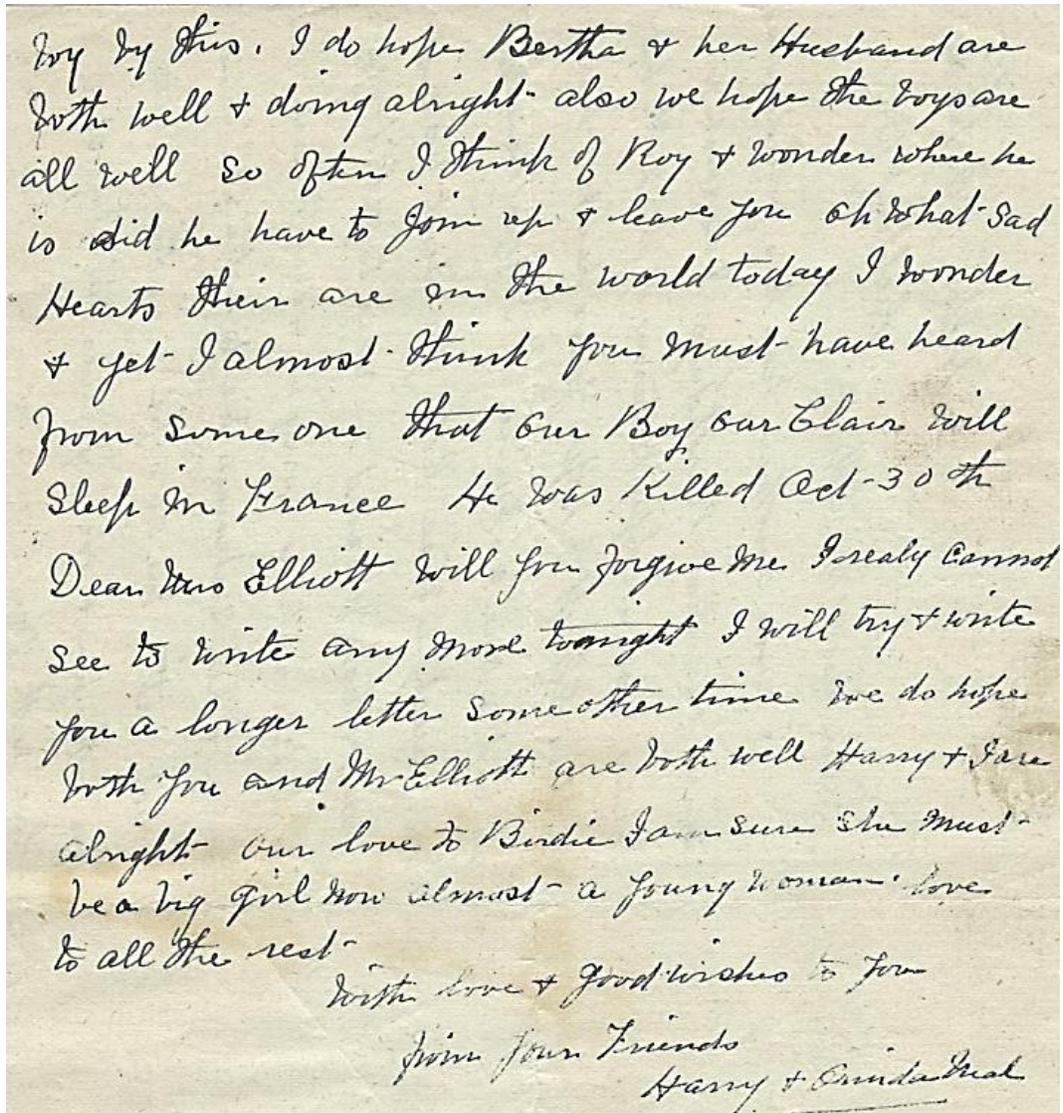
1918
Hilton P.O. Feb 21
Richland B.C.

Dear Mrs + Mr Elliott

I know another year has rolled around since our last Birthdays I do wish you many more Happy Returns of the 20th but oh Mrs Elliott I hope yours has not been as sad a one as mine & I hope never will be. Such a nice letter you sent us last year & how pleased we were to get it - you dont know how sorry we were to hear about Cora & her sickness we do hope she is so much better we do hope every thing & better for both her & Henry does their boy still live with you I am sure he is quiet & big

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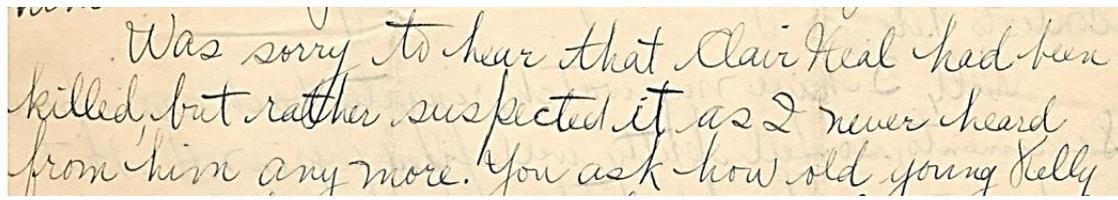


by by this. I do hope Bertha & her husband are both well & doing alright. also we hope the boys are all well. So often I think of Roy & wonder where he is. did he have to join up & leave you. Oh what sad hearts there are in the world today I wonder & yet I almost think you must have heard from some one that our boy our Clair will sleep in France. He was killed Oct-30th. Dear Mrs Elliott will you forgive me. I really cannot see to write any more tonight. I will try & write you a longer letter some other time. We do hope both you and Mr Elliott are both well. Harry & I are alright. Our love to Birdie. I am sure she must be a big girl now almost a young woman. Love to all the rest.

With love & good wishes to you
from your friends
Harry & Orinda Neal

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Roy's response to Clair Neal's war death.

A photograph of a handwritten note on aged, yellowed paper. The text is written in a cursive script and reads: "Was sorry to hear that Clair Neal had been killed, but rather suspected it as I never heard from him any more. You ask how old young Kelly".

"Was sorry to hear that Clair Neal had been killed but rather suspected it as I never heard from him any more. You ask how old young"

For more insight into Roy, his letters and his family, I suggest contacting the Norwich and District Museum and Archives

<http://www.norwichdhs.ca/archives.html>

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